

**ISCTM/ECNP Joint Autism Manuscript Working Group  
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19 February 2020**

***The joint ECNP/ISCTM Working Group on Autism Spectrum Disorders met in Washington DC during the 2020 Annual Meeting, the meeting was chaired by T. Farchione and V. Mantua. The meeting was a closed group including only the Authors of the special issue of European Neuropsychopharmacology. The group discussed the second version of the main paper by Dr. James McCracken who was connected remotely. In particular Dr. McCracken asked for feedback on the final set of recommendations to inform on practical steps for planning and conducting clinical trials in ASD. The group agreed on the need to have a minimal set of measures for patients' inclusion in clinical trials. The group members were reluctant to recommend a specific set of outcome measures as preferred primary endpoints in clinical trials. A second draft of the main paper will be circulated by the end of March and the same deadline will be adopted by the Authors of the commentaries/editorials.***