

Pediatric Dosing of Aluminum in Vaccines: Comparisons of Schedules

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Reconsideration of the immunotherapeutic pediatric safe dose levels of aluminum

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ABSTRACT

FDA regulations require safety testing of constituent ingredients in drugs (21 CFR 610.15). With the exception of extraneous proteins, no component safety testing is required for vaccines or vaccine schedules. The dosing of aluminum in vaccines is based on the production of antibody titers, not safety science. Here we estimate a Pediatric Dose Limit that considers body weight. We identify several serious historical mistakes in past analyses of provisional safe levels of aluminum in vaccines, and provide updates relevant to infant aluminum exposure in the pediatric schedule considering pediatric body weight. When aluminum doses are estimated from Federal Regulatory Code given body weight, exposure from the current vaccine schedule are found to exceed our estimate of a weight-corrected Pediatric Dose Limit. Our calculations show that the levels of aluminum suggested by the currently used limits place infants at risk of acute, repeated, and possibly chronic exposures of toxic levels of aluminum in modern vaccine schedules. Individual adult exposures are on par with Provisional Tolerable Weekly Intake "limits", but some individuals may be aluminum intolerant due to genetics or previous exposures. Vaccination in neonates and low birth-weight infants must be re-assessed; other implications for the use of aluminum-containing vaccines, and additional limitations in our understanding of neurotoxicity and safety levels of aluminum in biologics are discussed.

1. Introduction

Aluminum is used as an adjuvant in vaccines licensed by the US

time, there are no known or published studies specifically defining levels of Al in any vaccine product based on safety studies of Al.

Safety for aluminum from all sources is based on the No Observed

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Acute exposure and chronic retention of aluminum in three vaccine schedules and effects of genetic and environmental variation

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CDC

Vaccine	Aluminum Content (ug)* per dose	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16-18 yrs
Hepatitis B1 (HepB)	250	1st dose		2nd dose		3rd dose											
Rotavirus2 (RV)	0			1st dose	2nd dose												
RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)																	
Diphtheria, tetanus, & acellular pertussis3 (DTaP; <7 yrs)	625			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose				←4th dose→			5th dose				
Haemophilus influenzae type b4 (Hib)	225			1st dose	2nd dose			←3rd or 4th dose,									
Pneumococcal conjugate5 (PCV13)	125			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		←4th dose→									
Inactivated poliovirus6 (IPV;<18 yrs)	0			1st dose	2nd dose	←3rd dose→							←4th dose→				
Influenza7 (IIV; LAIV)	0					Annual vaccination (IIV only) 1 or 2 doses				Annual vaccination (IIV only) 1 or 2 doses	Annual vaccination (IIV only) 1 or 2 doses	Annual vaccination (IIV only) 1 or 2 doses					
Measles, mumps, rubella8 (MMR)	0							1st dose					2nd dose				
Varicella9 (VAR)	0							1st dose					2nd dose				
Hepatitis A10 (HepA)	250							1st dose		2nd dose							
Meningococcal11 (Hib-MenCY ≥ 6 weeks; MenACWY-D ≥ 9 mos; MenACWY-CRM ≥ 2 mos)	0													1st dose			
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis12 (Tdap; ≥7 yrs)	330																(Tdap)
Human papillomavirus13 (2vHPV:females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV:males and females)	0																(3 dose series)
Meningococcal B11	0																
Pneumococcal polysaccharide5 (PPSV23)	Unknown																
	* Total ug not adjusted to ug/kg	250		1225	975	1000		600		875							

Vaccine Friendly Plan



Vaccine Plan

Dr. Paul Thomas, M.D., F.A.A.P.

Since 2008, Dr. Paul and the team at Integrative Pediatrics LLC have been using the plan outlined below. Combining this vaccine plan with exclusive breastfeeding, eating a diet of real food, getting enough vitamin D, exercising, and avoiding toxins like acetaminophen, aspartame, and glyphosate, the children in his practice have experienced superior health, and a significantly lower rate of autism (0 in 1176) than the national average, which is 1 in 45.

If you have autism in the family, a history of autoimmune disorders, or an MTHFR mutation: delay vaccines until at least age five.

Pregnancy:	No vaccines (No Tdap, No flu)
Birth:	No Hep B
2 months:	Hib, DTaP (No Hep B, Rotavirus, IPV)
3 months:	Pevnar
4 months:	Hib, DTaP (No Rotavirus, IPV)
5 months:	Pevnar
6 months:	Hib, DTaP (No Hep B, Rotavirus, IPV)
7 – 9 months:	Pevnar,
1 year:	Hib, Pevnar (No MMR, Hep A, Varicella)
18 months:	DTaP,
2 years:	(No Hep A)
3 years:	Consider MMR (always give MMR by itself)
4 - 6 years:	DTaP, (consider Varicella, IPV)
10 years:	Tdap (boost every 5 – 10 years)
11 years:	Menveo or Menactra (meningococcal), Varicella
12-14 years:	Hepatitis B (3 dose series)
16 – 18 Years:	Menveo or Menactra & consider meningococcal B, Hepatitis A

Why Reduce Aluminum?

- Aluminum is found in amyloid, the protein/non-protein aggregates in Alzheimer's brain
- Aluminum hydroxide is used to routinely and reliably induce autoimmune conditions in animals (mice & rats)

Disruption of erythropoiesis and RBC function

- Osteomalacia in bone
- Cholestasis in liver
- Aluminum inhibits defensive mechanisms connected with white blood cells and macrophages
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16146022>



Aluminium Induced Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress Mediated Cell Death in SH-SY5Y Neuroblastoma Cell Line Is Independent of p53

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Abstract

Aluminium (Al) is found in household utensils, metal cans, and a variety of neurodegenerative diseases in endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress. We observed that Al causes oxidative stress by increasing ROS production and intracellular calcium levels together with depletion of intracellular GSH levels. We also studied modulation of key pro- and anti-apoptotic proteins and found significant alterations in the levels of Nrf2, NQO1, pAKT, p21, Bax, Bcl2, A β 1-40 and Cyt c together with increase in endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress related proteins like CHOP and caspase 12. However, with respect to the role of p53, we observed downregulation of its transcript as well as protein levels while analysis of its ubiquitination status revealed no significant changes. Not only did Al increase the activities of caspase 9, caspase 12 and caspase 3, but, by the use of peptide inhibitors of specific and pan-caspases, we observed significant protection against neuronal cell death upon inhibition of

“Overall our findings suggest that Al induces ER stress and ROS generation which compromises the antioxidant defenses of neuronal cells thereby promoting neuronal apoptosis in p53 independent pathway.”

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Aluminum-induced Defective Mitochondrial Metabolism Perturbs Cytoskeletal Dynamics in Human Astrocytoma Cells

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Although aluminum (Al), a known environmental toxin, has been implicated in a variety of neurological disorders, the molecular mechanism responsible for these conditions is not fully understood. In this report, we demonstrate the ability of Al to trigger mitochondrial dysfunction and ineffective adenosine triphosphate (ATP) production. This situation severely affected cytoskeletal dynamics. Whereas the control cells had well-defined structures, the Al-exposed astrocytoma cells

gradient, which is tapped to drive ATP formation (Yoshida et al., 2001). Complex eukaryotes also rely on other sources of ATP such as phosphagens in order to sustain energy demands (Sauer and Schlattner, 2004). Highly oxidative tissues such as the human brain and skeletal muscle invoke creatine kinase (CK) to produce ATP from phosphocreatine when energy is in high demand (Saks et al., 1996).

