

Supplemental Online Content

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eTable 1. Association between ASD at 3 years of age and screen time, stratified by child's sex (excluding those who had at least one red flag on any of the five ASQ items)

| Variables | ASD at 3 years of age | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total | | | Boys | | | Girls | | |
| | | Model 1 (Crude) | Model 2 (Adjusted) | | Model 1 (Crude) | Model 2 (Adjusted) | | Model 1 (Crude) | Model 2 (Adjusted) |
| | n | ORs (95%CI) | ORs (95%CI) | n | ORs (95%CI) | ORs (95%CI) | n | ORs (95%CI) | ORs (95%CI) |
| Screen time at 1 years of age [†] | | (n = 57245) | (n = 52710) | | (n = 28779) | (n = 26472) | | (n = 28466) | (n = 26238) |
| No screen time | 6324 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) | 3267 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) | 3057 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) |
| <1 h | 2136 1 | 1.00 (0.51 to 1.96) | 1.04 (0.51 to 2.09) | 1094 7 | 1.29 (0.57 to 2.94) | 1.38 (0.57 to 3.34) | 1041 4 | 0.51 (0.15 to 1.74) | 0.52 (0.15 to 1.77) |
| 1 – <2 h | 1907 1 | 1.79 (0.94 to 3.42) | 1.70 (0.87 to 3.35) | 9433 9 | 2.20 (0.99 to 4.88) | 2.34 (0.99 to 5.52) | 9632 | 1.20 (0.40 to 3.61) | 0.92 (0.30 to 2.88) |
| 2 – <4 h | 1249 8 | 2.85 (1.50 to 5.42) | 2.78 (1.42 to 5.44) | 6196 | 3.78 (1.71 to 8.35) | 3.87 (1.65 to 9.09) | 6302 | 1.47 (0.47 to 4.55) | 1.39 (0.44 to 4.34) |
| ≥4 h | 3984 | 2.80 (1.33 to 5.89) | 2.28 (1.03 to 5.06) | 1979 | 3.42 (1.38 to 8.48) | 2.69 (0.99 to 7.34) | 2005 | 1.92 (0.52 to 7.16) | 1.81 (0.48 to 6.86) |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Screen time at 3 years of age [†] | | (n = 57532) | (n = 52942) | | (n = 28909) | (n = 26568) | | (n = 28623) | (n = 26374) |
| <1 h [‡] | 1477 4 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) | 7262 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) | 7512 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) |
| 1 – <2 h | 2583 0 | 1.42 (0.94 to 2.16) | 1.33 (0.87 to 2.04) | 1310 2 | 1.39 (0.86 to 2.23) | 1.31 (0.80 to 2.13) | 1272 8 | 1.43 (0.59 to 3.46) | 1.32 (0.54 to 3.22) |
| 2 – <4 h | 1443 2 | 2.15 (1.40 to 3.30) | 1.90 (1.23 to 2.96) | 7287 | 2.13 (1.31 to 3.46) | 1.96 (1.19 to 3.23) | 7145 | 2.11 (0.85 to 5.22) | 1.64 (0.64 to 4.20) |

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|--|------|---------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ≥4 h | 2496 | 2.88 (1.55 to 5.33) | 2.42 (1.27 to 4.59) | 1258 | 2.42 (1.15 to 5.07) | 1.98 (0.91 to 4.35) | 1238 | 4.35 (1.38 to 13.72) | 3.69 (1.16 to 11.80) |
| <p>†Adjustment: Mothers' scores on the Bonding Scale and K6 scores when the child at 1 year of age, depression, anxiety disorders, integration disorders, other mental and neurological illnesses, mother's age at birth, and household income, scores on the 5 items of the ASQ-3 at 1 year of age.</p> <p>‡Since complete separation occurred, the reference value was set to less than one hour.</p> <p>ORs = Odds ratios; 95% CI = 95% confidence intervals; ASD: Autism spectrum disorder; ASQ-3: Ages and Stages Questionnaire</p> | | | | | | | | | |

