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Mimicry as a tool for early screening of Autism Spectrum Disorder

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ABSTRACT (upto 300 words)

We explore the concept of mimicry, a form of imitation behavior, during the first year of life from a phenomenological perspective. We categorize two primary types of imitation within the first year: Type 1 - intentional imitation aimed at achieving a specific outcome, and Type 2 - non-intentional imitation. While discussing the potential implications of these two types of imitation, we propose that imitation with the anticipation of a result may only emerge when an infant starts perceiving themselves as an individual distinct from others. This realization typically occurs after the first semester of life in normal development. By utilizing available concepts related to imitation impairments in both infants with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and typically developing infants, we hypothesize whether mimicry could serve as a tool for screening Autism Spectrum Disorders.

BIOGRAPHY (upto 200 words)

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