

Complicating Factors in Lyme Disease: Multiple Chronic Infectious Disease Syndrome (MCIDS) and the Cell Danger Response

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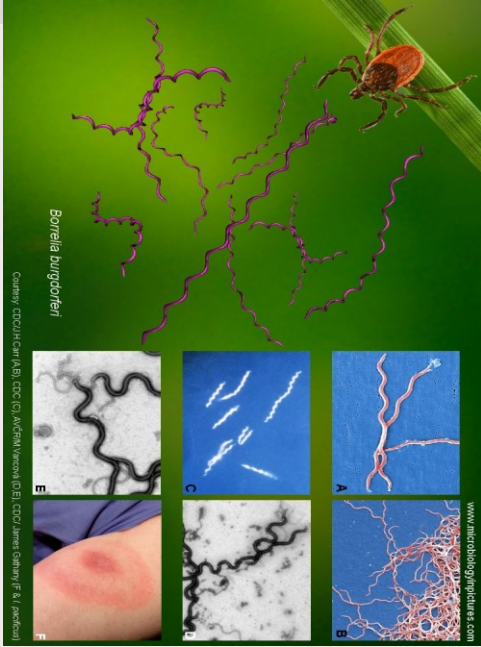
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Objectives

- Discuss how chronic infections such as Lyme Disease and Co-infections lead to oxidative stress, chronic inflammation, and immune system dysfunction which manifests in physical and mental health symptoms.
- Review the Multiple Systemic Infectious Disease Syndrome (MSIDS) and the use of the questionnaire for suspected Lyme disease.
- Discuss the Cell Danger Response and its impact in chronic infections.
- Comprehensive treatment strategies addressing environmental exposures such as mold and toxicants.
- Utilizing case presentations to highlight teaching points.

Defining terms

- **Lyme Disease** (interchangeable with Lyme): refers to the infection that includes not only *B. burgdorferi* but many co-infections.
- **Lyme Borreliosis**: Solo infection with *B. burgdorferi*.
- **Persistent Lyme Disease**: A patient with persistent and chronic Lyme disease has Borrelia infection and likely other infections, as well as; immune dysfunction, inflammation, opportunistic infections, deficient biological terrain, metabolic and hormonal imbalances, deconditioning, biotoxin illness or chronic inflammatory response syndrome (CIRS) or environmental toxicant burden, etc. that need to be addressed in order to bring the patient to wellness.





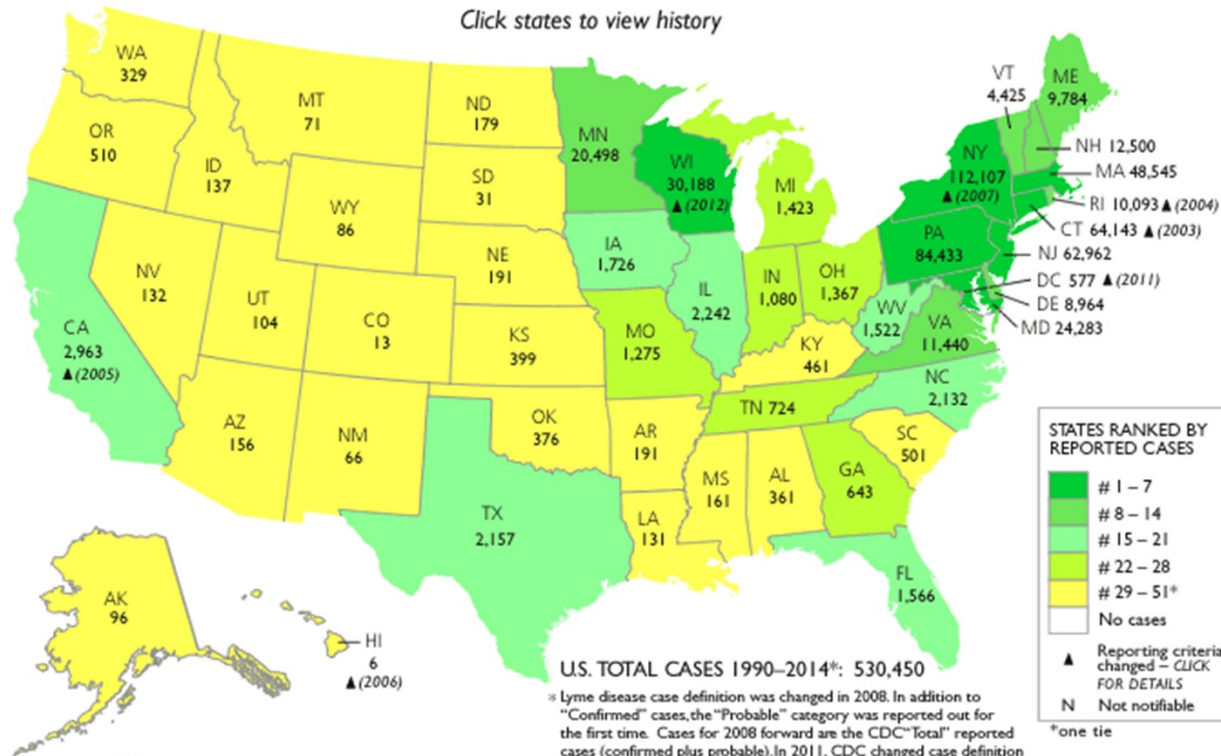
Meet Otzi the Iceman

- The autopsy of Otzi, a 5,300 year old mummy found in the Italian Alps in 2010, revealed the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi* DNA.
- Earliest known human with Lyme disease.

Hall, SS. Iceman Autopsy: Unfrozen.
National Geographic. 2011 Nov.

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U.S. TOTAL CASES 1990–2014*: 530,450

* Lyme disease case definition was changed in 2008. In addition to "Confirmed" cases, the "Probable" category was reported out for the first time. Cases for 2008 forward are the CDC "Total" reported cases (confirmed plus probable). In 2011, CDC changed case definition to include positive CSF antibody tests.

Note: CDC states only 10% of Lyme disease cases meeting the surveillance definition are reported – 10,000 cases are reported, 100,000 cases occurred (does not include all the cases falling outside the stringent surveillance case definition). In 2013, CDC announced that about 300,000 cases of Lyme actually occur annually.



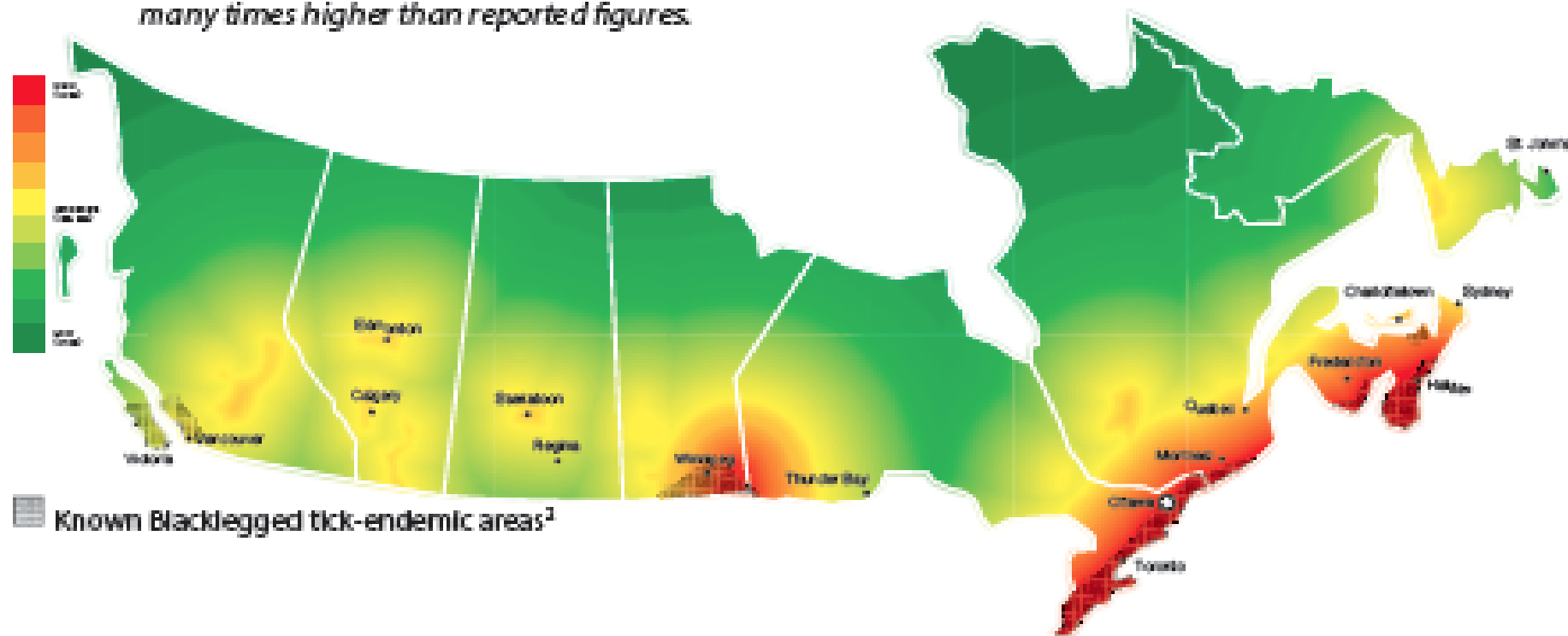
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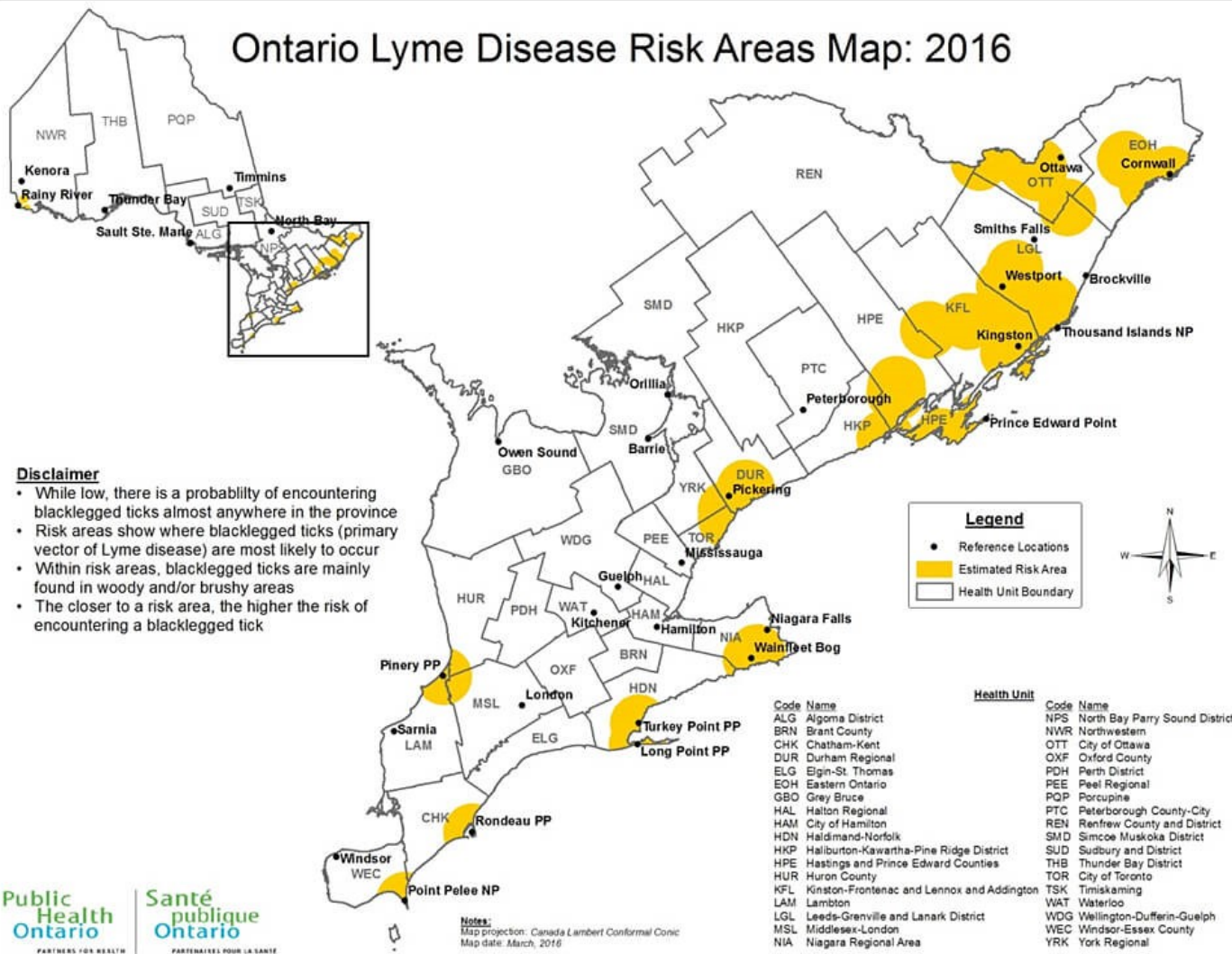
Incidence of reported positive cases of Lyme disease in dogs¹

(2007 to Present)

**Actual number of dogs infected by ticks is likely many times higher than reported figures.*



Ontario Lyme Disease Risk Areas Map: 2016



Relevant Lyme disease ticks and their life cycle

Three Ticks of Public Health Importance

Spot Identification

Adult Activity:
Late March
through July



Adult male



Adult female

Adult Habitat:
Grassy areas
along paths and
roads

Ornamentation

American dog tick, *Dermacentor variabilis*
Ornamentation on 'back'

Ornamentation

**Blacklegged 'deer' tick
*Ixodes scapularis***
No Ornamentation

Activity:
All life stages
bite
Active 12
months



Adult male



Adult female

Habitat:
Forest &
shrubs

Ornamentation

**Lone star tick
*Amblyomma americanum***
Ornamentation



Adult male



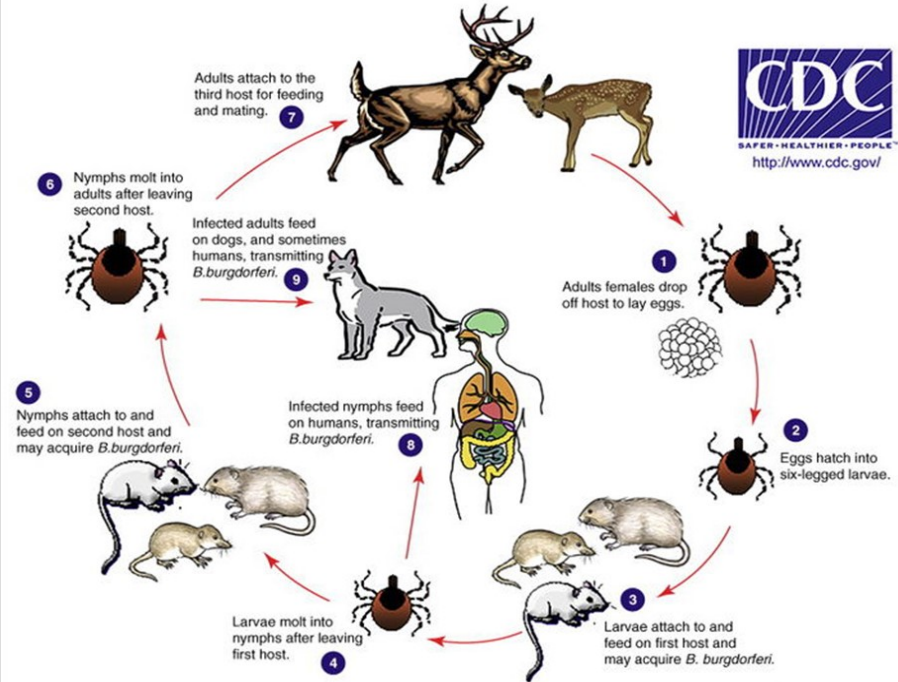
Adult female

Activity:
All life stages
bite
April–August

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TRENDS in Parasitology

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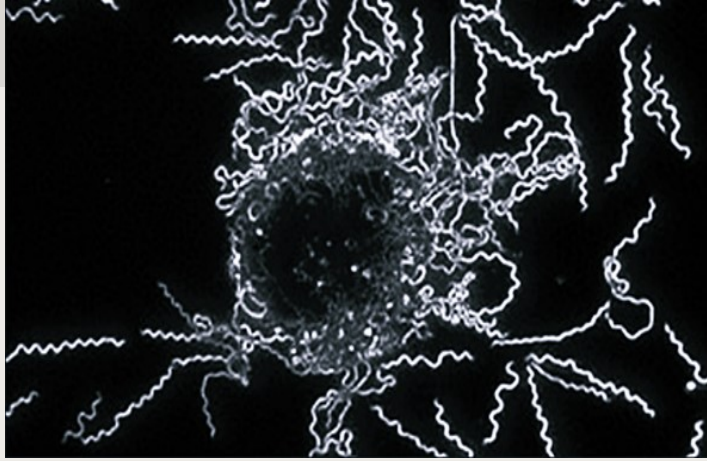
It's not just about the tick...

