

Authors' reply to a comment on "Body Image and Paranoia"

We thank Jeri-Yabar and colleagues (2018) for their interest in our work on body image in relation to paranoia (Waite and Freeman, 2017). Two points require clarification. First, we were not studying the diagnosis of paranoia nor paranoid personality disorder. We were studying paranoid ideation in the general population, which exists on a spectrum of severity (see Bebbington et al., 2013). Second, it is impossible to retrospectively add new questionnaires to already conducted national epidemiological surveys. The argument that we are building - supported by these analyses of existing large datasets - is that prospective research specifically designed to test the issue of body image and paranoia is needed.

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