The brain consumes the most energy in the human

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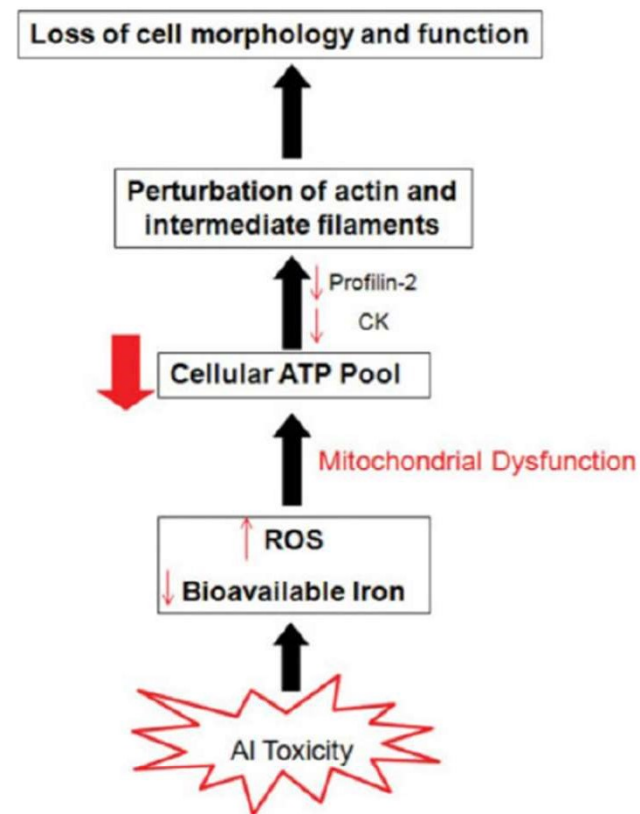
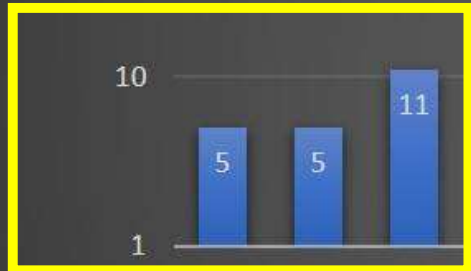


Fig. 9. Molecular link between Al toxicity and morphological perturbation in human astrocytoma cells. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at www.interscience.wiley.com.]

Citation (et al.)	Condition	Animal	bw (g)*	bw (kg)	AL dose (mcg)	AL dose (mg)	mcg/kg	mg/kg	human max exposure** (mcg/kg)	x human max exposure
Zhu[37]	Atherosclerosis	apoE null C57BL/6 mice	20	0.02	25	0.025	1250	1.25	230	5
Zhu[37]	Atherosclerosis	LDLR null C57BL/6 mice	20	0.02	25	0.025	1250	1.25	230	5
Kelly-Scumpia[38]	Lupus	C57bl/6 mice	20	0.02	50	0.05	2500	2.50	230	11
Yasar[39]	Allergic rhinitis	Rats	250	0.25	1000	1	4000	4.00	230	17
Elsakkar[40]	Asthma	CD1 mice (male)	25	0.025	292	0.292	11680	11.68	230	51
Elsakkar[40]	Asthma	CD1 mice (male)	20	0.02	292	0.292	14600	14.60	230	63
Qi[41]	CP/CPPS	Wistar rats	250	0.25	6250	1.25	25000	5.00	230	109
Brandt[42]	GI allergy, asthma	BALB/c	20	0.02	1000	1	50000	50.00	230	217
Qi[41]	CP/CPPS	Wistar rats	250	0.25	12500	2.5	50000	10.00	230	217
Agmon-Levin[43]	Lupus	NZBWF1 mice (female)	38	0.038	2000	40	52631	1052.63	230	229
Yang[44]	Rhinitis	SD rats	400	0.4	30000	30	75000	75.00	230	326
Xi[45]	Rhinitis	BALB/c mice (female)	24	0.024	5000	5	208333	208.33	230	906
Xi[45]	Rhinitis	BALB/c mice (female)	17	0.017	5000	5	294117	294.12	230	1279
Sagawa[46]	Arthritis	BALB/c mice (female)	20	0.02	40000	40	2000000	2000.00	230	8696
Sagawa[46]	Arthritis	DBA/1 mice (male)	18	0.018	40000	40	2222222	2222.22	230	9662

** estimated at 1225 mcg AL/5.326 kg (median body weight @ 2 mos.). Meant to be typical.

Genetic risk animal models



Clark's Rule

Observed Adverse Effects Level (LOAEL).

Each of the established FDA-approved doses of 850 μg and 1250 μg were converted to the equivalent dose expressed using Clark's Rule [28,39]:

$$\text{Child's Dose (mg)} = \text{Adult Dose (mg)} \times \frac{BW(\text{Child})\text{lbs}}{BW(\text{Adult})\text{lbs}}$$

The body weights for infants from birth through 24 months of age used in the Clark's Rule calculation were obtained using calculated growth velocities obtained from Weight for Age standards for females from the 5th to the 95th percentile [40,41]. The pediatric doses were compared to the same doses in an adult by the body weight of 60 kg.

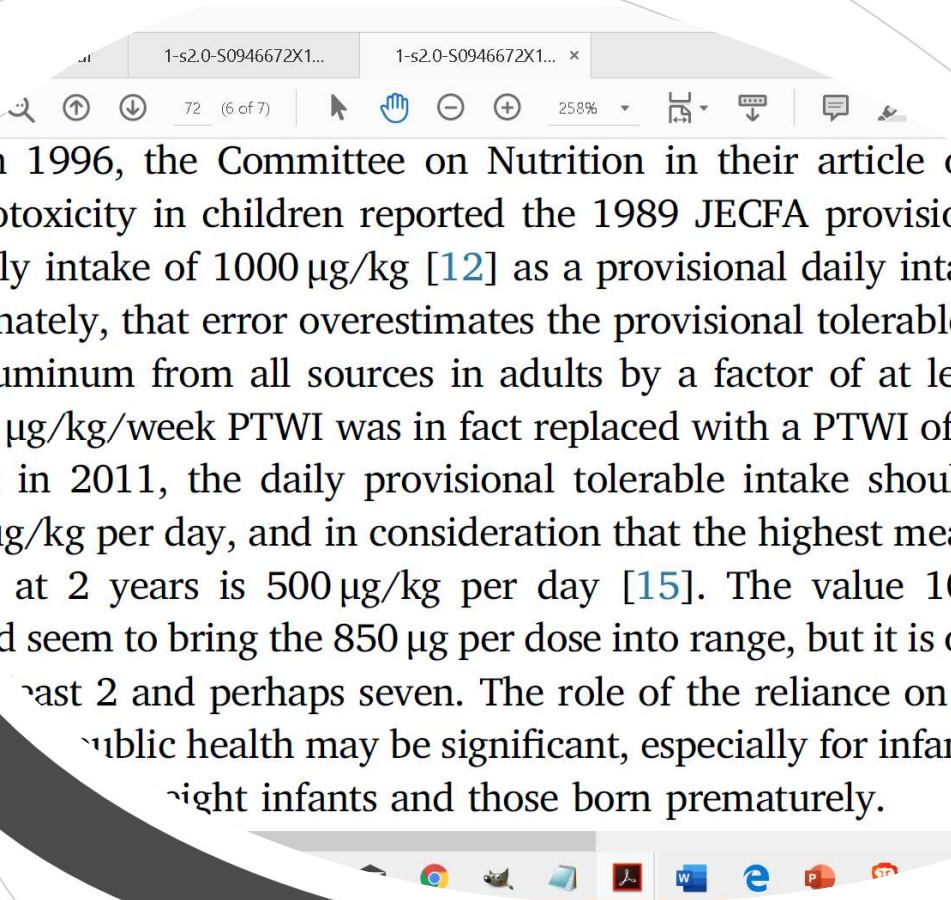
Minimal risk level of aluminum in children

- FDA Adult Limit 850 mcg *per dose*
- FDA Pediatric Limit: ????????????????

Mitkus et al. – The FDA's Paper on Aluminum

- Used a model by Priest et al .which is based on human clearance of citrated aluminum forms (form in vaccines are not citrated)
- Data for the models in two studies were from 1 and 6 males (adults)
- Mitkus adjusted the model using data from *creatinine* in infants
- MRL was derived from ATSDR oral limits
- ATSDR had picked 1 study and misrepresented the findings of Golub et al. [Next Slide]

- In P/K, the focus tends to be on plasma/serum clearance
- Mitkus assumes excretion via the kidney is similar to creatine (aluminum damages animal tissue) [**Incorrect**]
- Our concern is the accumulation (body burden) originally realized in the first Priest et al. study [**because aluminum has known toxic effects in human tissue**]



In 1996, the Committee on Nutrition in their article on neurotoxicity in children reported the 1989 JECFA provisional tolerable weekly intake of 1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ [12] as a provisional daily intake [14]. Unfortunately, that error overestimates the provisional tolerable daily intake of aluminum from all sources in adults by a factor of at least 2. As the 1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{week}$ PTWI was in fact replaced with a PTWI of 2000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{week}$ in 2011, the daily provisional tolerable intake should be around 286 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ per day, and in consideration that the highest mean intake of a child at 2 years is 500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ per day [15]. The value 1000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{day}$ would seem to bring the 850 μg per dose into range, but it is off by a factor of at least 2 and perhaps seven. The role of the reliance on the incorrect value for public health may be significant, especially for infants, especially night infants and those born prematurely.

