**Supplementary Table 1.** Differences in performance of the executive function tasks among the ASD, unaffected sibling, and control groups controlling for age, sex and ADHD symptoms

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| Mean (SD) | 1.ASD  (N=240) | 2.Sibling  (N=147) | 3.Control  (N=240) |  | ANCOVA† | | ANCOVA§ | |
| F | Comparison | F | Comparison |
| **Digit Span (Verbal Working Memory)** | |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Digit span, forward | 7.74  (1.20) | 7.99  (1.07) | 8.42  (0.83) | 27.38\*\*\* | | 1<2<3 | 18.72\*\*\* | 1,2<3 |
| Digit span, backward | 4.94  (1.73) | 5.19  (1.87) | 6.12  (1.63) | 36.06\*\*\* | | 1,2<3 | 22.68\*\*\* | 1,2<3 |
| **Intra-dimension/Extra-dimension Shift** |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Extra-dimensional shift errors | 10.54  (12.33) | 7.29  (8.12) | 7.37  (8.07) | 8.82\*\*\* | | 1>2,3 | 5.83\*\* | 1>2,3 |
| Total errors (adjusted) | 29.56  (28.95) | 19.37  (15.76) | 20.20  (19.95) | 10.92\*\*\* | | 1>2,3 | 10.92\*\*\* | 1>2,3 |
| **Spatial Span** |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Span length | 6.40  (1.76) | 6.96  (1.64) | 7.22  (1.55) | 25.45\*\*\* | | 1<2,3 | 17.66\*\*\* | 1<2,3 |
| Total usage errors | 1.92  (1.85) | 1.64  (1.77) | 1.33  (1.40) | 11.69\*\*\* | | 1>3 | 5.52\*\* | 1>3 |
| **Spatial Working Memory** |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Strategy utilization | 34.51  (5.25) | 33.04  (5.25) | 31.64  (5.27) | 24.45\*\*\* | | 1>2>3 | 16.02\*\*\* | 1>2,3 |
| Total errors | 34.62  (21.87) | 24.14  (16.60) | 20.30  (16.65) | 51.45\*\*\* | | 1>2,3 | 36.78\*\*\* | 1>2,3 |
| **Stocking of Cambridge** |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Problems solved in minimum moves | 7.40  (2.34) | 8.11  (2.04) | 8.37  (2.06) | 22.13\*\*\* | | 1<2,3 | 8.69\*\*\* | 1<2,3 |

Note. Group comparison significant at the 0.05 level using Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons and further adjusted for multiple testing using false discovery rate; \* *p*<0.05; \*\* *p*<.01; \*\*\* *p*<.001. ANCOVA = Analysis of covariance; †: Controlling for age and sex;

§: Controlling for age, sex, and symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

**Supplementary Table 2.** Individual effects of age, IQ, and symptoms of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) on the executive functions

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|  | Age | | Full-scale intelligence quotient (IQ) | | ADHD symptoms | |
|  | *ß* | *p* value | *ß* | *p* value | *ß* | *p* value |
| **Digit Span (Verbal Working Memory)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Digit span, forward | 0.05 | .145 | 0.02 | <.001 | 0.04 | .636 |
| Digit span, backward | 0.19 | <.001 | 0.02 | .032 | -0.08 | .319 |
| **Intra-dimension/Extra-dimension Shift** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Extra-dimensional shift errors | -0.24 | .384 | -0.17 | <.001 | 0.07 | .278 |
| Total errors (adjusted) | -1.73 | .008 | -0.47 | <.001 | -0.05 | .405 |
| **Spatial Span** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Span length | 0.17 | <.001 | 0.04 | <.001 | 0.05 | .460 |
| Total usage errors | -0.15 | <.001 | -0.03 | <.001 | 0.04 | .587 |
| **Spatial Working Memory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strategy utilization | -0.38 | .001 | -0.09 | <.001 | -0.02 | .793 |
| Total errors | -2.40 | <.001 | -0.46 | <.001 | -0.03 | .605 |
| **Stocking of Cambridge** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Problems solved in minimum moves | 0.24 | <.001 | 0.05 | <.001 | -0.04 | .510 |

*ß* = regression coefficient estimate