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**Title: Exploring dementia and people with intellectual disability**

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**Aim:** In recent years, the life expectancy of people with intellectual disabilities (ID) has sharply risen, leading to an increase of dementia. Dementia has serious consequences for the individual and those around them. This presentation discusses a study in progress which explores the experiences of person with ID and dementia and their carers. **Method:** Semi-structured interviews were conducted across four participant groups: persons with ID and dementia, family carers and healthcare professionals. Data is being analyzed throughout constructivist grounded theory. Opportunities were taken to collaborate with persons with ID throughout the design of the research to make it more inclusive. **Results:** The challenges of carrying out research with hard to research populations will be discussed alongside preliminary results across all four groups. **Conclusions:** This study will contribute knowledge to a small field of research and raise awareness of the benefits and challenges of trying to be inclusive.