**Table 1. Characteristics of included studies** 

Study	Intervention		Comparison		Outcomes of interest
	Characteristics	Туре	Characteristics	Туре	reported
- Choque-Olsson,	n = 150	KONTAKT plus standard	n = 146	Standard care	Social skills (ABAS)
2017	Mean age (SD): 11.8 (2.6) years	care	Mean age (SD): 11.8 (2.6) years	alone	Social performance (SRS(-
	Male (%): 70.3%	1x1 hr/wk (8-12 years) for	Male (%): 70.3%		2))
	Mean IQ (SD): 97.5 (13.2)	12 weeks	Mean IQ (SD): 97.5 (13.2)		
		1x1.5 hr/wk (13-18 years)			
		for 12 weeks			
- Corbett, 2016	n = 17	SENSE Theater	n = 16	Waitlist control	Social skills (ABAS)
	Mean age (SD): 11.0 (2.2) years	1x4 hr/wk for 10 weeks	Mean age (SD): 11.0 (2.2) years		Social performance (SRS(-
	Male (%): 72.7%		Male (%): 72.7%		2))
	Mean IQ (SD): 101.6 (19.2)		Mean IQ (SD): 101.6 (19.2)		
- Freitag, 2016	n = 101	SOSTA-FRA (plus TAU)	n = 108	TAU (alone)	Social performance (SRS(-
	Mean age (SD): 12.8 (2.6) years	12x1.5 hr sessions over 14	Mean age (SD): 12.8 (2.6) years		2))
	Male (%): 92.8%	weeks	Male (%): 92.8%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 101.9 (14.5)		Mean IQ (SD): 101.9 (14.5)		
- Jonsson, 2019	n = 23	KONTAKT plus standard	n = 27	Standard care	Social skills (ABAS)
	Mean age (SD): 12.8 (2.7) years	care (extended)	Mean age (SD): 12.8 (2.7) years	alone	Social performance (SRS(-
	Male (%): 70.0%	1x1 hr/wk (8-12 years) for	Male (%): 70.0%		2))
	Mean IQ (SD): 97.0 (12.0)	24 weeks	Mean IQ (SD): 97.0 (12.0)		
		1x1.5 hr/wk (13-18 years)			
		for 24 weeks			
- Laugeson, 2009	n = 17	PEERS	n = 16	Waitlist control	Number of friends
	Mean age (SD): 14.6 (1.4) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 12 weeks	Mean age (SD): 14.6 (1.4) years		(QPQ/QSQ)
	Male (%): 84.8%		Male (%): 84.8%		Quality of friendships (FQS)
	Mean IQ (SD): 92.3 (18.8)		Mean IQ (SD): 92.3 (18.8)		Social skills (SSRS/SSIS-RS)
- Matthews, 2018	n = 10	PEERS	n = 12	Waitlist control	Number of friends
	Mean age (SD): 15.2 (1.2) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 14 weeks	Mean age (SD): 15.2 (1.2) years		(QPQ/QSQ)
	Male (%): 81.7%		Male (%): 81.7%		Social skills (SSRS/SSIS-RS)
	Mean IQ (SD): 100.6 (17.9)		Mean IQ (SD): 100.6 (17.9)		Social performance (SRS(-
					2))
- Rabin, 2021	n = 40	PEERS	n = 42	Waitlist control	Social skills (SSRS/SSIS-RS)
	Mean age (SD): 14.4 (1.8) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 16 weeks	Mean age (SD): 14.4 (1.8) years		Social performance (SRS(-
	Male (%): 89.0%		Male (%): 89.0%		2))
	Mean IQ (SD): NR		Mean IQ (SD): NR		
- Schohl, 2014	n = 34	PEERS	n = 29	Waitlist control	Number of friends
	Mean age (SD): 13.7 (1.5) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 14 weeks	Mean age (SD): 13.7 (1.5) years		(QPQ/QSQ)

