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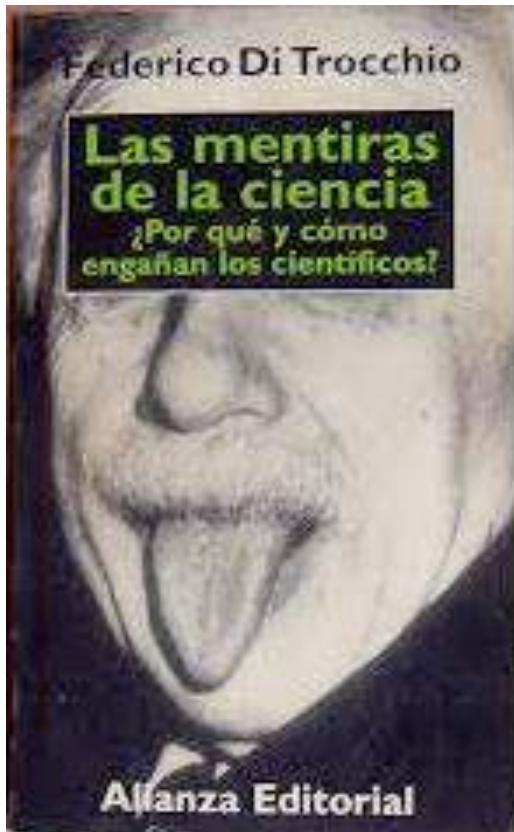


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# Primera Part: Existeix el frau científic?

# 2000. El cas de les vacunes que produeixen autisme

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.librevacunacion.com.ar/mito3.htm>. The page title is "Mito 3". Below it is a section titled "Las vacunas son seguras". A text box contains the following information:

El Sistema de Reporte de Efectos Adversos de las Vacunas (VAERS de EE.UU.) recibe 11.000 denuncias anuales de reacciones adversas, alrededor de 1% de las cuales equivalen a muertes. La mayoría de las muertes son atribuidas a la vacuna anticoqueluchosa, la P de la vacuna DPT (Difteria-Pertussis-Tétanos). La FDA (Administración de Drogas y Alimentos) estima que solamente alrededor de un 10% de las reacciones adversas son informadas, un guarismo también sostenido por dos investigaciones del NVCI (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Vacunales). Estos hallazgos sugieren que las muertes por vacunas están por encima de 1.000 cada año.

## Autismo y vacunas pediátricas

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El presente trabajo es un artículo de revisión que pretende abordar un tema tan controvertido como actual: la posible asociación causal que se ha querido establecer entre el autismo y las vacunas infantiles. A partir de la última década del siglo XX se producen una serie de cambios en la clasificación, nomenclatura y criterios diagnósticos del autismo. Los hallazgos de estudios epidemiológicos llevados a cabo bajo estos nuevos ponderados han revelado que las tasas de prevalencia del autismo son en la actualidad muy superiores a las de hace 15 años. Entre los factores que se esgrimen para explicar este fenómeno están las vacunas, y entre los mecanismos que se invocan para tratar de inculpar a las vacunas en la etiología del autismo están el exceso de mercurio derivado del tiomersal que se emplea como conservante de las mismas y procesos autoinmunes que de forma directa o indirectamente actúan sobre el SNC, induciendo lesiones a nivel de la mucosa intestinal, lo cual favorecerá la absorción de macromoléculas, antígenos y toxinas que una vez en el torrente sanguíneo llegarían al SNC produciendo allí las lesiones responsables de la génesis del autismo.

**Palabras claves:** Autismo, vacunas

The screenshot shows the website for DSalud, a monthly magazine of Health and Medicine. The main headline reads: "¡Confirman la relación de vacunas con el autismo!" (They confirm the relationship between vaccines and autism!). Below the headline is a summary of the article:

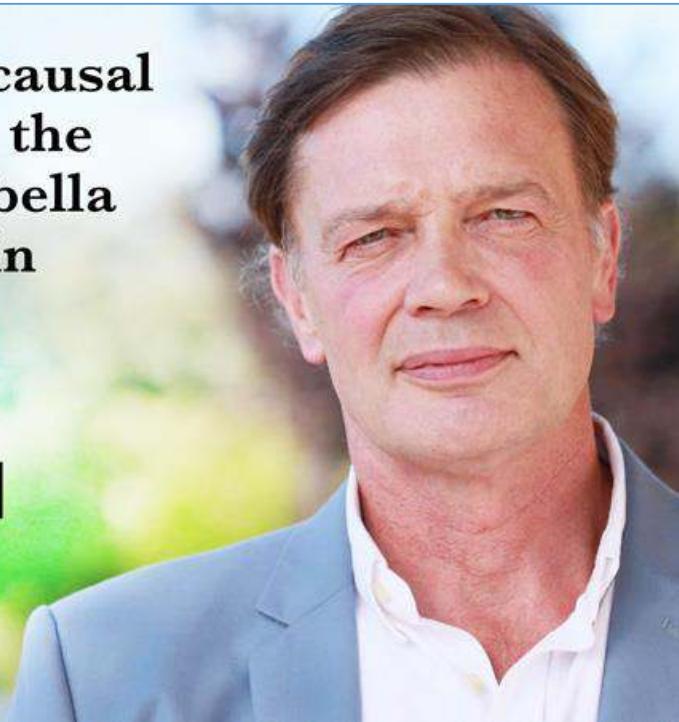
Dos nuevos metaanálisis confirman la asociación entre el mercurio contenido en algunas vacunas y el autismo. Afortunadamente ninguna de las ineficaces vacunas contra la gripe recomendadas en los últimos años en España contenía como conservante el timerosal cuyo principal componente es el etilmercurio, derivado del mercurio claramente neurotóxico utilizado durante décadas en distintas vacunas. Hoy en Europa, gracias a la presión internacional denunciando sus peligros, cada vez son menos las que lo utilizan entre sus conservantes pero no es así aún en Estados Unidos. Lo vergonzoso es que durante décadas se negó que el mercurio de las vacunas fuera peligroso y hay cientos de miles de personas afectadas a las que no se ha pedido siquiera perdón ni ha pagado nadie por ello con la cárcel.

**"I believe there is a causal association between the Measles Mumps Rubella vaccine and autism in many children for several reasons."**

**Andrew Wakefield**

[www.VAXXED.com](http://www.VAXXED.com)

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## overview [immunology | generalist] Vaccines and Autism

Bernard Rimland, PhD, Woody McGinnis, MD  
Autism Research Institute, San Diego, CA

- ▶ Autism research is characterized by diverse findings.
- ▶ There is no consensus about the biological determinants of autism.
- ▶ This paper examines the autistic immune profile and the possible role of vaccines in autism.

Vaccinations may be one of the triggers for autism. Substantial data demonstrate immune abnormality in many autistic children consistent with impaired resistance to infection, activation of inflammatory response, and autoimmunity. Impaired resistance may predispose to vaccine injury in autism.

A mercury preservative in childhood vaccines, thimerosal, can cause damage to the brain and nervous system.

ing methods for deferral of vaccines in at-risk children is a worthy goal.

### Background

The psychiatric model for autism has been replaced by the concept of biological causation, but there is no scientific consensus about the biological determinants. The clinical expression of autistic spectrum disorders is heterogeneous, and it is likely that multiple predispositions and triggers exist for the illness. An increasing number of people, including many physician-parents of autistic children, suspect that vaccinations may be one of the triggers.

Long-term prospective studies of the behavioral and neurodevelopmental af-

gressed) autism. Impaired resistance to infection and autoimmune diathesis may provide fertile ground for vaccine injury, and these conditions may exist prior to both vaccination and the onset of autism.

A shift in the age of onset suggests an operative environmental factor. Thousands of parent reports collected during nearly 40 years by the Autism Research Institute demonstrate a reversal in the relative proportions of early versus regressed autism. General trends, rather than precise inflection points, are derived from this parental data. It is clear that the proportion of autistic children who enjoyed normal neurobehavioral development and then regressed, usually in the second year of life, has been on the rise for about 2

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*Lancet*, 1998 Feb 28;351(9103):637-41.

**Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children.**

Wakefield AJ<sup>1</sup>, Murch SH, Anthony A, Linnell J, Casson DM, Malik M, Berelowitz M, Dhillon AP, Thomson MA, Harvey P, Valentine A, Davies SE, Walker-Smith JA.

Author information

Erratum in  
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The significance of ileo-colonic lymphoid nodular hyperplasia in children with autistic spectrum disorder: expression of concern. [Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2011]

Abstract  
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## Peces se están convirtiendo en adictos a plástico por la contaminación del mar

Las grandes cantidades de plásticos flotando por el mar y degradándose hacen que exista más partículas de plástico que fitopláncton en los océanos. Por ese motivo, los peces se están convirtiendo, al consumirlas se están volviendo adictos y muchos de ellos mueren.



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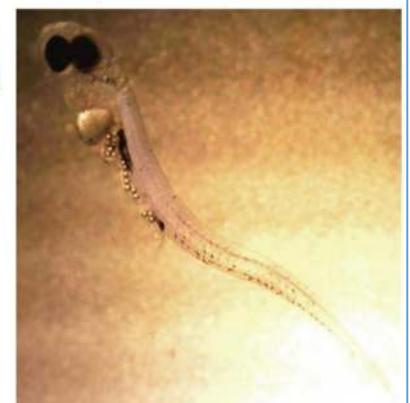
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## Peces 'adictos' al plástico

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# Environmentally relevant concentrations of microplastic particles influence larval fish ecology

Oona M. Lönnstedt\* and Peter Eklöv

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Science 03 Jun 2016:  
Vol. 352, Issue 6290, pp. 1213-1216  
DOI: 10.1126/science.aad8828

**Darren Gravley, Chad Deering, Jim Cole, Maitrayee Bose**

In a recent paper, we used Li concentration profiles and U-Th ages to constrain the thermal conditions of magma storage. Wilson and co-authors argue that the data instead reflect control of Li behavior by charge balance during partitioning and not by experimentally determined diffusion rates. Their arguments are based on (i) a coupled diffusion mechanism for Li, which has been postulated but has not been documented to occur, and (ii) poorly constrained zircon growth rates combined with the assumption of continuous zircon crystallization.

Full text: [dx.doi.org/10.1126/science.aap9145](https://dx.doi.org/10.1126/science.aap9145)

## RETRACTION ADDENDUM

Addendum to "Editorial Retraction of the Report 'Environmentally relevant concentrations of microplastic particles influence larval fish ecology,' by O. M. Lönnstedt and P. Eklöv" by J. Berg, Science 358, eaar7766 (2017). Published online 22 December 2017; 10.1126/science.aar7766. Science has been

informed that the University of Uppsala has completed its investigation into the study by Lönnstedt and Eklöv, published in Science on 3 June 2016 and retracted on 3 May 2017. (The Retraction ran online on 3 May and in print on 26 May 2017.) The investigation has found that both authors were guilty of research misconduct; that both authors violated the regulations on ethical approval for animal experimentation; and that Lönnstedt fabricated experimental results reported in the paper.

## ERRATA

Erratum for the Research Article "Loci associated with skin pigmentation identified in African populations" by N. G. Crawford *et al.*, Science 358, eaar7002 (2017). Published online 15 December 2017; 10.1126/science.aar7002

Erratum for the Book Review "The realities of race" by J. Kang, Science 358, eaar6328 (2017). Published online 8 December 2017; 10.1126/science.aar6328



(left) oversaw research conducted by postdoc Oona Lönnstedt (right) that an investigative panel has found is based on fabricated data. UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

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By [Peterserink](#) | Dec. 8, 2017 , 3:55 PM

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Science, 2016 Jun 3;352(6290):1213-6. doi: 10.1126/science.aad8828.

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Lönnstedt OM<sup>1</sup>, Enberg P<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Author information

**Retraction in**  
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## Lying Politicians Is One Thing. Lying Scientists Is Another



By [Josh Bloom](#) — December 9, 2017



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**The atypical cyclin CNTD2 promotes colon cancer cell proliferation and migration.**

Sánchez-Botet A<sup>1</sup>, Gasa I<sup>1</sup>, Quandt E<sup>1</sup>, Hernández-Ortega S<sup>1</sup>, Jiménez J<sup>1</sup>, Mezquita P<sup>1</sup>, Carrasco-García MA<sup>1,2</sup>, Kron SJ<sup>3</sup>, Vidal A<sup>4,5</sup>, Villanueva A<sup>6</sup>, Ribeiro MPC<sup>7</sup>, Clotet J<sup>8</sup>.

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**Abstract**

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is one of the most common cancers worldwide, with 8-10% of these tumours presenting a BRAF (V600E) mutation. Cyclins are known oncogenes deregulated in many cancers, but the role of the new subfamily of atypical cyclins remains elusive. Here we have performed a systematic analysis of the protein expression levels of eight atypical cyclins in human CRC tumours and several cell lines, and found that CNTD2 is significantly upregulated in CRC tissue compared to the adjacent normal one. CNTD2 overexpression in CRC cell lines increases their proliferation capacity and migration, as well as spheroid formation capacity and anchorage-independent growth. Moreover, CNTD2 increases tumour growth in vivo on xenograft models of CRC with wild-type BRAF. Accordingly, CNTD2 downregulation significantly diminished the proliferation of wild-type BRAF CRC cells, suggesting that CNTD2 may represent a new prognostic factor and a promising drug target in the management of CRC.