eTable 2. Association between ASD at 3 years of age and screen time at 3, stratified by child's sex

| Variables | ASD at 3 years of age | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total | | | Boys | | | Girls | | |
| | | Model 1 (Crude) | Model 2 (Adjusted) | | Model 1 (Crude) | Model 2 (Adjusted) | | Model 1 (Crude) | Model 2 (Adjusted) |
| | n | ORs (95% CI) | ORs (95% CI) | n | ORs (95% CI) | ORs (95% CI) | n | ORs (95% CI) | ORs (95% CI) |
| Screen time at 3 years of age [†] | | (n = 74554) | (n = 61307) | | (n = 38116) | (n = 31148) | | (n = 36438) | (n = 30159) |
| <1 h | 19127 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) | 9557 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) | 9570 | 1.00 (reference) | 1.00 (reference) |
| 1 – <2 h | 33218 | 1.22 (0.90 to 1.65) | 1.15 (0.83 to 1.60) | 17084 | 1.25 (0.89 to 1.78) | 1.25 (0.86 to 1.83) | 16134 | 1.04 (0.56 to 1.92) | 0.88 (0.46 to 1.69) |
| 2 – <4 h | 18829 | 1.79 (1.31 to 2.45) | 1.49 (1.06 to 2.10) | 9715 | 1.80 (1.26 to 2.59) | 1.60 (1.07 to 2.38) | 9114 | 1.64 (0.88 to 3.08) | 1.17 (0.59 to 2.33) |
| ≥4 h | 3380 | 2.57 (1.64 to 4.02) | 2.00 (1.21 to 3.30) | 1760 | 2.14 (1.24 to 3.69) | 1.81 (0.98 to 3.32) | 1620 | 3.71 (1.68 to 8.19) | 2.42 (0.97 to 6.01) |
| [†] Adjustment: Mothers' scores on the Bonding Scale and K6 scores when the child at 1 year of age, depression, anxiety disorders, integration disorders, other mental and neurological illnesses, mother's age at birth, and household income, scores on the 5 items of the ASQ-3 at 1 year of age. ORs = Odds ratios; 95% CI = 95% confidence intervals; ASD: Autism spectrum disorder; ASQ-3: Ages and Stages Questionnaire | | | | | | | | | |

| eTable 3. Characteristics of the mother–child dyads | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|---|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Variables | | | Mother's Bonding score when her child was 1 year of age | Mother's K6 scores when her child was 1 year of age | Mother's history of mental illness | | | | Mother's age at birth | Household income |
| | | | | | Depression | Anxiety disorders | Integration disorders | Other mental neurological illnesses | | |
| | | | Average/ Median / Max/ Standard deviation | ≥ 5 points | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | < 20 y | < 2 million yen |
| | | | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) |
| Screen time at 1 year of age | No screen time | (n = 8541) | 1.6/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.2 | 1654 (9.9) | 230 (9.5) | 247 (11.1) | 10 (7.6) | 90 (11.1) | 33 (5.7) | 447 (11.0) |
| | < 1 h | (n = 27707) | 1.7/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.1 | 5473 (29.9) | 699 (28.9) | 630 (28.1) | 40 (30.3) | 239 (29.6) | 165 (28.6) | 1284 (31.6) |
| | 1– < 2 h | (n = 25027) | 2.0/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.2 | 5525 (30.2) | 720 (29.8) | 689 (30.7) | 35 (26.5) | 223 (27.6) | 178 (30.9) | 1115 (27.4) |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2— < 4 h | (n = 16560) | 2.2/ 2.0/ 0.0/ 2.5 | 4143 (22.6) | 566 (23.4) | 516 (23.0) | 37 (28.0) | 183 (22.6) | 129 (22.4) | 871 (21.4) |
| | ≥ 4 h | (n = 5402) | 2.3/ 2.0/ 0.0/ 2.5 | 1526 (8.3) | 200 (8.3) | 163 (7.3) | 10 (7.6) | 73 (9.0) | 71 (12.3) | 350 (8.6) |
| | Total | (n = 83237) | 2.5/ 2.0/ 0.0/ 2.7 | 18321 | 2415 | 2245 | 132 | 808 | 576 | 4067 |
| Screen time at 3 year of age | No screen time | (n = 1253) | 2.0/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.4 | 1654 (9.9) | 59 (2.8) | 36 (1.9) | 2 (1.9) | 14 (2.0) | 9 (2.2) | 72 (2.1) |
| | < 1 h | (n = 17874) | 1.8/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.4 | 5473 (29.9) | 447 (21.3) | 427 (22.2) | 20 (18.5) | 159 (22.9) | 89 (21.3) | 809 (23.6) |
| | 1— < 2 h | (n = 33218) | 1.7/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.2 | 5525 (30.2) | 873 (41.7) | 807 (42.0) | 49 (45.4) | 273 (39.3) | 191 (45.7) | 1485 (43.2) |
| | 2— < 4 h | (n = 18829) | 1.9/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.2 | 4143 (22.6) | 571 (27.3) | 545 (28.3) | 28 (25.9) | 205 (29.5) | 88 (21.1) | 865 (25.2) |
| | ≥ 4 h | (n = 3380) | 2.2/ 1.0/ 0.0/ 2.4 | 1526 (8.3) | 144 (6.9) | 108 (5.6) | 9 (8.3) | 43 (6.2) | 41 (9.8) | 203 (5.9) |
| | Total | (n = 74554) | 2.5/ 2.0/ 0.0/ 2.7 | 18321 | 2094 | 1923 | 108 | 694 | 418 | 3434 |

