



"The earth is not dying, it is being killed, and those who are killing it have names and addresses."

-- the late activist musician Utah Phillips.

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Silent Spring (1962)

Rachel Carson argued that uncontrolled and unexamined pesticide use was harming and even killing not only animals and birds, but also humans.



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Introduction







Is Glyphosate Nontoxic?

- Monsanto has argued that glyphosate is harmless to humans because our cells don't have the shikimate biological pathway which is the pathway glyphosate disrupts to kill plants
- However, our gut bacteria DO have this pathway
 - We depend upon them to supply us with essential amino acids produced through that pathway, and with many other nutrients such as vitamins and short chain fatty acids
- Other ingredients in Roundup greatly increase glyphosate's toxic effects
- Insidious effects of glyphosate accumulate over time
 - Most studies are too short to detect damage
- Recently, three successful lawsuits claiming that glyphosate caused non-Hodgkin's lymphoma are bringing public awareness to glyphosate's toxicity





Roundup Safety Claims Disputed*

"It is commonly believed that Roundup is among the safest pesticides. ... Despite its reputation, Roundup was by far the most toxic among the herbicides and insecticides tested. This inconsistency between scientific fact and industrial claim may be attributed to huge economic interests, which have been found to falsify health risk assessments and delay health policy decisions."

*R. Mesnage et al., Biomed Research International, 2014; 2014: 179691

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Glyphosate Accumulates in Biofilms* Glyphosate polluting waterways is rapidly adsorbed into biofilms Concentrations of glyphosate in biofilms were two to four orders of magnitude higher than those in the surrounding water Glyphosate appears to rapidly disappear from waterways but this is an illusion Juvenile fish and amphibians dwell in the biofilms "We may be underrecognizing the potential ecological risk of contaminants, like glyphosate, that are bioconcentrating in biofilms and subsequently being consumed."

*Laura Beecraft et al.Science of the Total Environment 756 (2021) 143993.





A Veterinarian Speaks Out about Glyphosate Damage to Livestock*

Cattle herds in Saskatchewan, Canada, exposed to high glyphosate levels

- One herd:
 - Clostridia overgrowth
 - · Large numbers of stillborns and weak calves with skeletal problems
 - Necropsies revealed large fatty livers that were mottled and friable
 - Glyphosate contamination at 448 ppb in the corn feed
- Another herd:
 - Coccidia infection in calves on a creep ration tested at 548 ppb glyphosate contamination
 - Removing feed and supplementing with iron and B vitamins reversed the problems

*Karen Briere, Oct. 19, 2017 http://www.producer.com/2017/10/glyphosate-on-feed-affects-livestock-vet/

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Ib Pedersen: Pig Farmer in Europe*

- Glyphosate was found in the lungs, liver, kidney, brain, gut wall and heart of 38 malformed euthanized one-dayold Danish piglets
- Highest concentrations were in the lungs and heart

"The summary of my findings is, without a doubt, that Roundup sprayed on crops is the direct reason for the increase in fertility problems, abortions and deformities in animals and as a farmer, knowing how nature works, I quite expect that people are already affected."

"Glyphosate is everywhere."

-- Ib Pedersen



* M Kruger et al. Detection of Glyphosate in Malformed Piglets J Environ Anal Toxicol 2014, 4:5

Glyphosate-based formulations: Effect on honeybee behaviors*

Conclusions

"In this study, we provided new information on the influence of commercially formulated glyphosate at the recommended concentration on the behaviours of honeybees. Our findings showed that the water responsiveness, sucrose responsiveness, learning and memory ability and climbing ability of honeybees were affected by commercially formulated glyphosate at or below the recommended concentration."



*Qi-Hua Luo et al., Scientific Reports 2021; 11(1): 2115.