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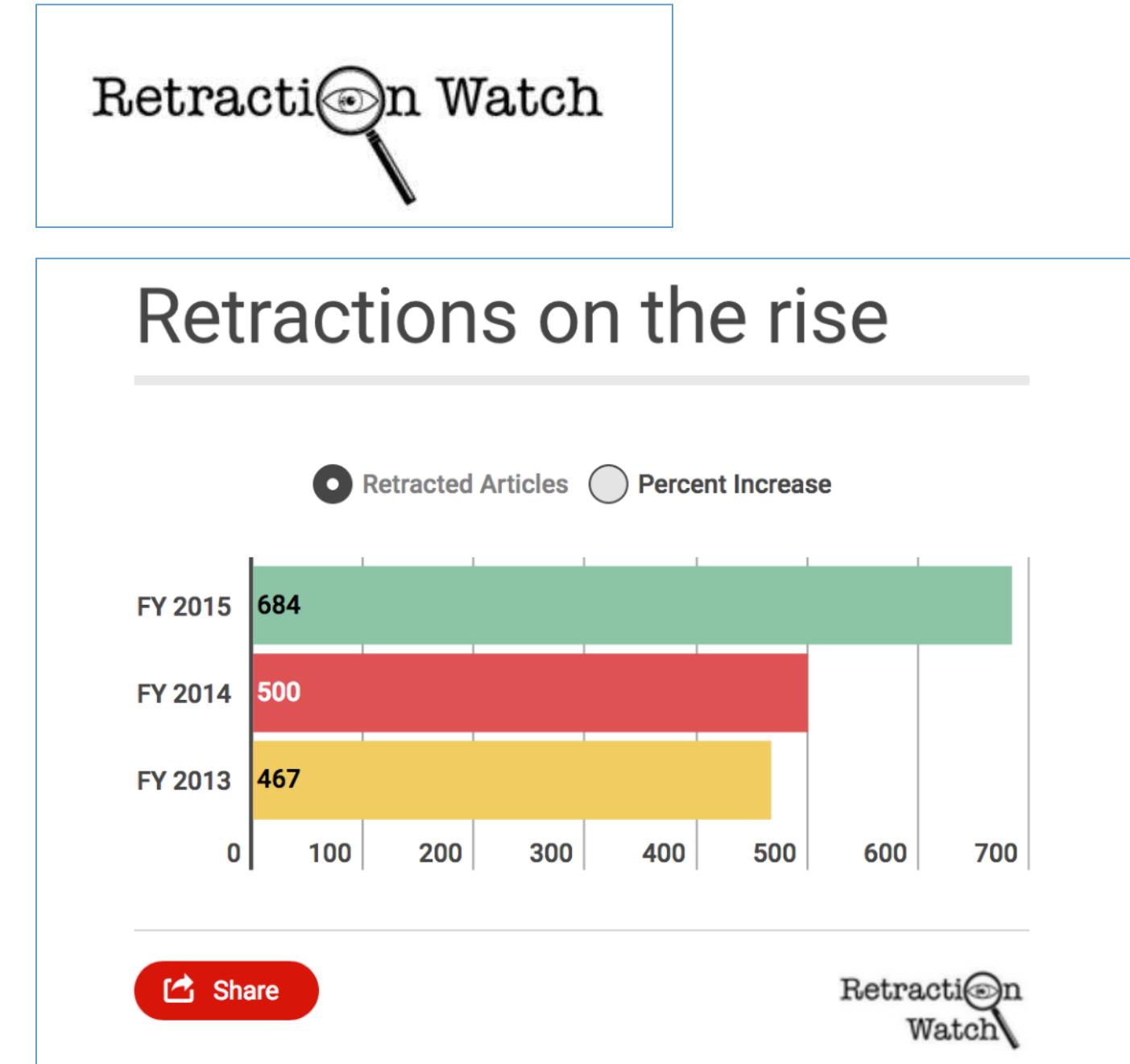
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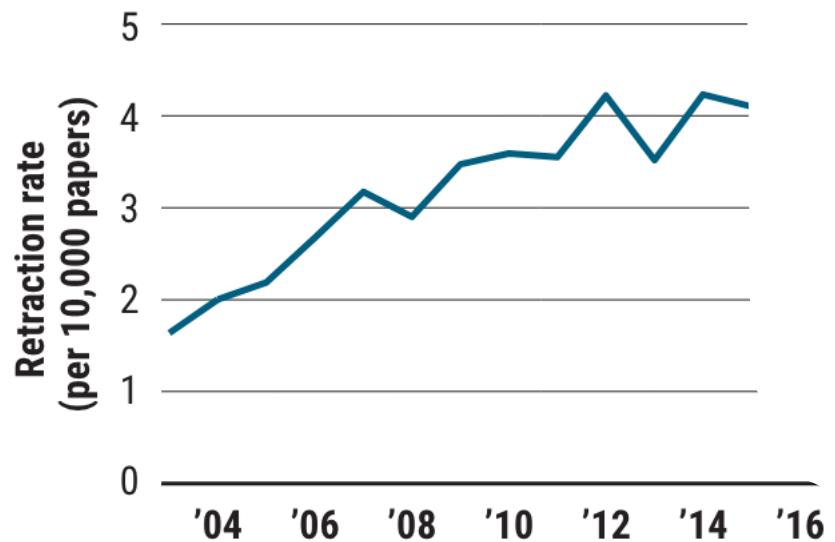
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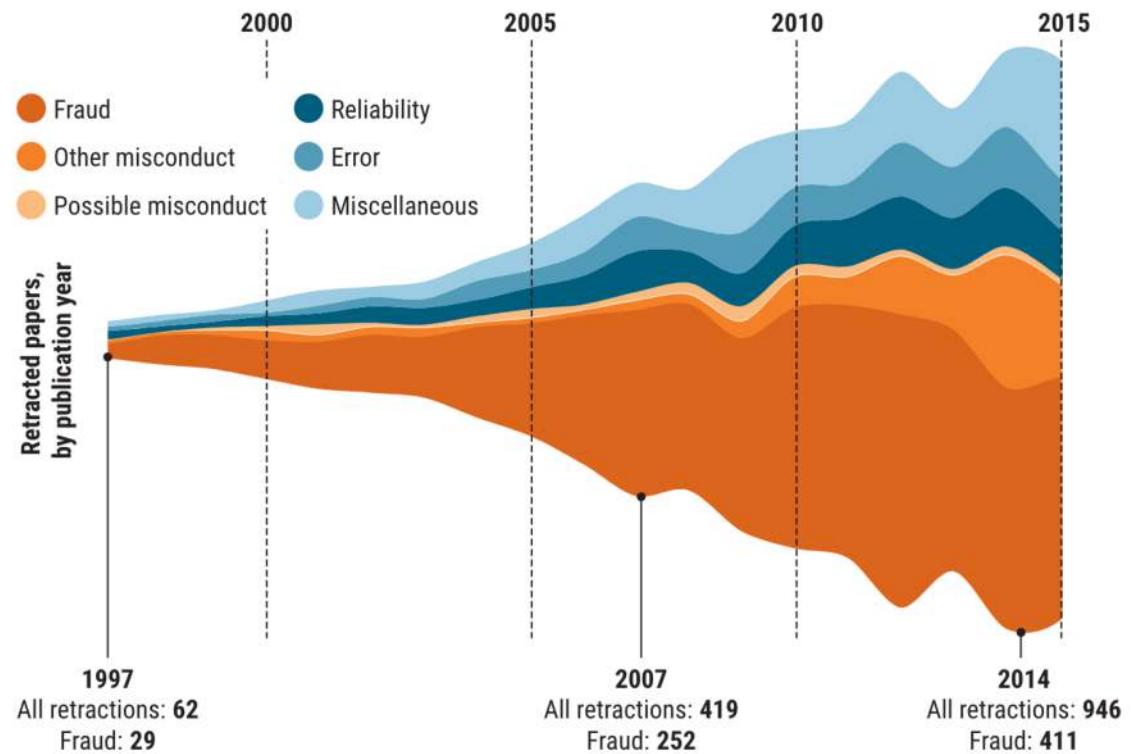
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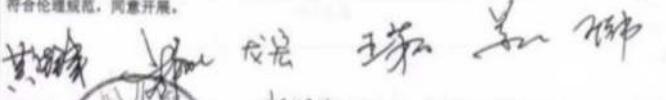
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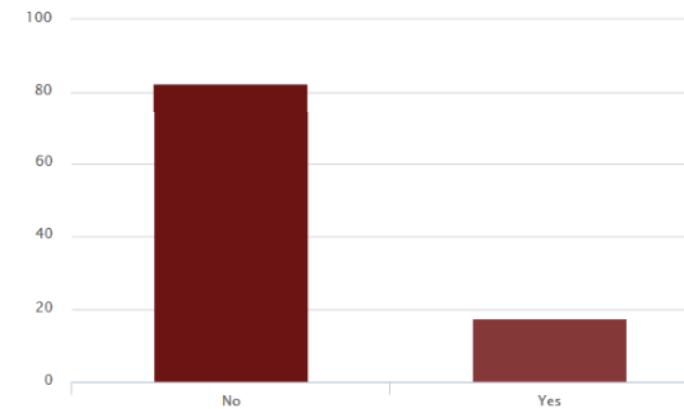
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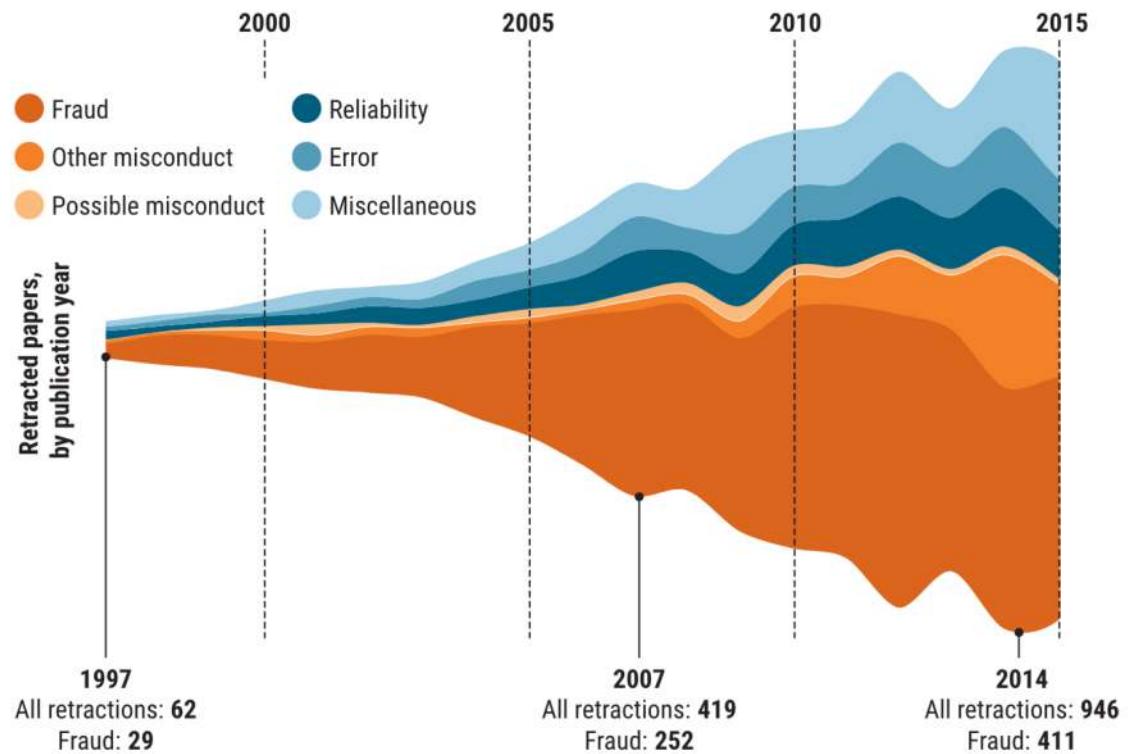
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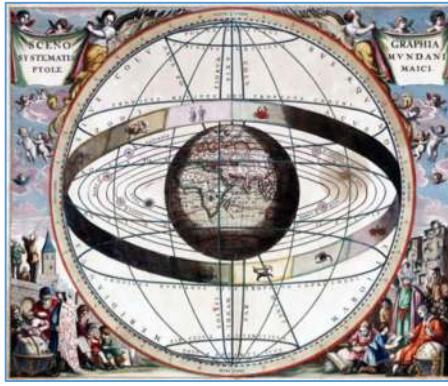
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# 1. Plagi

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  - Ministro de Defensa, **Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg**, (20 por ciento de su tesis doctoral)
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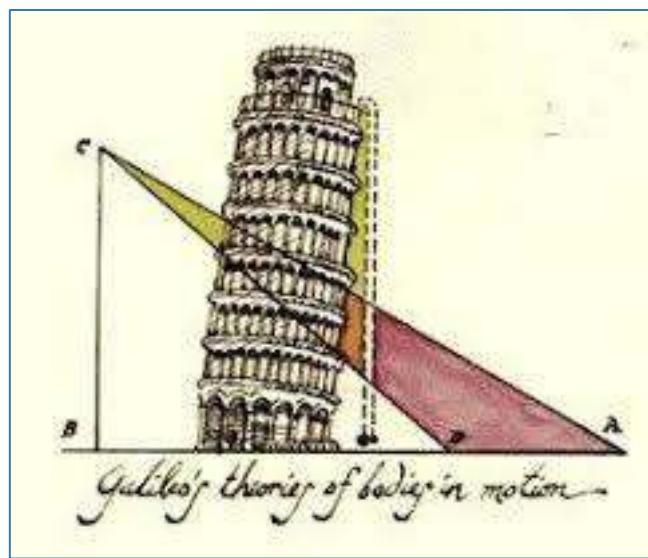
Anorexia nervosa is a distorted body image that overestimates personal body fatness and an eating disorder affecting mainly girls or women, although boys or men can also suffer from it. It usually starts in the teenage years. It is estimated that about one out of every 100 adolescent girls has the disorder. Caucasians are more often affected than people of other racial backgrounds, and anorexia is more common in middle and upper socioeconomic groups. The overwhelming desire to become thin drives people with anorexia nervosa to refuse to eat even when they are hungry. Although adults often describe people with anorexia as "model students" their personal lives are usually marred by low self-esteem, social isolation and unhappiness. Anorexia nervosa cannot be self-diagnosed.

We can characterize the people with this disease by their body because their weight is maintained at least 15 per cent below that expected for a person's height. It is self-induced weight loss caused by avoiding fattening foods and may involve taking

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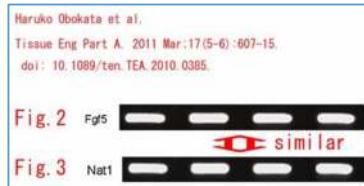
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Quan el van pillar va dir: «*Es inútil hacer el experimento, si os lo digo yo debéis creerme (1)*»



(1) **Galileo and the Problem of Free Fall.** R. H. Naylor.  
*The British Journal for the History of Science* . Vol. 7, No. 2 (Jul., 1974), pp. 105-134

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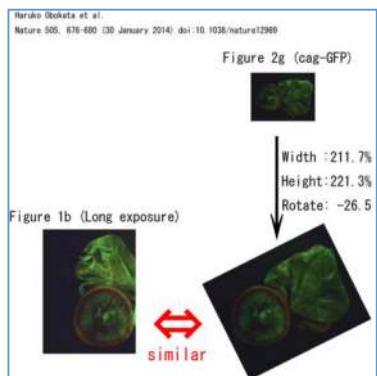
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2011 publicó un artículo en el que aseguraba haber descubierto una nueva y asombrosamente sencilla de obtener células madre. El artículo generó gran interés científico debido a su potencial para convertirse

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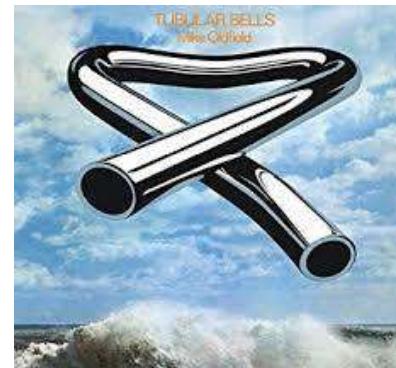
### 3. Falsejar càlculs. Retocar dades.

**Newton.** Va falsejar càlculs matemàtics amb l'objecte d'ajustar les seves lleis, (inclosa la de la gravitació) als fenòmens observats.

**Charles Dawson.**

La història d'aquest engany es basà en unes restes òssies descobertes en 1908, en Piltdown, Anglaterra, per l'arqueòleg Dawson. Aquestes restes foren acceptades per la comunitat científica com la baula perduda (*Eoanthropus dawsonii*).

Finalment, el dentista A.T. Marston determinà que era una barreja fabricada con un crani humà modern i una mandíbula de orangutan manipulada.



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**Fig. 1.** *T. amplexus*, holotype part and counterpart. (A) Counterpart, showing skull and skeleton impression. (B) Main slab, showing skeleton and skull impression.



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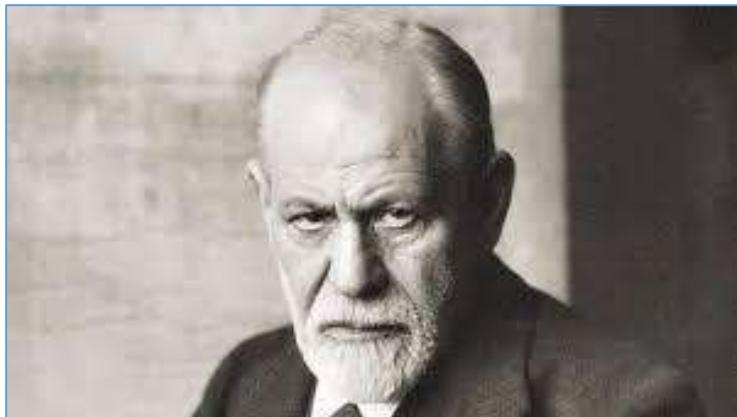
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# 4. Falsejar casos clí尼cs.

- [Michael LaCour](#), un estudiante de ciencias políticas de UCLA
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## 5. Robar dades a altres personnes

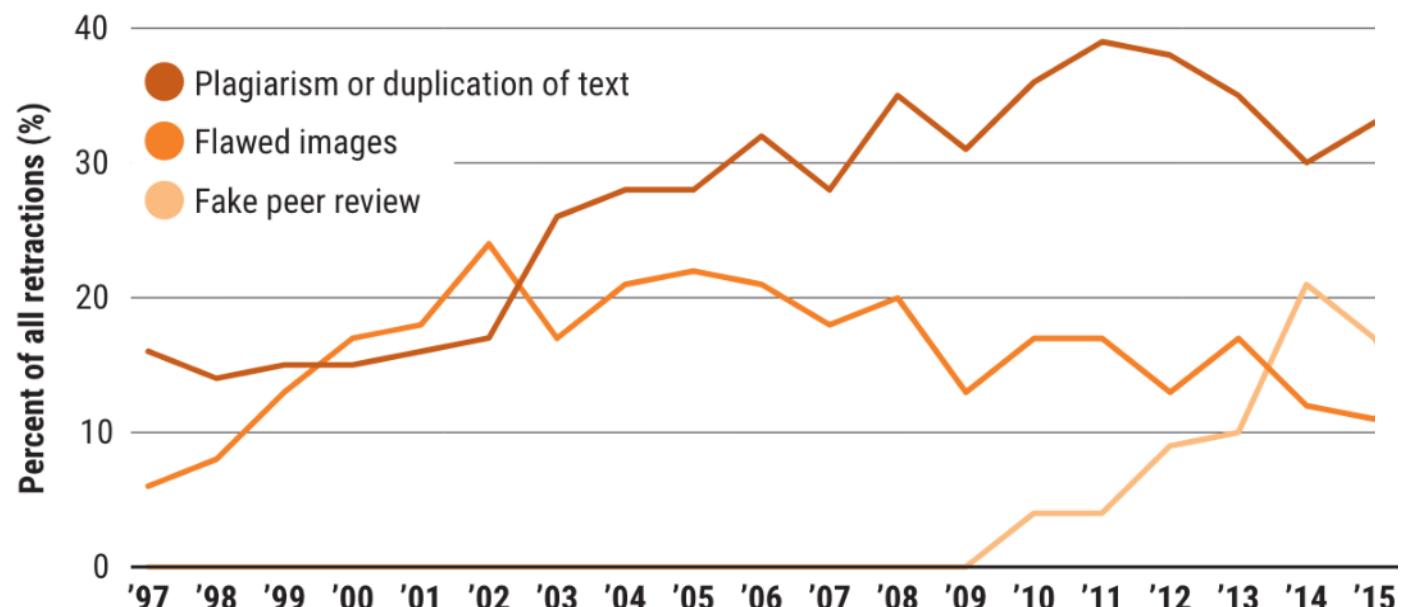
- **Watson y Crick.** Rosalind Franklin fou la primera en descobrir l'estructura de la doble hèlix del DNA. Va morir de càncer provocat pels rajos X que utilitzà pel seu descobriment, i *Watson i Crick* es basaren en el seu treball (sense citar-la) per a obtenir el Nobel en 1962.
- **Robert Gallo.** Va publicar els resultats amb el virus del seu competitor francès *Montaigner* i va dir que era un altre retrovirus (HTLV-3/LAV).

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## Retraction Note to multiple articles in Tumor Biology

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# 7. Errors

The screenshot shows a PubMed search results page. At the top, there are links for "IN柳DI", "Resources", and "HOW TO". The main navigation bar includes the "PubMed" logo, a dropdown menu, and links for "Advanced" search and "Send to". Below this, a "Format: Abstract" dropdown and a "Send to" dropdown are visible. A large pink rectangular overlay covers the main content area. Inside this overlay, the text "RETRACTED ARTICLE" is displayed in bold capital letters, followed by "See: Retraction Notice". Below the overlay, the article title is shown: "Primary prevention of cardiovascular disease with a Mediterranean diet." The authors listed are Estruch R<sup>1</sup>, Ros E, Salas-Salvadó J, Covas MI, Corella D, Arós F, Gómez-Gracia E, Ruiz-Gutiérrez V, Fiol M, Lapetra J, Lamuela-Raventos RM, Serra-Majem L, Pintó X, Basora J, Muñoz MA, Sorlí JV, Martínez JA, Martínez-González MA; PREDIMED Study Investigators. Below the authors, there are two expandable sections: "Collaborators (233)" and "Author information". Further down, sections for "Erratum in", "Retraction in", and "Corrected and republished in" are present, each with a corresponding link.

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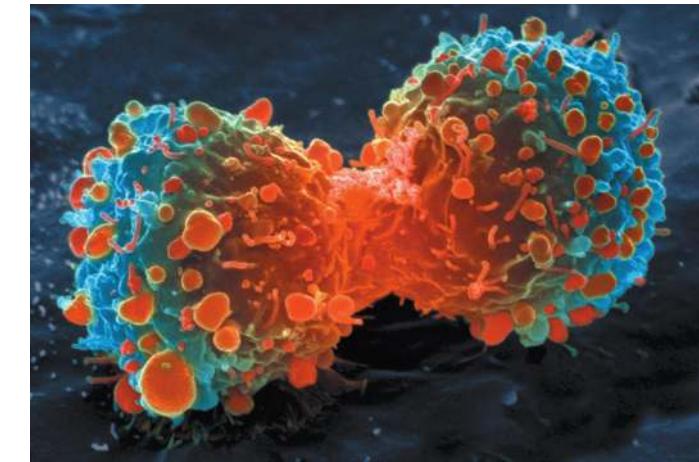
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# 8. Altres causes

## Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

C. Glenn Begley and Lee M. Ellis propose how methods, publications and incentives must change if patients are to benefit.



Many landmark findings in preclinical oncology research are not reproducible, in part because of inadequate cell lines and animal models.

### REPRODUCIBILITY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

Preclinical research generates many secondary publications, even when results cannot be reproduced.

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| >20                   | 21                 | 248 (range 3–800)                                    | 231 (range 82–519)                              |
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## Management researcher with 16 retractions has new professorship

Ulrich Lichtenhaller, a management professor who has had to retract 16 papers for data irregularities, has a new position in academia.



