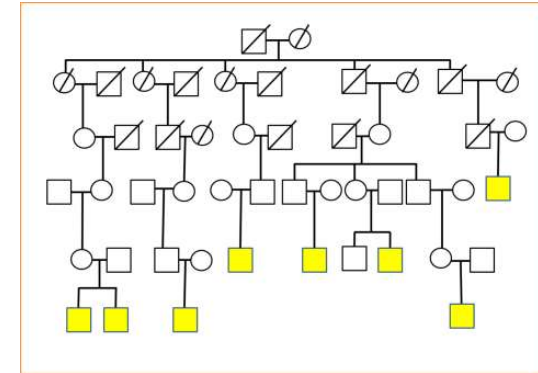
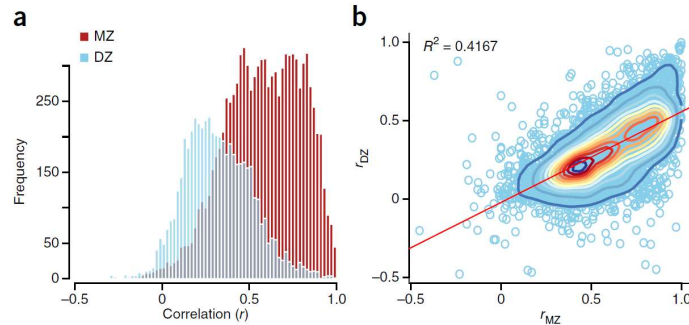


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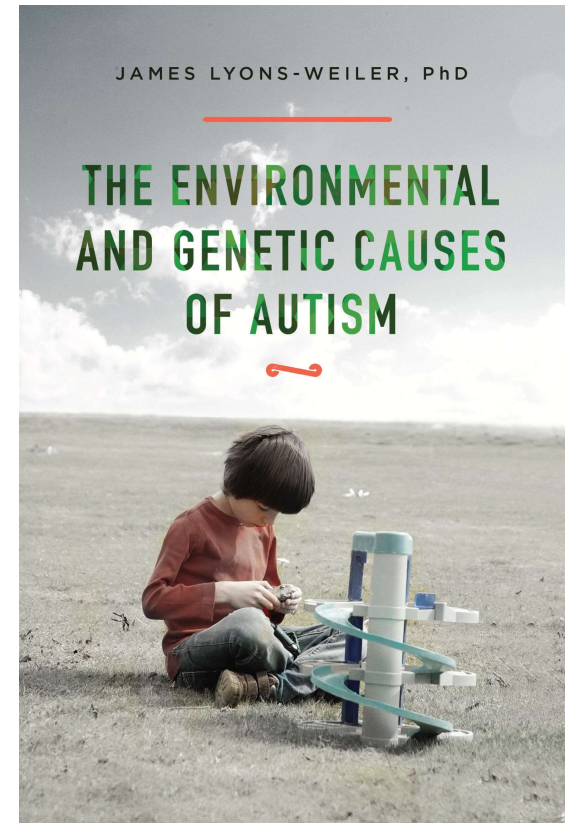
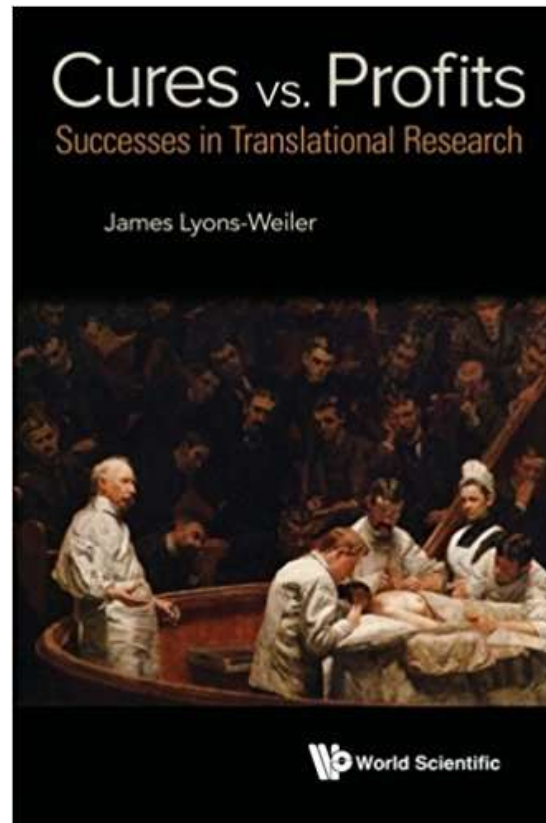
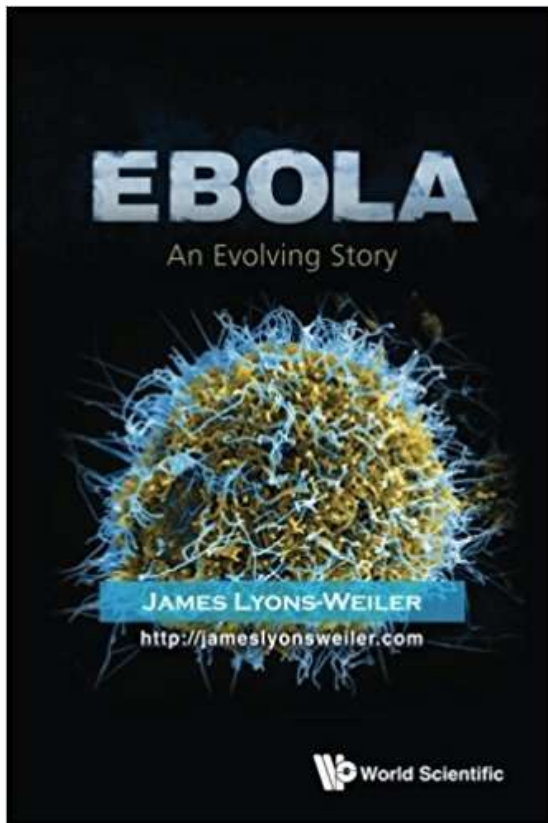
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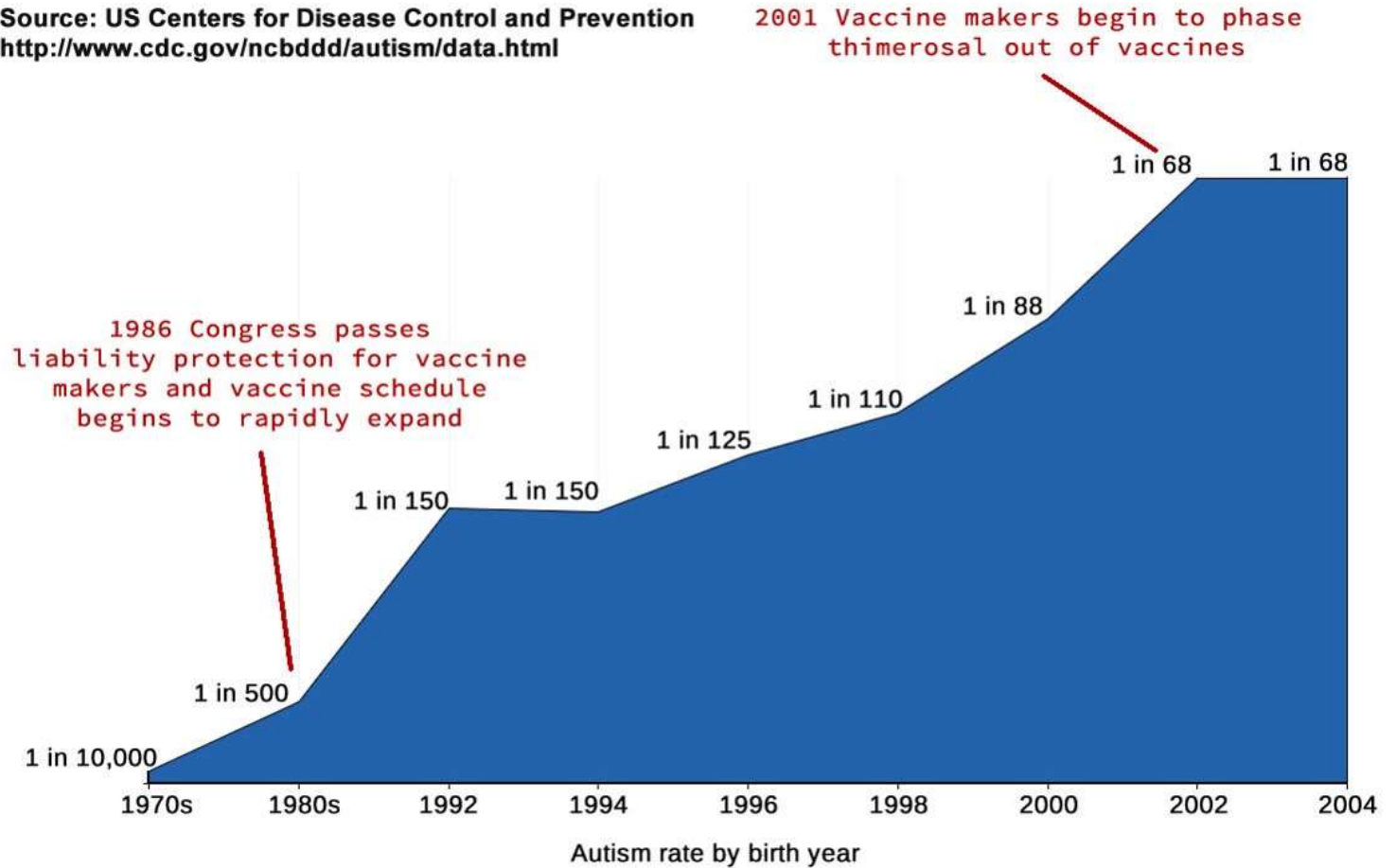


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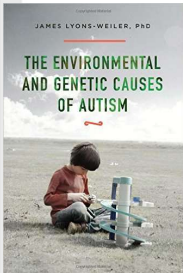
and PDD-NOS. These conditions differ from each other in degree of severity of symptoms in two core domains.

In DSM-5, three domains of ASD were recognized; in DSM, two have been combined, and thus DSM-5 identifies two domains, as shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2. DOMAINS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

DSM-IV	DSM-5
Social domain	Social/Communication domain
Communication domain	Restrictive, repetitive behaviors
Restrictive, repetitive behaviors	

Diagnosis of autism/ASD under DSM requires satisfaction of criteria A–D (from Kaufmann, WE. DSM-5: The New Diagnostic Criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders. 2012 Symposium):



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- A. Persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across contexts, not accounted for by general developmental delays and manifest by all three of the following:
 - 1. Deficits in social-emotional reciprocity
 - 2. Deficits in nonverbal communicative behaviors used for social interaction
 - 3. Deficits in developing and maintaining relationships
- B. Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities as manifested by at least two of the following:
 - 1. Stereotyped or repetitive speech, motor movements, or use of objects.
 - 2. Excessive adherence to routines, ritualized patterns of verbal or nonverbal behavior, or excessive resistance to change.
 - 3. Highly restricted, fixated interests that are abnormal in intensity or focus.



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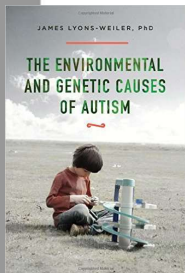
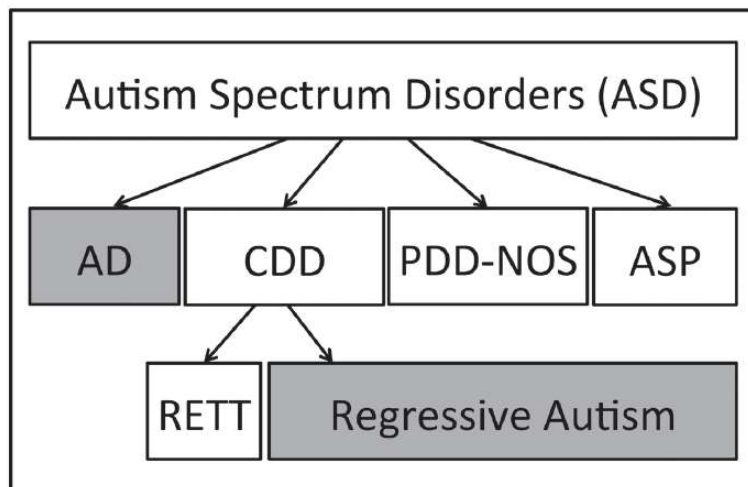
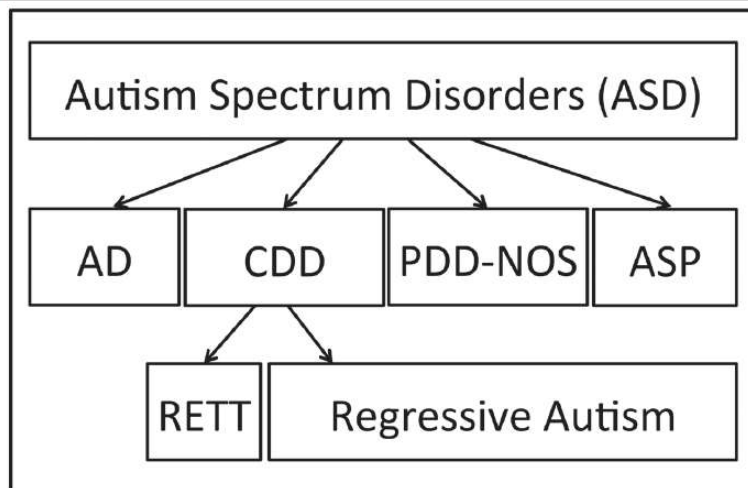
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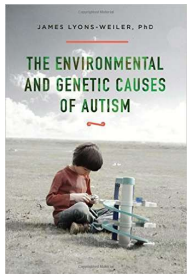
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- 4. Hyper- or hyporeactivity to sensory input or unusual interest in sensory aspects of environment.
- C. Symptoms must be present in early childhood* but may not become fully manifest until social demands exceed limited capacities.
- D. Symptoms together limit and impair everyday functioning.

*This condition is contradicted elsewhere within DSM-5.

Under DSM-5, if no restrictive, repetitive behaviors are present, social communication disorder may be diagnosed.

A major assumption was made in DSM-5 with a merger of social and communication phenotypes: that the bulk of a lack of social reciprocity is due to deficits in communication skills and not to a domain (of its own). Thus, the loss of speech is technically nudged toward CDD. Because the loss of speech after



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Parental Refusal of Childhood Vaccines and Medical Neglect Laws

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Objectives. To examine the relation of vaccine refusal and medical neglect under child welfare laws.

Methods. We used the Westlaw legal database to search court opinions from 1905 to 2016 and identified cases in which vaccine refusal was the sole or a primary reason in a neglect proceeding. We also delineated if religious or philosophical exemptions from required school immunizations were available at the time of adjudication.

Results. Our search yielded 9 cases from 5 states. Most courts (7 of 9) considered vaccine refusal to constitute neglect. In the 4 cases decided in jurisdictions that permitted religious exemptions, courts either found that vaccine refusal did not constitute neglect or considered it neglect only in the absence of a sincere religious objection to vaccination.

Conclusions. Some states have a legal precedent for considering parental vaccine refusal as medical neglect, but this is based on a small number of cases. Each state should clarify whether, under its laws, vaccine refusal constitutes medical neglect. (*Am J Public Health.* 2017;107:68–71. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2016.303500)

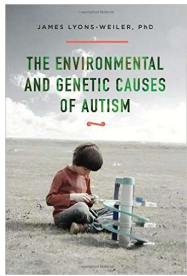
reports solely based on failure to vaccinate,⁶ and Michigan has an explicit policy to this effect.⁷ A few states codify that vaccine refusal regardless of reason,⁸ or solely for sincere religious beliefs,⁹ does not constitute medical neglect. Furthermore, even if vaccine refusal amounts to medical neglect, it is not clear that this finding requires state intervention. Ross and Aspinwall¹⁰ contend that there should be a distinction between medical neglect and state intervention, arguing that vaccine refusal constitutes the former but does not warrant the latter. Chervenak et al.⁴ argue that the purpose of reporting parents who refuse childhood vaccines to CPS for neglect is not to provoke “highly intrusive measures,” such as loss of custody, but to “engage [CPS] in further efforts to persuade the parents.”^(p308) Simply invoking CPS, however, may undermine parents’ views of

Parental refusal of childhood vaccines is a contentious issue in pediatrics and result in harm to the child) constitute child maltreatment.

Genetics

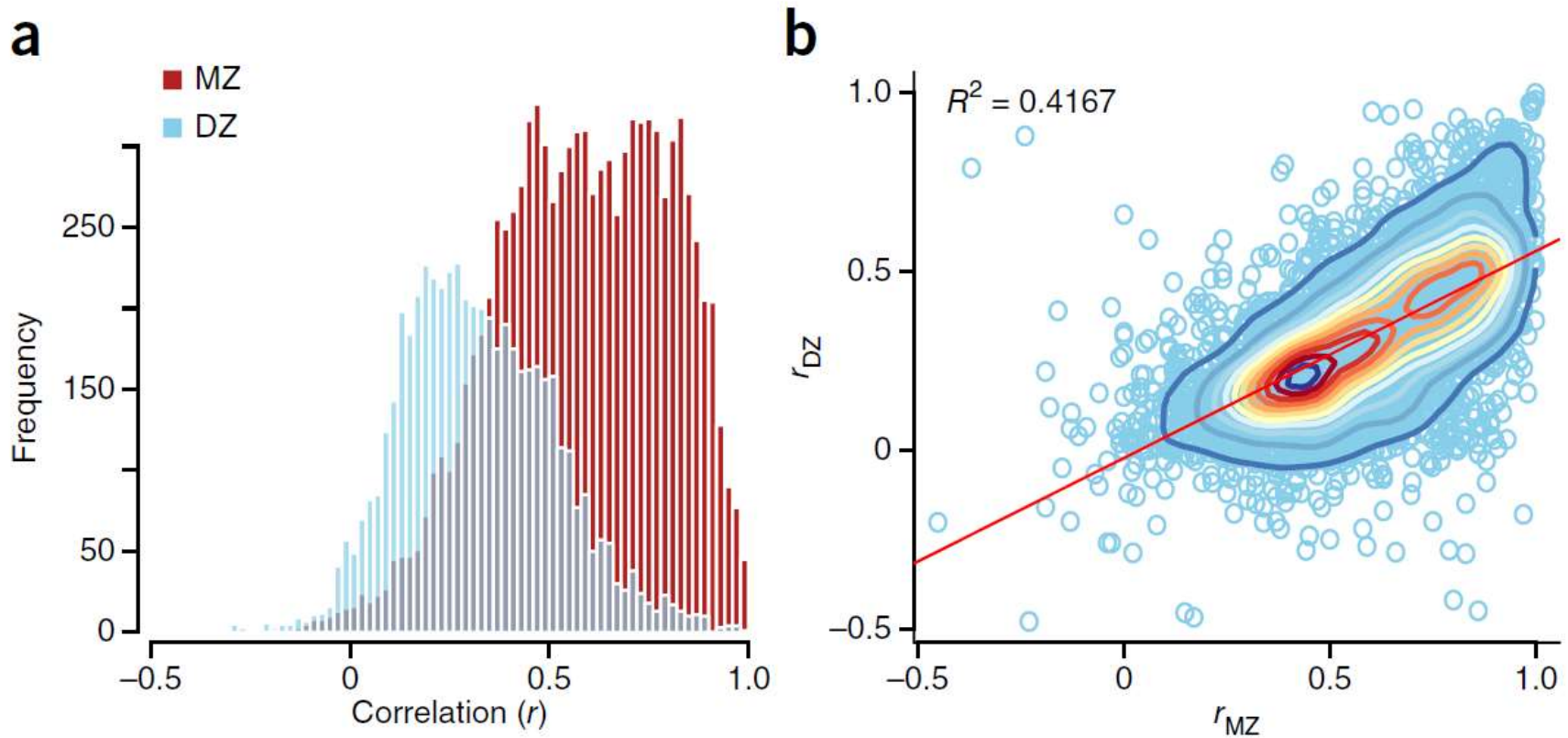
- >850 genes “involved” in Autism
- No individual gene accounts for >1% of ASD
- **20% of autistics have >> Copy Number Variations (CNVs)**
- de Novo variants more common in sporadic vs. familial cases
- **regulatory genes in early development**
- **synaptogenesis throughout life**
- Familial vs. Genetic Risk
- Every mode of inheritance (dominant, recessive, complex)
- Pinto >2-3 affected genes > ASD risk

1. Identical, monozygotic (MZ) twins show a significantly higher concordance of autism diagnosis than fraternal, dizygotic twins for autism, even though siblings grew up together, sharing many environmental influences.
2. No single gene has been found to have a large effect, and studies have resulted in the discovery of numerous genes, clustered in specific pathways, each explaining a minor percentage of cases of autism ASD.
3. First-degree relatives of affected individuals are often found with sub-threshold autism or ASD symptoms, indicating that autism and ASD is a heterogeneous, variegated set of conditions, as opposed to a discrete (all/none) genetic disease.



In the terminology of genetics, these observations led to the conclusion that a simple autosomal or X-linked dominant model, or even a recessive mode of monogenic inheritance, was insufficient to describe the patterns of inheritance of risk of autism. They pointed to autism risk as a complex trait, involving many loci and many genes, with likely interactions among genes (epistasis). However,

Heritability, >2,000,000 estimates (any human traits): 1958-2012 (Polderman et al.)



Phenomimicry: Some cases disrupted mutations, others by environmental exposure

- CHD7, CHD8 – neural crest, early development
 - LOF mutations vs. Valproic acid
- Mutations in ER genes, Thimerosal inhibition of ERAP1
- Mitochondrial mutations vs. Glyphosate-induced mitopathy
- Microglial cell modulation of MAO-A, LoF mutations in MAO-A
- LOF mutation ANY protein-encoding gene, autoimmunity

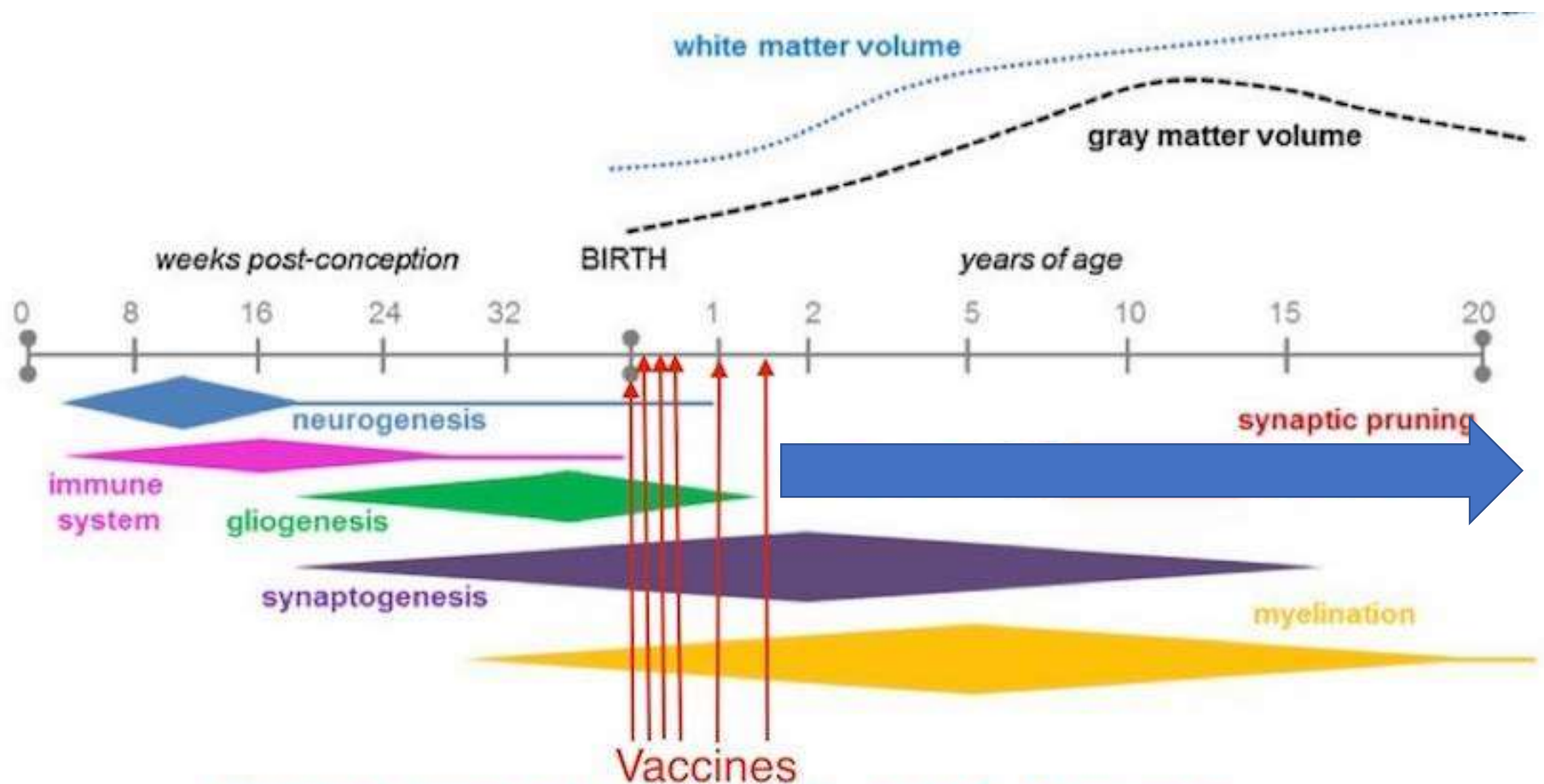
**Finding mutations
does not rule out environment**

Functional Groups by Age

- -9 mo to 0 years
Early (pre-natal) regulatory genes
CHD7, CHD8 (neural crest, neurogenesis)
- 0- 2years
Peri/post-natal brain development
Synaptogenesis, PRUNING
- 2-4 years
PRUNING, MYELINATION
- Lifetime

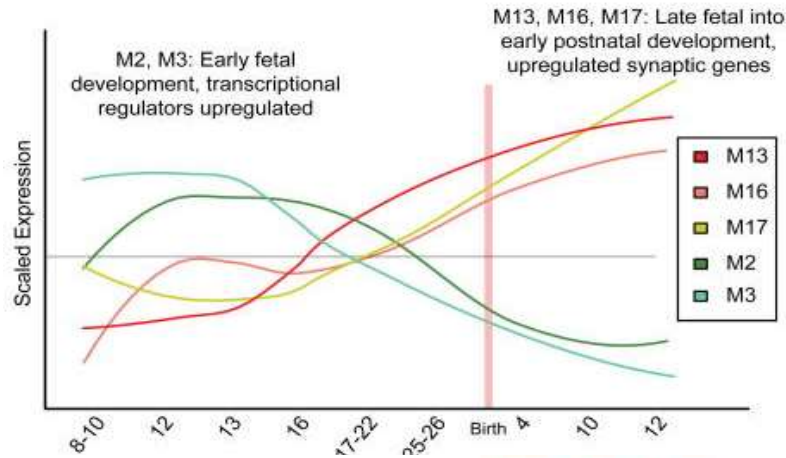


Synaptic proteins
Glutamate receptors
Serotonin receptors (e.g., SCN1A)
Cellular detox proteins (ERAP1)
Mitochondrial genes (ROS)



Vaccines given at 0, 2, 4, 6, 12, and 15-18 months

Transcriptional Programs Increased for ASD Genetic Risk during Human Neocortical Development



