Autism and Lovaas treatment: a systematic review of effectiveness evidence

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The aim of this report is to examine whether early, intensive behavioural therapy for children with autism results in normal functioning, or essentially a cure.

Authors' conclusions
The report concludes that, while many forms of intensive behavioural therapy clearly benefit children with autism, there is insufficient scientifically-valid effectiveness evidence to establish a causal relationship between a particular program of intensive, behavioural treatment, and the achievement of 'normal functioning'.

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