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Autoimmune OCD:
Can Infections Trigger Immune-mediated OCD?
How Can This Be Diagnosed and Treated?



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Topics We Will Cover

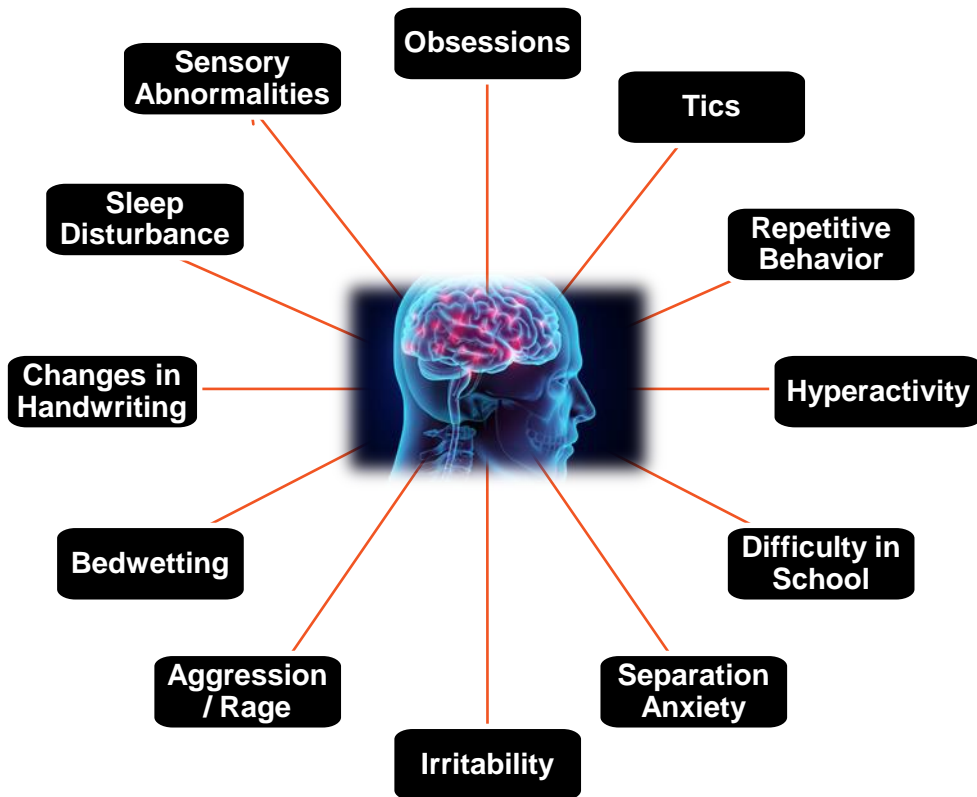
- 1. Challenges Contributing to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Various Neurologic, Psychiatric and Behavioral Disorders**
- 2. Can Infections Trigger Immune System Dysfunction that Leads to Certain Neurologic, Psychiatric, and Behavioral Disorders?**
- 3. What is Molecular Mimicry and How Can this Impact our Immune System: A Medical Model for PANDAS/PANS, Neurologic Lyme, and Long-COVID?**
- 4. Antineuronal Antibodies as an aid in a Clinician's Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Secondary to Infections**
- 5. Therapeutic Modalities that Have Shown Clinical Effectiveness in Treating Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Secondary to Infections**

What Do You See?



Most Neurologic, Psychiatric and Behavioral Disorders are Diagnosed and Classified by Symptoms, Not Etiology (Cause)

Symptoms



Diagnoses



Tourette's Syndrome Criteria:

Presence of motor and vocal tics that occur several times a day, every day or intermittently for at least 1 year, begin before age 18 years

Worldwide ~800 Million Individuals* Suffer from Neurologic, Psychiatric and Behavioral Disorders

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)



Eating Disorder



PANDAS PANS



Mood Disorders

Chronic Depressive Disorder



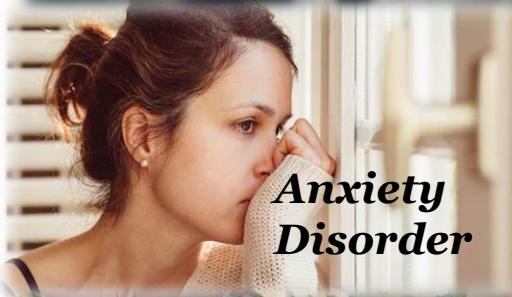
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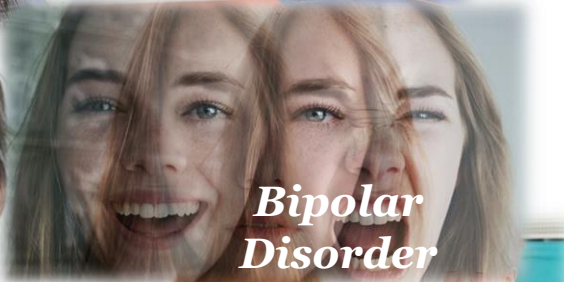
ADD ADHD



Anxiety Disorder



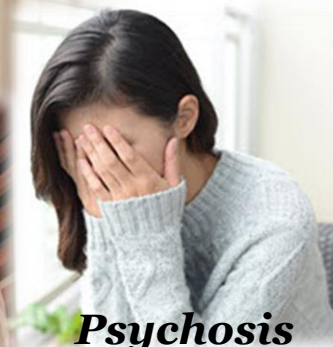
Bipolar Disorder



Seizure Disorder



Psychosis



Tourette's



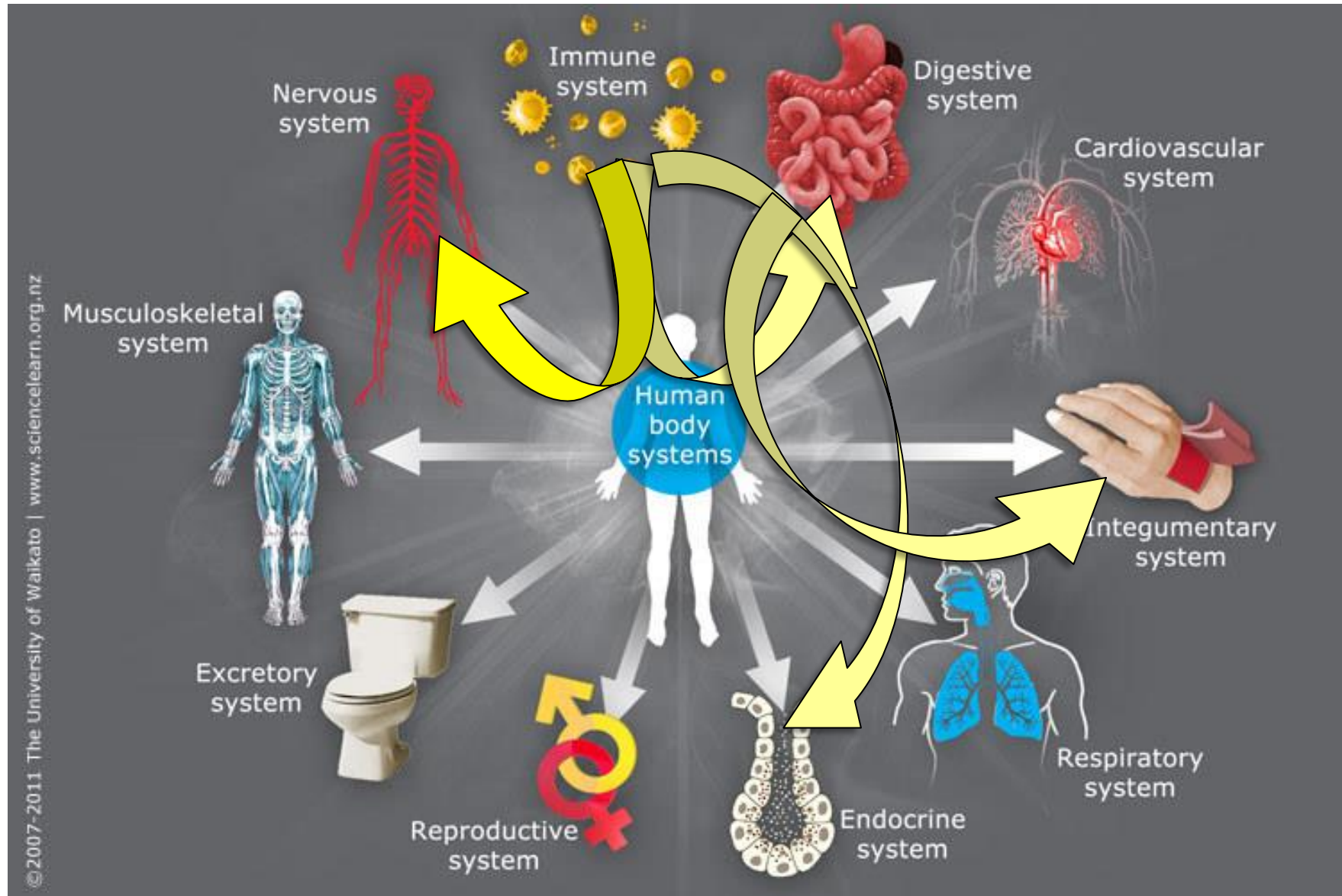
Autism



Neuropsychiatric, behavioral, and mental disorders are diagnosed entirely on clinical presentation not biology, yet most often are typically treated symptomatically with varied responses to treatment

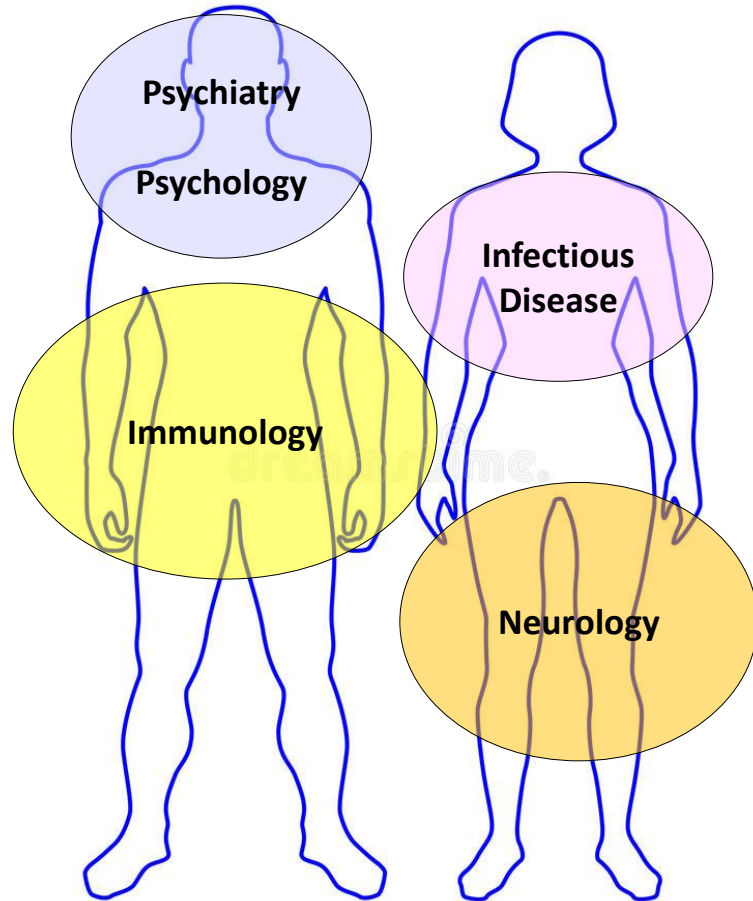
*Hannah Ritchie and Max Roser (2018) - "Mental Health". Published online at OurWorldInData.org.

Our Organ Systems Do Not Operate Independently of Each Other

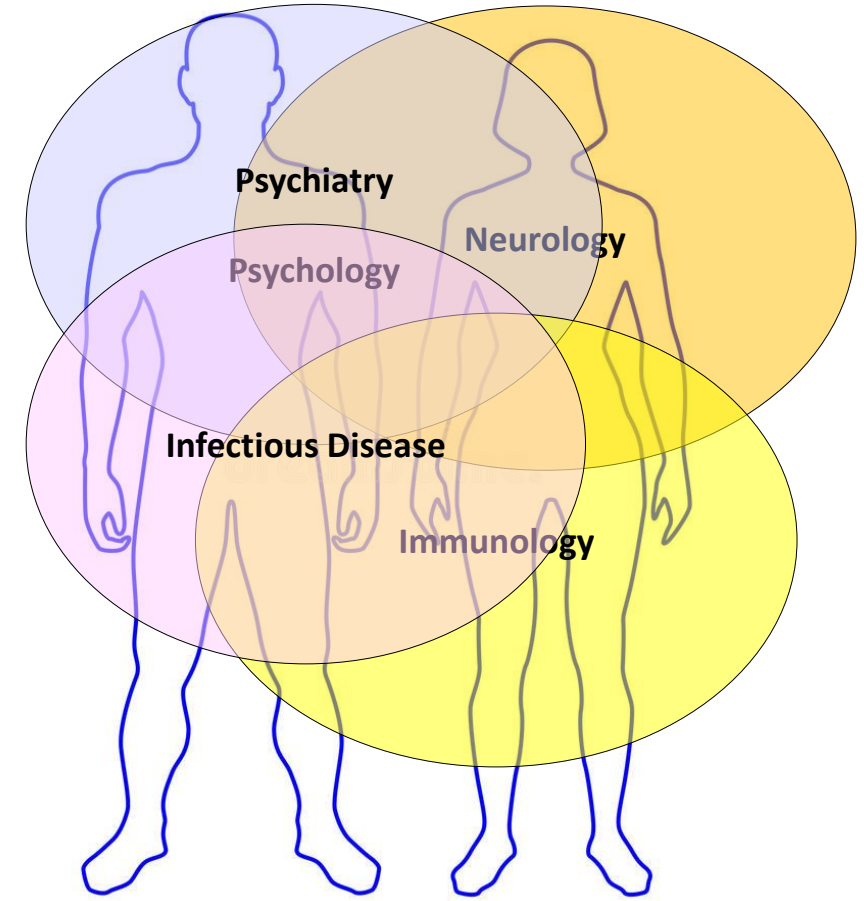


Medical Specialization Unintentionally Contributes to This Challenge

Prevailing Model of Disease Biology



Integrated View of Disease Biology



Cross-disciplinary and Collaborative Medical Care can Accelerate the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Disorders

Comorbidities in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Across the Lifespan: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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A comorbidity rate of 69% was found in a pooled sample of more than 15,000 individuals. Mood disorders (major depressive disorder), anxiety disorders (generalized anxiety disorder), neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs) and OCRDs were the commonest comorbidities

Sharma, E., et al. (2021). "Comorbidities in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Across the Lifespan: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis." *Front Psychiatry* **12**: 703701.

Growing Evidence of a Biological Interconnection



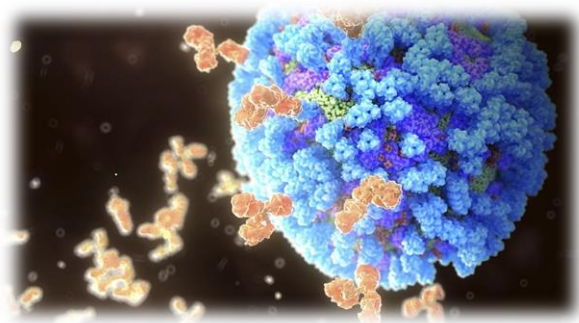
Brain Function

(Neurologic, psychiatric, and behavioral symptoms)

GENETIC PREDISPOSITION

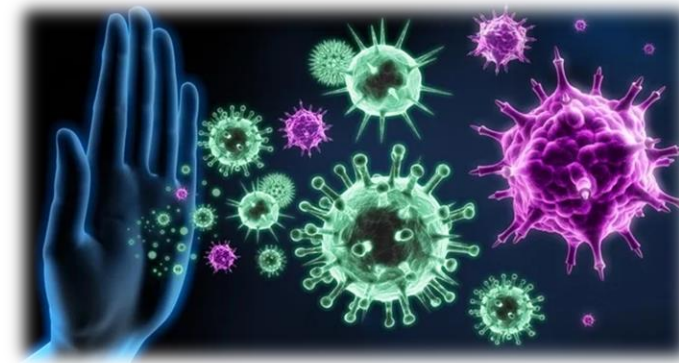
IMMUNE SYSTEM DYSFUNCTION

Axis



Immune System

(autoimmune antibodies, inflammation, microglia activation, cytokines, mast cell activation)



Infectious/Non-Infectious Triggers

(bacteria, viruses, parasites, microbiome, environmental)

Challenge for Clinicians and Patients With Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Secondary to Infections

***“Never, ever,
think outside
the box”***



**Can Infections Trigger Immune System
Dysfunction that Leads to Certain Neurologic,
Psychiatric, and Behavioral Disorders?**

Can Infections Really Trigger Neuropsychiatric Disorders?

A large portion of neuropsychiatric disorders are caused by an infection-triggered autoimmune dysfunction



March 2019

JAMA Psychiatry: “Harbingers of Mental Disease Infections Associated With an Increased Risk for Neuropsychiatric Illness in Children”

Danish study of **1,098,930 individuals birth to 18 year old:**

If **hospitalized for a severe infection**, the risk of developing mental disorders **increased by more than 80%** for diagnosis of:

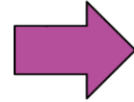
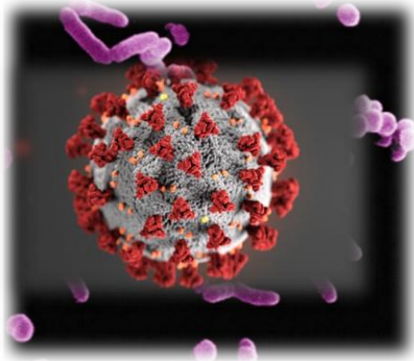
- ***Schizophrenia, autism spectrum disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorders, ADD/ADHD, personality and behavior disorders, ODD/OD and tic disorders***

“How could exposure to infections affect the brain mechanistically to give rise to mental disorders? **Circulating autoantibodies that enter the brain** via a compromised blood-brain barrier and **bind to neurotransmitter receptors** is a potential explanation, and this mechanism has been proposed in **PANDAS and other mental disorders.**”

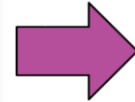
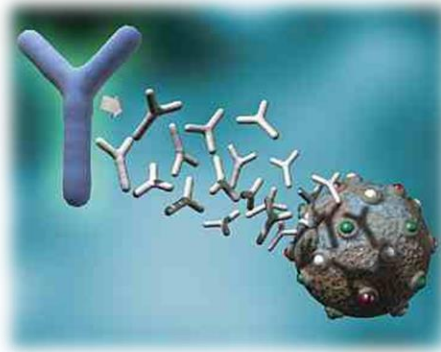


How Does This Occur Biologically?

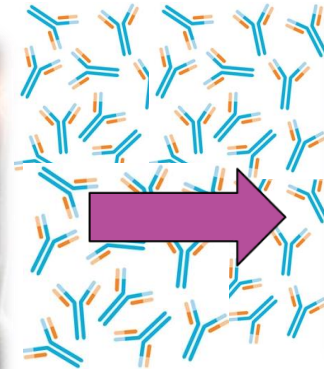
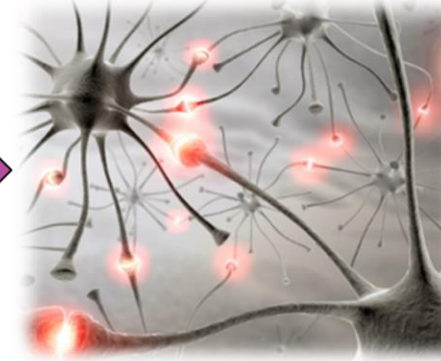
Microbial, Viral, Fungal Infection Occurs



Body Produces Antibodies That Recognize Infectious organism



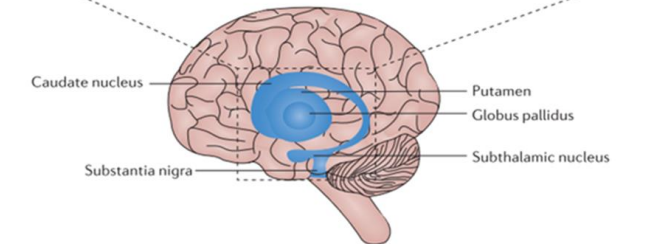
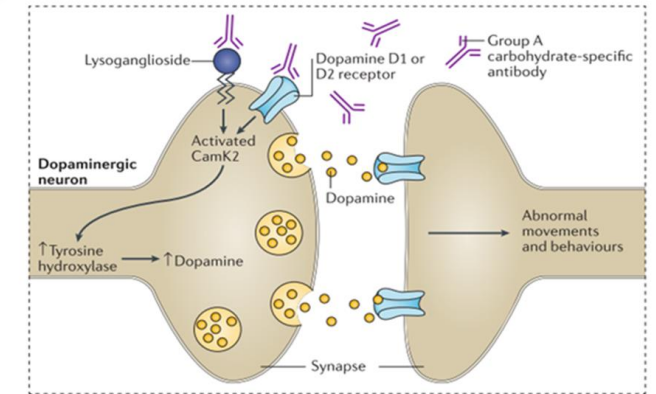
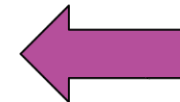
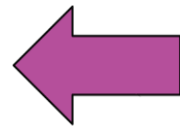
Antibodies Cross-React With Neurologic Receptors (molecular mimicry)



Reaction Disrupts Brain Function (friendly fire)



**Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
Myocarditis, Cardiovascular,
Chronic Fatigue – like
Syndrome, MIS-C, Long
COVID/PASC**



Growing Recognition of the Connection Between Infections, the Immune System and Neurologic, Psychiatric and Behavioral Disorders

Autoimmune Diseases and Psychotic Disorders

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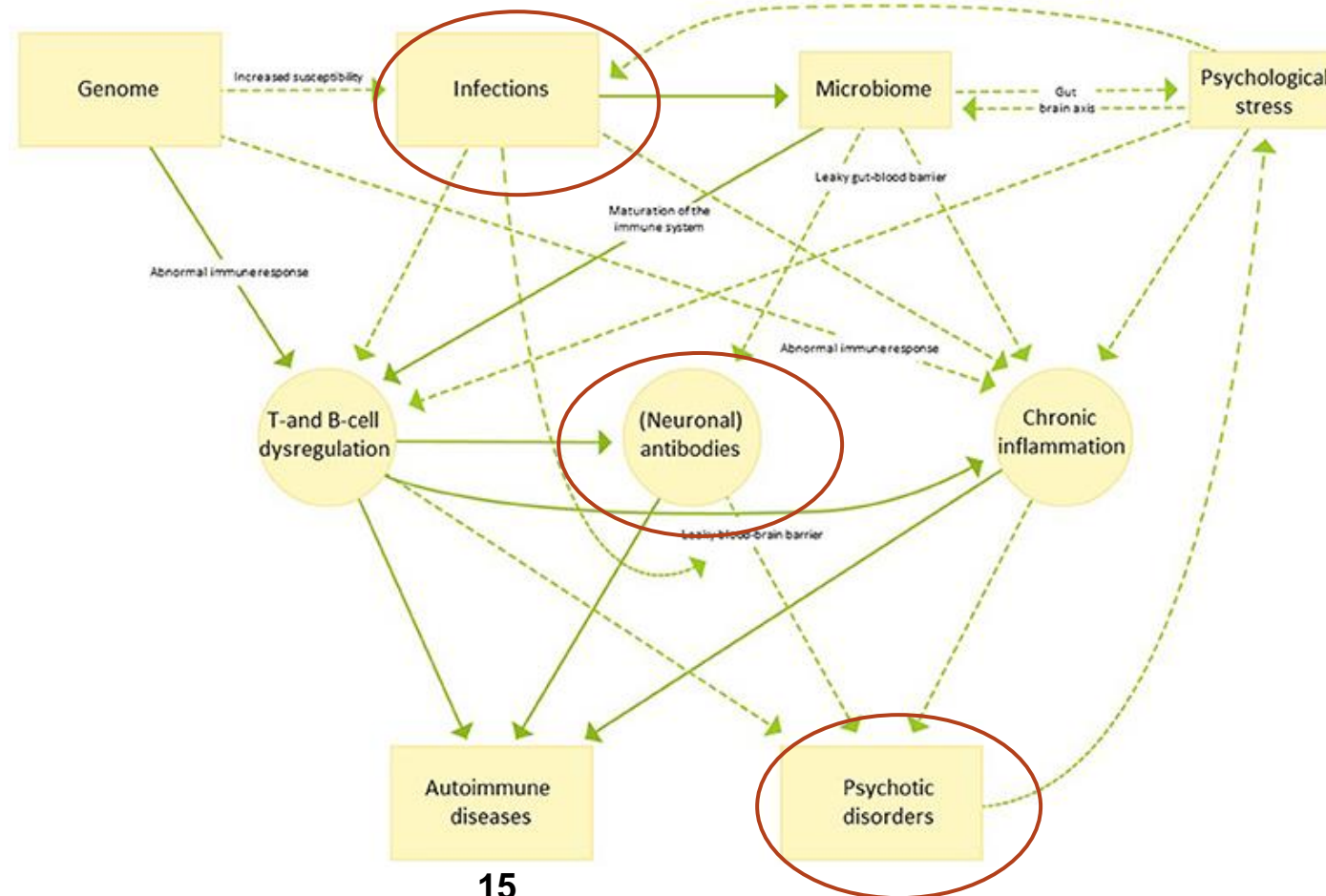
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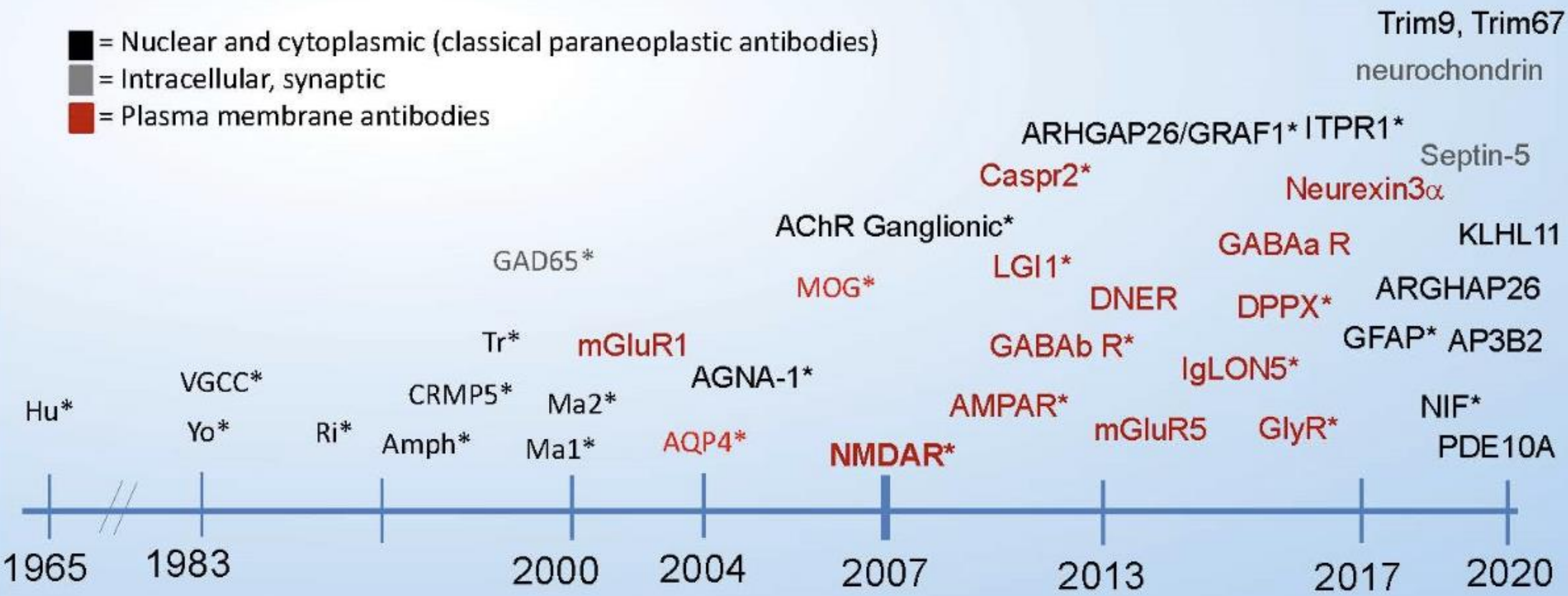
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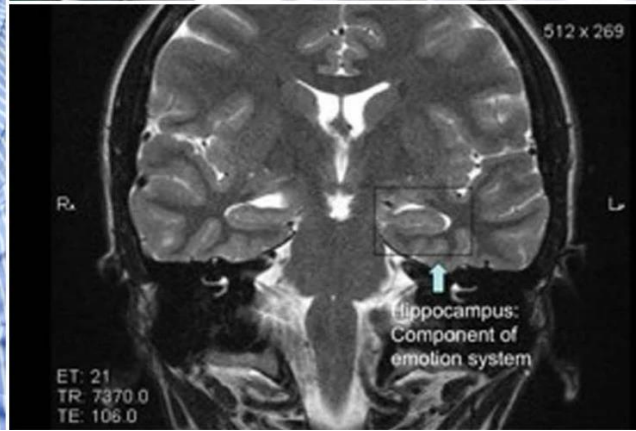
Neural Autoantibodies

