



# FAMILIAL TRANSMISSION OF BPD AND ITS PHENOTYPES

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# Methodologic Strengths

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- Direct interview of relatives
  - No bias due to indirect reports
- Larger sample than any previous family interview study
- Comparison probands matched on age, SES, minority status
- Comparison probands not selected to be free of psychiatric disorders; that is, not “super-normals”
- Diagnoses made by operational criteria using reliable raters with semi-structured diagnostic interview
- Causally rigorous assessment of coaggregation



# Sample

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## Proband Group

	BPD	No BPD	MDD
Probands	117	118	80
Relatives	285	305	186

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