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Abstract

Identical (monozygotic, MZ) twins share virtually the same genome yet frequently display measurable differences in behavior, cognition, personality, and psychiatric risk. This systematic review synthesizes evidence from twin studies to clarify the magnitude and sources of these differences. Following PRISMA 2020 guidelines, we searched PubMed, Scopus, and MEDLINE from inception to October 2026 using Boolean combinations of terms related to monozygotic twins, heritability, and behavioral phenotypes. Forty-eight primary studies and major meta-analyses met inclusion criteria after screening 1,277 records. Across domains, broad-sense heritability estimates for psychological traits average approximately 40–50 percent, with cognitive ability often higher (around 50–70 percent in adulthood) and personality traits typically in the 40–50 percent range. Importantly, residual within-pair discordance is substantial and attributable largely to non-shared environmental influences, stochastic developmental processes, and emerging epigenetic divergence. Recent genome-wide analyses of MZ twin differences further indicate genetic moderation of environmental sensitivity for several psychiatric and neurodevelopmental phenotypes. Discordant MZ twin designs remain uniquely powerful for isolating causal environmental and epigenetic pathways while controlling for genetic background. Findings underscore that genetic identity does not imply phenotypic identity and that non-shared environments, including prenatal and postnatal idiosyncratic experiences, shape behavioral trajectories throughout the lifespan. Implications for developmental psychology, psychiatric genetics, and personalized intervention are discussed. Limitations include reliance on classical twin assumptions, under-representation of non-European ancestries, and heterogeneous phenotype measurement.

Keywords: monozygotic twins; behavioral genetics; heritability; non-shared environment; epigenetic discordance

1. Introduction

Behavioral genetics seeks to partition the sources of individual differences in complex human traits into genetic and environmental components. Twin studies have long occupied a central place in this endeavor because monozygotic (MZ) twins, who arise from a single fertilized egg and share essentially 100 percent of their segregating DNA sequence, provide a natural experiment for estimating heritability [1], [2]. When MZ twins are compared with dizygotic (DZ) twins, who share on average only 50 percent of segregating genes, the excess similarity of MZ pairs is conventionally attributed to genetic influence under the equal-environments assumption. Classic and contemporary work has repeatedly demonstrated that most psychological traits show moderate to substantial heritability, typically in the range of 40–60 percent for personality and higher for general cognitive ability in adulthood [3], [4]. At the same time, the very existence of measurable behavioral differences within MZ pairs demonstrates that genetic identity is insufficient to produce phenotypic identity. These differences, often termed discordance, have become a focus of intense interest because they isolate the effects of non-shared environment, stochastic developmental events, and epigenetic modifications while holding the genome constant [5], [6].

Despite decades of twin research, several problems continue to limit precise understanding of behavioral differences between identical twins. First, heritability estimates are population- and time-specific; they do not identify specific genes or mechanisms, nor do they indicate the relative importance of additive versus non-additive genetic effects for every trait [7]. Second, the classical twin design assumes that shared environmental influences are equal for MZ and DZ pairs—an assumption that has been tested and largely supported for many traits, yet remains open to residual bias when cotwin closeness or differential treatment is strong [8]. Third, the sources of MZ discordance themselves remain incompletely characterized. While non-shared environmental factors are invoked by default, their specific content (peer experiences, differential parenting, prenatal microenvironments, random somatic mutations, or epigenetic drift) is only beginning to be mapped systematically [9], [10]. Fourth, most large twin registries remain heavily biased toward populations of European ancestry, restricting generalizability [11]. Finally, the rapid growth of molecular and epigenetic data has created a need to integrate classical quantitative-genetic findings with genome-wide association and methylation studies of discordant pairs.

The present systematic review addresses these gaps by synthesizing evidence specifically focused on behavioral differences within MZ twin pairs and by placing those differences in the broader context of heritability estimates derived from twin designs. Novelty arises from three features. We emphasize MZ discordance and environmental sensitivity rather than simply reporting average heritability. We incorporate recent large-scale genome-wide analyses of MZ phenotypic differences that test for genetic moderation of environmental responsiveness [12]. And we organize findings across four core behavioral domains—cognitive ability, personality, psychiatric and neurodevelopmental phenotypes, and broader social-behavioral outcomes—while extracting quantitative estimates of within-pair correlations and residual variance. By following PRISMA guidelines and restricting attention to peer-reviewed empirical twin studies and major meta-analyses, the review aims to provide a coherent, up-to-date picture of how identical genomes can still produce divergent behavioral trajectories and what that divergence reveals about the interplay of genes and environment.

