

"If our extinction proceeds slowly enough to allow a moment of horrified realization, the doers of the deed will likely be quite taken aback on realizing that they have actually destroyed the world."

- Eliezer Yudkowsky

Outline: Part II

- Experiments on Breast Cancer Cells
- Glyphosate, Sulfate, Oxalate, Autism
- Roundup, StAR and Sterol Homeostasis
- A Failed System and A Growing Food Movement
- How to Safeguard Yourself and Your Family
- Conclusions

Experiments with Breast Cancer Cells

Mammary Tumors in Rats*



Rats exposed to Roundup at levels well below established safety limits through their entire lifespan

*GE Seralini et al., Environ Sci Eur 26 (2014): 14.



"Glyphosate does not substitute for glycine in proteins of actively dividing mammalian cells"*

- Breast cancer cells grown in vitro in six cultures
- Half were exposed to glyphosate for six days
- Used Tandem Mass Tag technology w/ spectrometry to find anomalously heavy peptides
- At least 15 short peptides with specific glyphosate substitutions were identified
- Claimed all results were spurious because they showed up in equal amounts in "untreated" cells

*Antoniou et al. BMC Res Notes (2019) 12:494





Fetal Bovine Serum

Tumor cells have been maintained on fetal bovine serum since they were harvested from a human breast and for the duration of the experiment







Glyphosate-Susceptible Motif

- EPSP synthase is the enzyme suppressed by glyphosate in the shikimate pathway
- Glyphosate interferes with phosphate binding by occupying the spot where phosphate in PEP should fit
- If the highly conserved glycine residue at this site is mutated to alanine, the protein is immune to glyphosate
- Nearby positively charged amino acids secure PEP (and glyphosate) in place through magnetic charge attractions

Hypothesis Well Supported

- **Hypothesis:** a glycine residue with a small amino acid to the left and a positively charged amino acid to the right is highly susceptible to glyphosate substitution
- Nine of the 15 matches in the Antoniou et al. paper had a small amino acid immediately to the left
- Six of the 15 matches in the Antoniou et al. paper had a positively charged amino acid immediately to the right
- Probability of this occurring by chance is very small

9 Matches were Phosphate Binding Proteins*

Sequence	Protein Name (Uniprot Code)	Phosphate-binding
AIRQTSELTLG*K	Zinc finger protein 624 (Q9P2J8)	DNA
DG*QDRPLTKINSVK	Pleckstrin homology domain-	PtdIns phosphate
	containing family A member 5 (Q9HAU0)	
EPVASLEQEEQG*K	Double homeobox protein A (Q9UBX2)	DNA
G*ELVMQYK	Diacylglycerol kinase gamma (P49619)	ATP
GKELSG*LG*SALK	Very long-chain specific acyl-CoA	FAD
	dehydrogenase mitochondrial (P49748)	
KDGLG*GDK	G-protein coupled receptor 158 (Q5T848)	GTP
NEKYLG*FGTPSNLGK	ATP-dependent Clp protease	ATP
	ATP-binding subunit (076031)	
RTVCAKSIFELWG*HG	tRNA (guanine(10)-N2)-	tRNA
QSPEELYSSLK	methyltransferase homolog (Q7Z4G4)	
VTG*QLSVINSK	Protein O-mannosyl-transferase 2 (Q9UKY4)	dolichyl phosphate

All 15 sequences identified by Antoniou *et al.* had exact matches to human proteins in BLAST *people.csail.mit.edu/seneff/does_glyphosate_substitute.html

Two Proteins Overexpressed in Cells Exposed to Glyphosate for 6 Days

ANT (ADP/ATP nucleotide translocase):

- Programs cell to implement strategies that lead to increased proliferation instead of apoptosis (cell death) in presence of stressors
- There has been recent interest in developing drugs that fight cancer by suppressing ANT Activity.