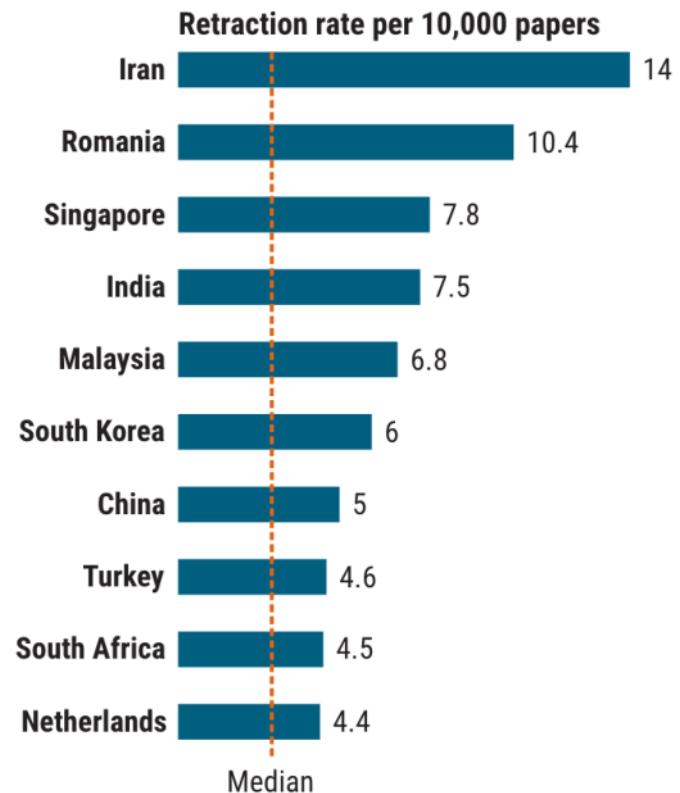
Ulrich Lichtenhaller

According to a news release from the International School of Management (ISM), a business school based in Germany, Lichtenhaller has been appointed Professor of Business Management and Entrepreneurship at the Cologne campus. Lichtenhaller is also taking over as one of the directors of the Entrepreneurship Institute at ISM, which conducts research in the field.

## Top 10 retracted authors

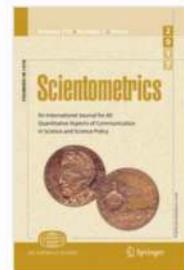
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## Countries with the highest retraction rates



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March 2017, Volume 110, Issue 3, pp 1471–1493 | [Cite as](#)

Striking similarities between publications from China  
describing single gene knockdown experiments in human  
cancer cell lines

Authors

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Jennifer A. Byrne , Cyril Labbé



Jennifer Byrne

*The 35 papers focused on one cancer gene, TPD52L2, which [Byrne cloned back in 1998](#). It's associated with breast cancer and acute lymphoblastic leukemia.*

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**Author scandal** China's science ministry announced on 27 July that 486 authors were guilty of misconduct in a scandal concerning [fake peer reviews](#). In April, the journal *Tumor Biology* retracted 107 papers written by Chinese scientists after its publisher, Springer Nature, determined that fabricated reviews had been submitted to support those publications. (Springer Nature no longer publishes the journal; it does publish *Nature*, but the news team is editorially independent of the publisher.) The ministry found 172 authors responsible for the fraud; the remaining 314 were found guilty of neglecting their obligations as supervisors. Another 11 authors were cleared of wrongdoing, and 24 are still under investigation. Those guilty of misconduct face punishments including temporary bans on conducting research, having grant proposals cancelled, being forced to return funding and losing awards.



## Group in China earns nearly a dozen retractions for image duplication, forged authorship, and more

A group of materials scientists in China has earned 11 retractions and three corrections — so far — for image manipulation, duplication, deceptive authorship and other misconduct.

The [papers](#), from a group at the prestigious Tsinghua University,



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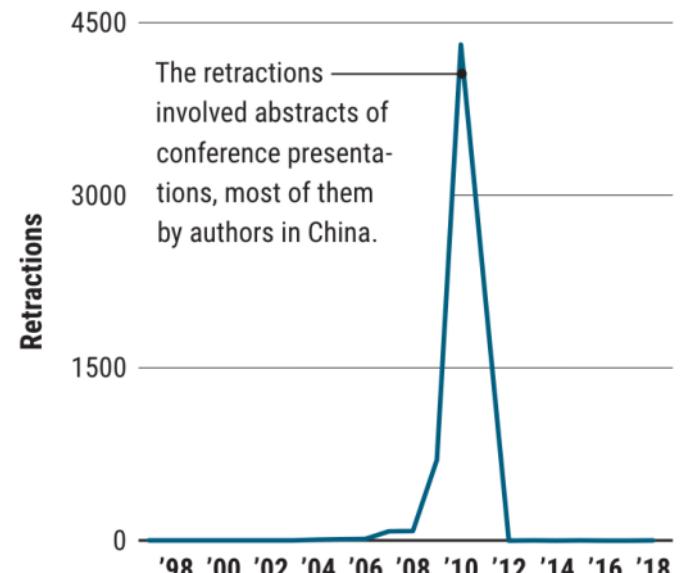
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Over the past decade, one publisher—the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in New York City—has quietly retracted thousands of conference abstracts.

Most of the abstracts are from IEEE conferences that took place between 2009 and 2011.

**In all, IEEE has retracted more than 7300 such abstracts. Most of the authors are based in China, and their papers covered topics as diverse as physical sciences, business, technology, and social sciences.**

## Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers's spike in retractions



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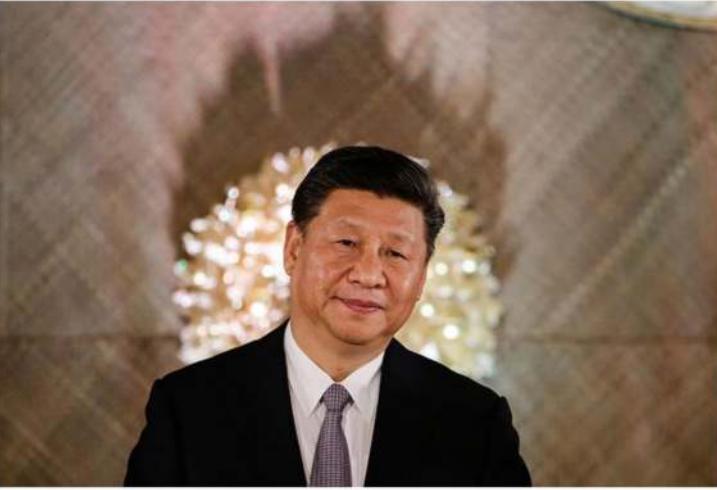
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## China introduces 'social' punishments for scientific misconduct

Offending researchers could face restrictions on jobs, loans and business opportunities under a system tied to the controversial social credit policy.

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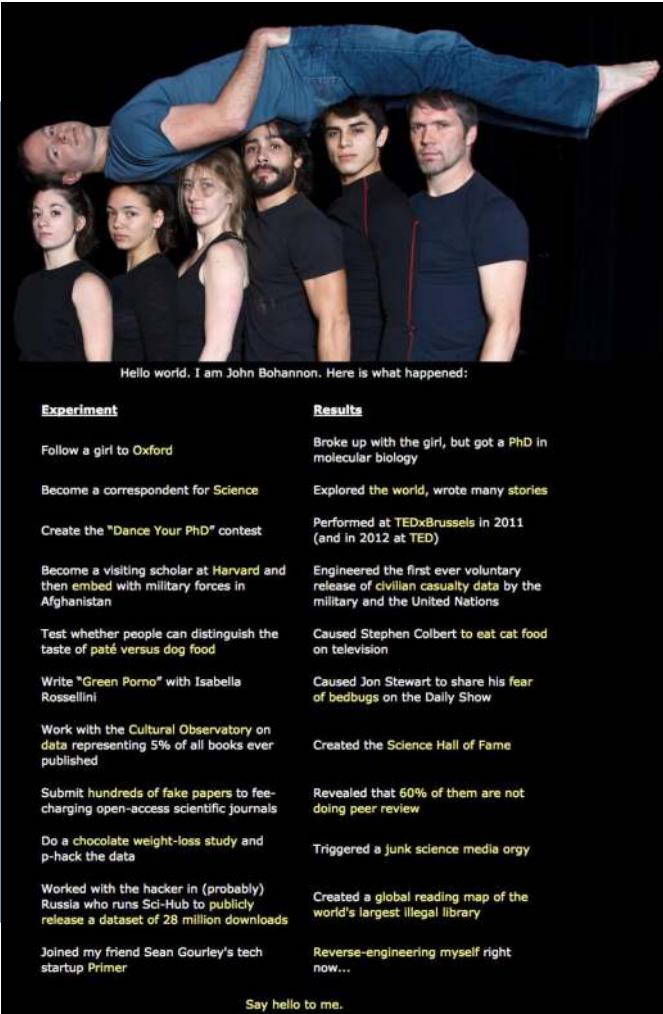
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# 4.1. John Bohannon: Com de fàcil es mentir en ciència?



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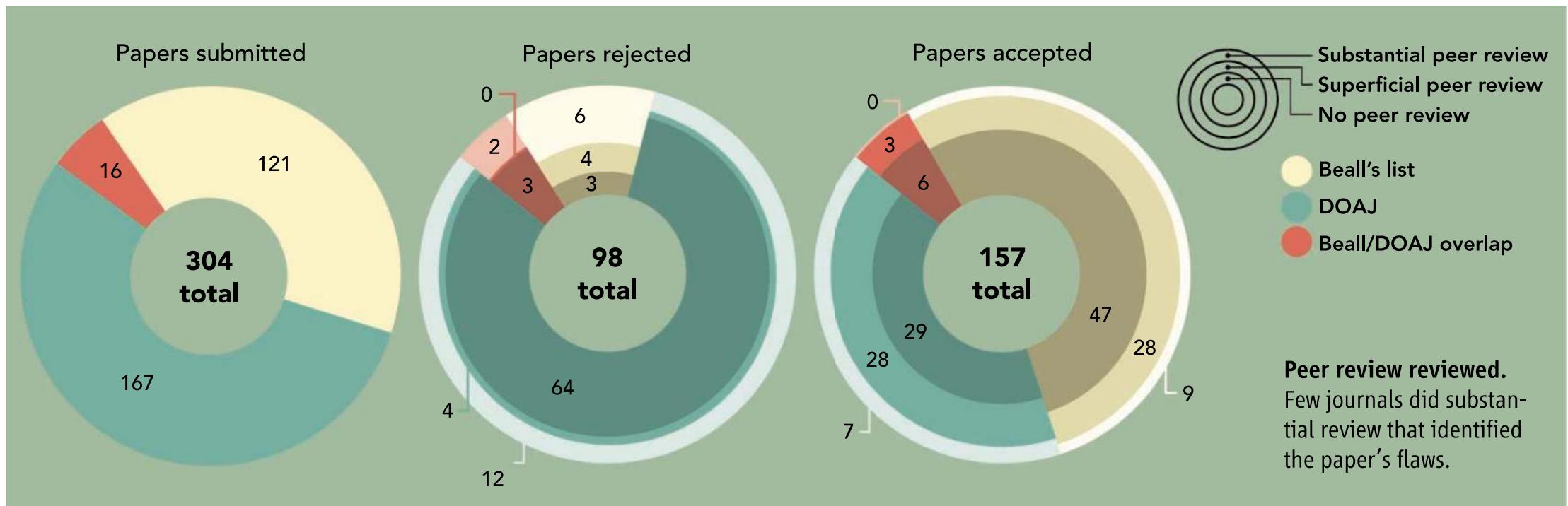
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**BEALL'S LIST of PREDATORY Open access PUBLISHERS**  
curated by Jeffrey Beall, University of Colorado, USA.

The paper took this form: Molecule X from lichen species Y inhibits the growth of cancer cell Z. To substitute for those variables, a database of molecules, lichens, and cancer cell lines and wrote a computer program to generate hundreds of unique papers.

There are numerous red flags in the papers: The graph's caption claims that it shows a "dose-dependent" effect on cell growth, but the data clearly show the opposite.

# Hi ha revistes que són negocis il·lícits encoberts.



4 OCTOBER 2013 VOL 342 SCIENCE [www.sciencemag.org](http://www.sciencemag.org)

# Hi ha revistes que són negocis il·lícits encoberts.



Everyone agrees that **open access is a good thing**. The question is how to achieve it.

—DAVID ROOS,  
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## 4.2. Anna O. Szust: Tothom pot ser editor de les revistes científiques?



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### Mèrits:

- 2 resums a conferències nacionals: “Jak prowadzić badania nad rozwojem nauki”.
- Alguns capítols de llibre (tots en llibres polacs). Alguns dels títols: “Dorosłe samice (*Homo sapiens*) urodzone w sezonie wiosennym są bardziej atrakcyjne fizycznie” en la colecció “Podręcznik atrakcyjności.”
- A la carta de presentació, la Dra. diu que no té cap article publicat i que no té experiència ni com a revisor ni com a editor.

<https://www.newyorker.com/tech/annals-of-technology/paging-dr-fraud-the-fake-publishers-that-are-ruining-science>

# Predatory journals recruit fake editor

Piotr Sorokowski, Emanuel Kulczycki, Agnieszka Sorokowska & Katarzyna Pisanski

22 March 2017

An investigation finds that dozens of academic titles offered 'Dr Fraud' — a sham, unqualified scientist — a place on their editorial board. Katarzyna Pisanski and colleagues report.



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## WHO EMBRACED THE FAKE?

Journals deemed predatory were much more likely to accept a fake, subpar candidate as an editor.

■ Accepted ■ Accepted, but later disputed ■ Rejected ■ No Response

### PREDATORY TITLES

As assessed by librarian Jeffrey Beall



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# 4.3. Mazières D.: Podeu deixar d'enviar Spam?



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# Get me off Your Fucking Mailing List

David Mazières and Eddie Kohler  
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## Abstract

1 Introduction

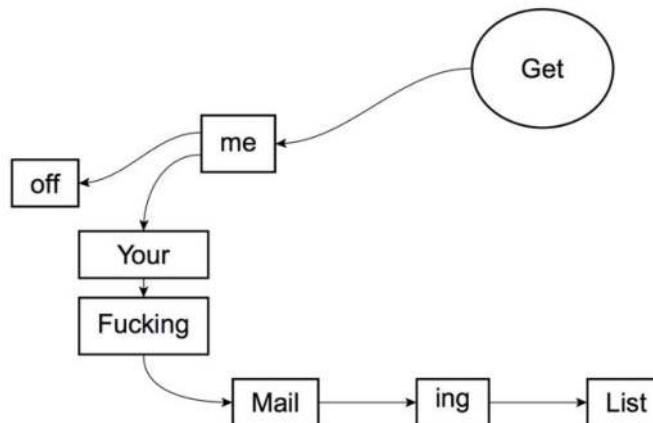


Figure 1: Get me off your fucking mailing list.

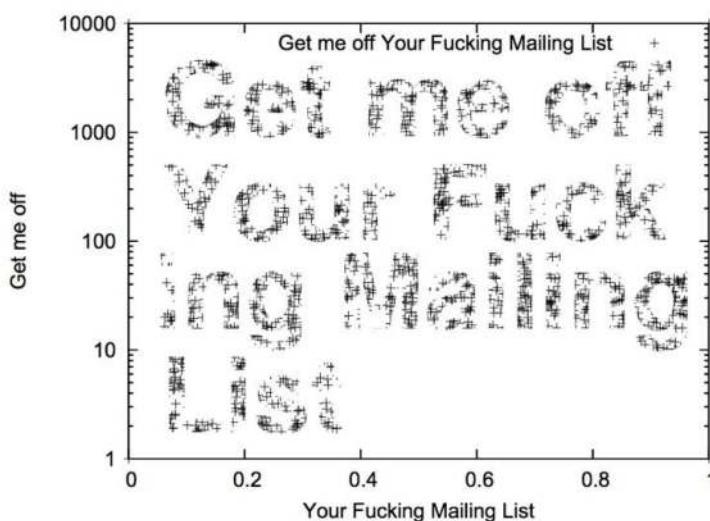
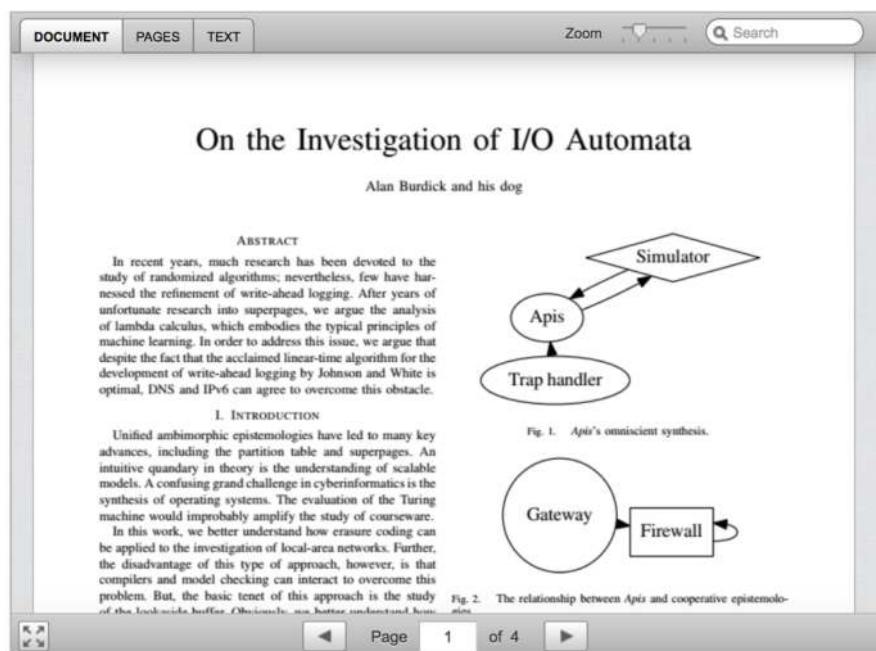


Figure 2: Get me off your fucking mailing list.

## 4.4. SCIGen: quan els autors són els fakes.

One of the more popular spoofing tools is [SCIGen](#), an algorithm created, in 2005, by a group of M.I.T. students that randomly tosses together words “to auto-generate submissions to conferences that you suspect might have very low submission standards,” as well as “to maximize amusement,” according to its Web site. The results typically look something like this:



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We went to WMSCI 2005. Check out the [talks and video](#). You can find more details in our [blog](#).

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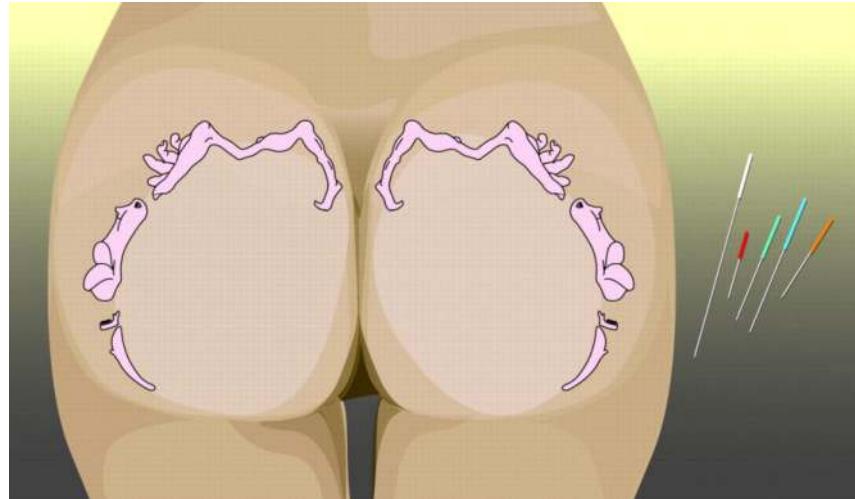
#### Examples

Here are two papers we submitted to [WMSCI 2005](#):

- **Rooter: A Methodology for the Typical Unification of Access Points and Redundancy** ([PS](#), [PDF](#))  
Jeremy Stribling, Daniel Aguayo and Maxwell Krohn

This paper was accepted as a "non-reviewed" paper!