	Male (%): 74.6%		Male (%): 74.6%		Quality of friendships (FQS)
	Mean IQ (SD): 100.3 (16.2)		Mean IQ (SD): 100.3 (16.2)		Social skills (SSRS/SSIS-RS)
					Social performance (SRS(-
					2))
- Shum, 2019	n = 38	PEERS	n = 34	Waitlist control	Number of friends
	Mean age (SD): 13.5 (1.0) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 14 weeks	Mean age (SD): 13.5 (1.0) years		(QPQ/QSQ)
	Male (%): 79.2%		Male (%): 79.2%		Social performance (SRS(-
	Mean IQ (SD): 101.5 (16.8)		Mean IQ (SD): 101.5 (16.8)		2))
- Vernon, 2018	n = 16	START	n = 19	Waitlist control	Social skills (SSRS/SSIS-RS)
	Mean age (SD): 13.5 (1.5) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 20 weeks	Mean age (SD): 13.5 (1.5) years		Social performance (SRS(-
	Male (%): 68.6%		Male (%): 68.6%		2))
	Mean IQ (SD): 98.2 (18.4)		Mean IQ (SD): 98.2 (18.4)		
- White, 2013	n = 15	MASSI	n = 15	Waitlist control	Social performance (SRS(-
	Mean age (SD): 14.6 (NR) years	Individual: 12-13 x 1-1.2 hr	Mean age (SD): 14.6 (NR) years		2))
	Male (%): 76.7%	Group: 7x1.25 hr sessions	Male (%): 76.7%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 97.1 (14.5)		Mean IQ (SD): 97.1 (14.5)		
- Yoo, 2014	n = 23	PEERS	n = 24	Waitlist control	Number of friends
	Mean age (SD): 13.8 (1.6) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 14 weeks	Mean age (SD): 13.8 (1.6) years		(QPQ/QSQ)
	Male (%): 93.6%		Male (%): 93.6%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 99.9 (15.9)		Mean IQ (SD): 99.9 (15.9)		
Ashori, 2019	n = 12	Sixteen video modeling	n = 12	Waitlist control	Social skills (ASSP)
	Mean age (SD): 7.2 (0.7) years	sessions	Mean age (SD): 7.1 (0.5) years		
	Male (%): 100%	1 session a day, 3 times per	Male (%): 100%		
	Mean IQ (SD): NR	week	Mean IQ (SD): NR		
Corbett, 2019	n = 44	SENSE Theater	n = 33	Waitlist control	Interaction (PIP)
	Mean age (SD): 11.1 (2.5) years	1x4 hr/wk for 10 weeks	Mean age (SD): 10.6 (2.3) years		
	Male (%): 75.0%		Male (%): 78.8%		
	Mean IQ (SD):		Mean IQ (SD):		
Dekker, 2019	n = 47	SST	n = 24	Care as usual	Social skills (SSRS)
	Mean age (SD): 10.9 (0.7) years	Based on behavioral	Mean age (SD): 11.2 (0.9) years		
	Male (%): 87%	therapeutical principles and	Male (%): 92%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 102.5 (14.8)	the social learning theory	Mean IQ (SD): 105.6 (13.1)		
		1x1.5 hr/wk for 15 weeks			
Ko, 2019	n = 16	START	n = 19	Waitlist control	Interaction (questions
	Mean age (SD): 13.3 (1.5) years	1x1.5 hr/wk for 20 weeks	Mean age (SD): 13.7 (1.5) years		asked)
	Male (%): 69%		Male (%): 68%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 99.1 (16.6)		Mean IQ (SD): 94.1 (19.3)		
Luckhardt, 2018	n = 17	SOSTA-FRA (plus TAU)	n = 16	TAU (alone)	Social performance (SRS)

	Mean age (SD): 12.7 (3.0) years	12x1.5 hr sessions for 12	Mean age (SD): 13.1 (3.0) years		
	Male (%): 94.1%	weeks	Male (%): 87.5%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 102.0 (19.0)		Mean IQ (SD): 102.5 (15.0)		
Shih, 2018	n = 39	RR	n = 41	Waitlist control	Interaction (POPE/joint
	Mean age (SD): 8.3 (1.9) years	16-20 sessions of 20-30 min	Mean age (SD): 8.7 (1.6) years		engagement)
	Male (%): 87.2%	over 12 weeks	Male (%): 95.1%		
	Mean IQ (SD): 89.7 (18.4)		Mean IQ (SD): 93.4 (12.6)		

Abbreviations: ABAS = adaptive behavior assessment system; ASSP = autism social skills profile; FQS = friendship quality scale; IQ = intelligence quotient; MASSI = multimodal anxiety and social skills intervention; NR = not reported; PEERS = program for the education and enrichment of relational skills; PIP = peer interaction paradigm; POPE = playground observation of peer engagement; QPQ = quality of play scale; QSQ = quality of socialization questionnaire; RR = remaking recess; SD = standard deviation; SRS = social responsiveness scale; SSIS-RS = social skills improvement system rating scales; SSRS = social skills rating scales; SST = social skills training; START = social tools and rules for teens; TAU = treatment as usual; VABS = vineland adaptive behavior scales