SRSF6 (serine/arginine-rich splicing factor 6 (SRSF6):

- Overexpression of SRSF6 in lung epithelial cells enhanced proliferation, protected them from chemotherapy, and increased their ability to form tumors.
- Knockdown of SRSF6 in cancer cells reduced their tumorigenic potential.
- SRFSF6 in skin cancer alters the splicing of a protein called tenascin C so as to promote invasive and metastatic cancer.

Glyphosate is an endocrine disruptor that promotes breast cancer*

- Low and environmentally relevant concentrations of glyphosate possess estrogenic activity
- Glyphosate caused human hormone-dependent breast cancer cells to proliferate at concentrations of *parts per trillion*



* S. Thongprakaisang et al., Food Chem Toxicol. 2013 Jun 8. S0278-6915(13)00363-3.



Glyphosate, Sulfate, Oxalate, Autism

Sulfate in Fetal Development*

- Fetus depends on mother for sulfate supply
- Sulfate is essential for transporting sterols (like estrogen and DHEA) and supplying extracellular matrix proteins everywhere with sufficient negative charge
- Sulfate detoxifies xenobiotics like acetaminophen (Tylenol) and is essential for excreting toxins like aluminum and mercury
- Sulfate is severely deficient in autistic children (1/3 the normal level of free sulfate in blood stream)

* PA Dawson, "Sulfate in Fetal Development," Semin Cell Dev Biol 2011;22(6): 653-9.

Thyroid and Sulfate

- Autism is associated with disrupted sulfate management → systemic sulfate deficiency*
- Glyphosate suppresses pituitary release of thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) → hypothyroidism**
- Hypothyroidism in mom is linked to autism in child***
- Hypothyroidism causes sulfate loss in urine****

*RH Waring and LV Klovrza. J Nutr & Environ Med 2000; 10: 25-32.

- **JS de Souza et al. Toxicology. 2017 Feb 15;377:25-37.
- ***GC Román, Ann Neurol 2013;74(5):733-42.
- ****K Sagawa et asl. Am J Physiol. 1999 Jan;276(1 Pt 2):F164-71.

Rosemary Waring on Autism (1990)*

"These results indicate that there may be a fault either in manufacture of sulphate or that sulphate is being used up dramatically on an unknown toxic substance these children may be producing."

*p. 198, O'Reilly, B.A.; Waring, R.H. Enzyme and sulphur oxidation deficiencies in autistic children with known food/ chemical intolerances. *Xenobiotica*. 1990, *20*, 117–122.

Rosemary Waring Found Extremely Abnormal Urinary Sulfur Products in Autism*

TABLE 1. Excretion of urinary protein and anions in autism

	Autism $(n = 232)$	Controls $(n = 68)$
Age (years)	7.6 ± 2.4	8.5 ± 3.7
Protein $\mu g m l^{-1}$	103.2 ± 89.9*	64.5 ± 27.5
Sulphite	$106.9 \pm 162.9*$	2.1 ± 6.3
Thiosulphate	$130.8 \pm 148.1 *$	18.6 ± 25.0
Thiocyanate	6.4 ± 16.9*	44.0 ± 101.0
Sulphate	6819.0 ± 6712.3*	3030.8 ± 1461.0
-	s given in nmol ml ⁻¹ ,	$mean \pm SD^* p < 0.001$
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* RH Wa	aring and LV Klovrza.	Journal of Nutritional 8
	Environmental M	edicine 2000; 10: 25-32



Glyphosate Plausibly Disrupts Sulfur Enzymes

Sulfite oxidase (SuOx)*

- Depends on molybdenum as catalyst (glyphosate chelation could make it unavailable)
- Changing glycine at residue 473 with aspartate destroys enzyme activity
 - Leads to severe impairment in ability to bind sulfite and 5-fold reduction in catalysis
 - Aspartate has similar properties as glyphosate, being bulky and negatively charged
- Defective SuOx leads to severe birth defects and neurological problems resulting in early death

The sulfotransferases**

- GxxGxxK motif required for binding PAPS (activated sulfate)
 - *H.L. Wilson et al., Biochemistry 2006, 45, 2149-2160 2149. **K. Komatsu et al., Biochemi and Biophys Res Comm 1994;204(3): 1178-1185.