Provenance of
PTWI
Limit ERROR
found by
Lyons-Weiler
& Ricketson
(2018)

Disagreement Between Two Committees

JEFCA

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives

- 1989. Provisional Tolerable Weekly Intake (PTWI) established at 1 mg/kg all dietary sources and additives. Mean highest daily intake US children 0.5 mg Al/kg per day¹
- 2011. Previous PTWI of 1 mg Al/kg withdrawn. Revised PTWI to **2 mg/kg** (adults)²

ATSDR

Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry

- 2008 (CAS ID #: 7429-90-5)³
- Daily dietary intake of Al 2 mg/kg-day in adults
- Minimal Risk Level (MRL) 1 mg/kg-day (adults) same as No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL)

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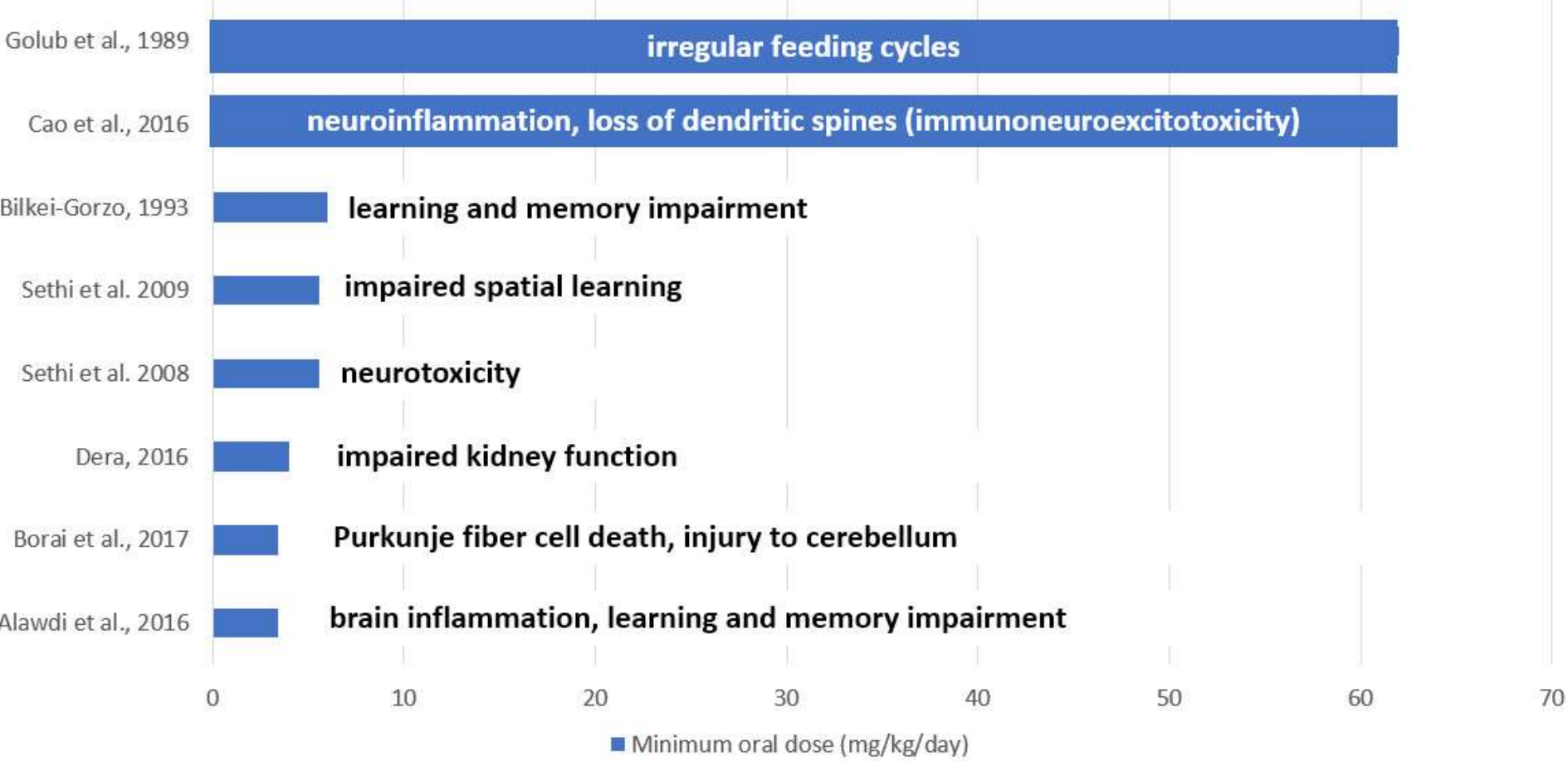
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How did 1 mg Al/kg week become 1 mg/kg –day and 850 mcg *per dose regardless of body weight*

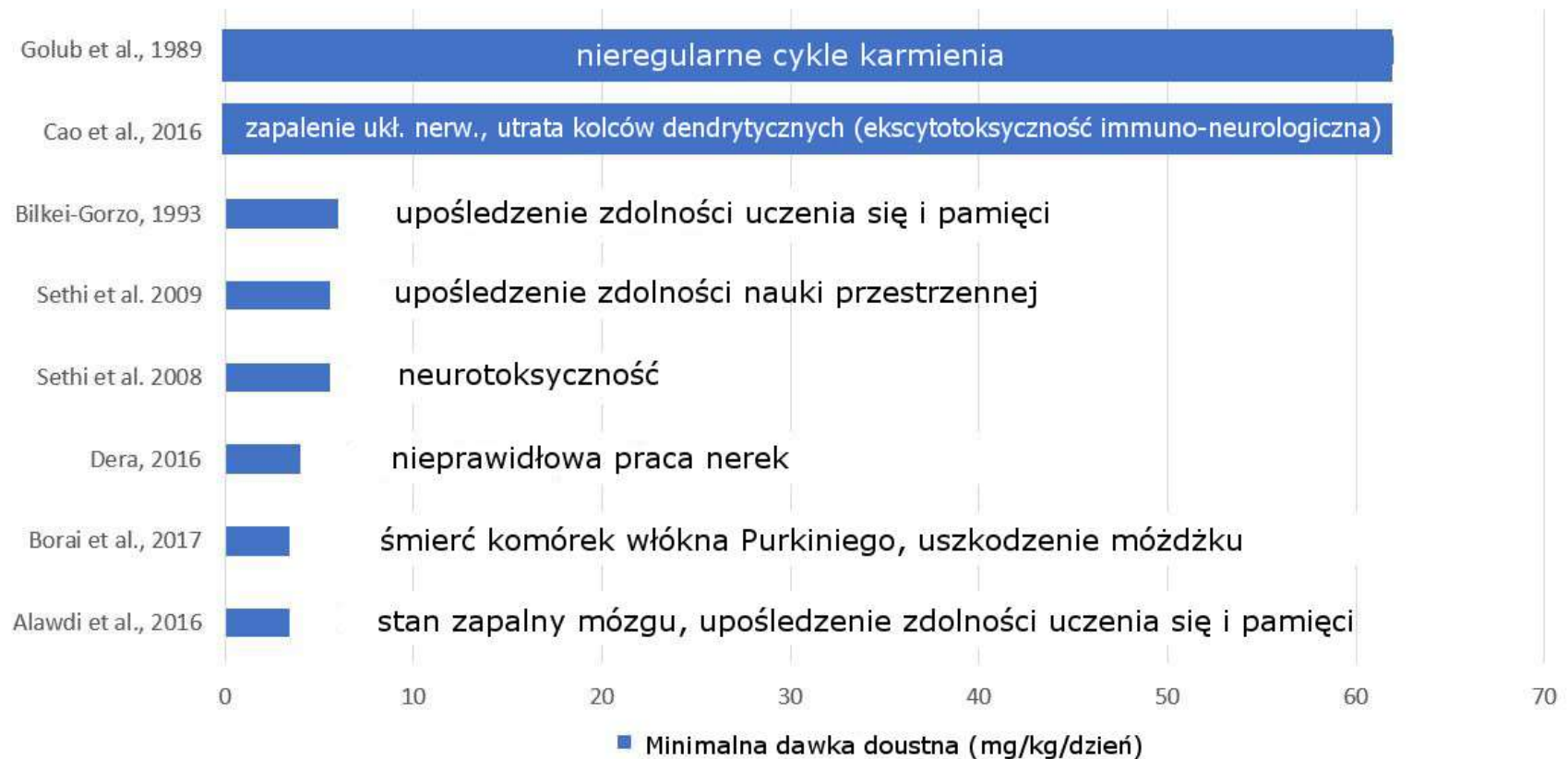
- 1981-CFR amended to include 1250 µg/dose
- 1996-2007 PTWI estimated at 1 mg/kg/week; 0.5 mg/kg-day US child > 2 years of age (WHO Evaluation and Certain Food Additives and Contaminants. Section 4.1 Aluminum, 1996-2007)
- 1996 **Committee on Nutrition** Aluminum Neurotoxicity in Infants and Children (J Pediatrics),
1 mg/kg-day (in error as to PTWI- “provisional tolerable intake”)
- 2001 **0.85 mg "selected empirically from data because it enhance the antigenicity and effectiveness of the vaccine"** (Baylor et al 2001)
- 2001-2008 ATSDR set MRL/NOAEL to 1 mg/kg-**day** from all sources based on Golub 26 mg/kg-day NOAEL (ATSDR references Baylor et al (2001),
- 2001 MRL/NOAEL 2 mg/kg-day in adult humans from dietary sources (Golub et al 2001 (62 mg/kg-day, Keith et al)
- 2011 MRL=1 mg/kg bw/**day** (ATSDR, 2008), Mitkus (2011)
- 2017: CFR is 850 µg/DOSE.