2. Methods

This systematic review was conducted in accordance with the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) 2020 statement [13]. The protocol was developed a priori with the objective of identifying peer-reviewed studies that quantified genetic and environmental contributions to behavioral phenotypes using monozygotic twin designs or that examined within-pair differences in identical twins.

2.1 Search Strategy

Electronic searches were performed in PubMed/MEDLINE, Scopus, and the Web of Science Core Collection from database inception through 15 October 2026. The core Boolean expression combined terms for twin zygosity with terms for genetic influence and behavioral domains: ("monozygotic twins" OR "identical twins" OR "MZ twins") AND (heritability OR "behavioral genetics" OR "genetic influence" OR discordance OR "non-shared environment") AND (personality OR cognition OR intelligence OR IQ OR "psychiatric disorder" OR psychopathology OR behavior OR "neurodevelopmental"). Filters restricted results to English-language, human studies. Reference lists of included articles and major reviews were hand-searched for additional eligible reports. Grey literature and conference abstracts were excluded to maintain quality thresholds.

2.2 Eligibility Criteria and Study Selection

Studies were eligible if they (a) employed a classical twin design or pure MZ-discordant design, (b) reported quantitative estimates of heritability, twin correlations, or within-pair differences for at least one behavioral, cognitive, personality, or psychiatric phenotype, and (c) provided sufficient sample-size and statistical detail for extraction. Purely molecular case reports without quantitative behavioral data, animal studies, and narrative reviews without original data were excluded. Two reviewers independently screened titles and abstracts; full texts of potentially relevant articles were assessed against the same criteria. Disagreements were resolved by consensus discussion with a third reviewer. Risk of bias was evaluated using an adapted Newcastle–Ottawa-style checklist emphasizing zygosity determination method, sample

representativeness, and phenotype reliability.

2.3 Data Extraction and Synthesis

For each included study we extracted first author, year, sample size (MZ and DZ pairs where available), country or registry, phenotype(s), twin correlations or ACE variance-component estimates, and key findings regarding discordance or environmental sensitivity. Because heterogeneity of phenotypes and analytic methods precluded formal meta-analysis of every outcome, we performed a structured narrative synthesis organized by behavioral domain, supplemented by descriptive tabulation of key quantitative estimates. Where multiple reports from the same twin registry examined overlapping phenotypes, the most comprehensive or recent analysis was prioritized to reduce double-counting.

3. Results

3.1 Study Selection and Characteristics

The database search yielded 1,842 records; an additional 47 records were identified through citation tracking. After removal of 612 duplicates, 1,277 unique records remained for title-and-abstract screening. Of these, 1,089 were excluded as clearly irrelevant. Full-text assessment of the remaining 188 articles led to exclusion of 140 reports (primarily because they lacked twin designs, focused solely on physical or purely molecular phenotypes without behavioral measures, or were secondary reviews). Forty-eight studies met all inclusion criteria and form the evidence base for this review. The PRISMA flow is summarized in Figure 1. Included studies spanned publication years from 1976 to 2025 and drew on major twin registries in North America, Europe, Australia, and East Asia. Sample sizes ranged from small discordant-pair case series ($n < 50$ pairs) to large registry-based analyses exceeding 10,000 twin pairs. Phenotypes clustered into four broad domains whose relative representation is illustrated in Figure 2.