- Case reports of illness after mosquito bites and bird mite bites.
- *Borrelia burgdorferi* found in mosquitos, horse flies, and deer flies in endemic areas, but researchers claim those insects are unable to transmit infections to humans.
- Studies in Czech republic prove evidence of *Borrelia* in mites from wild rodents and in chigger mites from wild birds.
- Evidence to support sexual transmission of Lyme disease.
- Numerous case reports support evidence for congenital transmission of Lyme disease.
- Possible transmission via breast milk.

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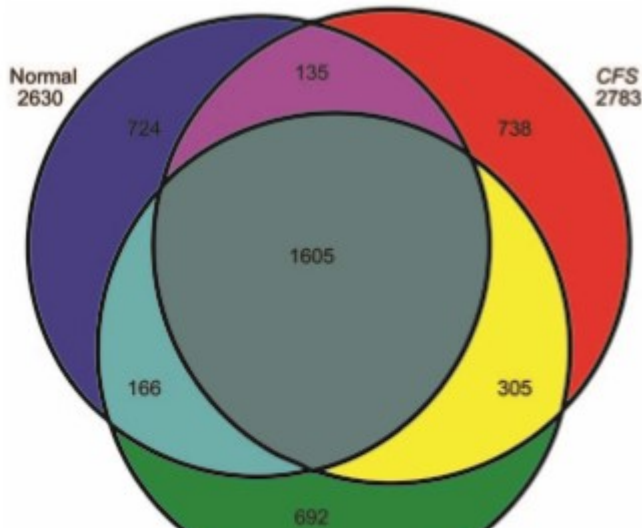
Chronic Lyme vs. Post Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome



1. Inflammatory
host response to antigenic debris
2. Autoimmune
3. Residual damage to tissues during
infection
4. Co-infection
5. Secondary opportunistic infections
6. **Lyme Persisters**
not killed by current Lyme antibiotics

Let's use the term...Persistent
Lyme

Maloney. Controversies in Persistent (Chronic) Lyme
Disease. Art Sci Infusion Nursing. 2016 Nov; 39(6): 369-375.
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Distinct Cerebrospinal Fluid Proteomes Differentiate Post-Treatment Lyme Disease from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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Abstract

Background: Neurologic Post Treatment Lyme disease (nPTLS) and Chronic Fatigue (CFS) are syndromes of unknown etiology. They share features of fatigue and cognitive dysfunction, making it difficult to differentiate them. Unresolved is whether nPTLS is a subset of CFS.

Methods and Principal Findings: Pooled cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples from nPTLS patients, CFS patients, and healthy volunteers were comprehensively analyzed using high-resolution mass spectrometry (MS), coupled with immunoaffinity depletion methods to reduce protein-masking by abundant proteins. Individual patient and healthy control CSF samples were analyzed directly employing a MS-based label-free quantitative proteomics approach. We found that both groups, and individuals within the groups, could be distinguished from each other and normals based on their specific CSF proteins ($p < 0.01$). CFS ($n = 43$) had 2,783 non-redundant proteins, nPTLS ($n = 25$) contained 2,768 proteins, and healthy normals had 2,630 proteins. Preliminary pathway analysis demonstrated that the data could be useful for hypothesis generation on the pathogenetic mechanisms underlying these two related syndromes.

Conclusions: nPTLS and CFS have distinguishing CSF protein complements. Each condition has a number of CSF proteins that can be useful in candidate studies for future validation studies and include in the mechanistic mechanisms of

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data that can provide insight into disease pathogenesis. This can lead to novel treatment strategies. Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) and Lyme disease, particularly Neurologic Post-Treatment

into understanding each individual syndrome.

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) is an ideal body fluid to examine for distinctive protein profiles informative for diagnosis or etiology of

Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) and neurological Post Treatment Lyme Syndrome (nPTLS) are distinguishable disorders with distinct CSF proteomes. Distinguishing these conditions from each other and controls will permits more focused study of each condition and lead to novel diagnostics and therapeutic interventions.

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Neuropsychiatric symptoms of Lyme disease

Depression

Anxiety/Panic attacks

Mood swings

Irritability

Sleep disorders

Seizures

ADHD-like behavior

Autism-like behaviors

Schizophrenia

Bipolar disorder

Peripheral neuropathy

Obsessive –compulsive disorders

PANDAS/PANS

Chronic fatigue Syndrome

Fibromyalgia

Brain fog

Memory issues

Headaches/Migraines

Concentration issues

Dementia

Psychosis/ Paranoia

Eating disorders

Index of suspicion for Persistent Lyme Disease

Cognitive difficulties

- Simple and complex attention
- Slow processing – visual and auditory
- Visual spatial difficulties
- Sensory integration disorders
- Short-term memory difficulties
- Word-finding and communication difficulties
- Decline in executive functioning
- Confusion – overall decline in intellectual performance

Emotional/Behavioral Difficulties

- Anxiety, with panic attacks
- Depression
- Irritability/rage/impulse control
- Oppositional defiant disorders
- Sleep disorders
- Rapid mood swings (bipolar)
- Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Hyperactivity
- Autism-like spectrum disorders
- Antisocial disorders
- Eating disorders



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Complicating Factors in Lyme disease as a Chronic Illness

BACTERIA FACTORS

1. Numerous strains of Borrelia
2. Different forms of Borrelia
3. Testing Challenges
4. Co-infections
5. Biofilms
6. Immune evasion and persistent infections
7. Various Treatment Guidelines

PATIENT FACTORS

1. Lyme disease and Co-infections
2. Immune Dysfunction
3. Inflammation
4. Environmental toxins – chemicals and mold
5. Nutritional deficiencies
6. Mitochondrial dysfunction
7. Endocrine abnormalities
8. Neurodegenerative disorders
9. Neuropsychiatric disorders
10. Sleep disorders
11. Autonomic nervous system dysfunction and POTS
12. Allergies
13. GI disorders
14. Liver dysfunction
15. Pain dis./addiction
16. Deconditioning

There are many pathogenic bacteria

B. burgdorferi

B. afzelli

B. garinii

B. spielmanii

B. lonestari

B. bissettii

B. carolinensis

B. americana

B. andersonii

B. kurtenbachii

B. lusitaniae

B. valaisiana

B. sinica

B. bavariensis

B. finlandensis

B. japonica

B. miyamoti

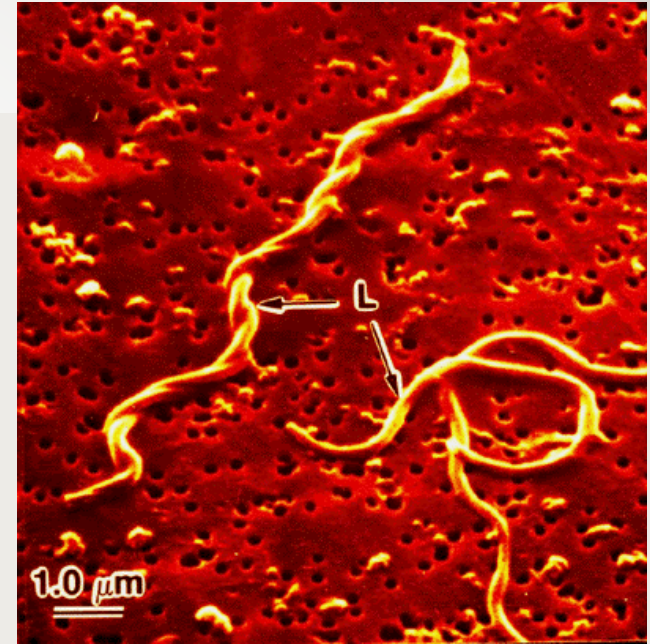
B. hermsii

B. yangtze

B. tanuki

B. turdi

Etc...



Pleomorphic bacteria

- Spirochete form
- Atypical forms
- Cyst, rolled, looped, ring
- Cell-less wall or L-form?
- Biofilms

Typical treatment regimens target these forms.

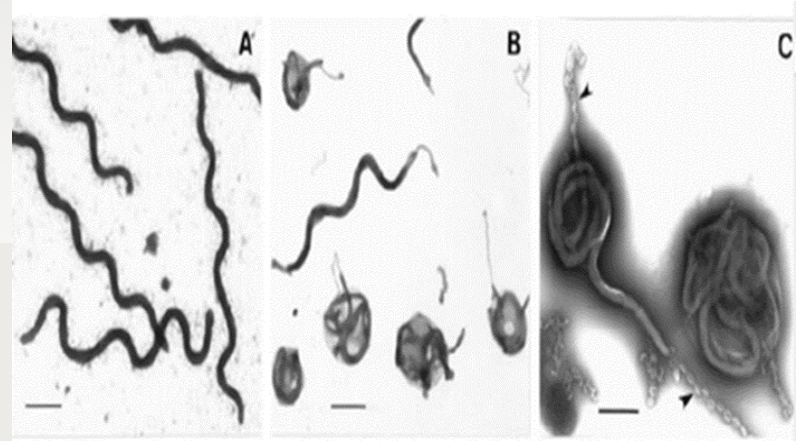
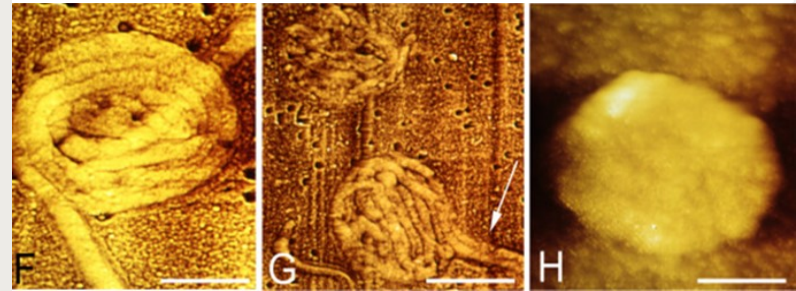


Fig. 1. Transmission electron micrographs demonstrating cyst formation of *B. burgdorferi* in response to serum starvation. A, Typical vegetative spirochaetes observed in BSKII or RPMI+S. B, C, Cyst forms occurring after 48 h incubation in RPMI. Arrowheads indicate membrane 'beading'. Bars, 2 μ m (A and B); 1 μ m (C).



Possible additional infections

- Anaplasmosis/Ehrlichiosis
- Babesia (B. microti, B. duncani)
- Bartonella (B. henselae, B. quintana, B. bacilliformis)
- Relapsing fever Borrelia (Borrelia miyamotoi, B. hermsii)
- Rickettsia (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, R. typhi)
- Coxiella burnetii (Q fever)
- Chlamydia infections
- Mycoplasma infections
- Tularemia
- Brucella

- Tick paralysis
- Colorado Tick fever
- STARI (Southern Tick Associated Rash Illness)

Viral infections

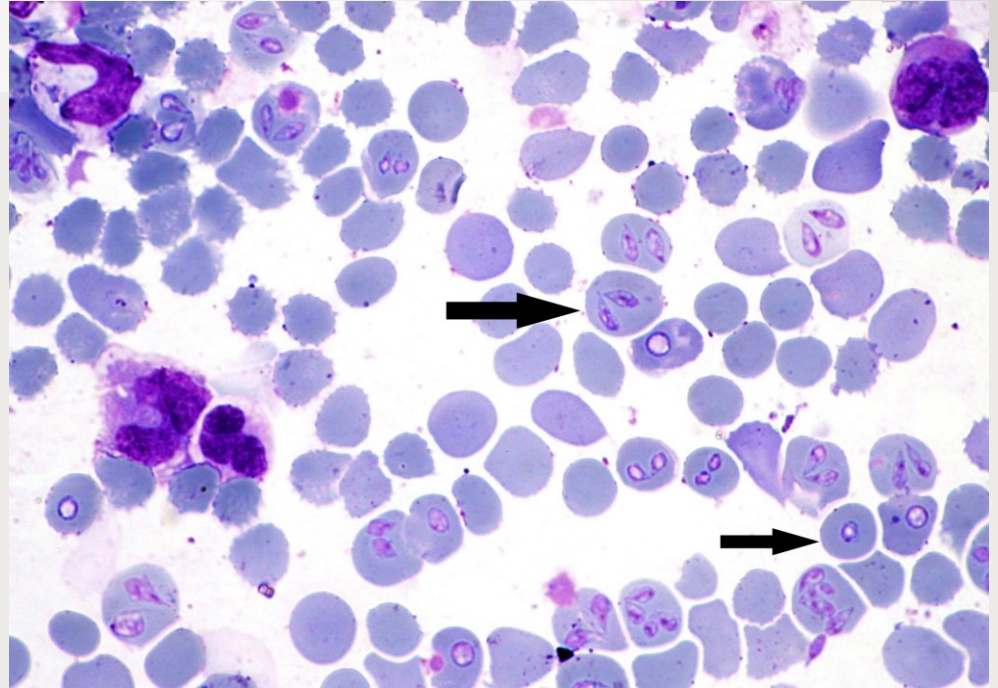
- Heartland Virus
- Powassan Encephalitis
- West Nile
- Human Herpes Virus-6 (HHV-6)
- Epstein Barr Virus (EBV)
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

Fungal Infections

Parasitic infections

Seroprevalence of *Babesia microti* in Lyme patients

- 130 patients in New York
- Positive tests for Lyme disease
- 26.9% samples positive for *Babesia microti* IgG and IgM antibodies
- 6.7% of Lyme disease negative controls were positive



Babesia-like Organisms

Fever/ Chills

Fatigue

Headaches

Drenching sweats

Muscle aches

Chest pain

Cough

Loss of Appetite

Air hunger/ Shortness of breath

"Brain Fog" /Cognitive problems

Elevation of liver enzymes

Hemolytic anemia

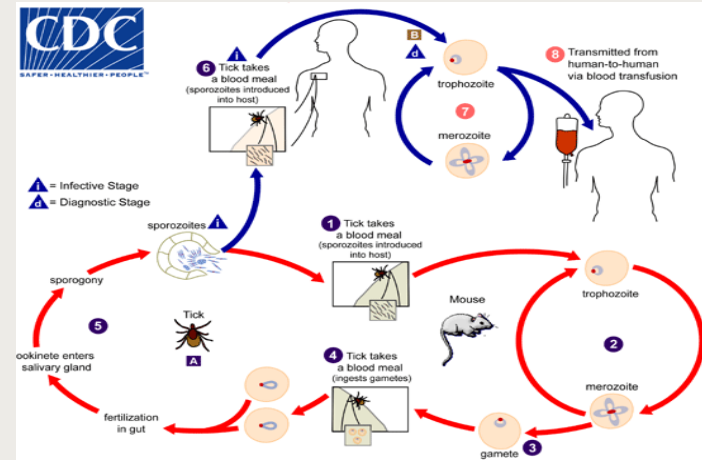
20+ different species.

We can test for 2 species.

Babesia microti

Babesia duncani (Wa-1)

Can be transmitted via tick bite, blood transfusion and via placenta in utero



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Bartonella-like Organisms (Cat Scratch Fever)

Spread by ticks, other insects and in utero

Symptoms include:

Fatigue

Chronic pain

Pelvic pain/ interstitial cystitis

Pain on the soles of the feet

Chest pain/Palpitations

Headaches

Myalgias/ arthralgias

Abnormal liver enzymes

Encephalopathy

Endocarditis/myocarditis

Hemolysis with anemia

Hepato-splenomegaly

Lymphadenopathy

Papular or angiomatous rash

Weakened immune response

Anxiety/ Panic attacks

Striae

Sore throat

Fever



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Co-infection of Ticks: The Rule Rather Than the Exception

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Abstract

Introduction

Ticks are the most common arthropod vectors of both human and animal diseases in Europe, and the *Ixodes ricinus* tick species is able to transmit a large number of bacteria, viruses and parasites. Ticks may also be co-infected with several pathogens, with a subsequent high likelihood of co-transmission to humans or animals. However few data exist regarding co-infection prevalences, and these studies only focus on certain well-known pathogens. In addition to pathogens, ticks also carry symbionts that may play important roles in tick biology, and could interfere with pathogen maintenance and transmission. In this study we evaluated the prevalence of 38 pathogens and four symbionts and their co-infection levels as well as possible interactions between pathogens, or between pathogens and symbionts.

Methodology/principal findings

A total of 267 *Ixodes ricinus* female specimens were collected in the French Ardennes and analyzed by high-throughput real-time PCR for the presence of 37 pathogens (bacteria and parasites), by rRT-PCR to detect the presence of Tick-Borne encephalitis virus (TBEV) and by nested PCR to detect four symbionts. Possible multipartite interactions between pathogens, or between pathogens and symbionts were statistically evaluated. Among the infected ticks, 45% were co-infected, and carried up to five different pathogens. When adding symbiont prevalences, all ticks were infected by at least one microorganism, and up to eight microorganisms were identified in the same tick. When considering possible interactions between pathogens, the results suggested a strong association between *Borrelia garinii* and *B. afzelii*, whereas there were no significant interactions between symbionts and pathogens.