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Minimum AL dose ingested (mg/kg/day)



Minimalna spożyta dawka glinu (mg/kg/dzień)



Mitkus' Three-Compartment Model

$$C_{Cr}(t) = \hat{a} + \hat{b} \left(\frac{t}{\hat{c}} \right) = 50.871 + 90.044 \left(\frac{t}{31.462} \right) \quad (2)$$

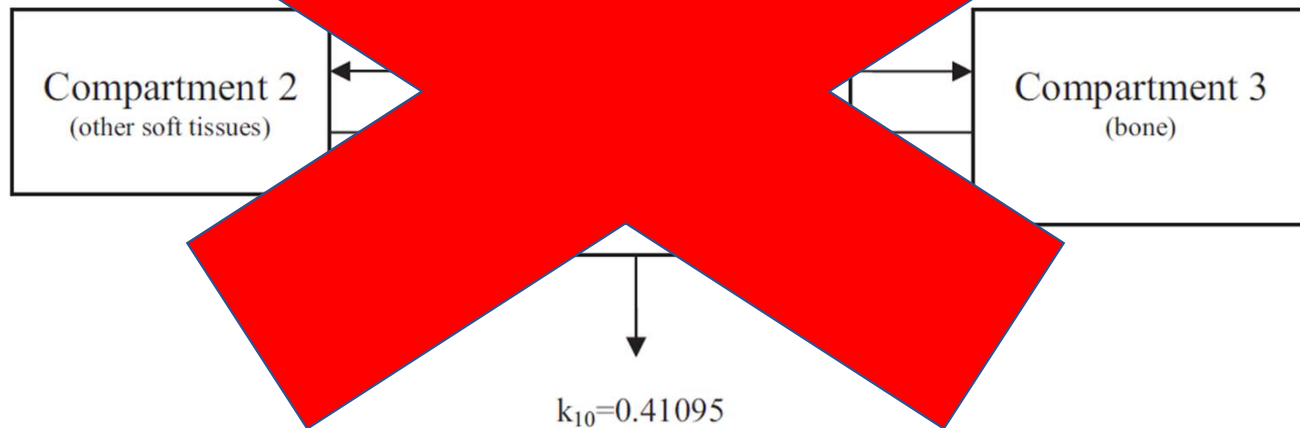


Fig. 1. Three-compartment model of aluminum disposition in adults. Rate constants were derived from the retention equation of Priest [5].

Flarend Rabbit Study (N=6)

Adjuvant	AUC for 0-28 days (mg h g ⁻¹)	% Absorbed in 28 days	Cumulative aluminium in urine after 28 days (%)
<i>Aluminium hydroxide</i>			
Rabbit 1	2.0×10^{-4}	13	5.0
Rabbit 2	3.5×10^{-4}	22	6.2
Average	2.7×10^{-4}	17	5.6
<i>Aluminium phosphate</i>			
Rabbit 3	2.7×10^{-4}	47	10
Rabbit 4	8.7×10^{-4}	55	33
Average	8.1×10^{-4}	51	22

- Injected radioactive ALPO4 and ALOH3 into rabbits
- Only 5.6% of the ALOH3 had been cleared from the body after 28 days (22 days for ALPO4)

Flarend found low clearance rate from blood

- *“The aluminum concentration [in blood] produced by AH [Al hydroxide] adjuvant at 1 hour was similar to the concentrations found from 2 to 28 days.”*

*Clearly something is different between rabbits
and humans?*

Movsas Infant Study (N=15)

Found aluminum serum levels rose 1% immediately after vaccination.

“We were reassured to find no significant postvaccine rise in serum aluminum level after vaccination of preterm infants with vaccines containing a total of 1200 μg of aluminum.” (JAMA Pediatrics, Letter)

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Our Question

- If 850-1150 mcg is a **regulated level per dose in human adults (FDA)**, since FDA has never published a pediatric dose limit (PDL) for humans, what might a scaled human dose limit look like?
- We considered bodyweight and allometric scaling (Clark's Rule)
- We adapted Priest's model as a liberal model of excretion.

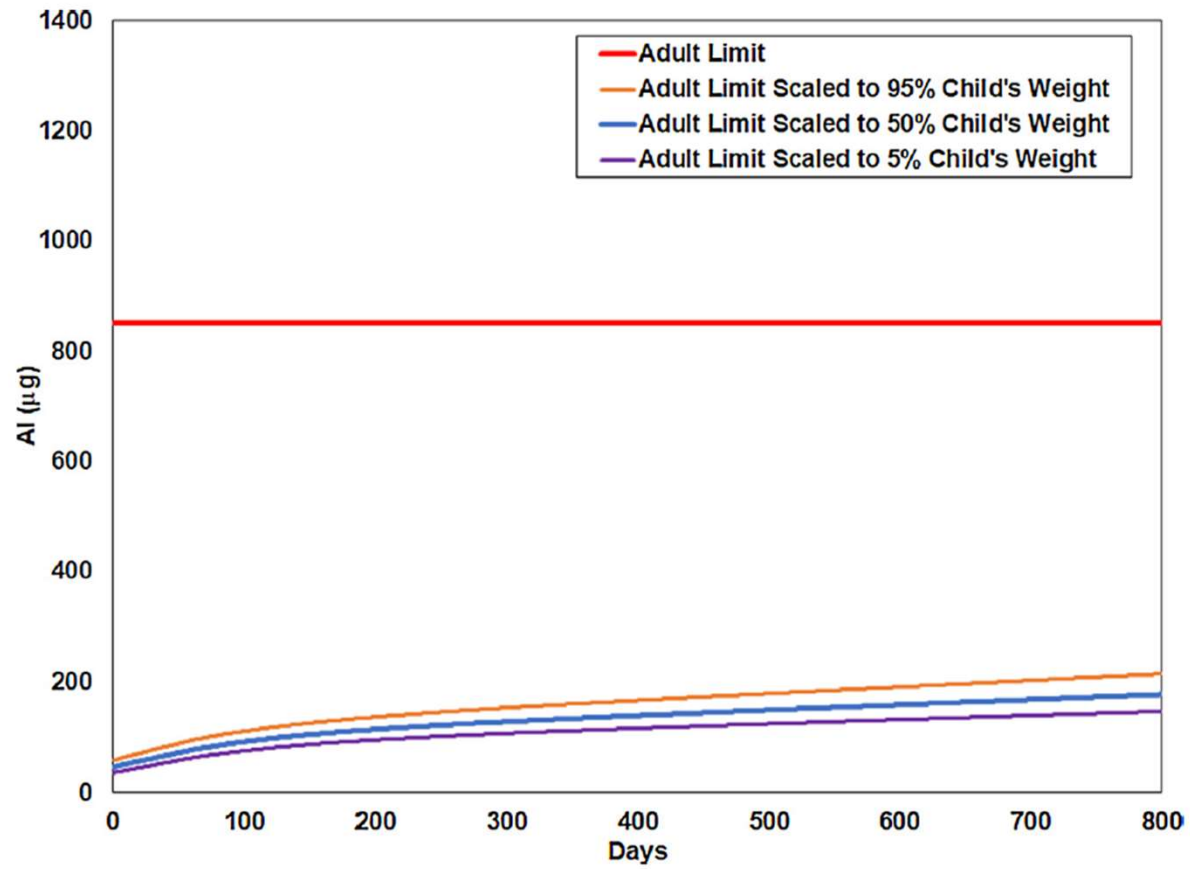


Fig. 1. FDA Adult aluminum per dose limit scaled to child's weight (Clark's Rule) following Lyons-Weiler and Ricketson [27].