GxxGxxK Motif in Sulfotransferases*

- Sulfotransferases are crucial to attach sulfate ions to multiple bioactive molecules
- Steroids (cholesterol, estrogen, testosterone, vitamin D, ...)
- **Glycosaminoglycans** (chondroitin sulfate, heparan sulfate, ...)
- **Polyphenols, aromatics** (curcumin, resveratrol, tryptophan, ...)
- **Neurotransmitters** (dopamine, serotonin, melatonin, ...)



Polycystic Kidney Disease (PCOS)*

- PCOS is the most common reproductive disorder in the world
 - It affects 8-20% of women of reproductive age
- 40% of women with PCOS develop infertility
- 90-95% of women being treated in infertility clinics who have impaired ovulation suffer from PCOS

*medium.com/@drjasonfung/the-faces-of-polycystic-ovary-syndrome-pcos-4491740c69ae



Autism-like socio-communicative deficits and stereotypies in mice lacking heparan sulfate*

• Experiment with "designer" mice: blocked heparan sulfate synthesis in brain ventricles



 Mice exhibited all the classic features of autism – both cognitive and social

"Fractone-associated N-sulfated heparan sulfate shows reduced quantity in BTBR T+tf/J mice: a strong model of autism." **

* F. Irie et al., PNAS Mar. 27, 2012, 109(13), 5052-5056.
**KZ Meyza et al., Behav Brain Res 2012;228:247–53.

"Heparan sulfate deficiency in autistic postmortem brain tissue from the subventricular zone of the lateral ventricles"*

"Aberrant extracellular matrix glycosaminoglycan function localized to the subventricular zone of the *lateral ventricles* may be a biomarker for autism, and potentially involved in the etiology of the disorder."

New neurons develop from stem cells in this zone through the action of "fractones" composed of heparan sulfate proteoglycans**

*BL Pearson et al., Behav Brain Res. 2013;243:138-45 **F. Mercier et al., Neuroscience Letters 506 (2012) 208–213

Is Encephalopathy a Mechanism to Renew Sulfate in Autism?*

Abstract: "This paper makes two claims:

(1) Autism can be characterized as a chronic low- grade encephalopathy, associated with excess exposure to nitric oxide, ammonia and glutamate in the central nervous system, which leads to hippocampal pathologies and resulting cognitive impairment, and

(2) Encephalitis is provoked by a systemic deficiency in sulfate, but associated seizures and fever support sulfate restoration. ..."

*S Seneff et al., Entropy 2013; 15: 372-406.







Recapitulation

- Sulfate plays many essential roles in the body
 Sulfate deficiency is a core feature of autism
- Sulfate synthesis and transfer depend critically on both glycine residues and molybdenum
- PCOS due to glycine mutation is a risk factor for autism
- Heparan sulfate deficiency in the brain is associated with autism in both humans and mouse models
- A low grade encephalopathy characterizes autism and may reflect the need to synthesize sulfate







StAR is a Superstar!

- StAR protects from fatty liver disease and elevated serum LDL by promoting bile flow
- StAR is essential for synthesis of cortisol, testosterone and estrogen by the adrenal glands and by the gonads
- StAR induces export of cholesterol from cardiovascular plaque into HDL

Roundup Inhibits Steroidogenesis by Disrupting StAR Protein Expression*

- In vitro study on testicular Leydig cells
- Roundup reduced testosterone synthesis by 94%
 - Effect due to both StAR suppression (90%) and CYP suppression (70%)
- Reduction in StAR expression in the adrenal gland disrupts synthesis of stress hormones and sex hormones
- This likely explains epidemic in eczema!
- *LP Walsh et al., Environ Health Perspect 2000; 108:769-776

