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### **Abstract**

#### **Was this the Prodrome of Autism?:**

##### **A Longitudinal Case Study of an Infant's First Two Years of Life**

*"So there were some very clear early signs that something was not as it "should" be, but we didn't yet suspect anything more than a difficult start. Parenting was supposed to be a challenge after all..." (Shahar, G. 2016)*

In this presentation I will discuss a case study of a young infant who was consistently monitored by his parents during the first two years of life. It documents the particular home environment, as well as the universal features of an infant's development. These video footages were remarkable in providing rare documentation of an infant with ASD's first stages of life. The infant was observed in 2 positions, defined as passive (lying; sitting) and active (crawling; standing; walking). Footages will be shown followed by an analysis of prodromal signs according to the ESPASI screening instrument which was developed at the Mifne Center since 2004.