eTable 4. Cross-tabulation and results of Jonckheere-Terpstra Test

| Variables | | | Screen time at 1 year of age | | | | | | | Screen time at 3 years of age | | | | | | | Child's sex | | |
|-----------|---------|-----|------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| | | | No screen time | < 1 h | 1— < 2 h | 2— < 4 h | ≥ 4 h | Total | P for trend test† | No screen time | < 1 h | 1— < 2 h | 2— < 4 h | ≥ 4 h | Total | P for trend test† | Girl | Boy | Total |
| Total | ASD | n | 19 | 73 | 99 | 104 | 33 | 328 | < 0.001 | 4 | 58 | 131 | 109 | 28 | 330 | < 0.001 | 79 | 251 | 330 |
| | | (%) | (5.8) | (22.3) | (30.2) | (31.7) | (10.1) | | | (1.2) | (17.6) | (39.7) | (33.0) | (8.5) | | | (24.0) | (76.0) | |
| | Non-ASD | n | 7669 | 24785 | 22099 | 14538 | 4760 | 73851 | | 1249 | 17816 | 33087 | 18720 | 3352 | 74224 | | 36498 | 38018 | 74516 |
| | | (%) | (10.4) | (33.6) | (29.9) | (19.7) | (6.4) | | | (1.7) | (24.0) | (44.6) | (25.2) | (4.5) | | | (49.0) | (51.0) | |
| | Total | n | 7688 | 24858 | 22198 | 14642 | 4793 | 74179 | | 1253 | 17874 | 33218 | 18829 | 3380 | 74554 | | 36577 | 38269 | 74846 |
| | | (%) | (10.4) | (33.5) | (29.9) | (19.7) | (6.4) | | | (1.7) | (24.0) | (44.6) | (25.3) | (4.5) | | | (49.0) | (51.0) | |
| Boy | ASD | n | 13 | 59 | 74 | 79 | 25 | 250 | < 0.001 | 3 | 43 | 103 | 84 | 18 | 251 | < 0.001 | | | |
| | | (%) | (5.2) | (23.6) | (29.6) | (31.6) | (10.0) | | | (1.2) | (17.1) | (41.0) | (33.5) | (7.2) | | | | | |
| | Non-ASD | n | 4070 | 12786 | 11126 | 7282 | 2413 | 37677 | | 637 | 8874 | 16981 | 9631 | 1742 | 37865 | | | | |

