OCD Action Participants
Request

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Please provide a brief description of your project (no more than 100 words):

The study aims to explore the relationship between systemising skills, autism and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Systemising is the drive to analyse or build systems based on if-and-then rules. Previous research has found that autistic people on average have an increased drive to systemize, which could help to explain some autistic traits. This study will evaluate a performance task of systemising, examine the differences in systemising between autistic and non-autistic individuals, and investigate the relationship between systemising and symmetry obsessions in people with OCD. The study aims to provide valuable insights into the commonalities and overlaps between autism and OCD.

Ethics Reference:

PRE.2023.069

Please indicate any potential ethical issues arising from the study (as indicated in your ethics application):

This study does not raise any ethical issues. Participants may experience frustration at not being able to find the correct answer on some of the items. To mitigate this, each item has a multiple choice response option, which means that some individuals will get some items correct by chance and therefore may help to keep them motivated.

The study is anonymous and no personally identifiable information is collected (such as IP address or location metadata), therefore there are no risks with personal data.

Are you looking for Participants with OCD, control Participants or both?

Both

In each group, what is your target number (N) of Participants?

500 females and 500 males with autism
500 females and 500 males with OCD
500 females and 500 males without autism and OCD

What is your upper and lower age limits for inclusion into the study? E.g. 18-45

16 and older

Are you looking for males, females or both?

Both

From what countries are you recruiting participants from?

UK or Internationally

When are you hoping to start recruiting participants?

Immediately

<u>Submission Checklist:</u>

X   Approval letter from the relevant Ethics Committee (pdf)

X   Participant Information Sheet (pdf)

X   Link to study: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bP1FYdy7Ly8Vqpo