HiTOP and Criterion A of the AMPD

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Objective: Section III of DSM-5 includes an Alternative Model of Personality Disorder (AMPD) consisting of self-interpersonal impairments (Criterion A) and a dimensional trait model (Criterion B). The purpose of the current paper is to examine the extent to which Criterion A and B are distinct and to determine how much of Criterion A is included within Criterion B. The presence of Criterion A within B is consistent with Criterion B defining the personality base of the Hierarchical Taxonomy of Psychopathology (HiTOP), which itself accounts for much of psychopathology more generally.

Method: Review of the conceptual and empirical literature on Criterion A-B overlap.

Results: Quite a few studies relating Criterion A and B have been conducted. All of the studies indicate substantial overlap; many studies indicate substantial incremental validity of B over A. Only a few studies indicate incremental validity of A over B and the amount of this variance is low relative to the shared variance.

Conclusion: In sum, most of what is within Criterion A is already included within Criterion B.

Learning Objectives
At the conclusion of the presentation, participants will be able to:
1. Describe how Project Life Force, a DBT adaptation importantly differs from standard DBT
2. Identify ways in which homogeneous suicide groups foster disclosure of suicide risk in a safe setting and do not foster contagion
3. Apply the principle of group cohesion and "unit mentality" to disclosure and management of suicide risk

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