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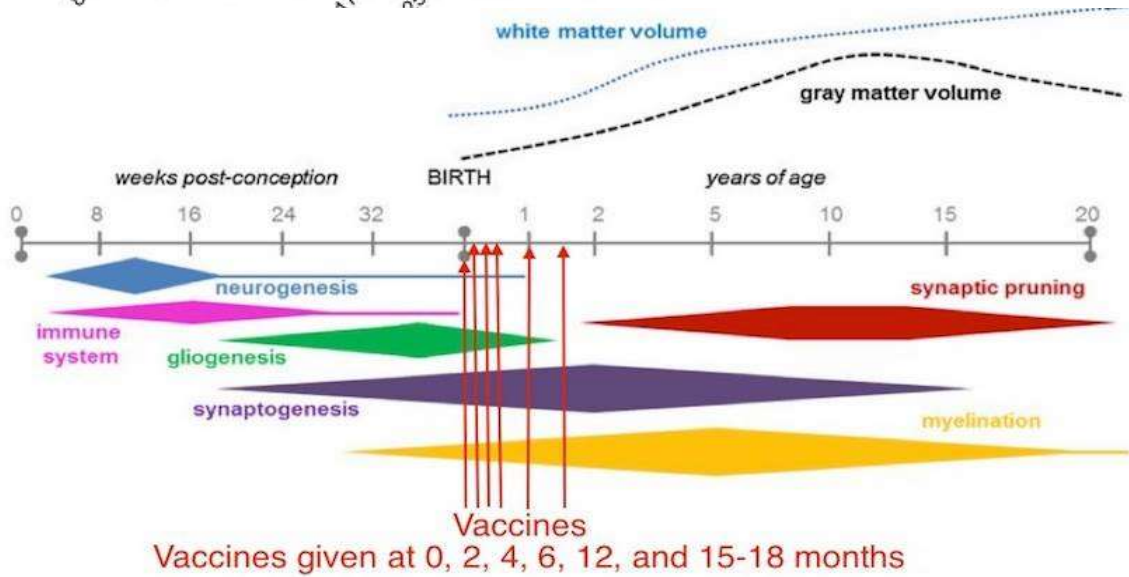
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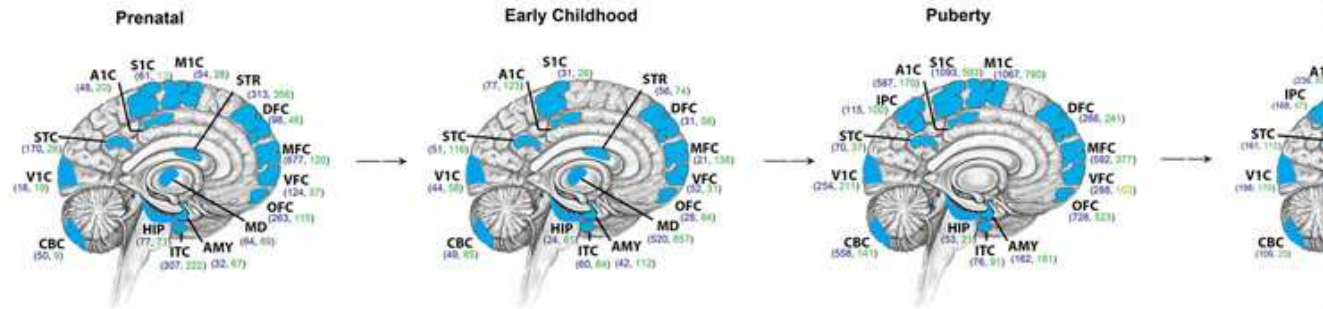
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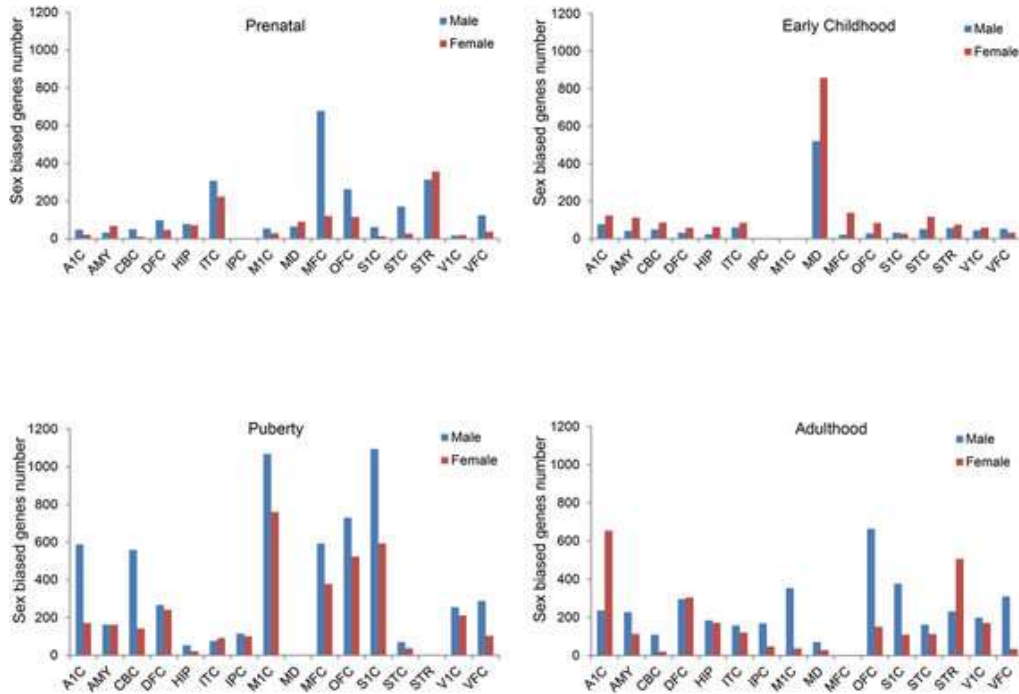
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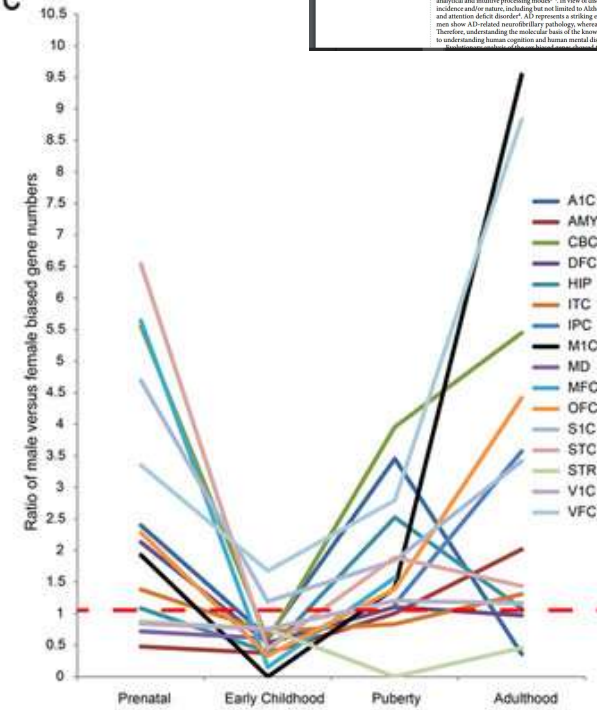
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Sex Biased Gene Expression Profiling of Human Brains at Major Developmental Stages

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There are many differences in brain structure and function between males and females. However, how these differences were manifested during development and maintained through adulthood are still unclear. Here we present a time series analysis of genome-wide transcription profiles of the human brain, and we identified genes showing sex-biased expression at major developmental stages (prenatal time, early childhood, puberty time and adulthood). We observed a great number of genes (>2,000 genes) showing between-sex expression divergences at all developmental stages with the greatest number (>1,100 genes) at puberty time. However, there are little overlap of sex-biased genes among the major developmental stages, an indication of dynamic expression regulation of the sex-biased genes in the brain during development. Notably, the male-biased genes are highly enriched for genes involved in neurological and psychiatric disorders like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, Alzheimer's disease and autism, while no such pattern was seen for the female-biased genes, suggesting that the differences in brain disorder susceptibility between males and females are likely rooted from the sex-biased gene expression regulation during brain development. Collectively, these analyses reveal an important role of sex-biased genes in brain development and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Sexual dimorphism is a common phenomenon in humans and many non-human primate species, such as chimpanzee and mouse. It is exhibited in a variety of physical characteristics, such as body size, hair color and dental structure, as well as structure and functions of central nervous system (CNS). For example, structural connectome analysis of the human brain showed that male brains are structured to facilitate connectivity between perception and coordinated actions, whereas female brains are designed to facilitate communication between analytical and intuitive processing modes^{1,2}. In view of disease, many CNS disorders show sex differences in their incidence and/or course, including but not limited to Alzheimer's disease (AD), schizophrenia, autism, addiction and attention deficit disorder³. AD represents a striking example of between-sex difference. Up to 90% of older men show AD-related neurocognitive pathology, whereas it is found in only 8–15% of age-matched women⁴. Therefore, understanding the molecular basis of the known sex differences of the brain is of obvious importance to understanding human cognition and human mental disorders.

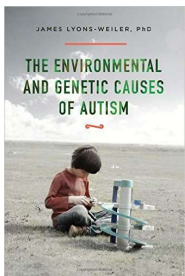
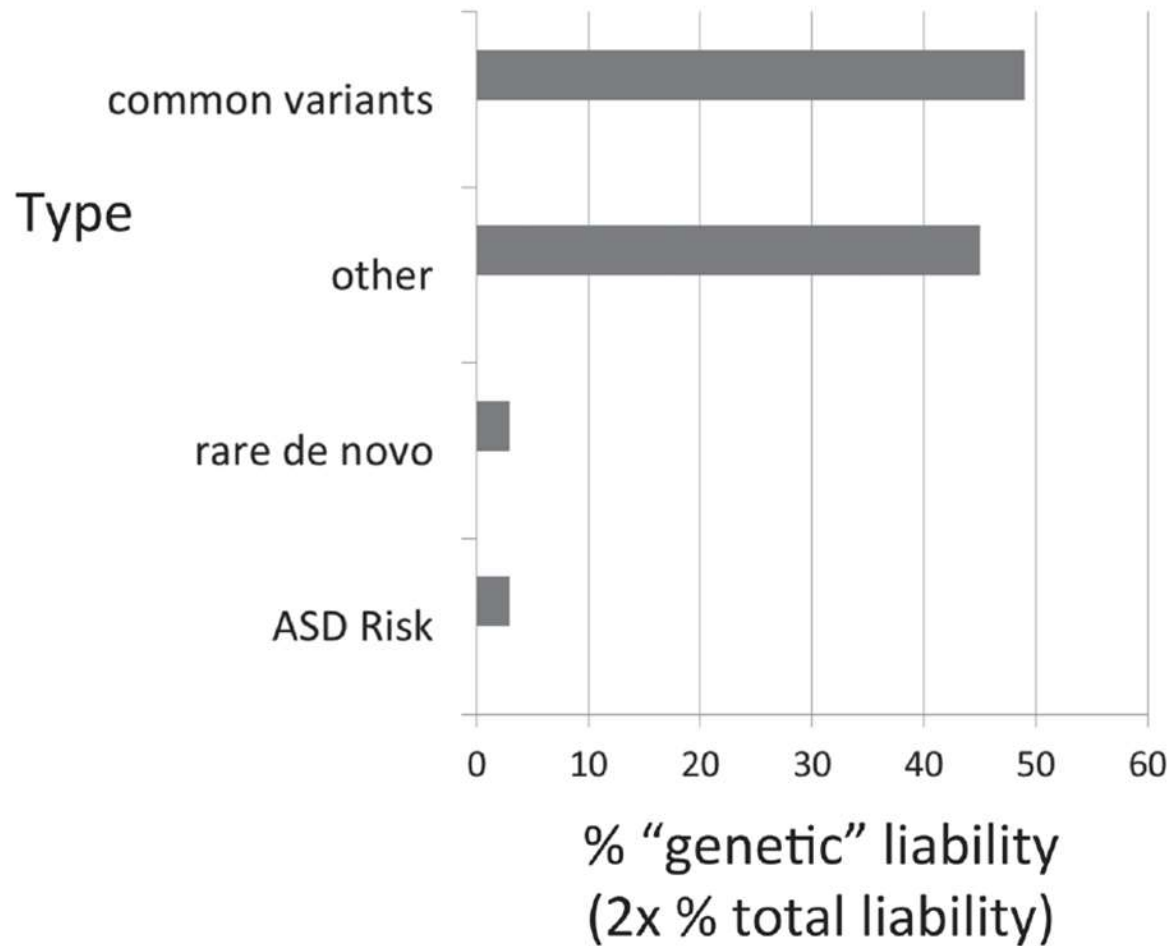
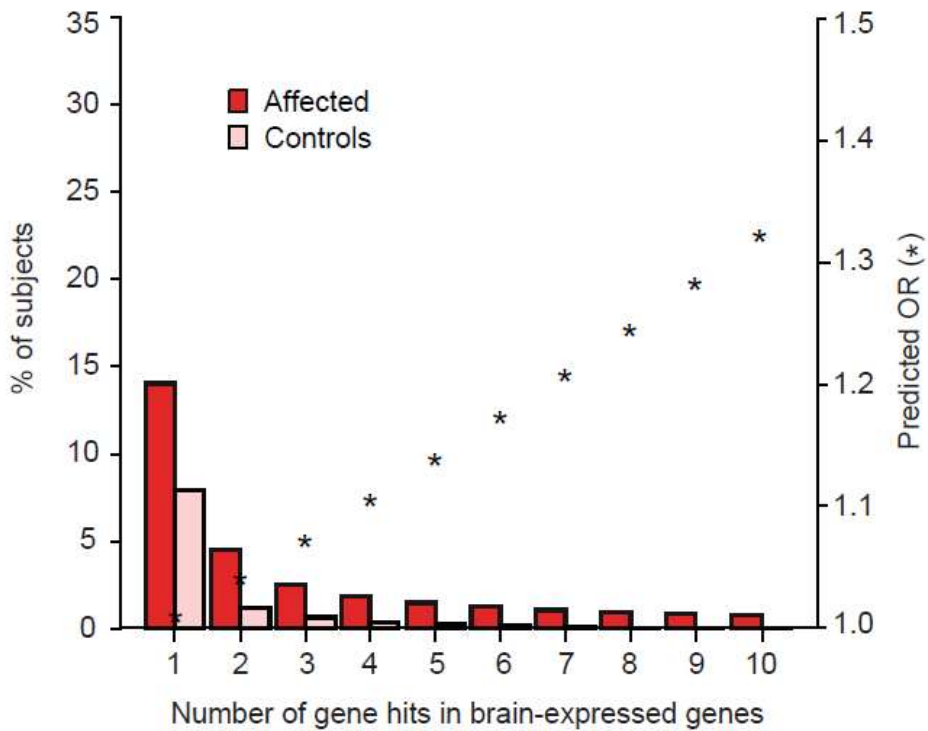


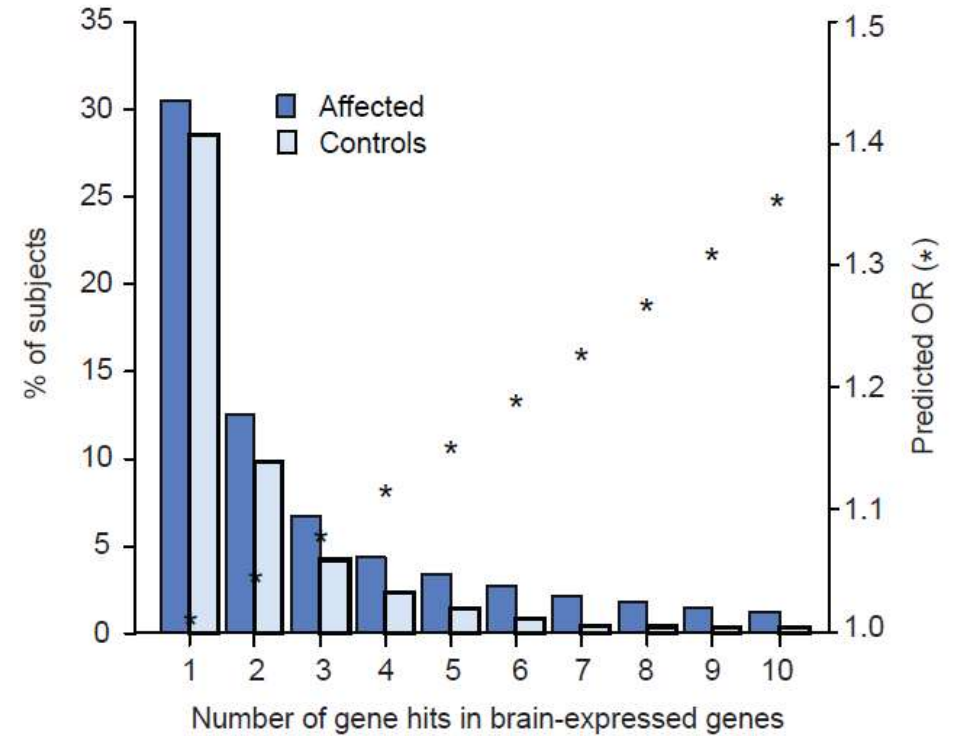
Figure 2. Percent “genetic” liability contributed by mutation class type (estimates from Gaugler et al., 2014). Pure “genetic” ASD and de novo variation represent the least amount of liability. Common variants set the stage and are thus not “autism” genes;

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Multigene hit: Deletions



Multigene hit: Duplications



Largest Genetic Studies (Hallmayer, 2011; Sandin, 2014)

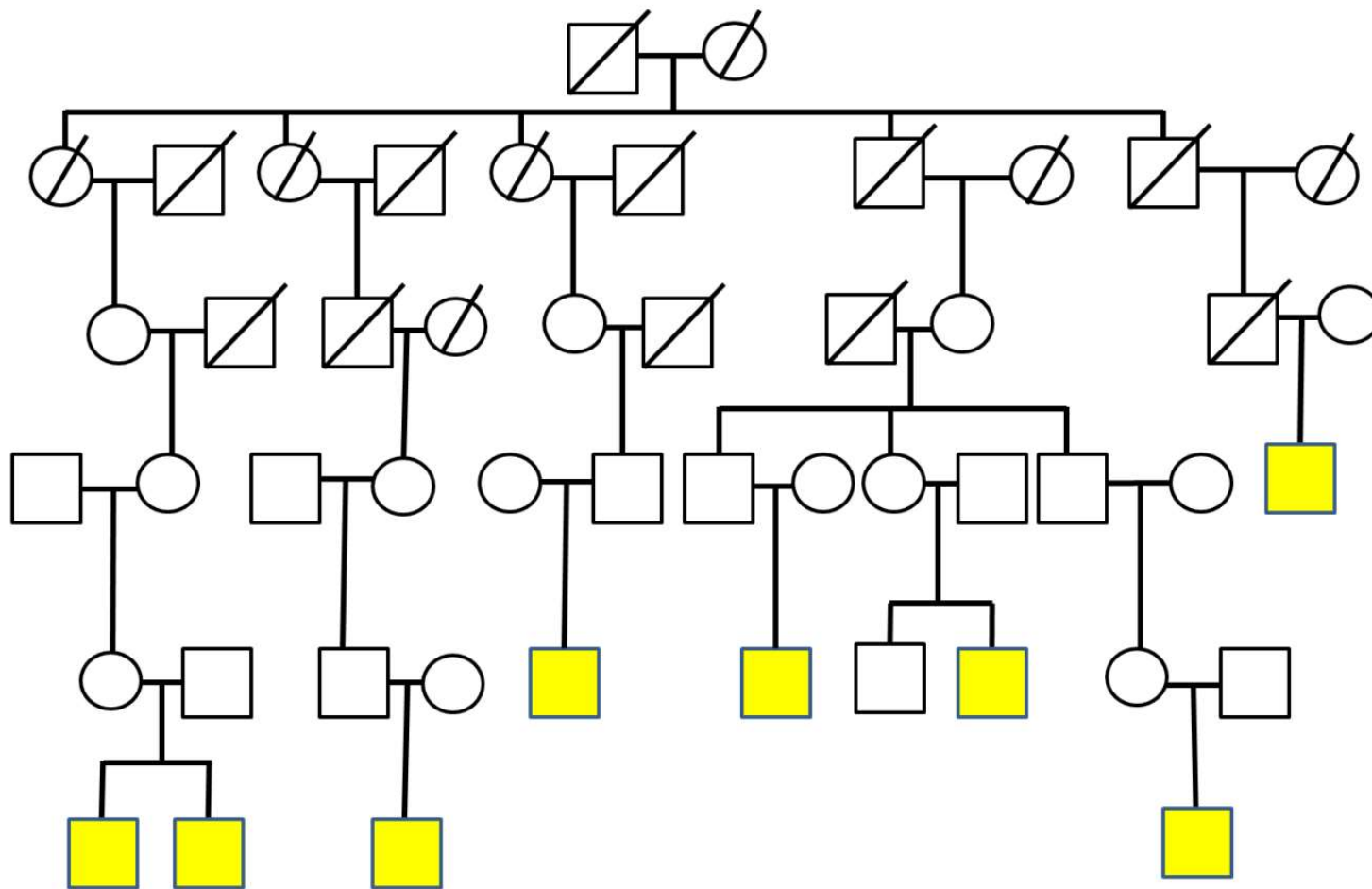
- Did not measure any environmental factors
- Did not estimate G x E interactions
- Both concluded around **50% E, 50% G**

MZ, DZ, G%, E%, missing%

Source	MZ	DZ
Tick 5%	98%	53%
Tick 1%	98%	67%

Broad-sense heritability 67-94%, shared E, 7-35%

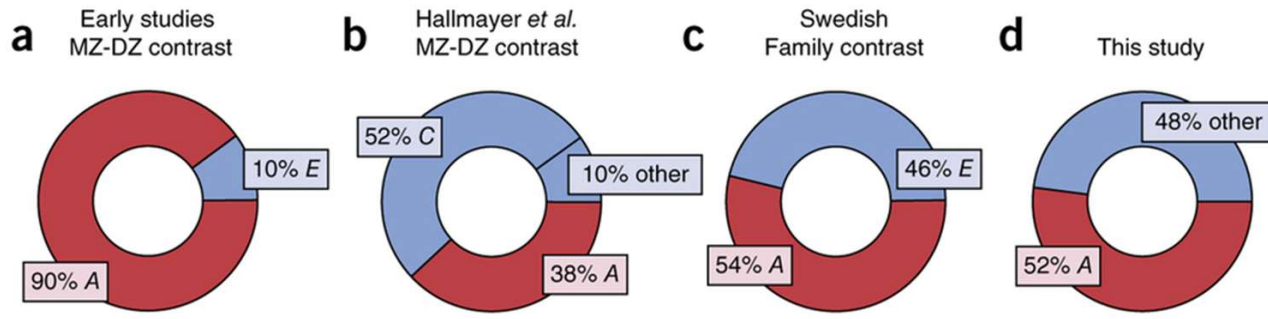
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Hallmayer	38(h2)	58	4
Sandin	46	54	0
Colvert	56	30	8



Implies low narrow-sense heritability h^2 (approx. $h^2 = 0$)

New Studies

- People who self-identify as being on the spectrum tend to have kids w/ASD traits – regardless of diagnosis.
- Evans D.W. *et al. J. Am. Acad. Child Adolesc. Psychiatry* **56**, 51-58 (2017) [PubMed](#)
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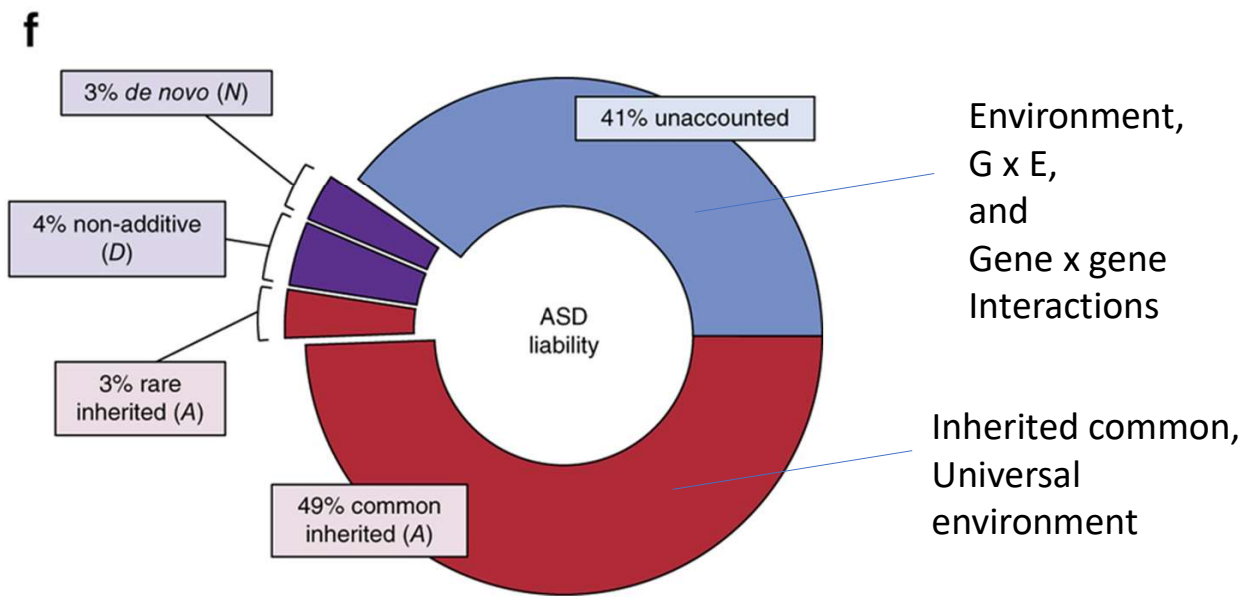


e Trait covariance

MZ twins: $A + D + C + E + N$
 DZ twins: $1/2A + 1/4D + C + E$
 Full sibs: $1/2A + 1/4D + C + E$
 Half sibs: $1/4A$
 Cousins: $1/8A$

A Additive genetic
 D Non-additive genetic
 C Common environment
 E Unique environment
 N *De novo*

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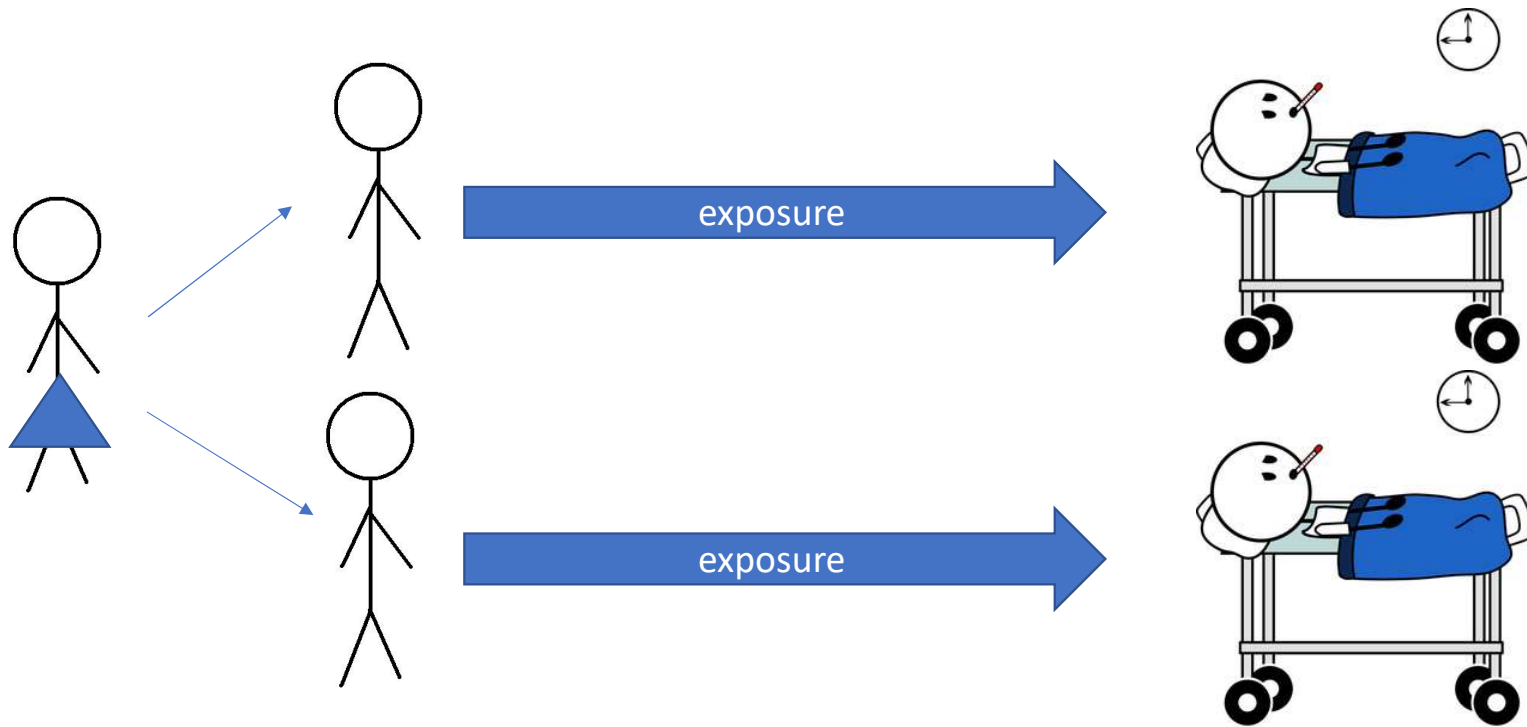


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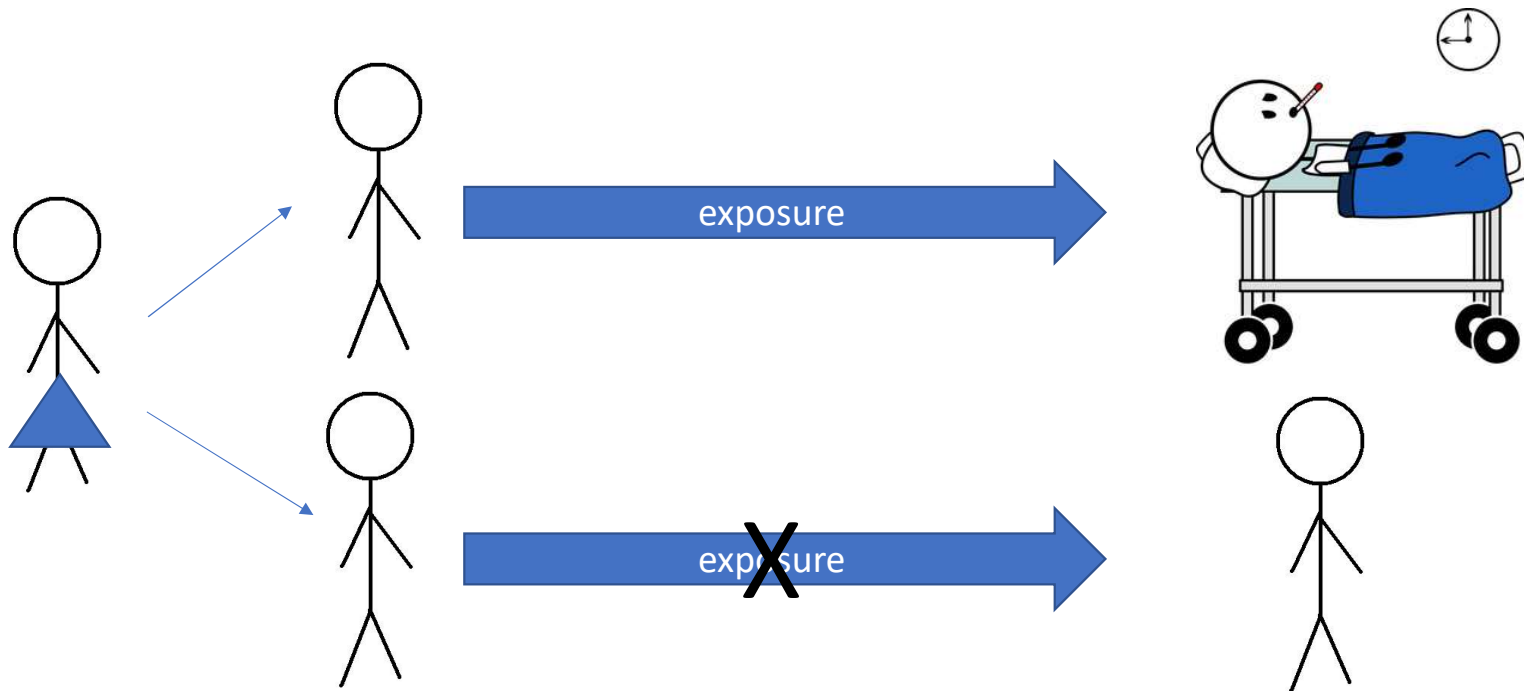
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“Reproducibility of Environment Effects in Twins” Shared Environment Interpretation



Environmental susceptibility will look like **common variation** if the correct environmental factors are not studied.

