# Childhood psychotic-like experiences are primarily correlated with emotional state, lifestyle habits and



## environmental stressors

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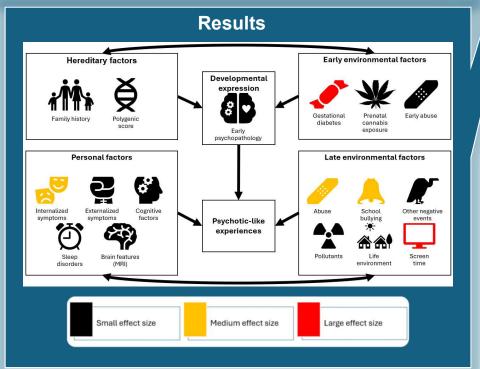
### Background

• Psychotic-like experiences (PLEs) are common and mostly transient during childhood.

**Methods** 

- PLEs during childhood are nevertheless correlated to mental disorders during adolescence and adulthood, poorer academic achievement, and higher healthcare costs.
- Due to the potential poor prognosis of PLEs, preventive or therapeutic measures should be considered. Therefore, it is important to identify the risks factors for these phenomena.
- Bibliographic searches were conducted on 18/08/23 and 02/02/2024,
- Terms used: « psychotic-like experience\* » OR « psychotic experience\* » OR « unusual experience\* » AND « child\* ».
- Inclusion: Quantitative studies about risk factors for PLEs in children < 12 years of age, without any psychotic disorder, and representative of the general population.
- Limited to studies published between 2014 and 2024 and written in English or French

Records identified from databases (n = 1611) • PubMed (n = 562) • PsycINFO (n = 483) • Scopus (n = 566)	Records removed before screening: Duplicate records removed (n = 901)
Records screened based on title and abstract (n = 710)	Records excluded (n = 594)
Reports sought for retrieval (n = 116)	Reports not retrieved (n = 0)
Full texts assessed for eligibility (n = 116)	Full texts excluded (n = 91)
Articles included (n = 25) Studies included (n = 30)	



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#### Conclusions

- Except for exposure to gestational diabetes, the most relevant risk factors for PLEs in childhood are postnatal.
- Interventions should focus on current affective symptoms, interpersonal stressors, and lifestyle habits such as screen use.

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