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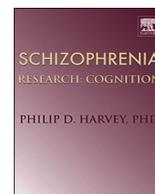
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Preface to virtual special issue: The evolution of cognitive impairment in schizophrenia

Although schizophrenia has widely been accepted as a neurodevelopmental disorder, with manifestations of the condition visible very early in life, there are many remaining controversies. Does believing that the condition is neurodevelopmental in origin imply that no degenerative changes will occur? Which changes over time are due to the illness or to its treatment and co-morbidities? Are there continuities during premorbid, prodromal, early, and later stages of the illness and are they similar across cognitive, social cognitive, functional capacity and real world functioning? This special issue does not answer all of these questions, but the papers in it address the evolution of cognitive functioning and related features in a comprehensive and diverse way.

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