Conclusion/significance

Our study reveals high pathogen co-infection rates in ticks, raising questions about possible co-transmission of these agents to humans or animals, and their consequences to human



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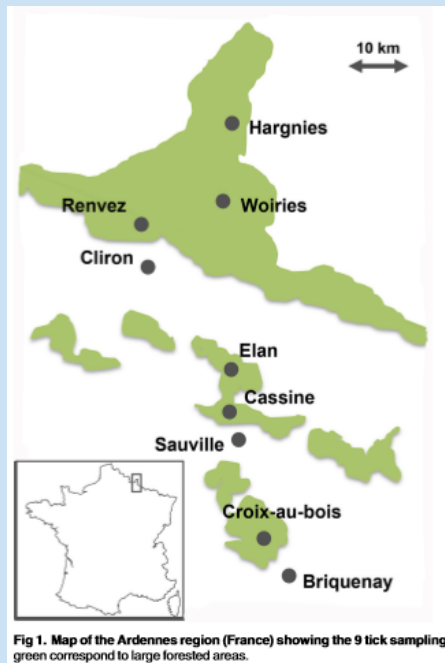


Fig 1. Map of the Ardennes region (France) showing the 9 tick sampling locations. Green areas correspond to large forested areas.

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267 *Ixodes ricinus* female ticks tested
45% were co-infected
Carrying up to 5 pathogens

Including symbiont prevalences, all ticks were infected with at least one organism.
Up to 8 pathogens in the same tick.

Ehrlichia (HME) /Anaplasma (HGA)

Ehrlichia Symptoms:

Fever 97%

Headaches 80%

Myalgias 57%

Arthralgia 41%

Rash 66% pediatric

Nausea/vomiting

Abdominal pain

Cough

Meningitis/meningo-

encephalitis 20%

42% require

hospitalization

3% case fatality

Anaplasma

Symptoms:

Similar for fever, HA,

myalgias, but less

severe than HME

Rash 10%

CNS involvement 1%

PNS higher – peripheral

neuropathy, cranial

nerve palsies

Both have

pancytopenias and

elevated LFTs



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Human Ehrlichiosis and Anaplasmosis

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Keywords

Ehrlichiosis; Epidemiology; Immunity; Pathogenesis; Diagnosis; Treatment

OVERVIEW

Human ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis are acute febrile tick-borne diseases caused by various members from the genera *Ehrlichia* and *Anaplasma* (Anaplasmataceae). Human monocytotropic ehrlichiosis was first reported in the United States in 1987, but during the ensuing 20 years it has become the most prevalent life-threatening tick borne disease in the US. The emergence of ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis is becoming more frequently diagnosed as the cause of human infections, as animal reservoirs and tick vectors have increased in numbers and humans have inhabited areas where reservoir and tick populations are high.

Ehrlichia chaffeensis, the etiologic agent of human monocytotropic ehrlichiosis (HME) is an emerging zoonosis that causes clinical manifestations ranging from a mild febrile illness to a fulminant disease characterized by multi-organ system failure. The primary tick vector of HME is the Lone Star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*). *A. phagocytophilum* causes human granulocytotropic anaplasmosis (HGA), previously known as human granulocytotropic ehrlichiosis (HGE). *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* is transmitted by *Ixodes scapularis*, which also transmits agents that cause Lyme disease and babesiosis.

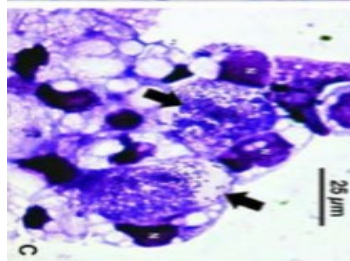
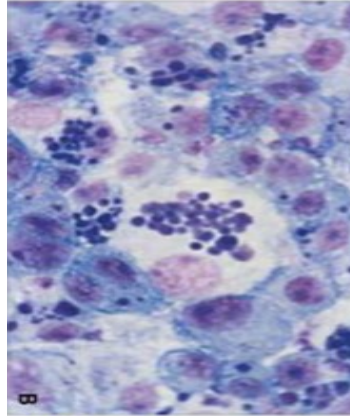
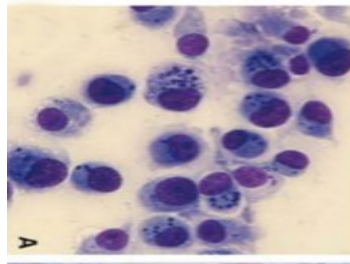
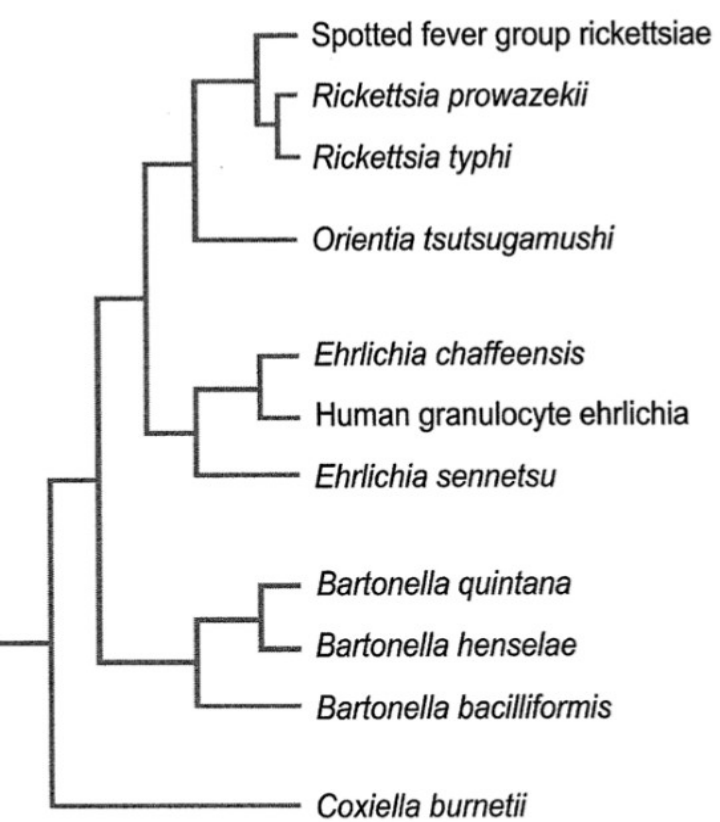
HME and HGA have similar clinical presentations including fever, headache, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia and elevated liver enzymes. Symptoms typically begin a median of 9 days following tick bite, with the majority of patients seeking medical attention within the first 4 days of illness. Neurologic manifestations are most frequently reported with HME. In this article, we review recent advances in the understanding of ehrlichial diseases related to microbiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, pathogenesis, immunity, and treatment of the two prevalent tick-borne diseases found in the United States, HME and HGA.

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Ehrlichia/Anaplasma/Rickettsia



- Rickettsial infections are transmitted by fleas, mites, and ticks.
- Can be mild or life threatening.
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever presents as fever, headache, myalgias, petechial rash, and tick exposure.

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Figure 1. Phylogenetic relationships between rickettsias based on 16S rRNA gene sequences. (From Mason PR, Kelly PJ. Ch. 235: Rickettsia and Rickettsia-Like Organisms. In: Cohen & Powderly, editors. Infectious Diseases, 2nd ed. Mosby; 2004. Permission requested from Elsevier.)

Diversity of Rickettsiae in Rural Northern California

DNA PCR of rickettsia species found in:

3% in humans

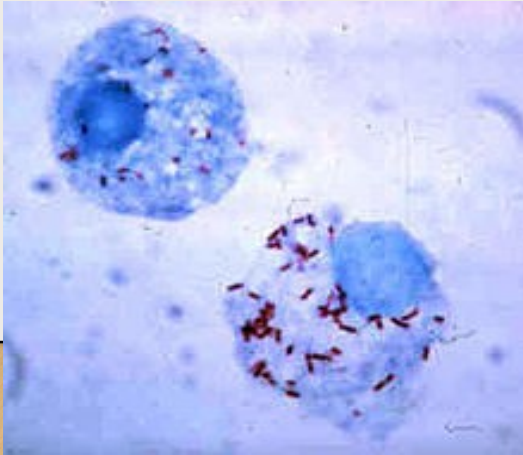
33% in grey foxes

42% in dogs

79% in cats

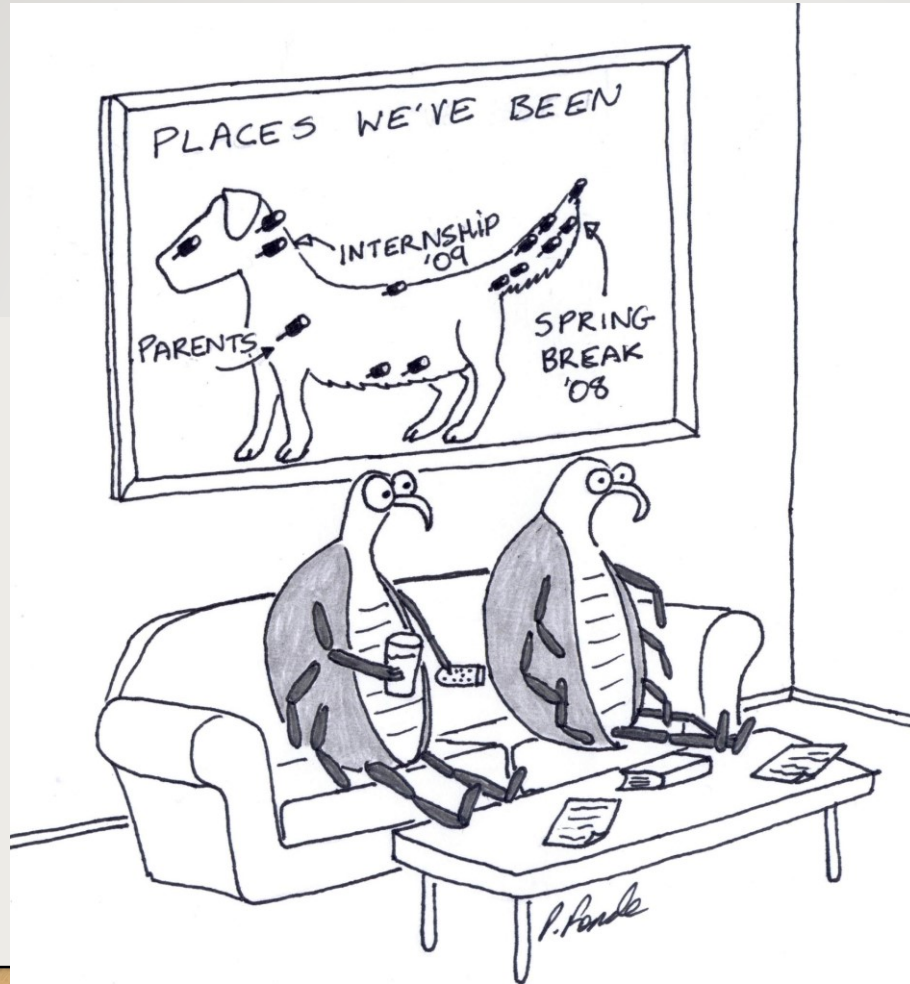
83% in bobcats

Found in fleas, ticks both *Ixodes pacificus* and *Dermacentor variabilis* species



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Case: MB

33 yr old woman presented in March 2014 with a number of chronic issues for which she wanted functional medicine approaches.

PMHx: Major depressive disorder
Borderline personality disorder
Hashimoto's thyroiditis
PCOS with infertility issues
Premenstrual syndrome
Chronic back pain from 3 herniated discs
History of SIBO treated with rifaximin.
Corn allergy

PSHx: none

Family Hx: Mom 66, depression
MGM deceased at 81, depression
PGF deceased 70s, psych disorder

Social history: Married, desired children, no drug or tobacco use, +Etoh use.

She had dissociative episodes in college and started therapy. Had a "breakdown" in the first semester of her MFT program. She is now mentally stable on Pristiq.

Case: MB

3/13/14 labs:

Chol 188 mg/dL = 4.87 mmol/L

LDL 101mg/dL = 2.62 mmol/L

HDL 54 mg/dL = 1.4 mmol/L

trig 206H mg/dL = 2.33 mmol/L

Wbc 6.7 x10³, hgb 13.9, plt 266

Glu 86 mg/dL = 4.77 mmol/L

cmp wnl, HgA1c 5.3%,

MTHFR C677t +/-, Celiac neg, ANA neg

Pregnenolone 71 ng/mL = 225.8nmol/L

DHEA-S 253 µg/dL = 6.63µmol/L

Ferritin 43 ng/mL = 96 pmol/L

TSH 2.32 mIU/L

free t4 0.89 mg/dL = 11.46 pmol/L

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+thyroid antibodies

Hs CRP 6.79 mg/L = 64.67 nmol/L

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Comprehensive stool analysis - 4+ Candida glabrata. Calprotectin – 68 (<50 is normal) Secretory IgA – 255 (51-204 normal)

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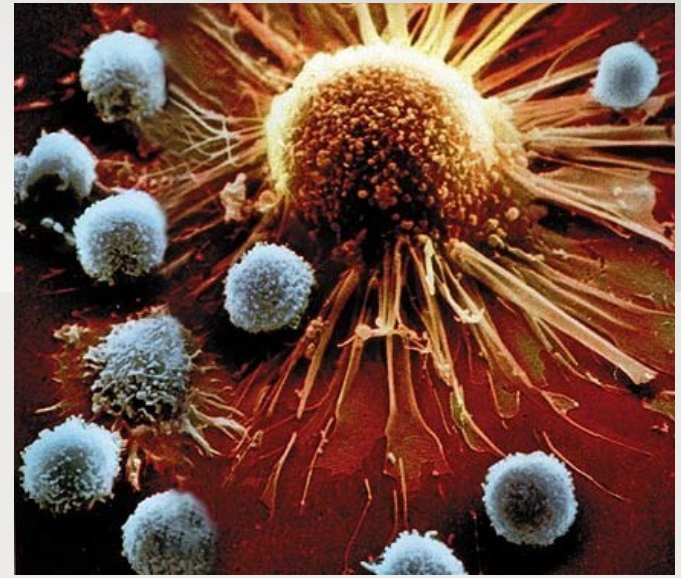
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Vit D 1,25 OH - 64 pg/mL = 166 pmol/L

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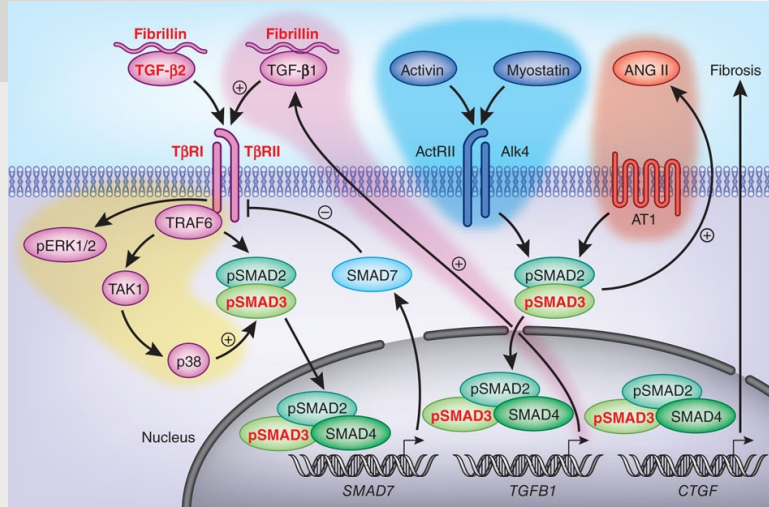
What is CD 57?