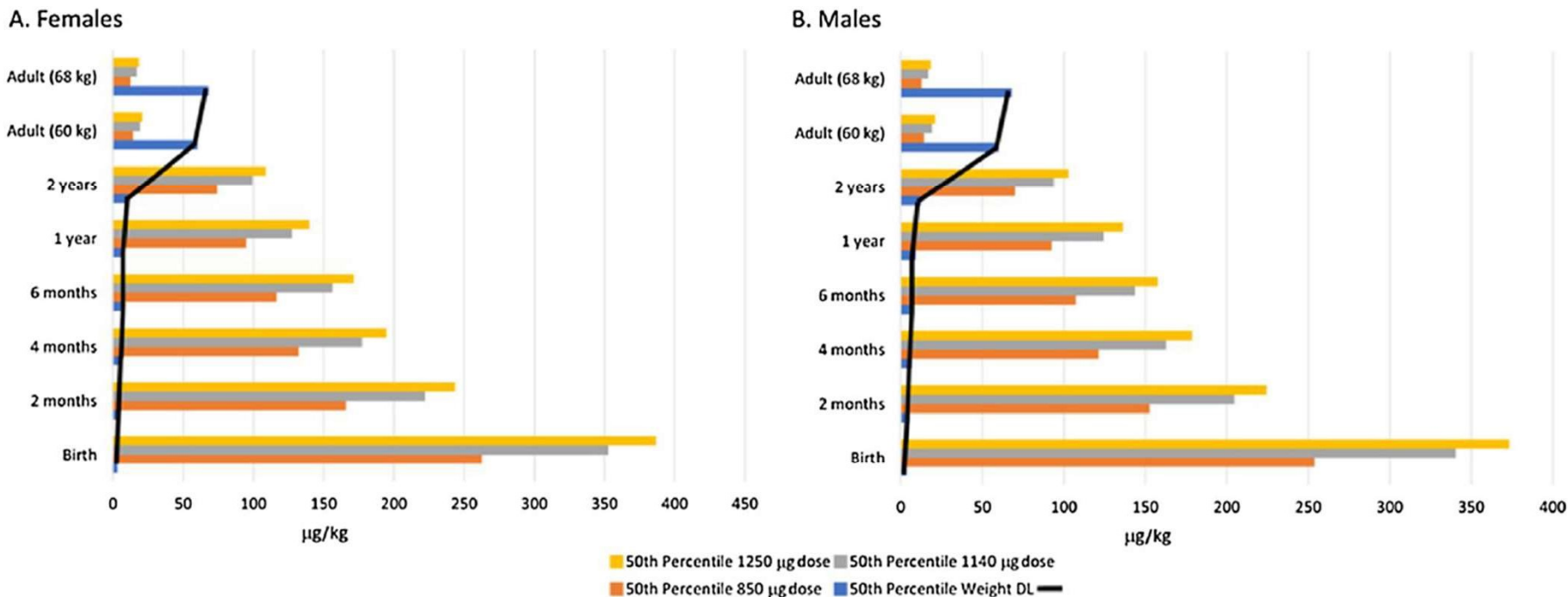


Fig. 2. FDA Doses and exposures adjusted by body weight: Comparison between Infants and an Adult. In a male child from birth through 36 months at the 50th percentile body weight, the FDA dose of 850 µg adjusted by body weight demonstrates that an adult weighing 60 kg receives significantly less aluminum per injection per kg compared to a child, particularly those children with lower body weights.

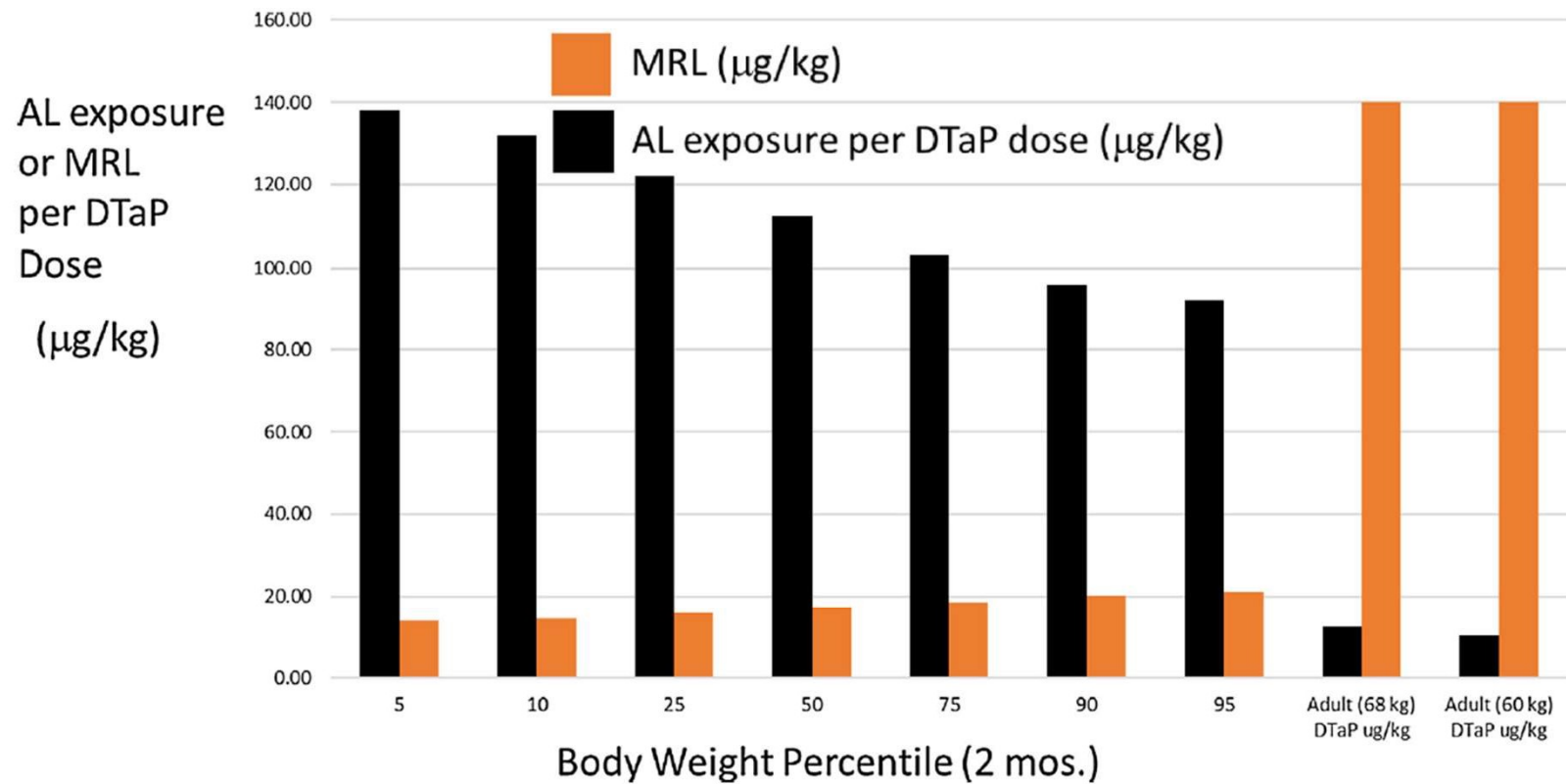


Fig. 4. Comparison of the Calculated Pediatric MRL and the AL Exposures from DTaP Vaccine for Children (and Adults) using Clark's Rule to Accommodate Pediatric Body Weights ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, per day, at 2 months and for Adult).