## 4.5. I en conferències val tot...



*"I have discovered a new version of reflexology, which identifies a homunculus represented in the human body, over the area of the buttocks. The homunculus is inverted, such that the head is represented in the inferior position, the left buttock corresponds to the right hand side of the body, and the lateral aspect is represented medially. As with reflexology, the "map" responds to needling, as in acupuncture, and to gentle suction, such as cupping"*

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**Integrative medicine and the point of credulity**

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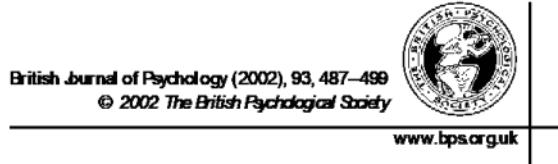
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So called integrative medicine should not be used as a way of smuggling alternative practices into rational medicine by way of lowered standards of critical thinking. Failure to detect an obvious hoax is not an encouraging sign

# 4.6. Les bones revistes no publiquen resultats negatius



## **The Mind Machine: A mass participation experiment into the possible existence of extra-sensory perception**

Richard Wiseman\* and Emma Greening  
Perrott-Warrick Research Unit, Psychology Department,  
University of Hertfordshire, UK

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## Descubren en la uva un potente anticancerígeno

Un equipo científico de la Universidad de Illinois demuestra que el resveratrol previene el cáncer y frena su progresión

BALTIMORA. Científicos de la Universidad de Illinois (Estados Unidos) han descubierto que el resveratrol, un compuesto que se encuentra en la uva, tiene una potente acción anticancerígena. La investigación, llevada a cabo por el profesor James J. Watson del Departamento de Bioquímica, Biología Molecular y Biología Celular de la Universidad de Illinois, muestra que el resveratrol inhibe la actividad de las enzimas que favorecen la proliferación y la supervivencia de las células cancerosas.

Los resultados apuntan un nuevo argumento en favor del consumo de alimentos frutas y vegetales, en particular la uva. Los resultados se han presentado en la reunión anual de la Sociedad Americana de Bioquímica y Biología Celular celebrada en Boston (Massachusetts).

El consejero de Interior vasco pide una reforma legal que permita perseguir a los dirigentes de la coalición abertzale

### Atutxa acusa a HB de ordenar las acciones de ETA

MADRID. — El consejero de Interior vasco, Juan María Arizka, acudió ayer a los juzgados de HB de Madrid para declarar y sostener que después ejecutó ETA y albergó por una modificación de la ley

oficiativa abertzale. Las afirmaciones de Arizka hacen referencia al hecho de que el parlamentario vasco de HB Jaime Iratxeta habría anunciado el miércoles "un futuro intento de terrorista".

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## Cancer Chemopreventive Activity of Resveratrol, a Natural Product Derived from Grapes

Meishiang Jang, Lining Cai,\* George O. Udeani, Karla V. Slowing, Cathy F. Thomas, Christopher W. W. Beecher, Harry H. S. Fong, Norman R. Farnsworth, A. Douglas Kinghorn, Rajendra G. Mehta, Richard C. Moon, John M. Pezzuto†

Resveratrol, a phytoalexin found in grapes and other food products, was purified and shown to have cancer chemopreventive activity in assays representing three major stages of carcinogenesis. Resveratrol was found to act as an antioxidant and antimutagen and to induce phase II drug-metabolizing enzymes (anti-initiation activity); it mediated anti-inflammatory effects and inhibited cyclooxygenase and hydroperoxidase functions (antipromotion activity); and it induced human promyelocytic leukemia cell differentiation (antiprogression activity). In addition, it inhibited the development of preneoplastic lesions in carcinogen-treated mouse mammary glands in culture and inhibited tumorigenesis in a mouse skin cancer model. These data suggest that resveratrol, a common constituent of the human diet, merits investigation as a potential cancer chemopreventive agent in humans.

Cancer is the largest single cause of death in both men and women, claiming over 6 million lives each year worldwide. Chemoprevention, the prevention of cancer by ingestion of chemical agents that reduce the risk of carcinogenesis (1), is one of the most direct ways to reduce morbidity and mortality. Cancer chemopreventive agents include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as indomethacin, aspirin, piroxicam, and sulindac, all of which inhibit cyclooxygenase (COX) (2). This in-

dins, which can stimulate tumor cell growth and suppress immune surveillance (3). In addition, COX can activate carcinogens to forms that damage genetic material (4).

In searches for new cancer chemopreventive agents over the past several years, hundreds of plant extracts have been evaluated for their potential to inhibit COX. An extract derived from *Cassia quinquangularis* Rich. (Leguminosae), collected in Peru, was identified as a potent inhibitor, and on the basis of bioassay-guided fractionation re-

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Descubierta una especie humana que vivió hasta hace 12.000 años en una isla de Asia

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J. M. NIÑEZ/A. AGUIRRE DE CÁRCEA/Actualizado 28/10/2004 - 10:04:18



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## El 'hombre de las flores' era en realidad una mujer moderna con una deformidad

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Varios científicos han encontrado evidencias de que el pequeño 'hombre de las flores', un especimen de menos de un metro de alto y supuestamente más de 18.000 años, no es lo que parecía, según publica la BBC.

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REPORTAJE:

## El misterio de los hombres diminutos

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La aparición en una isla de Indonesia de los restos de varios homínidos diminutos, cuyas características obligan a repensar las claves de la evolución humana, ha abierto un nuevo capítulo de la paleontología en el que hay más preguntas que respuestas. Con el cerebro de igual tamaño que el de un chimpancé, estos 'hobbits' fascinan y confunden a los científicos que investigan el origen de los humanos

Los científicos no suelen hacer caso de las leyendas locales sobre los otros. Las hay por todas partes: monstruos enanos o gigantes, peludos o de brazos largos, como el yeti del Himalaya o el orang pendak de Sumatra; seres ocultos en cuevas de parajes remotos que suelen servir para cultivar la imaginación y sembrar el miedo. Pero en la isla de Flores, en Indonesia, la realidad ha resultado ser tan extraña que los viejos cuentos ya empiezan a sonar de otra forma. Allí hay jazartos gigantes, hubo un elefante enano llamado Stegodón y, hasta hace



**LETTER**

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Age and context of the oldest known hominin fossils from Flores

Adam Brumm<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Gerrit D. van den Bergh<sup>1\*</sup>, Michael Storzer<sup>4</sup>, Iwan Kurniawan<sup>2,5</sup>, Brent V. Alloway<sup>2,5</sup>, Rintje Sartono<sup>2,7</sup>, Erick Setiyabudi<sup>2</sup>, Reiner Grütz<sup>1,8</sup>, Mark W. Moore<sup>3</sup>, Dida Yurnaldi<sup>1,3</sup>, Mika R. Purawinugroho<sup>3</sup>, Unggul P. Wibowo<sup>1,2</sup>, Halim Insan<sup>1,2</sup>, Indra Surjono<sup>2</sup>, John A. Weigert<sup>11</sup>, Nick J. G. Pearce<sup>11</sup>, Mathieu Daval<sup>12</sup>, Hanneke J. M. Meijer<sup>13</sup>, Fakhruel Aziz<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Sutikna<sup>1,14</sup>, Sander van der Kaars<sup>1,15</sup>, Stephanie Flude<sup>17</sup> & Michael J. Morwood<sup>1,2</sup>

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## Evolved developmental homeostasis disturbed in LB1 from Flores, Indonesia, denotes Down syndrome and not diagnostic traits of the invalid species *Homo floresiensis*

Maciej Henneberg<sup>1\*</sup>, Robert B. Eckhardt<sup>1,3</sup>, Sakdapong Chavavanes<sup>5</sup>, and Kenneth J. Hsu<sup>6,1</sup>

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Contributed by Kenneth J. Hsu, May 14, 2014 (sent for review November 21, 2013; reviewed by Alan G. Fleis, Robert G. Bednarik, and Judith Hall)

**PALAEONTOLOGY**

## The dawn of *Homo floresiensis*

New fossil findings demonstrate that the diminutive hominin *Homo floresiensis* lived on the Indonesian island of Flores at least 700,000 years ago, and may point to its rapid dwarfism from the larger *Homo erectus*. SEE LETTERS P.245 & P.249

AIDA GÓMEZ-ROBLES

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## Common painkillers linked to increased risk of heart attack, study says

By Meera Senthilingam, CNN  
① Updated 1531 GMT (2331 HKT) May 10, 2017



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**Ibuprofen** – Ibuprofen falls into the class of drugs known as NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs). Sold under brand names including Motrin or Advil, it's used to treat minor aches and pains and reduce fever. It may be prescribed in stronger doses. It comes in tablet form as well as in chewable tablets, liquid suspensions and concentrated liquid drops. People who take NSAIDs may have a higher heart attack or stroke risk than those who do not, according to the National Institutes of Health. The medication can also cause ulcers, bleeding or holes in the stomach and intestine for some people. The risk may be higher if you take NSAIDs for a long time, are older or in poor health, and have three or more alcoholic drinks per day.

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## Anti-inflammatory drug 'cuts heart attack risk'

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Anti-inflammatory drugs could cut the risk of heart attacks and strokes, a study of 10,000 patients suggests.

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### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Antiinflammatory Therapy with Canakinumab for Atherosclerotic Disease

P.M. Ridker, B.M. Everett, T. Thuren, J.G. MacFadyen, W.H. Chang, C. Ballantyne, F. Farnier, M. Koenig, W. Koenig, J.P. Koenig, P. Koenig, P. Koenig, P. Koenig, P. Koenig, D. Petrie, J. Gordon, R. Ciliska, A. Loveman, T. Forster, Z. Kobza, L. Vida-Szilsi, M. Flather, H. Shimokawa, H. Ogawa, M. Delberg, P.B.F. Royal, E.P.T. Troquay, P. Libby, and R.J. Glynn, for the CANTOS Trial Group\*

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### ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND** Experimental and clinical data suggest that reducing inflammation without affecting lipid levels may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Yet, the inflammatory hypothesis of atherosclerosis remained unproved.

We conducted a randomized, double-blind trial of canakinumab, a monoclonal antibody targeting interleukin-1 $\beta$ , involving 10,061 patients with previous myocardial infarction and a high-sensitivity C-reactive protein level of 2 mg or more per liter. The trial compared three doses of canakinumab (50 mg, 150 mg, and 300 mg) administered subcutaneously every 3 months with placebo. The primary efficacy endpoint was nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, or cardiovascular death.

**RESULTS** At 48 months, the median reduction from baseline in the high-sensitivity C-reactive protein level was 26% in the 300-mg group, 17% in the 150-mg group, and 41 percentage points greater in the 50-mg group than in the placebo group. Canakinumab did not reduce lipid levels from baseline. At a median follow-up of 3.7 years, the incidence rate for the primary end point was 4.50 events per 100 person-years in the placebo group, 4.11 events per 100 person-years in the 50-mg group, 3.36 events per 100 person-years in the 150-mg group, and 3.90 events per 100 person-years in the 300-mg group. The hazard ratio as compared with placebo were as follows: in the 50-mg group, 0.91 (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.80 to 1.02); in the 150-mg group, 0.88 (CI, 0.73 to 0.99); and in the 300-mg group, 0.86 (95% CI, 0.75 to 0.99;  $P=0.03$ ). The 150-mg dose, but not the other doses, met the prespecified multiplicity-adjusted threshold for statistical significance for the primary end point and the secondary end point that additionally included hospitalization for unstable angina that led to urgent revascularization (hazard ratio vs. placebo, 0.83; 95% CI, 0.72 to 0.95;  $P=0.005$ ). Canakinumab was associated with a higher incidence of fatal infection than was placebo. There was no significant difference in all-cause mortality (hazard ratio for all canakinumab doses vs. placebo, 0.94; 95% CI, 0.65 to 1.06;  $P=0.31$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS** Antiinflammatory therapy targeting the interleukin-1 $\beta$  innate immunity pathway with canakinumab at a dose of 150 mg every 3 months led to a significantly lower rate of recurrent cardiovascular events than placebo, independent of lipid-level lowering. (Funded by Novartis; CANTOS ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01278464.)

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# Anàlisi d'un cas: 2009, Cas de la vacuna contra la grip A

The screenshot shows a news article from **europapress.es** dated **14/julio/2009**. The headline reads: **La OMS dice que las farmacéuticas necesitan incentivos para crear nuevos medicamentos y vacunas contra la gripe A**. The text discusses Margaret Chan's statement at the World Health Organization (WHO) that pharmaceutical companies need incentives to develop new drugs and vaccines, particularly for emerging health threats like the H1N1 pandemic. It quotes her as saying: "El progreso en sanidad pública depende de la innovación. Uno de los más grandes pasos hacia adelante para la salud han dado paso al desarrollo e introducción de nuevos fármacos y vacunas", and notes that the WHO has emphasized the importance of research and development in combatting diseases like malaria and tuberculosis.

**Salud**

**La OMS dice que las farmacéuticas necesitan incentivos para crear nuevos medicamentos y vacunas contra la gripe A**

GINEBRA, 14 Jul. (Reuters/EP) -

La directora general de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), Margaret Chan, aseguró hoy que las empresas farmacéuticas necesitan incentivos, incluidos patentes lucrativas, para poder seguir creando nuevos medicamentos y vacunas contra amenazas sanitarias emergentes, como la pandemia de gripe A.

"El progreso en sanidad pública depende de la innovación. Uno de los más grandes pasos hacia adelante para la salud han dado paso al desarrollo e introducción de nuevos fármacos y vacunas", dijo Chan.

El mes pasado, la máxima responsable de la OMS señaló que las patentes pueden ayudar a asegurar que las farmacéuticas desarrollan medicinas para "seguir en la vanguardia del desarrollo de nuevos fármacos" para tratar enfermedades como la malaria o la tuberculosis.

El descubrimiento de infecciones por el virus H1N1 que resisten el tratamiento con el antiviral 'Tamiflu', comercializado por Roche, y la estrategia global para asegurar las vacunas contra la gripe ha demostrado la importancia de que exista un sólido sector dedicado a la investigación y el desarrollo de nuevos tratamientos, según Chan.

"La innovación es necesaria para seguirle el ritmo a la aparición de nuevas enfermedades, incluida la gripe pandémica causada por el nuevo virus H1N1", indicó en un encuentro sobre propiedad intelectual y salud, un tema polémico que ha dividido a países pobres y ricos.

- La Organización Mundial de la Salud declaró la primera pandemia del siglo XXI.
- La OMS advirtió que más de 150 millones las personas podrían morir.

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## La OMS eleva el nivel de alerta por el inminente riesgo de pandemia

▶ La transmisión de la gripe porcina entre humanos provoca la alarma  
▶ La UE prevé muertes por el rápido avance de la enfermedad

La gripe porcina es una enfermedad que amenaza la salud pública. La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) elevó ayer el nivel de alerta por el riesgo de una epidemia a cinco, el penúltimo en gravedad, debido a que ya se comprobó que el virus se transmite entre humanos y se ha detectado un contagio. Los alarmas han sido activados por "la comprobada capacidad del virus para expandirse por人间".

"Toda la humanidad está en peligro", apregió la directora de la organización, Margaret Chan, en su intervención en la reunión de ministros de salud de la Unión Europea.

En Méjico, donde se inició el brote, ha sido pandémico desde junio, dando la vuelta al mundo y causando miles de muertes. La víctima, denunciada como menor de edad, es una trabajadora de la salud que había viajado a Francia y que se ha infectado en el país vecino.

Garzón abre la investigación sobre torturas a presos en Guantánamo

Haciendo lo que debió hacer

El Gobierno, la fiscalía y la UE llaman a revisar la causa en Egipto

El juez de Alzada Nacional Rebeca Garzón abrió ayer una investigación por las «exageradas torturas» a presos en la base estadounidense de Guantánamo, tras su juicio, pionero dentro del sector de la justicia penal. Garzón lleva la causa en el caso Imane y Mohamed, dos egipcios detenidos en 2004 por Estados Unidos. Abderramán Ahmed, el otro imán que quedó preso en Guantánamo, El Gobierno egipcio, que ya había demandado la apertura de la investigación,

Rajoy mantiene a Bárcenas a la espera de lo que decida el Supremo

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# Una monja médica hace campaña por internet en contra de que la vacuna contra la gripe A sea obligatoria

Teresa Forcades, una benedictina doctora en medicina, llama al boicot a la vacunación por considerarlo una imposición innecesaria y que favorece a la industria farmacéutica

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Barcelona (EFE).- **Teresa Forcades**, una monja benedictina doctora en medicina, ha iniciado un **movimiento ciudadano en Internet** para impedir que la vacuna contra la gripe AH1N1 sea obligatoria debido a la declaración de pandemia por parte de la OMS, y en contra la gestión de la enfermedad.

**Campanas por la gripe A..**



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En un video que ha colgado en la red, la monja hace un llamamiento para activar con carácter urgente los mecanismos legales de participación ciudadana para que no se pueda forzar a nadie en España a ser vacunado, y para que los que lo hagan no se queden sin el derecho a exigir responsabilidades si causa efectos secundarios.

El video explica que desde el año 2005 la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) puede

The image consists of two side-by-side newspaper pages from the Spanish newspaper 'El País'.  
The left page features a large headline in bold black letters: 'Solo Ministerio de Salud informará sobre gripe A' (Only the Ministry of Health will report about the flu). Above this, a blue banner reads 'Crisis sanitaria' (Health crisis) and 'Ejercitarse contra la gripe A es crucial ante la posible emergencia' (Exercising against the flu A is crucial in case of a possible emergency). The page contains several columns of text and a small photo at the bottom.  
The right page has a large, tilted headline: 'EE. UU. se prepara para la pandemia' (U.S. prepares for the pandemic). Above it, another banner says 'INTERNACIONAL' (International) and 'Enfrentarse se responde al G asistencial, hoy 109 miles' (Facing it responds to the G assistential, today 109 miles). The page includes a photo of a woman wearing a mask and a U.S. flag, along with other news snippets.

# La Jornada

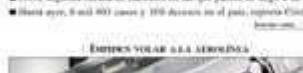
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## Son "casos soñando", pero seguirá la alerta sanitaria

# Declara la OMS la pandemia por el virus A/H1N1

■ Propagación "incontrolable", se reúnen en la emergencia a la hora 6: **■ Una segunda ola de casos** en las que países al llegar a un techo **■ Hasta ayer, 8 mil 803 casos y 105 decesos en el país**, informó Ciudad Salud

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A desembre de 2009:

*En los 208 países que la sufren, han fallecido unas 15.000.*

*En España han muerto 373 personas frente a las 3000 que lo hacen por la gripe estacional al año.*

<http://www.rtve.es/noticias/20100224/fue-gripe/319235.shtml>

**Naci en Madrid y vivo en la sierra de Guadarrama. Tengo pareja y un nño. Llevo años investigando la industria farmacéutica, la química, la alimentaria y la contaminación electromagnética. Igualdad, libertad y solidaridad están aún por conquistar. Soy agnóstico**

## a ciudadanía es víctima del marketing del miedo”



KIM MANRESA

**D**icho años de investigación, ¿cuál es su conclusión? Vivimos en un mundo donde las personas importan muy poco.

**Triste conclusión.** Desgraciadamente se da rienda suelta a los gobiernos que atentan contra la salud

borizantes; los que respiramos en las ciudades, donde el aire está cargado de metales pesados; y todos los barnices, pinturas, cosméticos, perfumes, productos de limpieza...

