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Hot Topic proposal

Experiences and attitudes toward sexual life of people with intellectual disability: advances in methodological and theoretical views.

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Sexuality is an inherent property of human life; it has been a difficult topic to deal from a scientific point of view. This is so, not only because its complex multidimensional nature (Golanty and Edlin, 2012), but it remains as a controversial matter to deal nowadays. This is more evident whenever an atypical condition like intellectual disability (ID) is considered (Conod and Servais, 2008; Gail and Biza, 2005). Take, for example, the concern raised by sterilization applied to Persons with ID, the rights to have sexual intercourse between them as well as their rights to having offspring. These concerns are of major relevance due to social and emotional implications to people with ID, their families and professionals related to them (Wolfe, 1997). Then, more research trends are on demand to understand how sexuality is developed under atypical intellectual conditions and to create a broader picture that let us to encourage transformation towards sexuality rights of persons with ID.

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