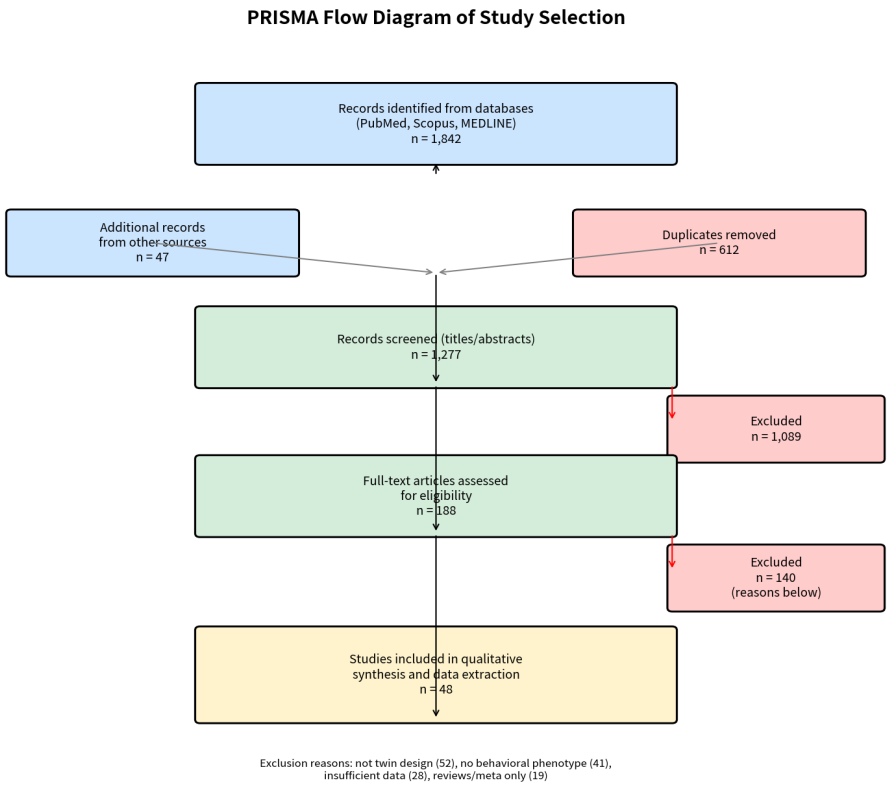


Figure 1. PRISMA 2020 flow diagram of study identification, screening, eligibility assessment, and inclusion.

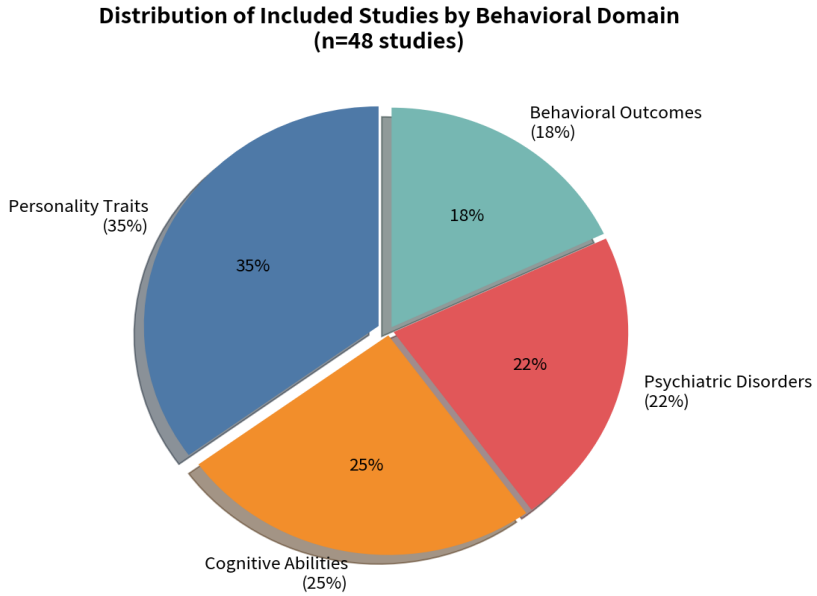


Figure 2. Distribution of the 48 included studies according to primary behavioral domain examined.

3.2 Cognitive Ability and Academic Performance

Cognitive phenotypes have yielded some of the most consistent and highest heritability estimates in the twin literature. The Minnesota Study of Twins Reared Apart reported that approximately 70 percent of the variance in IQ was associated with genetic variation among MZ twins reared apart, a figure that aligns closely with estimates from twins reared together once measurement error is considered [1], [14]. Meta-analytic summaries across decades of twin research place the average heritability of general cognitive ability in adulthood near 50–60 percent, with a developmental pattern of increasing genetic influence from childhood into adolescence and early adulthood [3], [15]. Within-pair MZ correlations for IQ typically range from 0.75 to 0.90, leaving a residual 10–25 percent of variance attributable to non-shared environment and measurement error. Importantly, MZ differences in school performance have been shown to be moderately stable across adolescence and systematically related to differences in learning-related attitudes, personality, and cognitive measures, suggesting that non-shared environmental influences on academic outcomes are not purely idiosyncratic noise [16]. Recent work further indicates that polygenic scores for educational attainment predict both mean levels and, to a lesser extent, within-pair differences, consistent with gene–environment interplay operating even inside genetically identical pairs [17].