**¿En qué consiste la hipersensibilidad a los campos electromagnéticos?**

Hay personas que ya no aguantan la carga de contaminación electromagnética que se

### Datos que alarman

Es el corresponsal en España del *British Medical Journal* y colaborador habitual de la revista *Discovery DSalud. La salud que viene, nuevas enfermedades y el marketing del miedo* (Península) es su tercer libro.

Junto con los dos anteriores -*Traficantes de salud y Conspiraciones tóxicas*- documenta todos esos aspectos de la industria farmacéutica que para algunos son pura leyenda alarmista y para otros infamias de la avaricia, desde cómo

de ventilación: el aire acondicionado bia la composición del aire, lo electrific!

Vivimos en una sociedad enferma. Hay de 104.000 productos tóxicos liberados en el medio ambiente y los niños nacen con una carga tóxica: entre 40 y 60 productos químicos que heredan de sus madres.

**También habla usted de enfermedades creadas por la industrial farmacéutica.** Para vender más medicamentos tipifican la enfermedad la timidez y la llaman social, o inventan el trastorno oposicionista desafiante compulsivo reconocido oficialmente en el DSM4, la biblia de la psicología, y que no es más que la rebeldía de los niños.

**¿La rebeldía se medica?** Se trata con fármacos tipo Retalin. Otro criterio definido es el incumplimiento terapéutico, es decir: decidir no seguir el tratamiento del médico está conceptualizado como una enfermedad.

**¿Crisis en la industria farmacéutica?** Muy grave, están venciendo las patentes más rentables y no están descubriendo nuevas moléculas para producir y patentar medicamentos al ritmo que necesitan; lo que les queda es el marketing del miedo.

**Estrategia de venta?** Sí, la más usada en los últimos años para pulsar la creación de nuevas enfermedades es lo que estamos viendo con la gripe A: con la campaña de promoción de la vacuna contra el virus del papiloma humano: crear miedo en la población para que acierten tratamientos.

**¿No le parece un hallazgo la vacuna contra el cáncer de cuello de útero?** Es la campaña de lobby de presión sobre los lobbys más grande de la medicina. Pese a que el sector que más ha influido, a través de financiación, en los dos grandes partidos de EE.UU. en los últimos decenios es la industria farmacéutica.

**Lo que hoy preocupa es la pandemia.** Con la gripe A se está repitiendo el n-

**Pedro Caba**, ex vicepresidente de la OMS:

- "todo ha sido una tomadura de pelo tanto la organización como de los laboratorios".
- "La fórmula es sencilla, crea el problema, infunde todo el temor posible y luego vende la solución".

**Wolfgang Wodarg** médico presidente de la Comision de Salud del Consejo de Europa:

- "Es uno de los mayores escándalos médicos de la historia, no había motivos para declarar una pandemia".

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# CRÓNICA

Domingo, 24 de Enero de 2010, número 745

## INVESTIGACIÓN / MILLONARIOS DEL MIEDO EL CAMELO DE LA GRIPE 'A'

«Nos han tomado el pelo», sentencia un ex vicepresidente, español, de la OMS. «Queremos sacar a la luz toda esta enorme operación de intoxicación», agrega un experto alemán. Ya hay médicos de renombre investigados por posible corrupción. Todas las cifras son disparatadas. Las del enriquecimiento de algunas farmacéuticas y los millones gastados por los gobiernos en vacunas inútiles. La gran farsa de la pandemia empieza a desmoronarse

### La gripe A es “uno de los mayores escándalos médicos de este siglo”

La OMS y las farmacéuticas se inventaron una crisis falsa para vender vacunas, según Wolfgang Wodarg

POR JOAQUÍN VENTURA GARCÍA  
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El presidente de la Comisión de Salud del Consejo de Europa ha lanzado esta gravísima acusación en la que se hace copartícipes a la Organización Mundial de la Salud y las empresas farmacéuticas de un enorme fraude.

El presidente de la Comisión de Salud del Consejo de Europa, Wolfgang Wodarg, ha declarado que la gripe A es “uno de los mayores escándalos médicos de este siglo”. Ha añadido que “la supuesta pandemia es un montaje de los gigantes farmacéuticos y la Organización Mundial de la Salud”.

**Las compañías farmacéuticas ganaron enormes sumas de dinero y tuvieron espectaculares subidas en las bolsas de medio mundo por el desembolso de dinero que hicieron gobiernos y la OMS en medicamentos. En España se habla de un gasto de 333 millones de euros.**

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## La OMS anuncia una investigación externa de su gestión de la gripe A

El Consejo de Europa debatirá si hubo alarmismo y se benefició a laboratorios

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Las acusaciones a la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) de alarmismo y de favorecer a los laboratorios farmacéuticos han arreiado al decaer la incidencia de la gripe A, declarada pandemia desde el pasado junio. Pero la decisión del Consejo de Europa de debatir este mes si la gestión de esta crisis sanitaria por parte de la OMS está siendo adecuada ha sido lo que la ha hecho reaccionar. La organización anunció ayer que se someterá al análisis de un grupo de expertos independientes.

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La revisión de la OMS involucraría a expertos externos independientes

## La Organización Mundial de la Salud revisará su gestión de la gripe H1N1

El Consejo de Europa busca determinar si las compañías farmacéuticas influyeron a los altos cargos de salud pública para que gasten innecesariamente dinero en reservas de vacunas para la gripe A.

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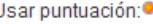
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## La OMS sigue recomendando la vacunación contra la gripe A a pesar de reacciones alérgicas

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La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) confirmó hoy que en Canadá se han registrado un número inusualmente alto de reacciones alérgicas graves a una vacuna contra la gripe AH1N1, pero dijo que sigue recomendando la inoculación.

"Por ahora tratamos de entender lo que ha ocurrido en Canadá", señaló un portavoz de la OMS Thomas Abraham, acerca de las reacciones causadas por un lote de vacunas contra la gripe A de la empresa farmacéutica GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), que pidió ayer que no se utilicen las vacunas de ese lote.

El portavoz dijo que las autoridades canadienses están investigando para determinar a qué son debidas las reacciones alérgicas.

No obstante, agregó que para la OMS, la vacunación sigue siendo el medio más eficaz para luchar contra la pandemia de gripe A.

Las dosis afectadas habían sido distribuidas a finales de octubre en seis de las trece provincias y territorios canadienses, y GSK pidió su retirada como precaución, mientras investiga el vínculo entre el lote y seis reacciones alérgicas graves.

Las autoridades sanitarias canadienses también señalaron que las seis personas afectadas ya se han recuperado.

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**Women who exercise by doing the housework can reduce their risk of breast cancer, a study suggests.**

The research on more than 200,000 women from nine European countries found doing household chores was far more cancer protective than playing sport.

Chores may be exercise enough



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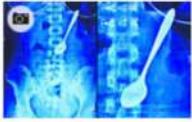


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BPA could shift the balance of sex hormones in men towards oestrogen. Photo: Alamy



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# Com s'han de fer els assajos clínics (*clinical trials*)?

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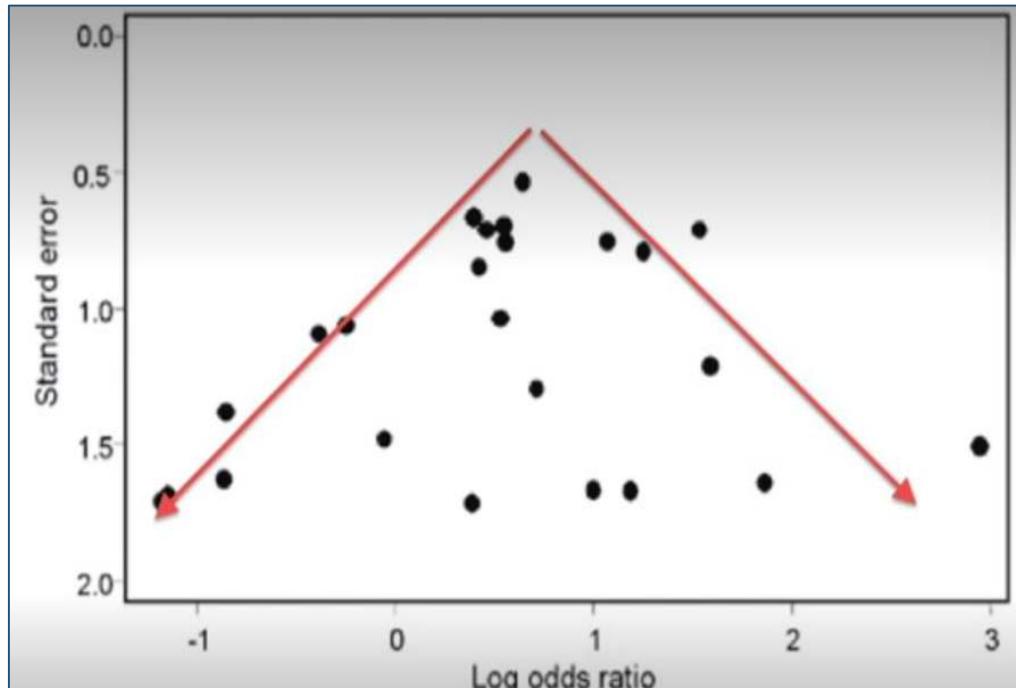


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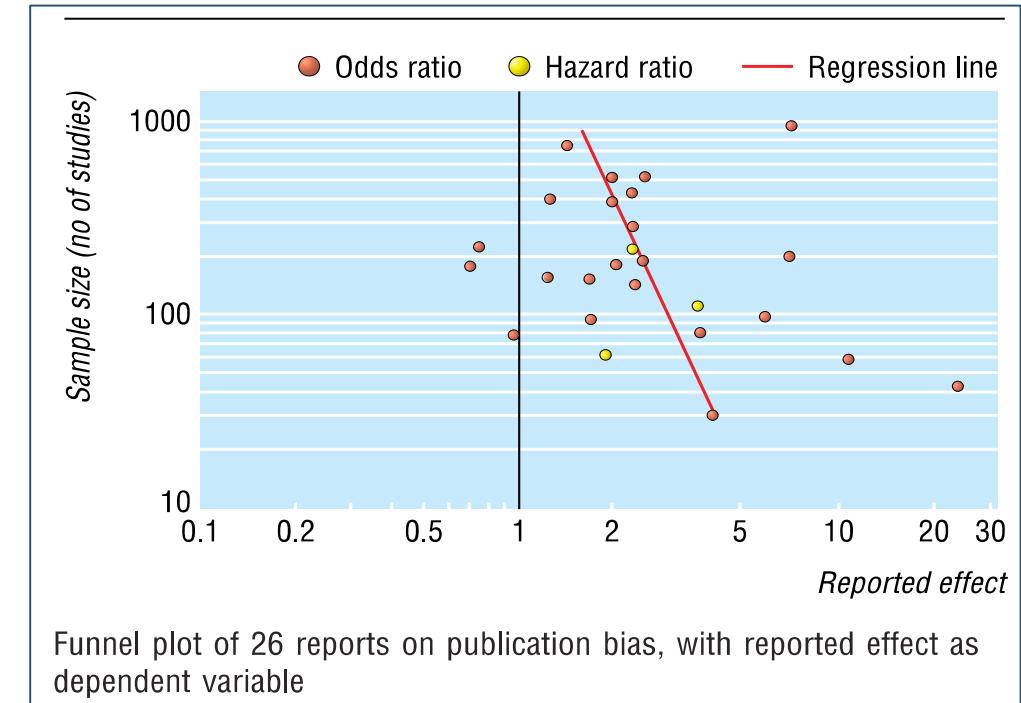


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Funnel plot



Funnel plot of 26 reports on publication bias, with reported effect as dependent variable

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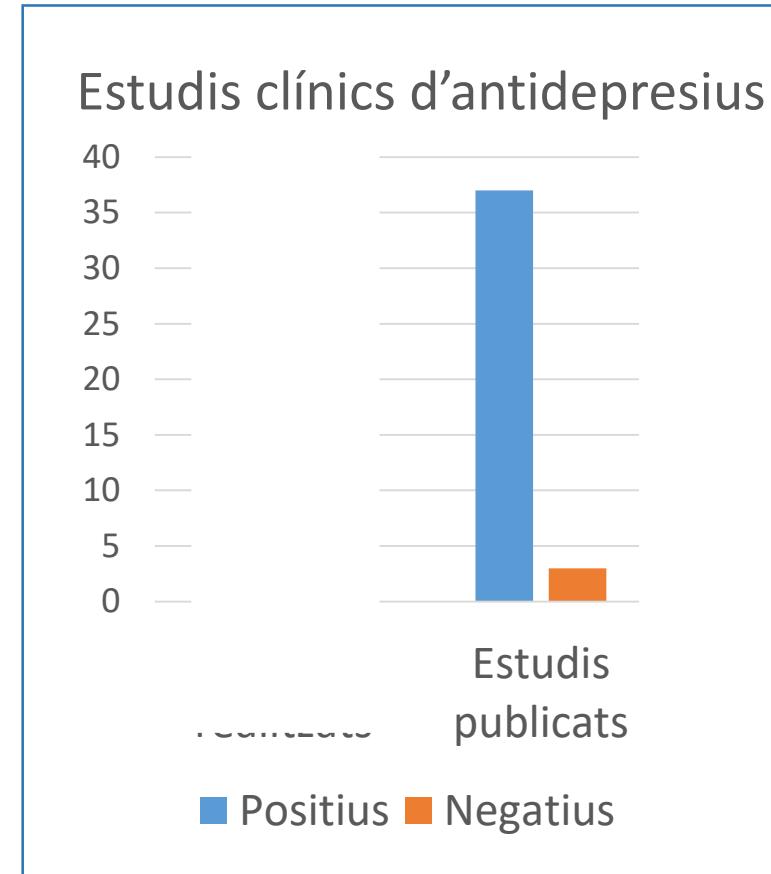
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## Selective Publication of Antidepressant Trials and Its Influence on Apparent Efficacy

Erick H. Turner, M.D., Annette M. Matthews, M.D., Eftihia Linardatos, B.S., Robert A. Tell, L.C.S.W., and Robert Rosenthal, Ph.D.

**METHODS**

We obtained reviews from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for studies of 12 antidepressant agents involving 12,564 patients. We conducted a systematic literature search to identify matching publications. For trials that were reported in the



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La reboxetina. Antidepressiu. Es un fàrmac que funcionava molt bé, no hi havia cap problema al darrera. Però de tots els estudis, un 76% no van ser publicats.



Tamiflu. Els governs s'han gastat mils de milions d'euros per una droga que reduirà les complicacions de la grip: només redueix unes hores!!!! mils de milions de euros per migdia!!!! Ens guardem aquests fàrmacs pensant que reduirem complicacions com pneumònia.

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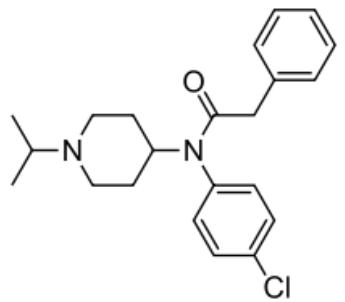
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Recommendations from the Tamiflu Experience

Peter Doshi<sup>1\*</sup>, Tom Jefferson<sup>2</sup>, Chris Del Mar<sup>3</sup>

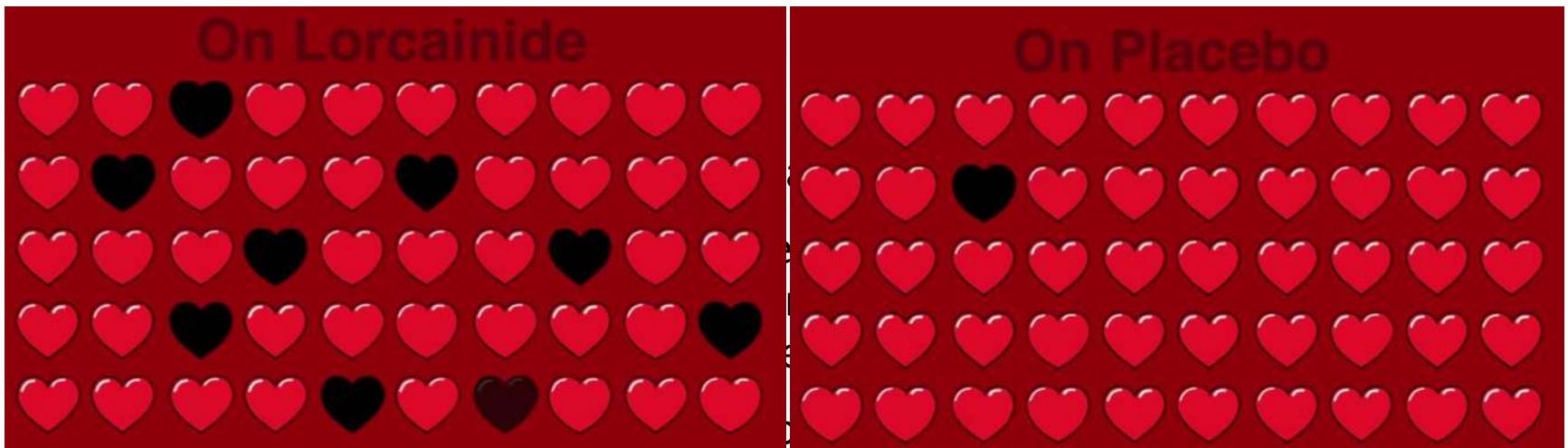
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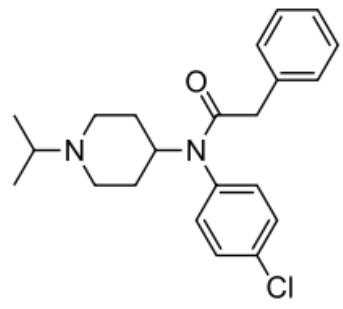


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## Therapeutic fashion and publication bias: the case of anti-arrhythmic drugs in heart attack

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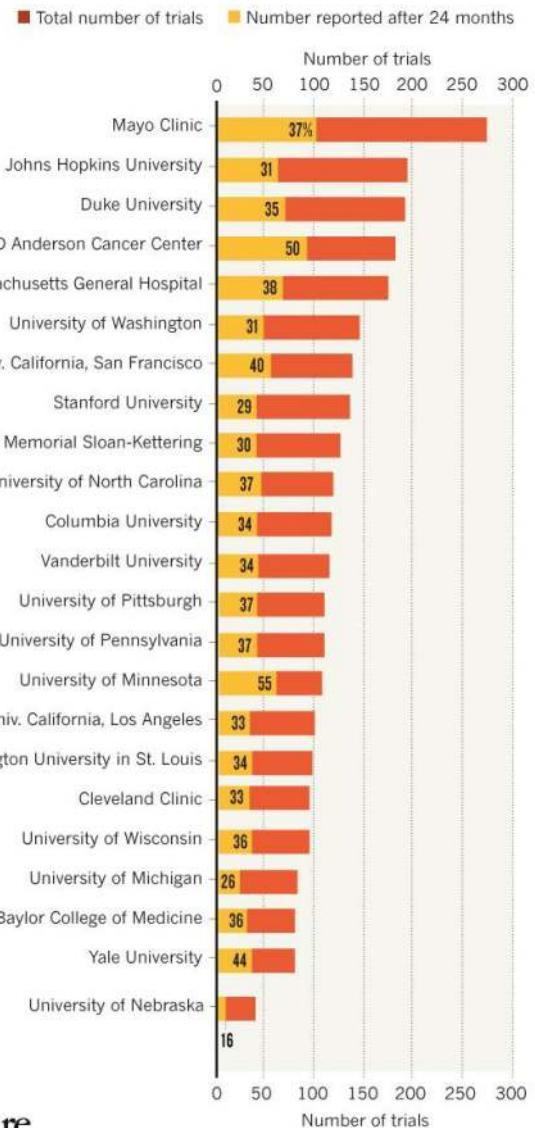
*“Publication bias is a well known phenomenon in clinical literature”*

The screenshot shows the nature website's homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to Home, News & Comment, Research, Careers & Jobs, Current Issue, Archive, Audio & Video, and For Authors. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail indicates the article is from Volume 530, Issue 7588, under the Column: World View category. The main content features a photo of Ben Goldacre and the title "Make journals report clinical trials properly". The text discusses the lack of reporting of clinical trial outcomes and cites Ben Goldacre.

