

Five most common mental illnesses may share genetic root

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The biggest study yet into genetics and mental health has come up with a stunning result: The five most common mental illnesses — autism, attention deficit disorder, bipolar disease, schizophrenia and major depression — all have a common genetic root.

The finding, published in the journal *Lancet* on Wednesday, may eventually lead to a complete rewrite of the medical understanding of the causes of mental illness.

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