- = Nuclear and cytoplasmic (classical paraneoplastic antibodies)
- = Intracellular, synaptic
- = Plasma membrane antibodies



*Antibody testing commercially available as of December 2020

Susannah Cahalan – Brain on Fire “My Month of Madness”



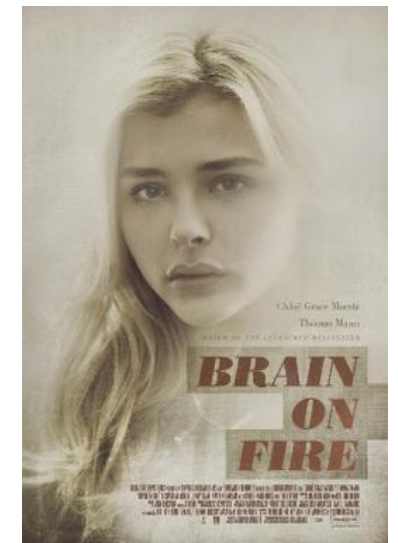
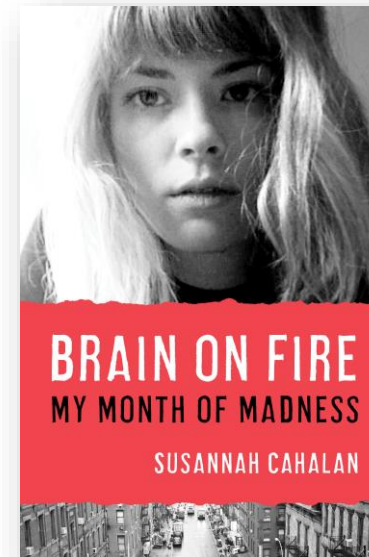
Symptoms of Psychosis, Paranoia, Hallucinations, Seizures, Memory loss, Loss of consciousness

“Symptoms are similar to those that accompany psychotic disorders like schizophrenia and bipolar”

Anti-N-Methyl-D-Aspartate Receptor (NMDAR) Encephalitis

An infection-triggered autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder that targets receptors in the brain

Susannah Cahalan – New York Post Journalist
Suddenly developed psychosis, violence and instability requiring hospitalization



Denzel, D., et al. (2023). "Autoantibodies in patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder: a systematic review." *Transl Psychiatry* 13(1): 241.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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Autoantibodies in patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder: a systematic review












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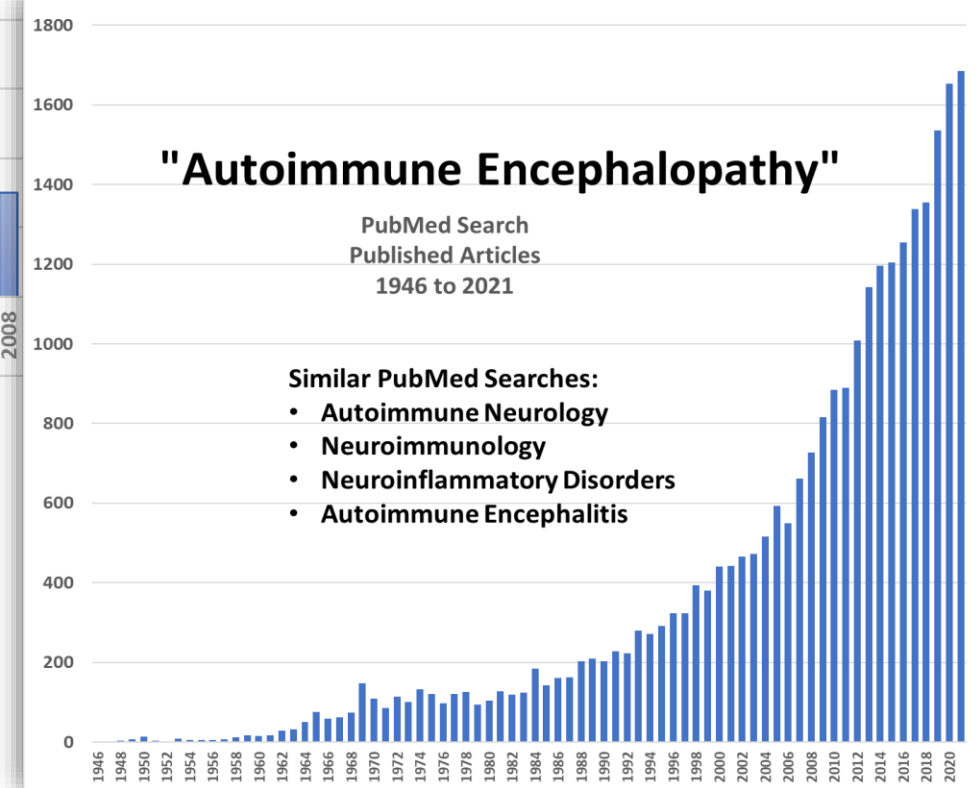
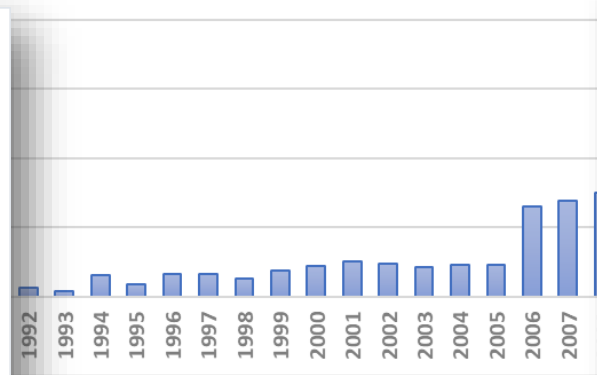
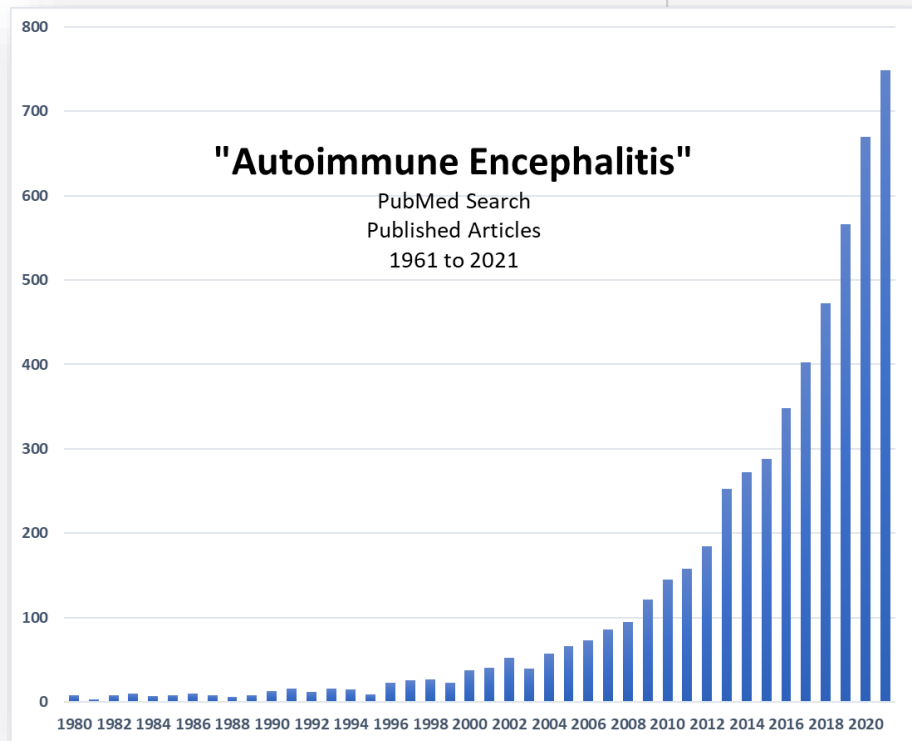
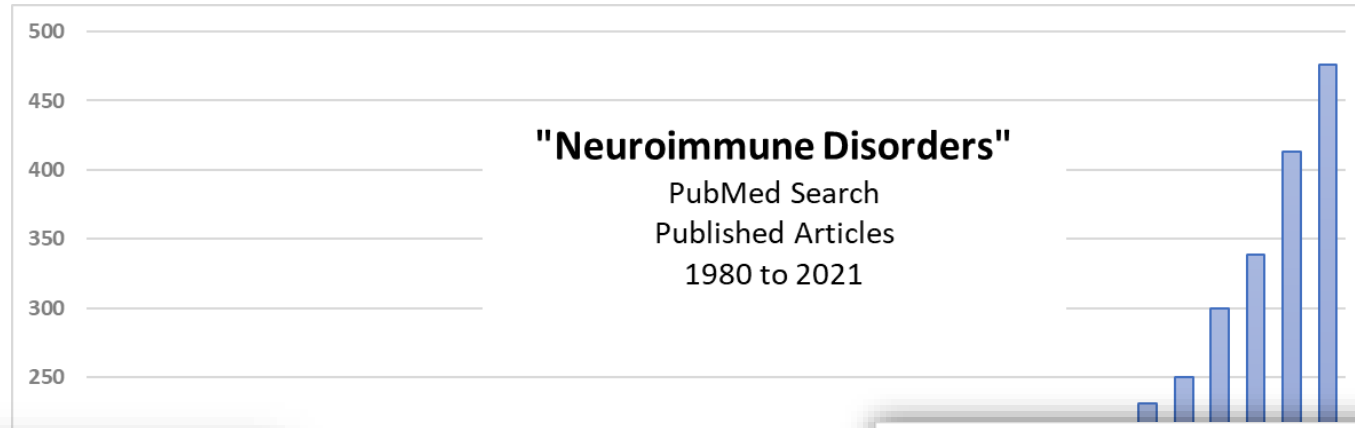
Immunological causes of obsessive-compulsive disorder: is it time for the concept of an "autoimmune OCD" subtype?

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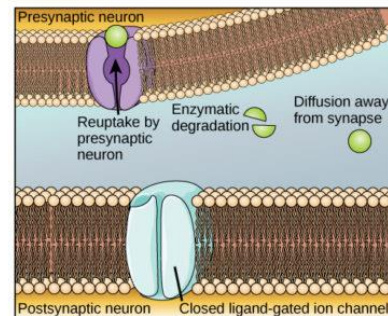
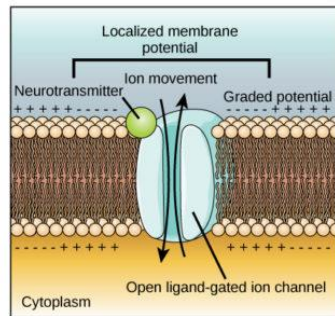
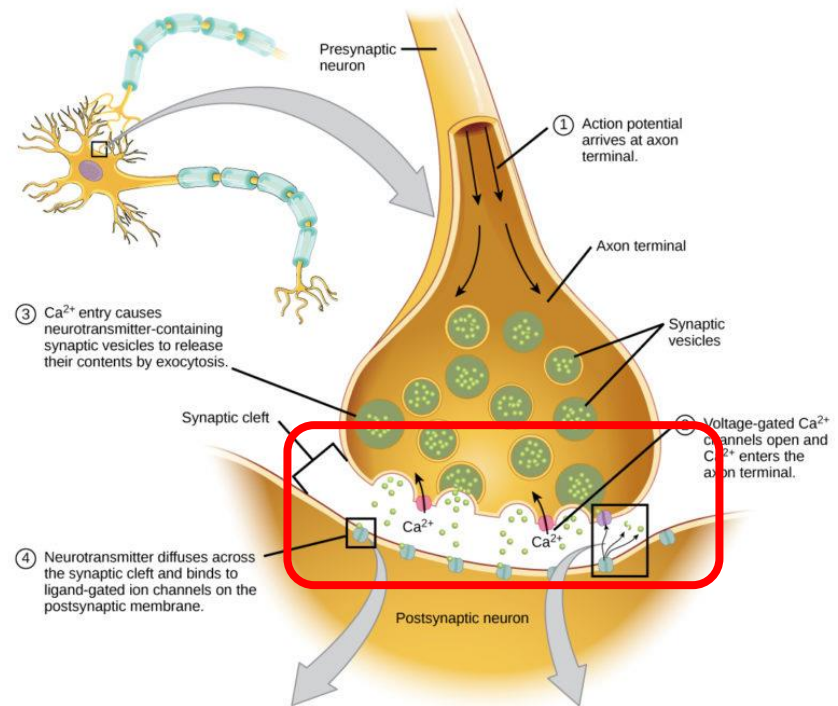
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Published Peer-Reviewed Scientific and Medical Literature Precedes Standard Medical Practice and Clinical Adoption

**Similar publication growth
"Cancer Immunotherapy"
~25 years ago**



General Mechanism of Many Anti-Neuronal Antibodies



5 Binding of neurotransmitter opens ligand-gated ion channels, resulting in graded potentials.

6 Reuptake by the presynaptic neuron, enzymatic degradation, and diffusion reduce neurotransmitter levels, terminating the signal.

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/wm-biology2/chapter/chemical-and-electrical-synapses/>

The Role of Brain-Reactive Autoantibodies in Brain Pathology and Cognitive Impairment

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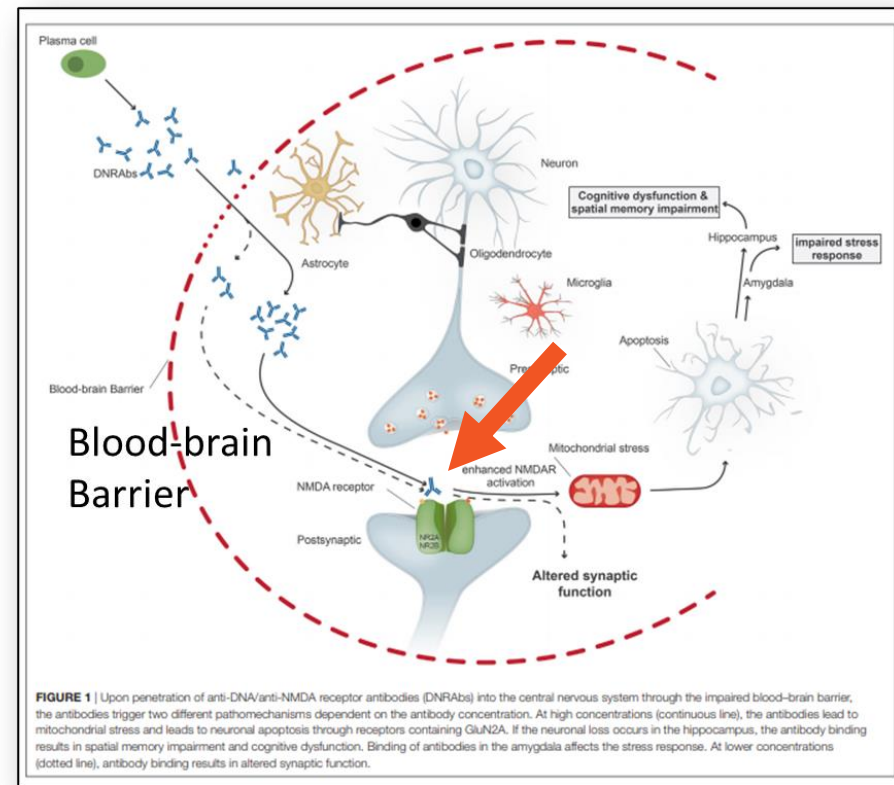
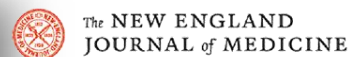
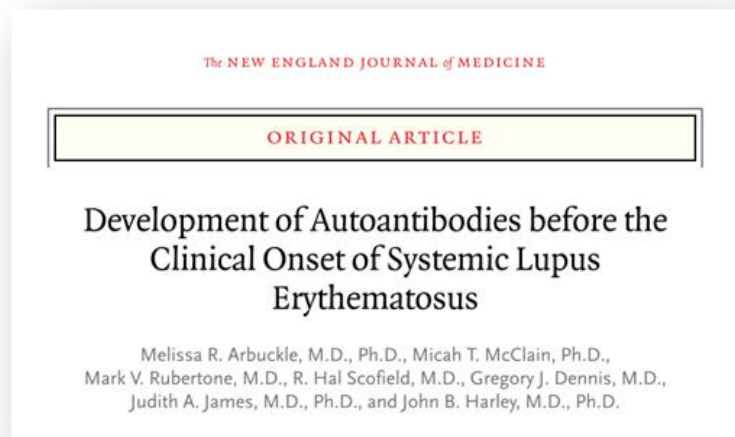


FIGURE 1 | Upon penetration of anti-DNA/anti-NMDA receptor antibodies (DNRAbs) into the central nervous system through the impaired blood-brain barrier, the antibodies trigger two different pathomechanisms dependent on the antibody concentration. At high concentrations (continuous line), the antibodies lead to mitochondrial stress and leads to neuronal apoptosis through receptors containing GluN2A. If the neuronal loss occurs in the hippocampus, the antibody binding results in spatial memory impairment and cognitive dysfunction. Binding of antibodies in the amygdala affects the stress response. At lower concentrations (dotted line), antibody binding results in altered synaptic function.

Mader, S., et al. (2017). "The Role of Brain-Reactive Autoantibodies in Brain Pathology and Cognitive Impairment." *Front Immunol* 8: 1101

Autoantibodies Precede Manifestation of Clinical Disease in Lupus

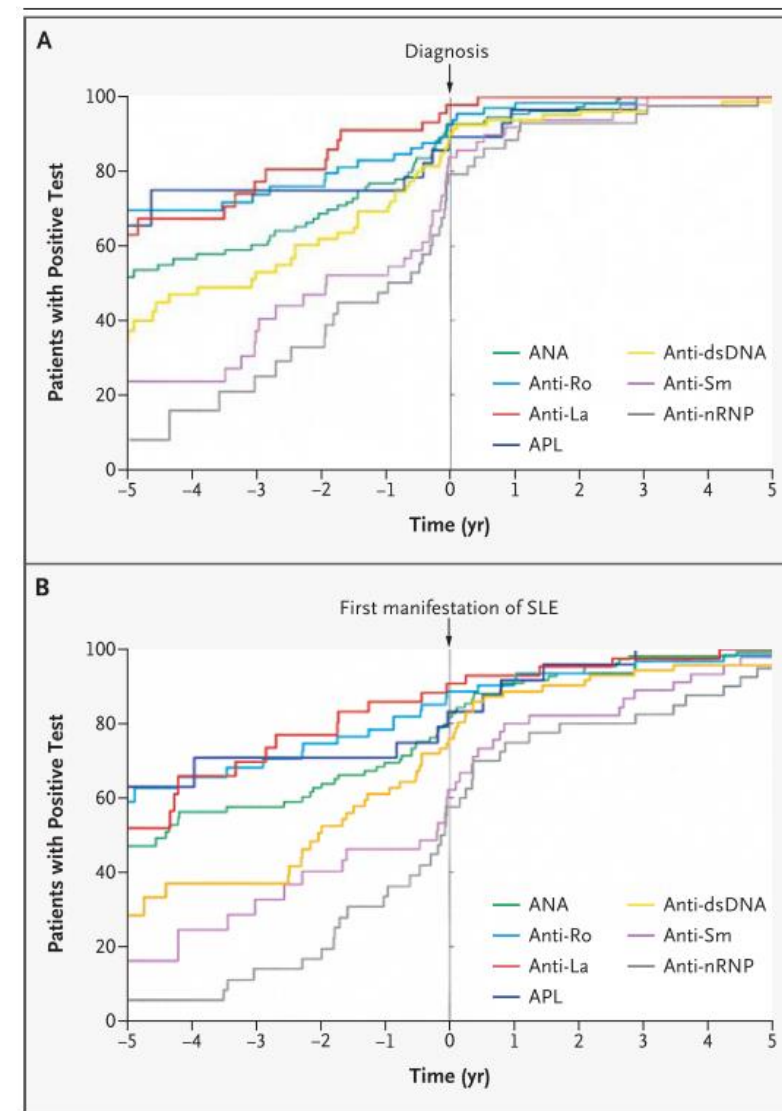
“Development of Autoantibodies before the Clinical Onset of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus”



Arbuckle, M. R., et al. (2003). "Development of Autoantibodies before the Clinical Onset of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus." *New England Journal of Medicine*(349): 1526-1533

“88% of patients (115/130) diagnosed with SLE had at least one SLE autoantibody up to 9.4 years **prior to clinical diagnosis** compared to **3.8%** (5/130) of age-matched controls”

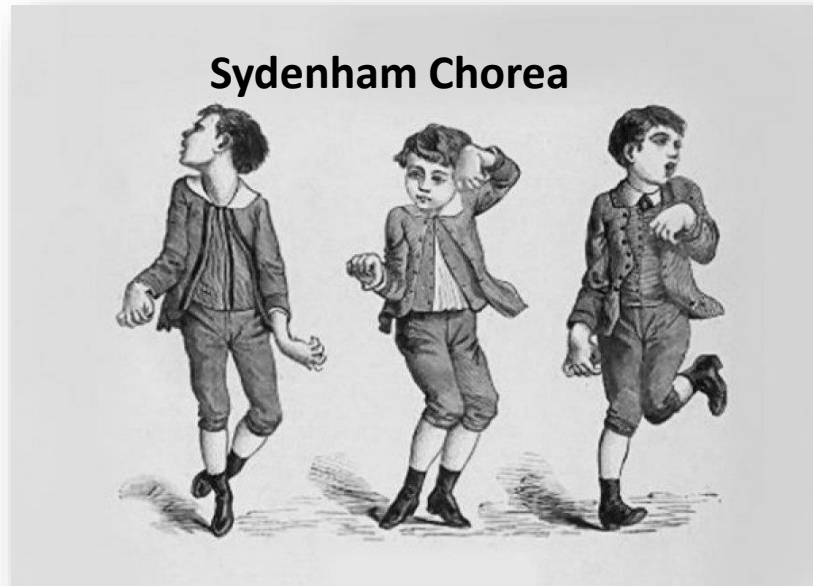
“...the appearance of autoantibodies in patients with SLE tends to follow a predictable course, with a progressive accumulation of specific autoantibodies before the onset of SLE, while patients are still asymptomatic.”



