



# MicroRNA Autism Research Study



## What is this study?

Lots of people around the world, and in the UK have autism. We don't know why some people have it, but we know that sometimes many people in the same family have autism.

We want to try and find out why some people have autism.

We will do this by looking at blood samples of people with autism and blood samples of people without autism from the same family.

## Why have I been asked to take part?

You have been asked to take part because there are some people with autism and some people without autism in your family.

Before you decide if you want to take part, it is important that you understand what the study is about and what will happen if you do take part.

Please read this information carefully with your family. If you have any questions, you and your family can ask the research team.



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### What happens if I take part?

#### Who will you meet?

A grown-up from the research team will come to see you at your home or at your doctors.

Your mum or dad will be with you.

You can ask any questions about the study.



#### What will happen?

Your parents will answer some questions about you.

The grown-up will then take some blood from your arm using a needle. It will help us understand more about your family.

If you feel worried about this, please let us know. We have lots of pictures about what will happen, and photographs of the research team and equipment to help you feel ready.



#### Do I have to take part?

No. It is your choice to take part or not. If you decide to take part, and then change your mind that is fine. You can stop whenever you want.

**Thank you for reading this form – you can ask us any questions you like.**