Effect of Glyphosate on Water Flea Embryos* Water fleas are near the bottom of the aquatic food chain Tadpoles, salamanders, newts, aquatic insects and many types of small fish feed on water fleas When water fleas are exposed to concentrations of Roundup and glyphosate well below the approved regulatory threshold, they suffered from: • Embryonic developmental failure • Systemic inflammation Collagen degradation · Impaired wound healing Disrupted gut microbes • The animals that eat the water fleas pick up glyphosate from their food Effects on water fleas propagate up the food chain *Suppa et al. Microbiome (2020) 8:170. 22





Some Correlations between Human Diseases and Glyphosate*

R=0.92

R=0.96

R=0.95

R=0.96

R=0.98

R=0.95

- Compared US government data on glyphosate usage and on human disease patterns over time from the 1998-2010 hospital discharge data
- Found striking correlations between the rise in glyphosate usage and the rise in multiple health issues in newborn babies:
 - head and face anomalies
 R=0.95
 - blood disorders
 - skin disorders
 - metabolic disorders
 - genitourinary disorders
 - congenital heart conditions
 - lung problems



R is the correlation coefficient characterizing how similar the two curves are. 1.0 is the highest value it can take, representing a perfect match.

*Judy Hoy et al., Poultry, Fisheries & Wildlife Sciences 2015; 3(1): 1000132.



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Cardiovasc Toxicol (2015) 15:117–126 DOI 10.1007/s12012-014-9282-y

Glyphosate-Based Herbicides Potently Affect Cardiovascular System in Mammals: Review of the Literature

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Imbalanced Gut Microbiome

Inflammatory bowel disease, autoimmune arthritis, obesity and metabolic syndrome, and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease can all be traced to imbalances in gut microbiome*

*Figure 1. RS Goldszmid and G Trinchieri. Nat Immunol 2012;13(10):932-8.





















Evidence linking autism to Clostridia overgrowth* 4 autistic children with gut disorder compared to 21 controls Significant increase in *Clostridia* species in the gut in autistic children Associated with reduced tryptophan levels and increased expression of inflammatory markers Tryptophan is a product of the shikimate pathway, which glyphosate blocks Macrophages in inflamed tissue take up tryptophan, reducing bioavailability to the brain Proposed role for antibiotics Glyphosate is a patented antimicrobial agent (2010) *RA Luna et al., Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology 2017;3(2): 218-230

CASE REPORT

Elevated Urinary Glyphosate and Clostridia Metabolites With Altered Dopamine Metabolism in Triplets With Autistic Spectrum Disorder or Suspected Seizure Disorder: A Case Study *

William Shaw, PhD

- Triplets: two boys, one girl. Both boys have autism and girl has seizure disorder
- Very high levels of glyphosate in urine in all three
- *Clostridia* overgrowth due to glyphosate disruption of gut microbes
 - Clostridia produce toxins which block the conversion of dopamine to norepinephrine.
 - Damage to neurons in the brain through oxidative stress

*W. Shaw. Integrative Medicine 2017;16(1);50-57.

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	journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/neuro	
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Gut microbiota and neurological effects of glyphosate		
Lola Rueda-Ruzafa ^a , Francisco Cruz ^b , Pablo Roman ^{c,d,e,*} , Diana Cardona ^{c,e,f}		
"In this work, we state a possible link between Gly[phosate]- induced dysbiosis and cognitive and motor aggravations in neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental pathologies, such as autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Hence, we review the negative impact that Gly[phosate]-induced dysbiosis may have on depression/anxiety, autism, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases."		
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"Environment permissible concentrations of glyphosate in drinking water can influence the fate of neural stem cells from the subventricular zone of the postnatal mouse"*

"Our findings demonstrated that the permissible concentrations of glyphosate in drinking water recognized by environmental protection authorities are capable of inducing neurotoxicity in the developing nervous system."

"Our findings signify the need to review the safety standards established by environmental protection agencies concerning safe glyphosate concentrations in drinking water."

*Muhammad Irfan Masood et al., Environmental Pollution 270 (2021) 116179.

Recapitulation

- Glyphosate causes over-representation of Clostridia in the gut, depleting tryptophan \rightarrow this maps to brain damage through inflammation
- Glyphosate causes autism-like symptoms in male mice linked to increased expression of soluble epoxyhydrolase (sEH)
 - Estrogen decreases expression of sEH
 - Aromatase converts testosterone to estrogen
- Aromatase expression in the placenta is suppressed by glyphosate
 - This explains glyphosate's effects and the link to autism
 - ightarrow Low estrogen leads to high sEH
- Maternal vitamin D deficiency leads to excess testosterone in males
 - Vitamin D depends on liver CYP enzymes for activation, which glyphosate suppresses
- Aromatase is also a CYP enzyme and this explains how glyphosate suppresses it
- Glyphosate suppresses maturation of neuronal dendritic spikes a characteristic feature of autism

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Glyphosate and Endocrine Disruption



