Dear Autism Investigators,

Thank you for using this semi-structured interview in your research. We hope that the OARS-5 is useful for determining change over time in core ASD features. We are interested in knowing what you think about this instrument. If you wouldn’t mind answering the questions we have included below it would be great to get your thoughts on how this instrument has performed. Our hope is that with candid feedback, we will be able to improve this instrument for measuring core autism features.

With kind regards,

The OARS-5 Team

Please circle the answer describing your experiences with this scale.

In general, was the OARS-5 easy to use?  
Yes     No

If No, what were the barriers? ____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Were the items in the OARS-5 easy to understand?  
Yes     No

If No, what were the barriers? ____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

What did you think about the Autism CGI-Severity scale?  
Helpful     Not Helpful

What did you think about the Autism CGI-Improvement scale?  
Helpful     Not Helpful

How did you feel about the examples provided for each item?  
OK     Not OK

Suggestions: __________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Were the examples useful for determining the presence of symptoms?  
Yes     No

Do you have suggestions for improving the examples? ________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any recommendations on how we could improve upon this semi-structured interview?  
_____________________________________________________________________________________
How many years of experience do you have working with children and adolescents with ASD? ______

THANKS!! We appreciate your input. When done, please email the completed form to Jill A. Hollway, jill.hollway@osmc.edu, Gene Arnold, L.Arnold@osumc.edu, or Mike Aman, aman.1@osu.edu.