Glyphosate: The "Safe" Herbicide that's Making us all Sick!



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New York Times: "Another View" July 13, 2015

"The GMO experiment, carried out in real time and with our entire food and ecological system as its laboratory, is perhaps the greatest case of human hubris ever. It creates yet another systemic, 'too big too fail' enterprise — but one for which no bailouts will be possible when it fails."

Mark Spitznagel and Nassim Nicholas Taleb

nytimes.com/2015/07/14/business/dealbook/another-too-big-to-fail-system-in-gmos.html

Outline

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- Gut microbes and obesity
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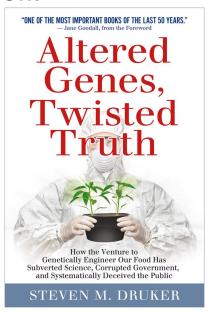
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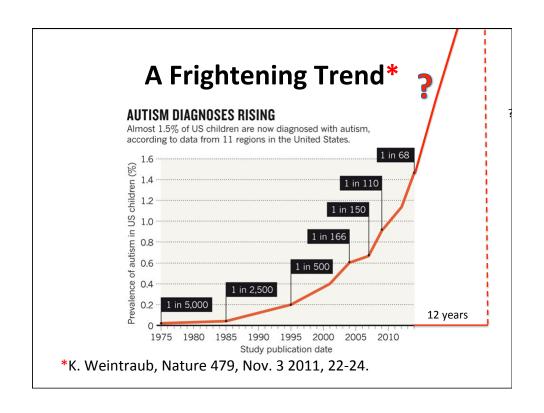
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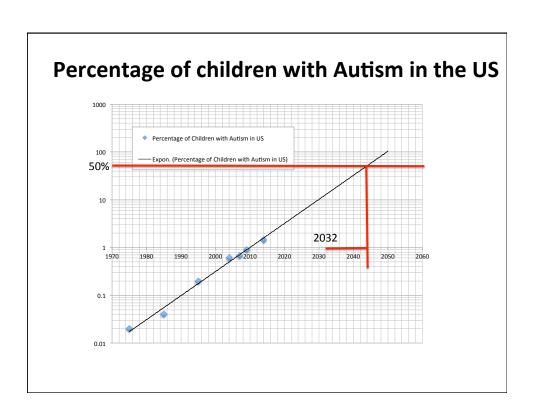
- US makes up 5% of the world's population but consumes more than 50% of the world's pharmaceutical drugs
- We spend more on health care than Japan, France, China, UK, Italy, Canada, Brazil, Spain, and Australia, combined
- US ranks last or near last among developed nations on infant mortality and life expectancy
- We also suffer from more chronic illnesses
- We consume 25% of the world supply of glyphosate

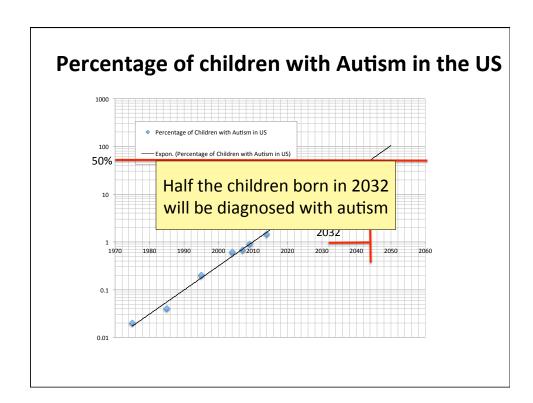
New Book!

- Genetic engineering is recklessly subjecting our health and the health of the environment to unacceptable risks.
 - Not based on sound science, but rather on evasion of the standards of science.
- For over 30 years, esteemed institutions have systematically contorted the truth to conceal the risks.

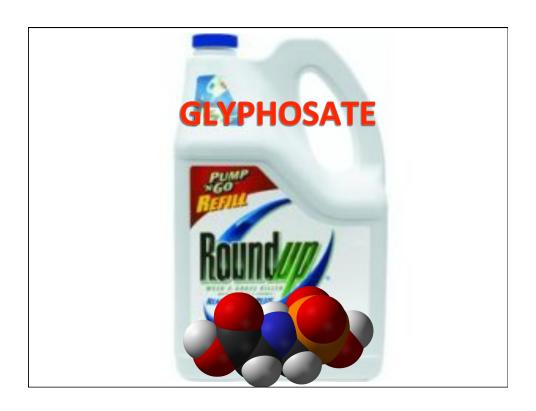


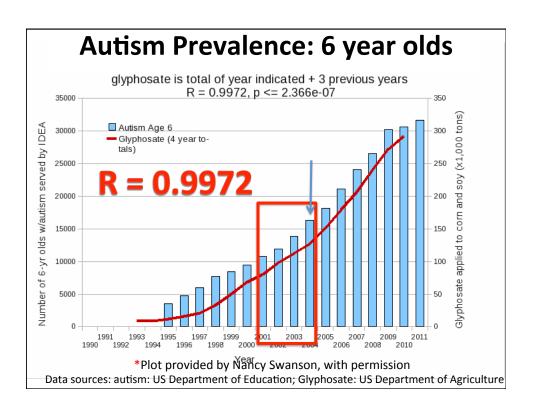












"Glyphosate is everywhere throughout our food chain – in our food and water. The lack of data on toxicity of Glyphosate is not proof of safety and these herbicides cannot be considered safe without proper testing. We know Roundup ... contains many other chemicals which, when mixed together are 1,000 times more toxic than Glyphosate on its own."

