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Autism Spectrum Disorder and Bullying, Case Report.

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Introduction: Children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) have deficits in social interaction and communication, and restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities. Because of these features they may seem odd, being marginalized and victimized. **Objective:** The aim of this paper is to present the case of a child with a diagnosis of ASD victim of bullying. **Methods:** We followed in the outpatient child and adolescent psychiatry department of the Hospital Magalhães Lemos, a child of 7 years referenced by his family physician for bullying. We did a brief theoretical review. **Result:** The child of seven years, was characterized by a peculiar social behavior, with little ocular contact, little social-emotional reciprocity, telegraphic answers to most questions and, extensive monologues about his topic of primary interest, video games. The child says he has no friends at school and prefers play alone. According to the mother, he was never invited to a birthday party, and the other kids call him "J the smelly", they don't want to play with him and they taunt him. Bullying appears to be only the façade of more global social difficulties related to ASD. **Discussion:** According to literature children with ASP are more often victims of bullying. In fact they exhibit significant risk factors related to their difficulties in socialization, and theory of mind. Moreover the absence of protective factors, such as having friends and supportive peers also contribute to victimization. Children with ASP also appear as perpetrators especially, those with co-morbid hyperactivity and aggressive behaviors.