

# Young people with functional tic-like behaviours and co-occurring functional symptoms experience high rates of comorbidity, moderate-severe tics and functional impairment.

## Characterising young people with functional tic-like behaviours (FTLB) in the context of functional symptoms (FS): preliminary data analysis

**Background:** Functional tic-like behaviours (FTLB) are characterised by multiple, complex vocal and motor tics with rapid onset and evolution, usually from age 12 years, which significantly affect functioning (Pringsheim et al., 2023). FTLB are considered a subtype of functional neurological disorder (FND) as 32% of young people with FTLB also experience additional functional symptoms (FTLB-FS) (Martino et al., 2022). This study aimed to establish demographic characteristics, comorbidity profile, tic severity and impact on functioning in a FTLB-FS cohort.