-- Dr. Robin Mesnage, author of multiple papers on Roundup's toxicity

Is Glyphosate Nontoxic?

- Monsanto has argued that glyphosate is harmless to humans because our cells don't have the shikimate pathway, which it inhibits
- However, our gut bacteria DO have this pathway
 - We depend upon them to supply us with essential amino acids (among many other things)
- 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

Main Toxic Effects of Glyphosate*

- Kills beneficial gut bacteria and allows pathogens to overgrow
- Interferes with function of cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes
- Chelates important minerals (iron, cobalt, manganese, etc.)
- Interferes with synthesis of aromatic amino acids and methionine
 - Leads to shortages in critical neurotransmitters
- Disrupts sulfate synthesis and sulfate transport

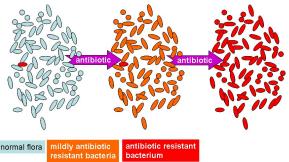
*Samsel and Seneff, Entropy 2013, 15, 1416-1463

Nutrients, Hormones and Neurotransmitters Disrupted by Glyphosate

- Folate, vitamin K, vitamin A, vitamin D, cobalamin
- · Aromatic amino acids, methionine
- Iron, manganese, cobalt, selenium, zinc, sulfur
- Serotonin, melatonin, dopamine, epinephrine
- Melanin (skin tanning agent), thyroid hormone
- NAD, glutathione (antioxidant defenses)

Glyphosate and Antibiotic Resistance*

- Huge and growing problem with antibiotic resistant microbes in hospitals worldwide
- Glyphosate is a patented antimicrobial agent
- Chronic low-level exposure to one antibiotic empowers pathogens to become resistant to other antibiotics



*B Kurenbach et al., mBio March/April 2015; 6(2):e00009-15.

Inhibition of Cytochrome P450 Enzymes (CYPs) by Various Pesticides* Hepatic Cytochrome P-450 Study in rats on 2,4-D, clofibrate, MCPA, and glyphosate *E Hetanen et al., Acta Pharmacol. Et Toxicol. 1983, 53, 103-1 12.

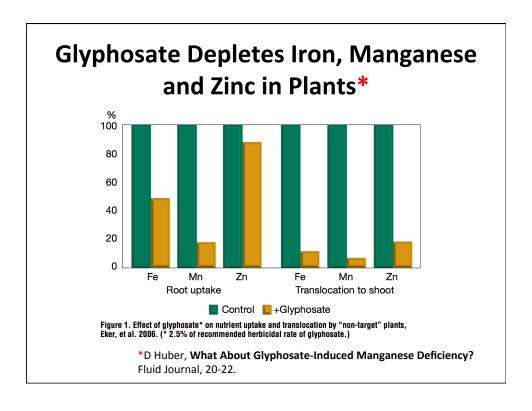
Glyphosate and Kidney Disease*,**

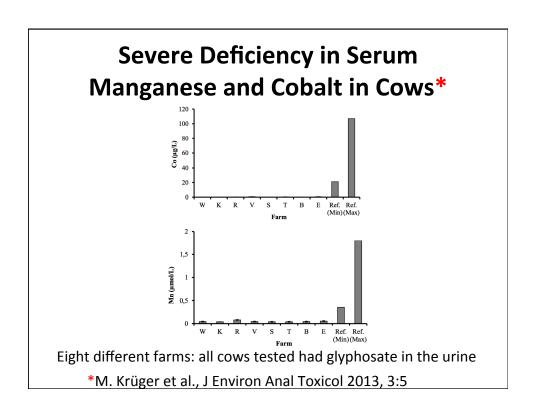
- Workers In sugarcane fields in central America and rice paddies In Sri Lanka are dying at a young age from kidney failure
- Glyphosate combined with arsenic and drinking water from abandoned wells is implicated
- Sri Lanka and El Salvador have banned glyphosate as a consequence

*C. Jayasumana et al., Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health 2014, 11, 2125-2147,

Glyphosate and Manganese

^{**} C. Jayasumana et al., Environmental Health 2015 14:6.





Low Manganese in Teeth Linked to Autism*

- Studied lead, mercury and manganese levels in tooth enamel of shed primary teeth in 84 children
- Manganese accumulated after birth was down by 60% in autistic children
- No other result was statistically significant



*MM Abdullah et al., J Autism Dev Disord. 2012 Jun;42(6):929-36.