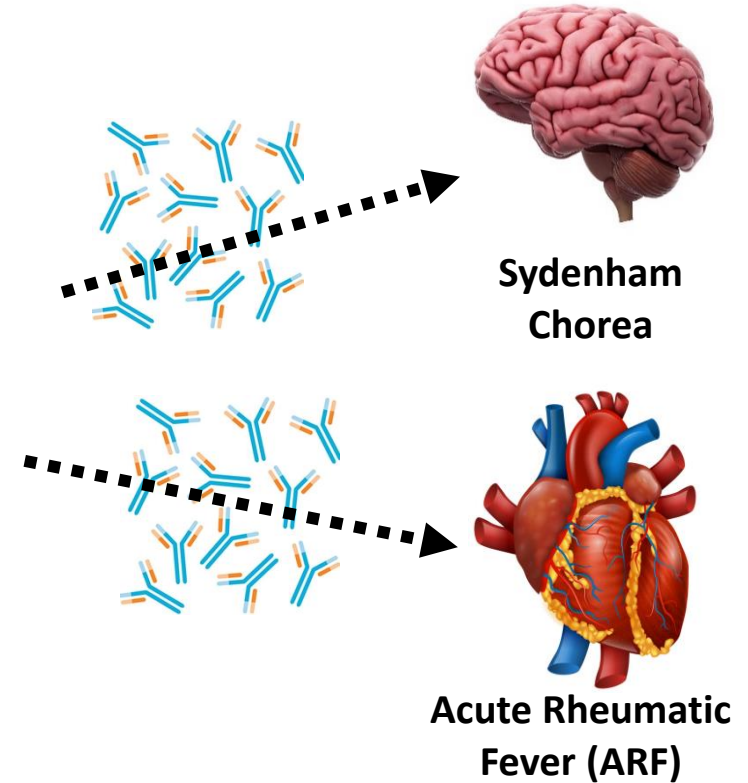
Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Triggered by Infections are not “New”

Also known as “St. Vitus’ dance”

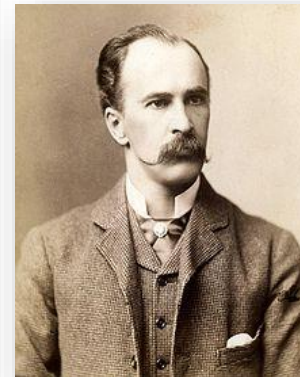
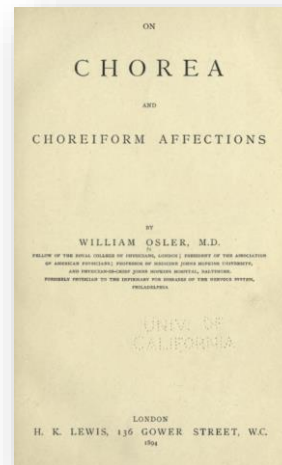
- abnormal movements
- Loss of fine-motor control
- Loss of emotional control



Group A Strep



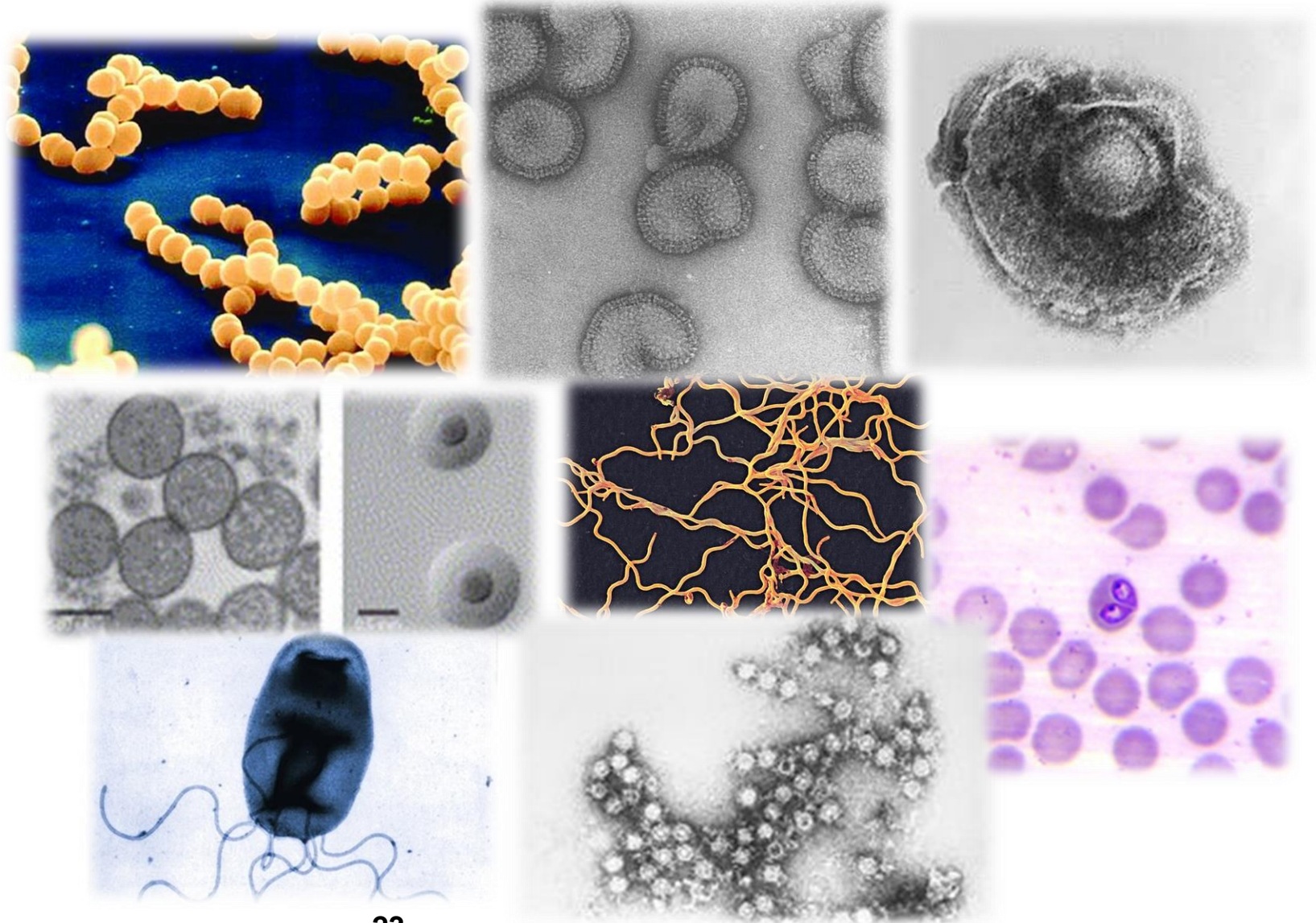
In 1686, Thomas Sydenham described what he termed “chorea minor”



1894: Sir William Osler described “bizarre” and “perseverative behaviors” of children with “chorea minor,” obsessive-compulsive (OCD) symptoms and Sydenham’s chorea (SC)

Certain Infections Are More Frequently Associated with Autoimmune Encephalopathies and Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

- **Group A streptococci**
- **Influenza A**
- **Varicella (chickenpox)**
- **Mycoplasma**
- **Lyme disease**
- **Babesia**
- **Bartonella**
- **Coxsackie virus**
- **Others**



COVID-19 Pandemic Impact: Cases of Strep Throat Dramatically Dropped But Resurged Post Pandemic

FIGURE 2

Percentage of Encounters for Strep Throat by Age

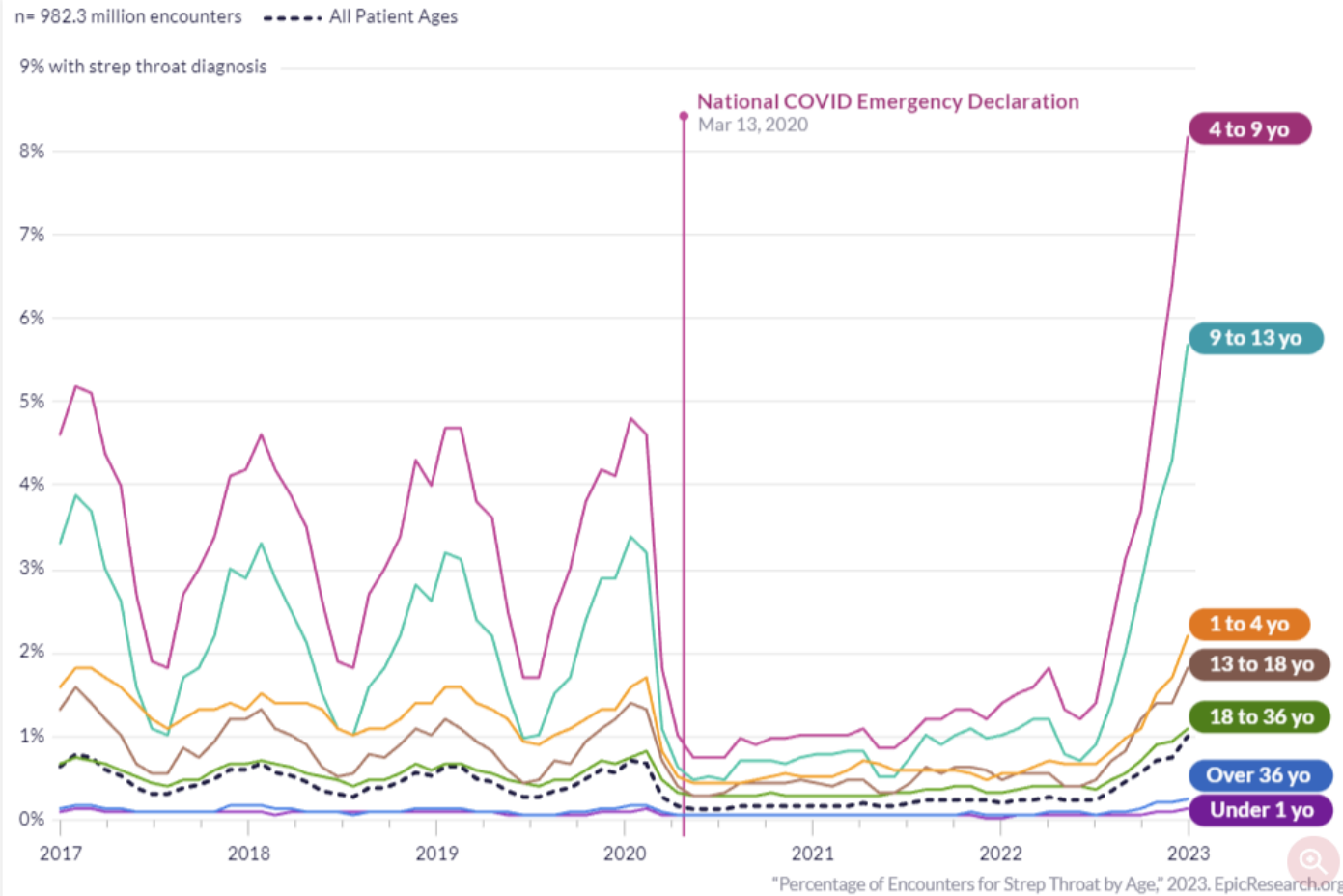


Figure 2. Percentage of office visit and emergency encounters with a strep pharyngitis or strep tonsillitis diagnosis by month from January 2017 to February 2023 stratified by age.



COSMOS STUDY

Strep Throat Infections Up 30% From 2017 Peak After Pandemic Drop

April 19, 2023

Dual Team Study

Team A: Kersten Bartelt, RN • Alex Piff

Team B: Christopher Alban, MD • Brendan Joyce



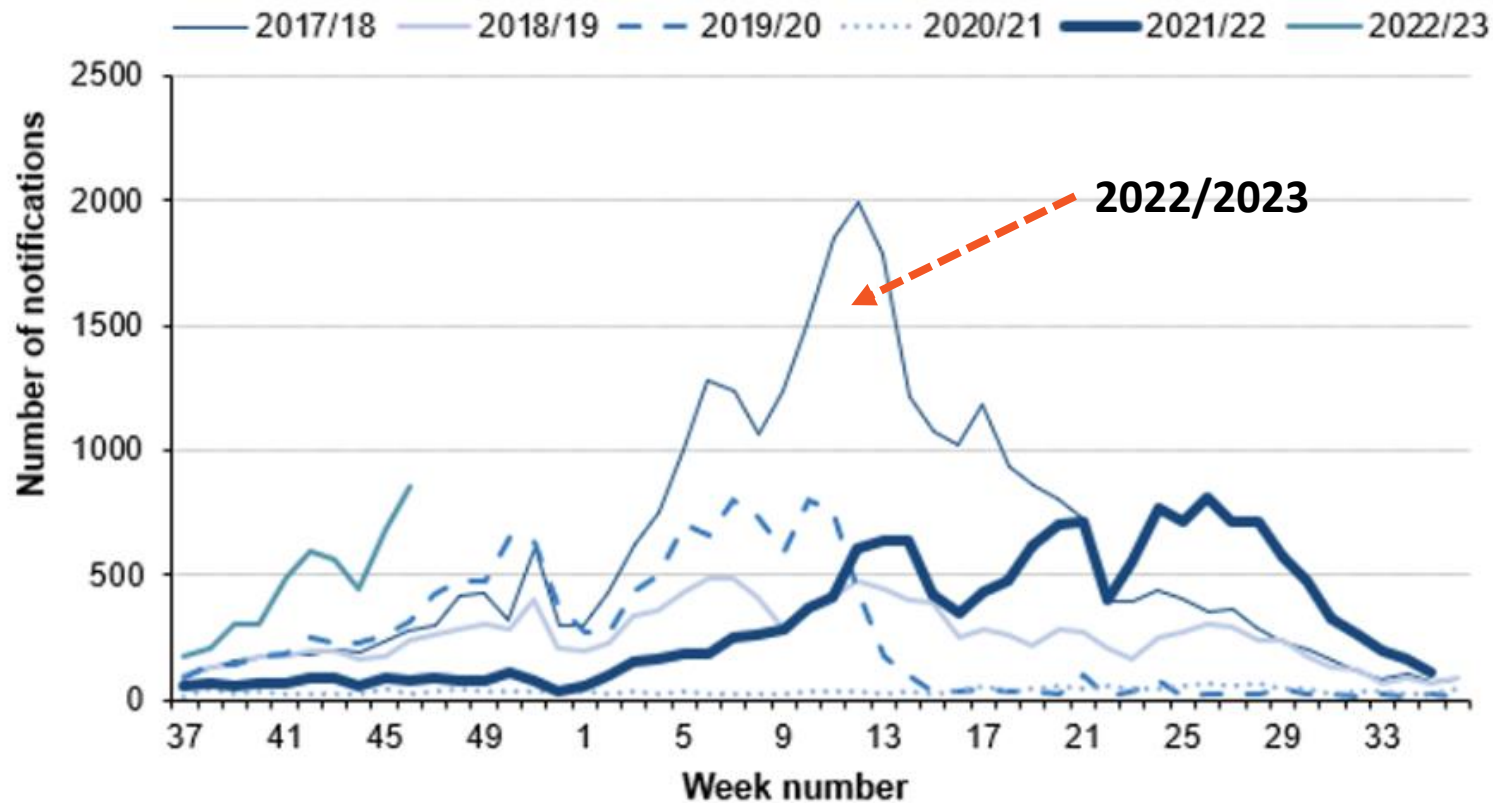
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Post-COVID Emergence of Scarlet Fever in the UK

Group A Strep: *S. pyogenes*

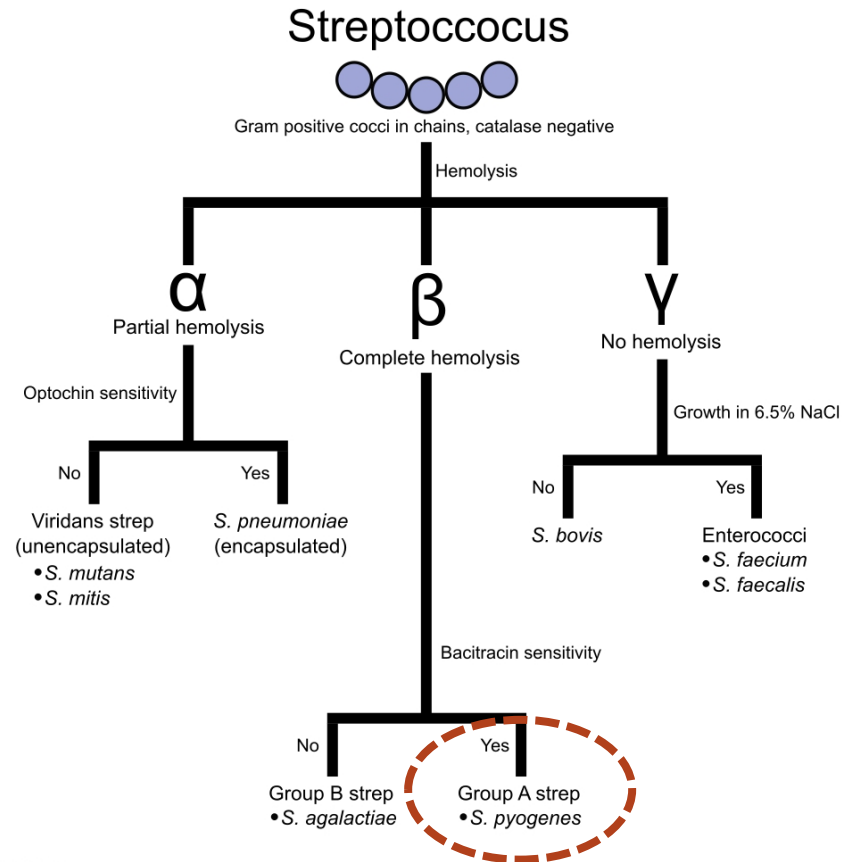
Figure 1. Weekly scarlet fever notifications in England, by season, 2017 to 2018 onwards



www.gov.uk/government/publications/group-a-streptococcal-infections-activity-during-the-2022-to-2023-season/group-a-streptococcal-infections-report-on-seasonal-activity-in-england-2022-to-2023#fig1

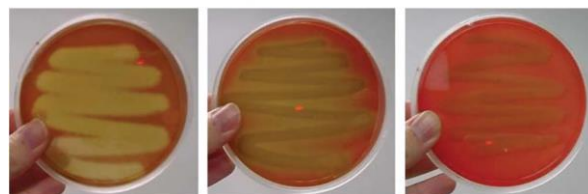
the name 'scarlet fever' came later, when British physician Thomas Sydenham labeled it febris scarlatina in 1676

Streptococcal Subtypes: Group A Strep (GAS) *S. pyogenes*



© Lineage

Hemolysis of Streptococci- Types and Examples



Beta Hemolysis

Alpha Hemolysis

Gamma Hemolysis

Moises Dominguez

Strep is short for **Streptococcus**, a type of bacteria. There are several types. (A, B, C, G) Two of them cause most of the strep infections in people: group A and group B

Group A strep (GAS) causes:

- Strep throat
- Scarlet fever - an illness that follows strep throat.
- Impetigo - a skin infection
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Cellulitis and necrotizing fasciitis (flesh-eating disease)

Group B strep can cause:

- blood infections, pneumonia and meningitis in newborns
- urinary tract infections
- skin infections and pneumonia in adults

**What is Molecular Mimicry and How Can this Impact
our Immune System: A Medical Model for
PANDAS/PANS, Neurologic Lyme, and Long-COVID?**

What is Molecular Mimicry? How is Our Immune System Involved?

Molecular mimicry is a process that occurs when sequence similarities between foreign and self-peptides result in the activation of self-reactive T or B cells

Mimicry in Nature

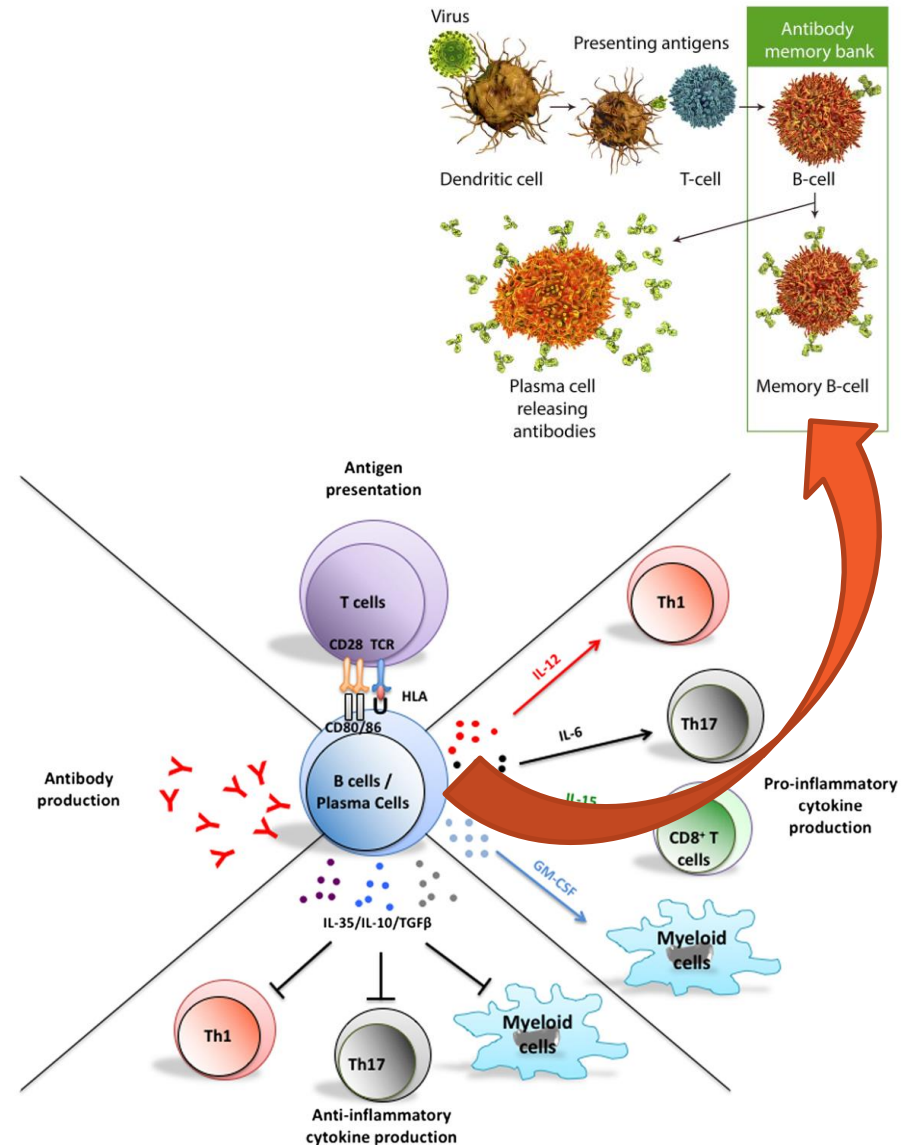
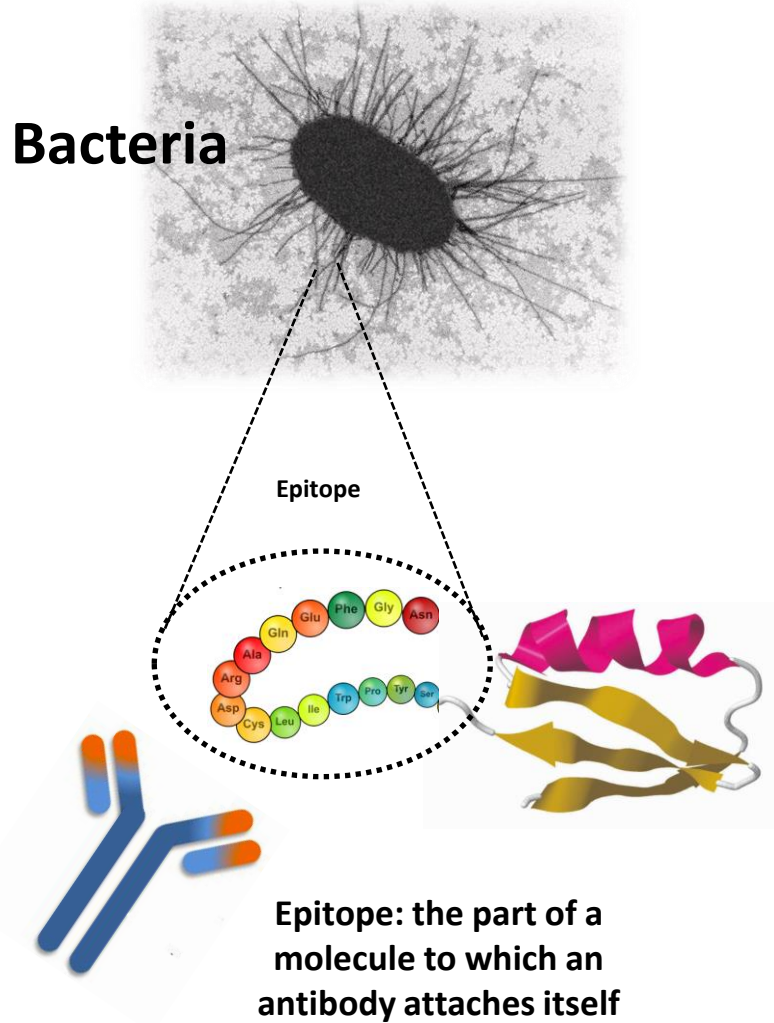


