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Title: A case of a four-year-old child adopted at eight months with unusual mood patterns and significant polypharmacy.

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This is a case study of a situation that is common in clinical practice: serious psychopathology in a young child who was exposed to severe/neglect trauma in early life. This case illustrates difficult elements that clinicians struggle with: severe mood dysregulation and aggression, ADHD which is not responsive to first line agents and a history of complex psychopharmacology. The case will be of interest to readers and should generate discussion. The addition of some information would greatly enhance the understanding of the case. What is the patient's intellectual level? Does the patient have any language problems? Do the authors have access to records of the dose and duration of the various psychotropic medications used? If so, a table might be useful to describe this. If this information is not available this should be noted as a limitation. If available, describe the inpatient course and the discharge medications, if any.

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