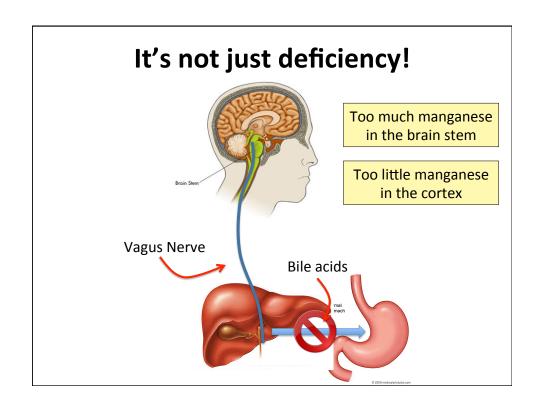
Paper on Glyphosate and Manganese Published March 24, 2015



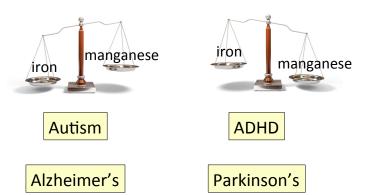
Manganese and Autism*

- Glyphosate chelates manganese
- Manganese disruption leads to:
 - Disrupted gut bacteria → anxiety
 - Impaired dopamine synthesis → thyroid disease
 - Glutamate and ammonium toxicity in the brain
 - Mitochondrial damage
 - Impaired bone development and osteoporosis
 - Impaired development of perineuronal nets
- Many of these pathologies are associated with autism

*A Samsel and S Seneff, Surg. Neurol. Int. 2015;6:45.



Balancing the Scales



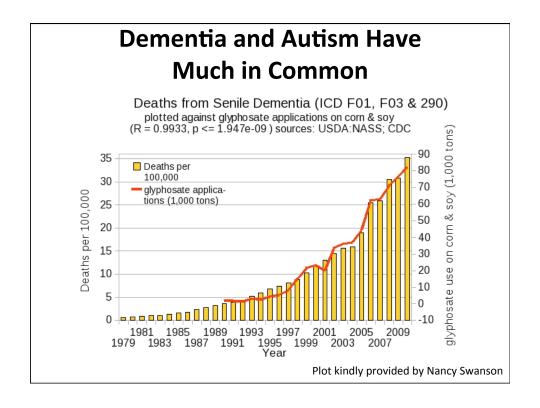
Glyphosate disrupts the body's ability to distribute the minerals safely: Everybody walks a tight rope between deficiency and toxicity

Iron is Also Problematic with Glyphosate

"Our love-hate relationship with Fe (IRON) is the cost we incur to have an aerobic metabolism. If there is insufficient Fe we suffer loss of function: if there is too much, or the control and repair mechanisms are defective, we suffer damage."*

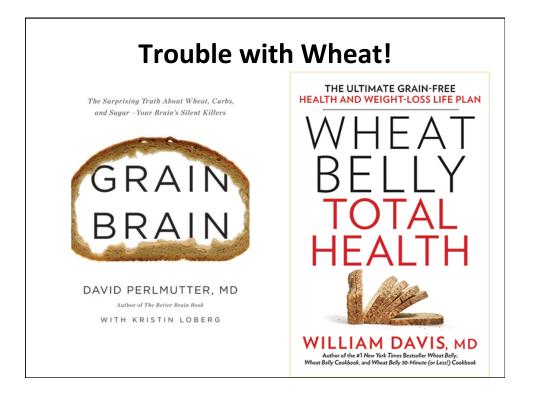
Glyphosate makes the control and repair mechanisms defective

*Ramdath and Golden, Nutrition Research Reviews (1989). 2. 29-49, p. 31



Gluten Intolerance





Desiccation with Glyphosate*

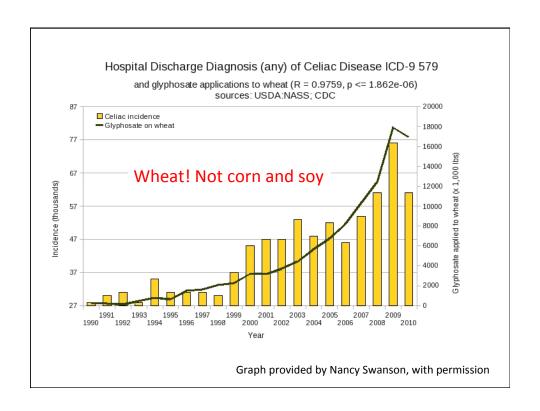
- Advantages:
 - Hastens maturity to harvest
 - Weed control for next year's crop
 - Reduces green material and therefore strain on harvesting machinery



- Disadvantages
 - Herbicide cannot be washed out prior to human use.
 - Animals fed herbicide-treated crops → contamination in animal products
- Crops include wheat, barley, legumes, corn, sunflower, kiwi, grapes (wine), raspberries, apples, soybeans, alfalfa, sugar cane

"We may be able to knock out 80% to 90% of the resistant ryegrass with glyphosate."