- CD57 is a subset of natural killer (NK) cells
- Distinct from CD 56 cells the major subset of NK cells
- Function is poorly understood
- May be suppressed in chronic infections including EBV, CMV, HIV and Lyme disease
- Associations with remission rates in cancers
- Downregulated by TH1 cytokines (IL2, IFN, TNF)
- CD57 marker is found on other cells (T-cells and nerve cells)



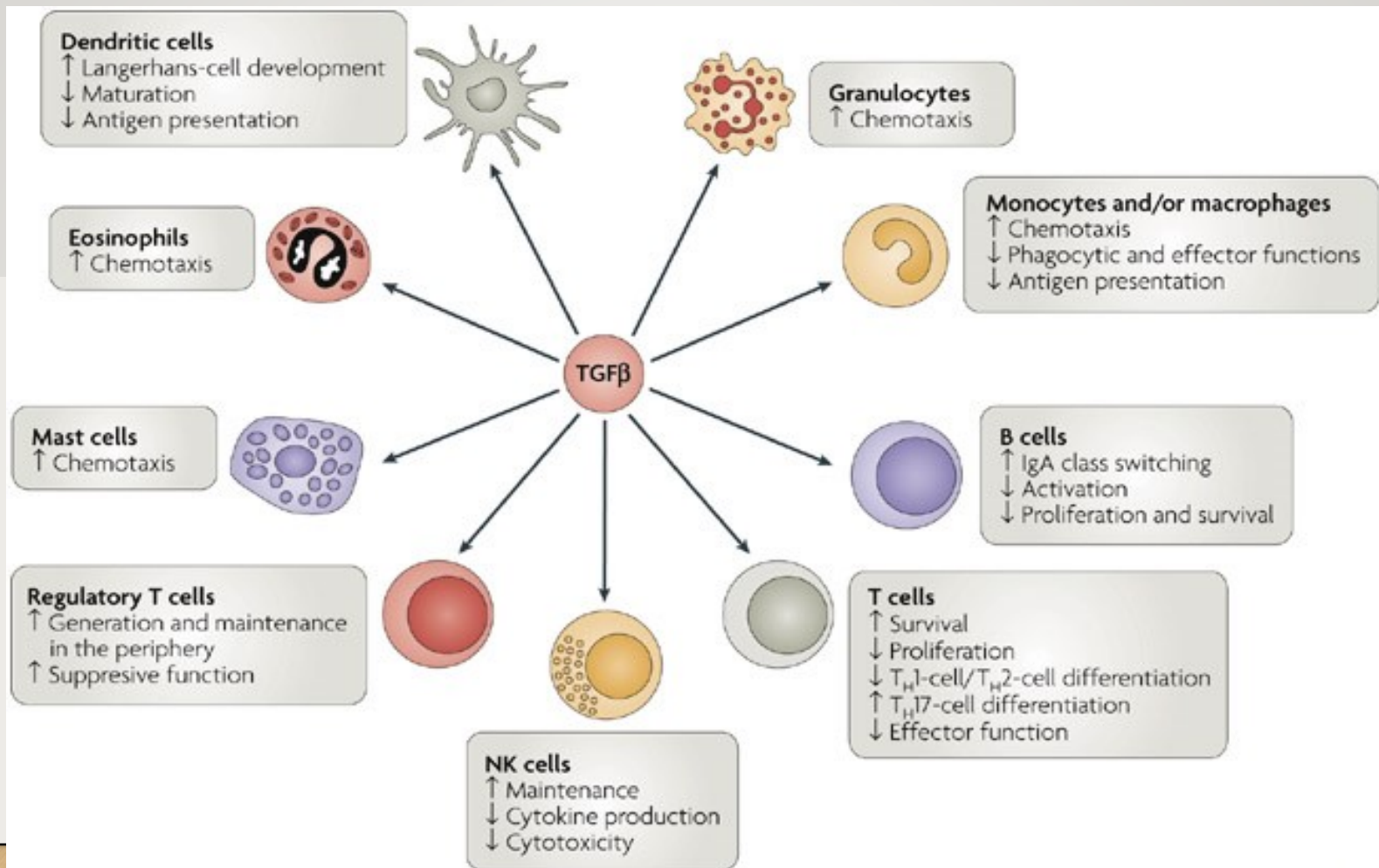
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Transforming Growth Factor Beta1



Zhang, et al. TGF-β1 factor in the cerebrovascular diseases of Alzheimer's disease. Eur Rev Med Pharmacol Sci. 2016 Dec;20(24):5178-5185.
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- TGF-beta 1 (Transforming Growth Factor Beta 1) (normal is <2382)
- Immunomodulatory cytokine, has pleiotropic effects.
- A marker of an overactive immune system. Directs immunity towards TH17, often results in autoimmunity.
- Also role in tumor suppression and promoting tolerance to allergens and self-antigens.
- Can be elevated in CIRS from mold or Lyme disease.
- Important in autoimmune hepatitis, IBD, hepatocellular carcinoma and RA



Case: MB

3/13/14 labs:

Chol 188 mg/dL = 4.87 mmol/L

LDL 101mg/dL = 2.62 mmol/L

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Dysregulation of the Vitamin D Nuclear Receptor May Contribute to the Higher Prevalence of Some Autoimmune Diseases in Women

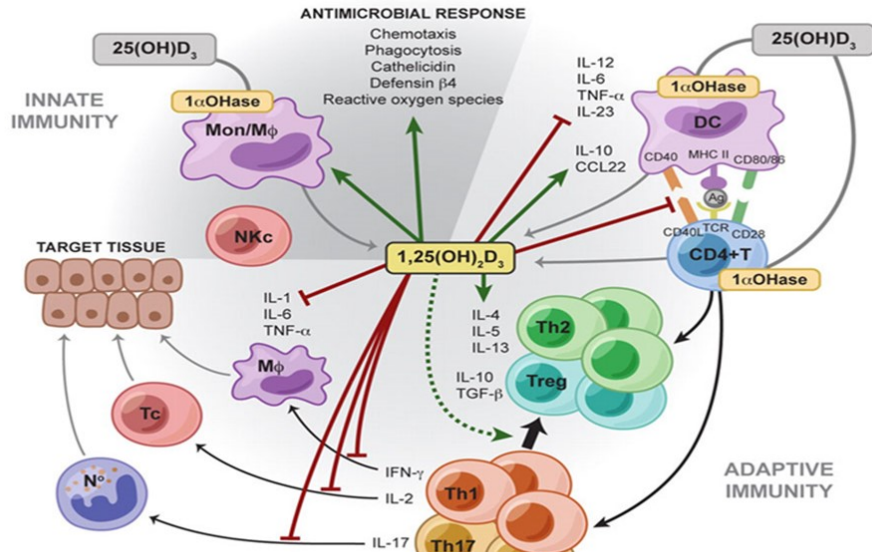
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Researchers have noted that the incidence of autoimmune diseases, such as Hashimoto's thyroiditis, is markedly higher in women than in men, but to date the reason for this disparity has been unclear. The vitamin D nuclear receptor (VDR) is expressed in the human cycling endometrium. Because the VDR controls expression of the cathelicidin and β -defensin antimicrobial peptides (AmPs), dysregulation of the receptor greatly compromises the innate immune response. Increasing evidence indicates the presence of a chronic, intraphagocytic, metagenomic microbiota in patients with autoimmune disease that may survive by dysregulating the VDR. VDR dysregulation, in turn, prevents the breakdown of the active vitamin D metabolite 1,25-hydroxyvitamin D (1,25-D) by CYP24. *In silico* data suggest that when 1,25-D rises above its normal range, it binds the α/β thyroid receptors, the glucocorticoid receptor (GCR), and the androgen receptor (AR), displacing their native ligands and causing an array of hormonal imbalances. If T3 is displaced from α -thyroid, thyroiditis may result. Because the VDR, GCR, and AR also express multiple families of AmPs, expression of these natural antibiotics further wanes in response to dysregulation by 1,25-D. The end result is a system-wide drop in AmP expression that may allow pathogens to spread with greater ease. Because women have an extra site of VDR expression in the endometrium, the drop in AmP expression associated with endometrial dysregulation may disproportionately affect them. This



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Proal et al. 2009.

Vitamin D discrepancy •

- Inflammatory disease processes appear to be due to alterations in the microbiome.
- Autoimmune diseases may be antibody generation against polymicrobial colonies and infections.
- Intracellular microbes slow innate immune system defense by dysregulating the vitamin D nuclear receptor (VDR).
- VDR affects transcription of at least 913 gene including the expression of key antimicrobial peptides.
- This dysregulation facilitates the ability of other pathogens to persist and slow the immune system further.

- VDR dysregulation prevents the breakdown of the active Vit D metabolite 1,25oh, thus it becomes elevated and 25-OH vit D remains low.
- Elevated 1,25OH – D can interfere with the expression of other nuclear receptors such as the androgen receptor, glucocorticoid receptor and thyroid receptors.

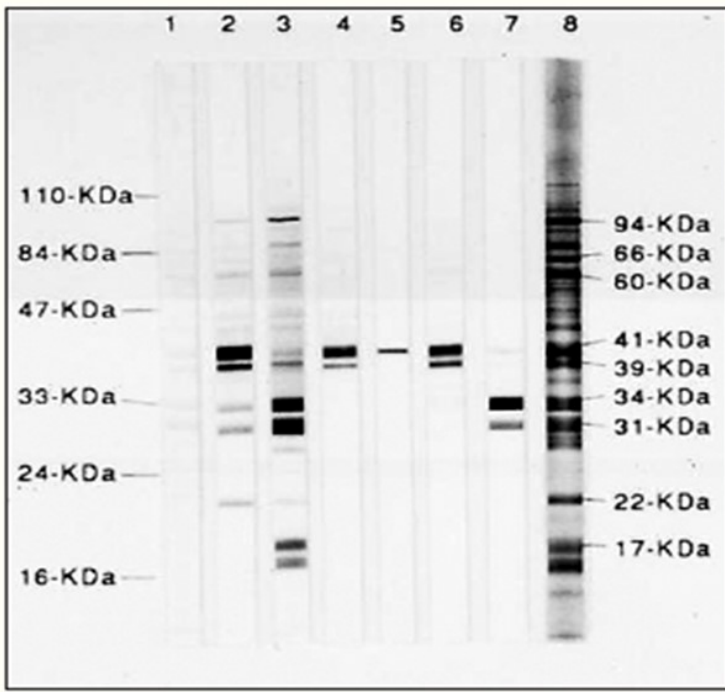
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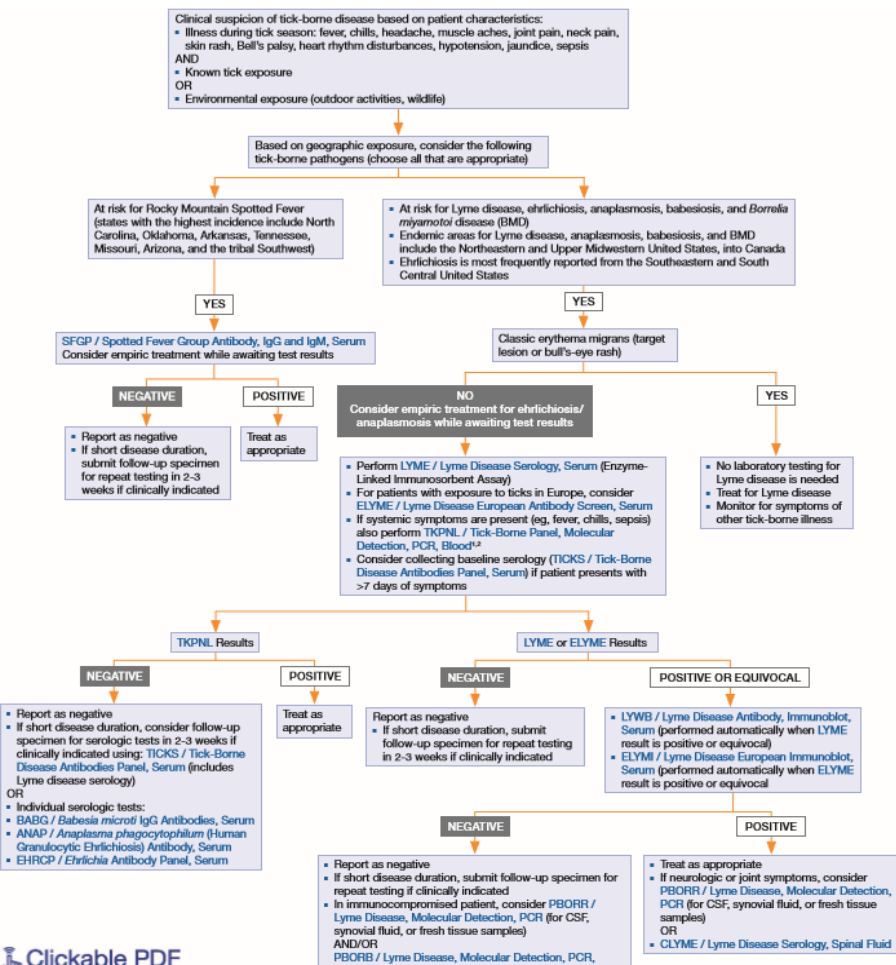
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Significant Lyme disease antibodies detected on Western blot test, including 31- and 34-kilodalton bands. Courtesy of IGeneX, Inc.

Laboratory testing

- **Stony Brook University**
IFA, Western blot plus bands 31 (OspA) and 34 (OspB)
- **Igenex**
Lyme, relapsing fever borrelias IFA, western blot, PCR
Bartonella henselae antibodies, Bartonella FISH
Babesia microti and duncani antibodies, Babesia FISH
Ehrlichia, Anaplasma, C. pneumonia, Rickettsia
Immunoblot
- **Fry Labs**
Advanced stains for Protomyxzoa rheumatic and other parasites
- **Advanced Lab - Borrelia culture**
- **Medical Diagnostic Labs (MDL)**
Bacteria, vectors, viral antibodies and PCR
- **Galaxy Labs**
Bartonella species testing
- **Armin Labs (Germany)**– Lyme and co-infection
urine testing
- **Mayo Medical Laboratory** – Lyme serology and
Immunoblot



https://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/it-mmfiles/Acute_Tick-Borne_Disease_Testing_Algorithm.pdf

Case: MB Lyme western blot through Stonybrook

11/16/15

IFA – nonreactive

IgM – positive for bands 23, 41 and (62 and 93) – positive by CDC criteria

IgG – 41+ band only

2/29/16

IFA – nonreactive

IgM - positive for bands 23, 41 and (36, 62, and 93) – positive by CDC criteria

IgG – positive for 41, 66 and 25

She couldn't afford any co-infection testing other than commercial labs and those tests were all negative.

Case: MB Follow up

- She did antibiotics for 1 year and then had an embryo transfer.
- Continued on a single antibiotic Augmentin as the other antibiotics caused diarrhea during her pregnancy.
- Plus a Chrysanthemum morifolium product as additional antimicrobial.
- Had healthy baby girl. All infant tests so far have been negative for Lyme.



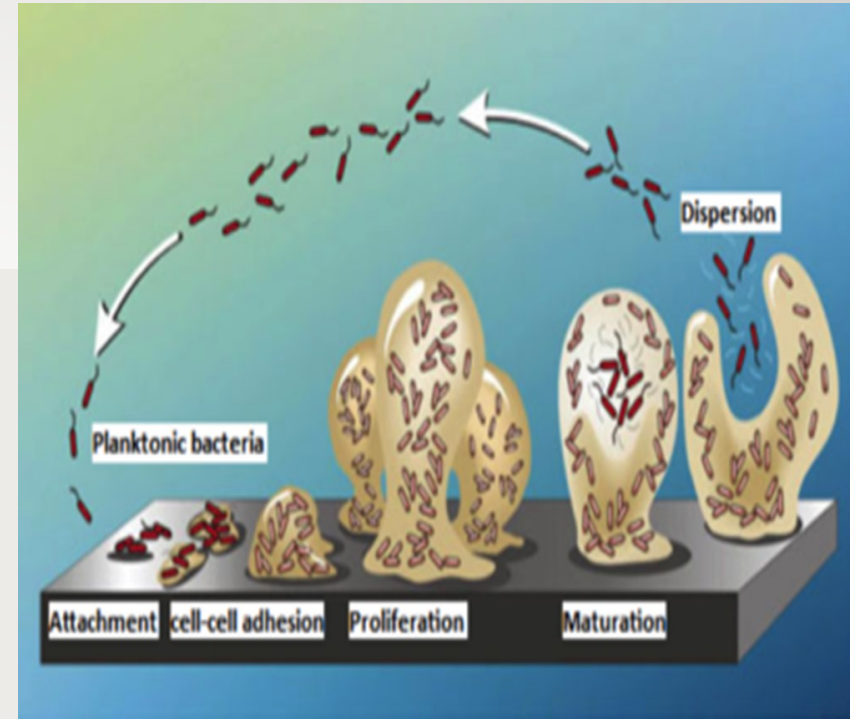
Complicating Factors in Lyme disease as a Chronic Illness

BACTERIA FACTORS

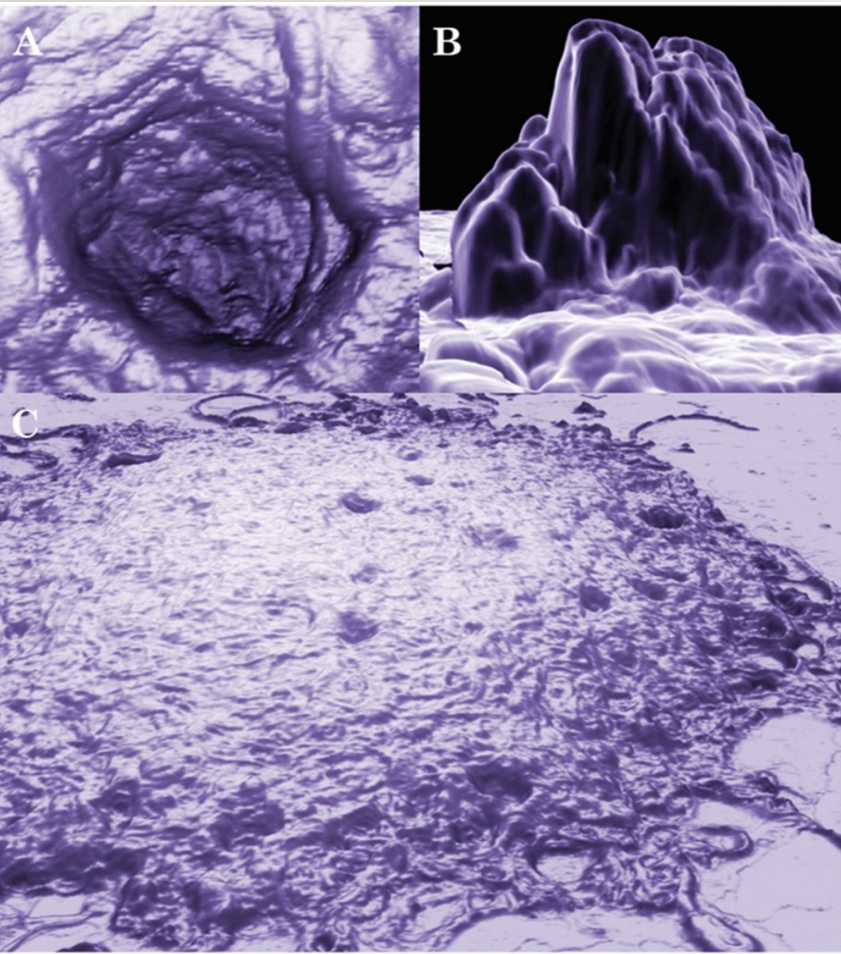
1. Numerous strains of Borrelia
2. Different forms of Borrelia
3. Testing Challenges
4. Co-infections
- 5. Biofilms**
6. Immune evasion and persistent infections
7. Various Treatment Guidelines

What's a biofilm?

