The Journal of Intellectual Disability Research (JIDR) will produce a Special Issue devoted to autism spectrum disorders (ASD)

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We will give priority to high quality submissions that include individuals characterised by one of the following:

a) limited in cognitive functioning
b) minimally verbal
c) characterised as having co-morbid psychiatric disorders

However, all submissions related to ASD -- causes, correlates, consequences -- will be considered.

The Special Issue will be Co-Edited by Jan Blacher and Connie Kasari. Editor-in-Chief of JIDR is Chris Oliver.

**Special Issue Publication Timetable**

Open for manuscript submissions: 15th May 2015 to 18th September 2015
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Submitting authors should consult the online author guidelines and follow the usual submission process, indicating in their cover letter to the Editor-in-Chief that they wish their manuscript to be considered for the special issue. To discuss your contribution to the special issue, please contact Jan Blacher via email: jan.blacher@ucr.edu

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