*Ron Smith, Western Farm Press, Mar. 23, 2013



Celiac Disease, Glyphosate and Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma

- Glyphosate preferentially kills bifidobacteria*
- Bifidobacteria are depleted in celiac disease**
- Celiac disease is associated with increased risk to non Hodgkin's lymphoma***
- Glyphosate itself is also linked directly to non Hodgkin's lymphoma****
- *A.A. Shehata et al., Curr Microbiol. 2013 Apr;66(4):350-8.
- ** M. Velasquez-Manoff, NY Times Sunday Review, Feb. 23, 2013.
- *** C. Catassi et all, JAMA. 2002 Mar 20;287(11):1413-9.
- ****M. Eriksson et al., Int J Cancer. 2008 Oct 1;123(7):1657-63.

Gut Microbes & Obesity

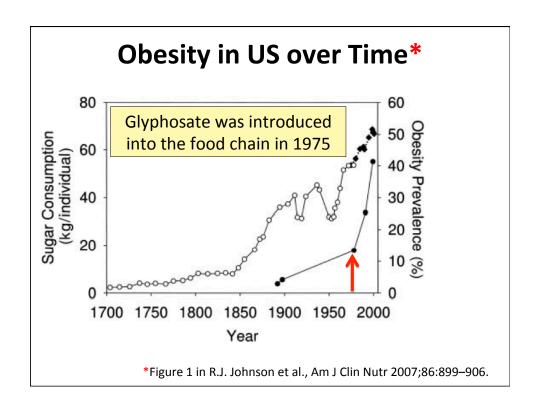
Gut Microbes and Obasity Our microbes outnumber of own cells 10 to 1 There are between 200 and 300 different species in a typical person. Environmental toxins like glyphosate can cause an overgrowth of pathogens in the gut They release toxic phenols And a direct path to obesity! Gut microbes from an obese person induced obesity in mice*

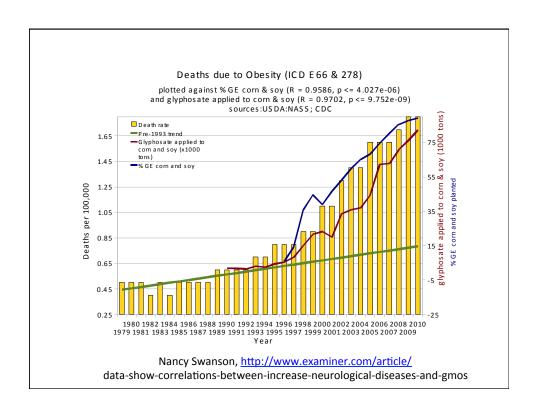
Obesity Epidemic in US*

- More than two-thirds of US adults are now overweight or obese
- Obesity is linked to a number of chronic health conditions, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cancer and arthritis



*L Yang and GA Colditz, "Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in the United States, 2007-2012" JAMA Internal Medicine, June 22, 2015.





How Might Glyphosate Cause Obesity?

- Glyphosate disrupts liver's ability to detox pervasive organic pollutants
- Excess abdominal fat becomes a site where these toxins can be sequestered
- Gut microbes convert sugar to fat where the toxins can be safely stored
- Glyphosate also depletes serotonin which suppresses appetite

Is Kwashiorkor Caused by Glyphosate?

- Kwashiorkor is a "nutritional deficiency" disease prevalent in Malawi, Africa, where the staple diet is GM Roundup-Ready maize
- Kwashiorkor victims have disrupted microbes reminiscent of autism
 - Important enzyme known to be inhibited by glyphosate is defective
- Transplanting their gut microbes into mice produced kwashiorkor in the mice

*MI Smith et al., Science. 2013 Feb 1;339(6119):548-54.

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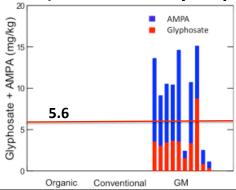


"It is a travesty that we are the only nation on Earth where our staple food, namely maize, is genetically modified."*

- -- Mariam Mayet, Director, African Centre for Biosafety
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- * acbio.org.za/alarm-over-high-gm-content-in-tiger-brands-ace-maize-products-misleading-labelling/#sthash.lknp5rTy.dpuf

GM Soy is Toxic Food

Study of glyphosate and AMPA (breakdown product) residues in soy crops*



"Another claim of Monsanto's has been that residue levels of up to 5.6 mg/kg in GM-soy represent "...extreme levels, and far higher than those typically found" (Monsanto 1999).

www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/how-extreme-levels-roundup-food-became-industry-normal

Soy Formula Linked to Seizures in Autism*

"There was a 2.6-fold higher rate of febrile seizures, a 2.1-fold higher rate of epilepsy comorbidity and a 4-fold higher rate of simple partial seizures in the autistic children fed soybased formula"

*CJ Westmark, PLOSOne March 12, 2014, DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0080488.

Hexane!

