**Supplementary material**

Table S1. Search terms used for legal cases of financial abuse involving PWDs

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| Type of legal cases | Search termsa | Numberof cases | Results |
| Criminal cases | (dementia OR Alzheimer's disease OR senility) AND asset/property  | 1,382 | Inappropriate; Most of the cases found were not related to the financial abuse of PWDs. |
|  | (dementia OR Alzheimer's disease OR senility) AND bankb | 296 | Appropriate; Most of those cases found also contained the word “asset/property”, meaning that this search term offered a more precise outcome than the previous one. |
| Civil cases | (dementia OR Alzheimer's disease OR senility) AND bank | 1,719 | Inappropriate; Many cases did not relate to the financial abuse of PWDs, and this number was beyond the reach of human selection. |
|  | (dementia OR Alzheimer's disease OR senility) AND (Article 74 OR Article 75 OR Article 76 OR Article 88 OR Article 92 OR Article 184 OR Article 179 OR Article 113)c | 1,196 | Appropriate; The selected cases were more relevant to the financial abuse and mental capacity of PWDs. |
| *Note*: aThe search term was defined in Chinese. bWe added “bank” to the search term since one of our research aims was to observe the role of bank staff according to the bystander intervention model. cWe used specific Civil Code article numbers relevant to profiteering, capacity, fraud, mistake, torts, and unjust enrichment, which ensured that the cases collected were related to the capacity for decision-making of PWDs. Furthermore, we excluded decisions regarding guardianship and assistance because these non-contentious cases do not necessarily involve financial abuse. |