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**Systematic direct observation-based analysis
of aggressive behavior of a typically
developing 11 year old girl**

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An 11 year old girl with a psychiatric diagnoses of ADHD and depressive disorder NOS, who had had liver and bowel transplants was referred for treatment of aggressive behavior toward her mother. Aggression was reported to be most likely to occur during the girl's morning medication regimen. Direct observation data were collected every morning before school for two weeks to examine the interactions between the girl and her mother. Descriptive analyses of the data indicated that aggressive behavior was most likely to occur following negative statements by the girl's mother. Results are discussed in terms of the utility of systematic analysis of the environmental influences on aggressive behavior.