20 "Letters" of the Protein Alphabet

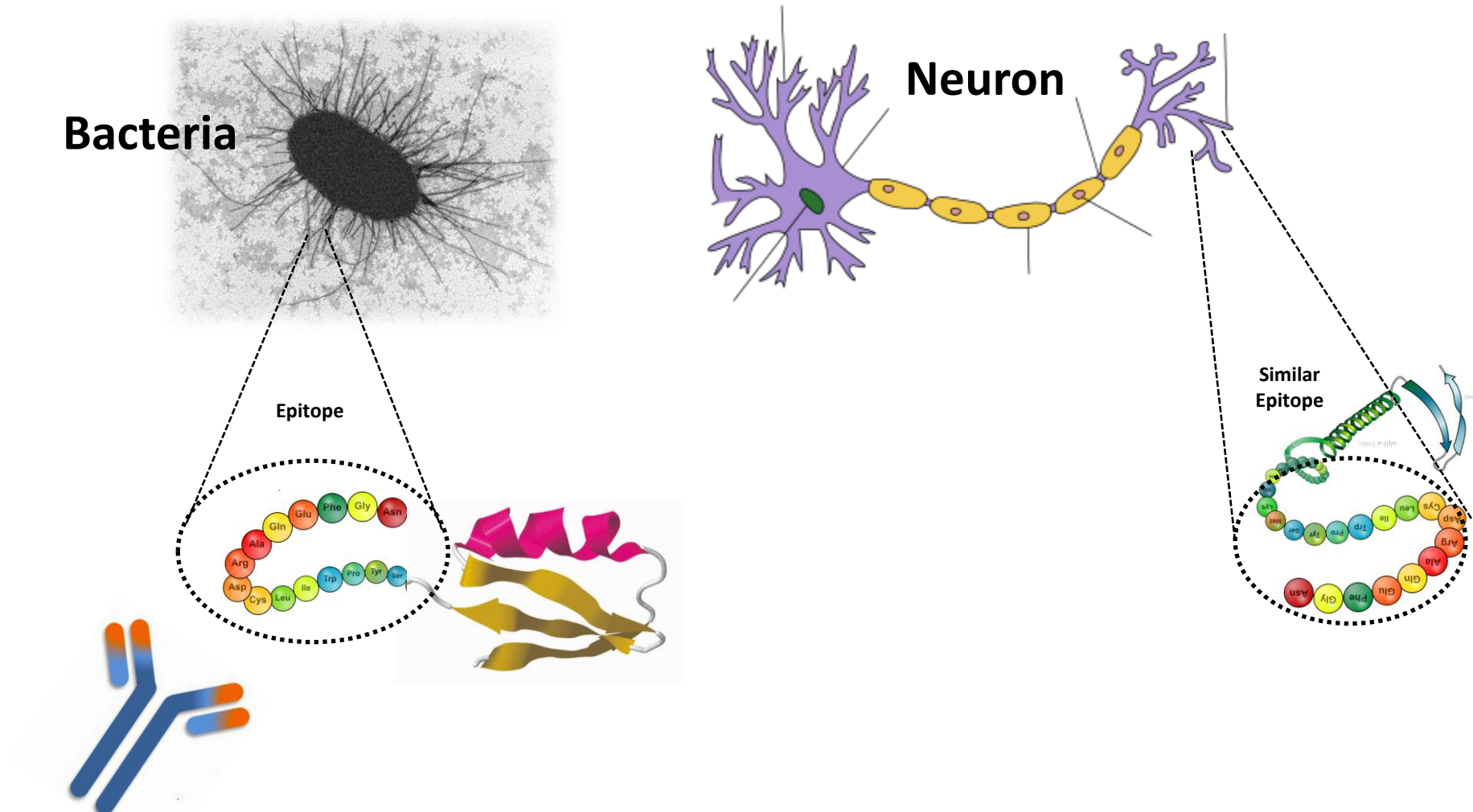
G Glycine	Gly	P Proline	Pro
A Alanine	Ala	V Valine	Val
L Leucine	Leu	I Isoleucine	Ile
M Methionine	Met	C Cysteine	Cys
F Phenylalanine	Phe	Y Tyrosine	Tyr
W Tryptophan	Trp	H Histidine	His
K Lysine	Lys	R Arginine	Arg
Q Glutamine	Gln	N Asparagine	Asn
E Glutamic Acid	Glu	D Aspartic Acid	Asp
S Serine	Ser	T Threonine	Thr

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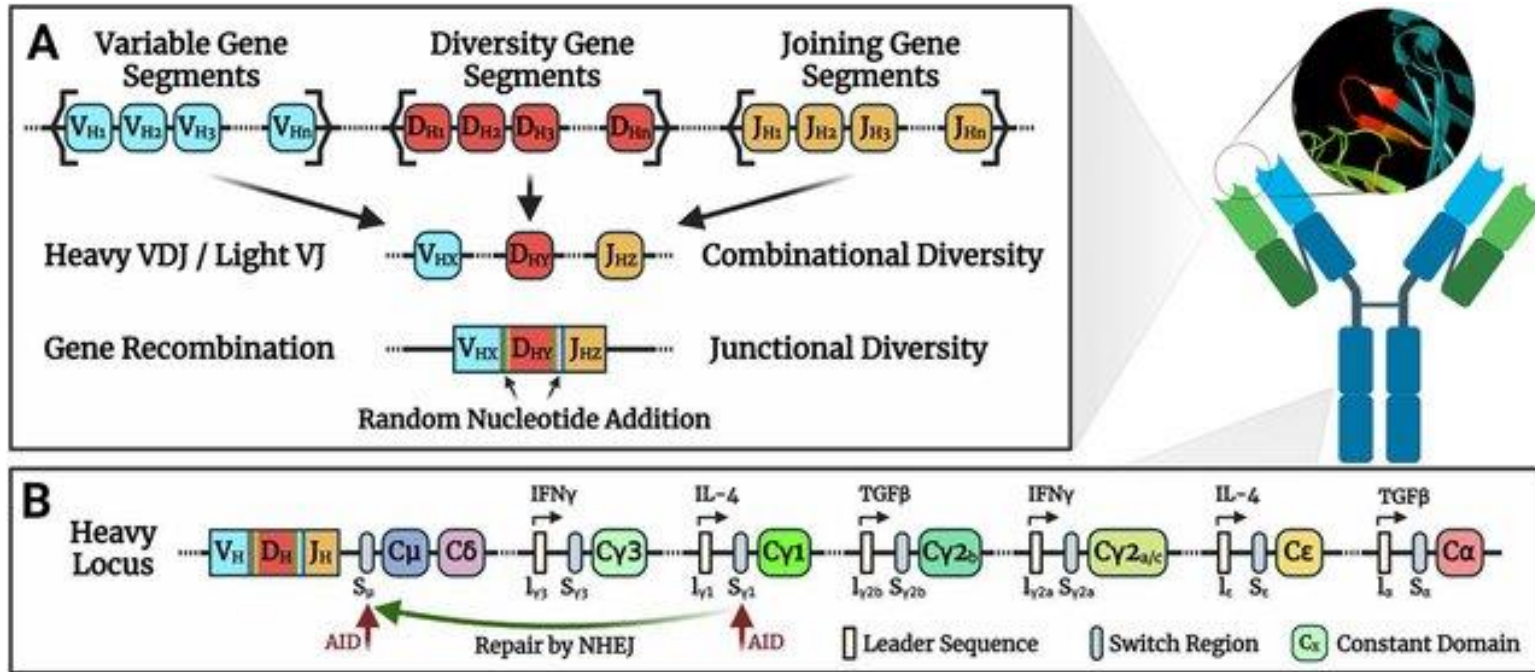
How is Our Immune System Involved: Antibodies Recognize “Epitopes” on Infectious Agents



Autoimmunity Occurs when Antibodies Recognize Self Proteins as Foreign



Our Immune System Preemptively Recognizes Over 50,000,000,000,000 (5×10^{13}) Unique Antigens



Our immune system is **PREPROGRAMMED** to recognize ANY antigen it sees presently or in the future

Antibody diversity comes from combination of variable and constant domain gene elements. The B Cell locus is composed of multiple individual **Variable, Diversity, and Joining gene segments** which are randomly assembled into a functional gene exon through **V(D)J recombination**

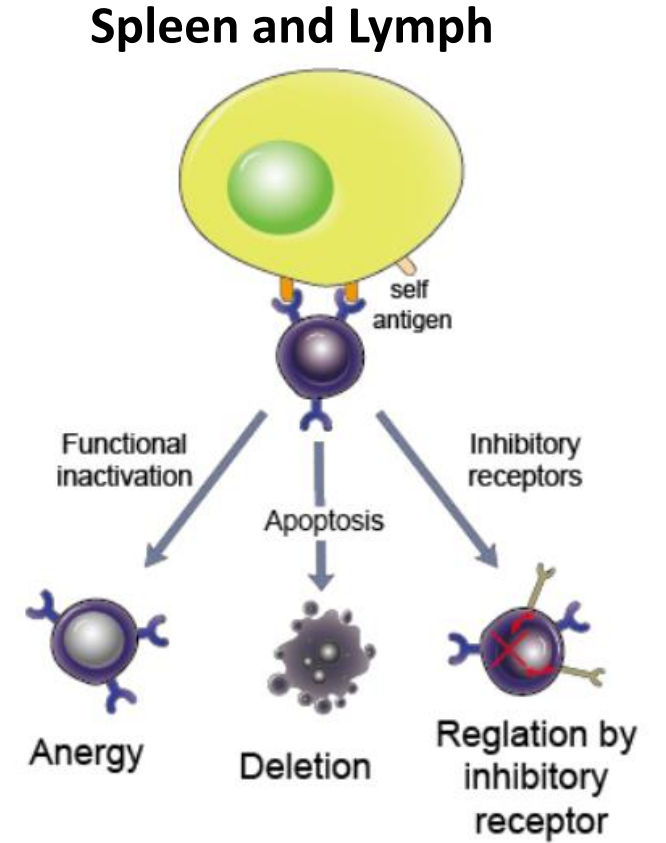
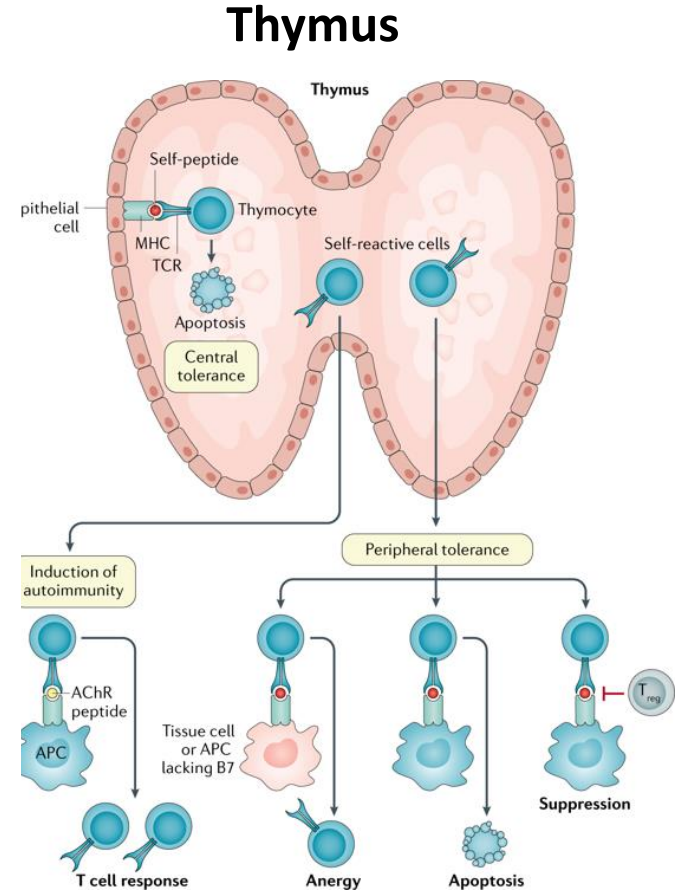
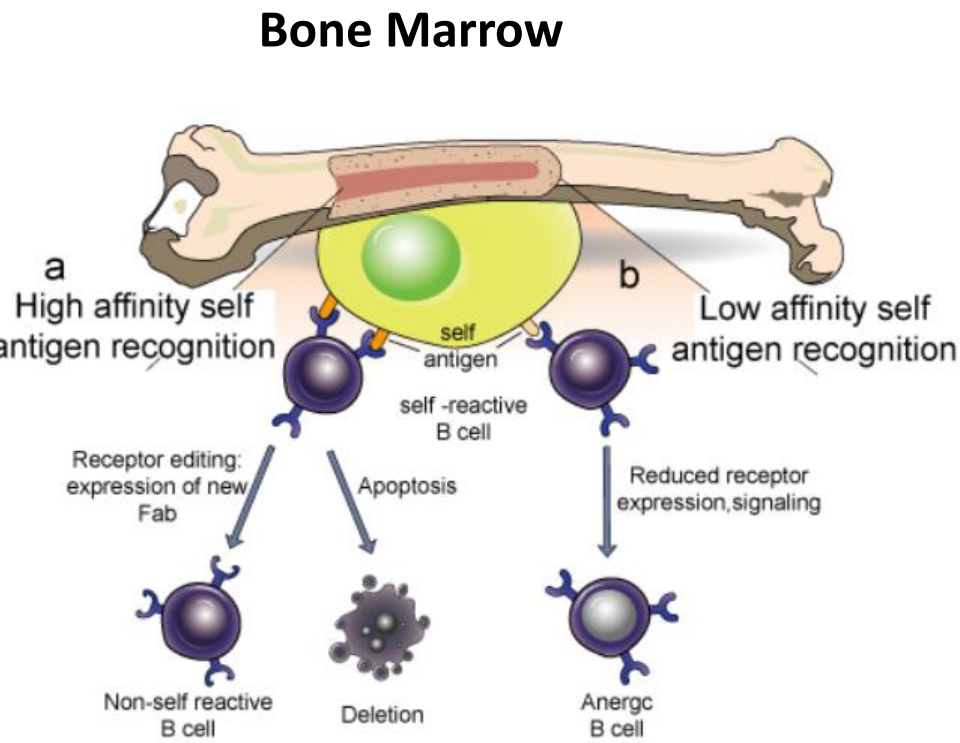
This also means **self-reactive lymphocytes are generated in the process**

How Does Our Body Eliminate Self-Reactive Immune Cells?

Self/Non-Self Discrimination

“Central Tolerance”
 where most self-reactive, early lymphocytes are eliminated

“Peripheral Tolerance”
 T and B cells that escape central tolerance are prevented from maturing



<https://www.creative-diagnostics.com/Autoimmunity.htm>

Autoimmunity is a Breakdown of Self/Non-Self Discrimination

Molecular Mimicry “Friendly Fire”

The most relevant genetic factors for autoimmune diseases located in the

- Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) and loci from
- Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) class I and class II

A family history of autoimmune dysfunction is typically found in patients with immune-mediated neuropsychiatric disorders

- **“Friendly Fire”**
- **Mechanism of action that is implicated in many chronic debilitating diseases**
- **Infections that lead to autoimmune responses with debilitating symptoms including neuropsychiatric**



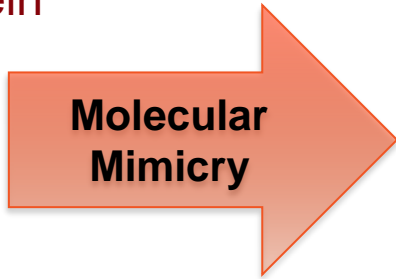
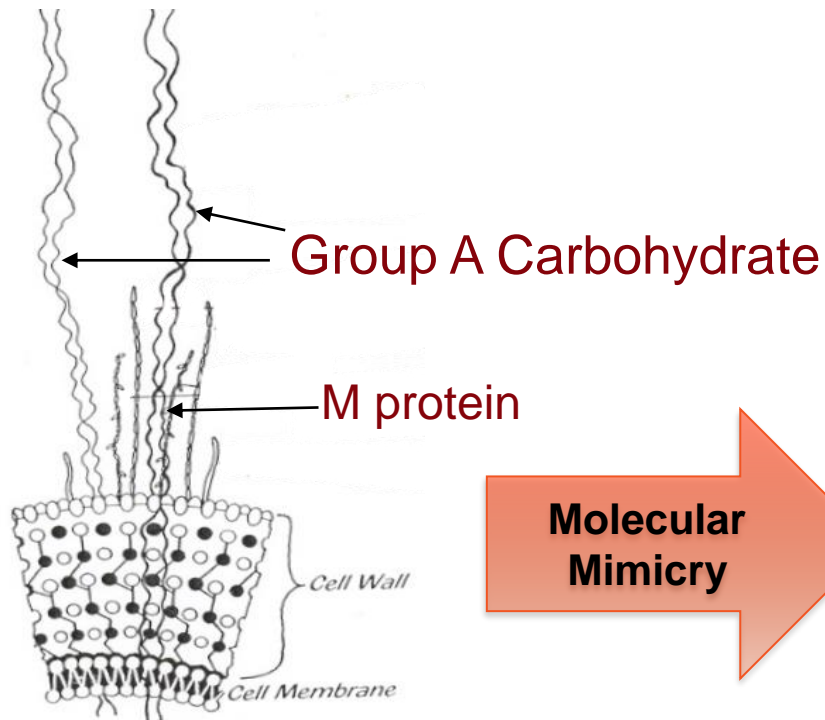
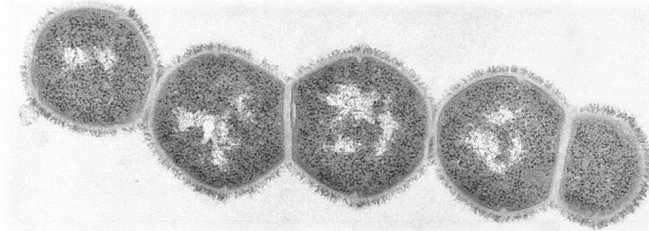
Other Autoimmune Disorders Associated with Infections through Molecular Mimicry*

- **Guillain-Barré Syndrome**
 - Campylobacter jejuni
- **Sydenham Chorea**
 - Group A Streptococcus
- **Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (Lupus)**
 - Epstein-Barr virus (EBV nuclear antigen -1)
- **Multiple Sclerosis**
 - EBV, measles and HHV-6
- **Myasthenia Gravis**
 - Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 (gpD)
- **Cardiomyopathy (myocarditis)**
 - Coxsackie virus, Group A Streptococcus
- **Crohn's Disease**
 - Gram-positive bacterial peptidoglycans
- **Diabetes Type 1**
 - Coxsackie B virus, rubella, herpesvirus, rotavirus
- **Psoriasis**
 - Streptococcus pyogenes (Streptococcal M Protein)

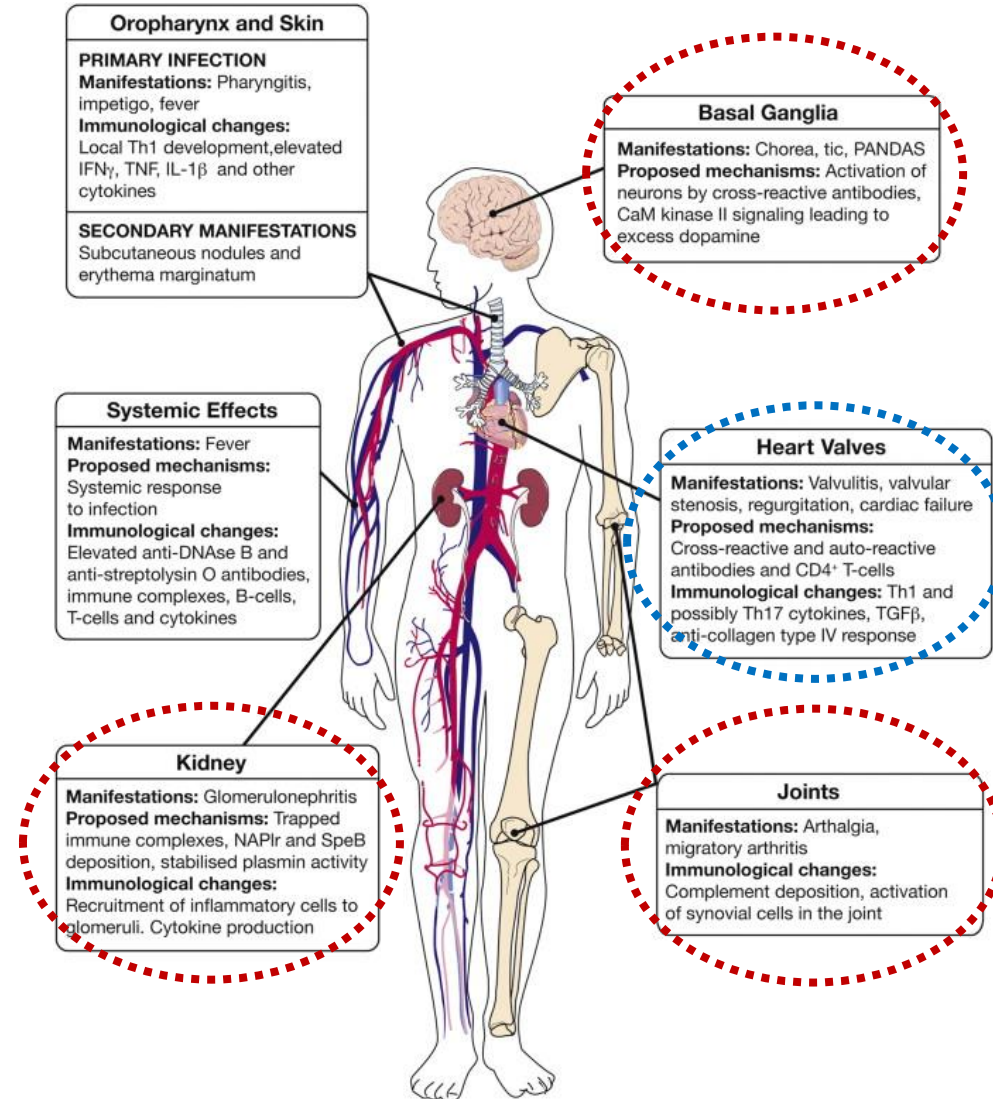
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Molecular Mimicry Between Strep (Group A Strep) and Self-Antigens

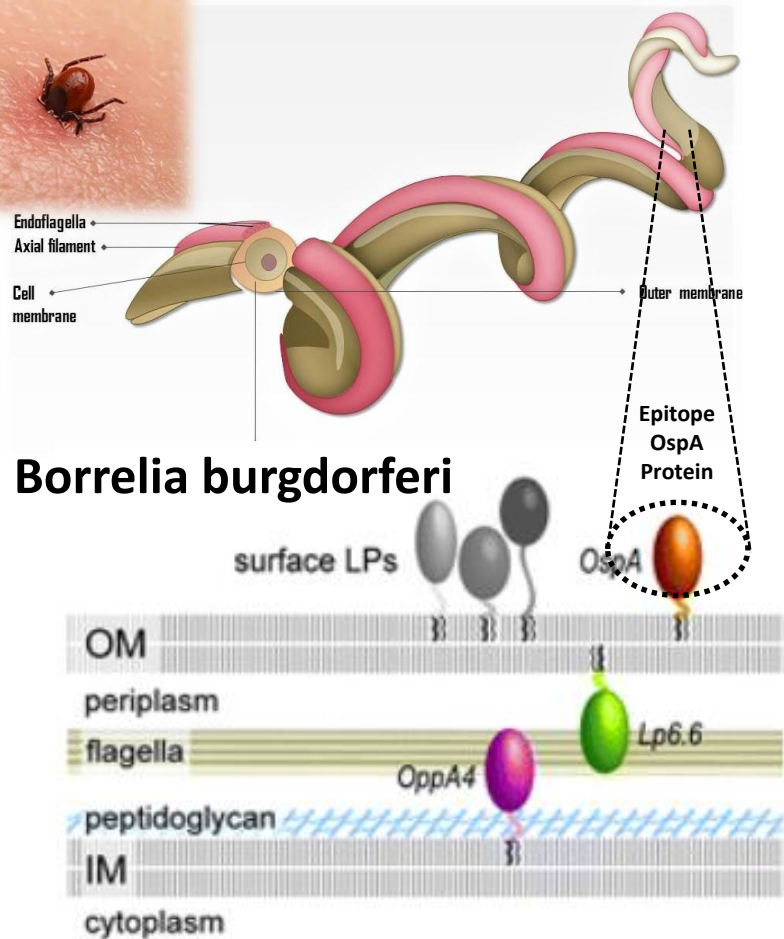
Similar antigenic determinants between host and infecting microorganisms



Group A Beta-Hemolytic Streptococcal Cell Wall

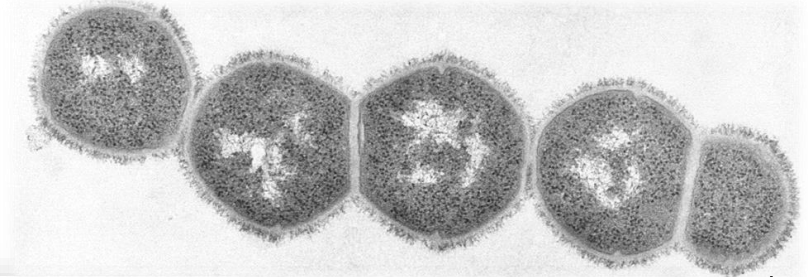


Molecular Mimicry Between *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme) and Streptococcus



Borrelia burgdorferi

Streptococcus pyogenes



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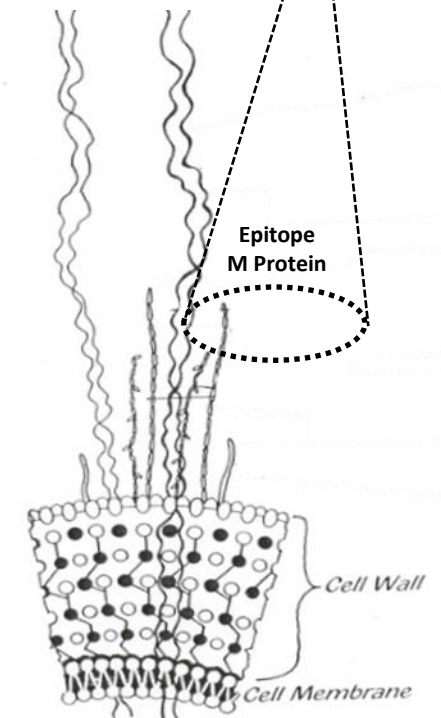
Evidence of *Borrelia* Autoimmunity-Induced Component of Lyme Carditis and Arthritis