The screenshot shows an article from The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE. The title is "SPECIAL ARTICLE" followed by "Compliance with Results Reporting at ClinicalTrials.gov". The authors listed are Monique L. Anderson, M.D., Karen Chiswell, Ph.D., Eric D. Peterson, M.D., M.P.H., Asba Tasneem, Ph.D., James Topping, M.S., and Robert M. Califf, M.D. The abstract section begins with the heading "RESULTS". The text describes the identification of 13,327 trials on ClinicalTrials.gov from January 1, 2008, to August 31, 2012, and their classification and funding.

## THE TRIAL PUBLISHING PROBLEM

Results from many clinical trials completed between 2007 and 2010 at US institutions were unpublished or unreported two years after the studies had finished.



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The screenshot shows the European Medicines Agency (EMA) website. The top navigation bar includes links for Medicines, Human regulatory, Veterinary regulatory, Committees, News & events, Partners & networks, and About us. The main content area is titled "Human regulatory" and features a sub-navigation menu with "Overview", "Research and development" (which is highlighted in grey), "Post-authorisation", and "Herbal products". On the left, a sidebar lists various topics: Adaptive pathways, Advanced therapies, Clinical trials (with "Clinical trial regulation" underlined), Compassionate use, Compliance, Data on medicines (ISO IDMP standards), Ethical use of animals, Innovation in medicines, and Medicines for older people. The main content area is titled "Clinical Trial Regulation" and contains a "Table of contents" with links to Key benefits of the Regulation, The Clinical Trials Information System, Implementation (which is bolded), Transparency rules, and Public consultations. Below this, there is a section about the clinical trials information system and its development. A large blue box highlights the "Implementation" section, which states: "Although the Regulation was adopted and entered into force in 2014, the timing of its application depends on **confirmation of full functionality** of the Clinical Trials Information System through an independent audit. The Regulation becomes applicable six months after the European Commission publishes notice of this confirmation. EMA's Management Board endorsed a delivery timeframe in December 2015. However, due to technical difficulties with the development of the IT systems, the system's go-live date was **postponed**. The development is progressing and is closely monitored. Based on the experience with this complex development so far, the developer has submitted a revised **project plan** with improved project management, development and testing processes and resources. It also contains increased contingency." At the bottom, there is a note about the goal of the Clinical Trial Regulation EU No. 536/2014.

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Conclusions

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## Ethics: More research won't crack misconduct

Donald S. Kornfeld  & Sandra L. Titus

The US National Academy of Sciences has issued 5 reports in the past 28 years on research misconduct and detrimental research practices. Each concluded with a strikingly similar set of recommendations.

In 1989, for example, we were advised of "a need for additional research to clarify the basic factors that influence professional conduct". The panel of 2002 found that "existing data are insufficient to enable [the committee] to draw definitive conclusions as to which elements of the research environment promote integrity". And in 2017, the panel report called for government agencies and private foundations to "fund research to quantify, and develop responses to, conditions ... linked to research misconduct".

In our view, however, the root causes and potential remedies are evident. Ignorance of good research practices is now addressed by mandatory training. Carelessness can be reduced by conscientious mentoring. Fear of failure requires a shift in academia's reward system. Preventing bias requires researchers to have heightened self-awareness and a boost in conscience. And cheaters need to fear detection: they must face meaningful penalties while whistle-blowers remain protected.

Why, then, does the academy repeatedly call for further research when potentially effective remedies are available and yet to be implemented?

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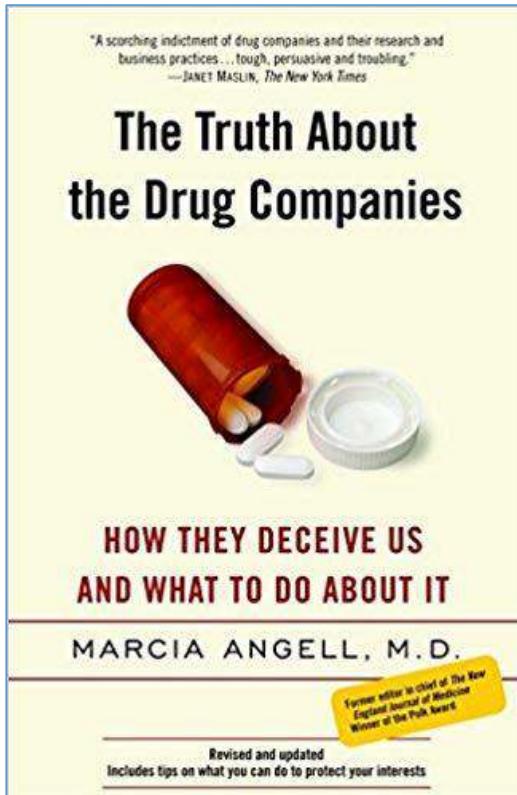
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## 2. Cal una nova legislació per a la recerca clínica



*"No one knows the total amount provided by drug companies to physicians, but I estimate from the annual reports of the top 9 U.S.-based drug companies that it comes to **tens of billions of dollars a year** in North America alone. By such means, the pharmaceutical industry has gained enormous control over how doctors evaluate and use its own products. Its extensive ties to physicians, particularly **senior faculty at prestigious medical schools**, affect the results of research, the way medicine is practiced, and even the definition of what constitutes a disease."*

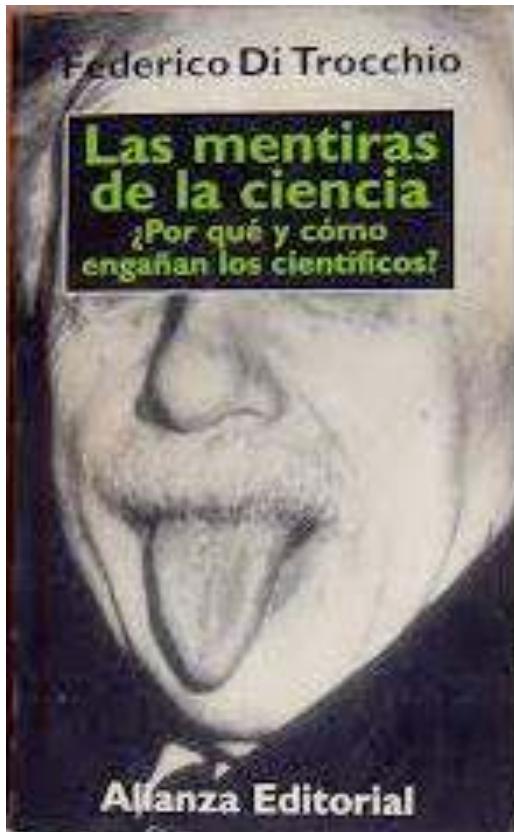
**Dr. Marcia Angell**

## Offline: What is medicine's 5 sigma?

Richard Horton, editor of *The Lancet*

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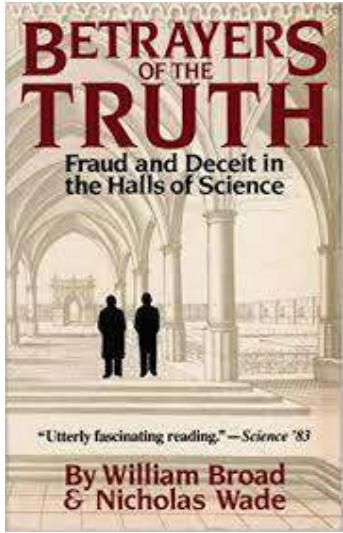
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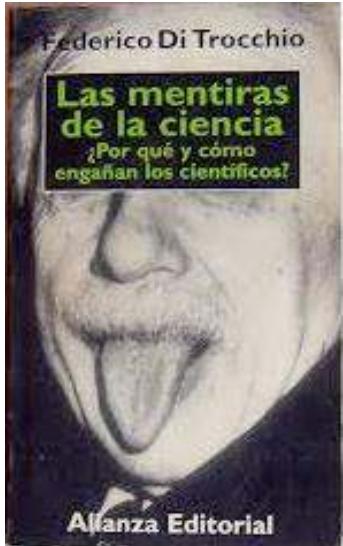
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*"los científicos no son diferentes de la otra gente. Al revestirse de la bata blanca para penetrar la puerta del laboratorio, no les abandonan las pasiones, ambiciones y faltas que animan a las personas en otros campos de actividad".*



*La engañoología es la ciencia que enseña a los científicos cómo engañar a otros científicos. Estos, a su vez, convencen a los periodistas, quienes finalmente se encargan de seducir a las masas. (...). El objetivo real lo constituyen los científicos que forman parte de los organismos estatales que financian la investigación y que son los que tienen el poder de decidir qué estudios y qué investigadores deben obtener la ayuda económica y a cuánto debe ascender.*

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Letters to the Editor

## CLINICIANS' EXPECTATIONS INFLUENCE PLACEBO ANALGESIA

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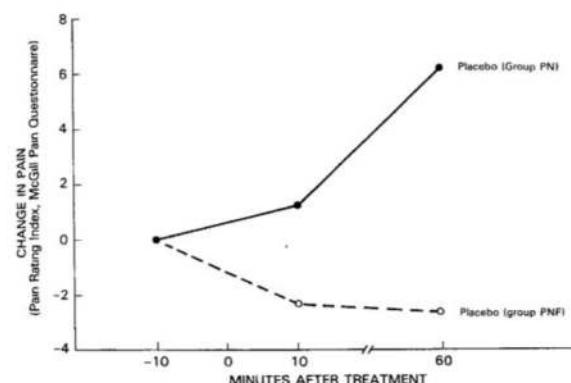
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## Letters to the Editor

### CLINICIANS' EXPECTATIONS INFLUENCE PLACEBO ANALGESIA

SIR.—Administration of an inert substance may produce potent analgesia. The magnitude of this placebo effect depends on several factors, including the probability and potency of the expected analgesia.<sup>1</sup> However, few studies have examined the influence of the placebo administrator. We show here that the clinician's knowledge of the range of possible treatments may be transmitted to the patient and influence placebo efficacy in a conventional double-blind study.

60 dental patients took part in this study after signing a consent form approved by a clinical research review committee at the National Institutes of Health. After unilateral extraction of an upper and lower third molar under 2% lignocaine anaesthesia without a vasoconstrictor, patients assessed their pain with the McGill pain questionnaire at 1 hour and at 10 min, before and after an intravenous injection or no treatment ( $n=14$ ). The patients were told that they might receive a placebo (saline), a narcotic analgesic (fentanyl  $1\cdot1 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ ), or a narcotic antagonist (naloxone 10 mg) and that these medications might decrease their pain, increase it, or have no effect. The clinicians administering the drugs and questionnaire knew that group PN would receive only placebo ( $n=8$ ) or naloxone ( $n=5$ ) and not fentanyl and that group PNF would receive fentanyl ( $n=18$ ) as well as placebo ( $n=18$ ) or naloxone ( $n=11$ ). All drugs were administered double blind.



Change in pain rating index between baseline (10 min before injection) and 10 and 60 min after administration of placebo.

PN = group that could have either received placebo or naloxone.  
PNF = group that could have received placebo, naloxone, or fentanyl (PNF).

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## Chocolate with high Cocoa content as a weight-loss accelerator

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### Abstract

**Background:** Although the focus of scientific studies on the beneficial properties of chocolate with a high cocoa content has increased in recent years, studies determining its importance for weight regulation, in particular within the context of a controlled dietary measure, have rarely been conducted.

Bohannon, a science journalist who also has a Ph.D., lays out how he carried out an elaborate hoax to expose just how easily bad nutrition science gets disseminated in the mainstream media.

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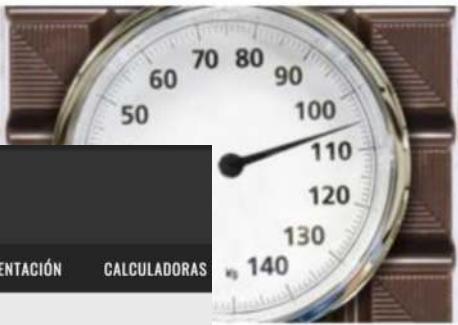
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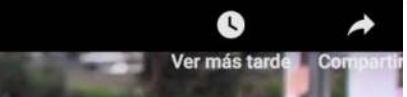
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## The history behind the chocolate hoax

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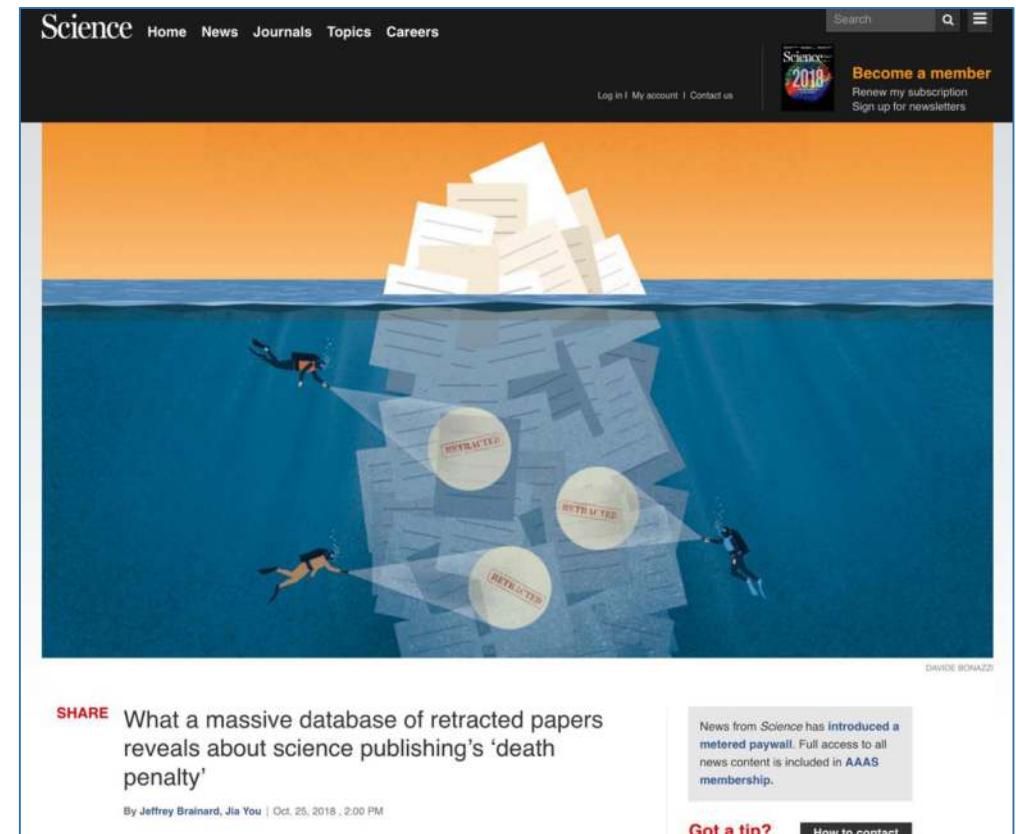
HOW MUCH CHOCOLATE DOES IT TAKE TO FOOL A JOURNALIST? Turns out not much. Earlier this month, Peter Onneken and Diana Löbl, a pair of documentary filmmakers from Germany, and John Bohannon, a biologist and science journalist based at Harvard, revealed that they had tricked millions of people

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- German television reporter named Peter Onneken and his collaborator Diana Löbl were working on a documentary film about the junk-science diet industry.
  - Onneken and Löbl had everything lined up: how to pull it all together and get it published?
  - **Here's a dirty little science secret: If you measure a large number of things about a small number of people, you are almost guaranteed to get a "statistically significant" result. Our study included 18 different measurements from 15 people. That study design is a recipe for false positives.**
  - We didn't know exactly what would pan out but we knew our chances of getting at least one "statistically significant" result were pretty good. Whenever you hear that phrase, it means that some result has a small  $p$  value.
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- The conventional cutoff for being "significant" is 0.05, which means that there is just a 5 percent chance that your result is a random fluctuation. The more lottery tickets, the better your chances of getting a false positive. So how many tickets do you need to buy?  $P(\text{winning}) = 1 - (1 - p)^n$  With our 18 measurements, we had a 60% chance of getting some "significant" result with  $p < 0.05$ . The game was stacked in our favor.
  - It's called p-hacking—fiddling with your experimental design and data to push  $p$  under 0.05—and it's [a big problem](#). Most scientists are honest and do it unconsciously. They get negative results, convince themselves they goofed, and repeat the experiment until it "works." Or they drop "outlier" data points.