- Chemical extracted food oil is extracted using n-hexane as a solvent
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Dangers of Processed

Vegetable Oil

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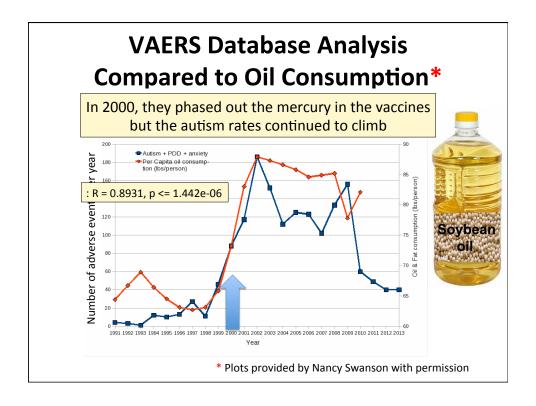
- Chemical extracted soybean oil plus soybean protein powder are added to infant formula
- China and Europe have regulatory restrictions on the amount of allowable hexane residue
- The US sets no limit and doesn't monitor

Toxic Effects of Inhaled Hexane*

- Low: Dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting
- High: Death from asphyxiation
- Chronic: Peripheral neuropathy, pain, weakness, loss of sensation, impaired gait, muscle atrophy, visual disturbances

*N-HEXANE. *Toxicology data network Hazardous Substances Data Bank*.

US National Library of Medicine



McDonald's Finally Converts*

"MCDONALD'S OIL CHANGE / Fast food giant to trim levels of dangerous trans fat in its fryers"
Kim Severson, Chronicle Staff Writer
Published Wednesday, September 4, 2002

*http://www.sfgate.com/health/article/ MCDONALD-S-OIL-CHANGE-Fast-food-giant-to-trim-3185573.php#photo-2323199

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"The fast food giant that once fried its potatoes in beef tallow will start cooking french fries, chicken nuggets and fish fillets in *a new kind of soy-corn oil* with less trans fat and more polyunsaturated fat, the world's biggest food-service company announced Tuesday."

March, 2002 – McDonald's settled a \$10 million lawsuit claiming its french fries were not vegetarian (due to lard used in frying them)

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Cancer

WHO Labels Glyphosate as "Probable Carcinogen"*

- Reviewed evidence and decided that the evidence justified the change
- Anthony Samsel has now acquired thousands of pages of "secret" documents from the EPA and he is finding damning evidence of carcinogenicity in Monsanto's own studies**

*World Health Organization.

IARC Monographs Volume 112: Evaluation of five organophosphate insecticides and herbicides. (20 March, 2015).

**Interview with Tony Mitra: http://www.tonu.org/2015/06/06/glyphosate_tradesecretfiles/

Glyphosate Test Report: Findings in American Mother's Breast milk, urine and water*

- Moms Across America initiative!
- Breast milk lovels ranging from 76 ug/l to 166 ug/l to 166 he
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- times higher than in Europe
- Monsanto is wrong regarding bioaccumulation

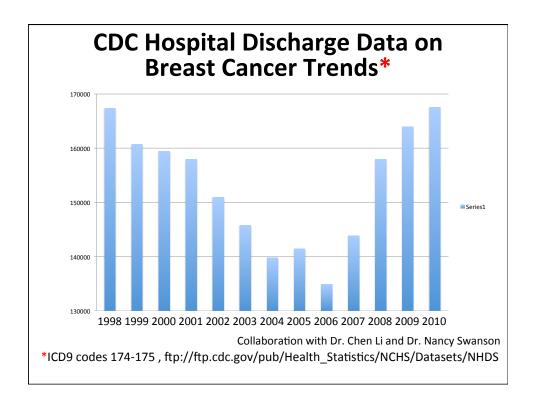
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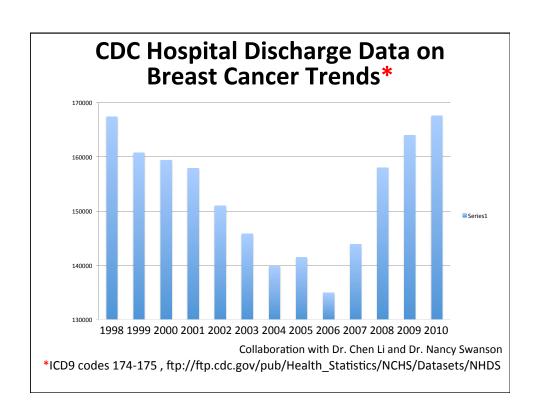
Glyphosate is an endocrine disruptor that promotes breast cancer*

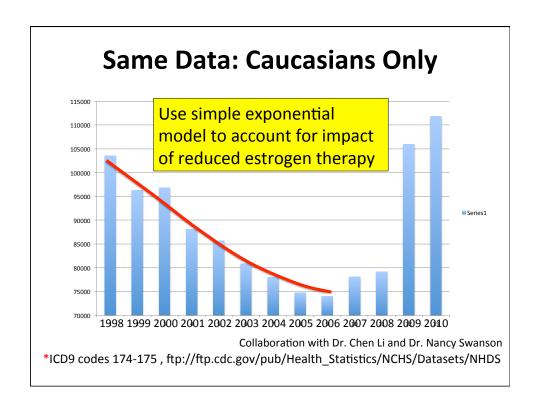
- Low and environmentally relevant concentrations of glyphosate possess estrogenic activity
- Glyphosate caused human hormone-dependent breast cancer cells to proliferate at concentrations of parts per trillion