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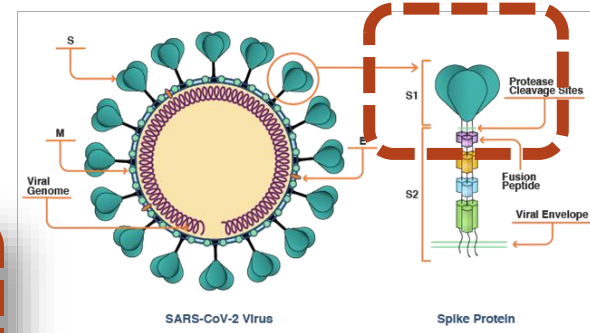
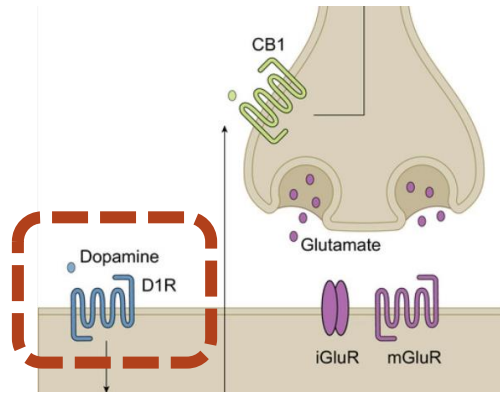
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“Sequence similarity between the *B. burgdorferi* protein **OspA** and the *S. pyogenes* **M5 protein**”



“The IgM anti-*B. burgdorferi* ... cross-reacted with *S. pyogenes* M and myosin, both of which share sequence homology with *B. burgdorferi* OspA, **suggesting a role for molecular mimicry in the generation of these Ab reactivities**”

Sequence Homology Between Human Dopamine Receptors and SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein



DRD2 Loop #1	aa start	MD--PLN-LSWYD-DDLE--RQNWSRPFN-----GSD-GKADRPHYNY
SARS-CoV-2 ORF1ab polyprotein	4604	LN-GNWDYDFGDI
.....	4116	MDNSE-N-LAW
.....	3290	LNGL-WLDD
.....	4837	D-GNFAISDMDYY
.....	243	D-----GSASCKAD
.....	185	D-GKA
Coxsackievirus A10 capsid protein VP1	142	D-GKA-RP
<i>Varicella zoster</i> tegument serine/threonine protein kinase	391	PHYHY
.....	161	SRVFN
<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> DUF1073 domain-containing protein.....	4	RSENEQAKGLGND-GKGRS--NY
<i>B. microti</i> SNARE protein SYN6	2	MD--SL---W-D-DDIQ
<i>M. pneumoniae</i> DNA polymerase IIIb.....	168	FN-----GSN-GK
<i>M. pneumoniae</i> membrane protein.....	296	DWSRP
<i>S. pyogenes</i> 1,4-alpha-glucan branching enzyme.....	473	LEWKYDDQLE--WQN

DRD2 Loop #2	aa start	LEVVGWKFVSRHICD
SARS-CoV-2 ORF1ab polyprotein	192	EWKF
.....	1514	EVVGD
.....	438	VVGE
.....	2809	KFVRIQ
Influenza A H1N1 putative PB1-F2 protein	22	QWKFVR
Coxsackievirus A16 polyprotein.....	1130	EWIFSKI
.....	1980	LEV
<i>Varicella zoster</i> tegument protein	826	LSVVGE
<i>B. burgdorferi</i> multidrug efflux transporter	62	DIYGANVFRRI
<i>B. microti</i> uncharacterized membrane protein YFL034W	668	EWKFS
<i>B. henselae</i> ShIB/FhA/C/HecB family hemolysin secretion/activation protein	458	VGEWNF
<i>M. pneumoniae</i> MPN647 family lipoprotein	16	WKFS
.....	169	LEMVG
<i>S. pyogenes</i> Kup system potassium uptake protein	195	GIWKFSR

Molecular Mimicry

**“You don’t
get lunch!
Mom
thought I
was you
and fed me
twice”**



**A Similar Mechanism in PANDAS/PANS,
Neurologic Lyme, and Long-COVID**

What is PANDAS? A Medical Model for Immune-Mediated Neurologic, Psychiatric and Behavioral Disorders

Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal infection



(1998) *Am J Psychiatry* 155(2): 264-271.



Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infections: Clinical Description of the First 50 Cases

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In 1990s, Dr. Susan Swedo and team studied children with sudden onset obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and behavioral changes after strep infection



PANDAS/PANS Diagnostic Criteria: Estimated that 1 out of 150 to 200 children have PANS/PANDAS



PANDAS Diagnostic Criteria

All five diagnostic criteria must be met:

- 1) Presence of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) or a tic disorder
- 2) Prepubertal symptom onset
- 3) Acute symptom onset and episodic (relapsing-remitting) course
- 4) Temporal association between Group A streptococcal infection and symptom onset/exacerbations
- 5) Associated with neurological abnormalities, (particularly motoric hyperactivity and choreiform movements)

Table 1: PANDAS Diagnostic Criteria.



PANS Diagnostic Criteria

Criterion	Description
I.	Abrupt, dramatic onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder or severely restricted food intake
II.	Concurrent presence of additional neuropsychiatric symptoms, with similarly severe and acute onset, from at least two of the following seven categories (see text for full description):
	1. Anxiety
	2. Emotional lability and/or depression
	3. Irritability, aggression and/or severely oppositional behaviors
	4. Behavioral (developmental) regression
	5. Deterioration in school performance
	6. Sensory or motor abnormalities
	7. Somatic signs and symptoms, including sleep disturbances, enuresis or urinary frequency
III.	Symptoms are not better explained by a known neurologic or medical disorder, such as Sydenham chorea, systemic lupus erythematosus, Tourette disorder or others.
	Note: The diagnostic work-up of patients suspected of PANS must be comprehensive enough to rule out these and other relevant disorders. The nature of the co-occurring symptoms will dictate the necessary assessments, which may include MRI scan, lumbar puncture, electroencephalogram or other diagnostic tests.

Table 2: Diagnostic Criteria Proposed for Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS).

Average age at onset

- 6.5 +/- 3.0 years for tics
- 7.4 +/- 2.7 years for OCD
- Boys outnumber girls 2.6 to 1

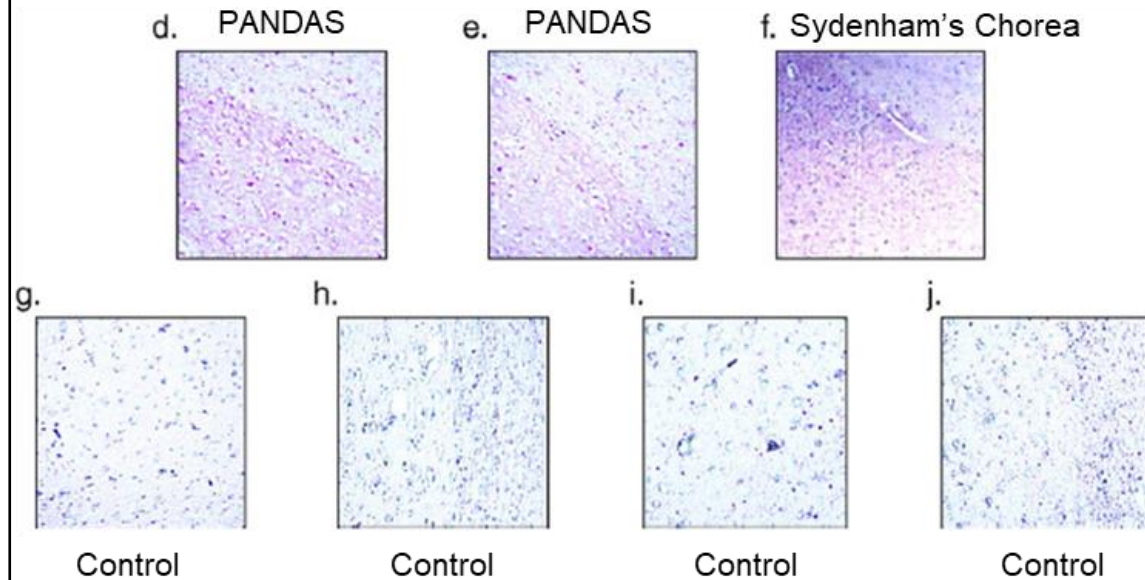
Autoantibodies in Cerebral Spinal Fluid and Serum Bind to Basal Ganglia Brain Tissue

Autoantibodies in CSF bind to Human Brain Caudate-Putamen in Children with Movement Disorders

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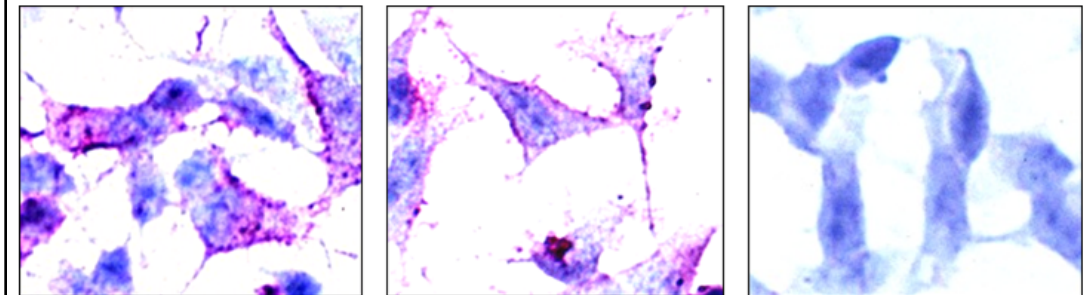


Sydenham Chorea Autoantibodies Bind and Stimulate calmodulin-dependent protein kinase (CaMKII)

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Mimicry and Autoantibody-Mediated Neuronal Cell Signaling on Sydenham Chorea

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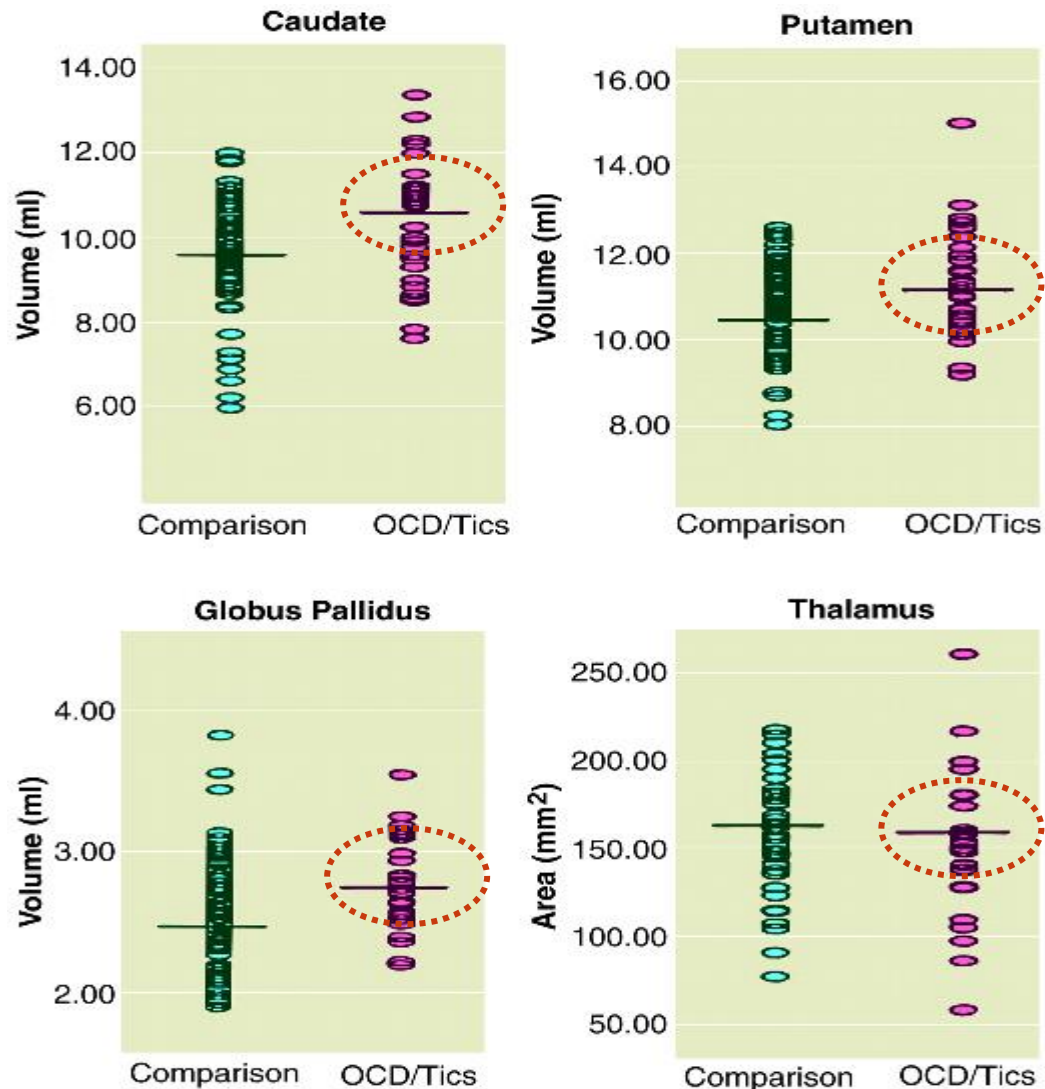
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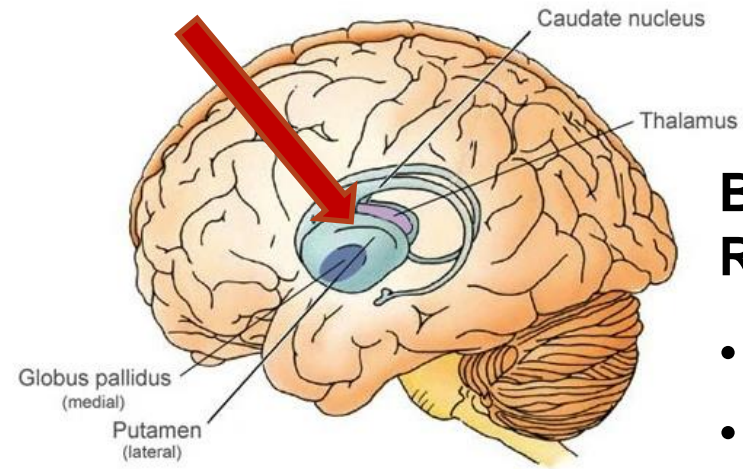
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Study of Children with OCD/Tics Associated with Streptococcal Infection

Brain Inflammation in MRI



The average size of the caudate and putamen and globus pallidus were enlarged, but not the thalamus or total cerebrum compared to healthy children

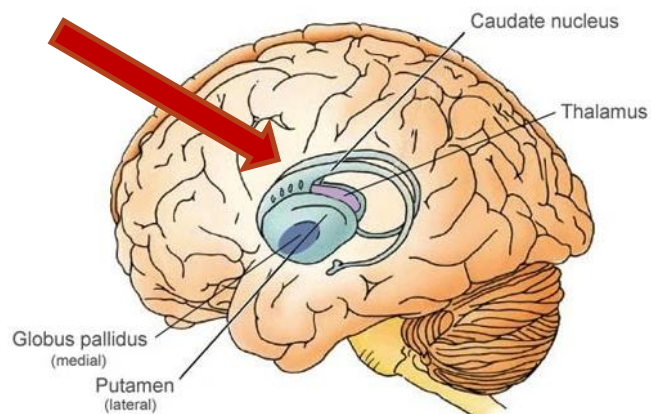


Basal Ganglia is Responsible for:

- Voluntary motor control
- Procedural learning
- Cognitive functions
- Emotional functions
- Eye movement

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Basal Ganglia Functions and PANS Criteria Connection



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Correlate to interference of normal biological function of basal ganglia

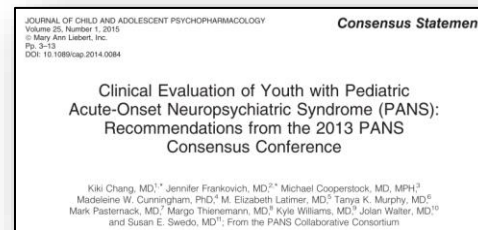
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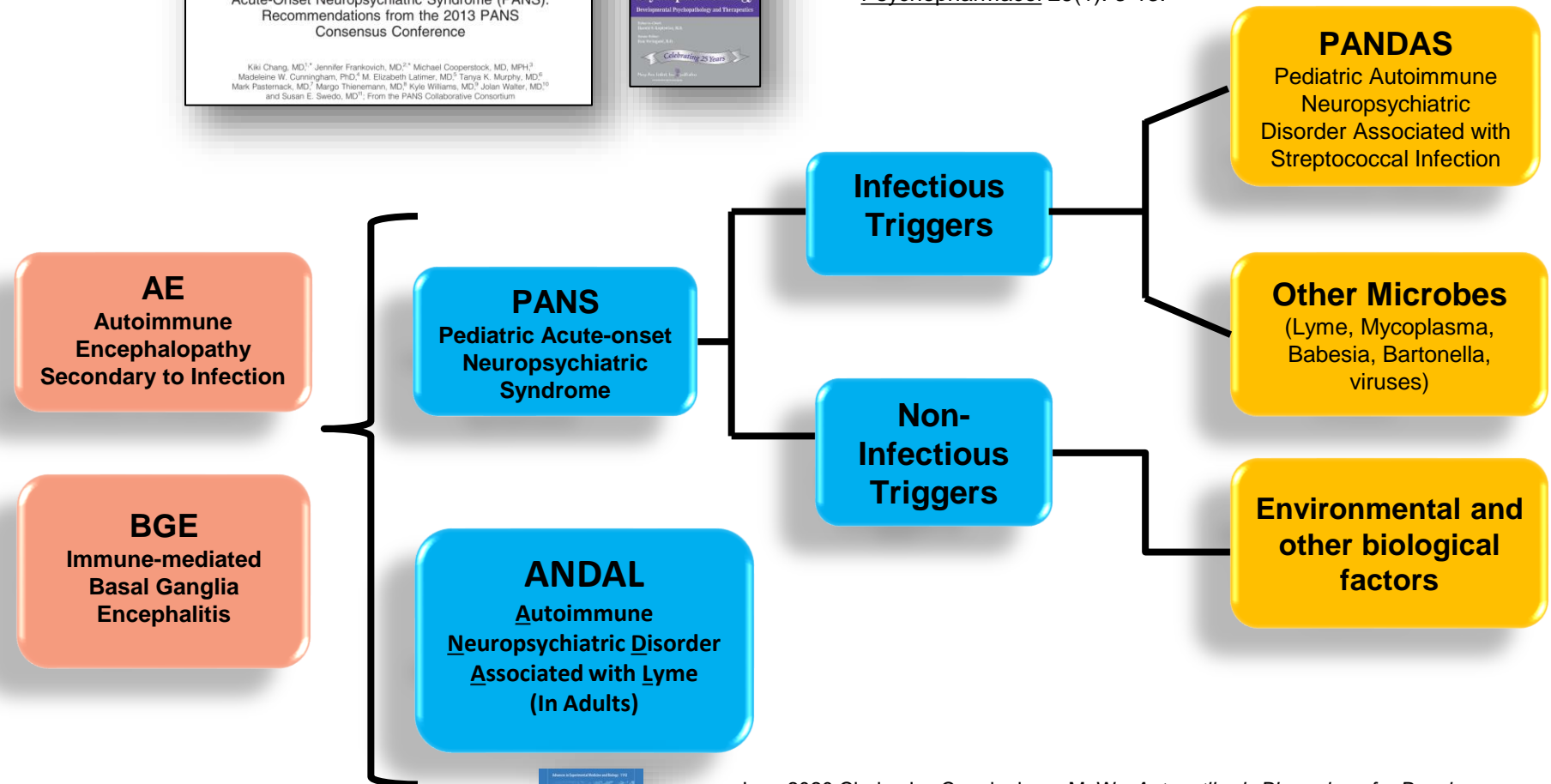
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Nomenclature is Important

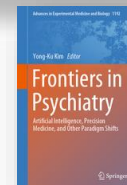


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Autoantibody Biomarkers for Basal Ganglia Encephalitis in Sydenham Chorea and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated With Streptococcal Infections

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Immune-Mediated Neuropsychiatric Disorder Have a Enormous Financial Impact on Families

Some comments from a survey of >1,000 Parents

Borrow against 401K; burn through my deceased husband's life insurance money because I can't work full-time and barely have been able to hold onto my part-time job.

savings exhausted

Extreme credit ca

We did not lose

I pray it doesn't hav

Go fund me, fu

impacted retirement and college savings. Restrict spending on other things

Borrow against life insurance policies

Borrowed \$140,000.00 from family and received gifts of \$26,000.00 not kidding

- **In our clinical laboratory we have tested over 15,000 patients for autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders secondary to infections**
- **Patients have visited between 5 to 15 doctors before receiving a proper diagnosis**
- **Length of time from symptom onset to diagnosis is 3 to 5 years, then about 3 to 18 additional months before receiving effective treatment**

Exhaust savings

Brink of bankruptcy

pre divorce!

job

sold house

allow the child to suffer.

rain savings

I bought older cars

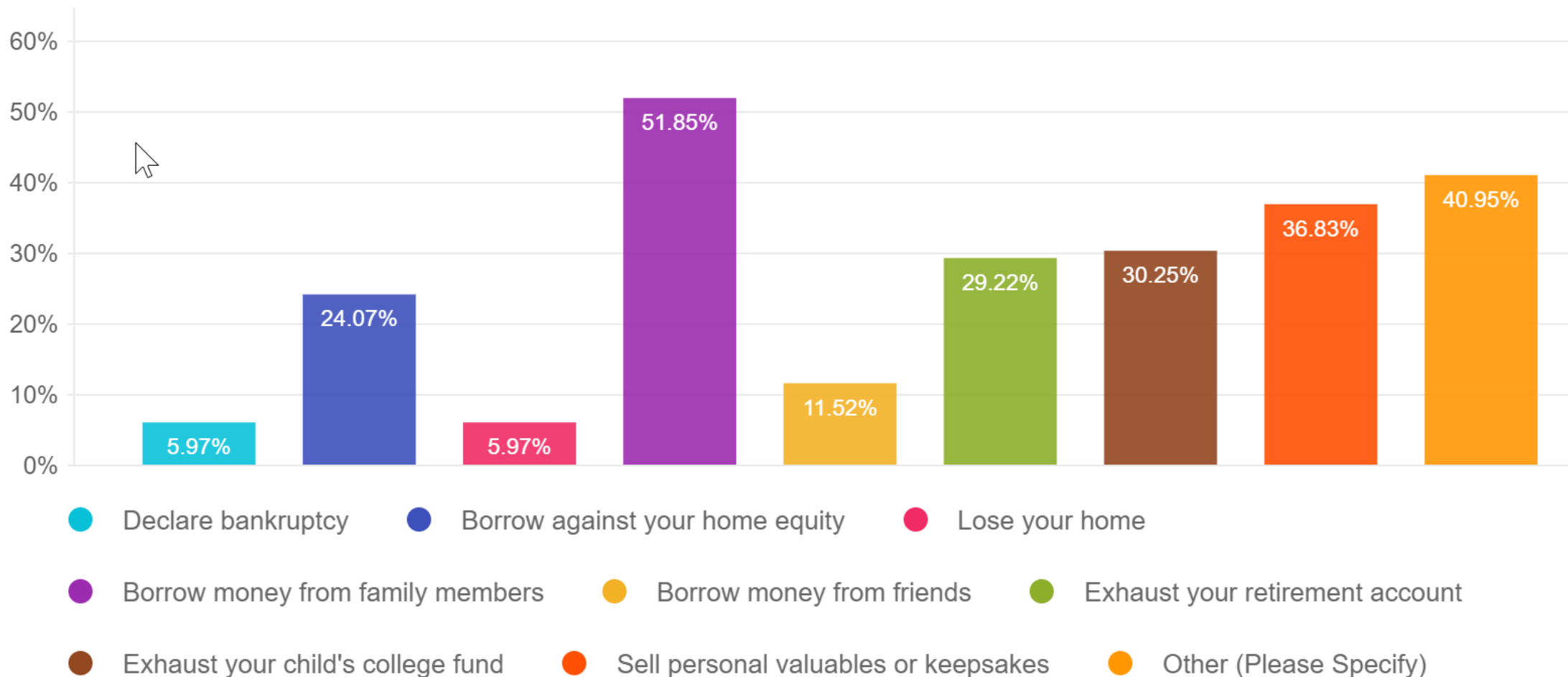
and job

maxed out two credit cards (>\$50,000)

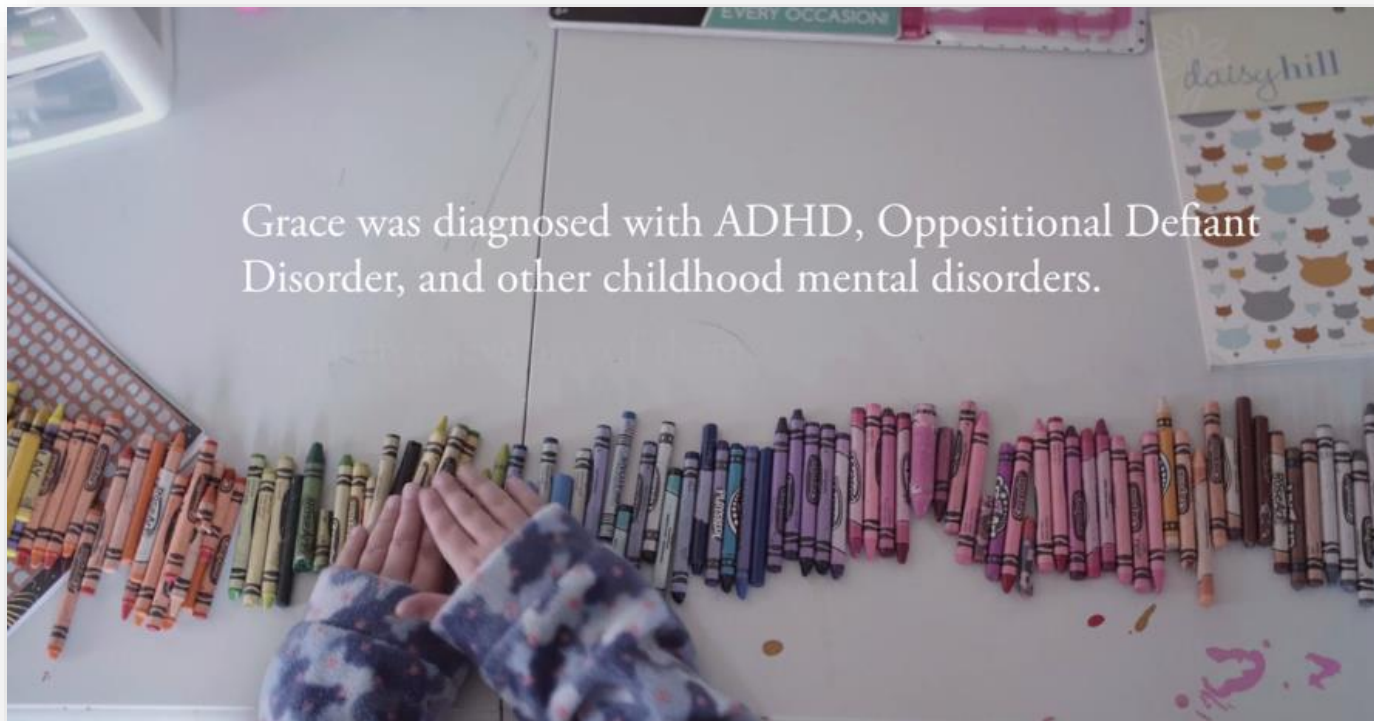
Find a part time job in addition to my full time job

Survey of PANDAS/PANS Parents

Has the financial impact of your child's PANDAS/PANS or autoimmune encephalopathy diagnosis or symptoms caused you to do any of the following? Please indicate all that apply.