Priest model

Clearance of single doses in a few individuals

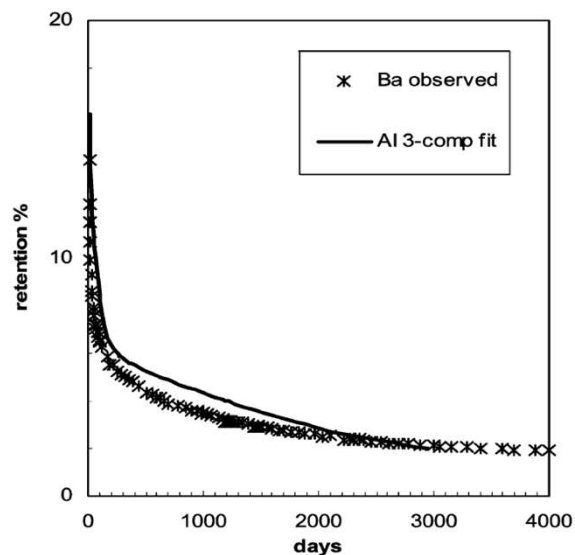


Fig. 14 A comparison of the long-term clearance patterns of aluminium-26 and barium-133—a bone-seeking element—from a volunteer injected with both isotopes, but at different times.

CRITICAL REVIEW

The biological behaviour and bioavailability of aluminium in man, with special reference to studies employing aluminium-26 as a tracer: review and study update†

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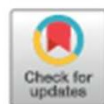
Until 1990 biokinetic studies of aluminium metabolism and biokinetics in man and other animals had been substantially inhibited by analytical and practical difficulties. Of these, the most important are the difficulties in differentiating between administered aluminium and endogenous aluminium—especially in body fluids and excreta and the problems associated with the contamination of samples with environmental aluminium. As a consequence of these it was not possible to detect small, residual body burdens of the metal following experimental administrations. Consequently, many believed aluminium to be quantitatively excreted within a





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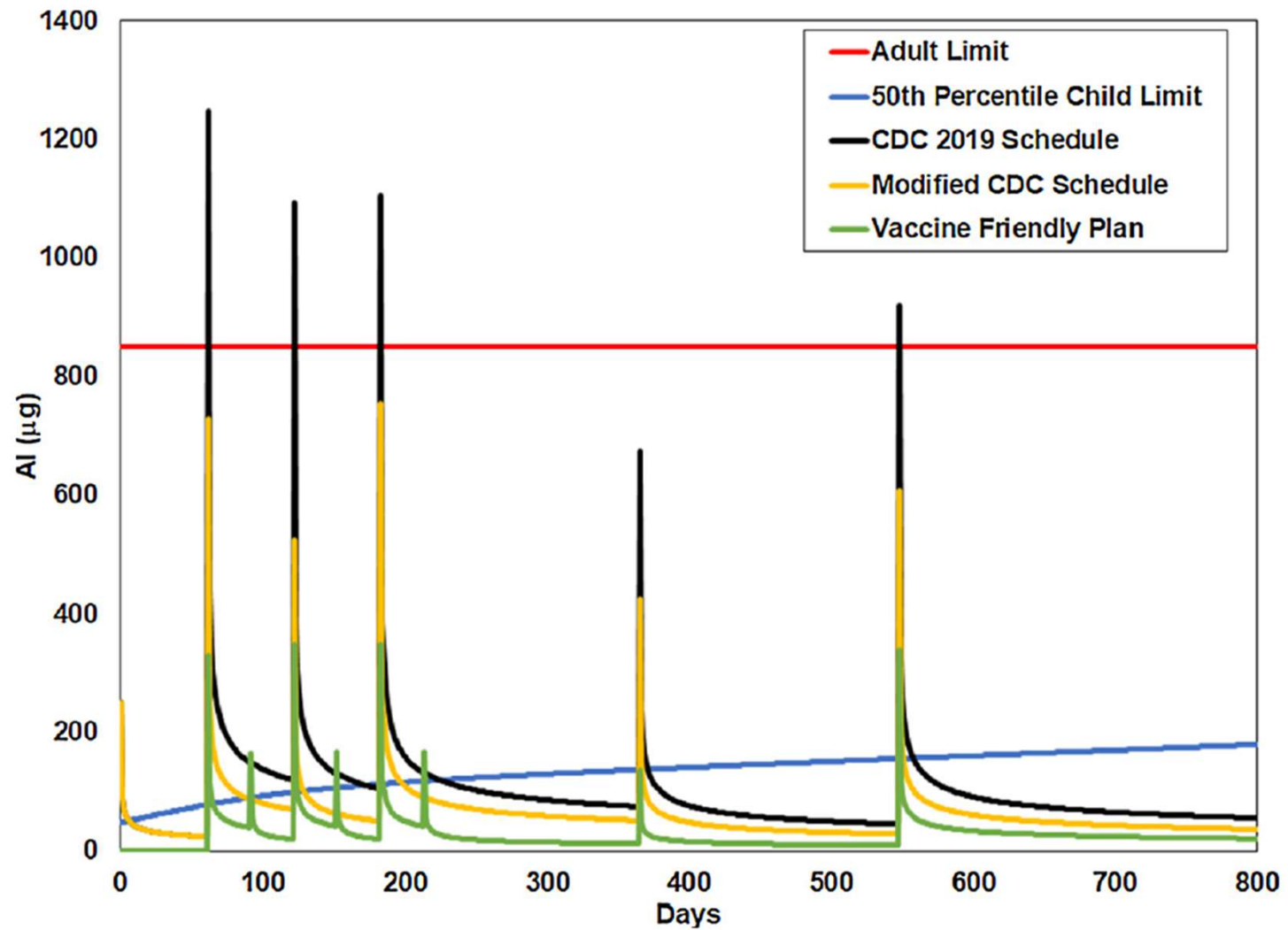


Fig. 2. Aluminum Content in Body over First Two Years for Three Vaccine Schedules.