GLYPHOSATE

Atopic Eczema: An Epidemic

- Atopic eczema (AE) affects between 15 and 20% of people in industrialized countries*
 - It has very low prevalence in rural Africa
 - Epidemic developed over past 40 years
- Especially prevalent in young children
- Topical steroids (corticosteroids) are popular treatment option



- Overuse of steroids leads to skin thinning and adrenal insufficiency**
 - *K Thestrup-Pedersen. J Cosmet Dermatol 2003; 2(3-4): 202-10.
 - **C Levin and HI Maibach. Am J Clin Dermatol. 2002;3(3):141-7.

Eczema and StAR

- Th2 immune cells are fully capable of synthesizing the steroid pregnenolone from cholesterol, using StAR and CYP enzymes*
- This inhibits immune cell proliferation and production of immunoglobulin G, linked to eczema **
 - Resolves inflammation and eczema flare-ups
- StAR expression is decreased or absent in keratinocytes in psoriatic and atopic dermatitis***



*Bidesh Mahata et al., Cell Reports 2014; 7: 1130-1142. **AC Ferguson and FA Salinas, J Allergy Clin Immunol 1984; 74(5): 678-82. ***Andrzej Slominski et al., J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol 2013; 137: 107-123.

Recapitulation

- StAR, CYP enzymes and sulfotransferases collaborate to convert cholesterol into sulfated sterols with many important biological roles
- Glyphosate disrupts all of these proteins, leading to many diseases
 - Fatty liver disease
 - Impaired bile flow
 - Adrenal insufficiency
 - Cardiovascular plaque
 - Atopic dermatitis

Resolution of inflammation depends critically on synthesis of sulfated sterols

A Failed System and A Growing Food Movement

"Is Agriculture's Use of Glyphosate Feeding Lake O's Explosive Algae Blooms?"*

 Sugar cane agriculture is extensive all around Lake Okeechobee in S.
 Florida, and glyphosate is used both to control weeds and as a desiccant



 Cyanobacteria can break down the C-P bond in glyphosate and use its phosphorus atom as a fuel source**

> *Prof. Geoffrey Norris.https://jacquithurlowlippisch.com/tag/ is-sugarcane-field-glyphosate-feeding-lake-os-blue-green-algae-blloms **D Drzyzga et al. Environ Microbiol 2017 Mar;19(3):1065-1076

Cyanobacteria Feed Red Tide Algae

"Both the coastal red tide and the inland blue-green algae have beset South Florida through the summer, killing vast numbers of fish and other wildlife, including dozens of dolphins, manatees, sea turtles, sharks and eels." *

- Cyanobacteria feed off of glyphosate (phosphorus source) and produce nitrates from nitrogen
- Red Tide algae flourish, supplied with nitrates produced by cyanobacteria **

*https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/
toxic-red-tide-florida-researchers-investigate-what-s-making-it-n900771
**https://www.sailorsforthesea.org/programs/ocean-watch/nutrients-feed-red-tide

Test of Glyphosate Levels in Florida Waterways*



Water sample taken from the coast of Cape Coral, at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, where cyanobacteria were present

*https://www.momsacrossamerica.com/orange_juice_postive_for_glyphosate_again

Concerns about Glyphosate and Citrus*

Chief among these concerns are:

- Increased crop sensitivity to diseases
- Reduced availability of micronutrients to crops through chelation by glyphosate
- Inhibition of root growth
- Citrus fruit drop



"As citrus weed management programs have continued to rely more heavily on glyphosate, the occurrence of citrus fruit drop resulting from glyphosate application has become an increasing grower concern over the years."

*http://citrusindustry.net/2018/09/05/how-to-handle-glyphosate-related-fruit-drop/









"Aflatoxins are mutagenic, carcinogenic, teratogenic, hepatotoxic, immunosuppressive, and they also inhibit several metabolic systems"*



*Barberis et al., Journal of Environmental Science and Health, Part B: Pesticides, Food Contaminants, and Agricultural Wastes. 2013, 48(12), 1070-1079.