Grace's Story – Representative of Many we Have Tested with Similar Stories



Grace was diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and other childhood mental disorders.

<https://www.moleculeralabs.com/pans-pandas-grace-story/>





Amazing Patient Recoveries When Properly Diagnosed and Treated

Grace's Mother recently sent this picture of her on the Cheer Team, back to a normal life and completely well



What is the PANDAS Controversy?

1. PANDAS

- Association with Group A Streptococcus (GAS). Whereas most all children get Strep

2. Heterogeneous symptoms

- Patients present with multiple, and often different neurological and psychiatric symptoms

3. Crosses multiple medical specialties

- Infectious Disease, Immunology/Rheumatology, Neurology, Psychiatry

4. A clinically-defined disorder

- based upon symptoms and often a diagnosis of exclusion

CONTROVERSY

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Is There a Controversy that Smoking Causes Lung Cancer?

For those diagnosed with lung cancer over 90% are smokers



Only ~10% to 20% of smokers succumb to lung cancer*

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

Why do only “some” people get lung cancer?

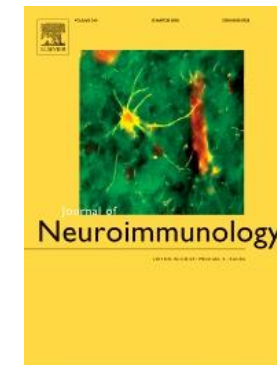
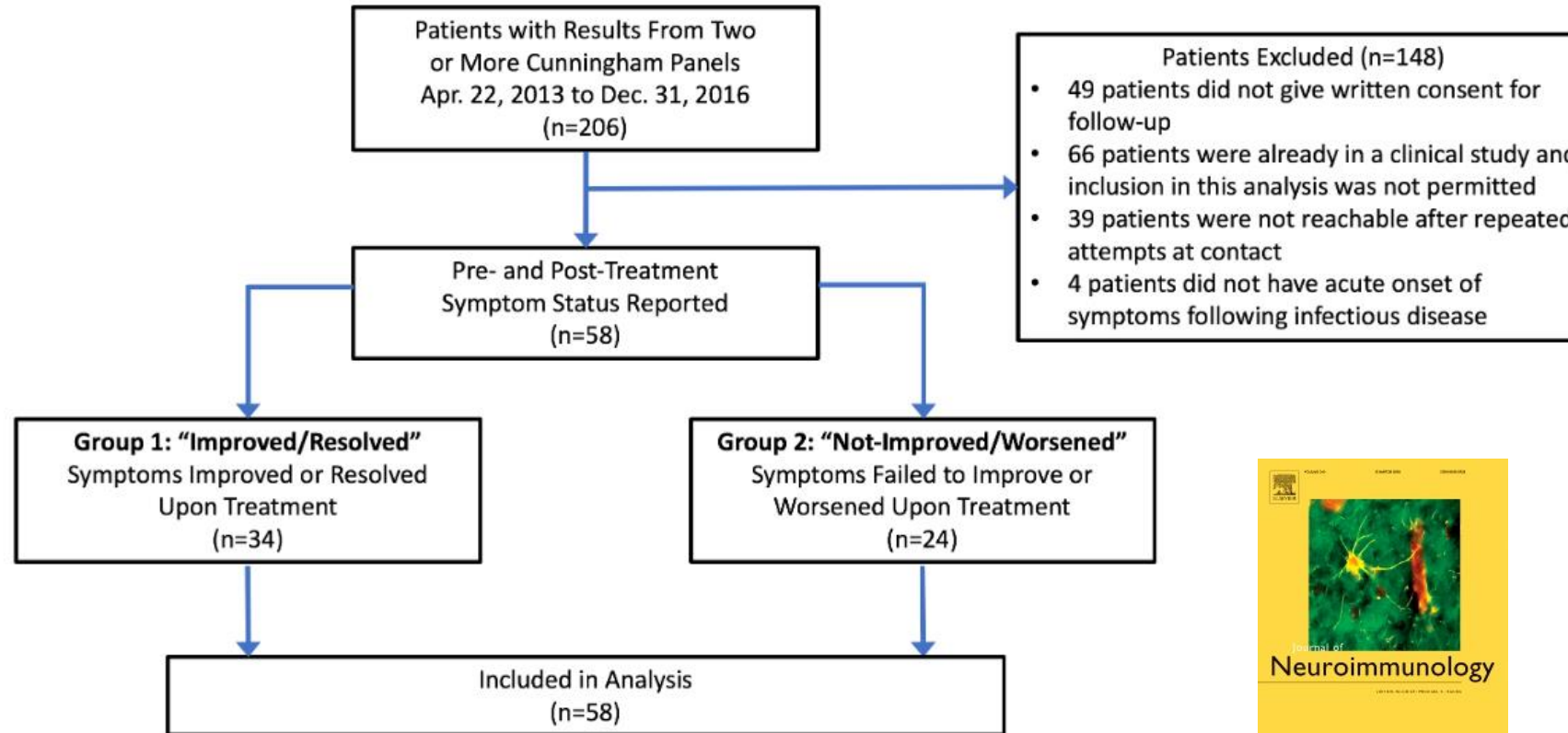
Differences in Genes that Control

- Cell cycle
- DNA repair
- Carcinogen metabolism
- Other genetics

A combination of Genetic Susceptibility and External Factors

**Antineuronal Antibodies as an aid in a
Clinician's Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients
with Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders
Secondary to Infections**

Evaluation of the Cunningham Panel Showing Correlation of Antineuronal Antibodies with Symptoms Before and after Treatment



[Volume 339](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0165572819303522), 15 February 2020, 577138, Shimasaki et al.
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All Patients Had Various and Multiple Infections

Group 1	
Lyme	2
Lyme	4
Unknown	7
Ehrlichiosis EBV	9
Unknown	12
Myco Cox Strep Lyme	13
Lyme Parvo EBV HHV6 Strep	17
HHV6 Cox Parvo MARCONS	29
Unknown	37
Unknown	39
HSV1	40
Lyme Myco Cox Strep	42
Strep Lyme Babs Bart	43
Lyme Babs Bart Candida	45
EBV Strep Lyme Myco Babs H Zoster	56
Myco	60
Unknown	66
Strep Myco	69
Lyme Babs Rickettsi	70
Lyme Bart Myco Strep	71
Lyme	72
Unknown	74

Group 2	
Bart Babs	14
Tularemia Bart Babs HHV 6	18
Unknown	19
Strep Viral	20
Lyme EBV Staph Bart	24
Hhv6 Parvo Lyme	26
Strep Lyme Bart Myco Cox	33
Strep C Diff Klebsiella	36
Unknown	38
Strep Lyme Bart Babs Myco Erlic	42
Strep Staph	48
Lyme Myco	55
Strep Myco Lyme Babs Bart Cox Para	62
Strep Lyme Myco Cox	63
Strep Lyme	64
Myco	77
Myco	104
Strep Myco MRSA Impetigo	122

All others had Strep Infections

Common Frequency of Symptoms in Group 1 and Group 2

Symptom	Group 1 Improved/Resolved		Group 2 Not Improved/Worsened		Combined All Patients	
	Count (N=34)	Percent	Count (N=24)	Percent	Count (N=58)	Percent
Decreased concentration	31	91%	22	92%	53	91%
OCD	34	100%	18	75%	52	90%
Emotional lability or depression	30	88%	19	79%	49	85%
Sensory symptoms	26	77%	22	92%	48	83%
Anxiety: General and/or Separation	26	77%	22	92%	48	83%
Sleep disorders	29	85%	15	63%	44	76%
Aggressiveness	27	79%	17	71%	44	76%
Tics	22	65%	21	88%	43	74%
Motor symptoms	19	56%	23	96%	42	72%
Developmental regression	23	68%	19	79%	42	72%
Dysgraphia	22	65%	18	24%	40	69%
Urinary urgency or frequency	15	44%	11	46%	26	45%
Chorea/choreiform movements	12	35%	13	54%	25	43%
Behavioral regression	8	24%	1	4%	9	16%
Anorexia or ARFID	3	9%	3	13%	6	10%
Psychosis	4	12%	1	4%	5	9%

Summary of Symptoms of PANS/PANDAS Patients Included in this Study by Individual Patients in Group 1: Improved/Resolved. In Group 2: Not Improved/Worsened

No Difference in Age and Gender and Time Between the First and Second Cunningham Panels in Both Groups

Group	# Subjects	Age Range (years)	Mean Age (years)	Females	Males	Time Between First and Second Test (Weeks)	
						Mean	Median
1	34	5-21	12.2 (SD=4.02)	13 (38%)	21 (62%)	68.1	48
2	24	2-23	12.1 (SD=5.1)	9 (38%)	15 (62%)	66.2	62
All Patients	58	2-23	12.2 (SD=4.5)	22 (38%)	36 (62%)	67.3	50

No statistical differences between Group 1 and Group 2 in age or gender distribution No statistical differences between Group 1 and Group 2 in the time between tests

Group 1: Patients who Improved/Resolved (n=34)

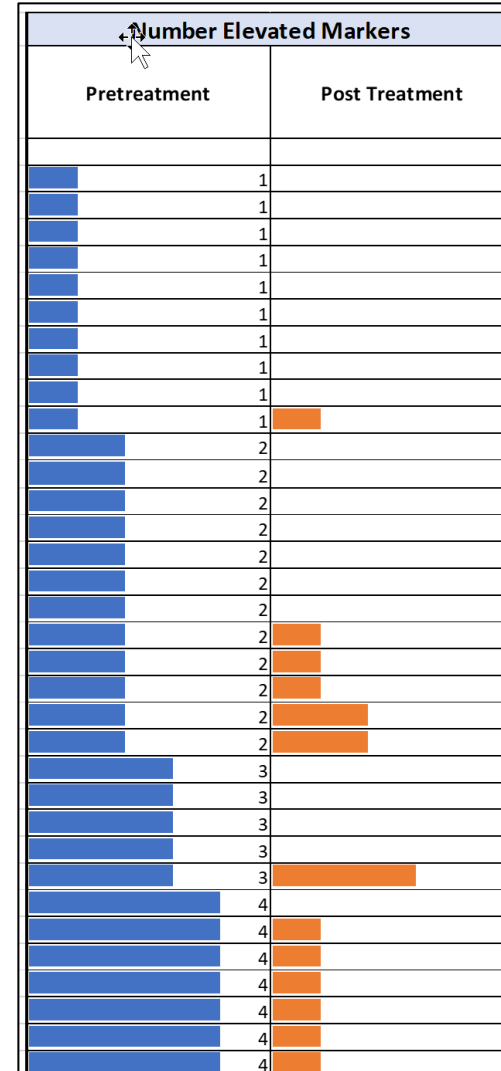
Pre-Treatment Results

Case #	Pretreatment				
	D1R	D2R	Tubulin	lyso-ganglioside GM1	CaMKII
6	4000	8000	1000	160	125
72	2000	2000	500	320	137
55	1000	2000	500	80	138
1	1000	2000	500	160	142
30	1000	4000	500	20	143
3	500	1000	250	40	157
42	2000	4000	1000	40	167
7	2000	4000	500	80	172
29	500	4000	1000	80	184
26	1000	1000	250	40	271
5	2000	2000	2000	640	95
12	2000	8000	4000	320	149
37	4000	1000	1000	320	164
39	8000	500	1000	640	123
40	4000	4000	4000	320	122
74	2000	8000	4000	40	133
41	8000	500	1000	320	177
16	2000	2000	2000	320	237
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23	4000	16000	2000	320	139
60	8000	16000	2000	80	179
79	4000	16000	2000	160	167

Post-Treatment Results

Post treatment				
D1R	D2R	Tubulin	lyso-ganglioside GM1	CaMKII
2000	4000	1000	80	110
500	1000	250	80	117
1000	1000	250	10	93
2000	4000	1000	320	83
1000	2000	1000	80	98
1000	2000	500	80	83
1000	4000	1000	80	123
500	4000	1000	80	112
2000	4000	1000	80	113
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1000	8000	1000	20	113
500	1000	250	40	92
1000	4000	1000	160	111
250	2000	500	20	122
1000	4000	500	160	116
2000	1000	250	20	83
2000	8000	1000	320	132
2000	4000	2000	80	128
1000	4000	1000	80	148
1000	4000	2000	320	131
2000	8000	2000	320	138
1000	8000	500	40	108
500	2000	500	40	118
500	2000	500	10	89
2000	4000	1000	80	119
8000	16000	4000	320	120
2000	2000	1000	80	100
2000	4000	1000	80	150
1000	2000	2000	80	100
500	2000	250	20	134
4000	8000	1000	320	119
1000	4000	500	80	165
2000	16000	1000	160	110

of Positive Tests/Pt



Group 2: Patients Not Improved/Worsened (n=24)

Pre-Treatment Results

Case #	Pretreatment				
	D1R	D2R	Tubulin	lyso-ganglioside GM1	CaMKII
24	1000	8000	500	80	119
16	1000	4000	1000	20	124
18	1000	2000	250	20	121
19	1000	250	250	160	115
34	2000	2000	500	320	121
77	500	2000	1000	20	126
29	1000	2000	500	80	138
62	2000	4000	1000	80	216
64	500	2000	250	320	134
104	2000	4000	1000	40	149
45	2000	4000	500	80	217
8	1000	8000	1000	40	219
38	1000	1000	1000	160	179
48	1000	2000	2000	80	156
36	2000	16000	1000	160	164
122	500	8000	1000	640	136
20	2000	2000	2000	40	164
42	32000	4000	2000	80	112
55	2000	8000	2000	320	160
39	8000	250	2000	160	159
26	4000	32000	8000	320	94
14	8000	4000	2000	640	148
63	8000	32000	2000	320	142
35	4000	32000	4000	160	130

Post-Treatment Results

Post treatment				
D1R	D2R	Tubulin	lyso-ganglioside GM1	CaMKII
2000	8000	250	320	105
2000	4000	1000	80	138
1000	1000	500	80	138
2000	4000	2000	40	116
2000	8000	1000	20	145
1000	2000	2000	40	141
1000	2000	250	160	127
2000	2000	500	80	123
1000	4000	2000	80	125
2000	4000	1000	40	175
4000	4000	2000	80	158
4000	16000	1000	320	139
8000	8000	4000	1280	140
2000	8000	1000	160	145
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2000	4000	4000	320	143
4000	16000	8000	160	150
4000	16000	2000	160	164
4000	16000	8000	80	152
2000	16000	4000	80	162
8000	16000	8000	1280	177
8000	16000	16000	40	92
32000	32000	8000	640	113
8000	32000	4000	1280	149

of Positive Tests/Pt



Anti-Neuronal Antibody Targets Associated with the Presence/Absence of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms Pre and Post Treatment

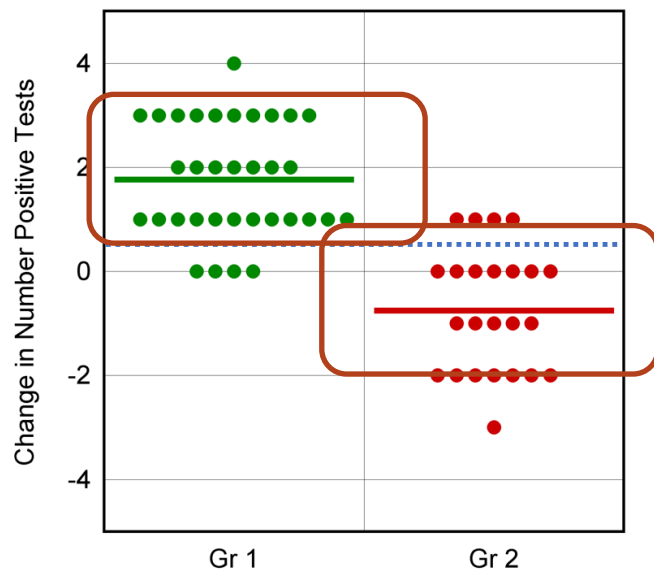
Sensitivity/Specificity Based Upon Positive Tests Compared to Symptoms

		Symptoms Improved		Sensitivity	88%
		Yes (Gr 1)	No (Gr 2)		
Predicted in Group 1	Yes	30	4	Accuracy	86%
	No	4	20		

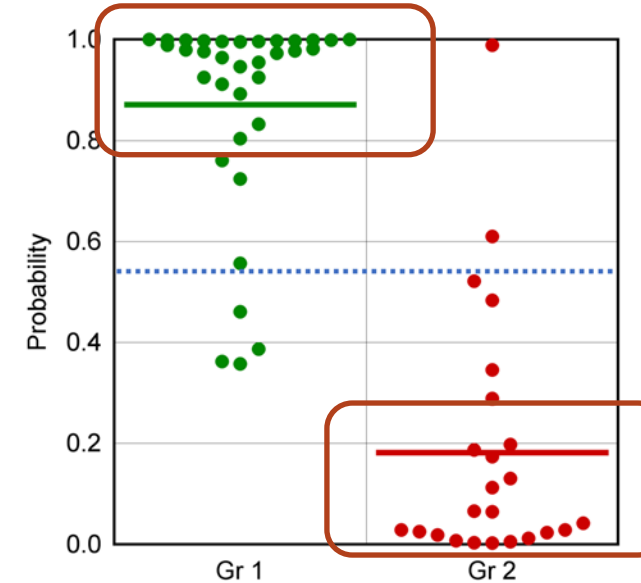
Sensitivity/Specificity based upon the Magnitude of Change in the Results (Logistic Regression Analysis)

		Symptoms Improved		Sensitivity	88%
		Yes (Gr 1)	No (Gr 2)		
Predicted in Group 1	Yes	30	2	Accuracy	90%
	No	4	22		

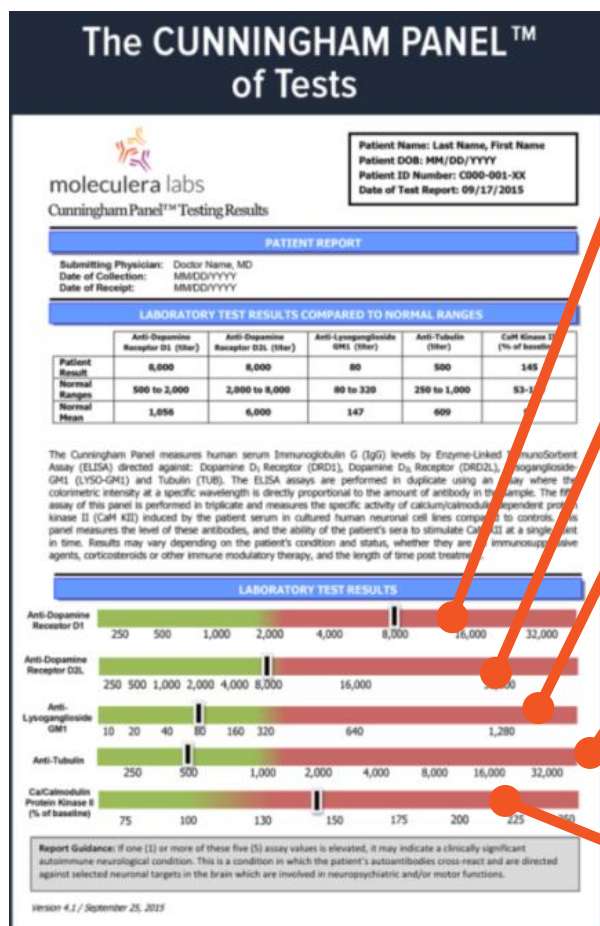
Change in the Number of Positive Tests



Change in the Magnitude of Results



Years of Sydenham Chorea Research Led to the Identification of Biomarkers Targets and a Cell Stimulatory Assay for Immune-mediated Basal Ganglia Encephalitis



Based upon over 15,000 patients tested along with reports from Dr. Amiram Katz based upon over 200 patients he studied

1) Anti-Dopamine D1 Receptor

Referred to as **psychiatric cluster**. Patients frequently present with **psychiatric** symptoms, **mood** swings, **depression**, anxiety, irritability, aggression, **delusions**, **psychosis**

2) Anti-Dopamine D2L Receptor

Referred to as **movement clusters**. Patients frequently have some level of **movement disorders**, **chorea**, previous diagnosis of ADHD (could not hold still), possibly Parkinson.

3) Anti-Lysoganglioside GM1

Referred to as **tic cluster**. Patients frequently complain of **joint/connective** tissue pain.

4) Anti-Tubulin

Referred to as **OCD cluster**. Patients frequently present with **obsessions/compulsions** often around **food phobia**, clothing, **intrusive thoughts**, and **brain fog**.

5) CaM KII Activity

Referred to as the **sympathetic nervous system cluster**. When positive patients typically present with any sympathetic nervous system activation symptoms, **fight or flight behavior**, **separation anxiety**, **urinary problems**, bed wetting, sensory sensitivities, **easily startled**, and **mydriasis**. When elevated, suggests that there is still **active infection(s)**. Often, we see in an untreated patient, that over time the CaMKII will return to baseline, and the other autoimmune targets tend to increase in elevation.

Calcium Dependent Calmodulin Kinase II (CaMKII) Interacts With Many Neurologic Receptors in Autoimmune Encephalitis

Review

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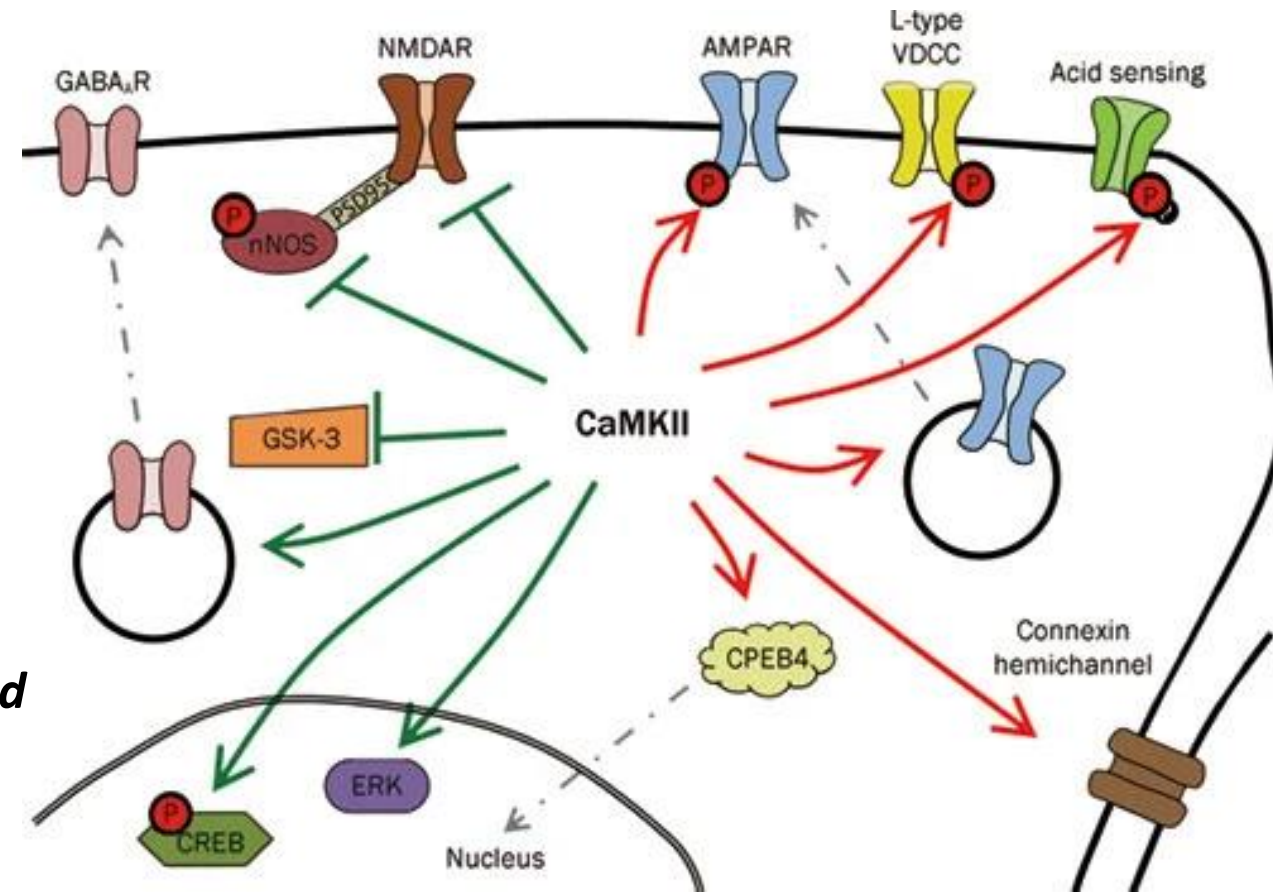
Emerging role of CaMKII in neuropsychiatric disease

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“A series of recent studies suggest that *CaMKII* dysfunction throughout the brain may underlie myriad neuropsychiatric disorders, including **drug addiction**, **schizophrenia**, **depression**, **epilepsy**, and **multiple neurodevelopmental disorders**, perhaps through *maladaptations in glutamate signaling and neuroplasticity*.”

