It has been known for many years that variations in the molecules, cells, and connections within the brain make people vulnerable to mental illnesses. But until recently, there were few tools to explore these variations. Thanks to huge advances over the last few decades in molecular biology, cellular biology, and neurobiology, these tools are now available. Some psychiatrists are using them to probe the biological origins of mental illness and to develop new treatments.

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