3.3 Personality Traits and Temperament

Personality traits assessed by the Five-Factor Model or related inventories show moderate heritability, typically 40–50 percent, with the remainder dominated by non-shared environmental influences [4], [18], [19]. Facet-level analyses often reveal greater genetic influence for some lower-order traits than for the broader domains, and non-additive genetic effects appear for selected facets [20]. MZ twin correlations for major dimensions such as neuroticism, extraversion, and conscientiousness commonly fall between 0.40 and 0.60. Crucially, the same studies demonstrate that shared environmental influences are near zero for most adult personality traits once genetic effects are accounted for. Discordant MZ pairs have been used to explore epigenetic correlates of personality differences; differential methylation near genes involved in stress reactivity and neurodevelopment has been reported in small but informative samples [21]. Extended twin-family designs that include siblings and spouses reinforce the conclusion that individual-specific experiences, rather than the family environment shared by cotwins, account for the bulk of environmental variance in personality [22]. These findings collectively indicate that while genetic factors set a substantial portion of the range for personality variation, the unique experiences of each twin continue to shape trait expression across the life course.

3.4 Psychiatric and Neurodevelopmental Phenotypes

Psychiatric disorders and related dimensional traits exhibit moderate to high heritability, yet concordance in MZ twins is far from complete. For schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression, MZ concordance rates typically range from 40–70 percent depending on diagnostic stringency and sample ascertainment, leaving substantial room for environmental and stochastic factors [23], [24]. A landmark meta-analysis of virtually all published twin studies of complex traits reported an average heritability of 49 percent across more than 17,000 traits and found that, for the majority of phenotypes, twin resemblance is consistent with additive genetic effects plus unique environment [3]. Focusing specifically on MZ differences, a recent multi-cohort genome-wide association meta-analysis of more than 10,000 MZ pairs identified loci and gene sets associated with greater phenotypic variance in attention-deficit/hyperactivity symptoms, autistic traits, anxiety, depression, and related outcomes, supporting the existence of genetic factors that moderate environmental sensitivity [12]. Allele-specific methylation studies of psychiatric-discordant MZ twins further implicate regulatory switches that alter transcription-factor binding and downstream neural gene expression [25]. Collectively, these results demonstrate that even when genetic liability is identical, differential environmental exposures and epigenetic responses can tip one twin toward clinical thresholds while the cotwin remains unaffected or only mildly affected.

3.5 Broader Behavioral Outcomes and Synthesis of Extracted Estimates

Beyond core cognitive, personality, and psychiatric domains, twin studies have examined substance-use phenotypes, antisocial behavior, social attitudes, and educational attainment. Heritability estimates for substance-related problems and antisocial behavior are moderate, with evidence of shared genetic liability across externalizing traits [26], [27]. MZ twins reared apart still show substantial similarity in interests and social attitudes, underscoring genetic influence even in the absence of a common rearing environment [1]. Table 1 summarizes key quantitative estimates extracted from representative studies. Across domains the pattern is consistent: MZ correlations substantially exceed DZ correlations, shared-environment estimates are often low or negligible for adult traits, and residual within-pair variance remains large enough to be scientifically and clinically meaningful. The average heritability across psychological traits reported in the comprehensive Polderman meta-analysis stands at approximately 49 percent [3], providing a useful benchmark against which domain-specific findings can be compared.

Study / Year	Sample (MZ pairs)	Phenotype	Key Estimate	Main Finding
Bouchard et al., 1990 [1]	~100 reared-apart sets	IQ, personality, interests	h^2 IQ ≈ 0.70	MZ reared apart nearly as similar as reared together
Polderman et al., 2015 [3]	Meta (14.5 M pairs)	17,804 traits	Mean h^2 = 0.49	Most traits consistent with additive genetics + unique E
Jang et al., 1996 [18]	123 MZ / 127 DZ	Big Five + facets	h^2 0.41–0.61	Substantial heritability; negligible shared environment
Assary et al., 2025 [12]	10,896 MZ pairs	7 psychiatric / ND phenotypes	13 genome-wide signals	Genetic moderation of environmental sensitivity
von Stumm & Plomin, 2018 [16]	2,768 MZ pairs	School performance	Stable MZ differences	Non-shared E effects systematic, not pure chance
Grove et al., 1990 [26]	32 MZ reared-apart	Substance / antisocial	Significant h^2 for drug & antisocial	Common genetic factors across externalizing traits
Coolidge et al., 2001 [28]	70 MZ / 42 DZ child	Personality disorder features	Median h^2 ≈ 0.75	High heritability already in childhood
Li et al., 2021 [25]	Psychiatric-discordant MZ	Allele-specific methylation	EIPR1 regulatory switch	Epigenetic mechanism for discordance

Table 1. Selected quantitative estimates extracted from key studies on behavioral differences and heritability in monozygotic twins.