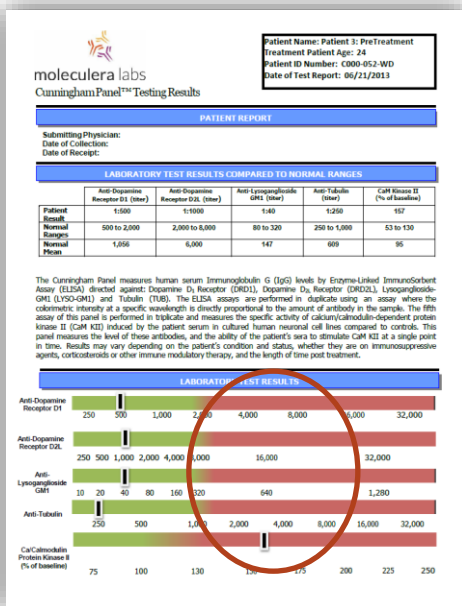


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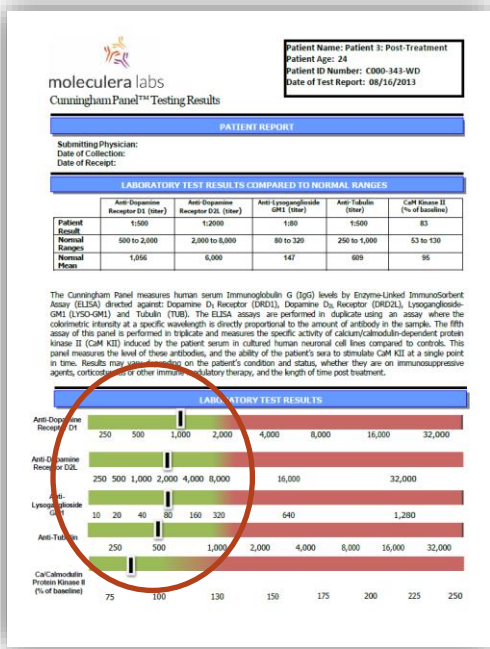
Case Studies Before and After Treatment

Case Study #1

24 y/o Male: Presenting symptoms: OCD, tics, decreased appetite with 30 pound weight loss, inability to concentrate, sensory abnormalities, emotional lability, behavioral regression, separation anxiety.

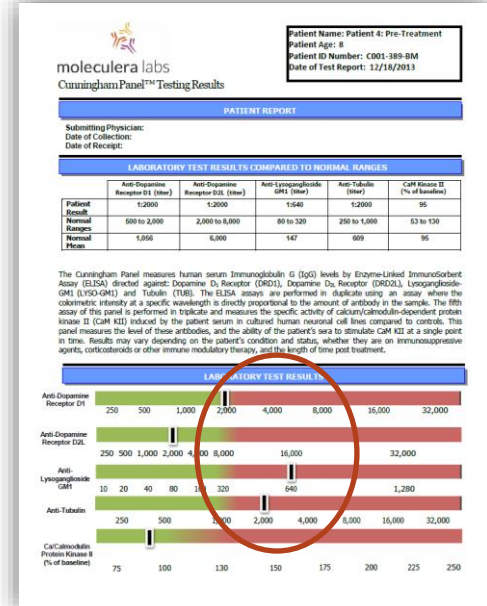


Treatment: Patient treated with IVIG and plasmapheresis resulted in symptom reduction

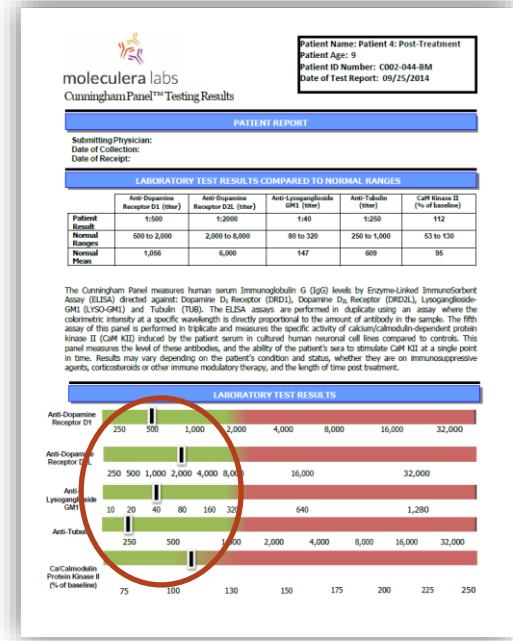


Case Study #2

9 y/o Female: obsessive-compulsive behaviors, verbal tics and “stimming”, inability to concentrate, sensory and motor abnormalities, emotional lability, behavioral regression, urinary and sleep problems, dysgraphia, and aggressiveness, relapsing and remitting in nature



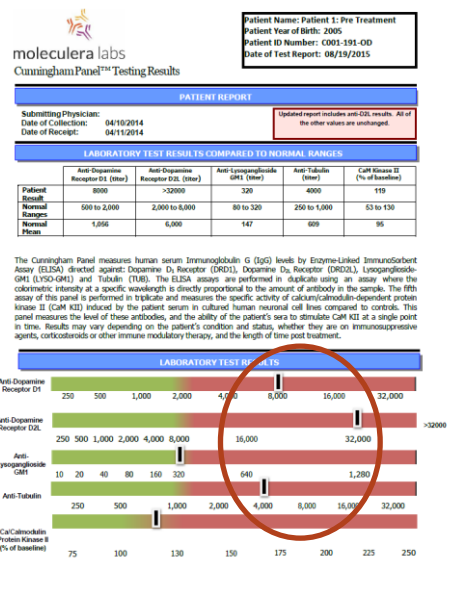
Treatment: Patient was treated with azithromycin with rapid improvement in symptoms



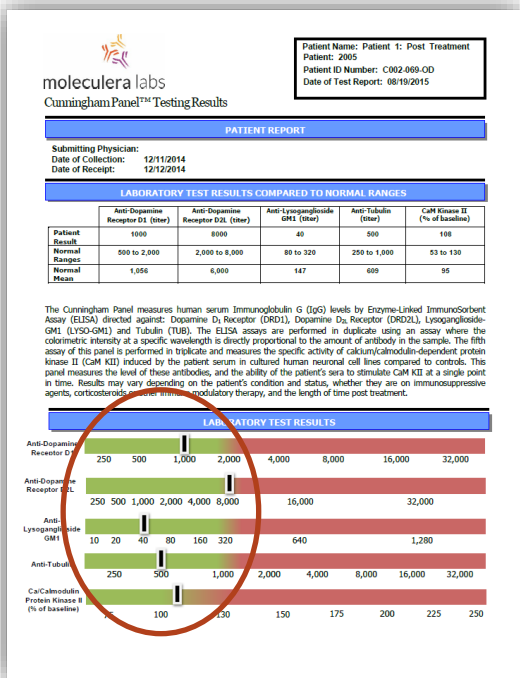
Cunningham Panel Case Studies Before and After Treatment

Case Study #3

9 y/o Female: Presenting with unknown origin of neuropsychiatric symptoms. Lyme disease positive by Western Blot, Child said during a bout of strep, **“Mom, something happened to my brain”**

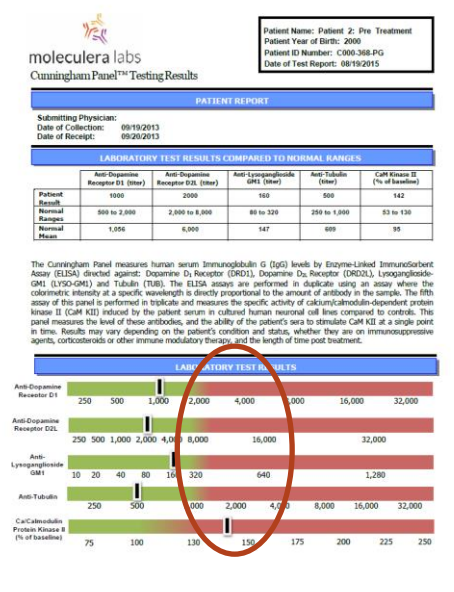


Treatment: azithromax, naproxen, omnicef, and Bactrim, Tindamax (anti parasitic) 3 IVIG treatments; complete symptom regression

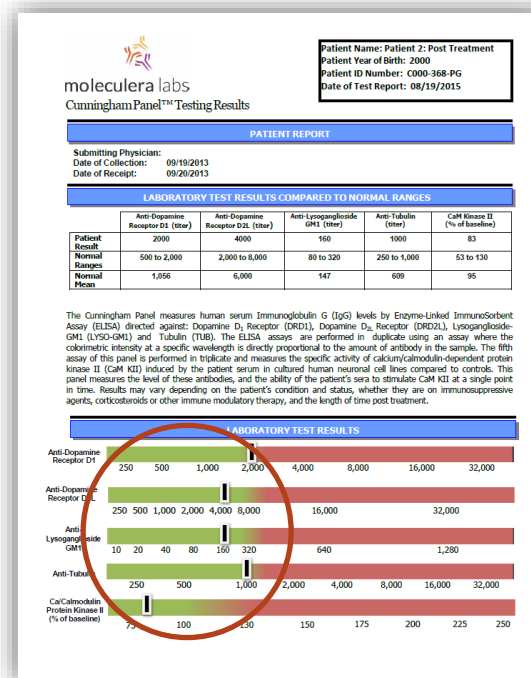


Case Study #4

9 y/o Male: Presenting 30 days post confirmed strep infection with OCD, Tics, inability to concentrate, sensory abnormalities, emotional lability, separation anxiety, developmental regression, urinary frequency and urgency, sleep disturbance, dysgraphia, aggressiveness, choreiform movements, relapsing and remitting symptoms.



Treatment: Patient had IVIG within one month of diagnosis with complete symptom elimination.



Passive Transfer of Strep-Induced Antibodies Reproduces Behavioral Disorders in Mouse Model

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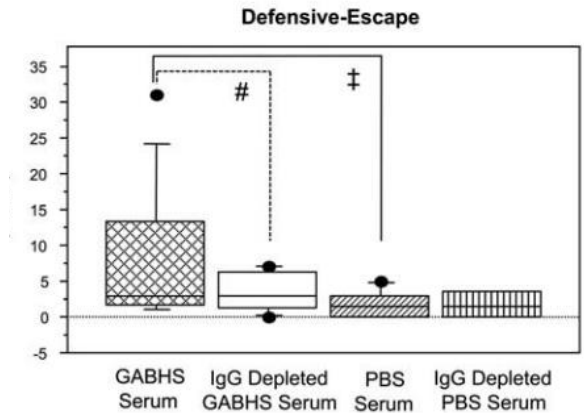
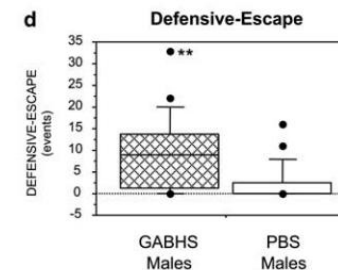
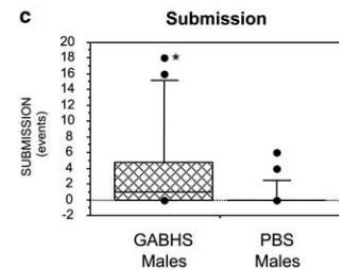
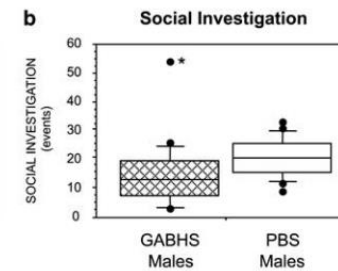
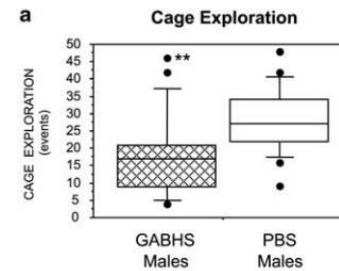
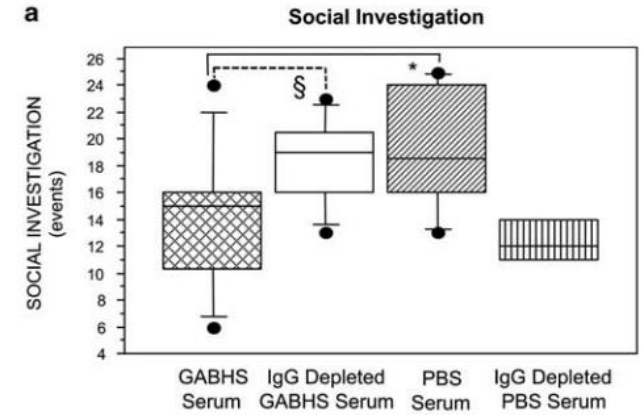
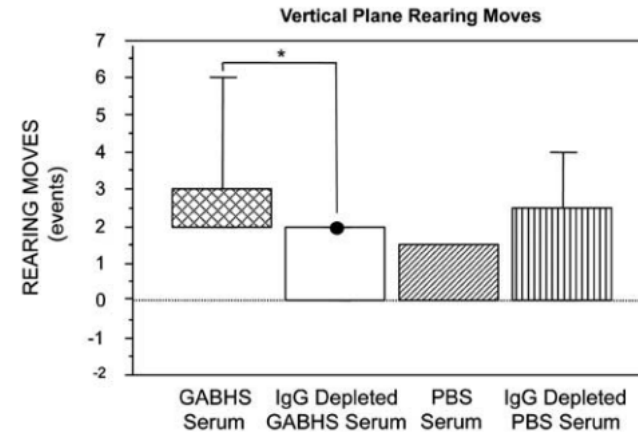
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Passive transfer of streptococcus-induced antibodies reproduces behavioral disturbances in a mouse model of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection

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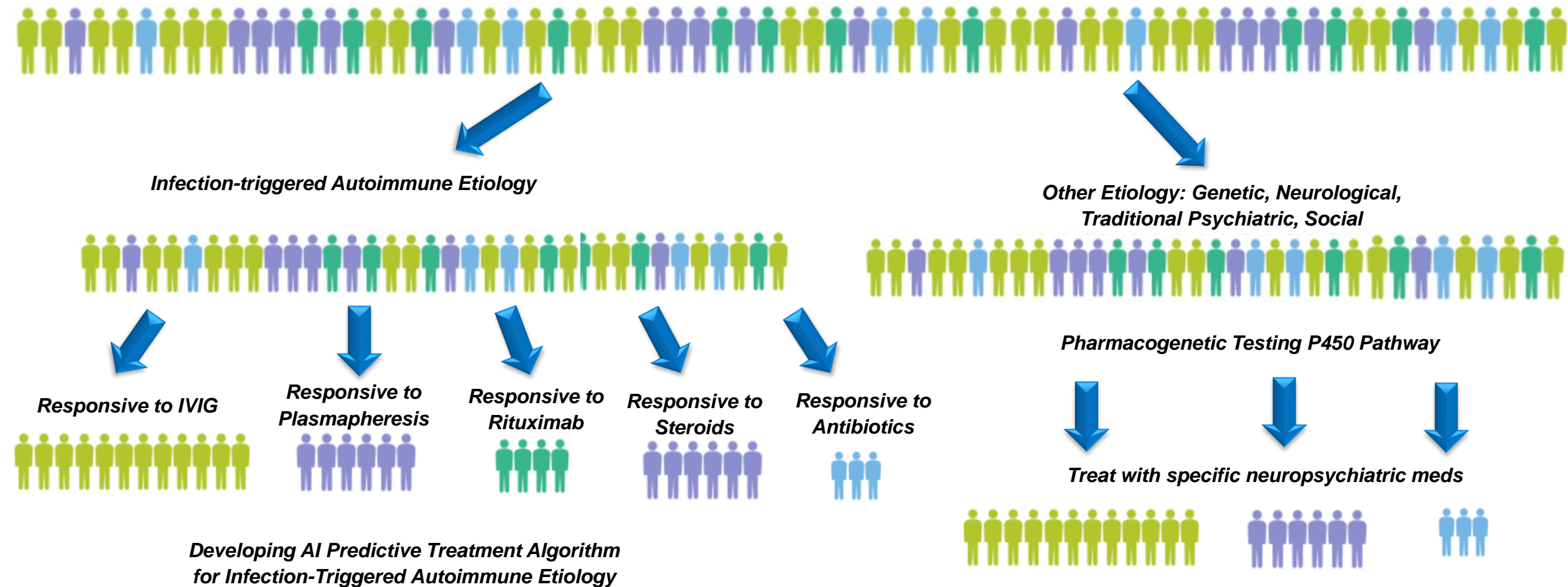
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These antibodies are directed against group A *b-hemolytic streptococcus matrix (M) protein* and cross-react with molecular targets complement C4 protein and α -2-macroglobulin in brain. Here we show additional deficits in motor coordination, learning/memory and social interaction in PANDAS mice, replicating more complex aspects of human disease. Furthermore, we demonstrate for the first time that humoral immunity is necessary and sufficient to induce the syndrome through experiments wherein naive mice are transfused with immunoglobulin G (IgG) from PANDAS mice. Depletion of IgG from donor sera abrogates behavior changes.

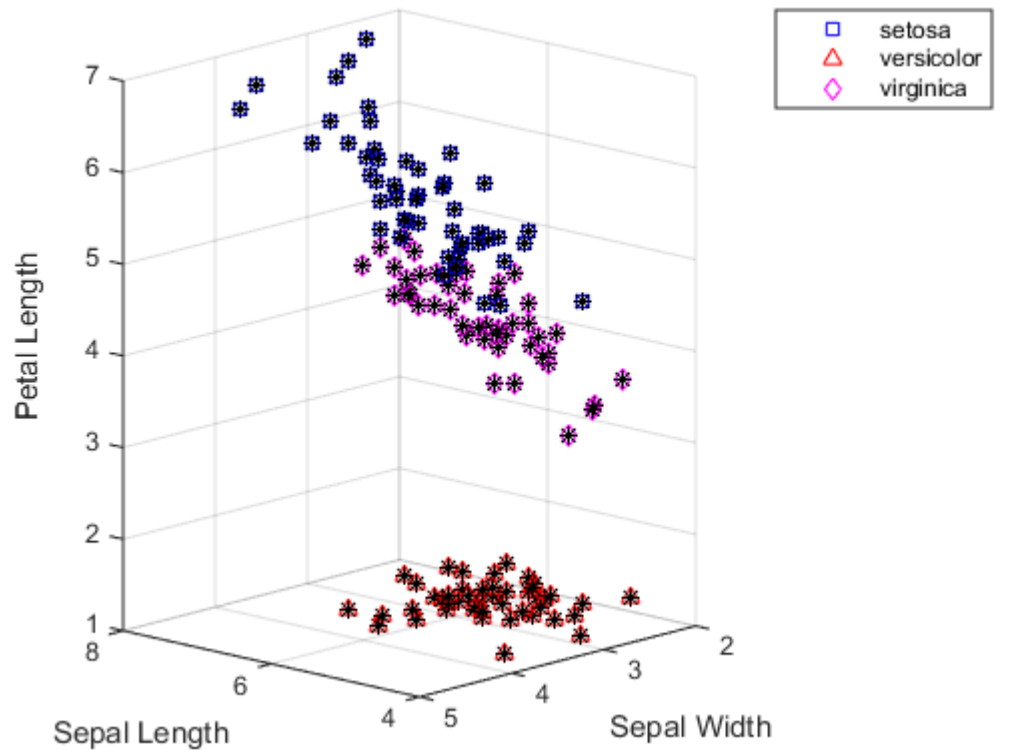


The Goal of Precision Medicine to Identify Patients Who Would Predictively Respond to Anti-inflammatory, Immune Modulatory, or Anti-infective Therapy

Patients with Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Disorders



Hierarchical Clustering for Patient Stratification

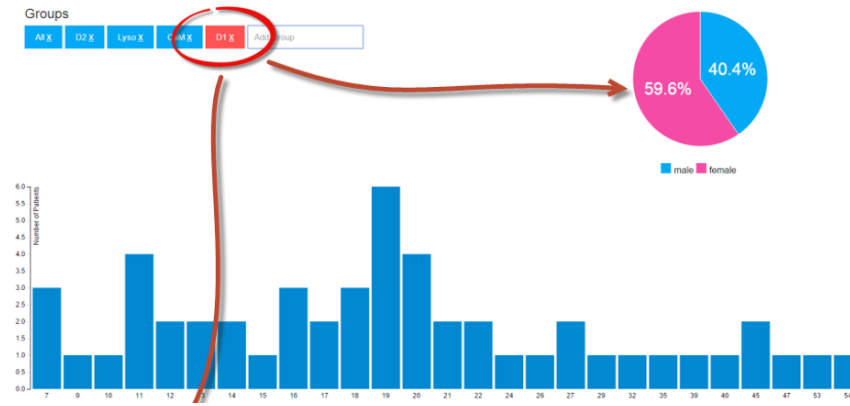
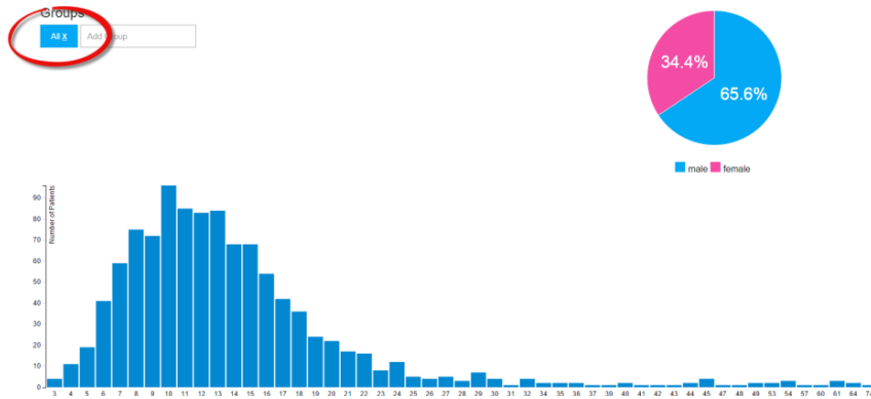
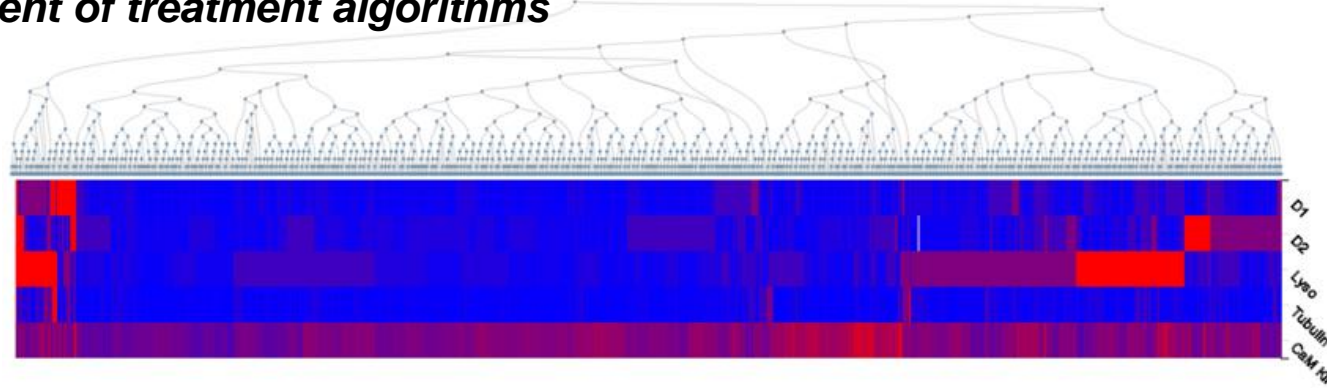


Hierarchical clustering analyzes the distance between points in n-dimensional space in order to identify cohorts.

A 3-dimensional example dataset is shown on the left, but this technique scales to any number of dimensions.