“Reproducibility of Environment Effects in Twins” Unique Environment Studies Needed



Environmental susceptibility will look like **common variation** if the correct environmental factors are not studied.

G x E Interactions


Bowers & Erickson (2014) Review

- Organophosphates <-> *PON1* gene
- Pregnancy-related stress <-> *ADRB2* gene
- Traffic-related particulate matter (pollution) <-> *MET* gene
- Periconceptual maternal prenatal vitamin <-> (*MTHFR*, *CBS*, *COMT*)
- Bowers K, C. Erickson. 2014. [Gene-environment interaction and autism spectrum disorder](#). *OA Autism* 2(1):3.

Additional evidence of G x E

- **Rose et al.** Mercury damage in autism may be mediated via mitochondrial dysfunction in some
- **Choi et al.** Maternal immune activation leads to (IL-17a) activation -> abnormal cortical phenotype
- **Hadley et al., 2014.** Glutamate receptors and transporters (mGluR gene network > 270 genes) – autistics have more CNV's than neurotypicals
- **Nayak et al. 2002.** Protein malnutrition may influence the specific manifestation of aluminum-induced neurotoxicity
- **Numerous studies** – Lifelong microglial activation

Evidence of Specific G x E in Vaccines

- Sodium channel gene SCN1A variation associated with sensitivity to vaccine-induced encephalopathy (O’Roak et al. 2011)
- MTHFR mutations  Thimerosal susceptibility (Austin, 2014)

Phenomimicry: Some cases disrupted mutations, others by environmental exposure

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Individual Genes


- ASD Risk Genes (< 1%)
 - Synaptic proteins (>70), GABA-B3 receptor, Shank2/3 TSC1/2 MECP2 PTEN dup(16p11), **CNTNAP2**
- **Environmental Susceptibility Genes (40-60%)**
 - Glutamate receptors, endoplasmic reticulum proteins, cellular detoxification pathway proteins
- Autism Phenotype Modifier Genes (40%; communication skills, intellect)
 - FoxP1, serotonin transporters

Schaafma et al. 2017

- Genetics: CNTAP2
- Gender: (M/F)
- MIA (LPS + Bacterial infection)



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Sex-specific gene–environment interactions underlying ASD-like behaviors

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Abstract

The male bias in the incidence of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) is one of the most notable characteristics of this group of neurodevelopmental disorders. The etiology of this sex bias is far from known, but pivotal for

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Habituation	0.211
Dishabituation	0.099
CRH expression	0.08
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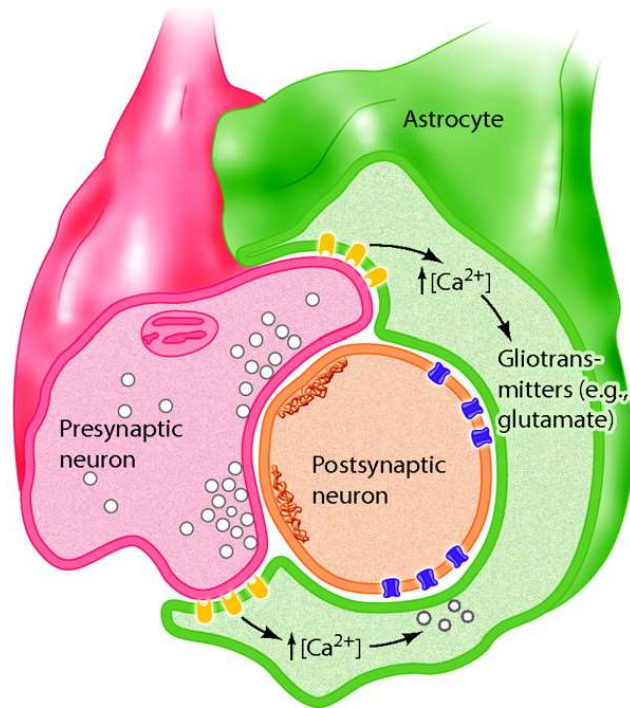
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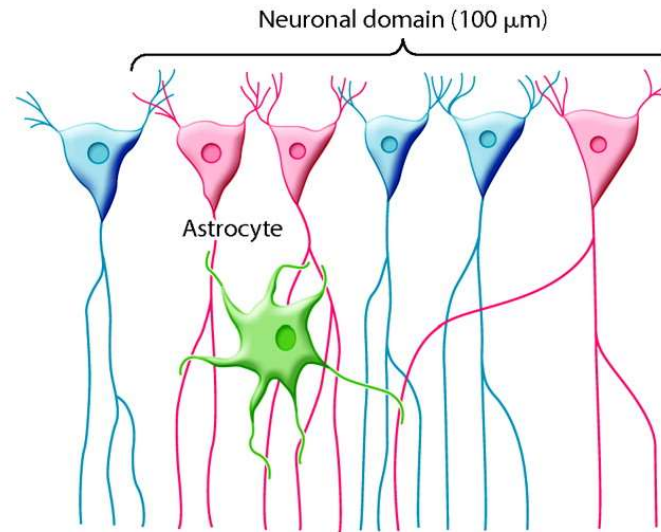
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Tommaso Fellin et al. *Physiology* 2006;21:208-215

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SPEECH, MICROGLIA, AND NERVE CELL EXTENSION ROLES IN LOSS-OF-FUNCTION MUTATIONS

Loss-of-function (LoF) driven pathway analysis revealed three major clusters of functionally aggregate gene modules in ASD (Liu et al., 2014), reflecting functional groups involved in the following:

- Speech and language, clustering around the gene FOXP2.
- Microglial activation, clustering around the gene PTEN.
- Microtubule-processes in nerve cell function, clustering around the gene SPAST.

The importance of FOXP2 and PTEN in ASD has been discussed previously in this book. The SPAST cluster found by Liu et al. (2014) may indicate the importance of a microtubule reorganization, which is important for both cell shape development (neurite extension and neuronal arborization) and microglial and astrocyte functioning. Another effect could be disruption of the modulation of the endoplasmic reticulum, important for cellular waste transport and detoxification. Mutations in genes in this cluster could lead to sequestration of toxins in cells such as astrocytes (disrupting glutamate uptake) and microglia, which hinder proper mediation of synapses and autophagy.



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Genes Organized by Contribution to ASD Phenotype (examples)

- **“ASD”** CHD8, KATNAL2, 5-HT2A receptor, 16p11.2 dup/del,
- **“Autism severity”** MOA-B
- **Neural development** CHD7
- **Macrocephaly** PTEN
- **Language ability** 16p11.2 CNVs, 5-HT2RA, FOXP1
mitochondrial dysfunction
- **Intellectual ability** SHANK genes, Glutamate receptor genes, BDNF, MAO-A, 5-HT2A serotonin receptor
- **Social Function/Affective Knowledge** OXTR, DD4R
- **Repetitive behaviors** SLC25A12
- **Hypersensitivity to sound** CNTN5, CNTN6
- **Aggression** MOA-A
CD13
- **Severity of Depression** rs6311

Environmental Factor (Known and Suspected)

- Congenital Rubella Inf.
- Aluminum
- Mercury
- Acetaminophen
- Monosodium glutamate
- Thalidomide
- Valproic acid
- Glyphosate
- PBDEs (flame retardant)
- Air pollution
- Phthalates
- Ultrasound exposure
- Solvents (parental exposure)

Examples of Evidence of Environmental Liability

↑ mercury amalgam

Holmes et al., 2003

↑ maternal immune activation

Many sources

↑ acetaminophen after MMR

Schultz et al., 2008

Bauer et al., 2003

↑ autoantibodies to the folate

Shapira et al., 2015

receptor protein is related to

neural tube defects and autism →

Molecular mimicry

aluminum causes apoptosis of motor

Shaw and Petrik (2009)

↓ Serum levels of Vit D₃

Feng et al. (2016)

- May also reflect genetic risk

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71% of kids with RA had an episode of fever > 101°F
In 33% of these cases, the fever occurred *right after vaccination* (Shoffner et al., 2010)

Children with more severe autism had larger amounts of circulating anti-brain protein antibodies (Piras et al.. 2014)

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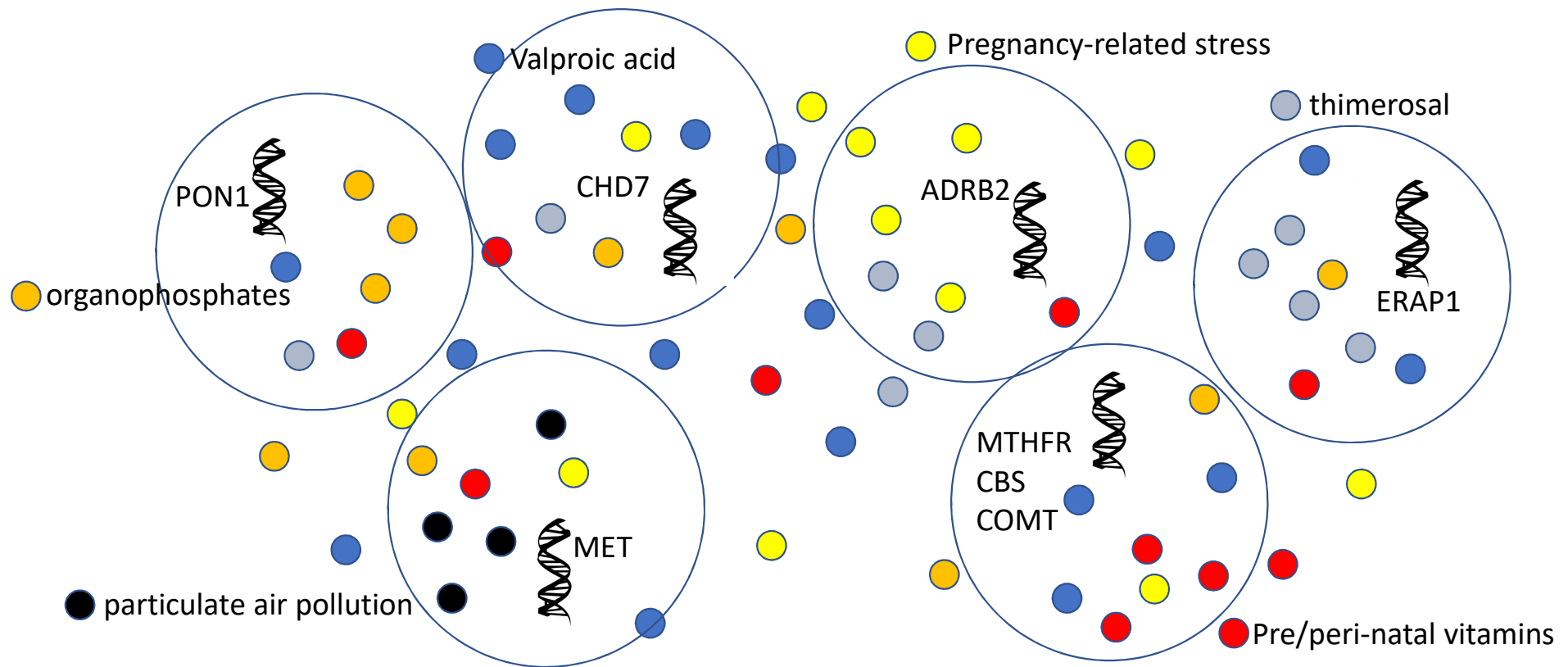
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Autism is No More than 50% Genetic, at Least 50% Environmental (Likely more)

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- Do they predispose some families to increased genetic susceptibility to environmental toxins?

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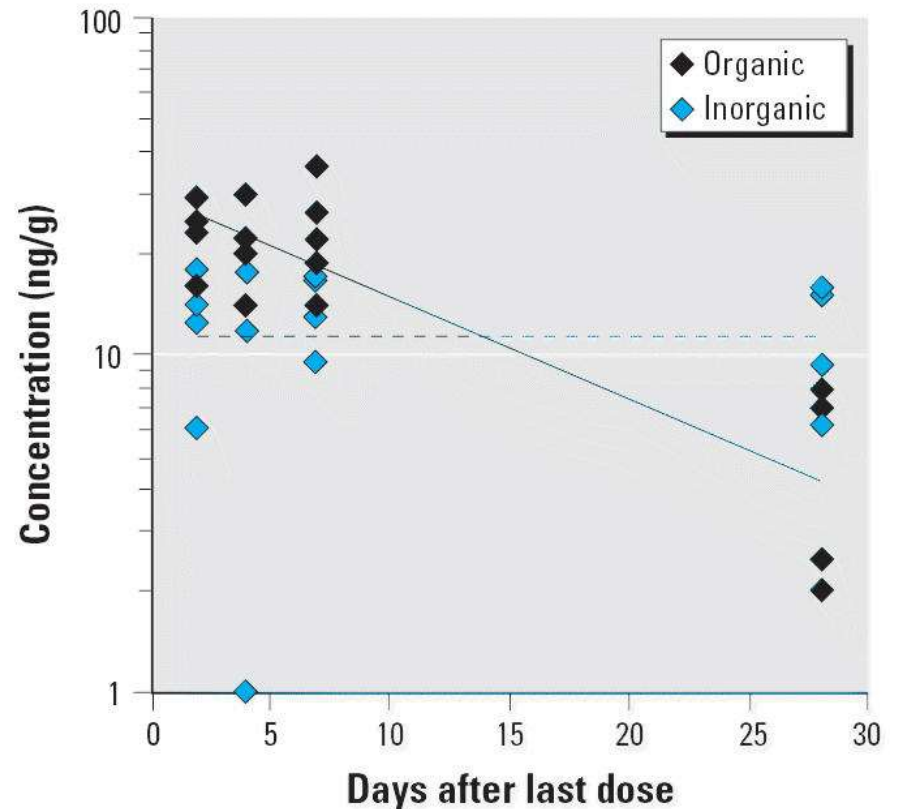
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Inorganic mercury Half-life: 27 years



Screening Identifies Thimerosal as a Selective Inhibitor of Endoplasmic Reticulum Aminopeptidase 1

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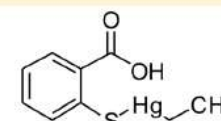
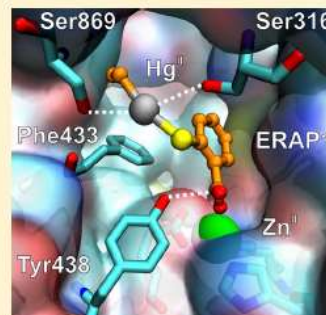
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ABSTRACT: We employed virtual screening followed by *in vitro* evaluation to discover novel inhibitors of ER aminopeptidase 1, an important enzyme for the human adaptive immune response that has emerged as an attractive target for cancer immunotherapy and the control of autoimmunity. Screening hits included three structurally related compounds carrying the (*E*)-*N'*-((1*H*-indol-3-yl)methylene)-1*H*-pyrazole-5-carbohydrazide scaffold and (2-carboxylatophenyl)sulfanyl-ethylmercury as novel ERAP1 inhibitors. The latter, also known as thimerosal, a common component in vaccines, was found to inhibit ERAP1 in the submicromolar range and to present strong selectivity versus the homologous aminopeptidases ERAP2 and IRAP. Cell-based analysis indicated that thimerosal can effectively reduce ERAP1-dependent cross-presentation by dendritic cells in a dose-dependent manner.

KEYWORDS: ERAP1, ERAP2, IRAP, aminopeptidase, inhibitor, immune system, antigenic peptide, docking



7, Thimerosal

ERAP1	0.24 μ M
ERAP2	>50 μ M
IRAP	>50 μ M
LAP	>50 μ M

ERAP1

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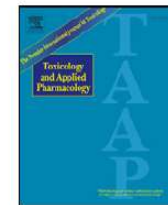
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Invited Review Article

The retention time of inorganic mercury in the brain — A systematic review of the evidence



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Reports from human case studies indicate a half-life for inorganic mercury in the brain in the order of years—contradicting older radioisotope studies that estimated half-lives in the order of weeks to months in duration. This study systematically reviews available evidence on the retention time of inorganic mercury in humans and primates to better understand this conflicting evidence. A broad search strategy was used to capture 16,539 abstracts on the Pubmed database. Abstracts were screened to include only study types containing relevant information. 131 studies of interest were identified. Only 1 primate study made a numeric estimate for the half-life of inorganic mercury (227–540 days). Eighteen human mercury poisoning cases were followed up long term including autopsy. Brain inorganic mercury concentrations at death were consistent with a half-

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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) RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)				1st dose	2nd dose												
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)				1st dose	2nd dose	←3rd dose→							←4th dose→				
Influenza7 (IIV: LAIV)						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)							1st dose						2nd dose				
Varicella9 (VAR)								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)														1st dose			
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis12 (Tdap: ≥7 yrs)																(Tdap)	
Human papillomavirus13 (2vHPV:females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV:males and females)																(3 dose series)	
Meningococcal B11																	
Pneumococcal polysaccharide5 (PPSV23)																	
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Aluminum

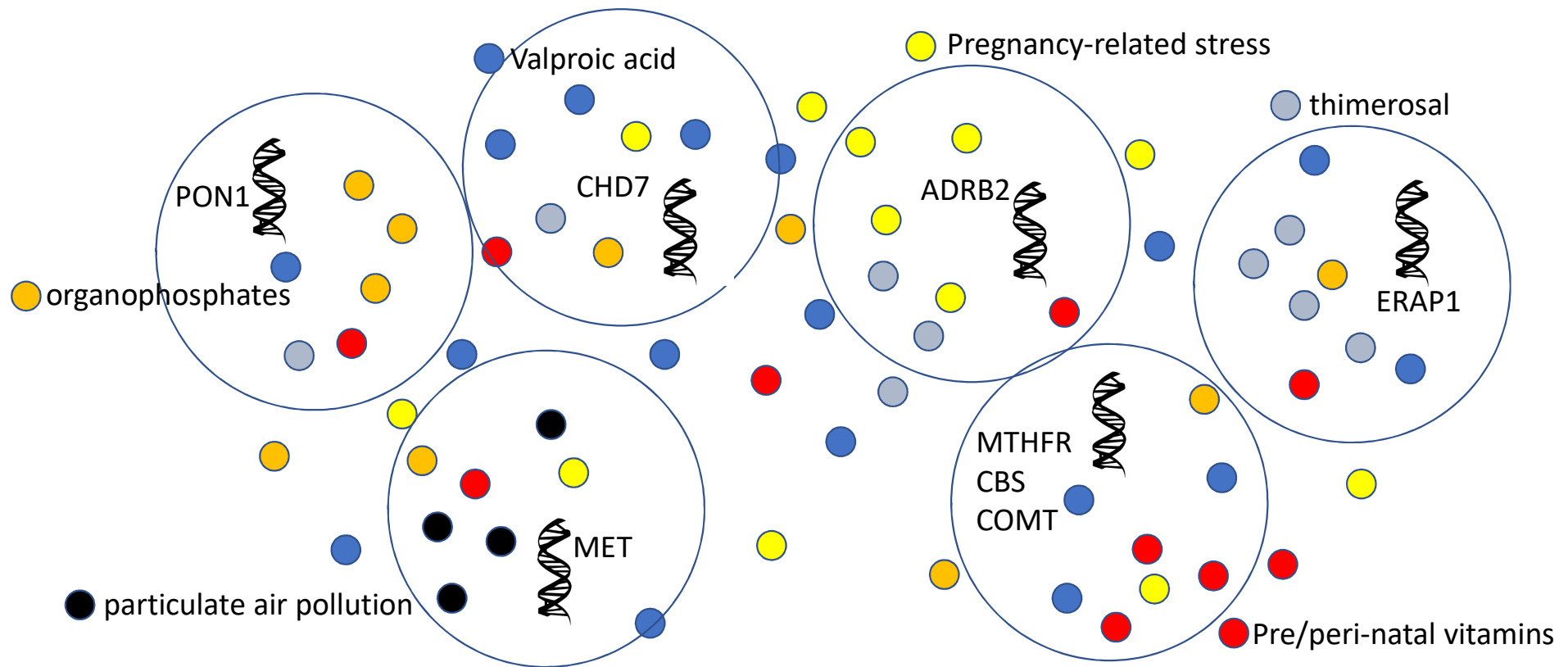
- HepB ● ● ● 250 μg per dose (750 μcg source)
- HepA ● ● 250 μg per dose (500 μcg source)
- DTaP ● ● ● ● ● 625 μg per dose (3,125 μcg source)
- HiB ● ● ● ● 225 μg per dose (900 μcg source)
- PCV ● ● ● ● 125 μg per dose (500 μcg source)

5,775 μg (typical schedule)



*“The toxic effects of aluminum are best described as widespread and pernicious. Inside the cell, aluminum shuts down the transcription of protein-coding genes and miRNA genes in two ways, via direct and specific interaction with H1 linker histones and by suppressing global gene expression by down-regulating RNA polymerase II (see review in Bhattacharjee, 2013). **Aluminum causes a buildup of glial fibrillary acid protein (GFAP) filaments near the cell nucleus** and destruction of the actin cytoskeleton (Theiss et al., 2002). Structural effects of aluminum in rodents include the appearance of neurofibrillary tangles that resemble those from Alzheimer’s patients (Uemura et al., 1984; Somova et al., 1997).”*

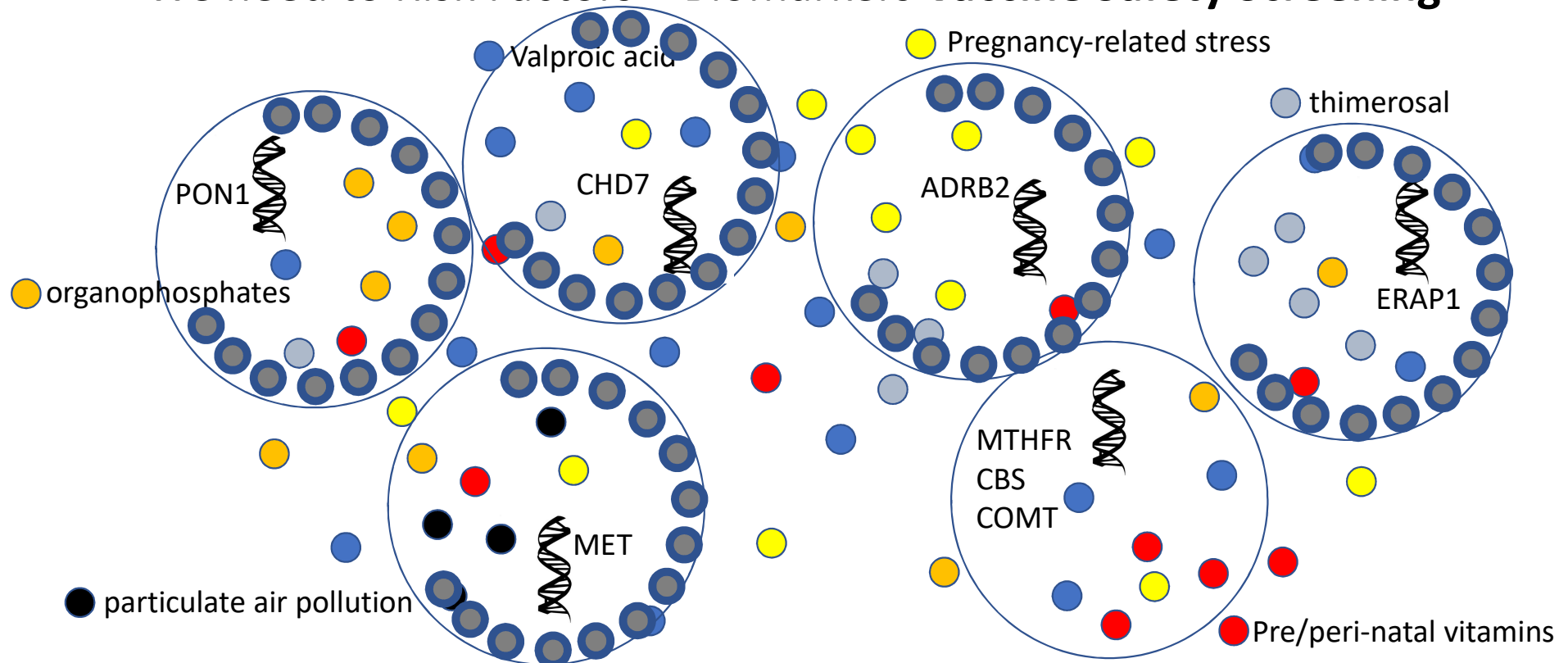
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Environmental Toxin Liability Sampling Theory

● Aluminum levels in vaccines are unsafe

• We need to Risk Factors + Biomarkers **Vaccine Safety Screening**





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 the third most abundant element in the earth's crust and its compounds are used in the form of household utensils, medicines and in antiperspirant etc. Increasing number of evidences suggest the involvement of Al⁺³ ions in a variety of neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer's disease. Here, we have attempted to investigate the role of Al in endoplasmic reticulum stress and the regulation of p53 during neuronal apoptosis using neuroblastoma cell line. We observed that Al caused 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, Aβ1-40 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

“NO STUDY HAS EVER SHOWN”

- ANALYZE THE DATA REPEATEDLY UNTIL THE POSITIVE ASSOCIATION “GOES AWAY”
- CHANGE THE RESULTS POST-PEER REVIEW, POST-PUBLICATION, IN PLAIN SITE (UNO ET AL.)
- USE THE MOST CONSERVATIVE METHOD FOR MULTIPLE HYPOTHESIS TESTING (BONFERRONI)
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- OVERFIT THE MODEL USING REDUNDANT, HIGHLY COLLINEAR VARIABLES
- REMOVE PATIENTS WHO ARE LIKELY TO HAVE ASD FEATURES
- “CORRECT FOR” COVARIATES RELATED TO ASD
- REDUCE SAMPLE SIZE TO REDUCE POWER TO DETECT ASSOCIATION
- CHANGE STUDY DESIGN POST FACTO TO SEE IF ASSOCIATION CAN BE LOST
- FAIL TO REPORT INITIAL ASSOCIATION
- CHANGE CONTINUOUS VARIABLES TO DISCRETE (CUM. EXPOSURE -> “ON TIME” VS. “LATE”)

Vaccine	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 B ¹ (HepB)	2 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
Rotavirus ² (RV) RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Diphtheria, tetanus, & acellular pertussis ³ (DTaP: <7 yrs)	6 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b ⁴ (Hib)	2 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
Pneumococcal conjugate ⁵ (PCV13)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Inactivated poliovirus ⁶ (IPV: <18 yrs)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Influenza ⁷ (IV; LAIV)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Measles, mumps, rubella ⁸ (MMR)	2 POSITIVE AND MANY NEGATIVE "STUDIES" EXIST RE: Thompson															
Varicella ⁹ (VAR)	1 STUDY SHOWS ASSOCIATION															
Hepatitis A ¹⁰ (HepA)	1 STUDY SHOWS ASSOCIATION															
Meningococcal ¹¹ (Hib-MenCY ≥ 6 weeks; MenACWY-D ≥ 9 mos; MenACWY-CRM ≥ 2 mos)	0 STUDIES – GBS, PARALYSIS (NUMEROUS)															
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis ¹² (Tdap: ≥ 7 yrs)													N/A			
Human papillomavirus ¹³ (2vHPV: females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV: males and females)	"VACCINES DO NOT CAUSE AUTISM" - CDC												N/A			
Meningococcal B ¹¹													N/A			
Pneumococcal polysaccharide ⁵ (PPSV23)											0 STUDIES					

Some Facts About Aluminum:

- While abundant in nature, aluminum is not usually biologically available in nature
- >1000 studies show Aluminum is a potent neurotoxin
- Aluminum was grandfathered in to clinical use in vaccines
- First used in vaccines the 1920's
- Present in the form of Aluminum salts (Aluminum hydroxide)
- Interactions between Aluminum and other vaccine excipients are not well studied

47%	Oxygen
28%	Silicon
8%	Aluminum
5%	Iron
4%	Calcium
3%	Sodium
3%	Potassium
2%	Magnesium

Dietary Aluminum

- Most (>99.9%) aluminum in the diet usually is excreted, kept from the blood via intact and properly functioning intestinal tissues
- Bio-available forms of aluminum such as aluminum hydroxide and MF59 are not naturally part of biological exposures in humans and animals
- Lesions in the gut will likely increase dietary aluminum exposures

Population	Year Published	Route of Exposure	NOAEL	LOAEL `	Reference
Mice	1989	Dietary	62 mg Al/kg	155 mg Al/kg	Golub et al 1989
Mice	2001	Dietary	26 mg Al/kg	130 mg Al/kg	Golub et al, 2001
Mice	2005	Dietary	53 mg Al/kg	103 mg Al/kg	Colomina et al, 2005
Mice	2000	Dietary	-	100 mg Al/kg	Golub et al, 2000

Aluminum from Vaccines

- CFR/FDA Safety Levels for an adult is 850 μg per **dose** – **no body weight**
- Aluminum in parenteral sources (IV) limited to 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{day}$
- 18 Vaccines in the CDC schedule include Aluminum in various bio-available types
- Babies receive 250 micrograms on the first day of birth in the HepB shot
- 100% of Al from vaccines are absorbed (clearance in days/weeks)
- Only 0.1-0.3% of Al from diet is absorbed

CFR/FDA

- “Research indicates that patients with impaired kidney function, including premature neonates, who receive parenteral levels of aluminum at greater than **4 to 5 [micro]g/kg/day** accumulate aluminum at levels associated with central nervous system and bone toxicity. Tissue loading may occur at even lower rates of administration.”





