

Review of: "Psychiatric Diagnostic Classification System Based on New Forms of Parenting Practices: an Invite for a Rethink"

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The article is thought provoking. The author wants to convey his strong feelings about 'labeling' a child with a mental disorder while he believes that the parents are the ones who must be 'labelled' for their children's plight.

I believe that in majority of the mental disorders, it is neither the child's fault nor the parents' fault for the manifestations of mental illness. The bio-psycho-social model of causality of mental disorders still holds true. We can-not ignore the biology of a patient.

Clinicians use DSM or ICD to identify mental disorders in children. The purpose is identification rather than 'labeling' a child with a diagnosis. There are provisions in ICD and DSM regarding identifying associated parenting problems. According to me 'labeling' a parent with something is equally unacceptable. Please modify the text accordingly.

In my opinion, 'New Forms' should be deleted from the Title. Because the entire article describes the available research on possible influence of existing forms of negative parenting on mental health instead of new forms.

The abstract should be modified as well. There is no need to describe new forms of parenting in abstract as the article does not elaborate upon this. I could not agree with the statement that some new classification of parenting is replacing the existing classification of parenting. Existing classification of parenting by Baumrind, Maccoby and Martin is still valid and contemporary research is elaborating further upon it.

Also, there are some contradictory and hypothetical statements in abstract. E.g. DSM classification is based on 'normal' parenting; history need not be taken from parents while diagnosing a child with mental illness; making a parental diagnosis will embarrass the file of classificatory system; genetic testing and brain imaging will bring change in parenting. I could not comprehend these statements. Please reframe the abstract.

Please re-organize the text according to the headings. There is mismatch between headings and content underneath at some places. E.g. Under the heading '**Need for a System of Classification of Anomalies in Parenting Instead of Their Children**' the text includes: *When a parent is diagnosed, some of them may experience stigma, guilt, hurt, or reluctance to seek support or assistance. Such a system might be used by professionals to blame parents who are already struggling to care for the problematic child or to highlight the shortcomings of the carers. This strategy could result...*

References are missing and require corrections at many places.

