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Researchers are striving to understand the different genetic structures that underlie at least a subset of autism spectrum disorders. In cases where the genetic code is in error, did that happen anew in the patient, perhaps through mutation or copying error, or was it inherited? A new study in the *American Journal of Human Genetics* finds evidence that there may often be a recessive, inherited genetic contribution in autism with significant intellectual disability.

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