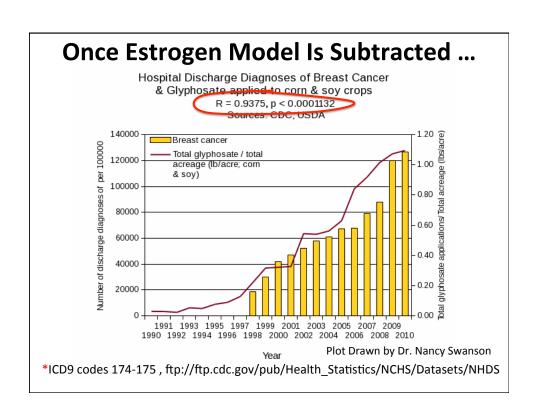


- Additive effect from genistein, a phytoestrogen in soybeans
- * S. Thongprakaisang et al., Food Chem Toxicol. 2013 Jun 8. S0278-6915(13)00363-3.









Roundup Disrupts Steroid Synthesis*

- StAR protein mediates rate-limiting step in steroid synthesis
- Roundup suppresses StAR protein by 90% and reduces steroidogenesis by 94%
- This affects both the production of sex hormones in the gonads and the production of cortisol and aldosterone in the adrenal glands

*L.P. Walsh et al., Environmental Health Perspectives 108(8), 2000 769-776.

Mammary Tumors in Rats*

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





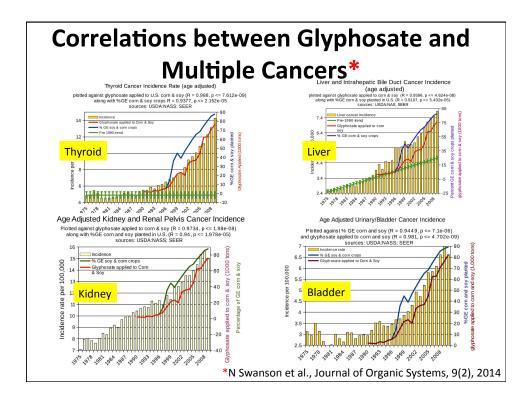


*G-E Séralini et al. Environmental Sciences Europe 2014, 26:14

Conclusions from Rat Study *

- Female rats had greatly increased risk of mammary tumors
- Males had significantly increased risk of tumors of the liver and kidney
- Sex hormone disruption for both males and females
- Enhanced oxidative stress
- Very significant kidney dysfunction
- Effects didn't become apparent until after 4 months





Anencephaly

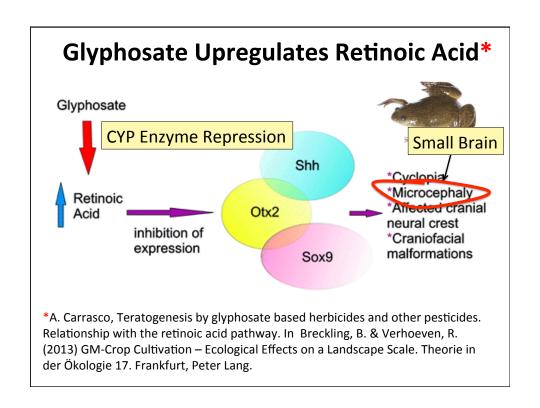
Glyphosate and Anencephaly*

- Yakima, Benton and Franklin counties in Washington State have an unusually high number of pregnancies affected by the birth defect, anencephaly
- 75 pesticides were analyzed in studying contamination due to surrounding agriculture
 - 47 (63%) of these were detected
 - Glyphosate was applied in large amounts, but was not studied
- 5% solution of glyphosate was also used heavily around irrigation ditches to control weeds
 - Main herbicide recommended due to its "low toxicity"

Glyphosate has been linked to anencephaly due to its effect on retinoic acid

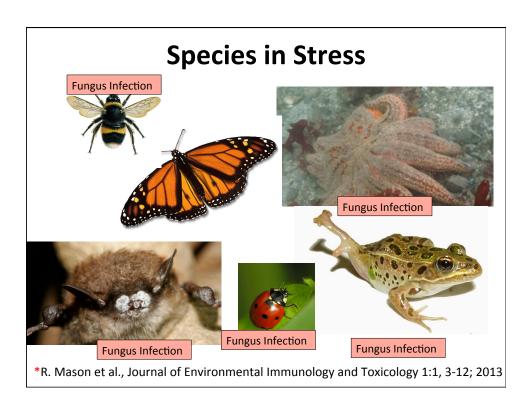
*Barbara H. Peterson. Farm Wars, http://farmwars.info/?p=11137