Vaccine Development and Characterization

- Sterility (21 CFR 610.12)
- General Safety (21 CFR 610.11)
 - test on final container product
 - detection of extraneous toxic contaminants
- Purity (21 CFR 610.13)
 - pyrogenicity
 - moisture content
- Identity (21 CFR 610.14)
 - on final container, e.g. SDS-PAGE, Western blot,
- Other release tests
 - in process testing critical for safety and manufacturing consistency



21 CFR 610.15: Constituent Materials.

- (a) *Ingredients, preservatives, diluents, adjuvants*. All ingredients used in a licensed product, and any diluent provided as an aid in the administration of the product, shall meet generally accepted standards of purity and quality.
- Any **preservative** used shall be sufficiently nontoxic so that the amount present in the recommended dose of the product will not be toxic to the recipient...



21 CFR 610.15: Constituent materials.

- An **adjuvant** shall not be introduced into a product unless there is satisfactory evidence that it does not affect adversely the safety or potency of the product.
- The amount of **aluminum** in the recommended individual dose of a biological product shall not exceed:
 - (1) 0.85 milligrams if determined by assay;
 - (2) 1.14 milligrams if determined by calculation on the basis of the amount of aluminum compound added; or
 - (3) 1.25 milligrams determined by assay provided that data demonstrating that the amount of aluminum used is safe...

Question: How did CFR/FDA Come to a Vaccine MSL 850 mcg/AL per DOSE, with no reference to body weight?

- MRL - MINIMAL RISK LEVELS
- NOAEL - no-observed-adverse-effect-level
- LOAEL - lowest-observed-adverse-effect level



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Aluminum toxicokinetics regarding infant diet and vaccinations

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Abstract

Some vaccines contain aluminum adjuvants to enhance the immunological response, and it has been postulated that this aluminum could contribute to adverse health effects, especially in children who receive a vaccination series starting at birth. The pharmacokinetic properties and end-point toxicities of aluminum are presented. In assessing the relevance of dietary and medical aluminum exposure to public health, we estimated infant body burdens during the first year of life for breast milk and formula diets and for a standard vaccination schedule. We then compared those body burdens with that expected for intake at a level considered safe for intermediate-duration exposure. The methodology blends intake values and uptake fractions with an aluminum retention function derived from a human injection study using radioactive ^{26}Al . The calculated body burden of aluminum from vaccinations exceeds that from dietary sources, however, it is below the minimal risk level equivalent curve after the brief period following injection. Published by Elsevier Science Ltd.

Keywords: Aluminum; Vaccine; Diet

1. Introduction

...ations several years before the vaccines developed. The

Keith et al.

- analyzed the pharmacokinetics of aluminum for infant dietary and vaccine exposures
- compared the resulting body burdens to those based on the minimal risk levels (MRLs) established by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

concentration gives the daily aluminum intake through 6 months of age. During the second 6 months, introduction of semisolid food increases the aluminum intake to an average 0.7 mg per day [21]. An estimate of infant aluminum body burden during year 1 was developed using a 0.78% uptake factor and applying the Priest et al. [11] retention function

vated serum aluminum levels, a condition that is now known to be preventable by using water with low aluminum content. Other more subtle neurological effects that have been induced in animal models or associated with human occupational exposure include memory loss, fatigue, depression, behavioral modifications, and learning impairment.

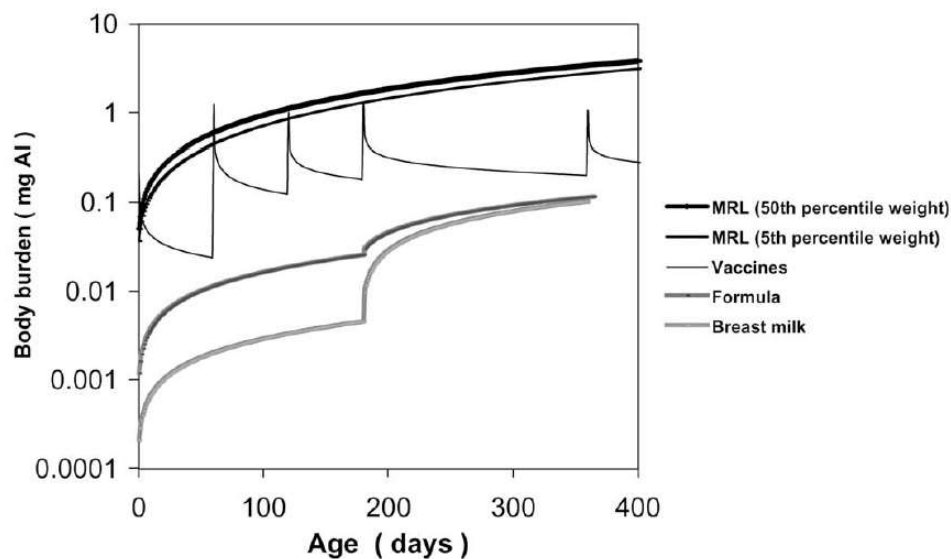


Fig. 1. Aluminum body burden contributions from diet and vaccines relative to MRL level intake.

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 - Release from injection site
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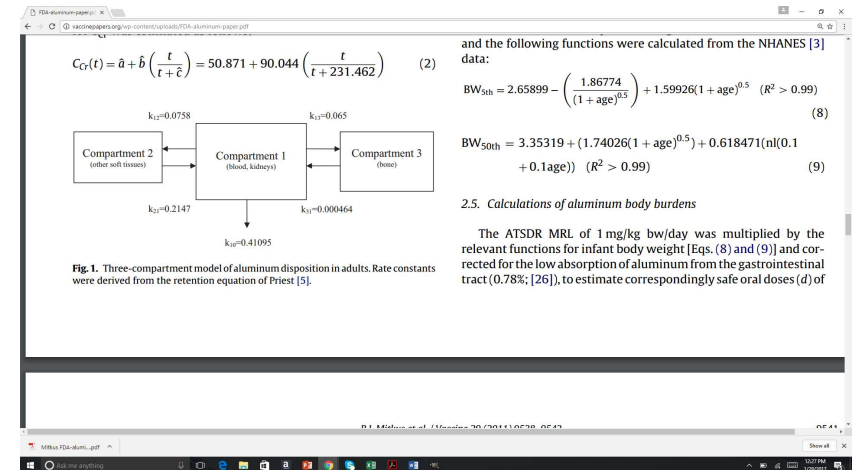
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- Updated the analysis of Keith et al.
- (then) current pediatric vaccination schedule, baseline aluminum levels at birth
- Adjusted the analysis using
 - an aluminum retention function that reflects changing glomerular filtration rates in infants
 - an adjustment for the kinetics of aluminum efflux at the site of injection
 - contemporaneous MRLs
 - the most recent infant body weight data for children 0–60 months of age



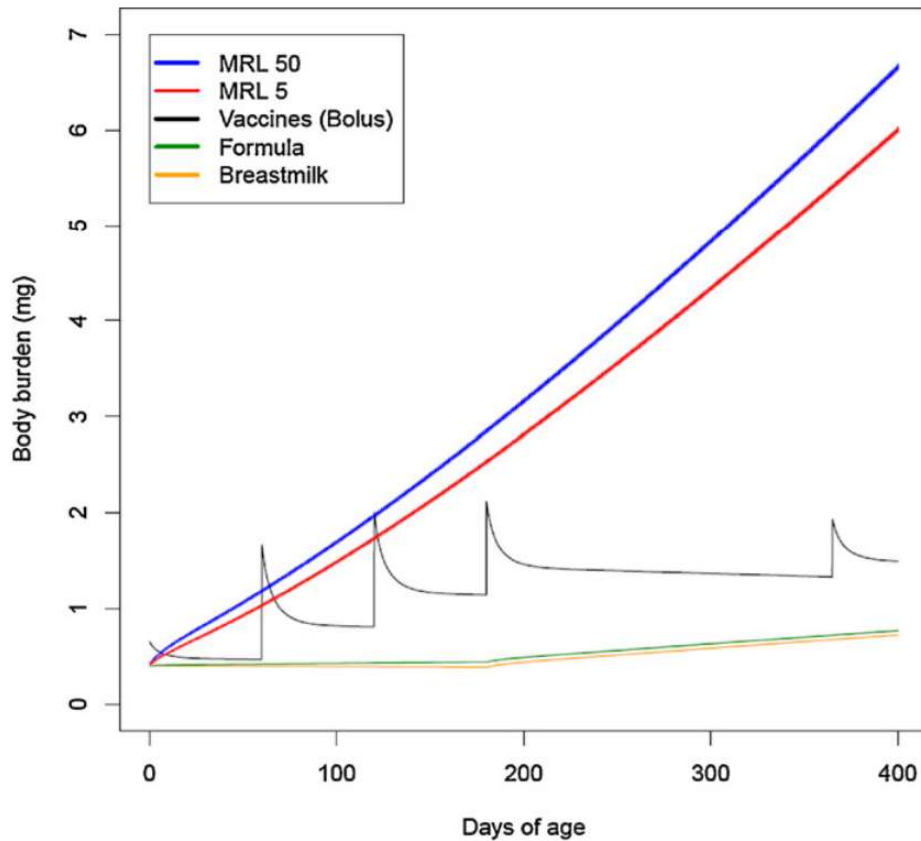


Fig. 2. Aluminum body burden contributions from diet and vaccines (100%, instantaneous absorption assumed) relative to current MRL level intake in infants. *Note:* the body burden of aluminum is greater than zero at birth, since infants are exposed

The determinations of the kinetics of aluminum retention by Priest [21,5] were based on experiments where human volunteers were given an intravenous injection of aluminum citrate. For vaccines, the injection is intramuscular, the aluminum is in an insoluble form (e.g., as the phosphate or hydroxide of aluminum), and muscle at the site of injection is considered to be a storage depot for aluminum. Over time the insoluble aluminum hydroxide or aluminum phosphate particles are solubilized by citrate ions in the interstitial fluids of muscle. After solubilization, the uptake and distribution kinetics of aluminum will likely be similar to the kinetics determined by the human volunteer studies. However, it is unlikely that the process of absorption from the site of intramuscular injection into the blood is instantaneous, as is assumed for intravenous exposures and as presumed by the retention functions used to generate Fig. 2 and by Keith et al. [1].

Flarend et al. [27] investigated the absorption into the blood of aluminum hydroxide and aluminum phosphate following intramuscular injection into New Zealand White rabbits. Two important observations were made in their experiments: (1) only a fraction of the injected aluminum was taken up from the site of injection into blood over the 28-day experimental period, and (2) absorption of neither adjuvant was instantaneous. Specifically, blood concentrations of aluminum hydroxide decreased to a minimum by the end of the experiment (reached a terminal phase), whereas aluminum phosphate blood concentrations were relatively constant

Disagreement Between Two Committees

Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (FAO/WHO; 1989, 2011)

- 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

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) CAS ID #: 7429-90-5 2008

- 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)

¹Evaluation of certain food additives and contaminants [Thirty-third report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives). WHO Technical Report Series, No. 776, 1989

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³Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) CAS ID #: 7429-90-5

ANIMAL STUDIES OF DOSE-RELATED ALUMINUM TOXICITY (DIETARY)

Source/Dose	Animal(age)	Adverse Event(s)
ORAL		
rats (adults)	230 mg Al/kg/day	erythropoiesis
rats (adults)	230 mg/kg/day	erythrocyte damage
mouse (dams)	230 mg/kg/day	increased susc. Infection
rats (pups)	54 mg/kg	delay in maturation
rats/mice (pups)	104 mg/kg/day	decrease in bw gain

Rats: Adult weight Males 300-500g, Females 250-300g Birth weight 5-6g

Mice: Adult weight Males 20-30 g, Females 18-35g Birth weight 1-2 g


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”)

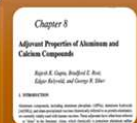
- **2001 850 µg "selected empirically from data because it enhances the antigenicity and effectiveness of the vaccine" (Baylor et al 2001)**
- 2001-2008 ATSDR set MRL/NOAEL to 1 mg/kg/day from all sources based on Golub 26 mg/kg-day NOAEL (ATSDR references Baylor et al (2001),
- 2001 MRL/NOAEL 2 mg/kg-day 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.

1984




- May et al (The aluminum content of biological products containing aluminum adjuvants, J.Bio, Stand 1984)
- 0.85 mg/dose for antigenicity (USFDA)

1995




- Gupta et al (Vaccine Design: The Subunit and Adjuvant Approach, Chapter 8)
- Upper limit 1.25 mg/dose (WHO 1990)

2001-2016



- Code of Federal Regulations (21CFR610.15,
- 0.85 mg/dose by assay
- 1.14 mg/dose (amt of Al)
- 1.25 mg/dose

2001




- Baylor et al (Aluminum salts in vaccines-US perspective)
- "0.85 mg aluminum per dose was selected empirically from data that demonstrated that this amount of aluminum enhanced the antigenicity and effectiveness of the vaccine (Joan May, FDA)"

2000



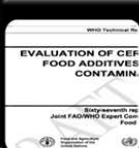
- Malakoff (Aluminum is Put on Trial as a Vaccine Booster, Science 2000 May 26)
- "Regulatory and manufacturing requirements, for instance, would make it "a nightmare" to create different formulas for an initial vaccine and its booster, says Nathalie Garcon-Johnson of SmithKline Beecham Biologicals"

2008




- ATSDR
- Aluminum intakes per kilogram of body weight for children ranged from: 0.10 mg/kg for infants to 0.35 mg/kg for 2-year-old children.
- Cites Baylor and Malakoff FDA limit of 0.85 mg Al/dose
- At birth (3.34 kg, 50th %), 0.85 mg dose (.25 mg/kg) would be 2.5 X total dietary daily intake of Aluminum for infants

1996-2007




- Evaluation Of Certain Food Additives and Contaminants (World Health Organization, Sec. 4.1 Aluminum)
- Mean exposure to US children =0.5 mg/kg-day
- Health-based guidance as Provisional Tolerable Weekly Intake (PTWI) = 1.0 mg/kg per week in Adults
- The calculated daily intake is 0.14 mg/kg-day
- ATSDR daily intake = 0.1 mg/kg-day in children.
- The NOAEL (mg/kg-day) = 0.1-0.14 mg Al/kg-day

1996



- Committee on Nutrition Aluminum Neurotoxicity in Infants and Children (Pediatrics, Vol 97 No. 3, March 1996)
- "A Provisional Tolerable Intake recommended by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and World Health Organization is 1 mg/kg-day.
- The word "Weekly" was left out
- Also stated Infants would receive a daily intake of 0.5 mg/kg-day using WHO reference
- Error propagated to future points of reference


2001-2016 (MRL/NOAEL)



Age Group	Aluminum Intake (mg/day)	Aluminum Intake (mg/kg)
0-1	0.7	0.20
1-2	0.8	0.30
2-3	0.9	0.30
3-4	0.9	0.11
4-5	1.0	0.18
5-6	1.1	0.18


- ATSDR
- Adult MRL = 1 mg/kg-day (Mouse=26 mg/kg-day/10/3)=0.86)
- Not corrected to children and infants
- ATSDR daily oral intake Al in children = 0.1 mg/kg-day
- MRL of Al used to define toxicity in vaccines

2002 (MRL/NOAEL)



- Keith et al (Aluminum pharmacokinetics regarding infant diets and vaccinations, 2001)
- Adult MRL = 2 mg/kg-day (Mouse=62mg/kg-day/10/3)=0.86)
- Not corrected to children and infants
- Compared adult level MRL to children

2011 (MRL/NOAEL)



- Mitkus et al
- "Safe, oral daily dose of aluminum (i.e., MRL=1 mg/kg bw/day) is expressed by ATSDR(4) as normalized to body weight, it was necessary to multiply this MRL value by infant body weight to obtain safe doses 9d) of aluminum in the first year of life."
- Propagated error of 1 mg/kg bw-day (Adult MRL)
- Compared adult level MRL to children



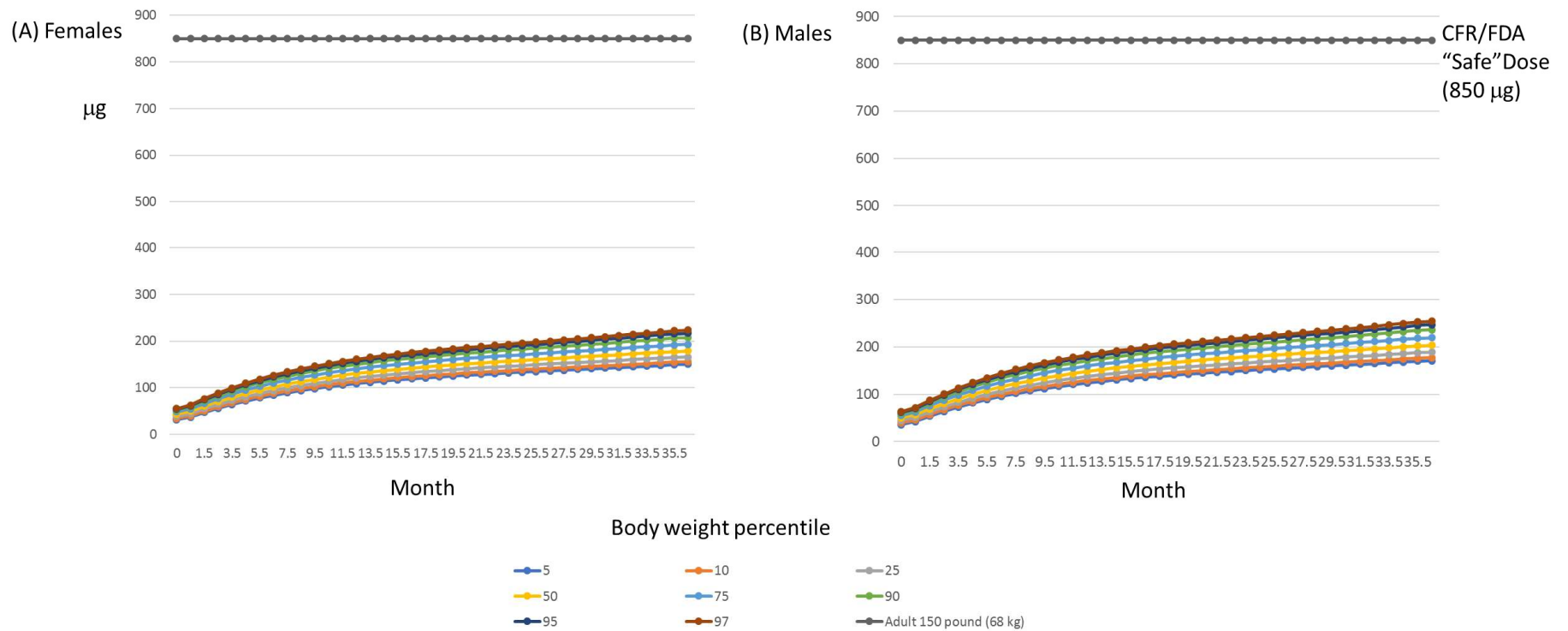
Birth to 15 Months		(Adapted from "CDC Vaccine Schedules 2016")															
Vaccine	Aluminum Content (ug)* per dose	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16-18 yrs
Hepatitis B1 (HepB)	250	1st dose		2nd dose		3rd dose											
Rotavirus2 (RV)				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)				1st dose	2nd dose	←3rd dose→							←4th dose→				
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Human papillomavirus13 (2vHPV: females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV: males and females)																(3 dose series)	
Meningococcal B11																	
Pneumococcal polysaccharide5 (PPSV23)																	
	* Total ug not adjusted to ug/kg	250		1225	975	1000		600		875							

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Hepatitis B ¹ (HepB)	2 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
Rotavirus ² (RV) RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Diphtheria, tetanus, & acellular pertussis ³ (DTaP: <7 yrs)	6 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b ⁴ (Hib)	2 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
Pneumococcal conjugate ⁵ (PCV13)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Inactivated poliovirus ⁶ (IPV: <18 yrs)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Influenza ⁷ (IIV; LAIV)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Measles, mumps, rubella ⁸ (MMR)	2 POSITIVE AND MANY NEGATIVE "STUDIES" EXIST RE: Thompson															
Varicella ⁹ (VAR)	1 STUDY SHOWS ASSOCIATION															
Hepatitis A ¹⁰ (HepA)	1 STUDY SHOWS ASSOCIATION															
Meningococcal ¹¹ (Hib-MenCY ≥ 6 weeks; MenACWY-D ≥ 9 mos; MenACWY-CRM ≥ 2 mos)	0 STUDIES – GBS, PARALYSIS (NUMEROUS)															
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis ¹² (Tdap: ≥ 7 yrs)	"VACCINES DO NOT CAUSE AUTISM" - CDC												N/A			
Human papillomavirus ¹³ (2vHPV: females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV: males and females)													N/A			
Meningococcal B ¹¹													N/A			
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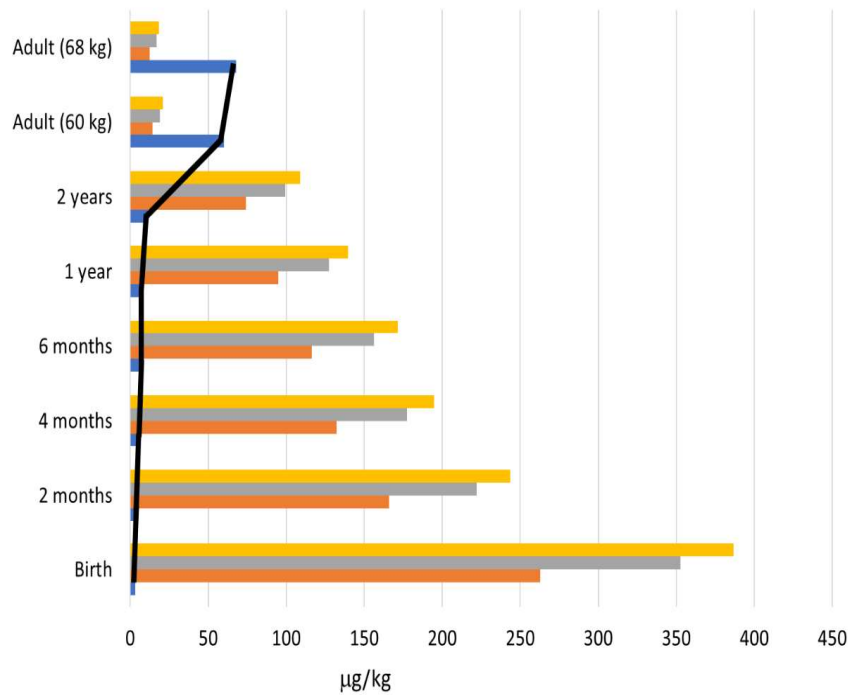
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BW Corrected AL CFR/FDA Limits (Clark's Rule)

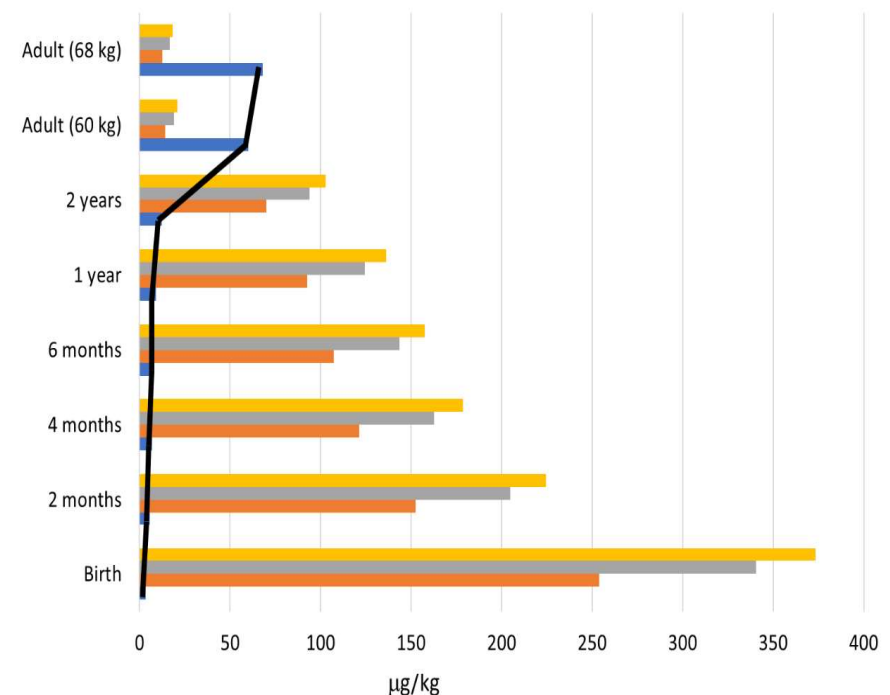


BW-Informed FDA Dose Limits and Vaccine Exposures, Expressed as $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, Birth through Adulthood

A. Females

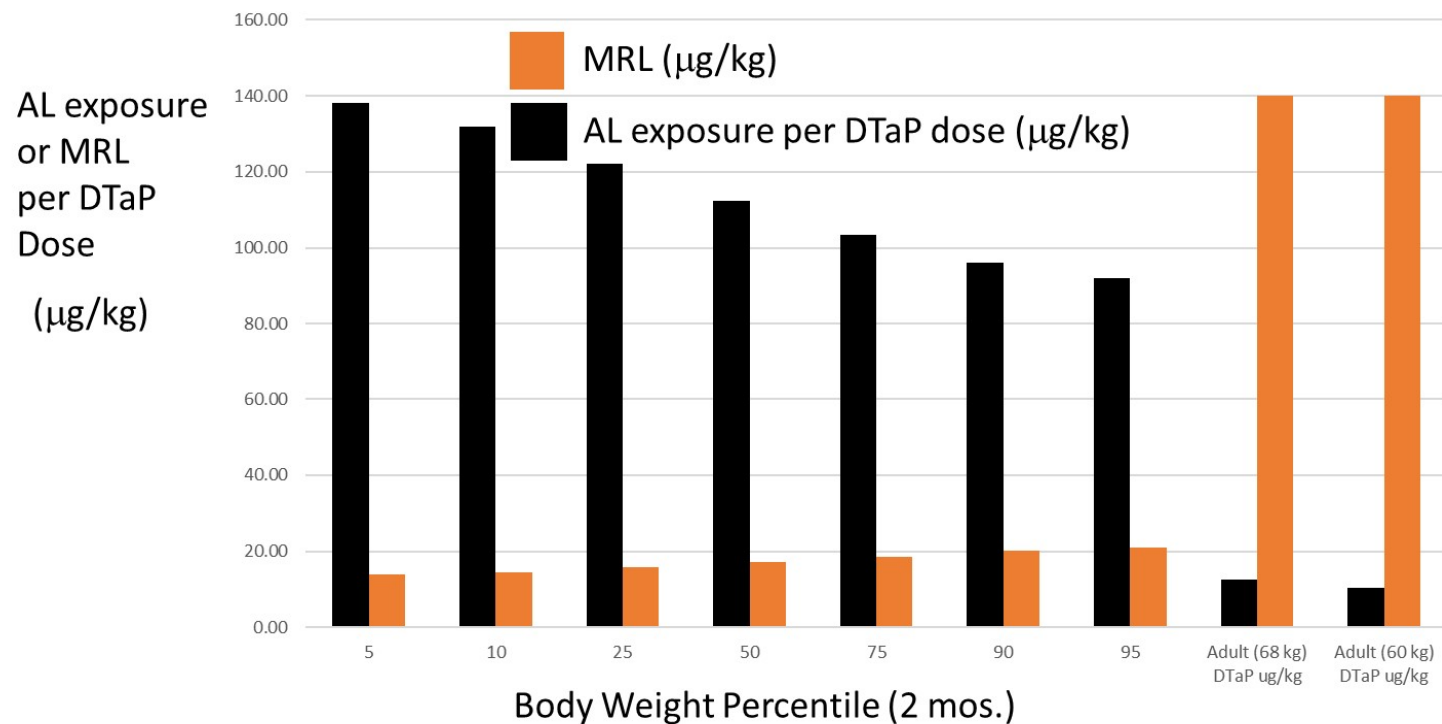


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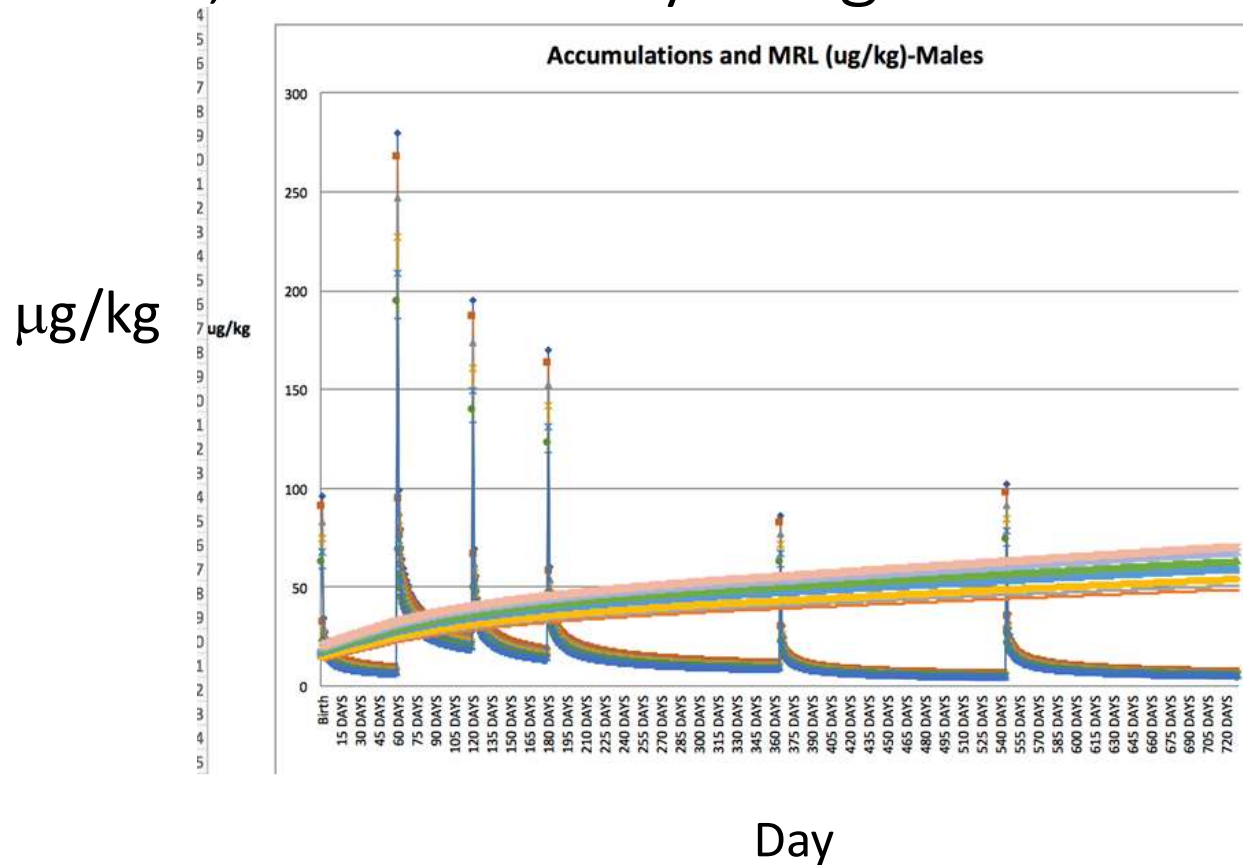


■ 50th Percentile 1250 μg dose
 ■ 50th Percentile 1140 μg dose
■ 50th Percentile 850 μg dose
 ■ 50th Percentile Weight DL
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Calculated Pediatric MRL and the AL Exposures from DTaP Vaccine for Children (and Adults) using Clark's Rule to Accommodate Pediatric Body Weights ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, 2 months and Adult).



