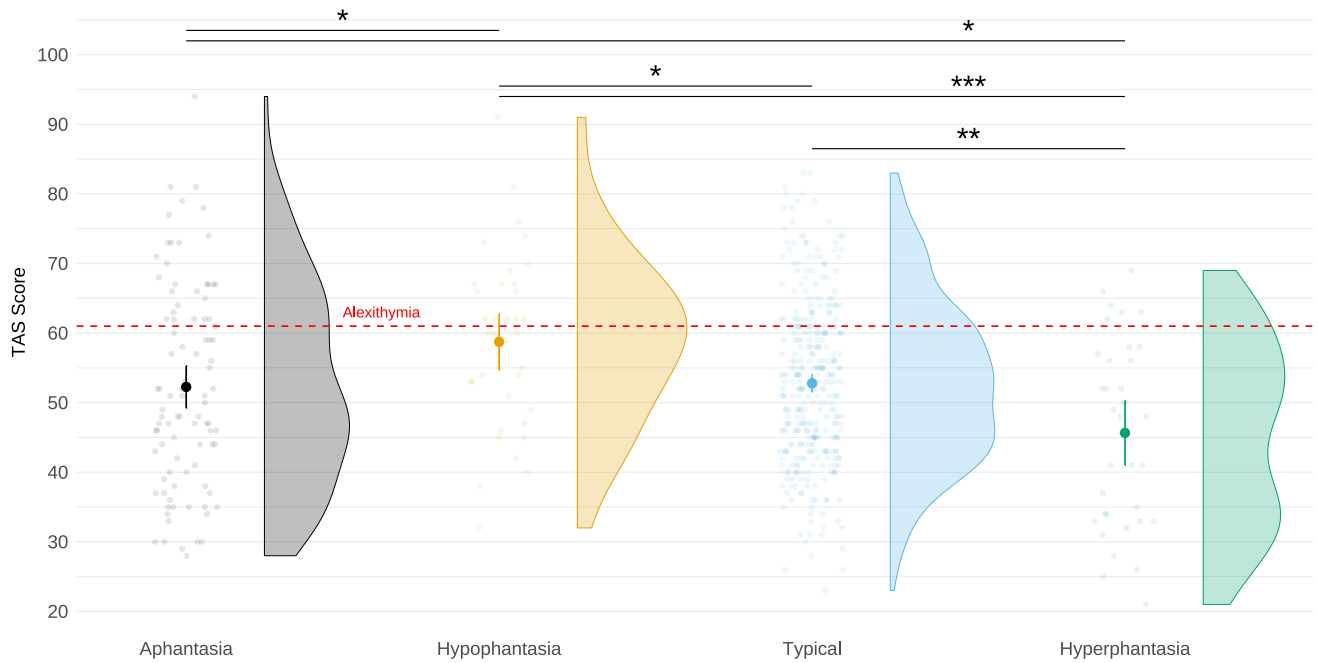


## TAS score differences between VVIQ groups (linear model contrasts)

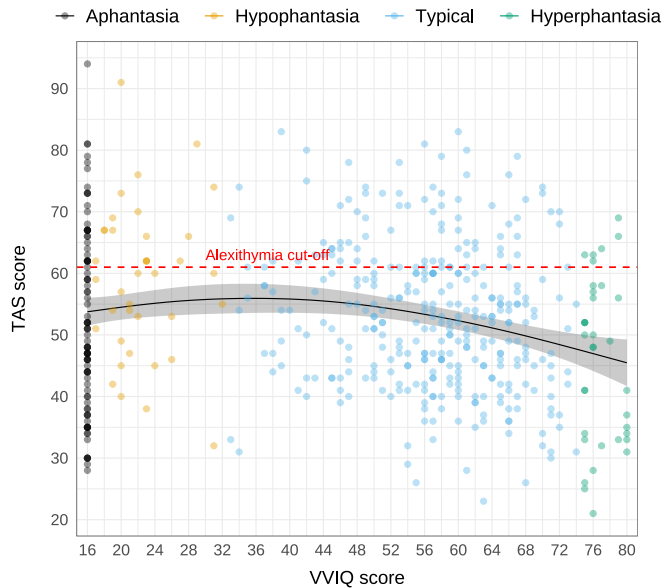
$N_{\text{Aphant.}} = 92$ ,  $N_{\text{Hypophant.}} = 38$ ,  $N_{\text{Typical.}} = 334$ ,  $N_{\text{Hyperphant.}} = 35$



Combined data from Burns et al. (2024), Monzel et al. (2024) & Ruby (2025). The red line indicates the alexithymia cut-off (TAS > 60). The significance labels are based on a contrast analysis of a linear model predicting TAS scores with VVIQ groups.

## Non-linear relationship between TAS and VVIQ scores

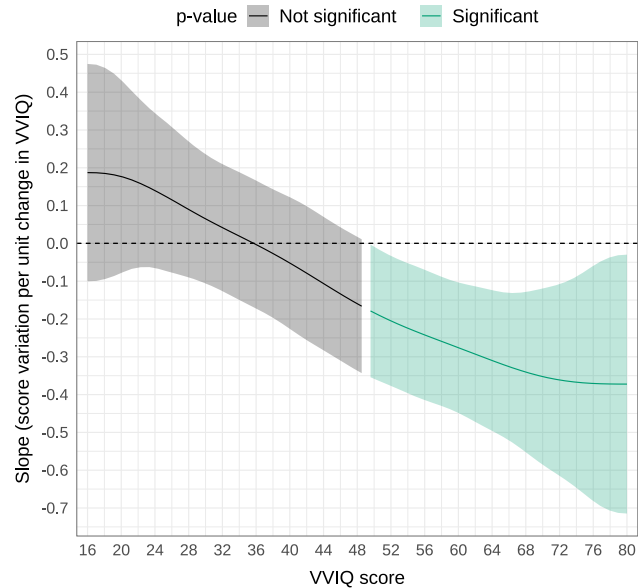
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The black line represents a generalized additive model (GAM) fitted to the data. The shaded area represents the 95% confidence interval of the GAM.

## Non-linear variation of TAS scores by VVIQ

Estimation based on the first derivative of the GAM



A slope above 0 indicates that as VVIQ increases, TAS scores also increase. A slope below 0 indicates that as VVIQ increases, TAS scores decrease.