Abstract: Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopment condition associated with significant healthcare costs, and early diagnosis can significantly reduce these. Unfortunately, waiting times for an ASD diagnosis are lengthy and procedures are not cost effective. The economic impact of autism and the increase in the number of ASD cases across the world reveals an urgent need for the development of easily implemented and effective screening methods. Therefore, a time-efficient and accessible ASD screening is imminent to help health professionals and inform individuals whether they should pursue formal clinical diagnosis. The rapid growth in the number of ASD cases worldwide necessitates datasets related to behaviour traits. However, such datasets are rare making it difficult to perform thorough analyses to improve the efficiency, sensitivity, specificity and predictive accuracy of the ASD screening process. Presently, very limited autism datasets associated with clinical or screening are available and most of them are genetic in nature. Hence, we propose a new dataset related to autism screening of adults that contained 20 features to be utilised for further analysis especially in determining influential autistic traits and improving the classification of ASD cases. In this dataset, we record ten behavioural features (AQ-10-Adolescent) plus ten individuals characteristics that have proved to be effective in detecting the ASD cases from controls in behaviour science.

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Data Type: Multivariate OR Univariate OR Sequential OR Time-Series OR Text OR Domain-Theory

Nominal / categorical, binary and continuous

Task: Classification

Attribute Type: Categorical, continuous and binary

Area: Medical, health and social science

Format Type: Non-Matrix

Does your data set contain missing values? Yes

Number of Instances (records in your data set): 104

Number of Attributes (fields within each record): 21

Relevant Information: For Further information about the attributes/feature see below table

Table 1: Features and their descriptions

Attribute	Type	Description
Age	Number	Age in years
Gender	String	Male or Female
Ethnicity	String	List of common ethnicities in text format
Born with jaundice	Boolean (yes or no)	Whether the case was born with jaundice
Family member with PDD	Boolean (yes or no)	Whether any immediate family member has a PDD
Who is completing the test	String	Parent, self, caregiver, medical staff, clinician ,etc.
Country of residence	String	List of countries in text format
Used the screening app before	Boolean (yes or no)	Whether the user has used a screening app
Screening Method Type	Integer (0,1,2,3)	The type of screening methods chosen based on age category (0=toddler, 1=child, 2= adolescent, 3= adult)
Question 1 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 2 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 3 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 4 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 5 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 6 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 7 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 8 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 9 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Question 10 Answer	Binary (0, 1)	The answer code of the question based on the screening method used
Screening Score	Integer	The final score obtained based on the scoring algorithm of the screening method used. This was computed in an automated manner

Attribute Information:

Relevant Papers:

1) Tabtah, F. (2017). Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening: Machine Learning Adaptation and DSM-5 Fulfillment. Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Medical and Health Informatics 2017, pp.1-6. Taichung City, Taiwan, ACM.

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3) Thabtah, F. (2017). Machine Learning in Autistic Spectrum Disorder Behavioural Research: A Review. Informatics for Health and Social Care Journal. December, 2017 (in press)

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