US Vaccine Aluminum Dose Accumulation and Pediatric Dose Limits ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ IPAK 2017) Males, 50thtile body weight





"So the level of aluminum in vaccines, however, is **trivial**. And you frankly **ingest much more** aluminum from either in the water that you drink, or anything made from water on this planet, and many of the foods that we eat contain quantities of aluminum **far greater** than you're ever going **to get** in vaccines."

Age-sex group	Aluminum intake	
	(mg/day)	(mg/kg)
6–11-Months	0.7	0.10
2-Years	4.6	0.35
6-Years	6.5	0.30
10-Years	6.8	0.11
14–16-Years (females)	7.7	0.15
14–16-Years (males)	11.5	0.18

Source: Pennington and Schoen 1995

Pediatric Dietary Aluminum

Age	Aluminum intake (mg/day)	Aluminum intake (mg/kg-day)
6 months – 1 year	0.7	0.10
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Pennington JA, Schoen SA. 1995. Estimates of dietary exposure to aluminium. Food Addit Contam. 12(1):119-28. PubMed PMID: 7758626.

Source	AI concentration	Daily AI exposure	Estimated percentage absorbed	AI absorbed daily (µg/kg) ^a
<i>Typical Exposures</i>				
Water	Average ~ 70 µg/l	100 µg	0.3 ^b	0.004
Food - total diet		3500-10,000 µg ^c	0.1 to 0.3 ^d	0.05-0.4
Air-office	0.15 µg/m ^{3e}	1 µg	1 to 2 from lungs ^f 0.1 to 0.3 from GI tract	0.0002 0.00003
Air-outside	0.2 - 1 µg/m ^{3e,g}	4 µg ^h	1 to 2 from lungs ^f 0.1 to 0.3 from GI tract	0.001 0.0001
Antiperspirants	5-7.5% ⁱ	50,000-75,000 µg	up to 0.012 ^j	up to 0.1
Vaccines, pediatric patient	125-330 µg/dose	1.4 µg ^k	100 eventually ^l	0.07
<i>Elevated Exposures</i>				
Antacids/phosphate Binders		up to 5,000,000 µg	0.1	80
Industrial Air	25-2500 µg/m ³	250-25,000 µg per work day	1 to 2 from lungs ^f 0.1 to 0.3 from GI tract	0.6-8 0.008-1
Allergy immunotherapy	150-850 µg/dose	7-40 µg ^m	100 eventually ^l	0.1-0.6
Dialysis solution	If tap water 50 µg/l	2400 µg	25 ⁿ	9
Total Parenteral Nutrition Solutions	Neonatal/pediatric	9-23 µg/kg ^o	100	9-23
	Adult	1.5 µg/kg ^p	100	1.5

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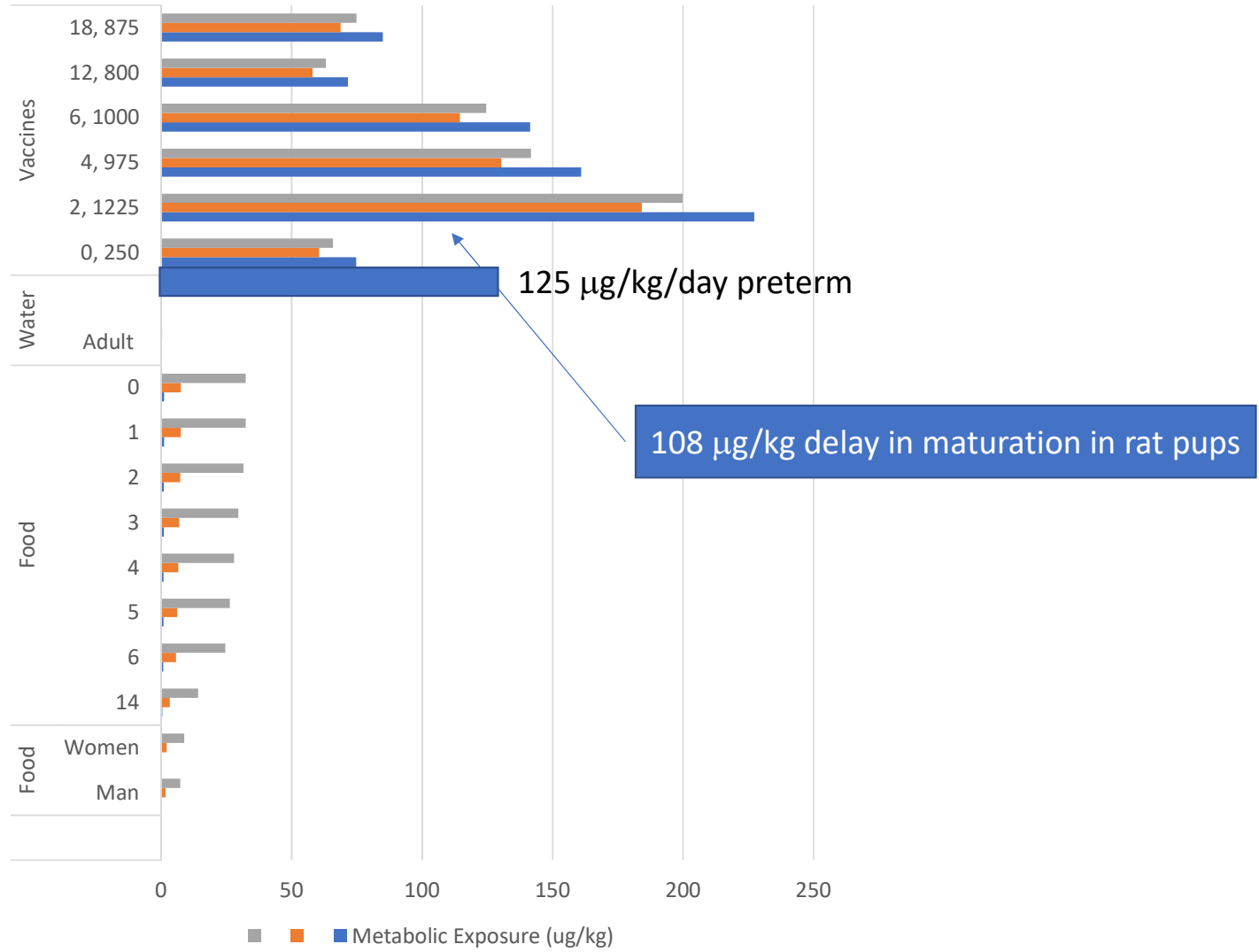
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Age-Sex group	Dietary Aluminum intake		Metabolically available (mcg Al/kg)		Vaccine (by schedule)	%Vaccine	% increase
	(mg Al/day)	mcg Al/kg	Diet (mcg Al/kg)	Vaccines (mcg Al/kg)			
Birth	0.1	29	2.9	74.7	(HepB)	96%	2676%
6-11 Months	0.7	100	10	141.1	(DTaP, HepB, HiB, PCV)	93%	1411%
2-Years	4.6	350	35	5.7	(DTaP 18 month-remaining)	14%	16%
6-Years	6.5	300	30	28.4	(Tdap)	49%	95%
10-Years	6.8	110	11	40.3	en,Tdap, HPV)-Age 11-12 yrs)	79%	366%
14-16-Years (females-48 kg)	7.7	150	15	10.4	(HPV-2nd dose)	41%	69%
14-16-Years (males-50 kg)	11.5	180	18	10	(HPV-2nd dose)	36%	56%
	Birth	Dorea et al, 2015		0.1% absorbed (Yokel)			
	6 mo-16yr	Pennington and Schoen, 1995					

Metabolic Exposure AL From Various Sources



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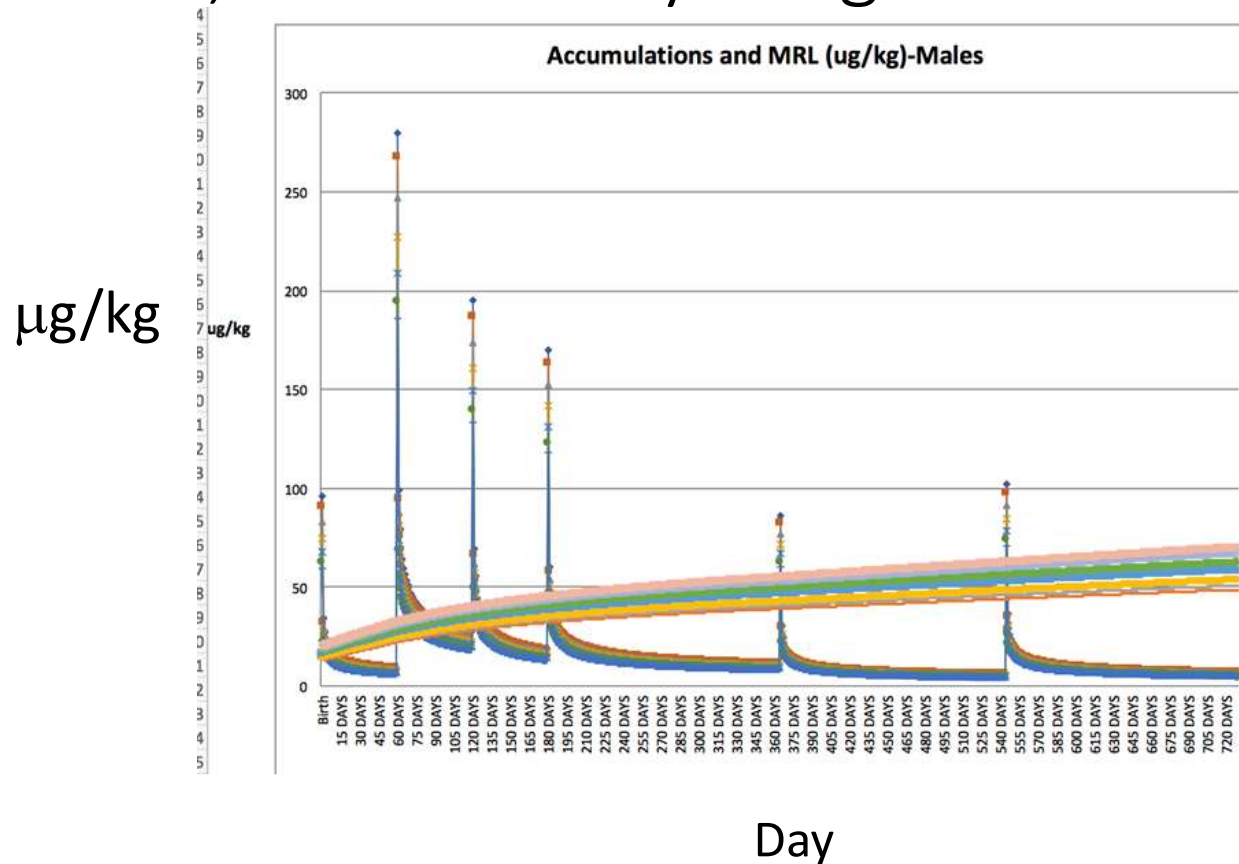
- **“The dose makes the poison.”** – Paracelsus, 1538



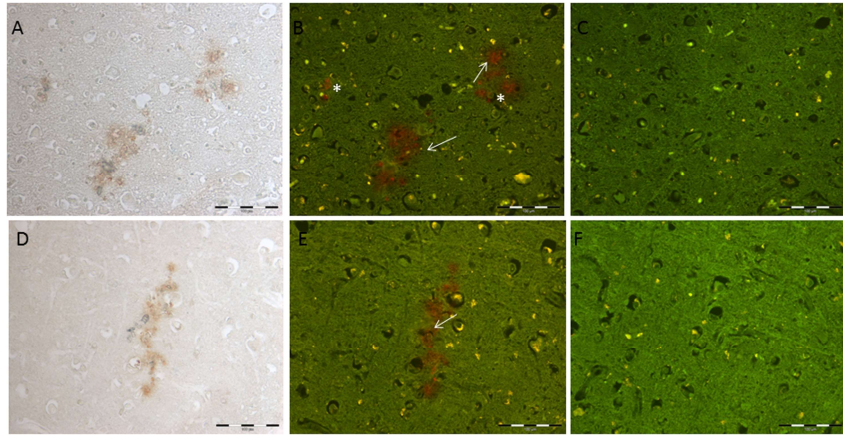
- **“Body weight makes the dose makes the poison.”** – JLW, 2017

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*** Intensity**
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*** Duration of Exposure Matters**



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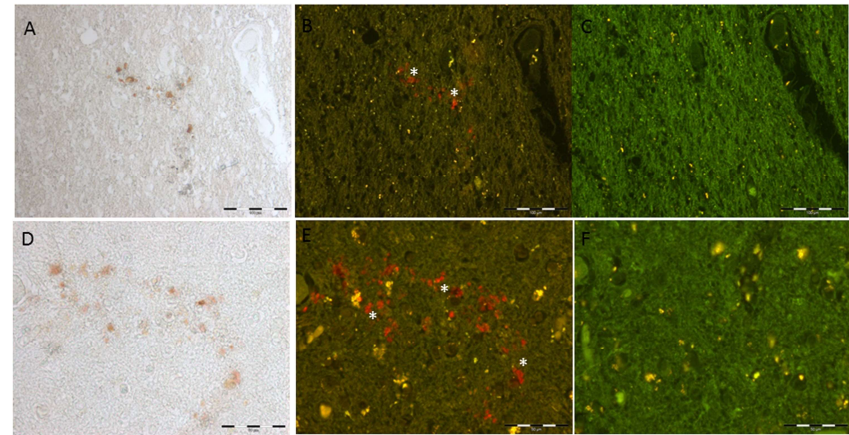
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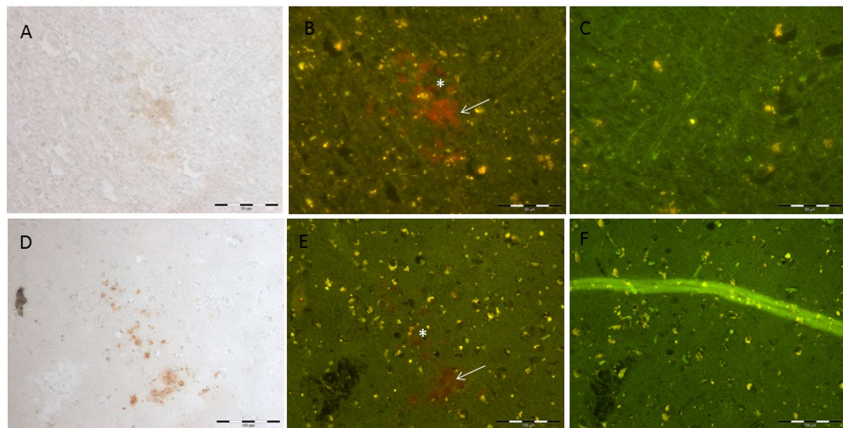
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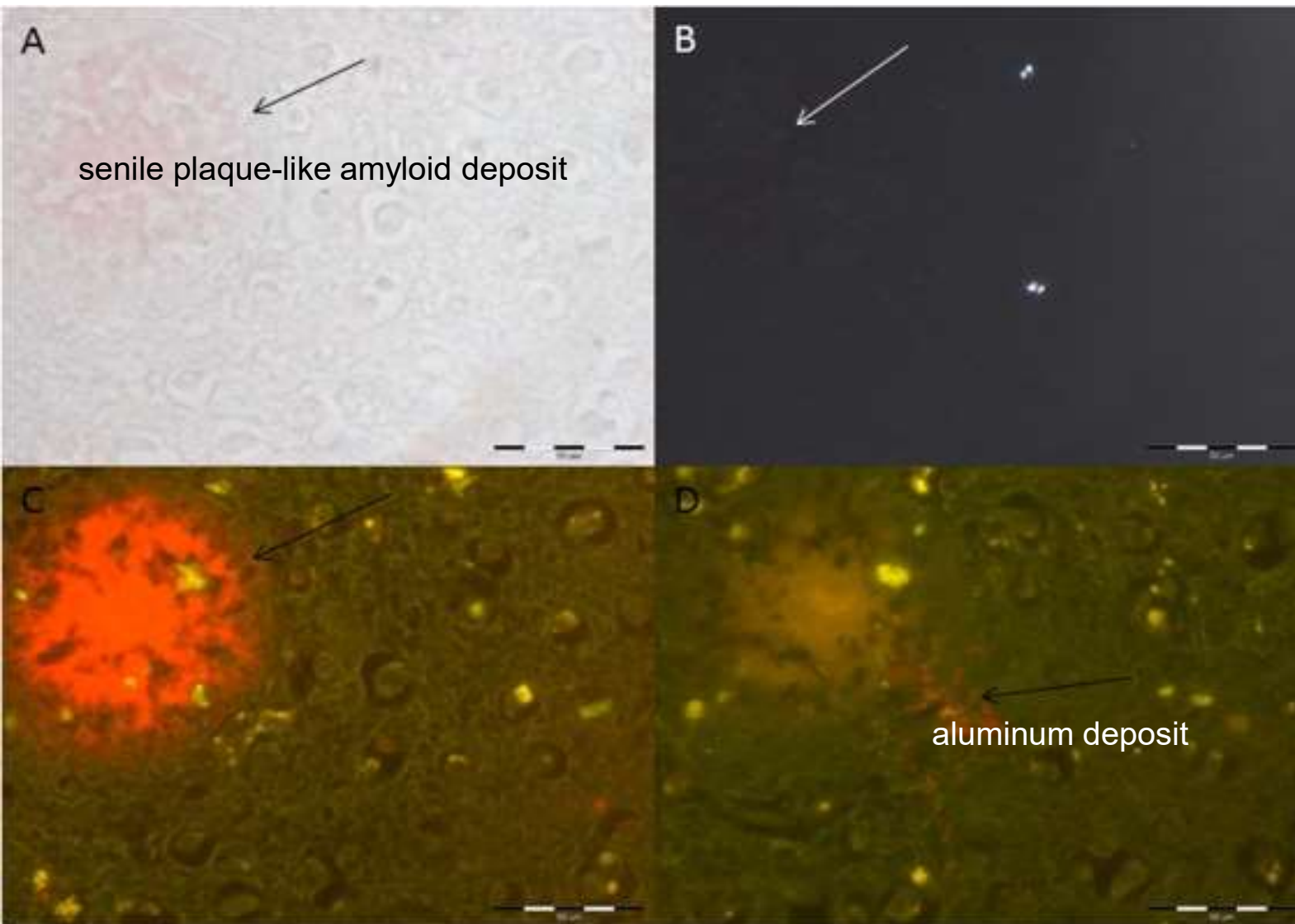
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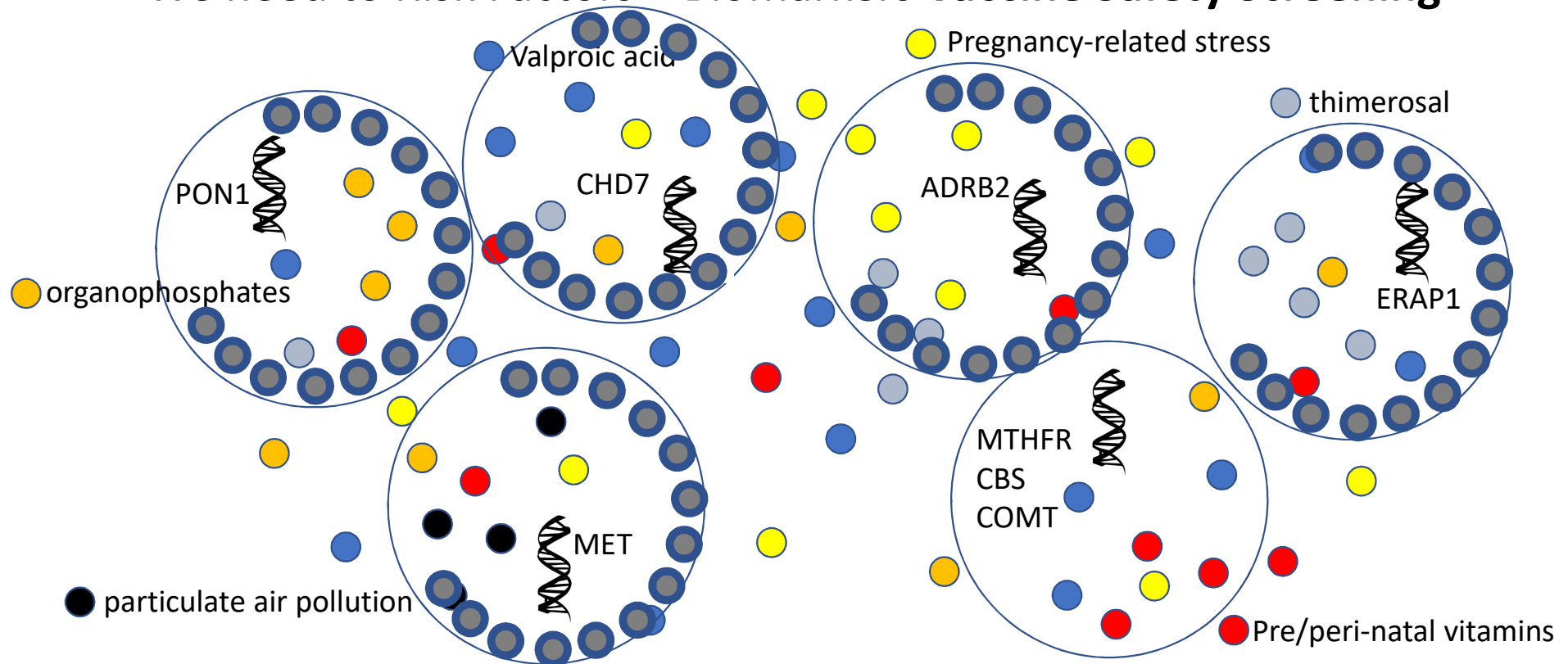
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Environmental Toxin Liability Sampling Theory

● Aluminum levels in vaccines are unsafe

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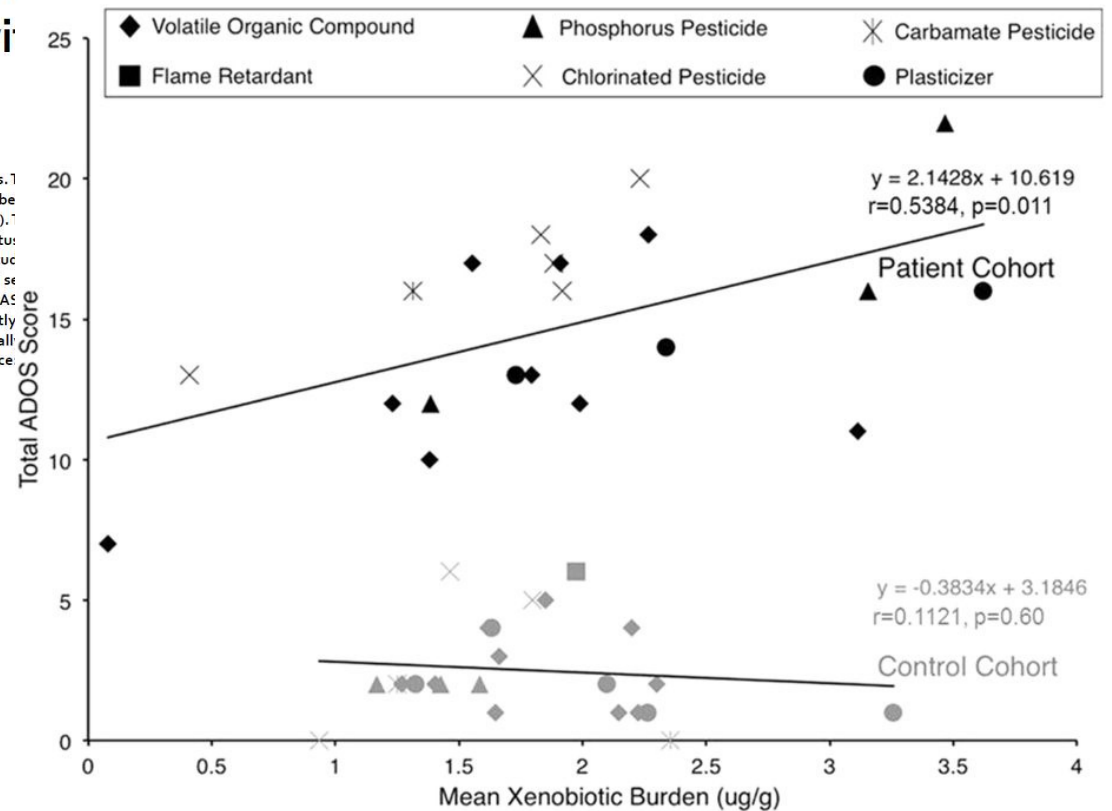
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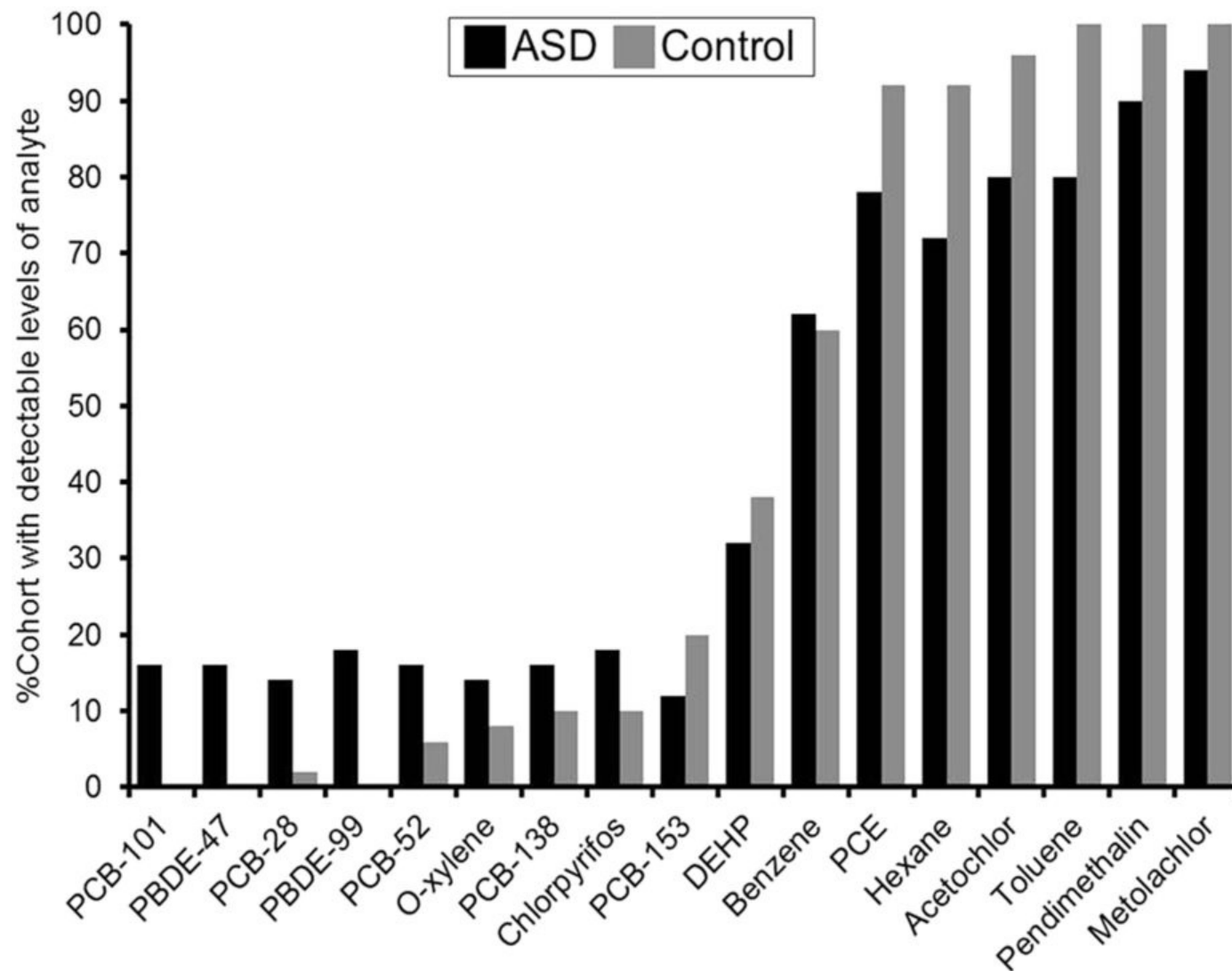
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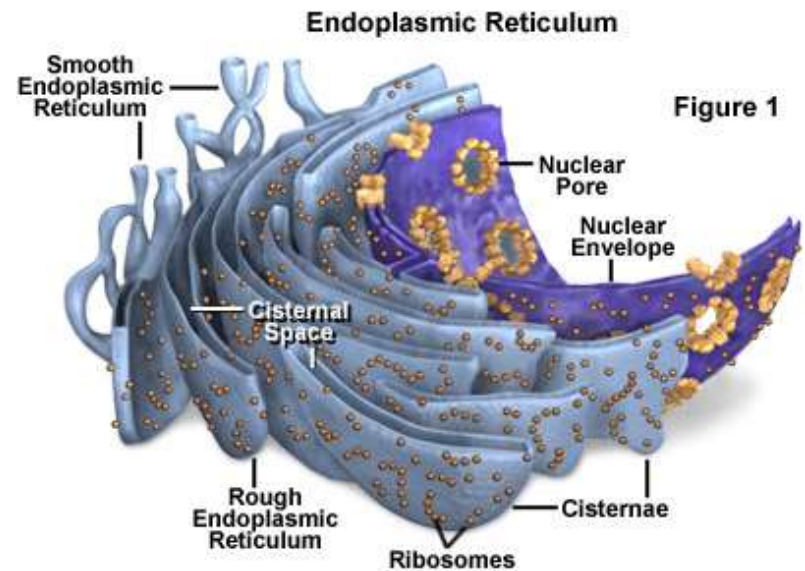
Molecular mimicry

- Mothers of autistics have anti-fetal brain antibodies
- Autistics tend to have anti-brain antibodies

Many mothers report being vaccinated during pregnancy.

