**Supplementary Table 2.** Correlation between age gap and ADI-R scores

| Variable           | Correlation | р       |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|
| Social interaction | -0.264      | < 0.001 |
| A1                 | -0.170      | 0.009   |
| A2                 | -0.306      | < 0.001 |
| A3                 | -0.170      | 0.009   |
| A4                 | -0.202      | 0.002   |
| Verbal             | -0.256      | 0.002   |
| B1                 | -0.098      | 0.133   |
| B2                 | -0.081      | 0.329   |
| B3                 | -0.103      | 0.215   |
| B4                 | -0.043      | 0.558   |
| Nonverbal          | -0.293      | < 0.001 |

ADI-R, Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised; A1, failure to use nonverbal behaviors to regulate social interaction; A2, failure to develop peer relationships; A3, lack of shared enjoyment; A4, lack of socioemotional reciprocity; B1, lack of, or delay in, spoken language and failure to compensate through gesture; B2, relative failure to initiate or sustain conversational intercharge; B3, stereotyped, repetitive or idiosyncratic speech; B4, lack of varied spontaneous make-believe or social imitative play