- Bacterial biofilms are microbial communities held together by an extracellular polymeric substance matrix predominantly composed of polysaccharides, proteins and nucleic acids.
- Biofilms protect the bacteria complicating treatment.



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Biofilms in 3D

- Biofilms protect the resident individuals from the hostile environment of the host immune system attack or antibiotics or other targeted phytonutrient therapies.
- Dr. Sapi states, "It was demonstrated that pathogenic biofilms possess as much as 1000 fold increased tolerance to antimicrobial agents, making them very difficult to eradicate."
- *Borrelia* biofilms have been demonstrated in vitro and in tissue biopsy specimen.

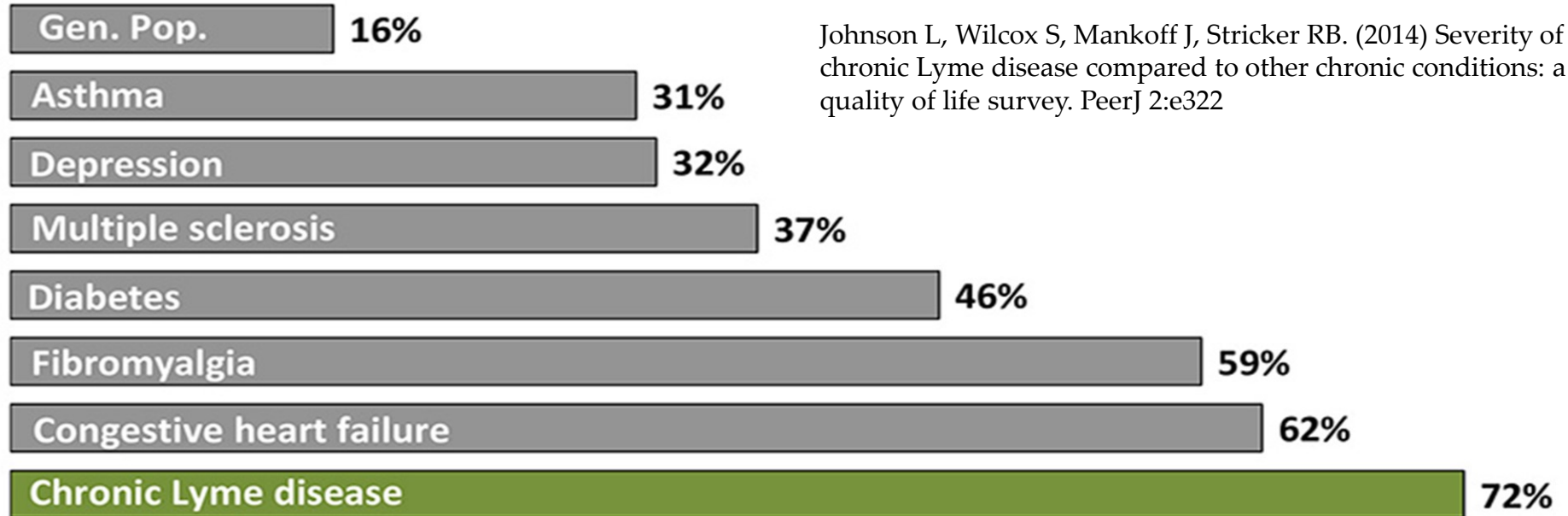
Lyme evades immune system responses

- Lyme causes immune system dysfunction and immune suppression
 - Tick salivary proteins delay early host immune response
 - Atypical morphologies evade immune response
- The spirochete has form changes and antigenic variation
 - Deceives alternative complement pathways
 - Antigenic variation challenges the humoral immune responses
- Physical seclusion to Intracellular and extracellular sites
 - Unique motility skills
 - Seeks niches to evade host immune system.
- Biofilms
- Persister cells

Lyme patients can become chronically ill patients

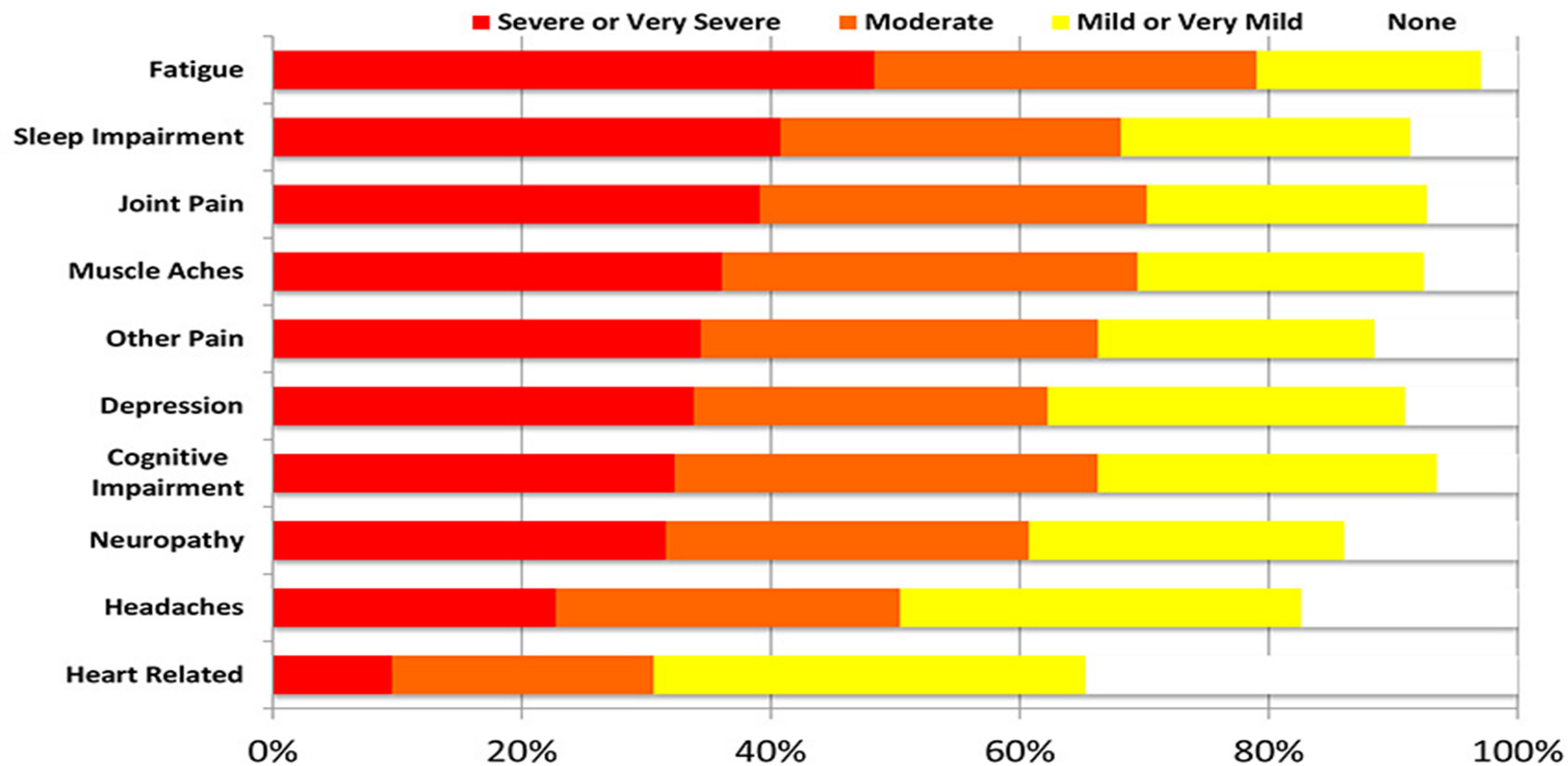
Quality of Life

Chronic Lyme patients suffer worse quality of life compared to most other chronic diseases. 72% report their health status as fair or poor.



Symptom Severity

75% of chronic Lyme patients experience severe or very severe symptoms. 63% describe two or more symptoms as severe or very severe.





I found the tick,
the bulls eye,
did the 3 weeks of
antibiotics...
and still
got the disease!

...what disease?

Skidmore

Complicating Factors in Lyme disease as a Chronic Illness

PATIENT FACTORS

1. Lyme disease and Co-infections
2. Immune Dysfunction
3. Inflammation
4. Environmental toxins – chemicals and mold
5. Nutritional deficiencies
6. Mitochondrial dysfunction
7. Endocrine abnormalities
8. Neurodegenerative disorders
9. Neuropsychiatric disorders
10. Sleep disorders
11. Autonomic nervous system dysfunction and POTS
12. Allergies
13. GI disorders
14. Liver dysfunction
15. Pain disorders/addiction
16. Deconditioning

Horowitz Lyme-MSIDS Questionnaire

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SECTION 1: SYMPTOM FREQUENCY SCORE

0 None

1 Mild

2 Moderate

3 Severe

1. Unexplained fevers, sweats, chills, or flushing	
2. Unexplained weight change; loss or gain	
3. Fatigue, tiredness	
4. Unexplained hair loss	
5. Swollen glands	
6. Sore throat	
7. Testicular or pelvic pain	
8. Unexplained menstrual irregularity	
9. Unexplained breast milk production; breast pain	
10. Irritable bladder or bladder dysfunction	
11. Sexual dysfunction or loss of libido	
12. Upset stomach	
13. Change in bowel function (constipation or diarrhea)	
14. Chest pain or rib soreness	
15. Shortness of breath or cough	
16. Heart palpitations, pulse skips, heart block	
17. History of a heart murmur or valve prolapse	
18. Joint pain or swelling	
19. Stiffness of the neck or back	
20. Muscle pain or cramps	
21. Twitching of the face or other muscles	
22. Headaches	
23. Neck cracks or neck stiffness	

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24. Tingling, numbness, burning, or stabbing sensations	
25. Facial paralysis (Bell's palsy)	
26. Eyes/vision: double, blurry	
27. Ears/hearing: buzzing, ringing, ear pain	
28. Increased motion sickness, vertigo	
29. Light-headedness, poor balance, difficulty walking	
30. Tremors	
31. Confusion, difficulty thinking	
32. Difficulty with concentration or reading	
33. Forgetfulness, poor short-term memory	
34. Disorientation: getting lost; going to wrong places	
35. Difficulty with speech or writing	
36. Mood swings, irritability, depression	
37. Disturbed sleep: too much, too little, early awakening	
38. Exaggerated symptoms or worse hangover from alcohol	
TOTAL Section 1	

SECTION 2: MOST COMMON LYME SYMPTOMS SCORE

If you rated a 3 for each of the following in section 1, give yourself 5 additional points:	
39. Fatigue	
40. Forgetfulness, poor short-term memory	
41. Joint pain or swelling	
42. Tingling, numbness, burning, or stabbing sensations	
43. Disturbed sleep: too much, too little, early awakening	
TOTAL Section 2	

SECTION 3: LYME INCIDENCE SCORE

If true, transpose points here:

Now please circle the points for each of the following statements you can agree with:	
44. You have had a tick bite with no rash or flulike symptoms. <i>3 points</i>	
45. You have had a tick bite, an erythema migrans, or an undefined rash, followed by flulike symptoms. <i>5 points</i>	
46. You live in what is considered a Lyme-endemic area. <i>2 points</i>	
47. You have a family member who has been diagnosed with Lyme and/or other tick-borne infections. <i>1 point</i>	
48. You experience migratory muscle pain. <i>4 points</i>	
49. You experience migratory joint pain. <i>4 points</i>	
50. You experience tingling/burning/numbness that migrates and/or comes and goes. <i>4 points</i>	
51. You have received a prior diagnosis of chronic fatigue syndrome or fibromyalgia. <i>3 points</i>	
52. You have received a prior diagnosis of a specific autoimmune disorder (lupus, MS, or rheumatoid arthritis), or of a nonspecific autoimmune disorder. <i>3 points</i>	
53. You have had a positive Lyme test (IFA, ELISA, Western blot, PCR, and/or borrelia culture). <i>5 points</i>	
TOTAL Section 3	

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SECTION 4: OVERALL HEALTH SCORE

Transpose the points from
column A here:

54. Thinking about your overall physical health, for how many of the past thirty days was your physical health not good? _____ days

Award yourself the following points based on the total number of days:

- 0-5 days = 1 point
- 6-12 days = 2 points
- 13-20 days = 3 points
- 21-30 days = 4 points

55. Thinking about your overall mental health, for how many days during the past thirty days was your mental health not good? _____ days

Award yourself the following points based on the total number of days:

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- 6-12 days = 2 points
- 13-20 days = 3 points
- 21-30 days = 4 points

TOTAL Section 4

SCORING:

Record your total scores for each section below and add them together to achieve your final score:

Section 1 Total:	
Section 2 total:	
Section 3 total:	
Section 4 total:	
FINAL SCORE	

If you scored 46 or more, you have a high probability of a tick-borne disorder and should see a health-care provider for further evaluation.

If you scored between 21 and 45, you possibly have a tick-borne disorder and should see a health-care provider for further evaluation.

If you scored under 21, you are not likely to have a tick-borne disorder.

Interpreting the Results

We see a high frequency of Section 1 symptoms in our patients, including fatigue, joint and muscle pain that often migrates, sleep disorders, as well as memory and concentration problems, and a high frequency of Section 3 symptoms, especially neuropathic pain that comes and goes and migrates (tingling, numbness, burning, etc.). These form a cluster of presenting symptoms that are characteristic of those with a high probability of having Lyme-MSIDS.

In one recent study conducted in our office of 100 consecutive patients, we found that more than 25 percent reported that the following symptoms were present most or all of the time in the month preceding their office visit. Many of these patients reported that these symptoms affected their quality of life: 71 percent reported that their physical health was not good and 47 percent reported that their mental health was not good on at least fifteen days in the previous month.

Empirical validation of the Horowitz Multiple Systemic Infectious Disease Syndrome Questionnaire for suspected Lyme disease

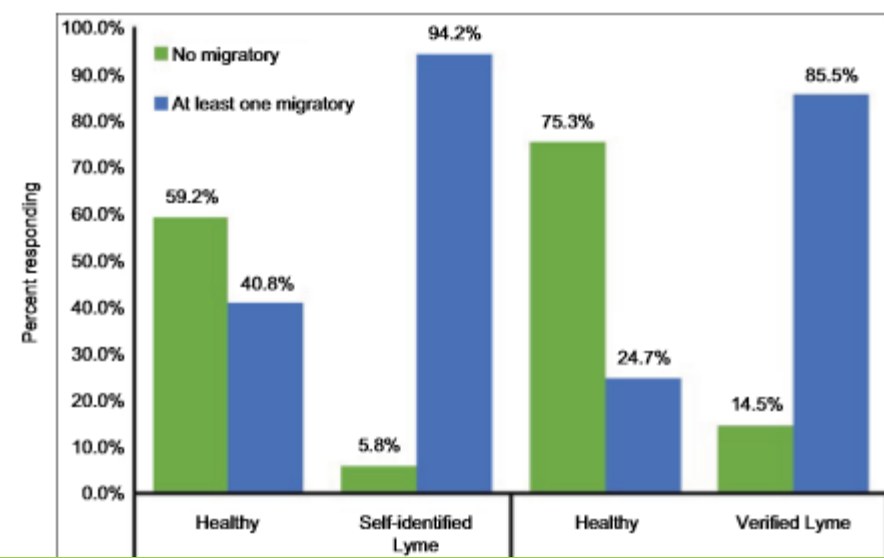
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Purpose: Lyme disease is spreading worldwide, with multiple *Borrelia* species causing a broad range of clinical symptoms that mimic other illnesses. A validated Lyme disease screening questionnaire would be clinically useful for both providers and patients. Three studies evaluated such a screening tool, namely the Horowitz Multiple Systemic Infectious Disease Syndrome (MSIDS) Questionnaire. The purpose was to see if the questionnaire could accurately distinguish between Lyme patients and healthy individuals.