Specific Mechanisms

- Mitopathies
- Chronic Microglial Activation (Excitotoxicity)
- Channelopathies
- Molecular mimicry
- Encephalopathy



<https://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/cells/endoplasmicreticulum/endoplasmicreticulum.html>

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Biosketch

Dr. Manuel Casanova made his residency training in a hospital. During his stay at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. His clinical experience was enhanced by appointments at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the D.C. General Hospital. He spent several years as Deputy Medical Director of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and as a Professorial Lecturer for the Department of Forensic Pathology at the Johns Hopkins University. He spent the last 10 years in this country: The Johns Hopkins Brain Resource Center. Dr. Casanova did training in psychiatry at the University of Louisville in 2003 as the Gottfried and Gisela Kolb Endowed Chair in Psychiatry at the University of Louisville in 2003 as the Gottfried and Gisela Kolb Endowed Chair in Psychiatry.

See also this [Wikipedia](#) entry.

Research interests

Dr. Casanova has had over twenty years of experience in the study of abnormalities of cortical organization and lateralization in the brains of patients who exhibit language disturbances, including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and dyslexia. His most recent studies have looked for the presence of abnormalities of minicolumnar organization and lateralization in the brains of patients who exhibit language disturbances, including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and dyslexia. He has summarized his work on minicolumns and provided an overview of the field in recent reviews of the literature appearing in *Brain* and *Brain, Behavior and Evolution*.

Online resources

- [Dyslexia and talent](#), presented at the Dyslexic Advantage Conference on Dyslexia and Talent, 2013 July 19.
- [Neurology Journals](#) from The Lancet
- [Cortical column](#) article by Vernon B. Mountcastle at *Scholarpedia*
- [Alopecia FAQ](#) and [coloring book](#)
- [Autism Netverse: A Literary Journey for the Autistic Mind](#)

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A summary of Dr. Casanova's work is available in the [National Alliance for Autism Research](#)

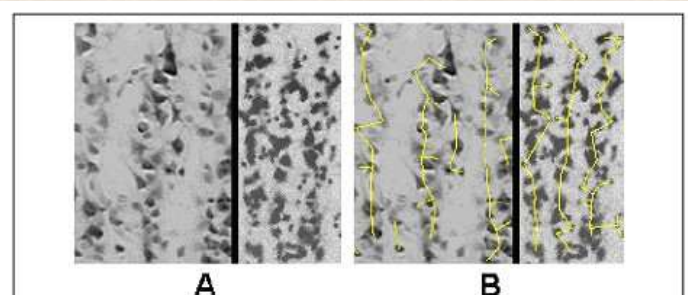


Figure 1. (A) The cortical section on the left is taken from a normal control patient, while the one on the right comes from an autistic patient. (B) The same image is shown overlaid with lines showing the columnar structure identified by our program. Both images contain three columns, but those in the control brain take up significantly more space than those in the other (67.8 μm v. 44.3 μm).



Johns Hopkins Hospital. He spent his interest in developmental disorders of the brain (including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and dyslexia), the North Charles Hospital and the D.C. General Hospital. He spent several years as Deputy Medical Director of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and as a Professorial Lecturer for the Department of Forensic Pathology at the Johns Hopkins University. He spent the last 10 years in this country: The Johns Hopkins Brain Resource Center. Dr. Casanova did training in psychiatry at the University of Louisville in 2003 as the Gottfried and Gisela Kolb Endowed Chair in Psychiatry at the University of Louisville in 2003 as the Gottfried and Gisela Kolb Endowed Chair in Psychiatry.

and neuropathology his interest has gradually shifted towards the study of abnormalities of cortical organization and lateralization in the brains of patients who exhibit language disturbances, including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and dyslexia. His earlier work has reported abnormalities of minicolumnar organization and lateralization in the brains of patients who exhibit language disturbances, including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and dyslexia. He has summarized his work on minicolumns and provided an overview of the field in recent reviews of the literature appearing in *Brain* and *Brain, Behavior and Evolution*.

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Early brain enlargement and elevated extra-axial fluid in infants who develop autism spectrum disorder

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LETTER

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Early brain development in infants at high risk for autism spectrum disorder

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Brain enlargement has been observed in children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), but the timing of this phenomenon, and the relationship between ASD and the appearance of behavioural symptoms, are unknown. Retrospective head circumference and longitudinal brain volume studies of two-year olds followed up

(see Methods for diagnostic and exclusion criteria). The three groups were comparable in (mean) race/ethnicity (85% white), family income, maternal age at birth (33 years old), infant birth weight (8 lb), and gestational age at birth (39 weeks). The HR-ASD group had more macrocephaly than the other two groups (83% of the HR-ASD group was male compared to

Brain enlargement is associated with regression in preschool-age boys with autism spectrum disorders

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Autism is a heterogeneous disorder with multiple behavioral and biological phenotypes. Accelerated brain growth during early childhood is a well-established biological feature of autism. Onset pattern, i.e., early onset or regressive, is an intensely studied behavioral phenotype of autism, but the relationship between abnormal brain growth and autism is unclear. We examined the relationship between total brain volume and

with autism report a 5–10% abnormal enlargement in total brain volume that persists into early childhood (11–13).

An altered trajectory of brain growth is now widely cited as central to the neuropathology of autism (3). However, several



Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Predicting the rate of language development from early motor skills in at-risk infants who develop autism spectrum disorder

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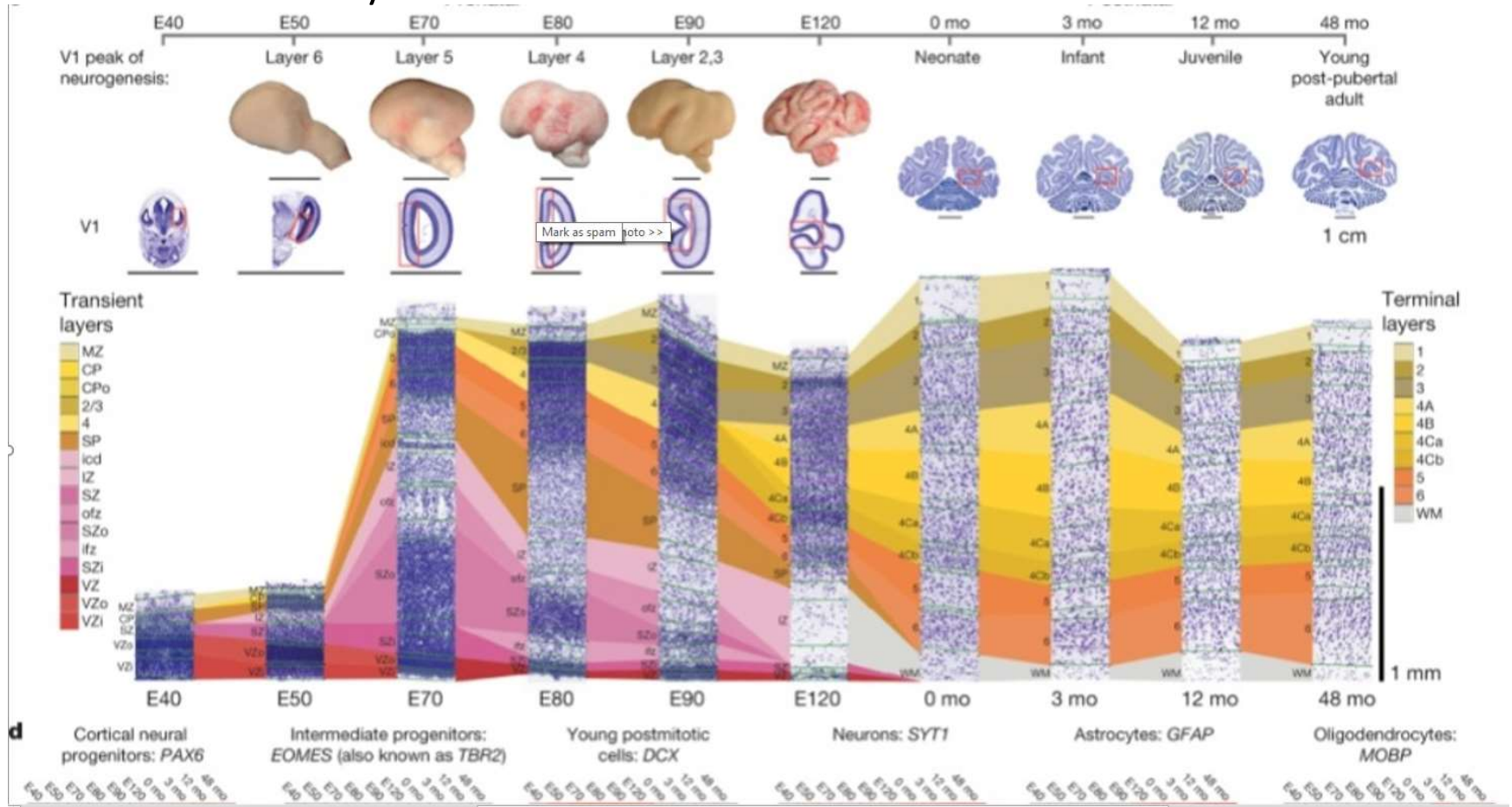
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Highlights

- Motor and social skills are closely related in typical and atypical development.
- The link between motor and language skills was examined in infants at-risk of ASD.
- Motor skills predicted rate of language development in infants who developed ASD.
- This relationship was evident for expressive but not receptive language.
- Research in ASD should focus on interactions between these systems over development.

Neocortical Laminal Layers

Early Transient -> Mature Terminal

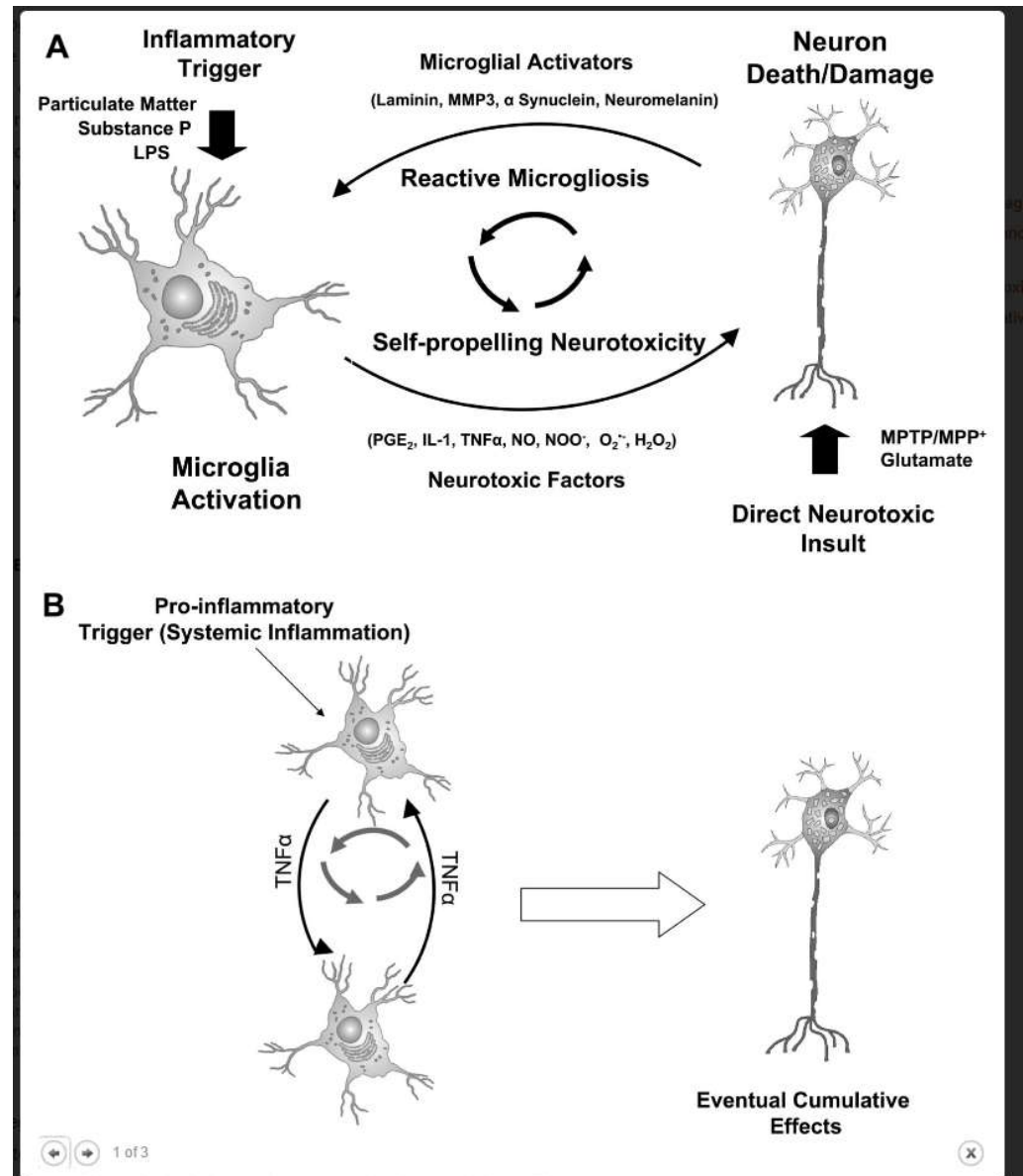


High-resolution transcriptional profiling of rhesus monkey brain development (Bakken et al., Nature 2016)

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INFLAMMATION

Chronic microglial activation and progressive dopaminergic neurotoxicity

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Abstract

PD (Parkinson's disease) is characterized by the selective and progressive loss of DA neurons (dopaminergic neurons) in the substantia nigra. Inflammation and activation of microglia, the resident innate immune cell in the brain, have been strongly linked to neurodegenerative diseases, such as PD. Microglia can respond to immunological stimuli and neuronal death to produce a host of toxic factors, including cytokines and ROS (reactive oxygen species). Microglia can also become persistently activated after a single stimulus and maintain the elevated production of both cytokines and ROS, long after the instigating stimulus is gone. Current reports suggest that this chronic microglial activation may be fuelled by either dying/damaged neurons or autocrine and paracrine signals from local glial cells, such as cytokines. Here, we review proposed mechanisms responsible for chronic neuroinflammation and explain the interconnected relationship between deleterious microglial activation, DA neuron damage and neurodegenerative disease.

Introduction

Microglia, the resident innate immune cells in the brain, are activated in response to neuronal

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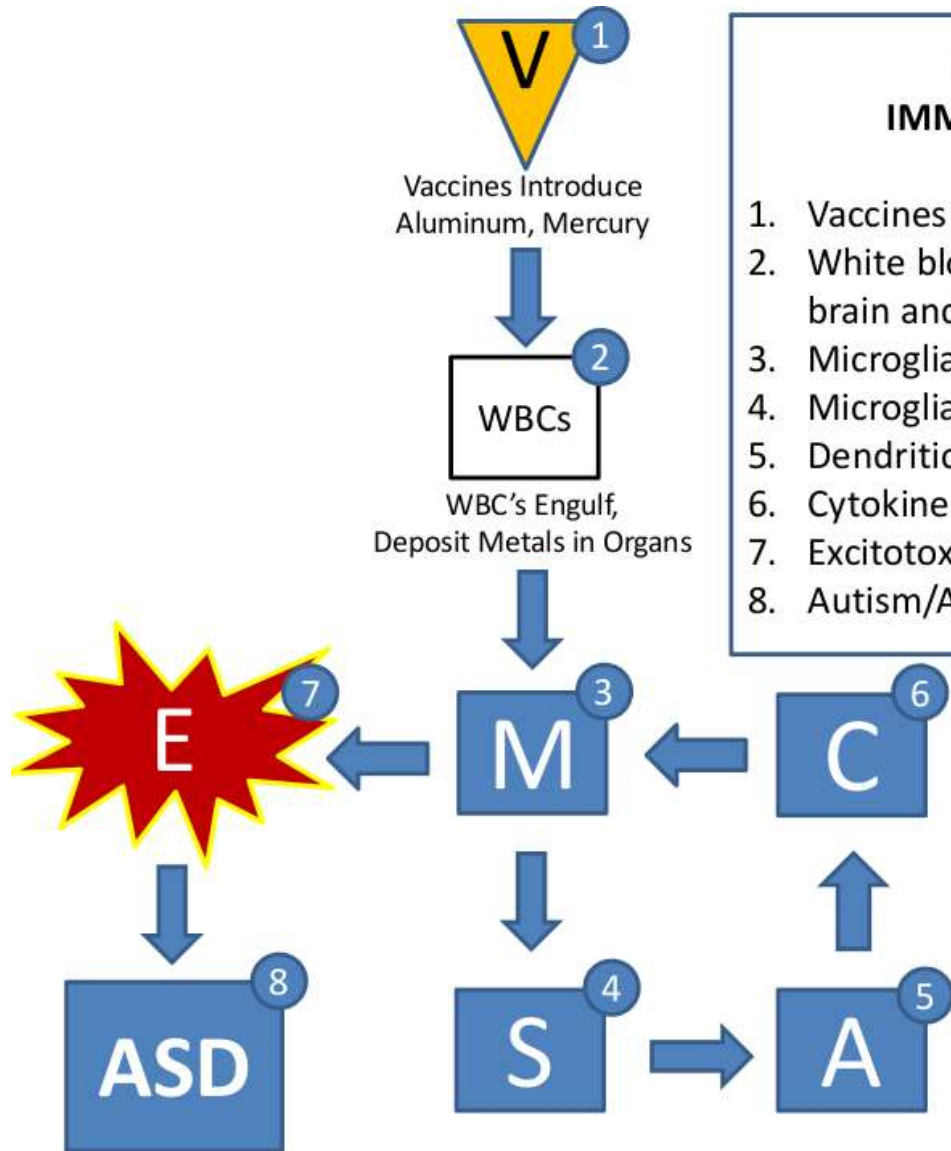
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**HOW VACCINE-INDUCED
IMMUNONEUROEXCITOTOXICITY
CAUSES AUTISM**

1. Vaccines introduce mercury, aluminum
2. White blood cell pick up and deposit metals in brain and other organs
3. Microglial cell activation
4. Microglial change to amoeboid shape
5. Dendritic pruning and Apoptosis (NPCs)
6. Cytokine release
7. Excitotoxicity
8. Autism/ASD

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IOM 2012:

Rejected 17/22 studies as flawed:

*“The **five** remaining controlled studies (Farrington et al., 2001; Madsen et al., 2002; Mrozek-Budzyn et al., 2010; Smeeth et al., 2004; Taylor et al., 1999) contributed to the weight of epidemiologic evidence and are described below.”*

“NO STUDY HAS EVER SHOWN”

- ✓ ANALYZE THE DATA REPEATEDLY UNTIL THE POSITIVE ASSOCIATION “GOES AWAY”
- ✓ CHANGE THE RESULTS POST-PEER REVIEW, POST-PUBLICATION, IN PLAIN SITE (UNO ET AL.)
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- ✓ OVERFIT THE MODEL USING REDUNDANT, HIGHLY COLLINEAR VARIABLES
- ✓ REMOVE PATIENTS WHO ARE LIKELY TO HAVE ASD FEATURES
- ✓ “CORRECT FOR” COVARIATES RELATED TO ASD
- ✓ REDUCE SAMPLE SIZE TO REDUCE POWER TO DETECT ASSOCIATION
- ✓ CHANGE STUDY DESIGN POST FACTO TO SEE IF ASSOCIATION CAN BE LOST
- ✓ FAIL TO REPORT INITIAL ASSOCIATION
- ✓ CHANGE CONTINUOUS VARIABLES TO DISCRETE (CUM. EXPOSURE -> “ON TIME” VS. “LATE”)

Why Association Studies Mean Nothing

- “No association” → “Low power to detect”
- “No association” → “After we analyzed it 10 ways to make the association go away”
- “No association” → “After we removed all results showing no association”

- “No association” → “No Universal Effect”

Autism rates are between 0-3%.

Vaccine	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 B ¹ (HepB)	2 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
Rotavirus ² (RV) RV1 (2-dose series); RV5 (3-dose series)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Diphtheria, tetanus, & acellular pertussis ³ (DTaP: <7 yrs)	6 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b ⁴ (Hib)	2 STUDIES SHOW ASSOCIATION															
Pneumococcal conjugate ⁵ (PCV13)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Inactivated poliovirus ⁶ (IPV: <18 yrs)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Influenza ⁷ (IIV; LAIV)	0 STUDIES EXIST															
Measles, mumps, rubella ⁸ (MMR)	2 POSITIVE AND MANY NEGATIVE "STUDIES" EXIST RE: Thompson															
Varicella ⁹ (VAR)	1 STUDY SHOWS ASSOCIATION															
Hepatitis A ¹⁰ (HepA)	1 STUDY SHOWS ASSOCIATION															
Meningococcal ¹¹ (Hib-MenCY ≥ 6 weeks; MenACWY-D ≥ 9 mos; MenACWY-CRM ≥ 2 mos)	0 STUDIES – GBS, PARALYSIS (NUMEROUS)															
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis ¹² (Tdap: ≥ 7 yrs)	N/A															
Human papillomavirus ¹³ (2vHPV: females only; 4vHPV, 9vHPV: males and females)	"VACCINES DO NOT CAUSE AUTISM" - CDC															
Meningococcal B ¹¹	N/A															
Pneumococcal polysaccharide ⁵ (PPSV23)	0 STUDIES															

Environmental Exposures During Pregnancy

- Folic acid (prenatal vitamins)
- Mercury (Seafood [tuna/swordfish], Hg dental amalgams)
- Mold toxicity
- Roadside aluminum dust
- Glyphosate (RoundUp™)
- Vaccines
 - Tdap/DtaP – for whooping cough
 - Influenza vaccine w/thimerosal
 - Accidental MMR and others contraindicated during pregnancy

Potential Risk Factors/Biomarkers

- Antibrain protein antibodies Rossi et al., 2013; see Braunschweig et al., 2012
- Low immunoglobulin levels Grether et al. (2016)
- Parental age, income, %tile body weight, Vit D3, familial history, etc.

CHD7, CHD8, KATNAL2, SCN1A, SCN2A, MeCP2, AUTS2, NRXN1, MTHFS, CACNA1G, GRM5, GABA- β 3 receptor subunit, MTCO1, MTCO2, SLC25A12, PIK3CA, GIRDIN, CNTN5, CNTN6, IMMP2L, MCPH1, HOXA, microcephalin 1, GRIN2, GRIN2B, GRIN2A, GRIN2C, GRM7, CTNND2, CNTN4, NRXN1, PARK2, FOXP1, LAMC3, GluR6, GluR8, ARID1B, SETD2, BDNF, MAO-A, 5-HT2A serotonin receptor, PRKCB1, CD13, GRM3, HRAS, NRXN1, GNB2L1, MKNK2, OXTR

Vaccine Adverse Events in the NICU

Reports of increases in

- Sepsis evaluation
- Intubation
- SIDS
- Failure to Thrive
- “Sleep-related”

Research

Original Investigation

Adverse Events After Routine Immunization of Extremely Low-Birth-Weight Infants

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Clinical Associations with Immature Breathing in Preterm Infants:

Part 2: Periodic Breathing

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Abstract

Background—Periodic breathing (PB) is a normal immature breathing pattern in neonates that, if extreme, may be associated with pathologic conditions.

Methods—We used our automated PB detection system to analyze all bedside monitor chest impedance data on all infants <35 weeks' gestation in the University of Virginia Neonatal

Intubation in Preterm Infants.

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rsal among very preterm infants, but n systematically studied in a large

mpedance and electrocardiographic patients <35 weeks gestation from ned as central apnea ≥10 sec turation <80%, were identified using

with increasing gestational age (GA) infants <31 wks GA at birth but ere IVH after accounting for GA. In ing enterocolitis, ABD events were ice short ABD events in the week

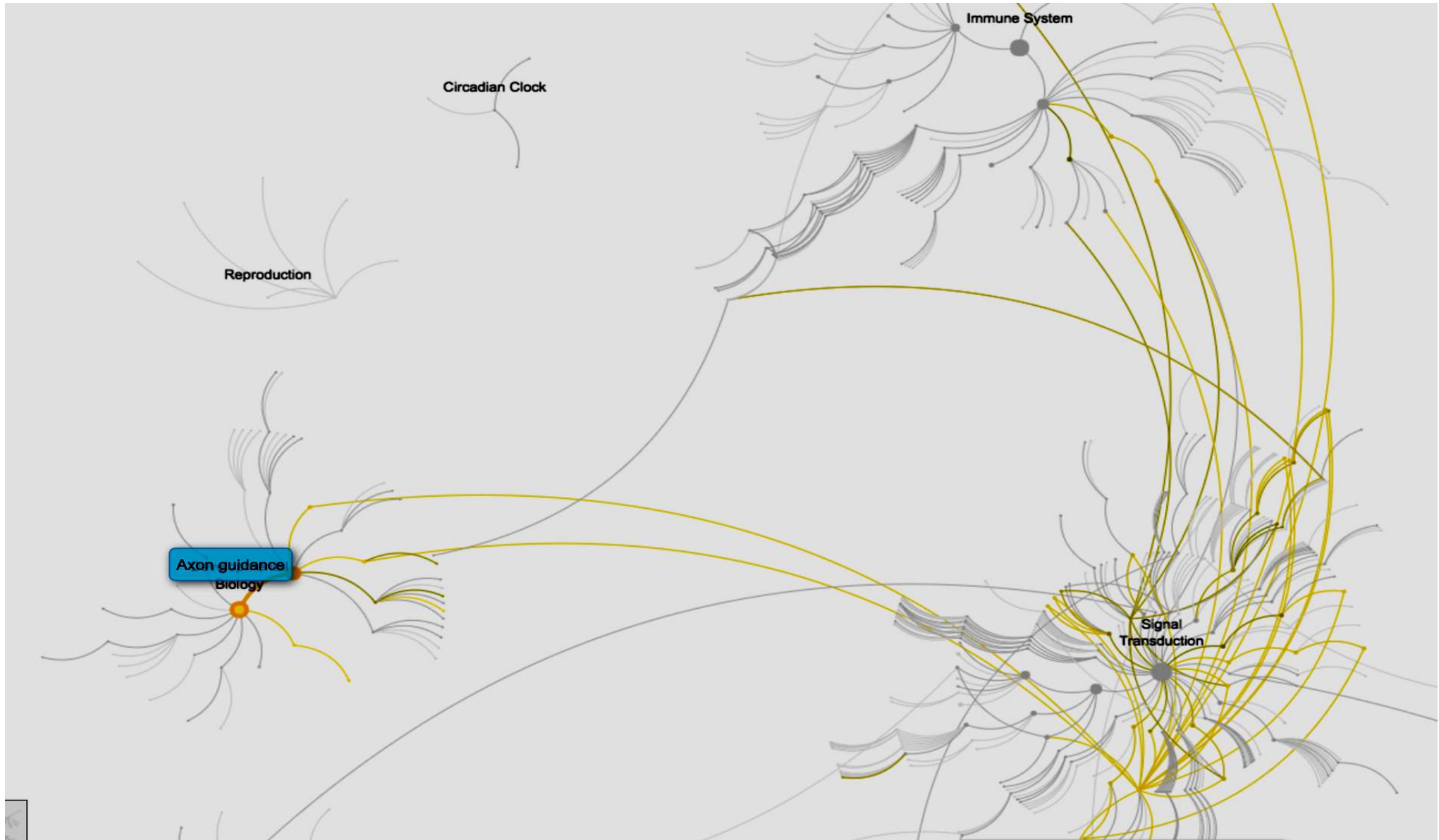
GA and PMA in infants born preterm, nic pathologic conditions.

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G x E Interactions

Bowers & Erickson (2014) Review

- Organophosphates <-> PON1 gene
- Pregnancy-related stress <-> ADRB2 gene
- Traffic-related particulate matter (pollution) <-> MET gene
- Periconceptual maternal prenatal vitamin <-> (MTHFR, CBS, COMT)
- Bowers K, C. Erickson. 2014. [Gene-environment interaction and autism spectrum disorder](#). OA Autism 2(1):3.