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| | | (%)) | (10.8) | (33 .9) | (29.5) | (19.3) | (6.4) | | | (1.7) | (23 .4) | (44.8) | (25.4) | (4.6) | | | | |
| | Total | n | 4083 | 128 45 | 1120 0 | 7361 | 243 8 | 379 27 | | 640 | 891 7 | 17084 | 9715 | 176 0 | 381 16 | | | |
| | | (%)) | (10.8) | (33 .9) | (29.5) | (19.4) | (6.4) | | | (1.7) | (23 .4) | (44.8) | (25.5) | (4.6) | | | | |
| Gi rl | ASD | n | 6 | 14 | 25 | 25 | 8 | 78 | < 0.00 1 | 1 | 15 | 28 | 25 | 10 | 79 | < 0.00 1 | | |
| | | (%)) | (7.7) | (17 .9) | (32.1) | (32.1) | (10. 3) | | | (1.3) | (19 .0) | (35.4) | (31.6) | (12. 7) | | | | |
| | Non- ASD | n | 3599 | 119 99 | 1097 3 | 7256 | 234 7 | 361 74 | | 612 | 894 2 | 16106 | 9089 | 161 0 | 363 59 | | | |
| | | (%)) | (9.9) | (33 .2) | (30.3) | (20.1) | (6.5) | | | (1.7) | (24 .6) | (44.3) | (25.0) | (4.4) | | | | |
| | Total | n | 3605 | 120 13 | 1099 8 | 7281 | 235 5 | 362 52 | | 613 | 895 7 | 16134 | 9114 | 162 0 | 364 38 | | | |
| | | (%)) | (9.9) | (33 .1) | (30.3) | (20.1) | (6.5) | | | (1.7) | (24 .6) | (44.3) | (25.0) | (4.4) | | | | |
| †Jonckheere Terpstra test | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| eTable 5. Sensitivity analysis of unmeasured confounding | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Variables | Total | | | Boys | | | Girls | | |
| | E-value for point estimate | E-value for confidence interval | | E-value for point estimate | E-value for confidence interval | | E-value for point estimate | E-value for confidence interval | |
| | | Lower limit | Upper limit | | Lower limit | Upper limit | | Lower limit | Upper limit |
| Screen time at 1 year of age† | | | | | | | | | |
| No screen time | | | | | | | | | |
| < 1 h | 1.59 | 11.98 | 3.48 | 2.10 | 2.17 | 4.82 | 1.96 | 6.87 | 3.78 |
| 1— < 2 h | 3.02 | 1.28 | 5.65 | 3.74 | 1.51 | 7.75 | 1.88 | 3.59 | 6.38 |
| 2— < 4 h | 5.19 | 2.75 | 9.29 | 6.42 | 3.06 | 12.78 | 3.27 | 2.12 | 9.87 |
| ≧ 4 h | 4.72 | 2.19 | 9.29 | 5.49 | 2.24 | 12.16 | 3.72 | 2.35 | 13.26 |
| Screen time at 3 years of age† | | | | | | | | | |
| No screen time | | | | | | | | | |
| < 1 h | 1.74 | 4.70 | 7.32 | 1.92 | 5.91 | 10.29 | 1.43 | 13.77 | 16.54 |
| 1— < 2 h | 2.10 | 3.97 | 8.23 | 2.58 | 4.57 | 12.56 | 1.25 | 14.87 | 13.96 |
| 2— < 4 h | 2.98 | 2.97 | 10.88 | 3.50 | 2.84 | 16.20 | 1.88 | 11.24 | 19.05 |
| ≧ 4 h | 4.23 | 2.17 | 15.66 | 4.05 | 3.26 | 19.87 | 4.72 | 5.70 | 43.47 |
| †Adjustment: Mothers' scores on the Bonding Scale and K6 scores when the child at 1 year of age, depression, anxiety disorders, integration disorders, other mental and neurological illnesses, mother's age at birth, and household income, scores on the 5 items of the ASQ-3 at 1 year of age. | | | | | | | | | |

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| E-value = $OR + \sqrt{OR} (OR - 1)$ | | | | | | | | | |
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