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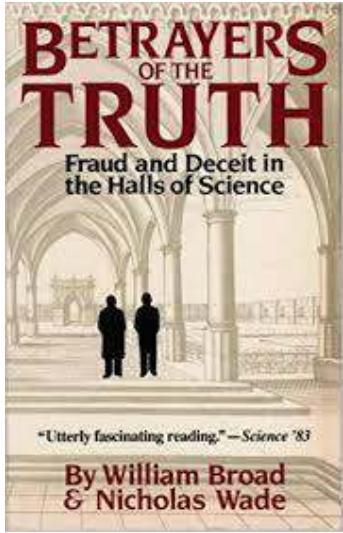


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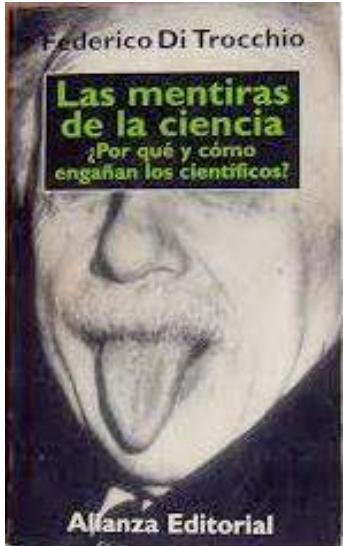
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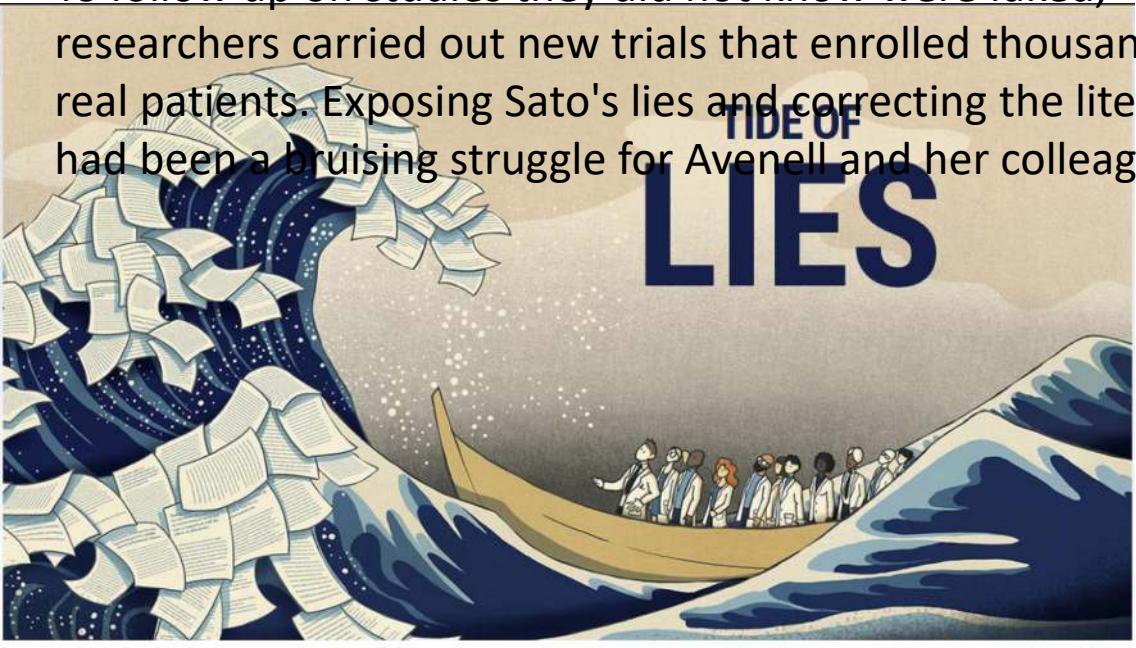
*La engañoología es la ciencia que enseña a los científicos cómo engañar a otros científicos. Estos, a su vez, convencen a los periodistas, quienes finalmente se encargan de seducir a las masas. (...). El objetivo real lo constituyen los científicos que forman parte de los organismos estatales que financian la investigación y que son los que tienen el poder de decidir qué estudios y qué investigadores deben obtener la ayuda económica y a cuánto debe ascender.*

# Cas del Dr. Sato (sonat pel suicidi)

Sato's fraud was one of the biggest in scientific history. The impact of his fabricated reports—many of them on how to reduce the risk of bone fractures—rippled far and wide. Meta-analyses that included his trials came to the wrong conclusion, professional societies based medical guidelines on his papers.

To follow up on studies they did not know were faked,

researchers carried out new trials that enrolled thousands of real patients. Exposing Sato's lies and correcting the literature had been a bruising struggle for Avenell and her colleagues.



In Japan, we don't usually doubt a professor. We basically believe people. We think we don't need strict rules to watch them carefully. ”

Michiie Sakamoto, Keio University

## I: Suspicion

Avenell's own quest began in 2006, when she was combing through dozens of papers for a review evaluating whether vitamin D reduces the risk of bone fractures. In two papers by Sato, she stumbled on a weird coincidence. They described different trials—one in stroke victims, the other in Parkinson's disease patients—but the control and study groups in both studies had the exact same mean body mass index. Looking further, she quickly found several other anomalies. She decided not to include Sato's studies in her analysis.

She wasn't the first to notice something was off. In a [2005 Neurology paper](#), Sato claimed that a drug named risedronate reduces the risk of hip fractures in women who have had a stroke by a stunning 86%. In a [polite letter to the](#)

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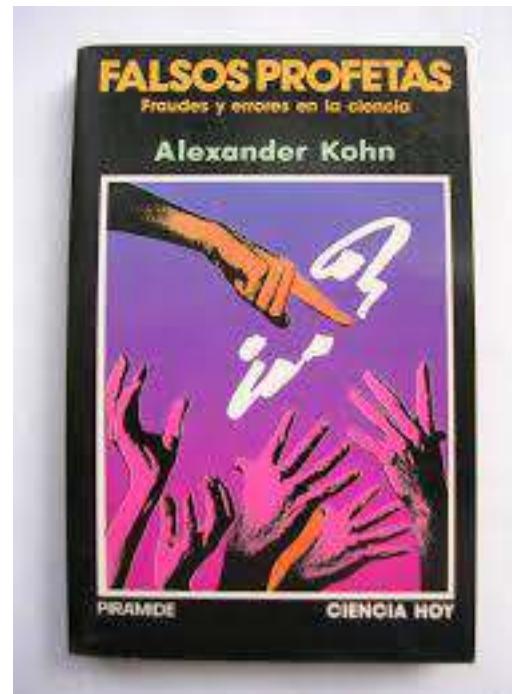
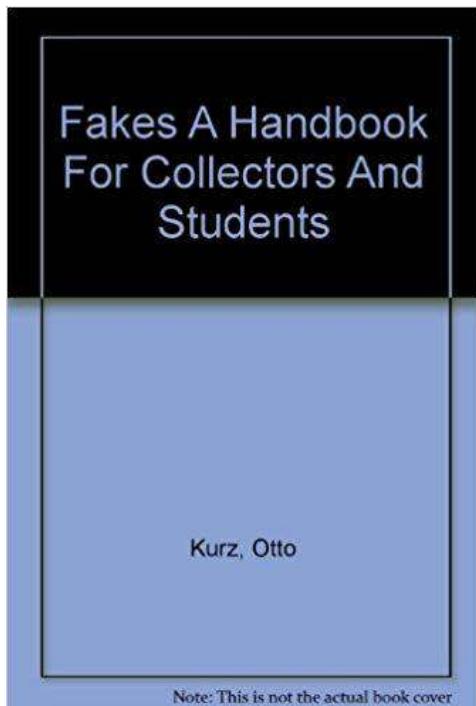
*Science* has received the results of the University of California, Riverside Committee on Privilege and Tenure's investigation of the papers published in *Science* by Professor Frank Sauer and colleagues, "TAF1 activates transcription by phosphorylation of serine 33 in histone H2B" (1) and "Noncoding RNAs of trithorax response elements recruit *Drosophila* Ash1 to Ultrabithorax" (2).

For the 2004 Report (1), the Committee's findings can be summarized as follows: Lanes 3 and 4 in Fig. 1B were replicated from a figure in another paper (3). There was manipulation of gel images that constituted data falsification and fabrication in Fig. 2C; Fig. 3, B and C; Fig. 4, B and D; and panel A in fig. S5C. For the 2006 Research Article (2), the Committee's findings can be summarized as follows: In Fig 6C, there was replication of the same image in two panels that constitutes data falsification. There was manipulation of gel images that constituted data falsification and fabrication in Fig. 4D; Fig. 6, A and B; and fig. S5A.

The Committee concluded that the image manipulations described above constituted a significant departure from the accepted practices of Dr. Sauer's research community. Therefore, the data, results, and conclusions in the papers are clearly not reliable. *Science* is hereby retracting the papers, at the request of University of California, Riverside and Dr. Sauer. The Committee determined that Dr. Sauer was the sole individual responsible for producing the figures.

Marcia McNutt

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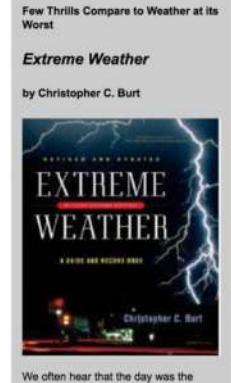
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## A Meta-analysis of Factors Impacting Detection of Antidepressant Efficacy in Clinical Trials: The Importance of Academic Sites

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**Visfatin: a protein secreted by visceral fat that mimics the effects of insulin.**

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Abstract

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### Retraction

IN A PAPER TITLED "VISFATIN: A PROTEIN SECRETED BY VISERAL FAT THAT MIMICS THE EFFECTS OF INSULIN" (1), we identified a protein that is secreted by visceral fat of humans and mice and named it "visfatin." The same protein had been identified previously by other laboratories as "pre-B cell–colony enhancing factor," a cytokine that is expressed by lymphocytes (2) and that displays nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase activity (3). In the *Science* Report, we investigated visfatin's metabolic effects and the biochemical mechanism by which it might exert these effects. We showed that visfatin induces adipocyte differentiation in vitro and that plasma levels of visfatin correlate with visceral fat mass in humans. We also showed that male mice with only one functional copy of the visfatin gene have modest elevations in plasma glucose and that adenovirus-mediated delivery of the visfatin gene to c57BL/6j or KKAY mice resulted in a lowering of plasma glucose and insulin levels. Finally, we reported that visfatin binds to and activates the insulin receptor and we speculated that its activity as an insulin mimetic might explain its metabolic effects.

The visfatin work performed in our laboratory was recently investigated by the Committee for Research Integrity (CRI) of Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine. On the basis of the CRI report, which focused largely on our biochemical experiments examining visfatin's interaction with the insulin receptor, the Faculty Council of Osaka University Medical School recommended that we retract the entire paper. At the suggestion of the Editor of *Science*, we have agreed to retract the paper, even though we continue to stand by our conclusions. We note that over a dozen subsequent publications have shown that plasma visfatin levels in humans correlate with various metabolic states, including obesity, visceral fat mass, and diabetes [for example, (4–6)]. We note also that another laboratory recently reported that visfatin has insulin mimetic effects in cultured osteoblasts (7). We acknowledge that, since publication of the *Science* Report, we have found that not all preparations of visfatin bind to and activate the insulin receptor. Thus far, we have found four different lots of purified recombinant visfatin protein that have both adipogenic and insulin mimetic activities. We still have the preparations of visfatin that show insulin mimetic activity, although the amount is limited, and we are willing to send them to other investigators for independent validation. We are continuing to investigate the significance of this molecule.

We regret any inconvenience caused by this retraction to researchers and readers. The corresponding author is responsible for the retraction.

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### Borrowing from Biology

AS TWO BIOLOGISTS, WE OFTEN MARVEL AT the way humans solve problems by adapting approaches that nature developed eons earlier. A classic example might be our 20th-century discovery of genetic engineering. In plant crown gall disease, a lowly bacterium

long ago evolved a highly effective transformation vector (Ti plasmid), which efficiently engineers the plant to produce "food" to the bacterium's order. Much of plant genetic engineering is now based on the same vector system.



The recent News of the Week article by E. Kintisch, "Light-splitting trick squeezes more electricity out of Sun's

rays" (3 August, p. 583), seems to be another wonderful example of this sort of "coincidence." In plant photosynthesis, a network of pigment molecules forms a light-harvesting antenna that absorbs photons of varying wavelength and transfers the energy to the pigment molecule at the reaction center. As is often the case, nature is somewhat more sophisticated than the approach described in the recent paper, but the idea is the same: Energy of different wavelengths is captured to avoid waste. Perhaps we should study biology more often and more directly for solutions to our pressing "modern" problems.

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# Placebo

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## Medical Education

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### **DEMONSTRATION TO MEDICAL STUDENTS OF PLACEBO RESPONSES AND NON-DRUG FACTORS**

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**Summary** A class experiment for medical students was devised to demonstrate the influence of the placebo effect and non-drug factors on response to drugs. The subjects were conditioned to expect sedative or stimulant effects, but all received placebo in one or two blue or pink capsules. Predictions about the size and nature of the placebo response and influence of the non-drug factors were made before the experiment and discussed afterwards. Four of six predictions were fully confirmed. Drug-associated changes were reported by 30% of the subjects and were severe in 1 or 2 individuals. Two capsules produced more noticeable changes than one, and blue capsules were associated with more sedative effects than pink capsules. Students rated the experiment highly both as a learning experience and for its relevance to their future practice of medicine.

THE LANCET, JUNE 10, 1972

# color

Grup d'estudiants es diu que se'ls donaran pastilles sedatives o estimulants, però no sabran que pendran.  
blava o vermella

Diferents dosis: 1 ó 2  
(però totes son pastilles de sucre)

Com es d'esperar  $2 > 1$   
pink > alerting  
blue is cool

## **Study on the Effects of Tablet Colour in the Treatment of Anxiety States**

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**S**ummary: Forty-eight patients with anxiety states were treated with oxazepam (Serenid-D), which was administered in tablets of three different colours—red, yellow, and green. Every patient received one week's treatment with each colour, according to a random programme. A latin square design was used to ensure complete balance between the colours and between the weeks. The patients' symptoms were categorized and then assessed by both weekly physicians' ratings and daily self-rating, which showed close agreement. Colour preference was shown on both these scales in that symptoms of anxiety were most improved with green, whereas depressive symptoms appeared to respond best to yellow. Such colour preferences, however, did not reach levels of statistical significance, except for phobias as rated on the physicians' assessment.

The results indicate that colour may play a part in the response to a drug.

and McPherson (1965) and Beber (1965) to be an effective anxiolytic agent. The dosage given was 15 mg. t.d.s. and the tablets were presented as plain (non-scored) coloured non-sugar-coated tablets. The three colours used were green, yellow, and red, and each patient received a week's treatment with each colour in a random order.

### **Patient Group**

The 48 patients included in the trial were attending psychiatric outpatient clinics and had been diagnosed as suffering from anxiety states. Since anxiety and depressive symptoms commonly occur together, only those patients in whom anxiety was the primary affective disturbance were included. All patients had normal colour vision when tested by means of isochromatic plates (Ishihara test). In those who had been on previous medication all drugs were discontinued at least two days before the trial was begun, and for one week in respect of

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J Neurol. 2000 Mar;247(3):183-8.

**Placebo effect in the acute treatment of migraine: subcutaneous placebos are better than oral placebos.**

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## Research

### Sham device *v* inert pill: randomised controlled trial of two placebo treatments

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## Analgesic effects of branding in treatment of headaches

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### Abstract

The effect of branding—that is, the labelling and marketing—of a well-known proprietary analgesic used to treat headaches was studied in a sample of women given a branded or unbranded form with either an inert or an active formulation. The sample was also divided according to whether the subjects were regular users of the brand or users of other brands. The findings showed that branded tablets were overall significantly more effective than unbranded tablets in relieving headaches. Differential effects were observed: the effects of branding were more noticeable one hour after the tablets were taken compared with 30 minutes; in the women given the placebo; and in the users of the brand compared with the users of other brands.

It is hypothesised that these effects are due to increased confidence in obtaining relief with a well-known brand, and that branding has an analgesic effect that interacts with the analgesic effects of placebos and active ingredients.

According to trade estimates,<sup>11</sup> branded advertised analgesics account for 66% of analgesics bought over the counter.

The active dose in the product we used in this study has been shown<sup>8 12-14</sup> to be effective in the treatment of headaches and other pain compared with placebos; the question here was whether the branding contributes anything to pain relief.

### Subjects and methods

We used a two-by-two double-blind design to separate the effects of (i) inert from active formulations and (ii) unbranded from branded presentations.

A total of 835 women who claimed to use painkillers to relieve headaches at least once a month took part in the study. Roughly half claimed to use the test brand as their regular brand of analgesic, and the other half used other brands of over-the-counter analgesics. Women who were allergic to aspirin, had a history of asthma, gastric upsets, or ulcers, were pregnant, or were receiving medication from their doctor were excluded.

Eligible subjects were randomly assigned to one of four groups (table I) by allocating them in sequence to each group A to D. Initial

Dones mal de cap

Aspirina o placebo

en caixes blanques sense marca/

en caixes colorajades amb

marques comercials.

Evidentment aspirina superior a placebo, pero packaging millora els resultats d'àmbdues!!!

# Les expectatives ho són tot

Psychopharmacology (Berl). 1978 May 31;57(3):253-61.

## **Situational factors contributing to the placebos effect.**

Gryll SL, Katahn M.

### **Abstract**

The influence of four variables (status of communicator of drug effects, attitude of dentist, attitude of dental technician, and message of drug effects) on the obtainment of placebo effects in an oral surgery clinic was investigated. Dependent variables were (1) rating of pain experienced from mandibular-block injection, (2) pre-post placebo state anxiety, and (3) pre-postplacebo fear of injection. Enthusiastic messages of drug effects produced statistically and clinically significant reductions in postplacebo fear of injection and state anxiety and markedly lower ratings of pain experienced during injection of local anesthetic. Although there was a strong tendency for positive placebo effects to occur when the dental staff was perceived as friendly and supportive, only the attitude factors obtained statistical significance. The status of the communicator accounted for very small portions of the variance.

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## **Profile of the first double-Ig Nobel Prize winner, Jacques Benveniste**

Jacques Benveniste [pictured here] was the first person (but not the last!) to be awarded more than one Ig Nobel Prize. John Welford the renowned “professional librarian, now semi-retired, who writes articles based on material gleaned from obscure books and journals,” crafted a profile of Benveniste. Here are some highlights:



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# Human basophil degranulation triggered by very dilute antiserum against IgE

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## SCIENTIFIC PAPER

# Human basophil degranulation is not triggered by very dilute antiserum against human IgE

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**705 Transatlantic Transfer of Digitized Antigen Signal by Telephone Link.** *J. Benveniste, P. Jurgens, W. Hsueh and J. Aissa.* Digital Biology Laboratory (DBL), 32 rue des Carnets, 92140 Clamart, France and Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, IL 60614, USA.

Ligands so dilute that no molecule remained still retained biological activity which could be abolished by magnetic fields [1-3], suggesting the electromagnetic (EM) nature of the molecular signal. This was confirmed by the electronic transfer to water (W) of molecular activity, directly or after computer storage [4-7]. Here, we report its telephonic transfer. Ovalbumin (Ova), or W as control, were recorded (1 sec, 16 bits, 22 kHz) in Chicago using a transducer and computer with soundcard. Coded files were transferred to DBL's computer as e-mail "attached documents." Digitally amplified, they were replayed for 20 min to W (dOva, dW), which was then perfused to isolated hearts from Ova-immunized guinea-pigs. DBL staff were blind though technical incidents revealed the codes of 4/19 files to the computer operator. Coronary flow variations were (% mean  $\pm$  SEM, nb of measures): naive W (negative control),  $4.9 \pm 0.3$ , 41; dW,  $4.4 \pm 0.3$ , 58; dOva,  $24.0 \pm 1.4$ , 30,  $p = 4.5 \times 10^{-17}$  vs dW; Ova (0.1  $\mu$ M, positive control),  $28.9 \pm 3.7$ , 19, n.s. vs dOva. The hitherto neglected physical nature of the molecular signal emerges: EM radiation under 22 kHz that can be digitized, transferred long distances and replayed to W, which then acquires the source-molecule's activity. This implies novel strategies in chemistry, biology and medicine. [1] Davenas et al., Nature, 1988, 333:816; [2] Benveniste et al., C R Acad Sci Paris, 1991, 312:461; [3] Benveniste et al., FASEB J. 1992, 6:A1610; [4, 5] Aissa et al., FASEB J. 1993, 150:A146 & 1995, 9:A425; [6] Thomas et al., FASEB J. 1996, [7] Benveniste et al., FASEB J. 1996, 10:A1479.



