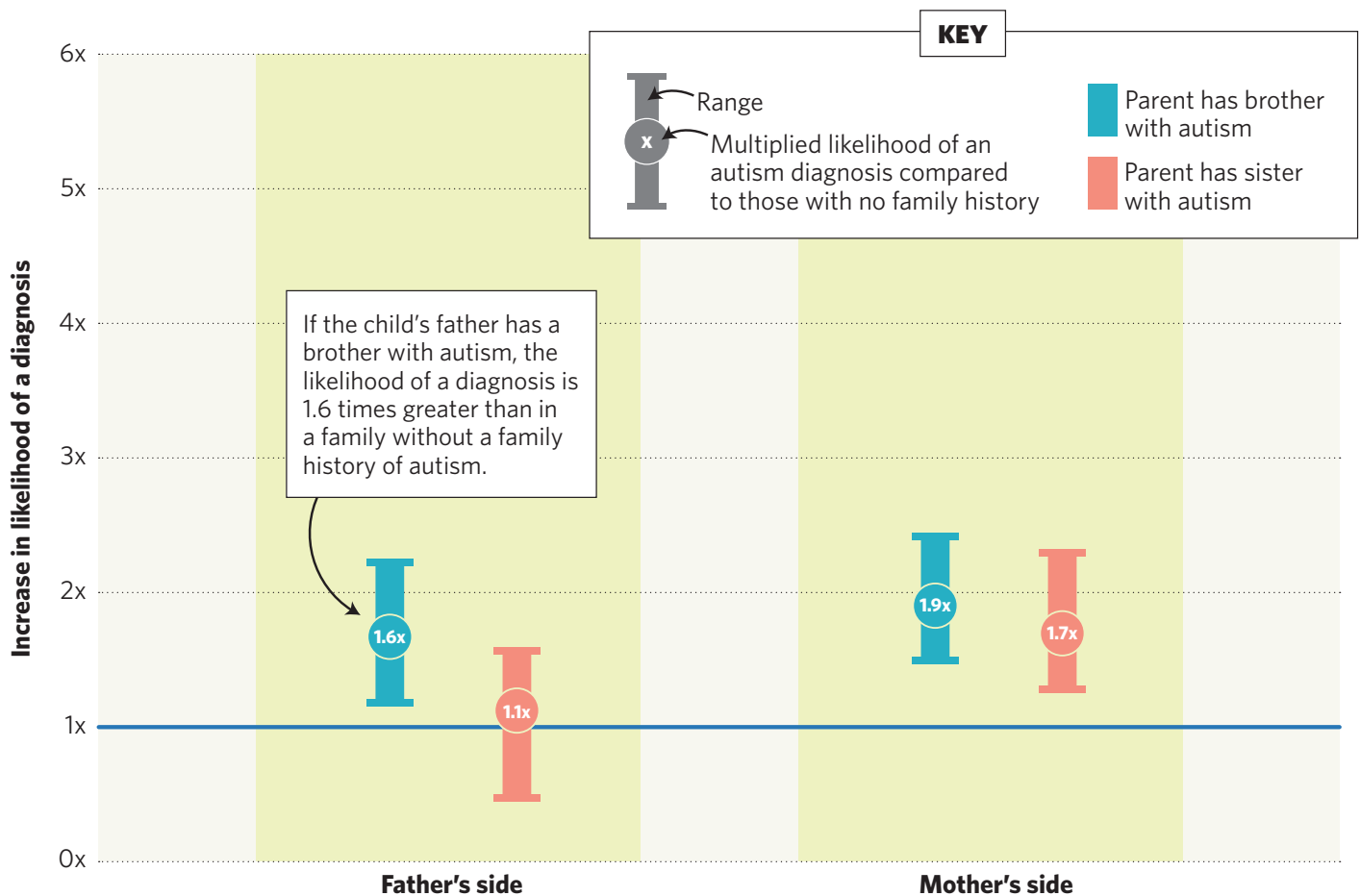


How does having a brother or sister with autism affect the parent's likelihood of having a child with autism?

A study using data from extended families in Sweden show the likelihood of a child being diagnosed with autism depends on whether the parent's autistic sibling is male or female.



Key insights

- On this graph, the blue line (1x) represents the risk in the general population.
- This study shows that a brother with autism on the mother's side confers the greatest risk of autism at 1.9x the general population. At 1x, there is no difference in autism diagnosis.

These data were drawn from the broad autism spectrum diagnosis. We do not have data on profound autism. These data are for informational purposes only and not to be used as medical advice.