**Acronyms:**

ASD: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DSM-V: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Levels of Autism (according to the DSM-V):**

Level 1 – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Behavioral Excesses:**

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**Behavioral Deficits:**

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**Impaired Social Development:**

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**Restricted Repetitive Behavior:**

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**Autism Prevalence:**

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**Causes of Autism Spectrum Disorder:**

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**Associated Health Conditions:**

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**Treatment:**

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**Non-Scientific Treatment:**

*No data to support the acquisition of skills and the reduction of autistic tendencies)*

*\*\* It is important to question treatments based on what we know about autism (i.e., that it is diagnosed in terms of behavioral deficits and excesses)*

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