Methods: Study 1 examined the construct validity of the scale examining its factor structure and reliability of the questionnaire among 537 individuals being treated for Lyme disease. Study 2 involved an online sample of 999 participants, who self-identified as either healthy (N=217) or suffering from Lyme now (N=782) who completed the Horowitz MSIDS Questionnaire (HMQ) along with an outdoor activity survey. We examined convergent validity among components of



Paper includes 3 studies. 6 factors were identified to correspond with Lyme symptoms including tingling, numbness, burning or stabbing sensations, forgetfulness and poor short term memory, joint pain or swelling, fatigue, disturbed sleep; plus dysautonomia and cardio/respiratory symptoms. 85% of Lyme patients had at least one migratory symptom, only 24% of healthy individuals possessed. Focus on migratory joint pain, muscle pain and neuropathic pains.

Citera, 2017



...Bon voyage!
Oh, by the way,
I can't say
when I'll let you off
this thing?



Pathophysiology of Lyme and Chronic Illness

Oxidative stress

Inflammation

Immune dysfunction

Autoimmunity

Molecular mimicry

Mitochondrial dysfunction

IDO upregulation

Increased kynurenic acid

Microglial activation

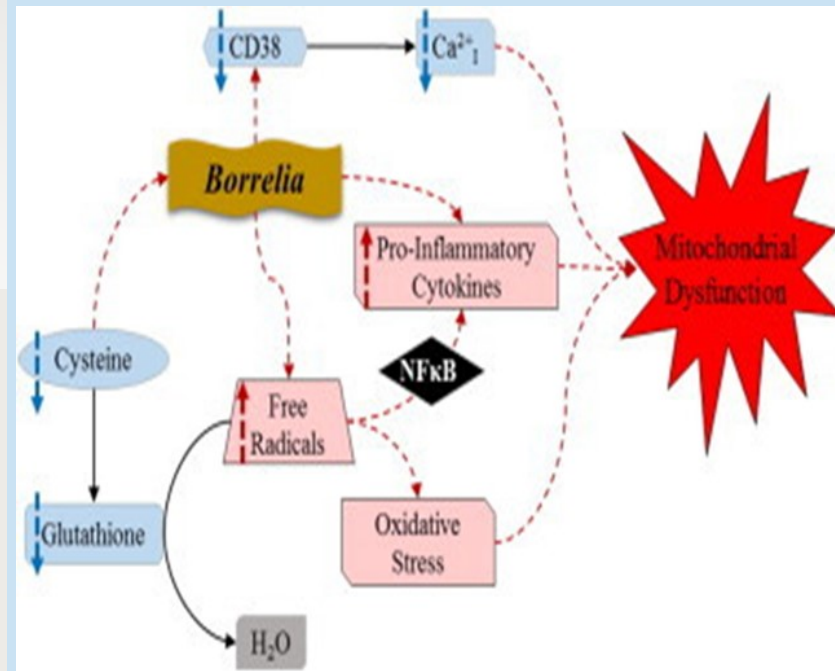
Gastrointestinal disturbances

Endocrine dysfunction

Mineral imbalance – zinc and manganese

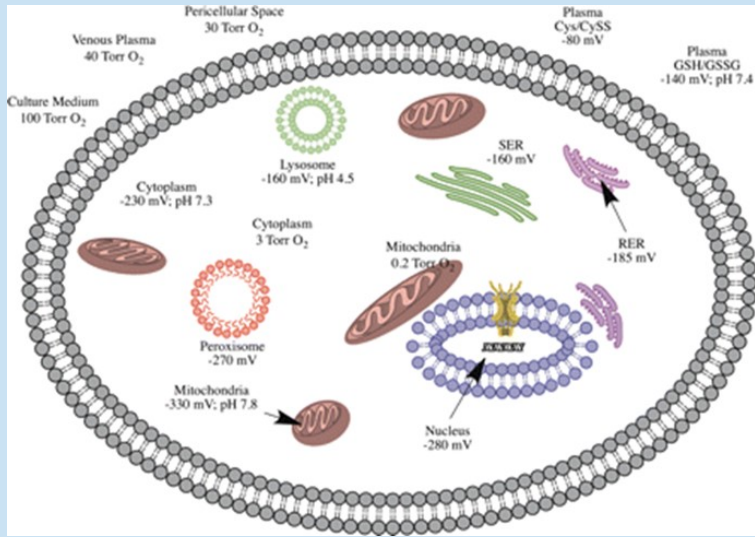
Lyme disease – inflammation and oxidative stress

- Significant rise in mitochondrial superoxide and decrease in ionized calcium indicate oxidative stress, mitochondrial membrane instability and release of pro-inflammatory cytokines in Lyme borreliosis patients.
- Activation of Inflammation and host immune responses cause damage leading to hallmarks of neurodegeneration. Misfolded proteins, oxidative stress, deficient apoptosis, cell death.
- Dexamethasone reverses inflammatory cascade, both lower inflammatory markers and preventing pathological changes in animal neuroborreliosis.



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Oxidative shielding rather than oxidative stress

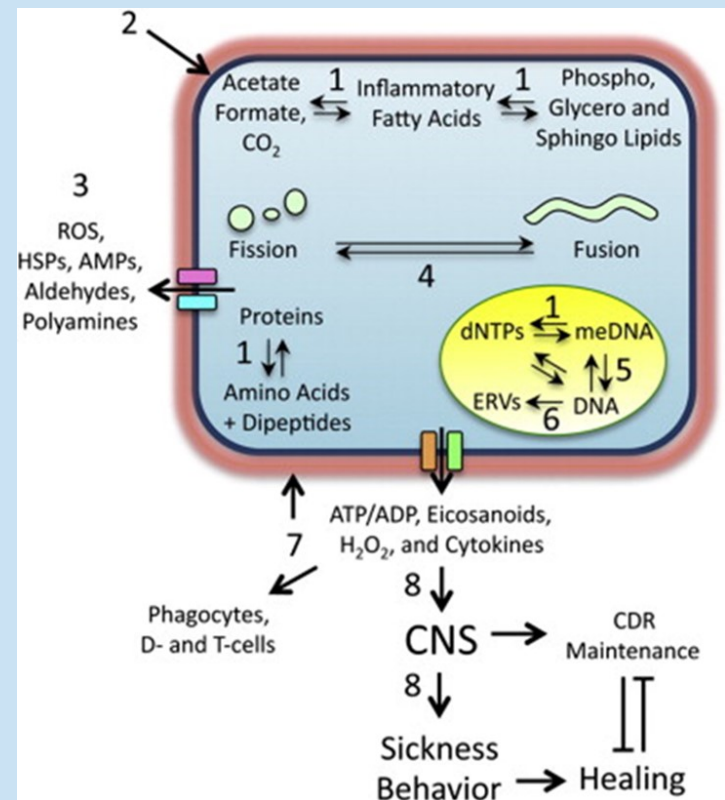


Naviaux. Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. 2012, 342(3):608-18.

- When mitochondria nutrients and substrates are perturbed by viral or microbial infection or toxins, there is a metabolic mismatch.
- Electrons are diverted, oxygen consumption falls, assembly of DNA, RNA, lipids, proteins and carb synthesis stops. ROS/RNS rise and there is a limit to the replication of the invading pathogen.
- Oxidative changes are the symptoms of the disease, not the cause.

The Cell Danger Response

- The cell danger response (CDR) is an evolutionarily conserved cellular metabolic response that is activated when a cell encounters a chemical, physical, or microbial threat that could injure or kill the cell.
- Psychological trauma, particularly during childhood, can also activate the cell danger response, produce chronic inflammation, and increase the risk of many disorders.



Naviaux. Mitochondrion. 2014. 16:7-17

The Cell Danger Response

The acute CDR produces at least 8 functional changes:

- 1) It shifts cellular metabolism to prevent the hijacking and assembly of cellular resources by intracellular pathogens.
- 2) It stiffens the membranes of the cell
- 3) Releases antiviral and antimicrobial chemicals into the pericellular environment
- 4) Increases autophagy and mitochondrial fission to remove intracellular pathogens

The Cell Danger Response

- 5) Changes DNA methylation and histone modification to alter gene expression
- 6) Mobilizes endogenous retroviruses and other mobile genetic elements like the long interspersed nuclear elements (LINEs) to produce genetic variations
- 7) Warns neighboring cells and distant effector cells of the danger
- 8) Alters the behavior of the host to prevent the spread of infection to kin and sleep patterns to facilitate healing

Metabolic features of chronic fatigue syndrome

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More than 2 million people in the United States have myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS). We performed targeted, broad-spectrum metabolomics to gain insights into the biology of CFS. We studied a total of 84 subjects using these methods. Forty-five subjects ($n = 22$ men and 23 women) met diagnostic criteria for ME/CFS by Institute of Medicine, Canadian, and Fukuda criteria. Thirty-nine subjects ($n = 18$ men and 21 women) were age- and sex-matched normal controls. Males with CFS were $53 (\pm 2.8)$ y old (mean \pm SEM; range, 21–67 y). Females were $52 (\pm 2.5)$ y old (range, 20–67 y). The Kamoisky performance scores were $62 (\pm 3.2)$ for males and $54 (\pm 3.3)$ for females. We targeted 612 metabolites in plasma from 63 biochemical pathways by hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography, electrospray ionization, and tandem mass spectrometry in a single-injection method. Patients with CFS showed abnormalities in 20 metabolic pathways. Eighty percent of the diagnostic metabolites were decreased, consistent with a hypometabolic syndrome. Pathway abnormalities included sphingolipid, phospholipid, purine, cholesterol, microbiome, pyroline-5-carboxylate, riboflavin, branch chain amino acid, peroxisomal, and mitochondrial metabolism. Area under the receiver operator characteristic curve analysis showed diagnostic accuracies of 94% [95% confidence interval (CI), 84–100%] in males using eight metabolites and 96% (95% CI, 86–100%) in females using 13 metabolites. Our data show that despite the heterogeneity of factors leading to CFS, the cellular metabolic response in patients was homogeneous, statistically robust, and chemically similar to the evolutionarily conserved persistence response to environmental stress known as dauer.

chronic fatigue syndrome | metabolomics | mitochondria | dauer | cell danger response

Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) is a complex, multiorgan system disease for which no single diagnostic test yet exists. The disease is characterized by profound fatigue and disability lasting for at least 6 mo, episodes of cognitive dysfunction, sleep disturbance, autonomic abnormalities, chronic or intermittent pain syndromes, microbiome abnormalities (1), cerebral cytokine dysregulation (2), natural killer cell dysfunction (3), and other symptoms that are made worse by exertion of any kind (4). The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recently published an update of the diagnostic criteria recommended for CFS (4). These are listed in Box 1.

Complex diseases like CFS are often difficult and expensive to diagnose. Although individual tests may be affordable and possibly covered by medical insurance, many patients undergo a diagnostic odyssey that results in substantial personal expenditures that can exceed \$100,000 over years of searching, absence from the workplace, and significant reductions in quality of life. The societal cost of CFS is estimated to be up to \$24 billion annually (4). Health care professionals are also frustrated by the lack of an objective technology that can assist with diagnosis. Attempts to use a small number of biomarkers, whether analytes in blood, cerebrospinal fluid, or a handful of genetic loci, have not yielded diagnostically useful tests for CFS.

Metabolomics has several advantages over genomics for the

in precision medicine (5). First, fewer than 2,000 metabolites constitute the majority of the parent molecules in the blood that are used for cell-to-cell communication and metabolism, compared with 6 billion bases in the diploid human genome. Second, metabolites reflect the current functional state of the individual. Collective cellular chemistry represents the functional interaction of genes and environment. This is metabolism. In contrast, the genome represents an admixture of ancestral genotypes that were selected for fitness in ancestral environments. The metabolic state of an individual at the time of illness is produced by both current conditions, age, and the aggregate history, timing, and magnitude of exposures to physical and emotional stress, trauma, diet, exercise, infections, and the microbiome recorded as metabolic memory (6, 7). Analysis of metabolites may provide a more technically and bioinformatically tractable, physiologically relevant, chemically comprehensive, and cost-effective method of diagnosis of complex chronic diseases. In addition, because metabolomics provides direct small-molecule information, the results can provide immediately actionable treatment information using readily available small-molecule nutrients, cofactors, and lifestyle interventions. Our results show that CFS has an objectively identifiable chemical signature in

Significance

Chronic fatigue syndrome is a multisystem disease that causes long-term pain and disability. It is difficult to diagnose because of its protean symptoms and the lack of a diagnostic laboratory test. We report that targeted, broad-spectrum metabolomics of plasma not only revealed a characteristic chemical signature but also revealed an unexpected underlying biology. Metabolomics showed that chronic fatigue syndrome is a highly concerted hypometabolic response to environmental stress that traces to mitochondria and was similar to the classically studied developmental state of dauer. This discovery opens a fresh path for the rational development of new therapeutics and identifies metabolomics as a powerful tool to identify the chemical differences that contribute to health and disease.

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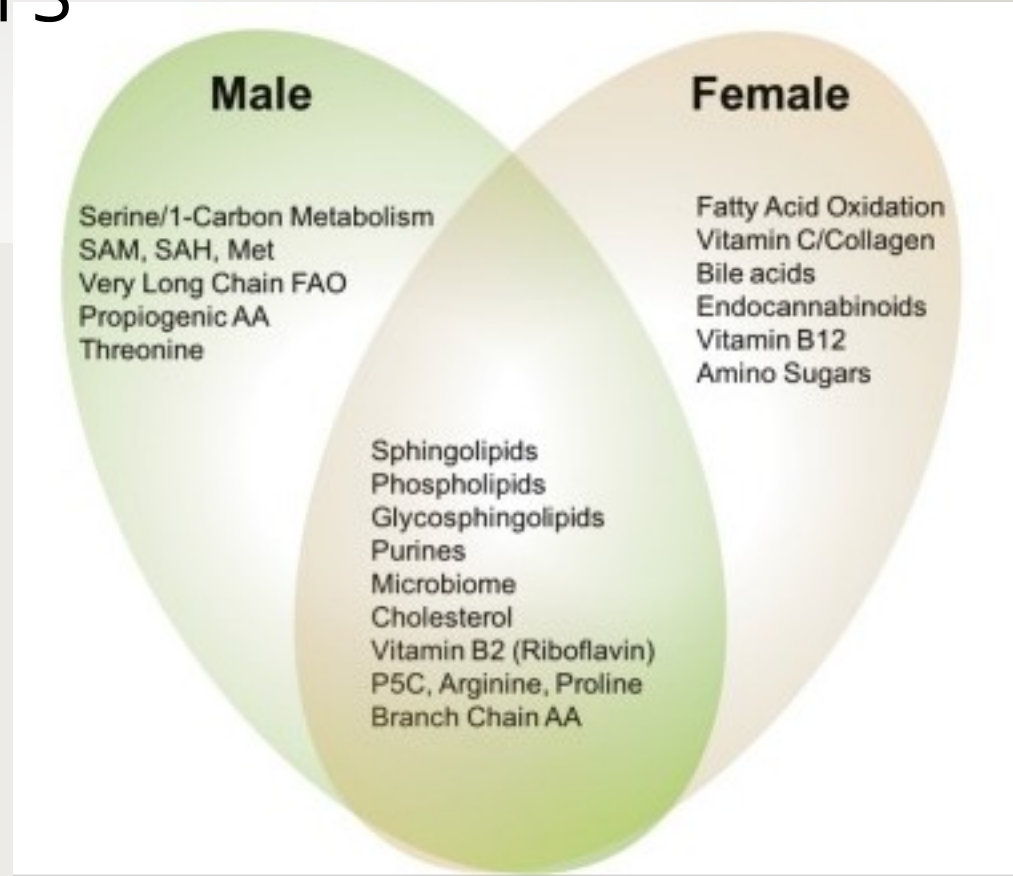
Features of CFS

- Metabolomics of chronic fatigue indicate a hypometabolic state in response to pathologically persist or recurrent cell danger signaling, as in the case of persistent viral or bacterial infections.
- Dauer, which means persistent or long-lived in German, is a hypometabolic state capable of living efficiently by altering basic mitochondrial functions to confer a survival advantage.
- Both males and females with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome had chemical signature that was distinct from healthy controls.