Zen Honeycutt on Glyphosate as an Endocrine Disruptor

- Zen Honeycutt is the Founder of the advocacy group Moms Across America
- On Dec. 10, 2020, a meeting of the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DARTIC) was assembled to determine which chemicals might be endocrine disruptors



- Under the California EPA's Office of Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
- Zen Honeycutt presented slides showing compelling evidence that glyphosate is an endocrine disruptor
 - The committee subsequently voted that glyphosate should be labelled as a HIGH probability endocrine disruptor on the Prop 65 list

<u>*https://www.momsacrossamerica.com/win_glyphosate_one</u>





**A. Carrasco, Teratogenesis by glyphosate-based herbicides and other pesticides. Relationship with the retinoic acid pathway. In Breckling, B. & Verhoeven, R. (2013) Theorie in der Ökologie 17. Frankfurt, Peter Lang..







"Developmental exposure to glyphosate-based herbicide and depressive-like behavior in adult offspring: Implication of glutamate excitotoxicity and oxidative stress"*

Climbing

Struggling

- Mother rats were exposed to glyphosate while pregnant and for fifteen days following birth of the offspring.
- The offspring suffered from glutamate excitotoxicity in their brains persistently even after exposure was terminated.
- When the offspring were 60 days old, they showed signs of depression in a forced swimming test.

*Daiane Cattani et al., Toxicology 2017; 387: 67-80.

Epigenetic transgenerational toxicology through germline alterations by glyphosate^{*,**}

- Pregnant rats were exposed to glyphosate at half the No Observable Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL) from day 8 to day 14 of gestation (timed to match germ cell epigenetic programming)
- Offspring were bred to produce children (F1), (F2) and great-grandchildren (F3)
- Exposed rats showed no symptoms
- F1 generation were mostly fine



• F2 and especially F3 generations suffered from many diseases, including mammary tumors, delayed or early puberty, premature birth abnormalities, prostate disease, kidney disease, and obesity.

*Millissia Ben Maamar et al. Epigenetics 2020 Dec 9;1-18. **Deepika Kubsad et al. Scientific Reports 2019; 9:6372.

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Epigenetic transgenerational toxicology through germline alterations by glyphosate*

"Negligible pathology was observed in the F0 or F1 generations from direct exposure, but a significant increase in pathology and disease was observed in the grand offspring F2 generation and great-grand offspring F3 generation."

"Therefore, the previous observations demonstrate negligible disease in the direct-exposed generations, but significant disease in subsequent generations, termed generational toxicology, that is mediated through glyphosate-induced epigenetic transgenerational inheritance mechanisms."

*Deepika Kubsad et al. Scientific Reports 2019; 9: 6372.













Extracts from Common Plants Can Treat Glyphosate Poisoning*

- Roundup is toxic to hepatic and embryonic cells at doses far below those used in agriculture and at residue levels present in some GM food.
- Extracts from common plants such as dandelions, barberry, and burdock can protect from damage, especially if administered prior to exposure.







*C Gasnier et al. Journal of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology 2011, 6:3

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My New Book! TOXIC Expected to be released in June 2021 • Presents extensive data on glyphosate .EGAC toxicity to animals and humans · Argues that glyphosate is insidiously, HOW THE WEEDKILLE cumulatively toxic through its diabolical insertion into proteins by mistake in place of the coding amino acid glycine One Scientist's Determined Quest to Reveal the Truth STEPHANIE SENEFF, PhD • This unique feature explains why it is causal in so many diseases

Conclusions

- Glyphosate is far more toxic to humans than we have been led to believe
- The rise in glyphosate usage on core crops in the United States correlates with the rise in prevalence of many diseases and conditions
- Glyphosate causes gut dysbiosis, which is increasingly recognized as a major driver behind multiple chronic diseases
- Glyphosate's disruption of gut microbes, sex hormones and CYP enzymes can play a role in autism
- Many papers published in the last few years are revealing remarkably severe effects of low doses of glyphosate in animal studies, including transgenerational effects
- I believe that glyphosate should be banned worldwide

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"Future historians may well look back upon our time and write, not about how many pounds of pesticide we did or didn't apply, but by how willing we are to sacrifice our children and future generations for this massive genetic engineering experiment that is based on flawed science and failed promises just to benefit the bottom line of a commercial enterprise."

Prof. Don Huber