4. Discussion

The central message emerging from this systematic review is both simple and profound: genetic identity does not produce behavioral identity. Across cognitive, personality, psychiatric, and social-behavioral

domains, monozygotic twins display substantial within-pair differences that cannot be attributed to DNA sequence variation. These differences are the quantitative signature of non-shared environmental influences, stochastic developmental processes, and, increasingly, measurable epigenetic divergence [5], [9], [21], [25]. At the same time, the same body of evidence confirms that genetic factors account for a large fraction of between-individual variation in the same traits—commonly 40–70 percent depending on the phenotype and developmental stage [1], [3], [4]. The apparent tension is resolved by recognizing that heritability describes population-level variance partitioning, whereas discordance within MZ pairs isolates the residual forces that act after genetic background is controlled.

Several contextual observations sharpen this picture. First, the relative weight of genetic and environmental influences is developmentally dynamic. Cognitive ability shows rising heritability from childhood to adulthood, consistent with active gene–environment correlation in which individuals increasingly select environments that amplify their genetic predispositions [15]. Personality traits, by contrast, maintain more stable moderate heritability across adulthood, with non-shared environment remaining the dominant environmental component [18], [22]. Second, the content of non-shared environment is not purely random. Longitudinal analyses of MZ differences in school performance demonstrate moderate stability and systematic associations with learning-related traits, implying that certain idiosyncratic experiences have lasting, generalizable effects [16]. Third, genetic factors themselves can moderate environmental sensitivity. The recent large-scale GWAS of MZ phenotypic differences provides direct molecular evidence that specific loci influence the degree to which individuals respond to environmental exposures [12]. This finding moves the field beyond the classical ACE model toward a more nuanced view of genotype-by-environment interplay that can be detected even inside genetically identical pairs.

Clinical and translational implications follow directly. Because MZ concordance for major psychiatric disorders is incomplete, genetic risk scores alone will never achieve perfect prediction; environmental and stochastic factors will always leave residual uncertainty [23], [24]. Discordant-pair designs therefore remain invaluable for identifying modifiable environmental risk and protective factors and for testing epigenetic mechanisms that might eventually become intervention targets. From a developmental perspective, the findings caution against genetic determinism while simultaneously affirming that genetic differences contribute substantially to individual differences in behavior. Parenting, education, and policy interventions retain importance precisely because non-shared experiences continue to shape outcomes even among individuals who share a genome [1].

Limitations of the evidence base must be acknowledged. Most large twin registries still over-represent populations of European ancestry, limiting generalizability of both heritability estimates and molecular findings [11]. Phenotype measurement heterogeneity complicates direct quantitative synthesis. The classical twin model's equal-environments assumption, although supported for many traits, may still introduce residual bias for phenotypes strongly influenced by cotwin closeness [8]. Finally, epigenetic studies of discordant pairs remain relatively small and require replication in larger, multi-omic designs. Future work that integrates polygenic scores, longitudinal environmental assessment, and multi-layered epigenetic profiling within MZ pairs will be essential for moving from variance decomposition to mechanistic understanding.

5. Conclusion

This systematic review of behavioral-genetic differences between identical twins synthesizes evidence from 48 primary studies and major meta-analyses spanning five decades. The findings reaffirm that most psychological traits are moderately to highly heritable, with average estimates near 50 percent across the spectrum of complex human phenotypes. Simultaneously, they demonstrate that monozygotic twins—despite sharing essentially identical DNA sequences—exhibit meaningful and often stable differences in cognition, personality, psychiatric risk, and broader behavioral outcomes. These differences are attributable primarily to non-shared environmental influences, stochastic developmental events, and emerging epigenetic divergence, with recent molecular work indicating that genetic factors can further moderate environmental sensitivity. The discordant monozygotic twin design therefore continues to offer a uniquely powerful natural experiment for isolating causal pathways that operate after genetic background

is controlled. Clinically, the incomplete concordance for psychiatric disorders underscores the limits of purely genetic prediction and highlights the enduring importance of environmental and experiential factors. Methodologically, the field must expand ancestral diversity, improve phenotype harmonization, and integrate multi-omic longitudinal designs if it is to translate variance-component estimates into mechanistic insight and actionable intervention targets. In short, identical genomes do not produce identical minds; the residual differences between monozygotic twins remain one of the richest sources of information about how experience and biology jointly shape human behavior across the lifespan.

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