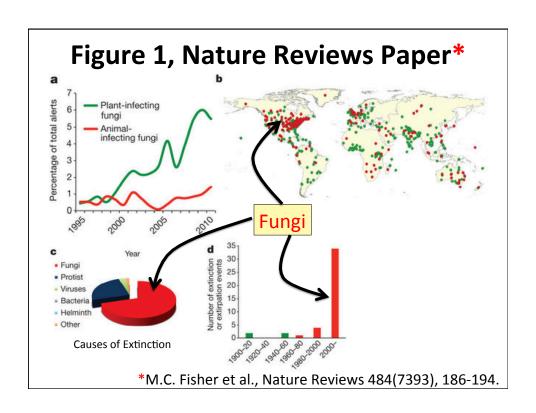




Species in Stress

U.S. Geological Survey Study on Pesticides in Rain Water in Mississippi* 2 million kilograms of glyphosate were applied statewide in 2007 in Mississippi Over 75% of the air and rain samples tested positive for glyphosate and AMPA. *M.S. Majewski et al., Environ Toxicol Chem. 2014 Jun;33(6):1283-93.





"Emerging fungal threats to animal, plant and ecosystem health"*

"In both animals and plants, an unprecedented number of fungal and fungal-like diseases have recently caused some of the most severe dieoffs and extinctions ever witnessed in wild species, and are jeopardizing food security."

*M.C. Fisher et al., Nature Reviews 484(7393), 186-194.

Roundup herbicide enhances the growth of aflatoxin-producing fungi*



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

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



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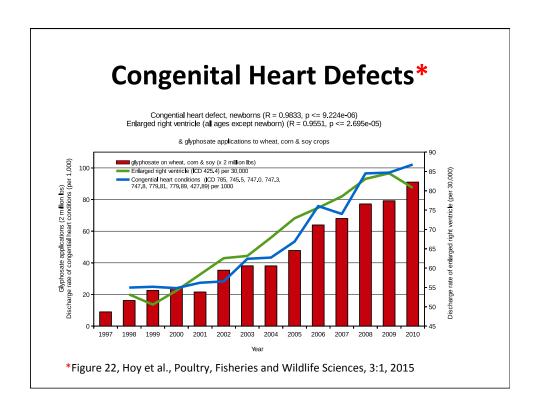
Hoy et al., Poult Fish Wildl Sci 2015, 3:1

The High Cost of Pesticides: Human and Animal Diseases

Judy Hoy¹, Nancy Swanson² and Stephanie Seneff³*
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²Abacus Enterprises, Lummi Island, WA, USA
²Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Massac

Brand new paper!





What We Can Expect Looking Forward

GMO Studies are Worthless!*,**

"Could it be that the Sprague-Dawley rats used in many of these feeding experiments have been wrongly assumed to be uniquely susceptible to cancers, when the blame for the high incidence of tumours might be down to the high level of contaminants in the control diets used?"

-- Glyphosate contamination in GMO feed

*www.gmfreecymru.org/news/Press_Notice17June2015b.html
**R. Mesnage et al., PLoS ONE 10(7) (2015)

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Roundup was detected in 9 of the 13 diets.

Eleven of the 13 diets contained GMOs that are grown with large amounts of Roundup.

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Glyphosate-Resistant Weeds



A maize field in Georgia, USA, in 2010, over-run with glyphosate-resistant palmer amaranth

From GMO Myths and Truths, EarthOpenSource

Enlist Duo!

- The answer to glyphosate resistance in weeds!
- Corn and soybean crops will soon be engineered to resist both glyphosate and 2,4 D
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"Monsanto's new Roundup Ready Xtend cotton and soybeans are engineered to be resistant to a combination of *glyphosate and dicamba*, while Dow AgroSciences' new breed of Enlist Duo corn and soybeans are resistant to a combination of glyphosate and 2,4-D."*

> *http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2015/07/07/ corporate-takeover-free-trade-deals.aspx?

Taking Action

"Dutch Ban Roundup: France and Brazil Soon to Follow"*

- Dutch parliament has banned Roundup for personal use
- Follows Russia and Mexico
- Garden centers in France have already pulled Roundup from the shelves
- Brazil is considering a similar move



 ${\color{blue}*www.thehealthyhomeeconomist.com/}\\ roundup-banned-netherlands-france-brazil-likely-soon-follow/$

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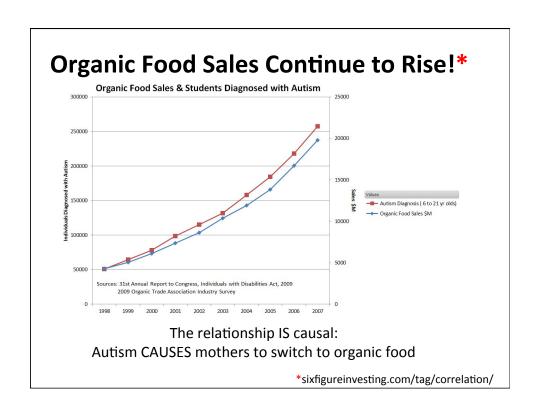