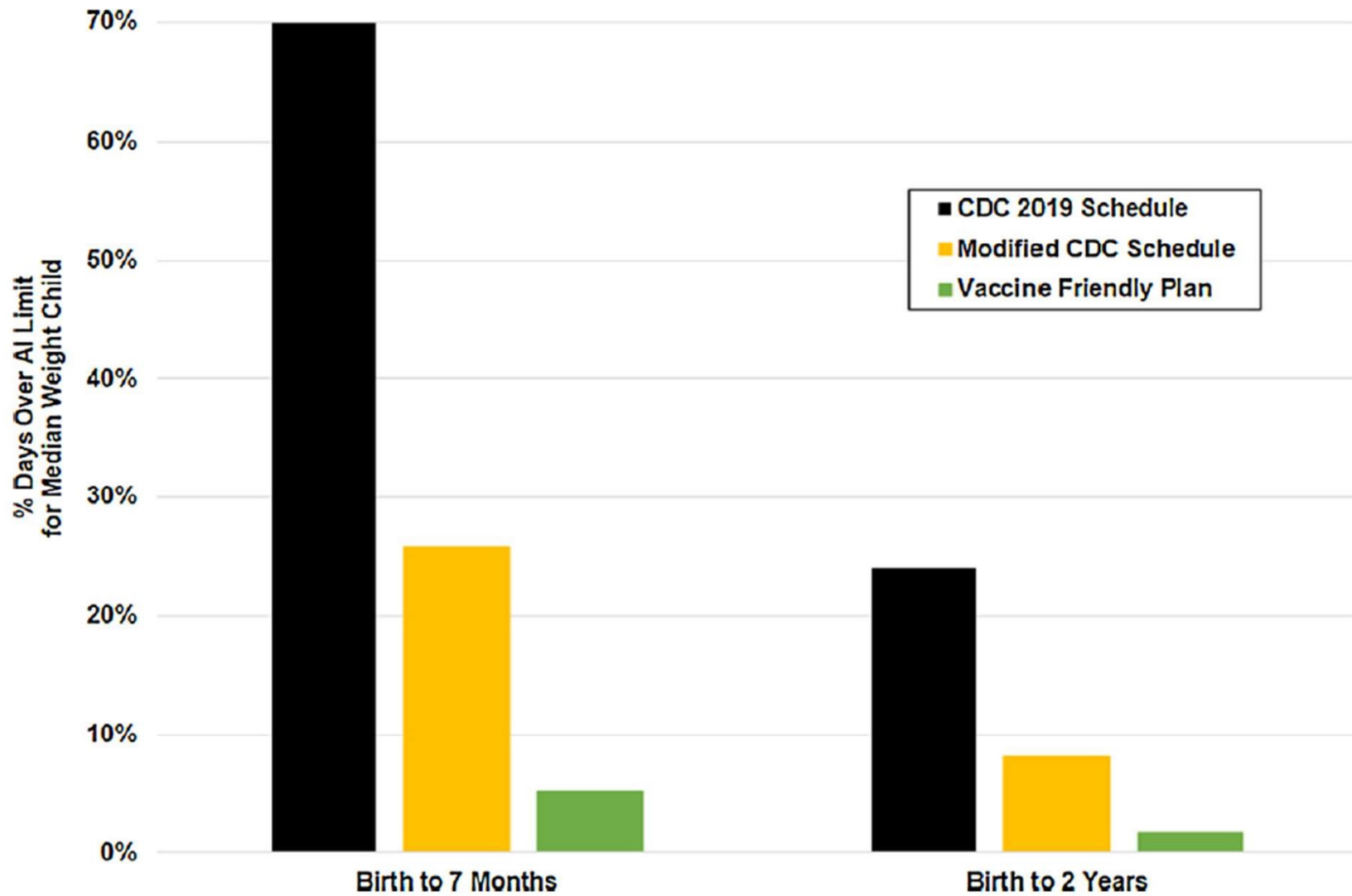
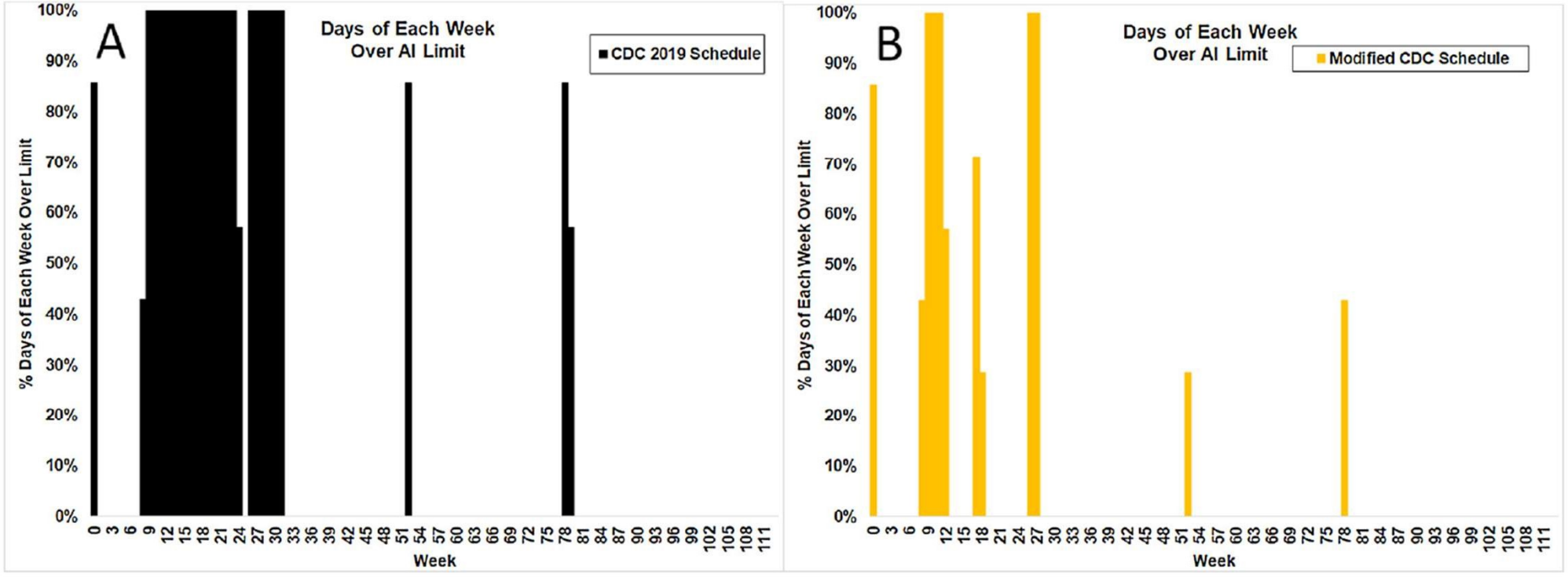
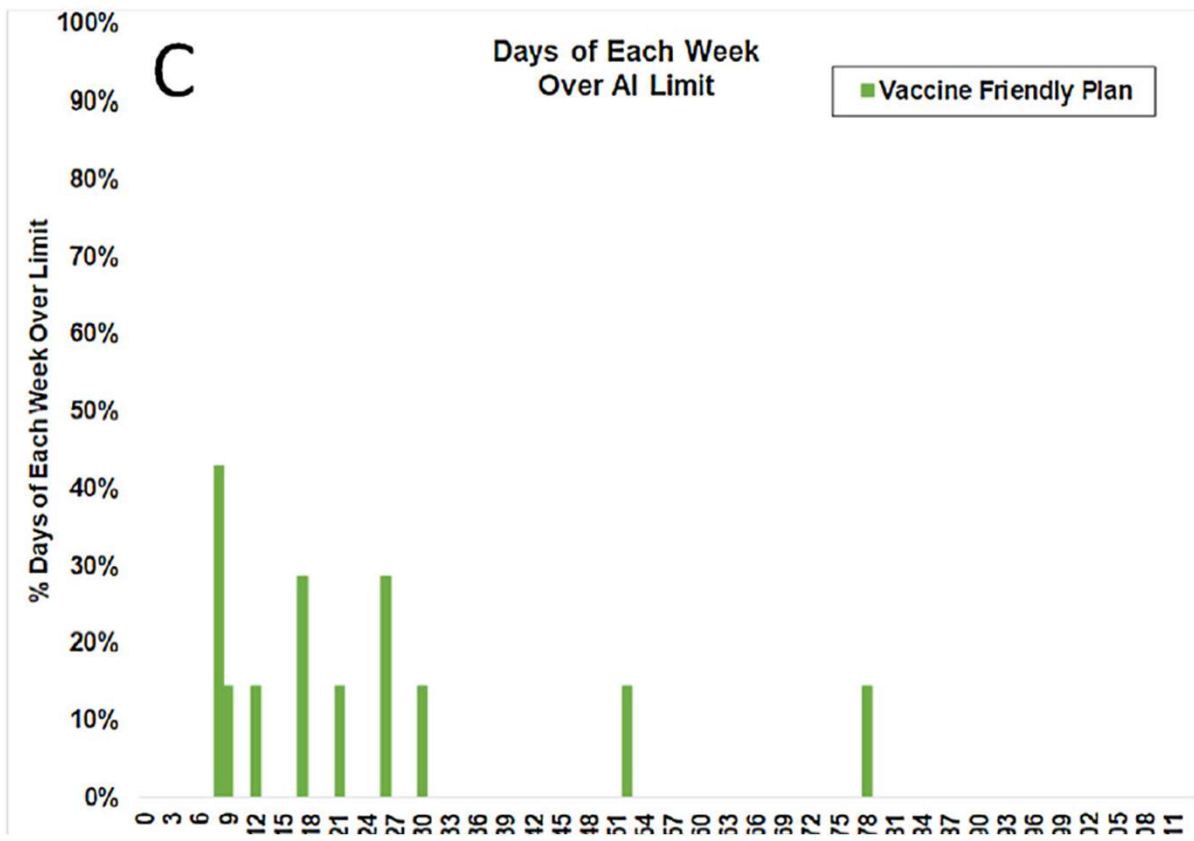


