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Altered brain activity in infants as young as six months of age may predict those who later go on to develop autism.

These latest findings, published in Current Biology, are from the British Autism Study of Infant Siblings (BASIS), a national research network centred at Birkbeck College (London) and led by Professors Mark Johnson and Tony Charman.

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Further details of this ground breaking research can be found at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-16740758>

<http://www.autistica.org.uk/>

<http://www.autismspeaks.org./science/science-news/infant-brain-activity-flags-autism-risk>

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