

## Abstract

Parents of 24 autistic children with normal IQ and of 24 normal children, matched for children's sex and age, were interviewed with an interview schedule. The interview schedule examined autistic-related behaviors in social and non-social domains of parents. It was found that parents of autistic children, especially fathers, had more autistic-related behaviors than the control parents. Parents of autistic children had a milder but qualitatively similar behaviors to their autistic children. This supported the genetic component of the etiology of autism. Implication of these findings for future genetics studies of autism were discussed.