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Research roundup

- Atypical eating behaviors, such as limited food preferences and sensitivity to texture, are far more common among autistic children than among typical children. [*Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*](#)
- Neural activity correlates between bats that socially interact, and it varies with the degree of interaction. [*Cell*](#)
- Research priorities for fragile X syndrome include identifying treatment targets and developing new animal models of the condition. [*The Lancet Neurology*](#)
- People born preterm or with low birth weight may be less likely than others to have sexual or partner relationships as adults. [*JAMA Network Open*](#)
- Retractions of journal articles sometimes include apologies, which vary in style but rarely draw a line between legitimate and fraudulent science. [*Science Communication*](#)
- The prevalence of autism in Scotland is 1.9 percent in children up to age 15, based on a whole-population study. [*BMJ Open*](#)

Science and society

- U.S. presidential candidate Joe Biden's claim that the Affordable Care Act achieved parity for mental health treatment is mostly accurate. [*Kaiser Health News*](#)
- A growing number of theme parks and resorts include autism-friendly experiences and accommodations. [*The New York Times*](#)
- High-tech headbands have made it possible to conduct quality sleep-monitoring at home. [*Science*](#)
- Autistic people living in London can now carry 'autism alert' cards to show police officers. [*CNN*](#)

- Psychologists plan to establish research stations around the world to improve participant diversity in psychology studies. *Science*
- Google Glass may help autistic children learn to recognize facial expressions and their associated emotions. *The New York Times*
- Hiki, a new dating app for autistic adults, launched this week. *Newsweek*
- Three families successfully sued a Portland, Oregon, school district to allow their autistic children's personal therapists in classrooms; families that lacked the money for legal fees were not as lucky. *Willamette Week*
- Autistic writer Yuval Levental argues that medical disabilities such as seizures and gut problems are integral to many autistic people's lives and neurodiversity advocates should not disregard them. *Scientific American*

Autism and the arts

- Except for "Keep the Change," no television show or movie has a lead character played by an actor with autism, writes an autistic actor's mother. *The Good Men Project*

Publishing

- A certification process could help ensure that research findings derived from confidential data are valid and reproducible. *Science*

Job moves

- Neuroscientist Thalia Wheatley of Dartmouth College has been named external professor at the Santa Fe Institute in New Mexico. *Twitter*
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