



This is what Spectrum 10K has said about:

Aim to look for genetic subgroups

1. Will sub-grouping lead to segregation/discrimination?

We are aware that this is a concern for some autistic people. We oppose any discrimination and we are aware that there are reasons for and against using subgroups.

We are aware that different autistic people have very different needs. We need to acknowledge that subgroups already exist. For example, some autistic people have language delay and some do not. Some autistic people have learning disability and some do not. Some autistic people have epilepsy and some do not. Some autistic people have gastrointestinal pain and some do not. We do not see one subgroup as better than another, as all people are of equal value and should have the same rights. Spectrum 10K hopes to deepen our understanding of existing subgroups and even identify new subgroups to better understand the needs of different autistic individuals. In the long run, this could provide more personalised support.