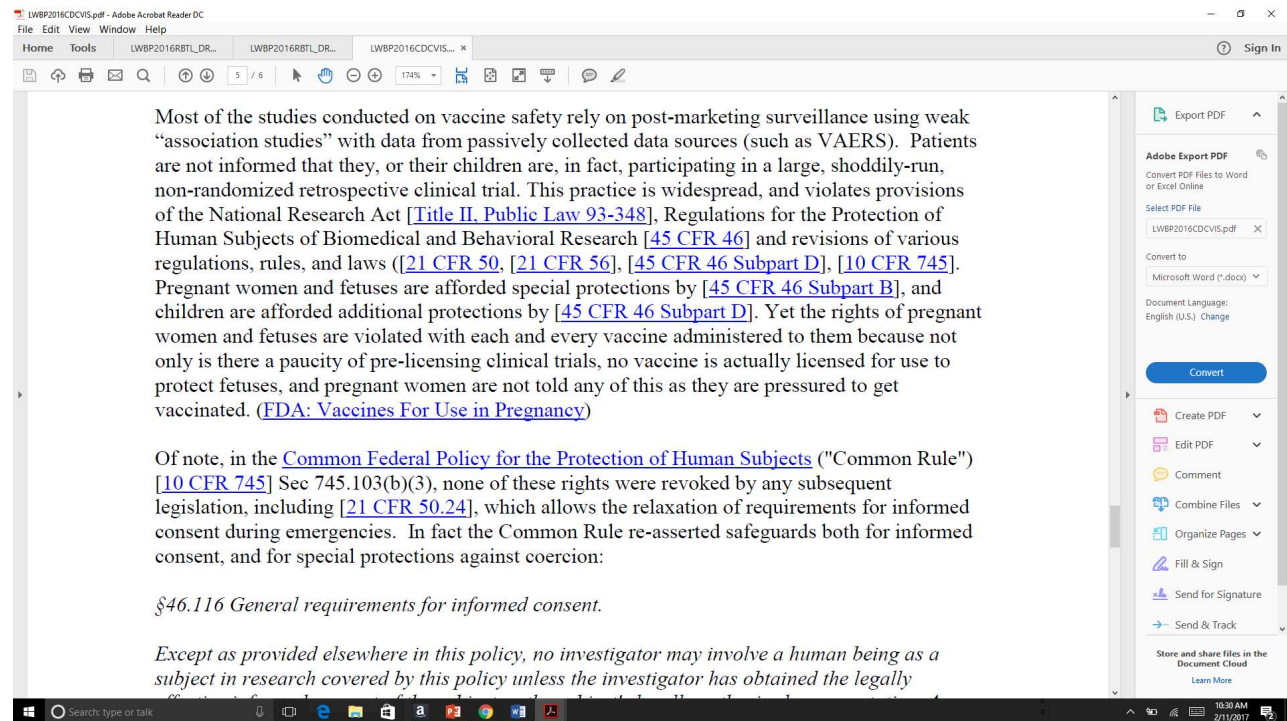




5,186 interactions of candidate genes in autism

Relevant Rulings, Regulations, and Law

- National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NVCIA) of 1986 42 USC 300aa-1 to 300aa-34
- Supreme Court Ruling “Unavoidably unsafe”
- 21st Century Cures Act
- Many regulations on Informed consent ----->



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Unanswered Questions from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: A Review of Compensated Cases of Vaccine-Induced Brain Injury

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Family Law Trends

- “Midnight” invocation of vaccination refusal prior to custody decisions
- >300 State bills to remove non-medical exemptions
- Last-ditch vaccine concerns in custody (divorce)
 - Courts tend to side w/parent who claims they will vaccinate
- Attorney/Client relationship violated (El Paso, TX)

- Quiet regulatory shifts being explored
 - Moves to mandate vaccination for entry into preschool
 - (Obama HHS “Corrective Action”-> Region V states, esp. MI and OH)

Parental Refusal of Childhood Vaccines and Medical Neglect Laws

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Objectives. To examine the relation of vaccine refusal and medical neglect under child welfare laws.

Methods. We used the Westlaw legal database to search court opinions from 1905 to 2016 and identified cases in which vaccine refusal was the sole or a primary reason in a neglect proceeding. We also delineated if religious or philosophical exemptions from required school immunizations were available at the time of adjudication.

Results. Our search yielded 9 cases from 5 states. Most courts (7 of 9) considered vaccine refusal to constitute neglect. In the 4 cases decided in jurisdictions that permitted religious exemptions, courts either found that vaccine refusal did not constitute neglect or considered it neglect only in the absence of a sincere religious objection to vaccination.

Conclusions. Some states have a legal precedent for considering parental vaccine refusal as medical neglect, but this is based on a small number of cases. Each state should clarify whether, under its laws, vaccine refusal constitutes medical neglect. (*Am J Public Health.* 2017;107:68–71. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2016.303500)

reports solely based on failure to vaccinate,⁶ and Michigan has an explicit policy to this effect.⁷ A few states codify that vaccine refusal regardless of reason,⁸ or solely for sincere religious beliefs,⁹ does not constitute medical neglect. Furthermore, even if vaccine refusal amounts to medical neglect, it is not clear that this finding requires state intervention. Ross and Aspinwall¹⁰ contend that there should be a distinction between medical neglect and state intervention, arguing that vaccine refusal constitutes the former but does not warrant the latter. Chervenak et al.⁴ argue that the purpose of reporting parents who refuse childhood vaccines to CPS for neglect is not to provoke “highly intrusive measures,” such as loss of custody, but to “engage [CPS] in further efforts to persuade the parents.”^(p308) Simply invoking CPS, however, may undermine parents’ views of

Parental refusal of childhood vaccines is a contentious issue in pediatrics and

result in harm to the child) constitute child maltreatment.


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THE HISTORY OF COMEDY THE FUNNIER SEX

Thimerosal: Everything you need to know about this vaccine preservative

By Jen Christensen, CNN
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The science is clear: Vaccines are safe, effective, and do not cause autism

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Childhood vaccines are safe. Seriously.

By Jen Christensen and Nadia Kounang, CNN
Updated 3:18 PM ET, Tue July 1, 2014



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Should I get my child vaccinated? 01:14

Story highlights

- Review of more than 20,000 scientific titles and 67 papers finds no evidence linking vaccines, autism
- Children should get vaccinated against preventable and potentially deadly diseases. Period.
- That's what a project that screened more than 20,000 scientific titles and 67 papers on vaccine safety

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brings this action against Merck & Co., Inc. (“Merck” or “Defendant”), and alleges as follows, based on information and belief, counsel’s investigation, and a *qui tam* action filed by Stephen A. Krahlung and Joan A. Wlochowski (the “Relators”) captioned *Krahlung v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, 2:10-cv-04374-CDJ (E.D. Pa.) (the “*Qui Tam* Action”):

INTRODUCTION

1. Merck is the exclusive supplier of mumps vaccine (including M-M-R®II and ProQuad®) (collectively, “Mumps Vaccine”) in the U.S.
2. This lawsuit is brought as a proposed class action against Merck for unlawfully monopolizing the U.S. market for Mumps Vaccine by engaging in a decade-long scheme to falsify and misrepresent the true efficacy of its vaccine.
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In reality, Merck knows and has taken affirmative steps to conceal -- by using improper testing techniques and falsifying test data -- that its Mumps Vaccine is, and has been since at least 1999, far less than 95 percent effective.

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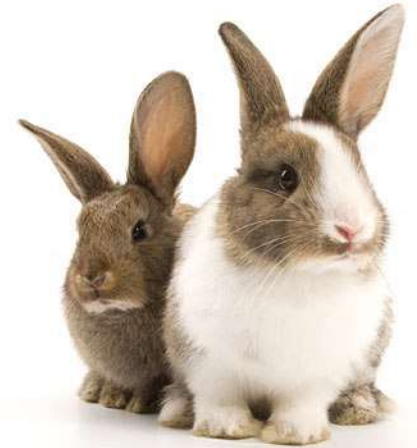
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2 Whistleblower Allegations:

- Tried 2 flawed methodologies to show >95%
- Both failed. Falsified efficacy (ADDED *Rabbit* Antibodies)
- Submitted falsified efficacy results to FDA.
- Concealed fraud
- Continue to conceal fraud after mumps outbreaks in 2006, 2009
- Sold hundreds of millions of vials of ineffective vaccine



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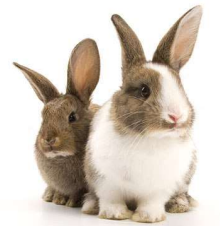
AP Explains: Why there's a US surge in mumps despite vaccine



FILE - In this Jan. 16, 1957 file photo, Jon Douglas, 6, right, visits his friend, Greg Cox, standing behind a sign warning he has mumps, on the...

AP Explanation:

- “No vaccine is perfect and it's expected that some people who get the shots will still get mumps. Also, some research suggests that 10 or more years after the second dose, immunity may fade enough to allow outbreaks to take hold. During some outbreaks, like one currently at the [University of Missouri](#), students and others have been offered a third booster dose to increase protection and snuff out the outbreak.”



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Public Comments: MMR and MMR-V VIS Experience (2016/2017)

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MMR Vaccine <i>What You Need to Know</i>	(Measles, Mumps and Rubella) <small>Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis</small>
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Further Redaction

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(This study was one of the 17/22 rejected by the IOM, but was used to deny settlements for autism in the Omnibus hearings)

(3) Reiss claims:

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<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2015/01/01/peds.2014-1822> "

Rebuttal: Ms. Reiss's citation disproves her claim:

"BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES: All measles-containing vaccines are associated with several types of adverse events, including seizure, fever, and immune thrombocytopenia purpura (ITP). Because the measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccine compared with the separate measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) and varicella (MMR + V) vaccine **increases a toddler's risk for febrile seizures**, we investigated whether MMRV is riskier than MMR + V and whether either vaccine elevates the risk for additional safety outcomes." (emphasis added)

The study results showed:

"Compared with MMR + V, MMRV **increased risk of seizure and fever 7 to 10 days after vaccination.**" (emphasis added)

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Informed Consent

Required at two levels, every patient, every procedure:

- (1) Acceptance of a medical procedure based on complete information on benefits & risks

- (2) Participation in a clinical trial after being provided complete information on benefits & risks.

Most of the studies conducted on vaccine safety rely on post-marketing surveillance using weak “association studies” with data from passively collected data sources (such as VAERS). Patients are not informed that they, or their children are, in fact, participating in a large, shoddily-run, non-randomized retrospective clinical trial. This practice is widespread, and violates provisions of the National Research Act [[Title II, Public Law 93-348](#)], Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research [[45 CFR 46](#)] and revisions of various regulations, rules, and laws ([[21 CFR 50](#), [[21 CFR 56](#)], [[45 CFR 46 Subpart D](#)], [[10 CFR 745](#)]. Pregnant women and fetuses are afforded special protections by [[45 CFR 46 Subpart B](#)], and children are afforded additional protections by [[45 CFR 46 Subpart D](#)]. Yet the rights of pregnant women and fetuses are violated with each and every vaccine administered to them because not only is there a paucity of pre-licensing clinical trials, no vaccine is actually licensed for use to protect fetuses, and pregnant women are not told any of this as they are pressured to get vaccinated. ([FDA: Vaccines For Use in Pregnancy](#))

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“Common Rule” Disallows Coercion vs. [21 CFR 50.24] for Consent *altogether*

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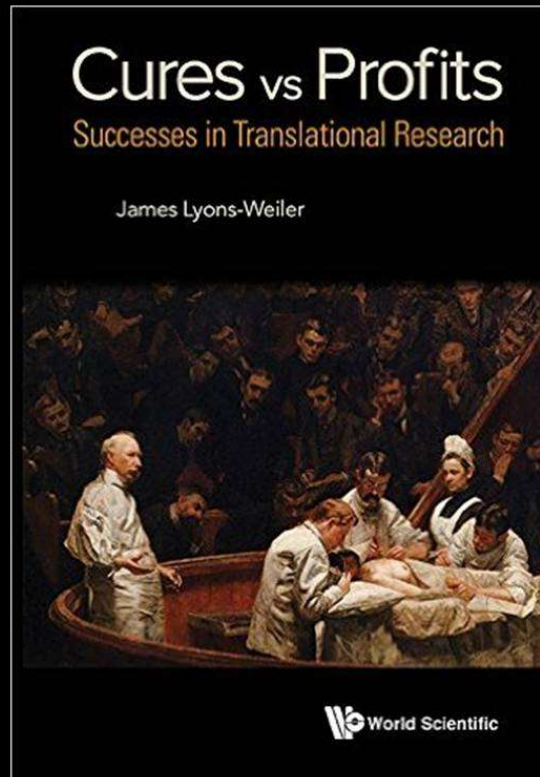
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“When some or all of the subjects are likely to be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence, such as children, prisoners, pregnant women, mentally disabled persons, or economically or educationally disadvantaged persons, additional safeguards have been included in the study to protect the rights and welfare of these subjects.”

Scale of Injuries

- >\$US 3Billion Paid out via Special Masters Court for vaccine injuries
- Supreme Court ruled vaccines “unavoidably unsafe”
- Vaccine Court has limited recognition of vaccine injuries, allowing encephalopathy, specifically excluding “autism”



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Excerpt from "Cures vs. Profits":

Why would the CDC publish such as page in 2014, a full ten years after the study?

In 2014, one of the authors of the CDC study, Dr. William Thompson, Ph.D., was recorded by one Dr. Hooker. Dr. Hooker had allegedly spent 10 years since the CDC study petitioning for access to the entire data behind the study.

In the interview, Dr. William Thompson is heard making the following statements:

"Oh my God, I cannot believe we did what we did. But we did. It's all there."

"The higher-ups wanted to do certain things and I went along with it."

"It was the lowest point in my career that I went along with that paper. And I went along with this, and didn't report significant findings"

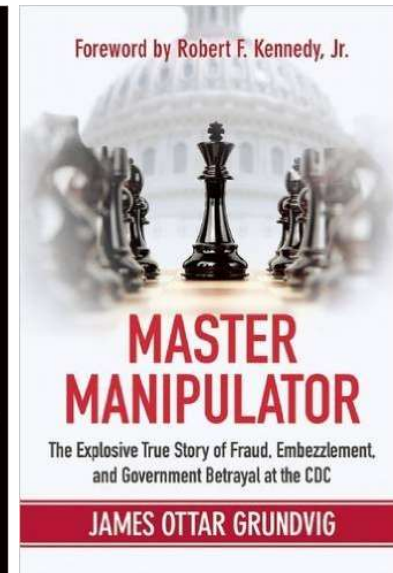
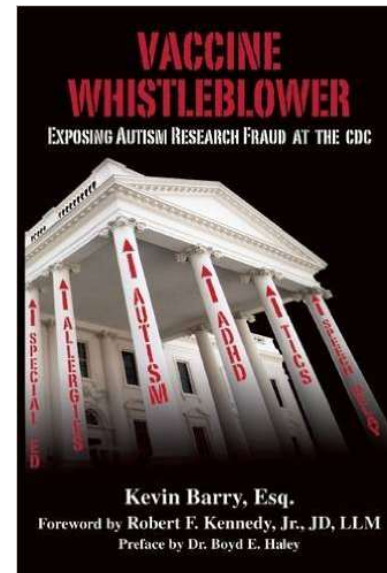
"I have great shame now when I meet families with kids with autism because I've - I've been part of the problem."

CDC Whistleblower Dr. William Thompson

- Hired Whistleblower lawyer re-asserting that YES, they removed results
- Was suspended prior to the IOM report for informing then-director Julie Gerberding

• My independent analyses of reveal many repeated instances of

- Analysis-to-result
- Changes to study design
- Wrongful exclusion
- Model overfit
- Obvious misinterpretation



Typical Moderate or Serious Adverse Event Experience

“It is common practice for office staff to reassure parents over the phone that a vaccine reaction is normal, expected, and not any cause for concern. They generally recommend Tylenol for the pain and fever, but won't advise an in-person medical evaluation. This may be proper procedure for mild reactions like fussiness, moderate fever, and mild swelling and redness at the injection site. But all moderate to severe reactions, like hives, lethargy, seizures, fever of 105 degrees, or inconsolable crying lasting 3 hours or more (encephalitis), warrant prompt in-person medical attention.”

Encroachments

- Product mislabeling
- Possible fraud (Merck)
- Failure to consider all of the science (CDC)
- Denial of Informed Consent (2 levels)
 - Changing conversation from risk to efficacy
 - 21st Century Cures Act
- Overt calls for **coercion**
- Denial of rights to public services
- Denial of access to medical care
- Job Loss
- Overt calls for Denial of 1st Amendment Rights
- Censorship of American Citizens



Implications of the “Recipe”

- ❖ A large component of consumer demand for flu vaccination is contingent upon things we can't control (e.g., timing, severity, extent, duration of the disease and resulting illness).
- ❖ Fostering demand, particularly among people who don't routinely receive an annual influenza vaccination, requires creating concern, anxiety, and worry. For example:
 - A perception or sense that many people are falling ill;
 - A perception or sense that many people are experiencing bad illness;
 - A perception or sense of vulnerability to contracting and experiencing bad illness.

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“The decision to dismiss a family who continues to refuse immunization is not one that should be made lightly, nor should it be made without considering and respecting the reasons for the parents’ point of view,” the report states.

“Nevertheless, the individual pediatrician may consider dismissal of families who refuse vaccination as an acceptable option.”

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abstract

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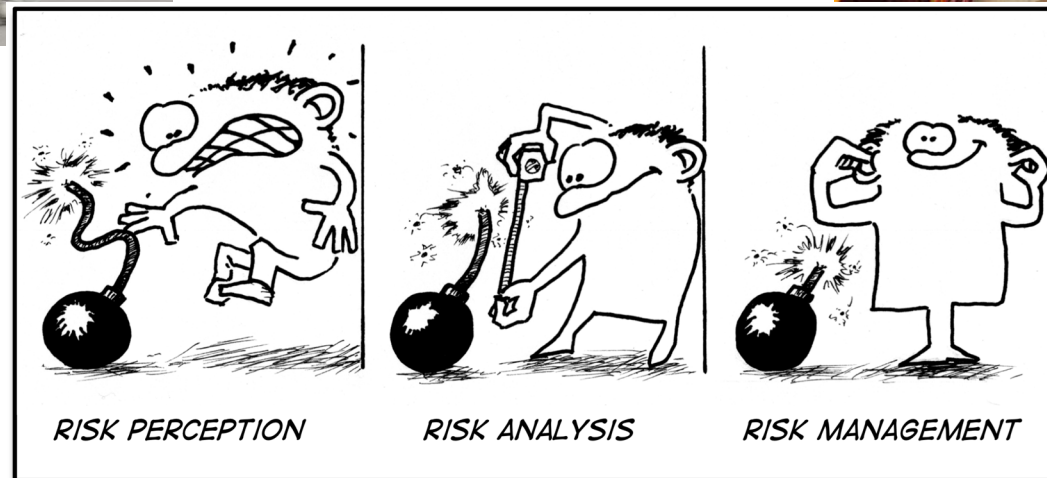
Legally Censoring Speech on Vaccines and Autism: A Response

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JURIST Guest Columnist **Mary S. Holland** from the New York University School of Law discusses the legality of censoring speech on vaccines and autism...



Manipulation of the Perception of Risk without Actually Minimizing Risk



Review and Challenges...

- Autism is no more than 50% genetic, and at least 50% environmental
- Vaccines contribute to total load, and contribute to mitopathies, channelopathies, chronic microglial activation, encephalopathy, and many NDs, including autism.
- **Research is needed on causes of increased CNVs.**
- **Either/or thinking is not helpful. Think Synergy + Interactions.**
- Vaccines **must** be made more safe: **Ethical Vaccinomics.**

- Cost of vaccines in terms of NDs and lifelong suffering and death are not sufficiently determined
- **Coercion, and attempts to use the law to silence the minority viewpoint are the tools of tyrants, and have no place in our society.**

Challenges

- Need to re-cast research on neurodevelopment disorders completely
 - -it's not 'in their heads'
 - behavioral intervention **alone** will only frustrate
 - genetic information can guide (Genes MATTER)
 - Diet and supplements MATTER
 - Environmental exposures MATTER
 - Vaccines MATTER
 - Detoxifying Kids MATTERS
- Recognize that **Vaccine risk denialism**
 - **Reduces** vaccine uptake
 - Hurts children (has been preventing prevention)
 - **Has prevented research on interventions**
 - Polarizes society
 - Pits pediatricians against parents
 - Protects major income streams – **for now**

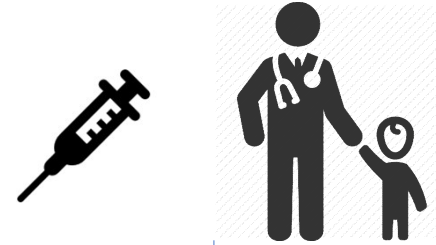


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*Attention Deficit Disorder(A.D.D) * Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
*Autism Spectrum *Autoimmune Disease *Bell's Palsy *Bipolar disease *Blindness
*Bowel Problems *Brain Damage *Brain Inflammation *Bulging Fontanel *Cancer
*Cardiac Distress *Cardiomyopathy *Cerebral hemorrhage *Cerebral palsy *Chicken pox
*Chills *Chronic Fatigue Syndrome *Collapse/ Shock *Coma *Confusion *Congestive
Heart Failure *Conjunctivitis *Constipation *Convulsions *Coughing *Crohn & R'squo's
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War Syndrome *Hallucinations *Headache *Heart attack *Hemolytic anemia *Herpes
Zoster *Hib Disease *High Blood Pressure *High-Pitched Screaming *Hives
*Hyperactivity *Hypotension *Hypotonic/ Hypo responsive Immune system problems
*Indurations *Inflammatory Bowl Disease *Influenza accidental/inadevent *Insomnia
*Intussusceptions *Irritability *Itching (prurtis) *Jaundice *Joint Pain *Learning
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*Neurological Damage *Neuropathy *Nodules *Optic Neuritis *Orchitis *Otitis
*Media(inner ear infection) *Pain at Injection Site (unusual or prolonged) *Paralysis
*Pervasive Development Disorder (P.D.D) *Polio *Polyneuropathy *Prolonged Crying
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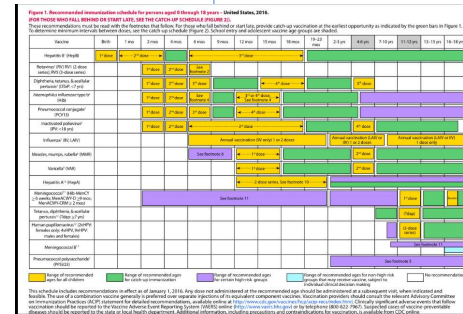
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 *Small pox *Sore arms *Sore throat *Stiff neck *Stroke *Sub acute Sclerosing Pain *SV-
 40 related Cancer *Sweating *Swelling at the Injection Site *Swollen Lymph Nodes
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 *Violent Behavior *Vomiting *Weakness



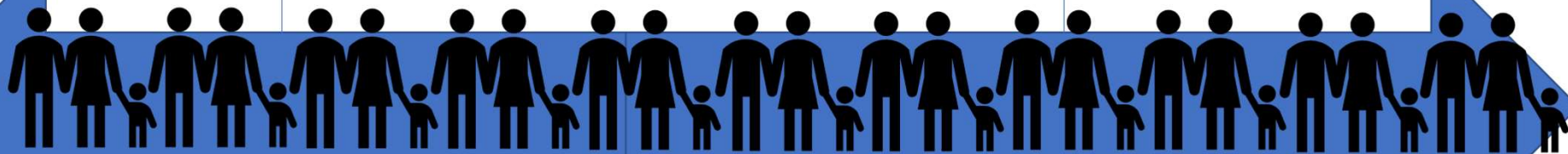
Vaccine Risk Awareness 2017



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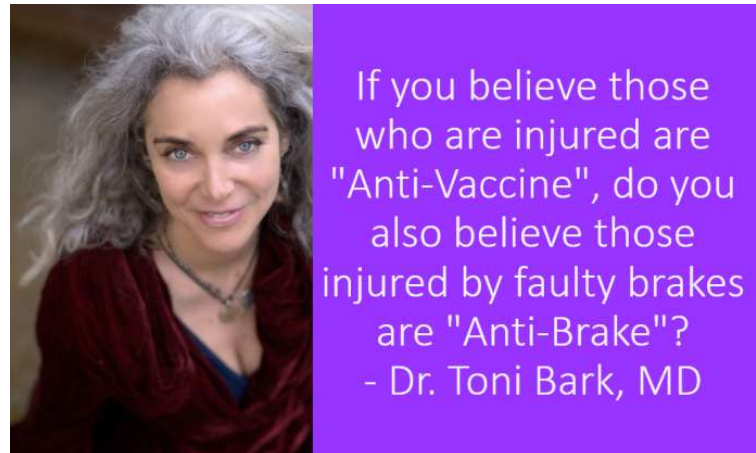
“Anti-Vax”
“Refusniks”



MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS... WAIVERS... RIGHTS TO INFORMED CONSENT...

A Media Guide to Vaccine Risk Awareness

- **Anti-vax:** “I want to ban all vaccines. Vaccines can never be made safer.”
- **VRA:** “Vaccine risk is real, and should be minimized.”





Professional Responsibility and Early Childhood Vaccination

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The recent outbreaks of measles and other childhood infectious diseases in the US and other countries¹⁻³ have garnered considerable public attention and prompted controversy about early childhood vaccination.^{4,5} A newcomer to this controversy would be forgiven for thinking that there is a scientific and ethical basis for controversy about the professional responsibilities of physicians regarding early childhood vaccination. For example, there are reports of physicians stating publicly that they have not authorized vaccination of their own children.⁶ At least 1 physician who holds federal elected office and is an announced Republican Party candidate for the nomination to become president of the US, Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky, has stated that parents' refusals of vaccination should be respected by physicians and the government.⁴ Andrew Wakefield, a former physician who has been eliminated from the General Register in the United Kingdom, fabricated data supporting a connection of the measles vaccine to autism, in a paper that was formally withdrawn.^{4,7,8}

The safety and effectiveness of early childhood vaccination are well established.⁹⁻¹³ In response to the recent measles outbreak, the American Academy of Pediatrics has recently released a statement urging parents to have their children vaccinated.¹⁴ In this article, using the professional responsibility model of pediatric ethics, we address the ethics of early childhood vaccination, including counseling parents, the physician's public role, and implications for policy makers

standard, a beneficence-based core component of pediatric ethics.¹⁸ This standard can function as an ideal or as a norm.¹⁹ As an ideal, it sets a goal toward which pediatricians

and parents may fall short. The American Academy of Pediatrics has a norm that physicians should not refuse to vaccinate their own children and parents. The health care system has a medical care standard that the internist should not make an infectious disease statement without supporting data. The child's best interests are the norm. The physician's public role is not effective if the physician's standard requires that the physician's judgment be based on the parents' interests.

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Parental Refusal of Childhood Vaccines and Medical Neglect Laws

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Objectives. To examine the relation of vaccine refusal and medical neglect under child welfare laws.

Methods. We used the Westlaw legal database to search court opinions from 1905 to 2016 and identified cases in which vaccine refusal was the sole or a primary reason in a neglect proceeding. We also delineated if religious or philosophical exemptions from required school immunizations were available at the time of adjudication.

Results. Our search yielded 9 cases from 5 states. Most courts (7 of 9) considered vaccine refusal to constitute neglect. In the 4 cases decided in jurisdictions that permitted religious exemptions, courts either found that vaccine refusal did not constitute neglect or considered it neglect only in the absence of a sincere religious objection to vaccination.

Conclusions. Some states have a legal precedent for considering parental vaccine refusal as medical neglect, but this is based on a small number of cases. Each state should clarify whether, under its laws, vaccine refusal constitutes medical neglect. (*Am J Public Health.* 2017;107:68-71. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2016.303500)

reports solely based on failure to vaccinate,⁶ and Michigan has an explicit policy to this effect.⁷ A few states codify that vaccine refusal regardless of reason,⁸ or solely for sincere religious beliefs,⁹ does not constitute medical neglect. Furthermore, even if vaccine refusal amounts to medical neglect, it is not clear that this finding requires state intervention. Ross and Aspinwall¹⁰ contend that there should be a distinction between medical neglect and state intervention, arguing that vaccine refusal constitutes the former but does not warrant the latter. Chervenak et al.⁴ argue that the purpose of reporting parents who refuse childhood vaccines to CPS for neglect is not to provoke "highly intrusive measures," such as loss of custody, but to "engage [CPS] in further efforts to persuade the parents."^{4(p308)} Simply invoking CPS, however, may undermine parents' views of

Parental refusal of childhood vaccines is a contentious issue in pediatrics and result in harm to the child) constitute child maltreatment.

Contempt for Safety, or Blinded by Profits?

- Pharma: >\$30Billion/year from vaccines – no liability for faulty products
- Media: DTC Marketing #1 source of revenue
- Medical establishment

Genetically Susceptible Subgroup(s)

- Individual risk
- Identifiable risk



By SHARYL ATTKISSON / CBS NEWS / May 12, 2008, 5:09 PM

The "Open Question" On Vaccines and Autism

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(CBS)

Sharyl Attkisson is an investigative correspondent for CBS News.

Perhaps the most puzzling thing about autism and ADD is that more than a decade into this public health crisis, our best, smartest government scientists and public health officials still say they have no idea what's causing it. Scary stuff, when parents having a child today realize there's at least an estimated 1 in 150 chance their child will have an autism disorder (1 in 90 if it's a boy).

While the government has been utterly unable to stop it, or even tell us what is causing it, they say they do know one thing: it's not vaccines. But today, in an exclusive interview with **CBS News**, **Dr. Bernadine Healy** becomes the most well-known medical voice yet to counter the government on that claim.

Sharyl Attkisson (2008) on Healy:

- The more she dug, she says, the more she came to believe the government and medical establishment were intentionally avoiding the question because they were afraid of the answer.
- Why? Healy says some in the government make the mistake of treating vaccines as an all-or-nothing proposition. The argument goes something like this: everybody gets vaccinated at the same time with the same vaccines or nobody will get vaccinated and long-gone deadly diseases will re-emerge. (When I asked about cases of brain damage resulting in autism that have been quietly compensated by the government in vaccine court over the years³, one government official recently told me that "it's still better overall to get vaccinated than not to get vaccinated.")
- Healy says the argument need not be framed in those terms (vaccinate or don't vaccinate). Instead, she says, we should vaccinate, but work to do it in the safest manner possible based on what we know and what we can find out.

