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| **Table 1***Demographic and background characteristics by groups and statistical comparison (N=58)* |
|  |  |  |  |  | ***Statistical comparison*** |
| **Variant** | **All sample****(n=58)** | **TYP****(n=30)** | **ASD****(n=28)** |  | ***Statistic*** | ***p*** |
| **Gender, N (%)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $X$2 (1) = 0.10 | .746 |
|  **Boys** | 35 | (60.3%) | 17 | (56.7%) | 18 | (64.3%) |  |  |  |
|  **Girls** | 23 | (39.7%) | 13 | (43.3%) | 10 | (35.7%) |  |  |  |
| **Age**  | 9.92 | ).59( | 9.83 | ).65( | 10.02 | ).52( |  | *t* (56) = 1.19 | .238 |
| **Vocabulary** | 56.10 | (38.55) | 58.30 | (7.97) | 43.07 | (9.41) |  | *t* (56) = 6.67 | <.001 |
| **RAVEN** | 30.76 | (4.22) | 31.47 | (3.46) | 30.00 | (4.86) |  | *t* (56) = 1.33 | .189 |

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|  | TYP(n=30) |  | ASD(n=28) |  |
| **Dependent variable** | *M* | *SD* |  | *M* | *SD* | *F (1,55)* | $$η\_{p}^{2}$$ |
| Idioms understanding | 17.33 | 2.96 |  | 10.57 | 3.90 | 6.78\* | .110 |
| Irony understanding | 13.87 | 1.69 |  | 6.64 | 2.57 | \*\*\*64.58 | .540 |
| Social situations understanding | 8.30 | 1.76 |  | 4.54 | 1.57 | \*\*\*15.72 | 222. |
| ToM | 18.70 | 1.97 |  | 10.68 | 3.52 | \*\*\*39.99 | 421. |
| *Notes.* research groups: TYP: the group with typical development. ASD: the group diagnosed with Autism.\* *p* < .05, \*\*\* *p* < .001. |

**Table 2**

*Means, standard deviations and one-way MANCOVA analysis findings examining group differences in idioms, irony, and social situations understanding by groups (N=58)*

**Figure 1**

*Adjusted means of idioms, irony, social situations understanding and ToM according to research groups (N=58)*

ToM

**Table 3**

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| *Pearson correlations and supervised correlations between the index of social situations understanding and the indices of figurative language understanding, according to the research groups* |
|  |  | **TYP** |  | **ASD** |
|  |  | **Idioms understanding** | **Irony understanding** |  | **Idioms understanding** | **Irony understanding** |
| Social situations understanding | Pearson correlations | \*\*\*81. | \*\*\*69. |  | \*\*\*68. | \*\*\*72. |
|  | Supervised correlations | .43\* | .35\* |  | 20. | .74\*\*\* |
| *Note.* research groups: TYP: the group with typical development. ASD: the group diagnosed with Autism. The supervised correlations were calculated while controlling the vocabulary measure. |

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| **Table 4** |
| *Summary of regression models for predicting the understanding of idioms and irony* |
|  | **Dependent variables** |
|  | Idioms understanding |  | Irony understanding |
| **Predictor variables** | *B* | *SE* | *Beta* | *p* |  | *B* | *SE* | *Beta* | *p* |
| **Step I** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gender | .28 | 1.31 | .03 | .834 |  | .24 | 1.13 | .03 | .835 |
| Age | -1.11 | 1.09 | -.14 | .316 |  | -1.56 | .94 | -.22 | .104 |
| $$R^{2}$$ | .019 |  |  | .597 |  | .048 |  |  | .262 |
| **Step II** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-verbal intelligence | .12 | .08 | .11 | .111 |  | -.17 | .10 | -.17 | .085 |
| Vocabulary | .35 | .03 | .84 | **<.001** |  | .31 | .04 | .83 | **<.001** |
| $$ΔR^{2}$$ | .810 |  |  | **<.001** |  | .573 |  |  | **<.001** |
| $$R^{2}$$ | .829 |  |  | **<.001** |  | .620 |  |  | **<.001** |
| **Step III** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Research groups | .80 | .48 | .17 | .101 |  | .83 | .27 | .20 | .003 |
| Social situations understanding | .67 | .88 | .14 | .452 |  | .73 | .49 | .17 | .144 |
| ToM | .09 | .76 | .02 | .907 |  | 2.96 | .43 | .70 | **<.001** |
| $$ΔR^{2}$$ | .028 |  |  | **.028** |  | .321 |  |  | **<.001** |
| $$R^{2}$$ | .857 |  |  | **<.001** |  | .942 |  |  | **<.001** |
| **Step IV** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social situations understanding | -.28 | .79 | -.04 | .724 |  | .32 | .43 | .05 | .464 |
| ToM | .36 | .94 | .04 | .700 |  | .04 | .52 | .01 | .938 |
| $$ΔR^{2}$$ | .000 |  |  | .924 |  | .002 |  |  | .456 |
| $$R^{2}$$ | .857 |  |  | **<.001** |  | .944 |  |  | **<.001** |

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