



The Molecular Genetics of Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Autism spectrum disorders are a heterogenous set of neurodevelopmental conditions characterized by persistent difficulties with social skills, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as repetitive behaviours. The prevalence of these conditions is increasing, affecting 1 in 44 children in the US. The aetiology of autism has complex genetic and environmental origins. Hundreds of genes associated with autism, and multigene interactions and rare mutations greatly contribute to this condition. In the same way, epigenetic changes are also involved in autism onset.

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