

Review of: "The Relationship Between Fibromyalgia and Neurodivergent Traits Is Partially Mediated by Hypermobility: A Self-Selected Population Based Survey"

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This review was performed on the preprint V3 of the publication and took into consideration the previous reviews.

This is an interesting topic that is rarely covered in the literature, and the authors did an excellent effort in treating this matter. However, some adjustments are in order:

- The Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS) should be properly defined , underlining that it is a clinically-diagnosed hereditary connective tissue disorder . Individuals who fail to meet diagnostic criteria for hEDS or any other described condition should be considered to have hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD) ^[1] . The authors should also avoid using the term “Hypermobile individuals”, as this leads to confusion.
- In the methods section, “Participants were excluded if they did not complete full scales/questionnaires and all who completed the study were invited to partake in a lottery draw as an incentive. Ten randomly selected participants were each awarded £10”, it should be specified whether the incentive had an impact on the study.
- Abbreviations should be revised, including those used in the tables and figures.

Overall, it's a highly insightful study that I recommend publishing.

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