Hello world. I am John Bohannon. Here is what happened:

**Experiment**

Follow a girl to Oxford

Become a correspondent for Science

Create the "Dance Your PhD" contest

Become a visiting scholar at Harvard and then embed with military forces in Afghanistan

Test whether people can distinguish the taste of paté versus dog food

Write "Green Porno" with Isabella Rossellini

Work with the Cultural Observatory on data representing 5% of all books ever published

Submit hundreds of fake papers to fee-charging open-access scientific journals

Do a chocolate weight-loss study and p-hack the data

Worked with the hacker in (probably) Russia who runs Sci-Hub to publicly release a dataset of 28 million downloads

Joined my friend Sean Gourley's tech startup Primer

**Results**

Broke up with the girl, but got a PhD in molecular biology

Explored the world, wrote many stories

Performed at TEDxBrussels in 2011 (and in 2012 at TED)

Engineered the first ever voluntary release of civilian casualty data by the military and the United Nations

Caused Stephen Colbert to eat cat food on television

Caused Jon Stewart to share his fear of bedbugs on the Daily Show

Created the Science Hall of Fame

Revealed that 60% of them are not doing peer review

Triggered a junk science media orgy

Created a global reading map of the world's largest illegal library

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John Bohannon, Robin Goldstein and Alexis Herschkowitsch

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# Què son els assajos clínics (*clinical trials*)?

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25th September 2008

### 'Proof' – fish oils make you smart

By Barry Nelson

THE world's biggest experiment to see if food supplements can boost exam results has concluded that fish oil capsules do make a difference.

Results have been revealed two years after Durham County Council held a press conference at Belmont comprehensive school, near Durham City, to announce that 3,000 teenage pupils would be offered free fish oil capsules supplied by supplement company Equazen.

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Ben Goldacre, The Guardian, Saturday 5 June 2010

"[Fish oil helps schoolchildren to concentrate](#)" was the headline in the Observer. Regular readers will remember the omega-3 [fish oil pill](#) issue, as the entire British news media has been claiming for several years now that there are trials showing it improves school performance and behaviour in mainstream children, despite the fact that no such trial has ever been published. There is something very attractive about the idea that solutions to complex problems in education can be found in a pill. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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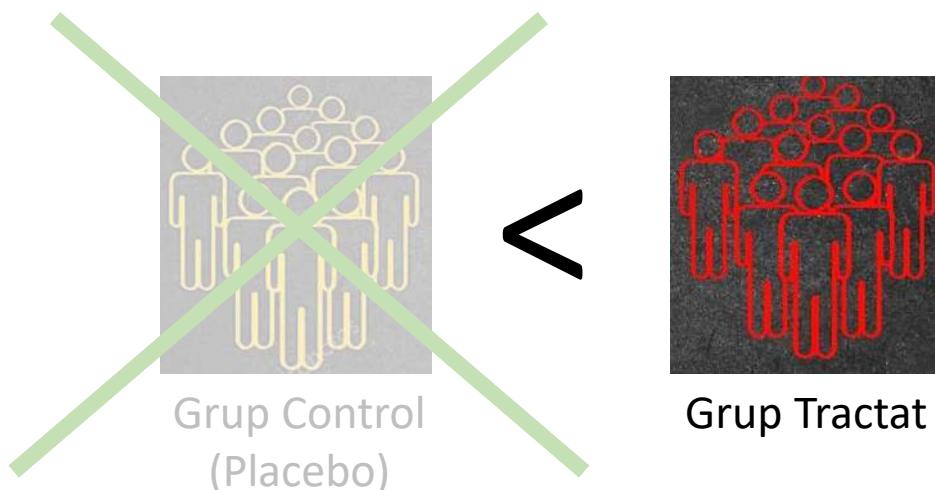
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### Fish oil makes children smarter, study claims

Children who take a fish oil supplement every day could do better in their exams, a contentious study has claimed.

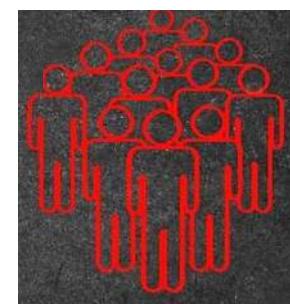
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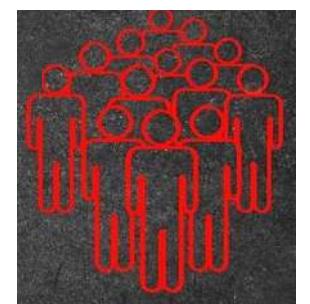


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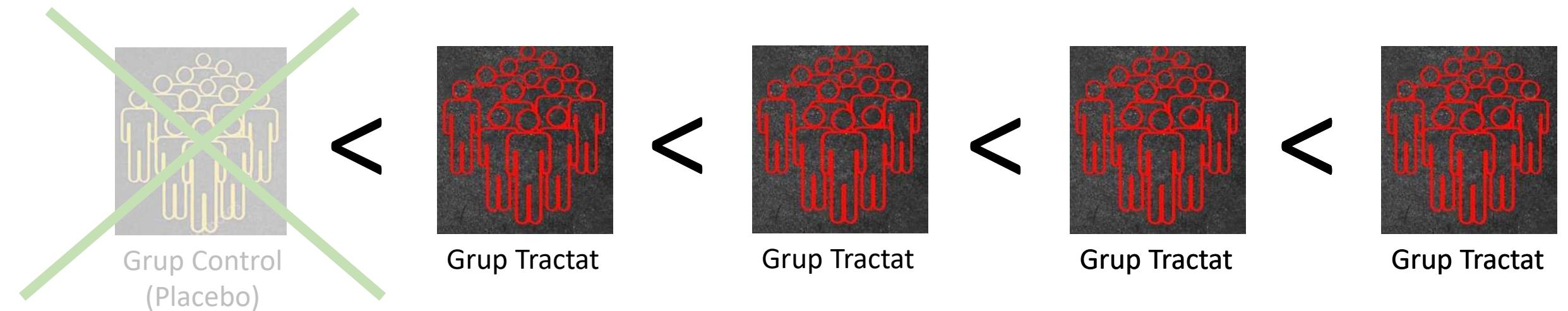
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# Cada vegada hi ha més placebo

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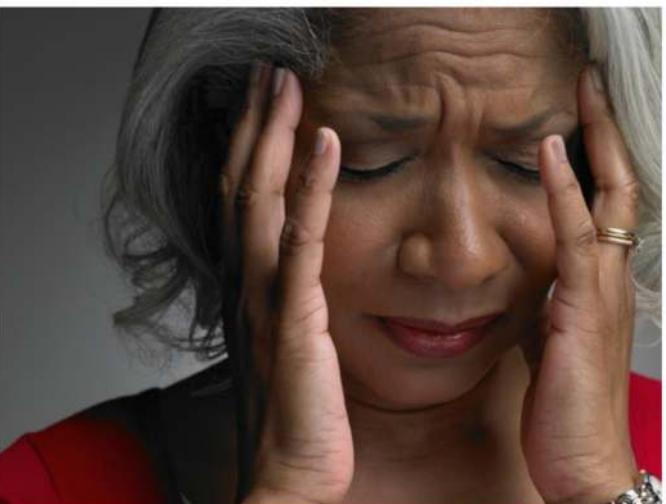
## Strong placebo response thwarts painkiller trials

Potential pain treatments are struggling to prove their worth over a rising placebo effect seen in US trials.

Jo Marchant

06 October 2015

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Most new painkiller drugs fail in clinical trials — but a growing placebo response may be to blame.

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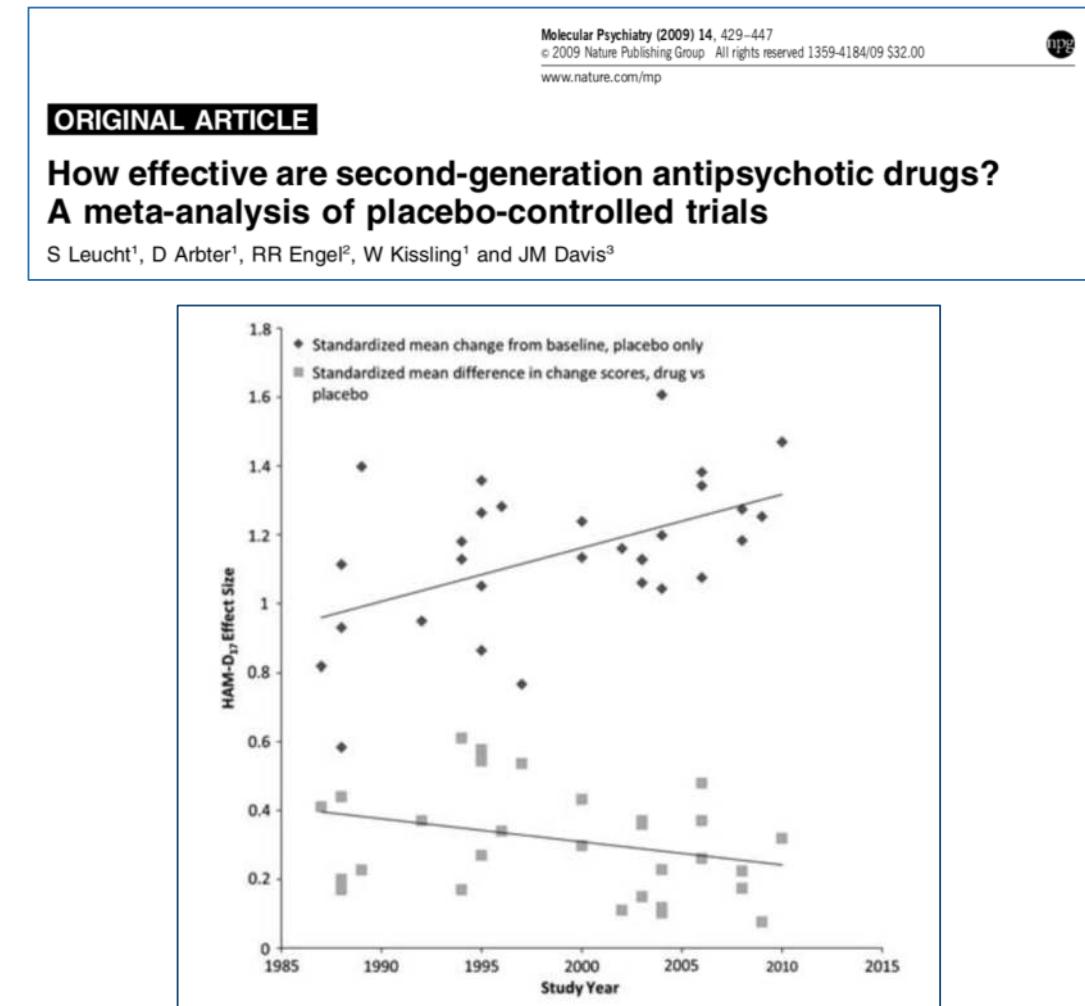
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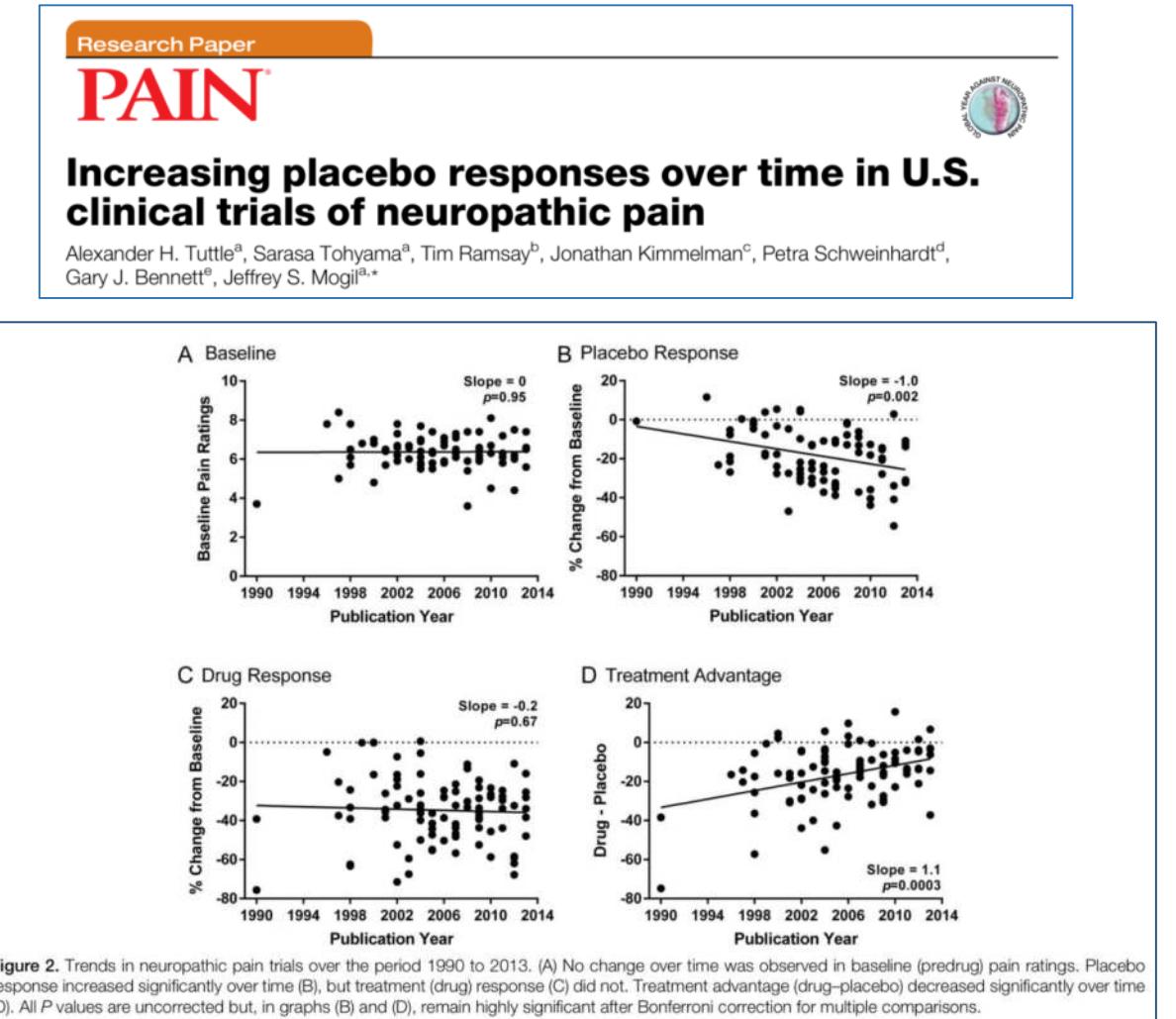
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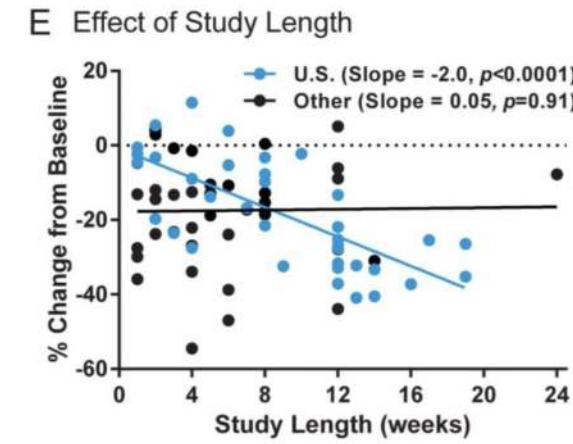
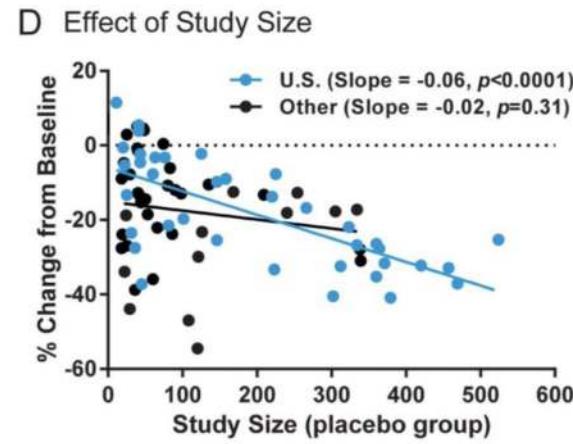
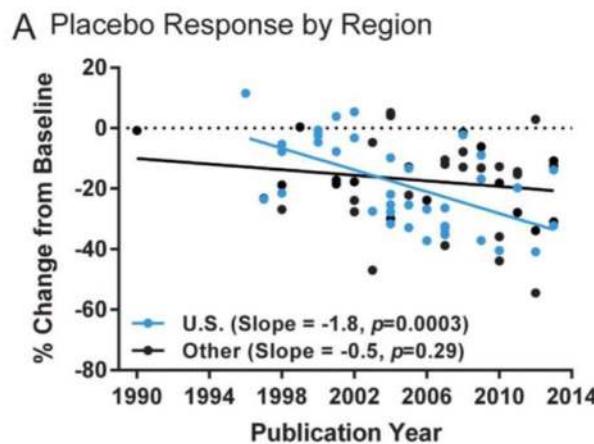
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## Increasing placebo responses over time in U.S. clinical trials of neuropathic pain

Alexander H. Tuttle<sup>a</sup>, Sarasa Tohyama<sup>a</sup>, Tim Ramsay<sup>b</sup>, Jonathan Kimmelman<sup>c</sup>, Petra Schweinhardt<sup>d</sup>, Gary J. Bennett<sup>e</sup>, Jeffrey S. Mogil<sup>a,\*</sup>



**Figure 3.** Comparison of placebo response parameters between U.S. trials and trials conducted elsewhere in the world. “Other” refers to all non-U.S. trials; trials including both U.S. and non-U.S. study sites are omitted. (A) Placebo response increased significantly over time in the United States only. Study size (B) and study length (C) similarly increased in U.S. trials only. Furthermore, study size (D) and study length (E) only affect placebo responses in U.S. trials.

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## Red wine could help prevent breast cancer

A glass of red wine a day could help to prevent breast cancer, a new study shows.

By Kate Devlin, Medical Correspondent  
1:31PM BST 07 Jul 2008

Laboratory tests have shown that a chemical found in the skin of grapes could halt the development of most cases of the disease.

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women, and almost 45,000 cases are diagnosed in the UK every year.

Now scientists have found that a chemical called resveratrol, which is also found in blueberries, bilberries, cranberries and peanuts, can suppress the creation of tumour cells.

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## Resveratrol Prevents Estrogen-DNA Adduct Formation and Neoplastic Transformation in MCF-10F Cells

Fang Lu, Muhammad Zahid, Cheng Wang, Muhammad Saeed, Ercole L. Cavalieri, and Eleanor G. Rogan  
DOI: 10.1158/1940-6207.CAPR-08-0037 Published July 2008

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**Abstract**

Exposure to estrogens is a risk factor for breast cancer. Specific estrogen metabolites may initiate breast cancer and other cancers. Genotoxicity may be caused by cytochrome P450 (CYP)-mediated oxidation of catechol estrogens to quinones that react with DNA to form depurinating estrogen-DNA adducts. CYP1B1 favors quinone formation by catalyzing estrogen 4-hydroxylation, whereas NAD(P)H quinone oxidoreductase 1 (NQO1) catalyzes the protective reduction of quinones to catechols. 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin (TCDD) induces CYP1B1 expression



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