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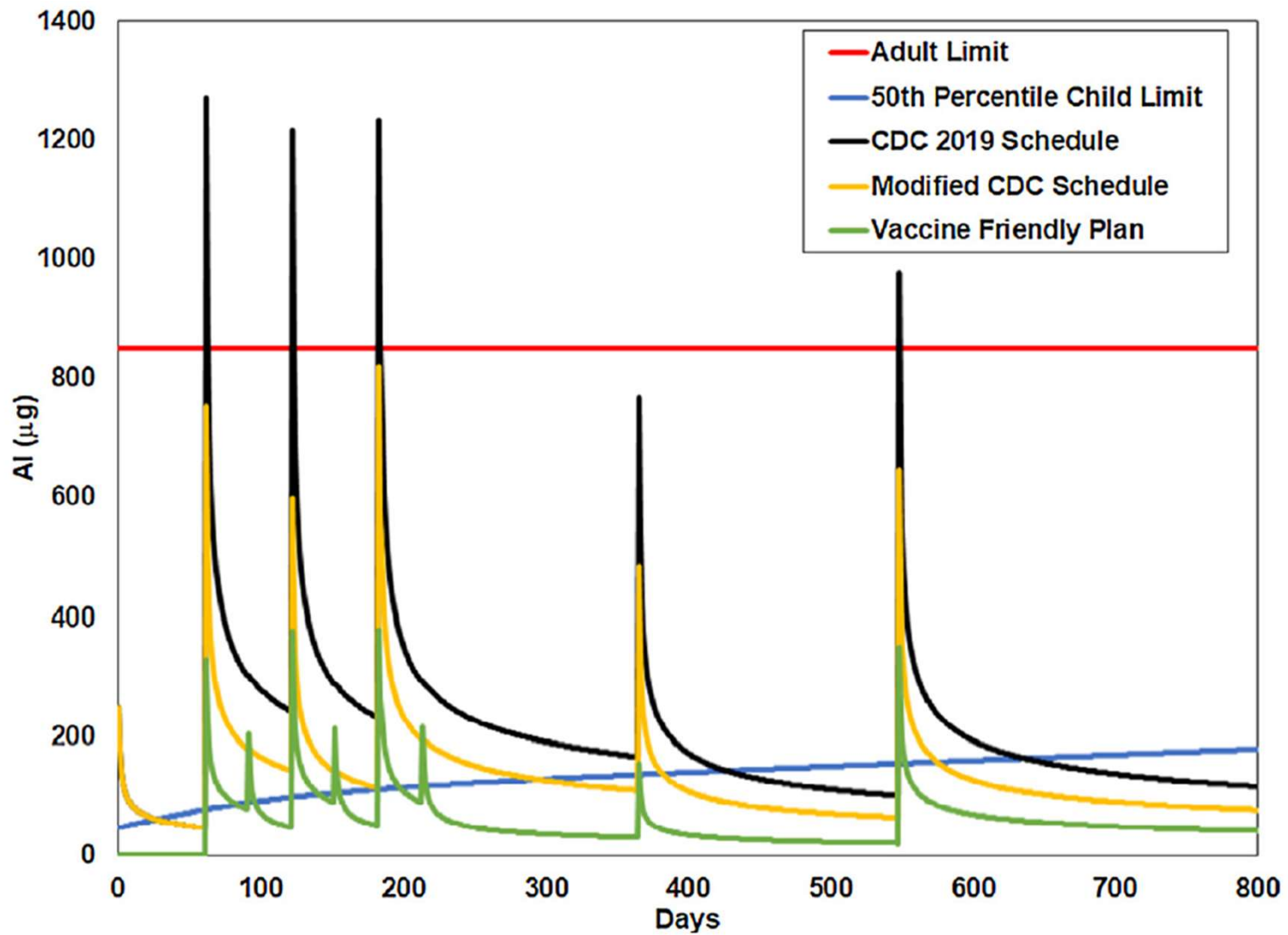


Fig. 6. Aluminum for different schedules with “slow” aluminum clearing.

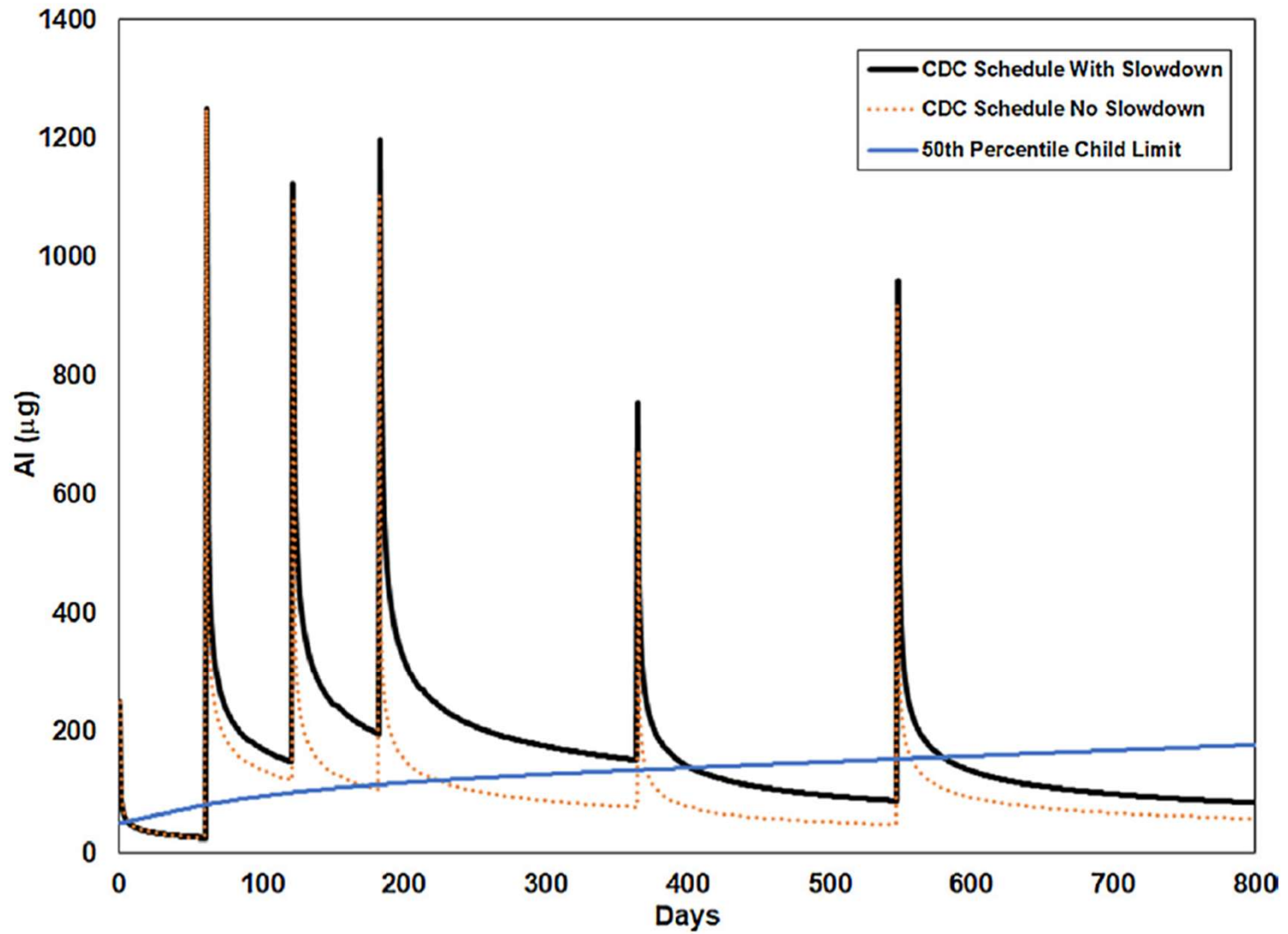


Fig. 8. Slowdown model results in higher retention and increased expected toxicity.



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Recommendations

- ***Perform*** per body-weight dose escalation studies in mice using injected forms of aluminum in infant mice
- ***Re-evaluate*** the use of aluminum in vaccines altogether
- ***Encourage*** awareness of the differences between *vaccine risk awareness*, which can lead to improvements in vaccines, and “*Anti-vaccination*” positions

Next Steps



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INTO DR. PAUL'S
PRACTICE**



**681 UNVACCINATED,
2647 VARIABLY
VACCINATED (VFP)**



IRB APPROVED



**PHASE 1 IS
COMPLETE, UNDER
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IPAK, The Institute for Pure and Applied Knowledge, today announced a drive to fund a Public Health Policy Research Fellowship intended to fund one full-time person to study the matches and mismatches between public health policy, medical practices, the law, and science. This is currently in its initial fund-raising stage. Our goal is \$25k and the need is immediate. To support this drive, [visit the monthly donation page here and give generously!](#)

IPAK Launches New Open Access Peer-Reviewed Journal

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IPAK, The Institute for Pure and Applied Knowledge, via its Public Health Policy Initiative, today launched a new open access, peer-reviewed journal, ["Science, Public Health Policy & the Law"](#). The first volume contains four articles on issues impacting public health policy. Specifically, the journal will publish articles evaluating the goodness-of-fit of public health policies, laws - and biomedical "best practices - and law to available scientific knowledge. The journal's Editor-in-Chief, Dr. James Lyons-Weller, CEO and Director of IPAK, says the journal fills a gap in the published literature by providing a forum in which objective, non-corporatist views may be published.

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The first volume includes an article on suicide rates and all-cause death rates reported in the original data submitted by Merck to FDA for approval of the quadrivalent Gardasil vaccine, and article reviewing controversies and issues with the latest MMR vaccine autism link, an article on flaws in mental health policies and practices, and an article on whether the continued use of aging vaccines has become a threat to national security in the US. According to Lyons-Weller, "We are not limiting our scope to vaccines by any means, and intend to publish articles on the suitability the training of doctors and public health officials on