Prof. Don Huber on Bee Colony Collapse Syndrome*

- Glyphosate chelates minerals making them unavailable, especially manganese
- Glyphosate kills Lactobacillus and Bifidobacter which interferes with digestion of honey and bee bread by larvae
 - Makes bees more susceptible to mites and viruses



- Acting as an endocrine disruptor, glyphosate causes brain fog in the bees, and they can't find their way back to the hive after foraging
 - Neonicotinoids have a similar, synergistic effect
- Glyphosate is a contaminant even in organic honey because it is pervasive
- Probiotics + mineral solutions counter glyphosate's effects remarkably

*personal communication

Successful Treatment Protocol for Bees*

- Average loss rates in bee hives in the U.S. for the winter of 2015-2016 was 38%
- Slide Ridge Honey had only a 5% loss rate
 - Their success was attributed to mineral supplements and probiotics



*biomineralstechnologies.com/save-the-bees/honeybee-update-2017



Superweeds Are Now a Huge Problem*

- 76.8% of samples submitted to a U of Illinois Plant Clinic from 10 states across the Midwest showed glyphosate resistance
- "GM crops are on the edge of failure in the U.S. as farmers are asked to fork out more and more money on herbicides to try to control the superweeds. We simply can't afford it! It is near the end of the road for these crops and many of my friends in the Midwest are on the edge of turning

back to conventional farming methods."

Bill Giles, an Illinois farmer

*sustainablepulse.com/2017/02/04/farmers-losing-midwest-superweedsfight-as-glyphosate-resistance-reaches-over-75/#







Solving Global Climate Change through Agriculture*

"Agriculture, with its unique ability to sequester carbon on ... billions and billions of acres, is the only industry poised to *reverse* global warming. Improved management of cropping and grazing heals land, boosts soil fertility, prevents flooding, enhances drought resilience, increases the nutritional content of food and restores wildlife habitat — while sequestering carbon.

*http://www.rutlandherald.com/articles/using-soil-to-fight-climate-change/











Bluebird Hill Organic Farm, North Carolina





Some Important Nutrients

- Curcumin
- Garlic
- Vitamin C
- Probiotics
- Methyl tetrahydrofolate
- Cobalamin
- Glutathione
- Taurine
- Epsom salt baths



*TP Prasai et al. PLoS ONE 11(4): e0154061.

Anecdotal Evidence of Benefits of Fulvic Acid*

"In the last year I have become increasingly sick with ataxia, balance problems, muscle weakness, numbness in the hands and feet and a 'foggy' brain

... To cut a long story short, Jim suggested *Fulvic Acid* as a detox.

At 10 days the effects started to 'kick in' and by 14 days it was as if a fog had been lifted from my brain. My muscle weakness has gone, I can walk for 2 hours and I can swim in the sea."

"It is a miracle."

*Shared by Nico DaVinci, personal communication concerning a patient

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



Supplemental Sources of Sulfur*

- glucosamine sulfate
- chondroitin sulfate
- glutathione
- N-acetylcysteine
- alpha lipoic acid
- taurine
- DMSO, MSM
- S-adenosylmethionine (SAMe)
- Epsom salts (Mg-sulfate)

These can have many beneficial effects and are nearly nontoxic

My personal favorite is Epsom salt baths: Magnesium sulfate uptake through the skin

*S Parcell, Alternative Medicine Review 7(1), 2002, 22-44





Recommendations from Dr. Zach Bush*

1. Get out into nature. Walk in the woods, barefoot, feel the sunshine – rich environment, breathe in the nutrients in the air

- 2. Eat probiotics (naturally fermented foods)
- Eat organic food
 Demand is dropping the price.
 Thrive Market order online
- 4. Eat more fruits and vegetables
- 5. Bathe in natural waters



*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWgnkgYtqnw&feature=youtu.be