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Metabolic Features of CFS

- Both males and females with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome had chemical signature that was distinct from healthy controls.
- 9 common pathways, 11 showed gender differences.
- Dominant abnormalities in sphingolipids constituted close to 50% of all metabolic changes.
- Phospholipids changes 16% in males, 26% in females.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Suppression of Long-Lived Humoral Immunity Following *Borrelia burgdorferi* Infection

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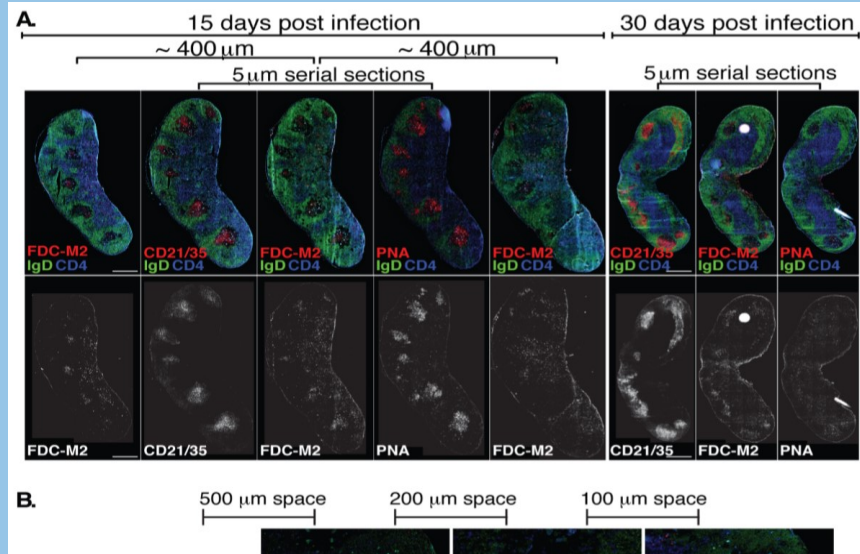
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Following the infection of mice with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the germinal centers are structurally abnormal and long-lived plasma cells and B memory cells, which are normal immune responses, fail to develop for months after the infection...Also when infected, vaccination with influenza fails to induce protective anti-viral immunity.

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only short-lived germinal centers, micro-anatomical locations from which long-lived immunity originates. These showed structural abnormalities and failed to induce memory B cells and long-lived plasma cells for months after the infection, rendering the mice susceptible to reinfection with the same strain of *B. burgdorferi*. The inability to induce long-lived immune



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Autoimmunity and the environment

Infections and autoimmunity – friends or foes?

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Autoimmunity can be triggered by many environmental factors, among which infectious agents are pivotal. Here, we summarize current knowledge of the relationship between infection and autoimmunity. An autoimmune disease can be

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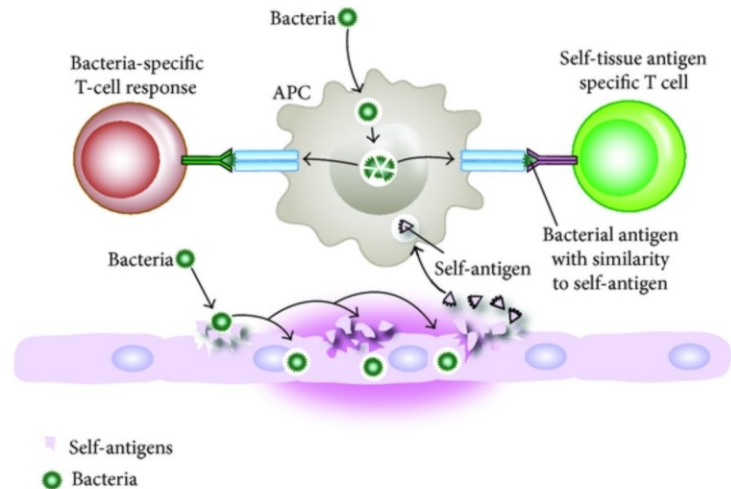
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includes innate, adaptive and memory responses that are constantly activated, adapted and improved to meet the challenge of evading pathogens more efficiently. In

suggested to explain this relationship. In recent years, the compound interplay between infections and autoimmunity has been studied extensively. Here, we summarize the current literature and preliminary results from our

Most infectious agents can induce autoimmune disease in genetic susceptible hosts, which in turn increases their risks of additional infections. Post-infectious autoimmunity can be induced by a variety of mechanisms including molecular mimicry, bystander activation, persistent infections and polyclonal activation. Burden of infections are cumulative over lifetime to a breakthrough point. Kivity, et al. 2009

immunity [1]. Almost every autoimmune disease investigated is linked to one or more specific infectious agents. One of the best-recognized examples of this relationship is acute



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Ten principles of the relationship between infection and autoimmunity

1. Infections can cause autoimmune diseases.
2. Different infectious agents (viruses, bacteria, fungus and parasites) can trigger autoimmunity.
3. An infection can trigger an individual with an underlying immune dysregulation to express an overt autoimmune disease.
4. Infectious agents can determine the presence of disease-specific auto-antibodies and clinical manifestations.
5. In many cases, it is not a single infection, but rather the 'burden of infections' during life that is responsible for induction of autoimmunity.

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6. Infections during childhood can be implicated in the development of autoimmune diseases in adulthood.
7. Infections can protect individuals from some autoimmune diseases.
8. The same infectious agent can induce one specific autoimmune disease and protect from another autoimmune disease.
9. Molecular mimicry, epitope spreading, bystander activation and polyclonal activation can induce autoimmunity after infections via innate and adaptive immune responses.
10. Genetic susceptibility might explain why only a subgroup of individuals will develop autoimmunity after infections.

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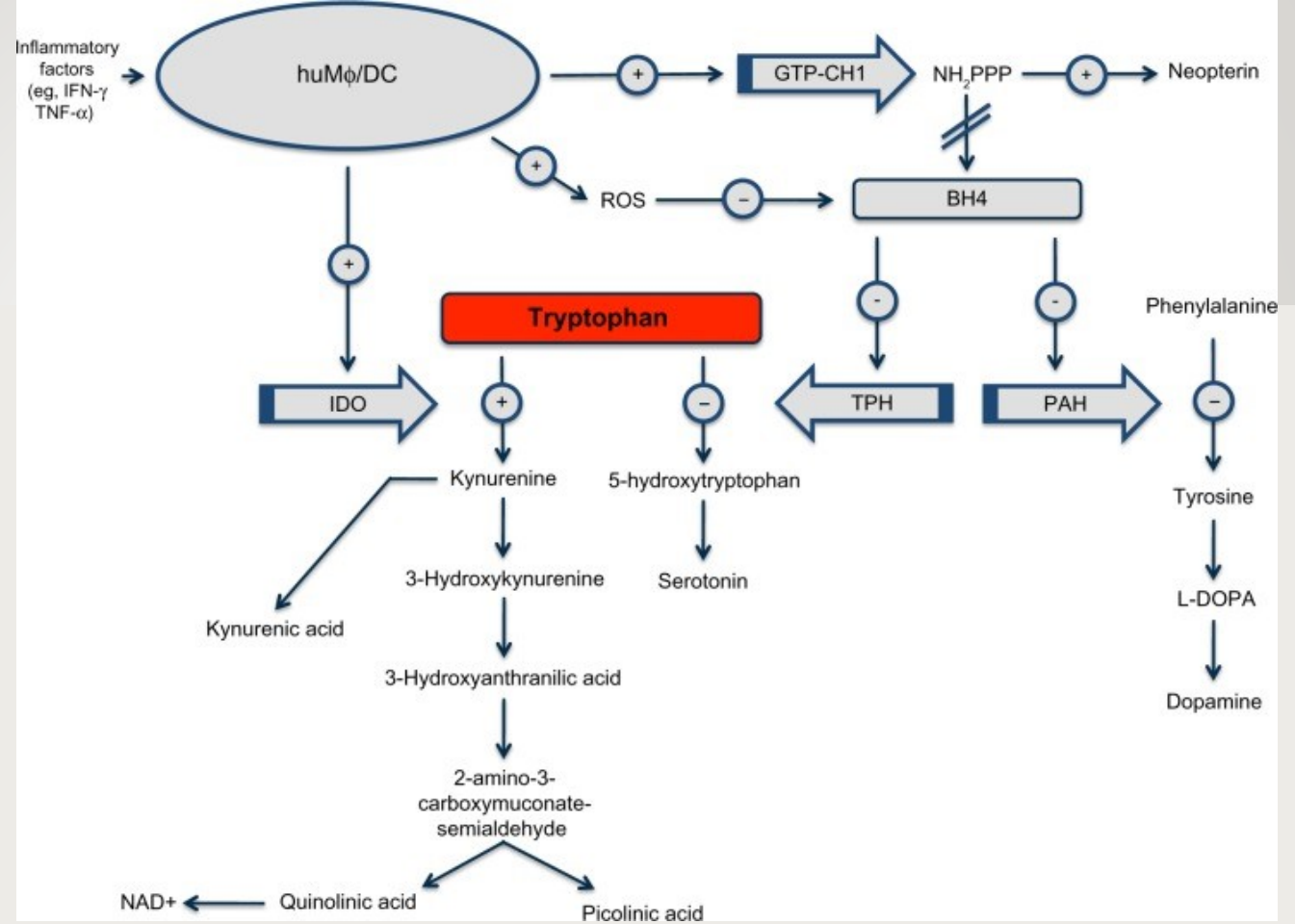
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Tryptophan metabolism

- Lyme and serotonin



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- Lyme and serotonin

- IDO is induced by interferon (IFN) γ , interleukin-6 and tumor necrosis factor- α , lipopolysaccharides and oxidative stress, factors that play a role in the pathophysiology of depression.
- TRYCATs, like kynurenine and quinolinic acid, are depressogenic and anxiogenic; activate oxidative pathways; cause mitochondrial dysfunctions; and have neuroexcitatory and neurotoxic effects that may lead to neurodegeneration.



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Review

Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase in infection: the paradox of an evasive strategy that benefits the host

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Abstract

Initially recognized in infection because of antimicrobial activity ('tryptophan starvation'), indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO) is widely involved in host immune homeostasis and even immune evasion by microbes that establish commensalism or chronic infection. This review deals with recent findings that could gain IDO a reputation of Jack-of-all-trades in mammalian host/microbe interactions.

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1. Introduction

Historically, the role of indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO) in infection was first centered on the anti-proliferative effects of tryptophan (trp) deprivation by the host, which may hold true of specific intracellular infections. However, like tumor cells [1], eukaryotic microbes may express IDO, and even exploit an IDO-conditioned regulatory environment to evade their host's own defense mechanisms, eventually leading to pathogen persistence or chronic infection [2]. Within a conceptual framework from different areas of immune regulation, the many and apparently disparate functions of IDO in infection are now being reconciled, emphasizing a quite complex role for a metabolic pathway that appears to be conserved—though evolved in function—through the last 600 million years of evolution.

IDO and the downstream enzymes in the metabolic pathway of trp degradation have a central role in chronic infection [2,3]. Present in innate immune cells such as macrophages, polymorphonuclear neutrophils (PMN) [4] and

epithelial cells [5], IDO is a key player in the suppression of acute inflammatory responses. Furthermore, its expression by plasmacytoid dendritic cells (pDC) enables the onset of tolerance in adaptive immune [6]. Thus immune regulation by IDO encompasses the inductive and effector phases of the innate and acquired immune responses to infection. On the other hand, IDO activation and trp degradation are regulatory mechanisms whose importance in tolerance is increasingly recognized [6,7]. A number of IDO-dependent events restrain exaggerated, allergic, or autoimmune inflammation, and induce peripheral tolerance to self or other types of antigen [6,7]. As an example, trp starvation, which leads to suppression of T-cell responses, traditionally explains the seminal observation of sustained IDO expression by placental trophoblasts, which would allow mammalian females to tolerate their fetuses [8]. In addition to direct effector activities, largely involving trp deprivation [9], IDO and the other enzymes of the metabolic pathway contribute immunosuppressive molecules to the generation of regulatory T (Treg) cells with anti-inflammatory and tolerogenic activities (Fig. 1) [10–12].

Continued integration of pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory stimuli is required for proper control of infection and T-cell homeostasis. Many of the diseases that afflict mankind are thought to result from dysfunctional innate and/or adaptive immune responses. Unresolved infection and

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Induction of indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase by *Borrelia burgdorferi* in human immune cells correlates with pathogenic potential

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Abstract

Borrelia burgdorferi, the bacterial agent of Lyme disease, induces the production of type I IFNs by human DCs through TLR7 and TLR9 signaling. This type I IFN response occurs in a genotype-dependent manner, with significantly higher levels of IFN- α elicited by *B. burgdorferi* strains that have a greater capacity for causing disseminated infection. A *B. burgdorferi* strain that was previously shown to induce IFN- α was found to elicit significantly higher levels of IDO1 protein and its downstream metabolite, kynurenine, compared with a *B. burgdorferi* mutant that lacks a single linear plasmid (lp36); this mutant is unable to induce IFN- α and is severely attenuated for infectivity in mice. Production of IDO by mDC and pDC populations, present within human PBMCs, was concomitant with increased expression of the DC maturation markers, CD83 and CCR7. The defects in IDO production and expression of CD83 and CCR7 could be restored by complementation of the mutant with lp36. Maximal IDO production in response to the wild-type strain was dependent on contributions by both type I IFN and IFN- γ ; the type II IFN. Induction of IDO was mediated by the same TLR7-dependent recognition of *B. burgdorferi* RNA that contributes to the production of type I IFNs by human DCs. The ability of IFN- α -inducing *B. burgdorferi* strains to stimulate production of IDO and kynurenines may be a mechanism that is used by the pathogen to promote localized immunosuppression and facilitate hematogenous dissemination.

Keywords: Lyme disease, immunosuppression, bacterium, dendritic cells

Introduction

B. burgdorferi is the causative agent of Lyme disease, the most common arthropod-borne disease in the United States. Acquisition of the spirochete through the bite of an infected tick frequently results in a distinctive skin rash, or EM, which is characterized by an influx of immune cells at the site of inoculation [1, 2]. This inflammatory infiltrate contains cellular components of PBMCs, including T lymphocytes, monocytes, and mDCs and pDCs, which participate in the initial host-pathogen interaction [2]. *B. burgdorferi* elicits the production of a wide array of cytokines that underlie the inflammation associated with Lyme disease. The development of inflammation is dependent on host recognition of spirochetal PAMPs by PRRs expressed by cells of the innate immune system, especially the TLRs [3–5]. In some patients, disseminated infection occurs when spirochetes migrate from the initial site of infection to distal sites in the body [6]. Sequelae of disseminated Lyme disease are also distinguished by a robust inflammatory response and include carditis, arthritis, and neuroborreliosis [6].

