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A large number of psychiatric and behavioral disorders affecting children (i.e., autism spectrum disorder) and/or adults (i.e., schizophrenia) have been identified. However, the highly heterogeneous nature of psychiatric and behavioral disorders poses great challenges in elucidating pathogenies and investigating the pathogenesis. Recent researchers have suggested that a combination of genetic and environmental factors may determine the etiology of most disorders. Therefore, identification of these key factors, particularly the association between genetic and environmental risk factors, would be of great benefit to the diagnosis and treatment of these illnesses in clinical environments.

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