Demonstration of Patient Stratification for Development of Treatment Prediction Algorithm

A heat map of Molculera proprietary data reveals clustering of patient symptoms, enabling development of treatment algorithms



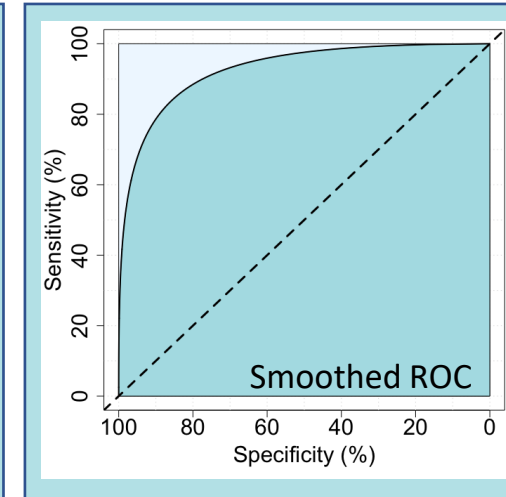
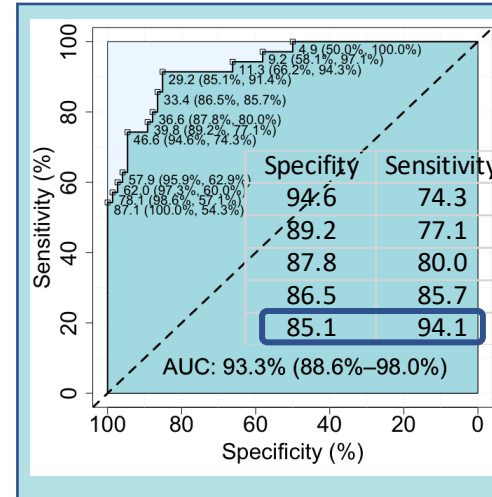
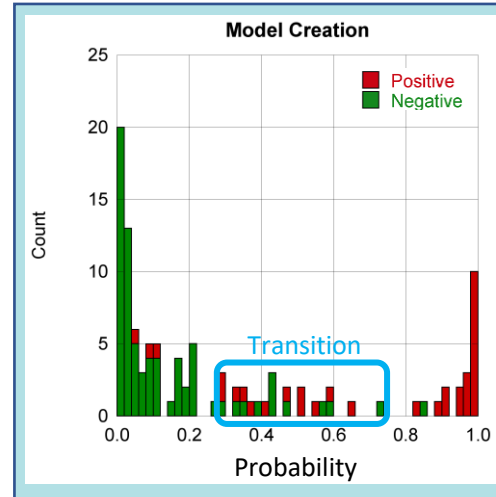
Example of patient stratification by results, age and gender with informed consent and IRB approval covering 3,000 patient specimens demonstrates the basis for algorithm development

Demonstration of Logistic Regression Model Development for Treatment Prediction

MODEL A

- All subjects
- All assays

MODEL CREATION

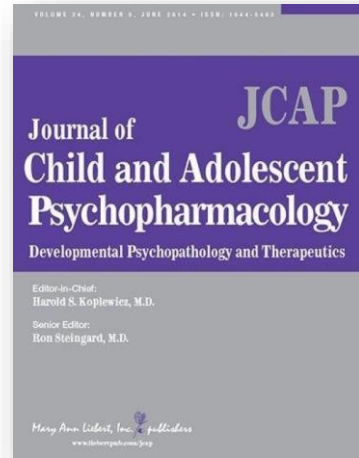


Coefficient	Description	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)	P Group
c_0	(Intercept)	-7.36758	3.88457	-1.897	0.058	.
c_1	LogD1R	2.59815	1.30228	1.995	0.046	*
c_2	LogD2R	-0.11376	1.33203	-0.085	0.932	
c_3	LogLyso	2.43961	1.27585	1.912	0.056	.
c_4	LogTubulin	-5.67302	1.70016	-3.337	0.00085	***
c_5	CaMKII	0.07824	0.01785	4.384	0.000012	***

Signif.	Symbol
< 0.001	***
< 0.01	**
< 0.05	*
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**Therapeutic Modalities that Have Clinical
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Introduction

Overview of Treatment of Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome

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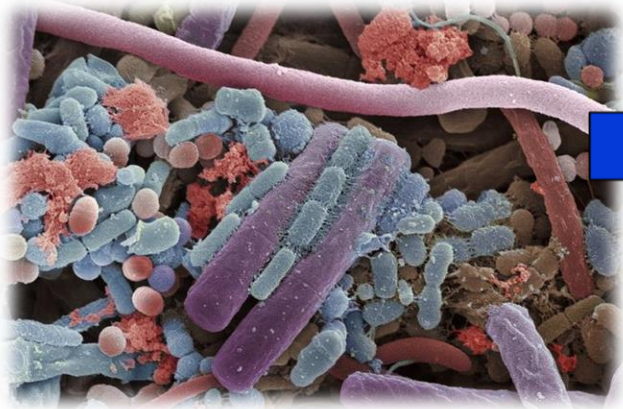


Diagnosis and Treatment
Guidelines for Clinicians

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Overview of Guidelines for PANDAS/PANS Treatment

Rule out Other Causes, Establish a Correct Diagnosis



Identify and Treat All Infections

- *Viral, Bacterial, Fungal, etc.*
- *Patients tend to have multiple infections, and many of these may be subclinical*
- *They are a stimulus of autoantibody production*

Treat the Inflammatory Pathway



Provide Symptomatic Relief as Necessary

Treat any Immune Dysregulation/Dysfunction

Effective Treatments Fall Into These Therapeutic Categories

Anti-Infectives

- Anti-microbials, Antivirals, Antifungals

Anti-Inflammatory

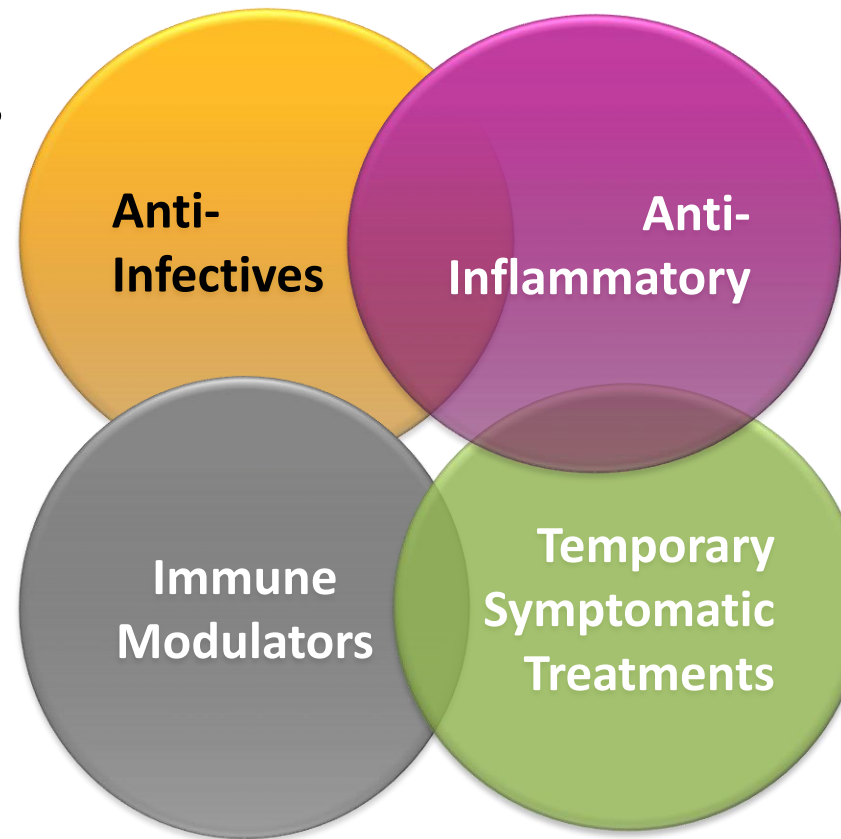
- Steroids
- NSAIDs

Immune modulating Therapies

- Plasmapheresis (Plasma exchange)
- Intravenous Immunoglobulins (IVIG)
- Rituximab

Temporary Symptomatic Treatment

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, E&RP
- Low-dose SSRIs



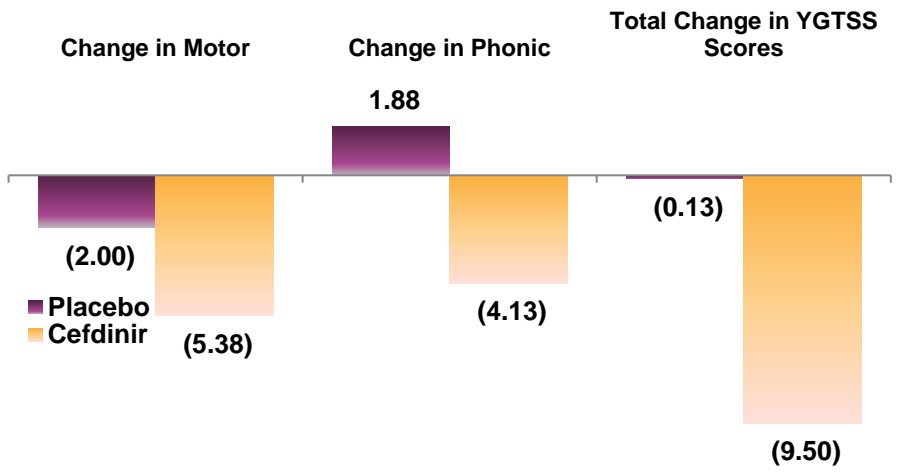
Clinical effectiveness has been demonstrated when there is biological evidence of autoimmune neuroinflammation



Anti-Infective and Immune Treatment Result in Improvements of Tics and OCD in these Patients

Change in motor tics after 30-day treatment

Treatment of Infection/Inflammation⁽¹⁾



Average change in Yale Global Tic Severity Scale (YGTSS) scores. Scores represent changes in YGTSS taken at baseline and end of study.

30-day study showed positive results for treatment, 20 subjects were randomized to receive placebo or the antibiotic cefdinir for the treatment of recent-onset OCD and/or tics

THE LANCET

Therapeutic plasma exchange and intravenous immunoglobulin for obsessive-compulsive disorder and tic disorders in childhood

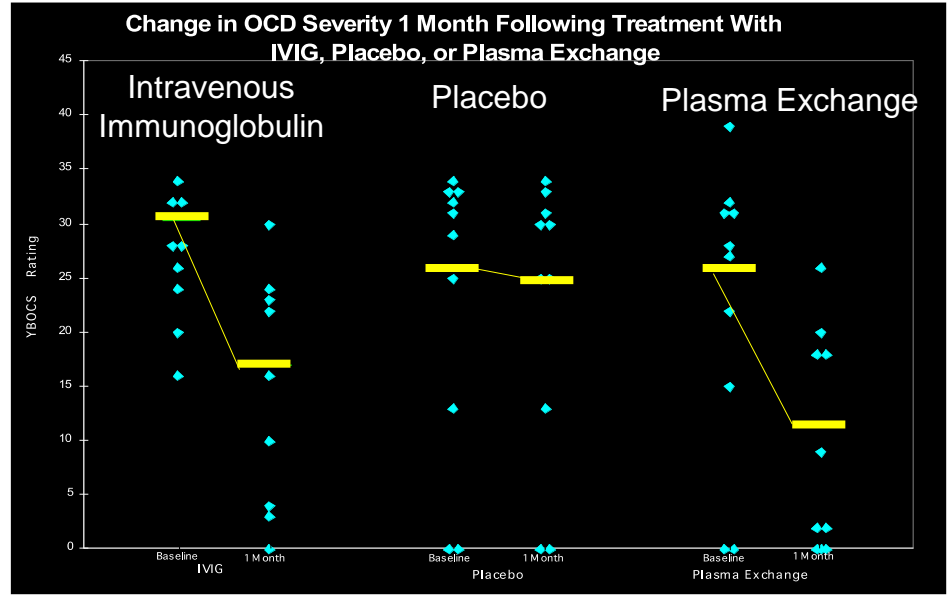
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Murphy, T. K., et al. (2015). "Cefdinir for recent-onset pediatric neuropsychiatric disorders: a pilot randomized trial." *J Child Adolesc Psychopharmacol* 25(1): 57-64.

Change in OCD after one treatment

Treatment of Immune System⁽²⁾

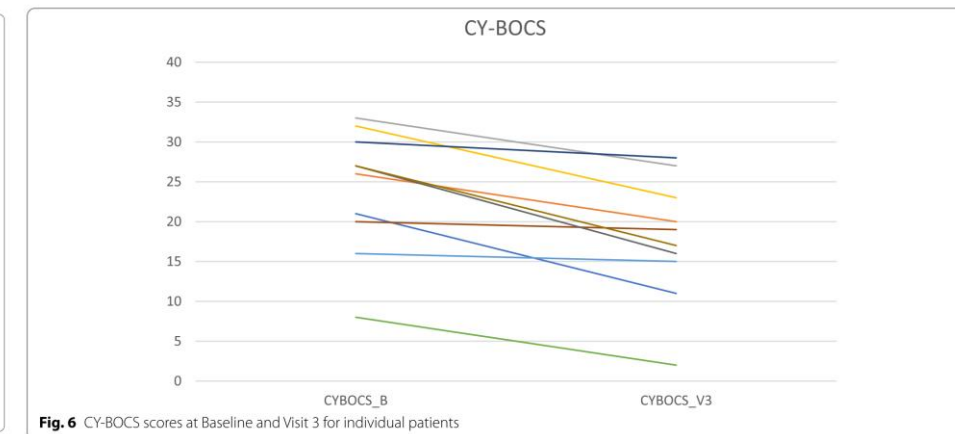
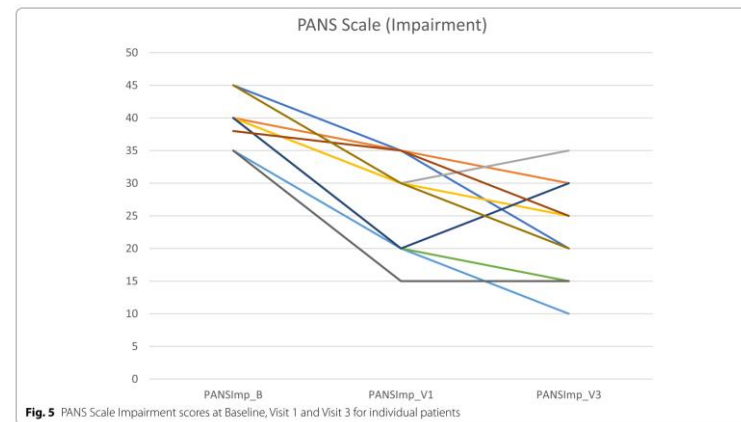
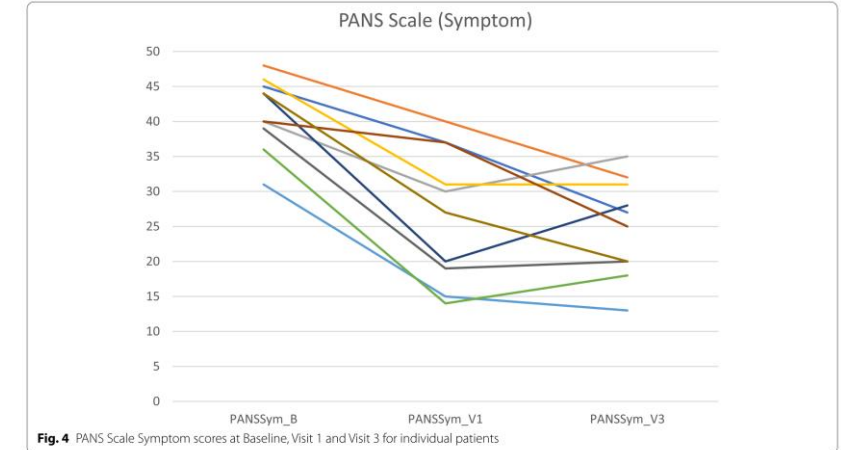
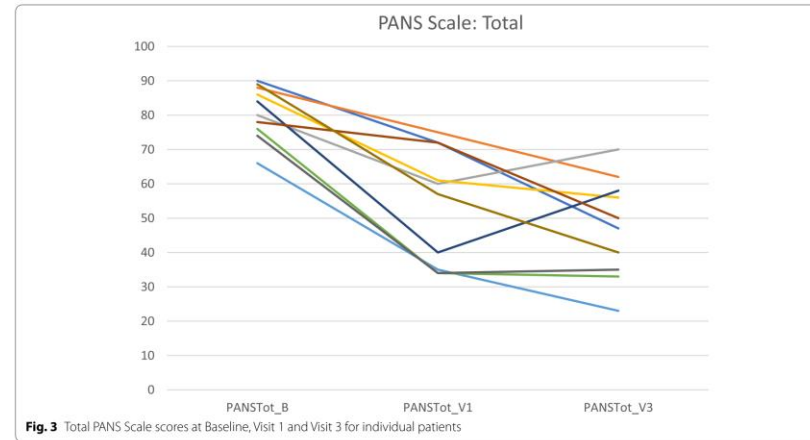


The NIMH study showed that treatment with IVIG or plasma exchange experienced marked reduction of neuropsychiatric symptoms

Open Label Prospective IVIG Treatment in 10 PANS Patients (2022)

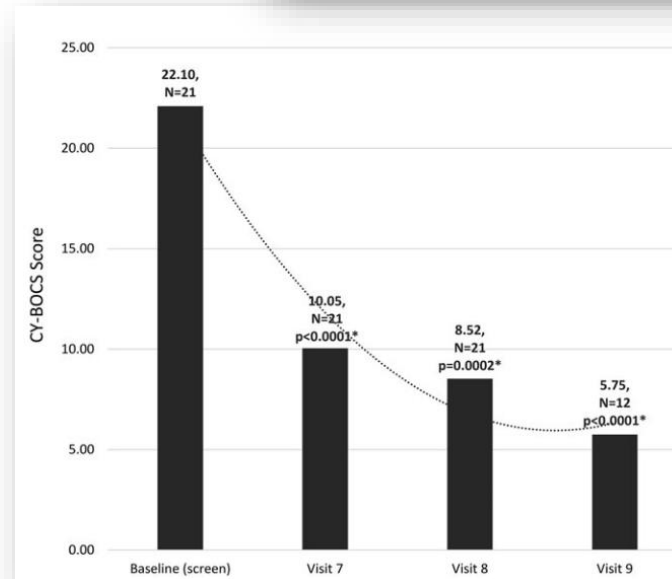
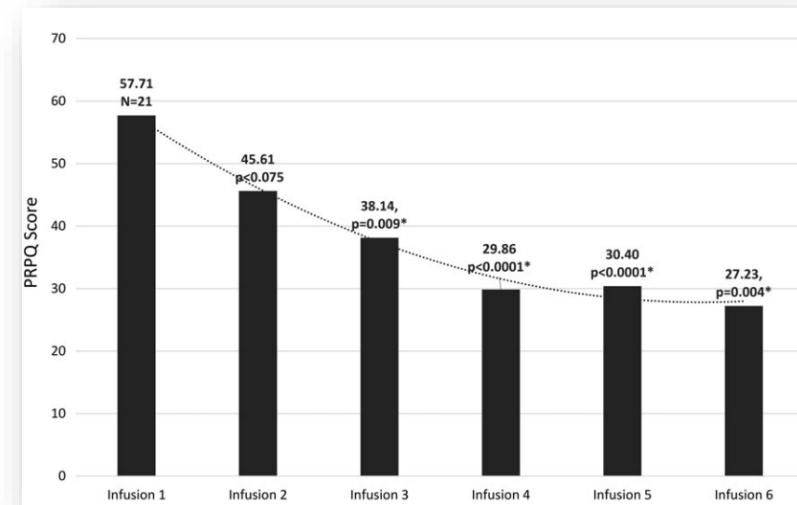


- Open-label prospective in-depth trial including ten children (median age 10.3 years) with PANS, who received IVIG treatment 2 g/kg monthly for three months
- This open-label prospective IVIG treatment trial demonstrated substantial improvements in PANS symptom severity and impairment (including OCD symptoms), global functioning and school attendance after 3 monthly IVIG treatments. From severe illness at baseline, 9 patients were clinical responders with > 30% improvement, and 7 patients improved to mild illness or remission



IVIg Treatment in 21 PANS Patients at 3 Independent Sites (2020)

- Enrolled **21 PANS patients** at **3** independent sites (**7 patients/site**)
- Administered IVIG (Octagam 5) at **1 g/kg** every **21 days** for a total of six infusions (cycles) over a period of 18 weeks.
- Evaluated for psychometric assessments
 - **CY-BOCS** (Children's Yale-Brown Obsessive-Compulsive Scale)
 - **CGI-S** (Clinical Global Impressions Scale)
 - **YGTSS** (Yale Global Tic Severity Scale)
 - **ADIS** (Anxiety and Related Disorders Interview Schedule)
 - **PRPQ** (Parent-Rated PANS Questionnaire)
- >50% improvement for at least 8 weeks, and up to 46 weeks in a subset of subjects



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Identifying the Root of a Disorder is Critical to Effective Treatment and Outcomes

Tack Law #1

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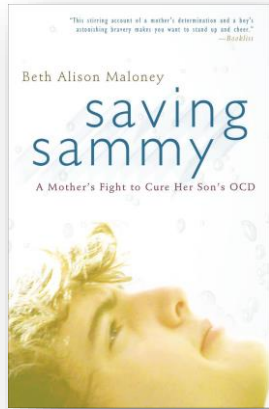
- If you are sitting on a tack, the treatment is not two Advil every 3 to 4 hours
- The treatment for “**tack sitting**” is “**tack removal**”
- Search for the root and treat the *cause* rather than the symptoms

Tack Law #2

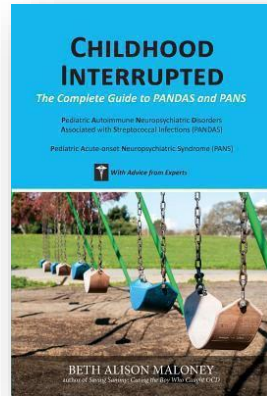


- If you are sitting on two tacks, removing one tack does not eliminate 50% of the symptoms
- Complex conditions are “complex”
- To be effective, address all the underlying *issues* for resolution

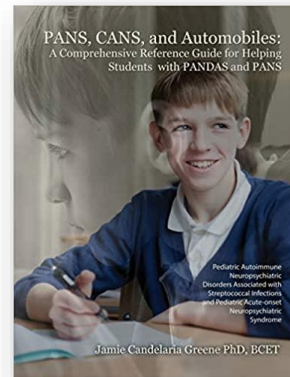
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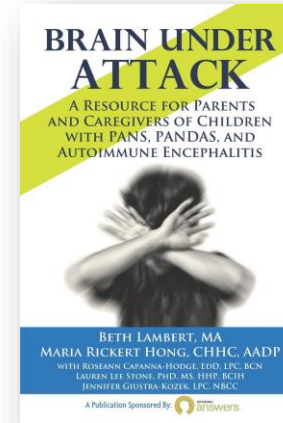
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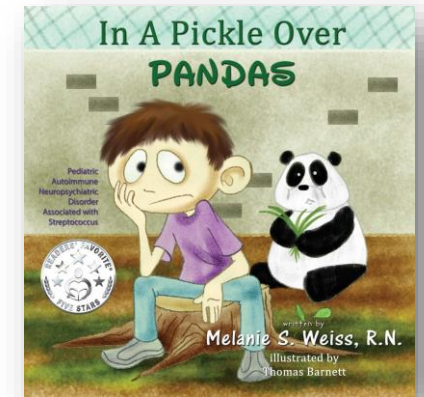
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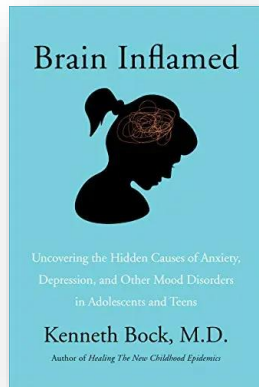
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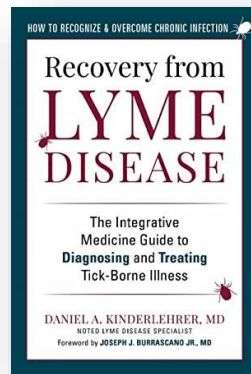
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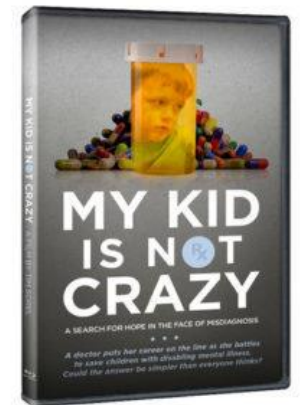
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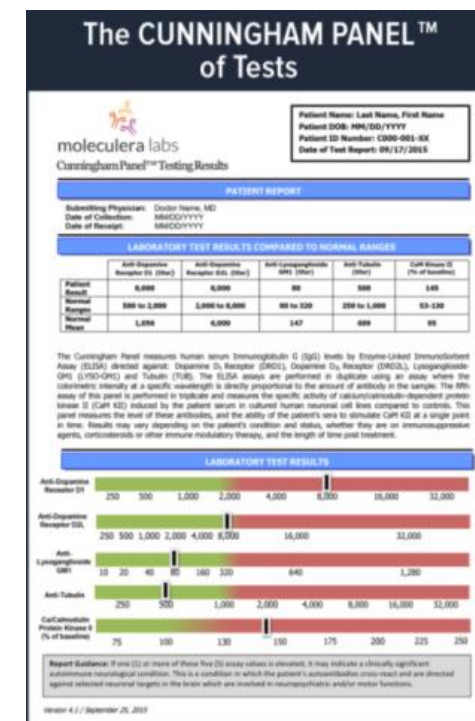
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