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So I tend to know when "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters are watching my profile due to the rise in those I am following. I have been wondering why are they following me now. I think I have an answer, an article dropped with a rather interesting sentence...



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"Determinants of the evolutions of behaviours, school adjustment and quality of life in autistic children in an adapted school setting: an exploratory study with the International Classification of Functioning, disability and health (ICF)"
Open access.



Determinants of the evolutions of behaviours, school adjustment and ...

Previous studies about Quality of Life (QoL) in autistic children (ASD) have put forward the negative impact of factors such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) severity, psychiatric comorbidities and ...

<https://bmcp psychiatry.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12888-022-03924-0>

Among other things the above study investigated if PDA (as measured by EDA-Q), is associated with adaptive behaviours, adapting at school & QoL over a 12 month period. They found PDA was not associated with anything...

"Our results are therefore in agreement with the authors who questioned the validity of PDA as a distinct entity [41]." Page 8.

Reference 41 is Green et al (2018), who are PDA is not a distinct syndrome.

That is the sentence which is problematic for "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters.

"This term refers to a range of co-occurring behavioural difficulties frequently reported in autistic children but not limited to the autistic spectrum [41]. It remains controversial and is not included in the DSM-5 [1]." p2

Funny how those not vested in "PDA Profile of ASD" acknowledge PDA being controversial & how PDA is seen in non-autistic persons.

I wonder why I have needed to create to Pathological Demand-Avoidance-Beliefs Scale (rhetorical)?



This study is an example, why I am so critical of "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters choosing to ignore EDA-Q study results as they think EDA-Q has false-positives. They are using that as an excuse to ignore any study result mildly inconvenient to them.

On that note [@threadreaderapp](#) please could you unroll?

Thank you in advance.

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