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## Cochrane reviews

- There is insufficient evidence on selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) for autism spectrum disorders; they may not be effective in children but seem to have small positive effects in adults [\[D\]](#).
- There is no evidence that single or multiple dose intravenous secretin is effective as a treatment for autism [\[D\]](#).
- Auditory integration therapy is probably not effective for autism [\[C\]](#).
- Risperidone may be beneficial in some features of autism but the evidence is very limited [\[C\]](#).
- There is insufficient evidence on benefits and harms of gluten and/or casein free diet for persons with autism [\[D\]](#).

## Other evidence summaries

- Lovaas treatment seems not to help children with autism to achieve normal functioning [\[D\]](#).

## Internet resources

- Autism. Orphanet ORPHA106 [\[1\]](#)
- Rett syndrome. Orphanet ORPHA778 [\[2\]](#)

## Literature

- Levy SE, Mandell DS, Schultz RT. Autism. Lancet 2009 Nov 7;374(9701):1627-38.

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