The Future of Artificial Immunization

- Screen for **unsafe** epitopes
- Use **more** antigen
- Use far less, or NO aluminum or mercury
- Deliver to the proper tissue
 - to activate dendritic cells
- RCT's, not correlation studies
- Compare Schedules
- **Actively** track, report, study injuries

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NEURODEVELOPMENT RESEARCH REFORM



Neurodevelopment Research 2017+



Program 1. Neurodevelopmental Treatment, Therapy and Prognosis (NTTP)

Program 2. Neurodevelopmental Biomarkers of Patient-Specific Risk (NSRB)

Program 3. Neurodevelopmental Differential and Integrative Diagnosis (NDIDB)

Program 4. Neurodevelopmental Predictive Medicine Analysis (NPMA)

Program 5. Medico-Education of Neurodivergent Americans (MENA)

Program 6. Medical Education Vaccine Training Reform (MEVTR)

Program 7. Neurodevelopmental Philosophy and Bioethics (NPAB)

TABLE 4. EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE FUTURE TREATMENTS OF AUTISM BY PHENOTYPE

Phenotype	Treatment
Aggression	Aripiprazole
Gastrointestinal	Fecal matter transplants, vancomycin
Language delay/loss	Adenosine receptor agonists
Microglial activation	Amantadine, luteolin, cannabinoids, many others
Renal peptiduria	Vitamin E, selenium
Repetitive Motor	Fluoxetine, ^a risperidone, ^b adenosine receptor agonists ^c
Seizures	Carbamazepine, ketogenic diet
Social	Oxytocin, tetrahydrobiopterin (cofactor BH4)

Gene-Directed Treatment Examples	
Mitochondrial dysfunction	Carnitine, various drugs
SCN1A (serotonin)	Clonazepam (microdoses)

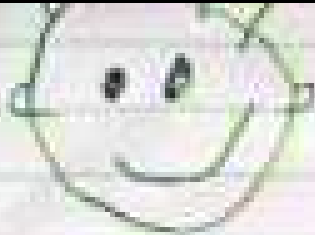


Legal Issue: Equal Protection??

75-97%
No or truly
minimal risk

3-25%

**IDENTIFIABLE
(Biomarkers)**



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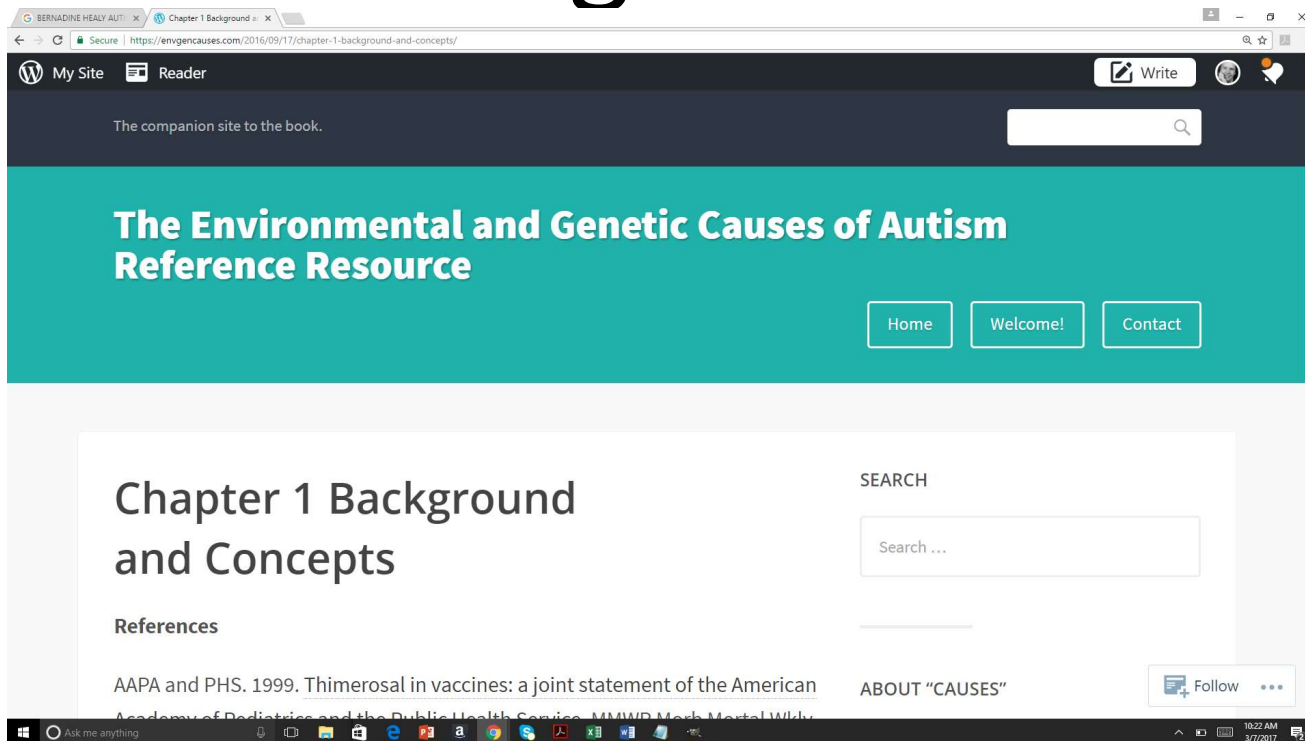
I'm Not Misbehaving
I Have Autism ..
Please Be Understanding

WE CAN DO BETTER!



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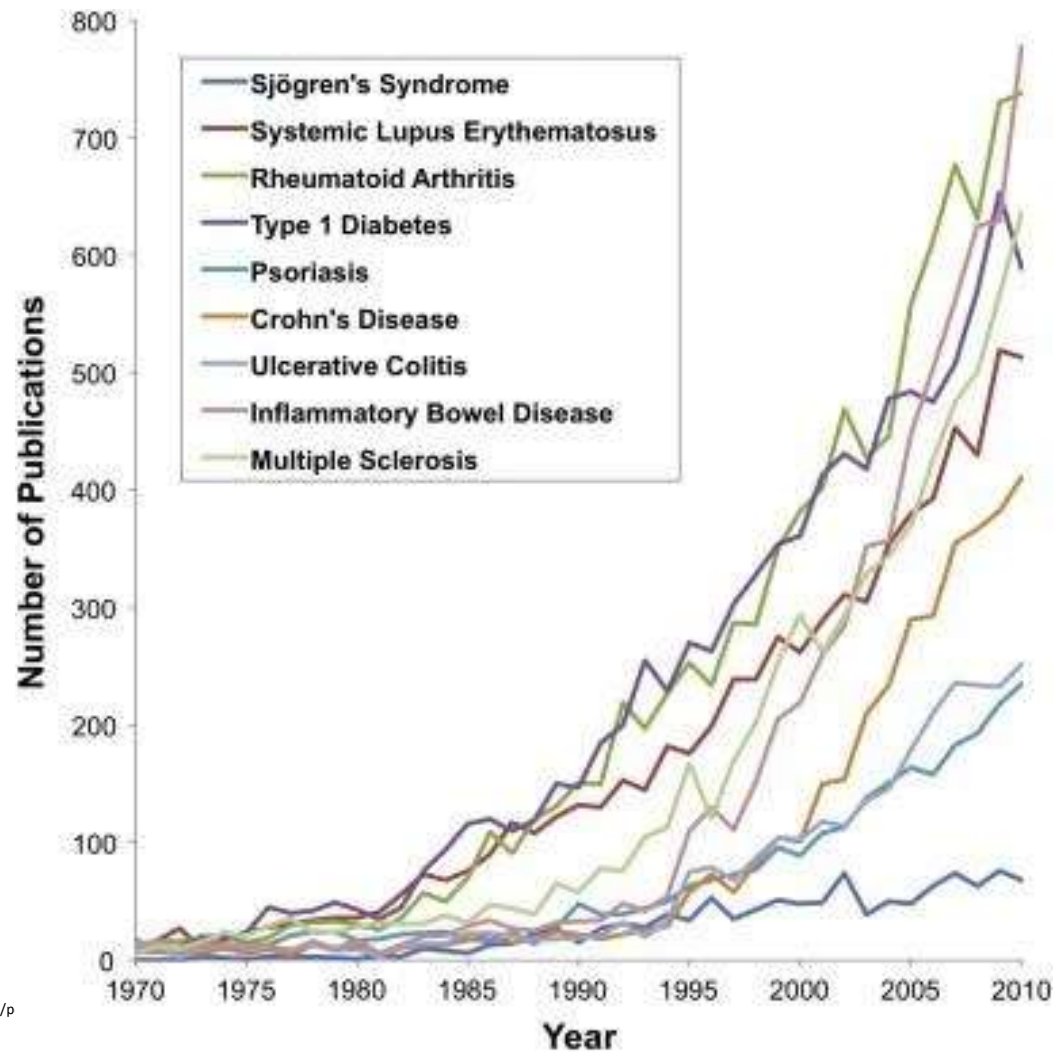
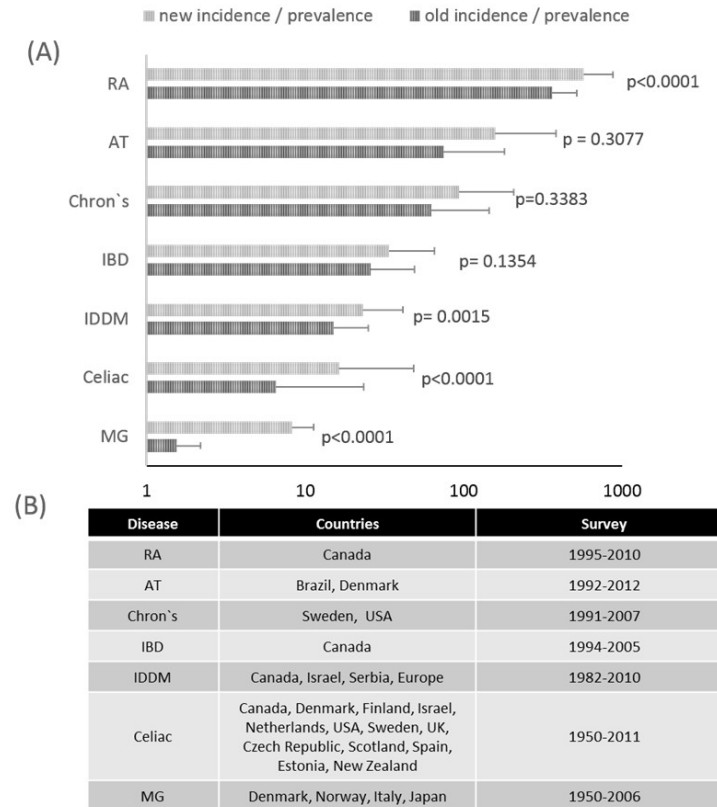
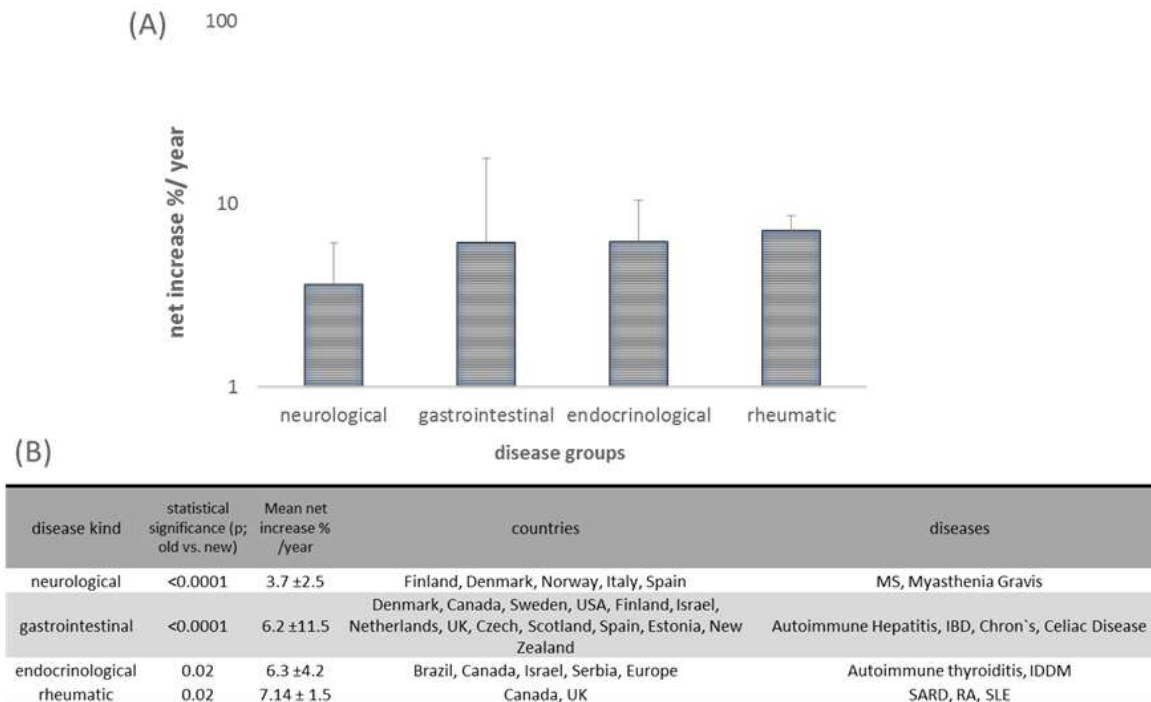


Figure 3. (A) Old vs. New surveys of incidence/prevalence of various autoimmune diseases. (B) The list of various diseases in specific countries and the years' ranges



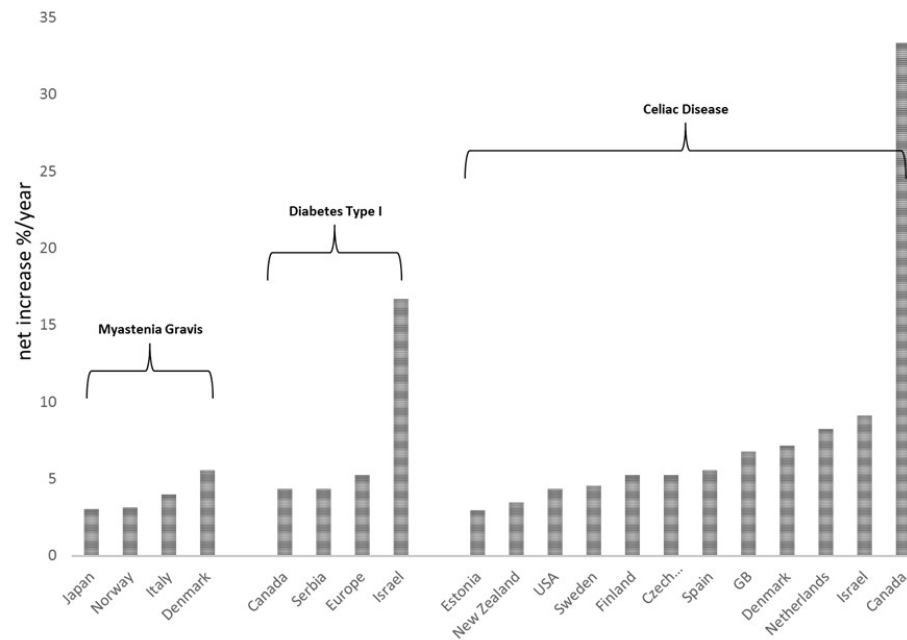
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Figure 2. (A) The net %/year increases of diseases' categories. (B) The table below is detailing the different diseases and countries surveyed



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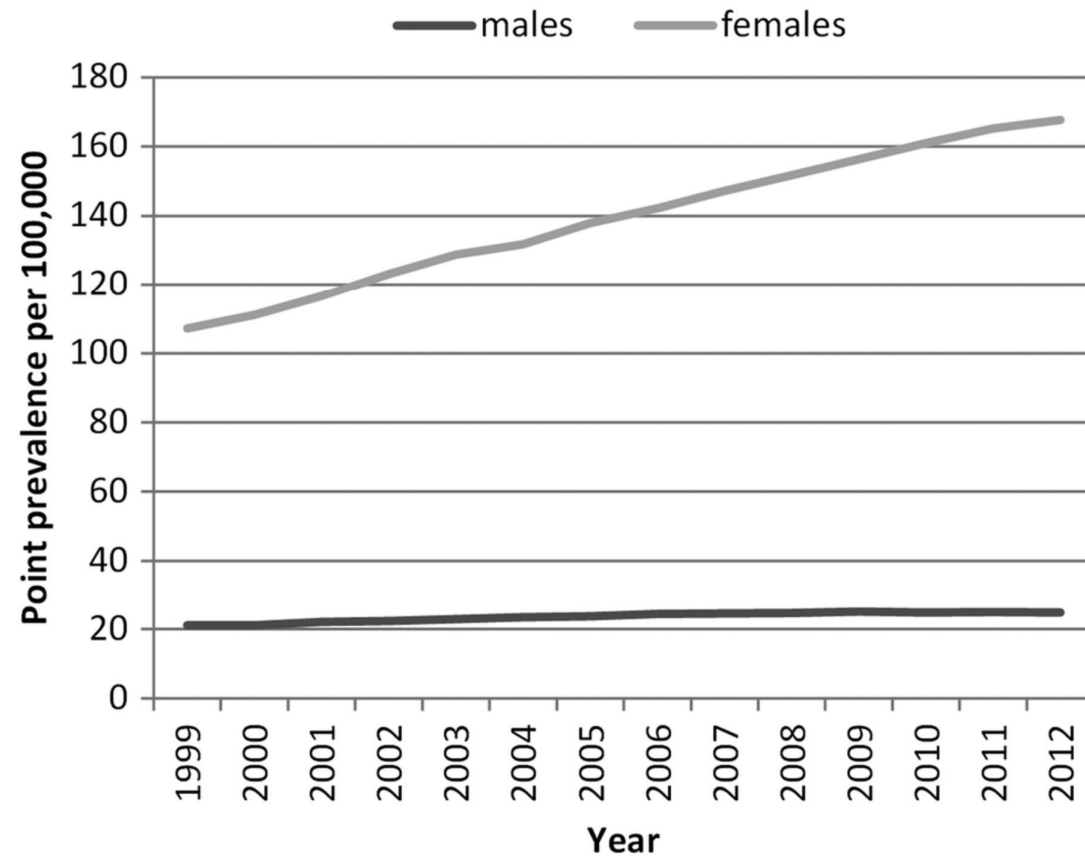
Figure 4. The net increase %/year of 3 autoimmune diseases in the surveyed countries



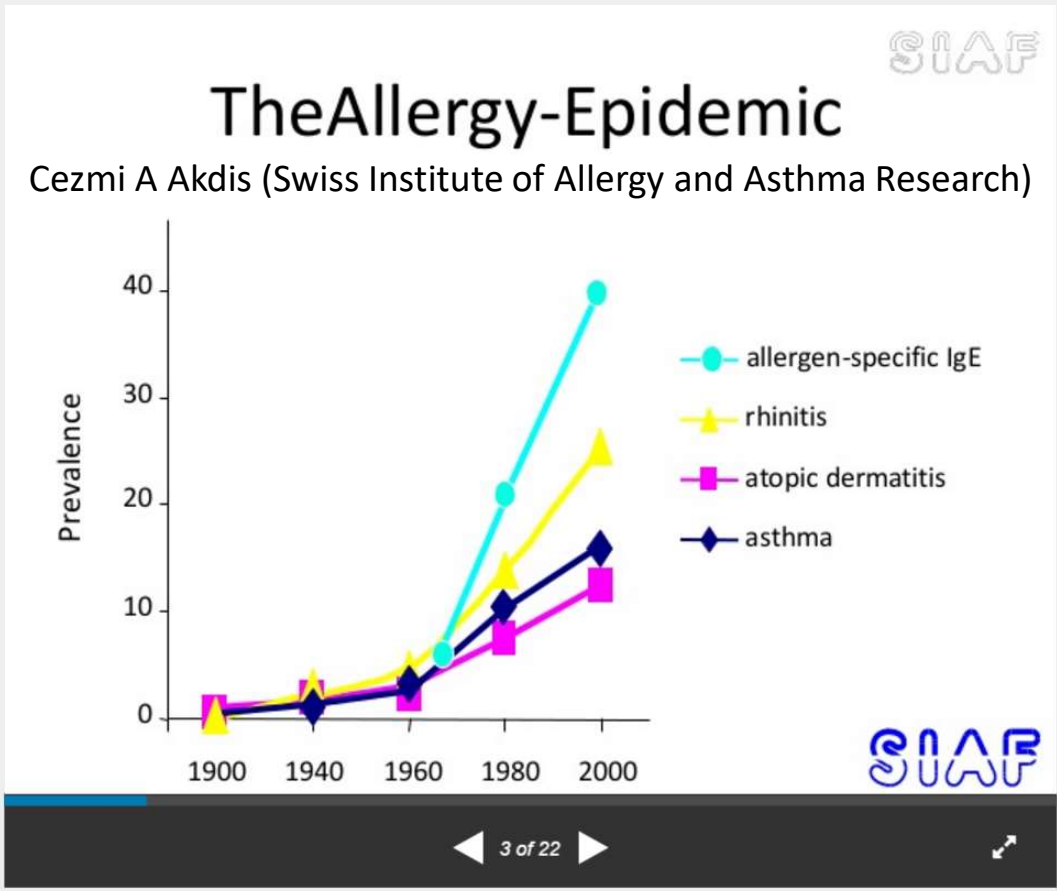
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Annual systemic lupus erythematosus prevalence by gender.



Frances Rees et al. *Ann Rheum Dis*
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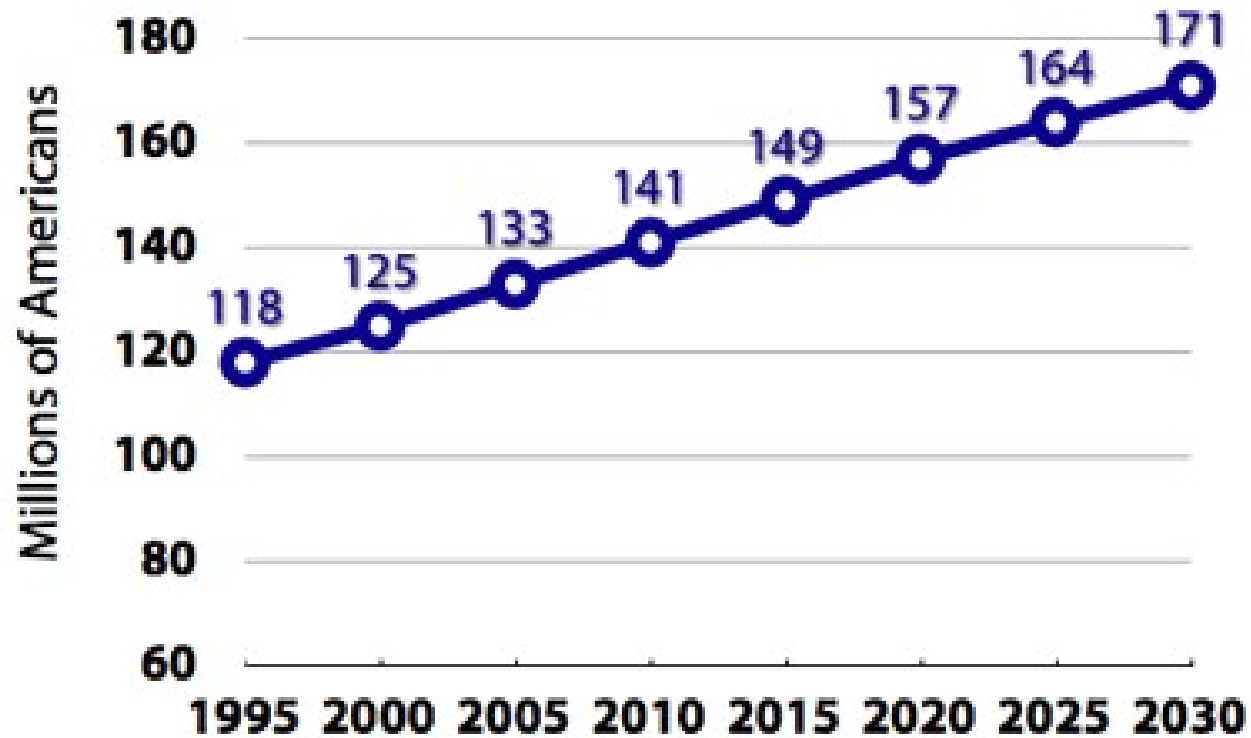
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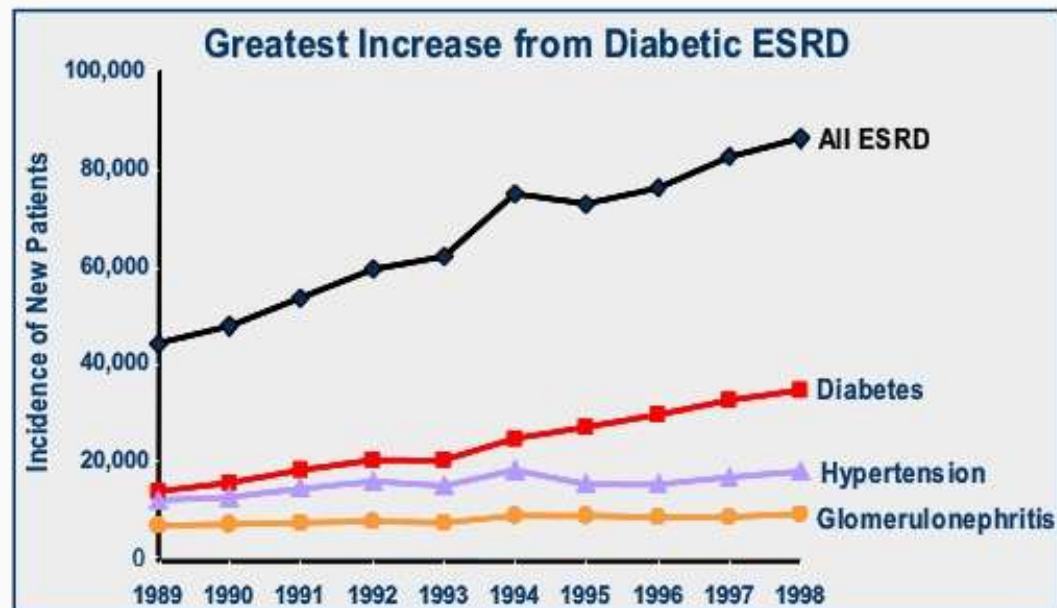
Prevalence of Chronic Disease in the U.S.



Source: Wu, Shin-Yi *et al.* 2000. Projection of Chronic Illness Prevalence and Cost Inflation. RAND Corporation.



ESRD: ↑ Incidence and Prevalence



Diabetes is the most common cause in Caucasians, Hispanics, Asians, and overall. Among African-Americans, hypertension is the most common cause of ESRD.

US Renal Data System, 2000 Atlas of ESRD in the United States.

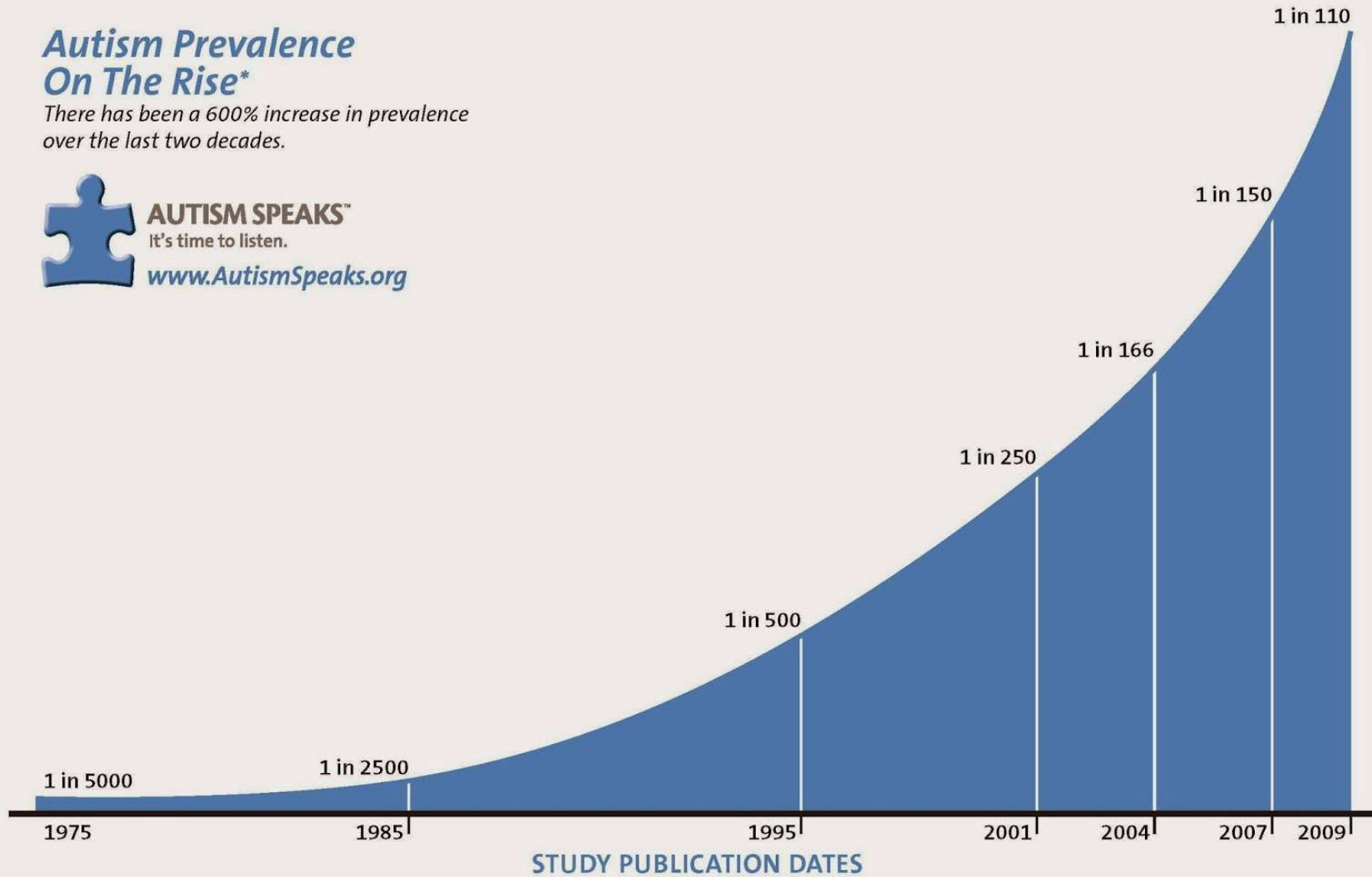
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