This abstract relates to ongoing research that, ideally, will be a part of a PhD-thesis in sociology, concerning issues of gender and sexuality in research on sexual dysfunctions. At this stage I propose to investigate the distinction between organism and psyche, as it is employed and elaborated in psychiatric and sexological research concerning sexual dysfunctions. Primarily I will focus on one of the many kinds of sexual dysfunctions mentioned in the fourth edition of *The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV): Hypoactive sexual disorder (HSD), a dysfunction that manifests itself as a lack of interest in engaging in sexual activity. I will analyse how the distinction between organism and psyche figures both in relation to the more general notion of sexuality relied upon in research on HSD, and in explanations of supposed causes of HSD. The distinction between organism and psyche is strongly related to the one between body and mind, and will be analysed as part of a more widespread gender symbolism, and through a feminist conceptual framework.