

Table 1 Characteristics of autistic disorder cases by study factor

Variable	% of cases (n = 100)
Sex	
Male	80
Female	20
Sleep ^a	
No disturbance	54
Insomnia	38
Hypersomnia	1
Eating behaviour ^a	
No disturbance	68
Increased appetite	6
Decrease appetite	24
Speech	
No speech	38
Words only	34
Sentences	13
Occasional use of communicative language	15
Stressful events	
Absent	83
Divorce	8
Death	4
Others	5
Consanguinity	
1st degree	17
2nd degree	12
Not related	71

^aMissing data in some cases.