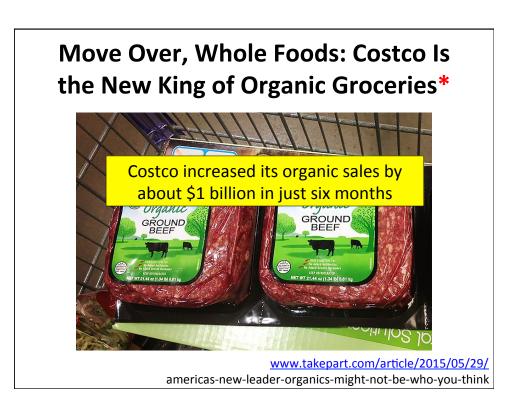
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Sri Lanka Bans Glyphosate (Again)*

- This is stronger than the European laws because it includes commercial use
- "The decision by Sri Lanka's new president to ban glyphosate this time around is expected to stand"
- Sri Lanka joins El Salvador and Bermuda as three countries taking a stand against glyphosate

*www.wakingtimes.com/2015/05/28/ sri-lankas-newly-elected-president-bans-monsantos-glyphosate/







Tony Mitra, Canadian Activist

GLYPHOSATE TESTING

FOR CANADA

FEED THE WORLD and Canadian citizen group NATIONWIDE GLYPHOSATE TESTING are proud to announce a Glyphosate Testing service now available to Canadians for the first time ever, using the highest quality detection system available (high-performance liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS))



Where to register and pay : http://feedtheworld.info/glyphosate-testing-test-

Who to communicate with: Tony Mitraglyphosate.testing@gmail.com or tony.mitra@gmail.com. Put the subject heading as "GLYPHOSATE TESTING"

Urine collection cup: Please buy your urine sample collection cup from a local source. Make sure it is a $4\, \text{oz} / 125\, \text{ml}$ cup with a screw top, Please also makes sure you seal the cup very well when you have filled it with your sample. Write your name, age, sex, and date and time of collection legibly on the label located on the side of the urine cup. Also make sure you write the e-mail address that the test was ordered with on Paypal on the label.

Where to send : Tony Mitra, 10891 Cherry Lane, Delta, BC, V4E 3L7, Canada

Web site to keep updated: http://www.tonu.org/2015/05/20/glytest_canada/

For collecting water sample: Check with instruction you will received by email after

having registered and paid for the testing. Breast Milk: Not being offered in Canada at this moment.

This is a stopgap arrangement. Canada needs a lab where people can test themselves , their food, flora and fauna, for Glyphosate. That effort is still on.

"Organic is booming — and the push is on to get more growers"*

"In Canada, we see 58 per cent of all consumers buy organic on a weekly basis. It shows the strong demand for organic products."

Prairie Organic Grain Initiative:

Ottawa recently pledged \$1.2 million for a Prairie-wide project aimed at strengthening the organic sector.

> *www.albertafarmexpress.ca/2015/06/24/ organic-is-booming-and-the-push-is-on-to-get-more-growers/

Zen Honeycutt and Moms Across America*



- Organizing "Mom Meet-ups"
- Testing glyphosate in breast milk
- Fourth of July parades
- · Interviews with scientists
- Public speaking, etc.

MOMS ACROSS AMERICA

Empowered Moms, Healthy Kids

We are a national coalition of Unstoppable Moms committed to empowering millions to educate themselves about GMOs and related pesticides, get GMOs labeled and offer GMO free and Organic solutions

*http://www.momsacrossamerica.com/

"Richmond, CA Bans Glyphosate Found in Monsanto's Roundup"*

"Monsanto continues to advertise glyphosate as safe for humans and animals, but scientific evidence shows that humans in fact do possess the enzymes that glyphosate targets, in our gastrointestinal bacteria, and that glyphosate also affects other enzymatic pathways."

Other cities should follow Richmond's lead!

*www.projectcensored.org/richmond-ca-bans-glyphosate-found-in-monsantos-roundup/

Monsanto/Roundup Class Action Lawsuit in California



healthimpactnews.com/2015/monsanto-sued-in-los-angeles-county-for-false-advertising-on-glyphosate-claim/

The Lawsuits are Coming....



Kauai's Gary Hooser: Bill 2491



The "Outgrow Monsanto" Movement



Bernie Sanders for President!



Hillary Clinton Hired Former Monsanto Lobbyist, Jerry Crawford, to Run Her Campaign

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Summary

- Glyphosate is toxic and it is going to bankrupt America due to astronomical health care costs
- We can expect half the kids born in 2032 to be diagnosed with autism; 80% of the boys
- Obesity, kidney failure, breast cancer, gluten intolerance, and anencephaly are some of the other consequences
- Glyphosate disrupts biological processes through metal chelation, enzyme inhibition, disruption of gut microbes, and many other effects
- Many species are in distress due to glyphosate exposure
- People are waking up and there are many ways to help get the message out
- We need to ban glyphosate from the market, worldwide, and return to sustainable organic agricultural practices