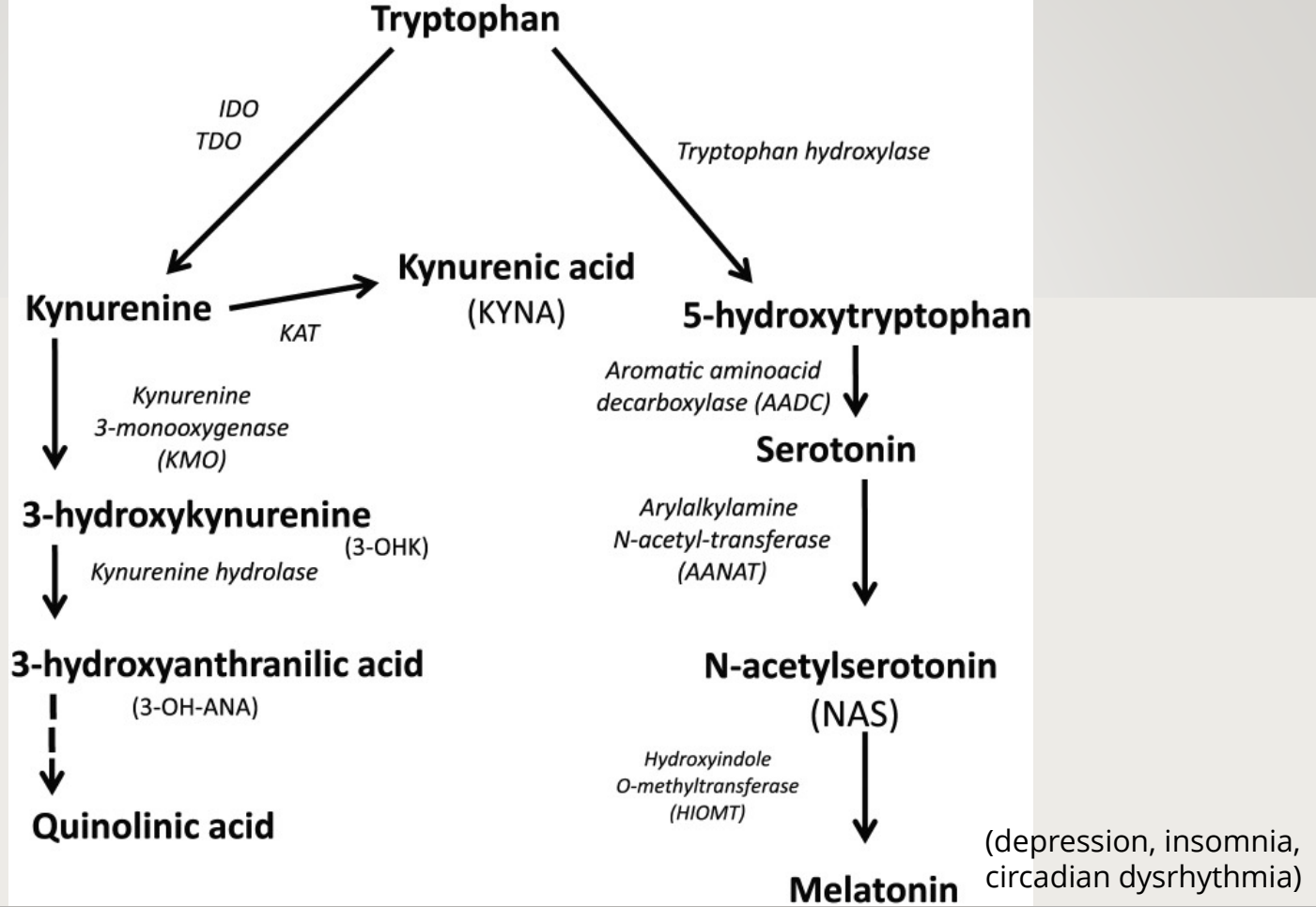
Our group [3, 4] and others [7–9] have shown that this extracellular pathogen induces the production of type I IFNs by human DCs and monocytes, as well as by murine cells. Our previous study [4] used global transcriptional profiling to characterize the response of human PBMCs to a clinical isolate of *B. burgdorferi* by use of an ex vivo incubation model. This work demonstrated that *B. burgdorferi* stimulates the production of high levels of IFN- α protein and downstream type I IFN-associated gene transcripts via TLR7 and TLR9 signaling in human pDC and mDC subsets [4, 10]. In addition, Cervantes et al. [3] has described IFN- β transcriptional activation in human monocytes following stimulation with live *B. burgdorferi*. Both reports conclude that type I IFN production is absolutely dependent on the recognition of

- Certain strains of *B. burgdorferi* induce IDO as a mechanism to evade the immune system and promote dissemination of the infection.
- Cytokines stimulate release of neopterin and induce IDO to degrade tryptophan.
- Increased concentrations of neopterin and I-kynurenine have been detected in the cerebrospinal fluid of patients with Lyme neuroborreliosis and Lyme encephalopathy.

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Neuroactive
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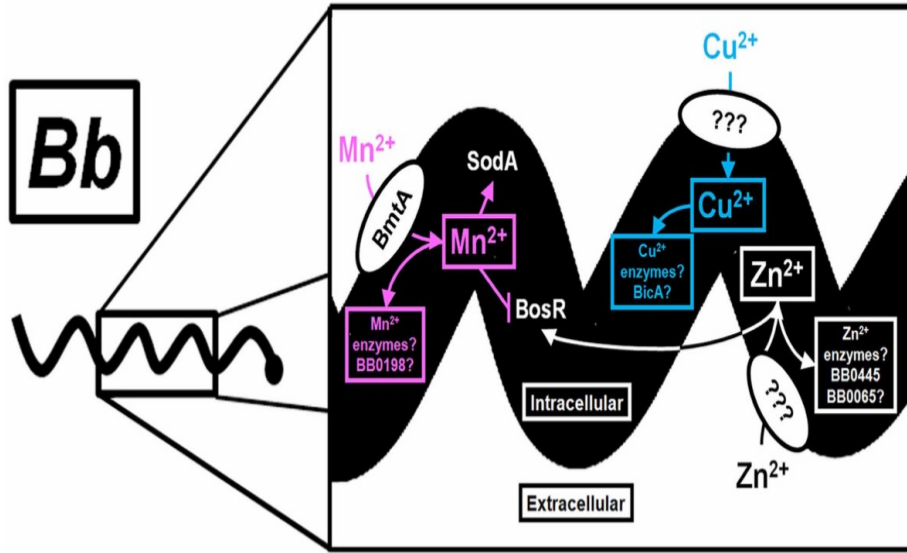
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Metal-dependent gene regulation in the causative agent of Lyme disease

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Borrelia burgdorferi (*Bb*) is the causative agent of Lyme disease transmitted to humans by ticks of the *Ixodes* spp. *Bb* is a unique bacterial pathogen because it does not require iron (Fe^{2+}) for its metabolism. *Bb* encodes a ferritin-like Dps homolog called NapA (also called BicA), which can bind Fe or copper (Cu^{2+}), and a manganese (Mn^{2+}) transport protein, *Borrelia* metal transporter A (BmtA); both proteins are required for colonization of the tick vector, but BmtA is also required for the murine host. This demonstrates that *Bb*'s metal homeostasis is a critical facet of the complex enzootic life cycle between the arthropod and murine hosts. Although metals are known to influence the expression of virulence determinants during infection, it is unknown how or if metals regulate virulence in *Bb*. Recent evidence demonstrates that *Bb* modulates the intracellular Mn^{2+} and zinc (Zn^{2+}) content and, in turn, these metals regulate gene expression through influencing the Ferric Uptake Regulator (Fur) homolog *Borrelia* Oxidative Stress Regulator (BosR). This mini-review focuses on the burgeoning study of metal-dependent gene regulation within *Bb*.

Keywords: *Borrelia burgdorferi*, Lyme disease, copper, manganese, zinc, calprotectin

Metalloenzymes are essential for biological systems. Transition metals are tightly regulating and important for gene regulation. *Borrelia burgdorferi* adapts to two diverse niches, vector and mammalian host in part through its unique metal utilization, thus altering virulence factors.

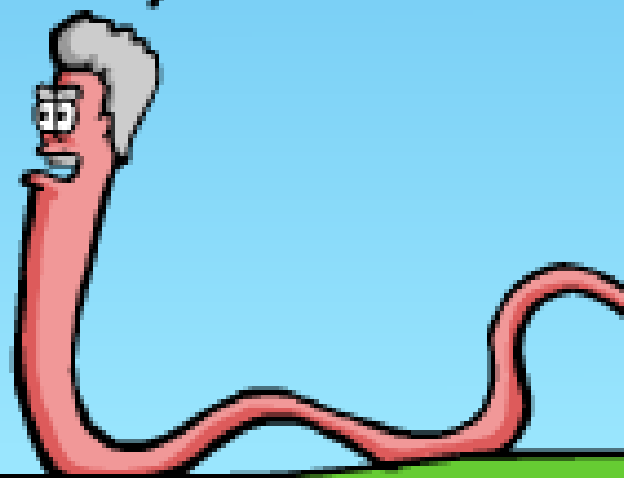
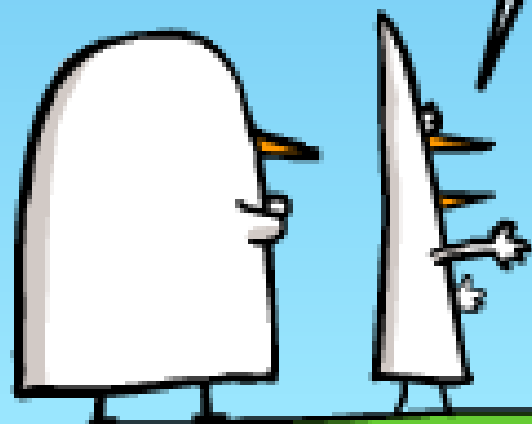
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feeding on an animal host at any subsequent stage of the life cycle. Small rodents (especially the white-footed mouse, *Peromyscus* pathogens. The role of metals within *Bb* is not fully understood. Only a single protein, *Borrelia* metal transporter A (BmtA) is

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OF PRESIDENTS, AND CONTROL
THEIR POLITICAL DECISIONS?

BASICALLY, YEAH...



Complicating Factors in Lyme disease as a Chronic Illness

PATIENT FACTORS

1. Lyme disease and Co-infections
2. Immune Dysfunction
3. Inflammation
4. Environmental toxins – chemicals and mold
5. Nutritional deficiencies
6. Mitochondrial dysfunction
7. Endocrine abnormalities
8. Neurodegenerative disorders
9. Neuropsychiatric disorders
10. Sleep disorders
11. Autonomic nervous system dysfunction and POTS
12. Allergies
13. GI disorders
14. Liver dysfunction
15. Pain disorders/addiction
16. Deconditioning

Case: KF 53 year old woman – May 2015

- Life-time of good health until 2014 during menopause.
- Ran 17 marathons from age 15-46, then ran 25-30 miles a week until 2014
- Vegetarian for 30 years
- On HRT but wanting to optimize. She thought she wasn't on high enough doses.
- Presented with fatigue, decreased stamina and motivation, which she attributed to stress and hormonal imbalances.
- Also complained of night sweats, brain fog, abdominal pain and bloating, back pain and stiffness, leg weakness, new headaches, mood swings, depression, anxiety, sleep issues and a chronic cough.

Case: KF 53 year old woman – May 2015

Past medical history significant for tinnitus, hypothyroidism, chronic sinusitis, and migraines.

Routine labs:

chol 213mg/dL = 5.52mmol/L,
LDL 138 mg/dL = 3.57 mmol/L,
HDL 85 mg/dL = 2.2mmol/L,
pattern A

estradiol - not detectible

hs CRP <0.3mg/dL, HgA1c 5.4%,
thyroid wnl. CBC wnl, CMP wnl.

TPO and anti-thyroglobulin were elevated.

- **Vit D25oh 44ng/mL = 109 nmol/L**
- **Vit D1,25oh was 147H = 382 pmol/L**

Case: KF September 2015

- During a return visit review labs, she described an episode when she drank a glass of wine after work and became profoundly exhausted, nauseated with abdominal pain, fever, diarrhea and limb pain.
- The month prior had had increasing fatigue and limb achiness.
- The nausea dissipated over 6 days, but she was left weak with achy arms and legs and brain fog.
- She worked as a college professor and was challenged to organize her thoughts. She describes brain fog and dizziness. She was short of breath.
- She had dental pain and a herpes outbreak in her mouth.
- The college library was under remediation for mold.

Case: KF September 2015

- **Differential diagnosis included:**

- Mold exposure and environmentally acquired illness (previously known as CIRS -chronic inflammatory response syndrome)
- New onset of neurodegenerative disease like Multiple sclerosis or ALS
- Psychosomatic manifestations of depression
- Cardiovascular disease

- Lyme disease and co-infections
- Viral infections
- Toxic exposures – heavy metals
- Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth or profound dysbiosis
- Parasites infestation
- Cancer

Is it Lyme or mold? Could it be both?

Lyme symptoms

Fatigue

Fevers

Rashes

Sweats

Hair loss

Swollen lymph nodes

Sore throat

Chest pain

Shortness of breath

Heart palpitations

Nausea or vomiting

Difficulty eating

Constipation/diarrhea

Bladder dysfunction

Cystitis

Dizziness

Balance problems

Tremor

Psychiatric disorders

Joint pain

Myalgias

Joint swelling

Back pain

Neck stiffness

TMJ pain

Headaches

Muscle twitching

Neurological sensations

of tingling, burning or

stabbing

Increased motion

sickness

Vision changes

Hearing changes

Hypotension

Disturbed sleep

Memory loss

Confusion

Difficulty concentrating

Mold symptoms

Fatigue

Weakness

Decreased

assimilation of new

knowledge

Myalgias

Headaches

Memory impairment

Word finding

problems

Decreased

concentration

Light sensitivity

Joint pains

Morning stiffness

Red eyes

Tearing eyes

Blurred vision

Vertigo

Aches

Tingling

Tremors

Unusual pain

Shortness of breath

Sinus congestion

Cough

Excessive thirst

Confusion

Appetite swings

Temperature regulation

Increased urinary frequency

Nocturia

Abdominal pain

Numbness

Disorientation

Metallic taste

Static shocks

Sweats (esp night sweats)

Skin sensitivity/rashes

Ice pick pain

Gluten sensitivity

KF specialty labs

- Natural Killer Cell - CD 57 is 34. (nl 60-360)
- Transforming Growth Factor beta1 (TGFBeta1) was 16,140 pg/mL. (nl <2382)
- C4a at quest was 7990 ng/mL (nl <2830)
- Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) <31 pg/mL (nl 31-86)
- Vasointestinal active peptide (VIP) 39.1 pg/mL (nl 23-63)
- Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone (MSH) <8 pg/mL (nl 35-81)

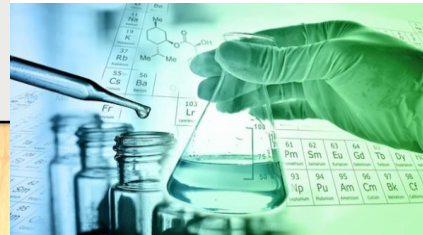
- HLA DR - 1-5 low MSH haplotype,
- 7-2-53 mold susceptible haplotype
 - She failed her visual contrast test
 - Nasal swab was positive for MARCONS

Igenex test result

IFA <40

IgM - 18 kDa++, 30 kDa+, 34 kDa+, 39 kDa IND, 41+, 58+, 83 IND – positive by Igenex criteria

IgG – 41+



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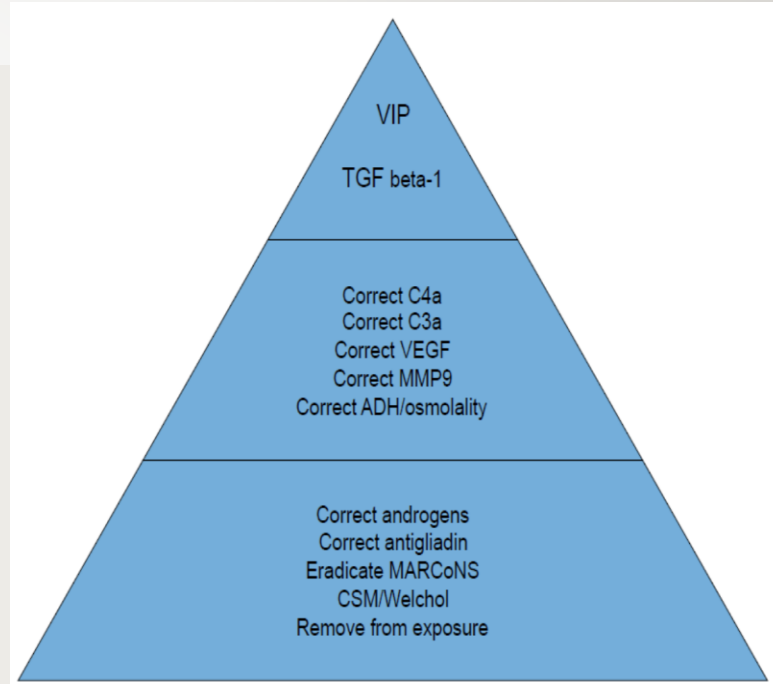
Seven Rules of Lyme Disease Action Plan

1. Symptoms Drive Diagnosis and Treatment
2. Lower Inflammation
3. Detox, Detox, Detox
4. Repair the Damage
5. Provide Internal Balance
6. Master the Big 3: Sleep, Food and Exercise
7. Heal your Emotional Wounds

KF treatment plan

- For the environmentally acquired illness (CIRS) inflammation she needs binders activated charcoal, bentonite clay and short term use of Cholestyramine for lowering biotoxin inflammation due to mold and lyme.
- Then BEG spray for MARCONS
- Short course of antibiotics per patient's choice. Continuation of herbal treatments with Byron White Formulas.
- Biofilm buster – Lumbrokinase added
- Heavy metal retention assessment
- Her partner is a dentist!!

Shoemaker's CIRS treatment protocol





CLIENT #: 34225
DOCTOR: Kylie Nuckols, PA

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Toxic Metals; Urine

TOXIC METALS					
		RESULT µg/g creat	REFERENCE INTERVAL	WITHIN REFERENCE	OUTSIDE REFERENCE
Aluminum (Al)		23	< 35		
Antimony (Sb)		< dl	< 0.2		
Arsenic (As)		68	< 80		
Barium (Ba)		0.6	< 7		
Beryllium (Be)		< dl	< 1		
Bismuth (Bi)		< dl	< 4		
Cadmium (Cd)		0.2	< 1		
Cesium (Cs)		11	< 10		
Gadolinium (Gd)		< dl	< 0.8		
Lead (Pb)		3.2	< 2		
Mercury (Hg)		0.7	< 4		
Nickel (Ni)		4.8	< 10		
Palladium (Pd)		< dl	< 0.15		
Platinum (Pt)		< dl	< 0.1		
Tellurium (Te)		< dl	< 0.5		
Thallium (Tl)		0.5	< 0.5		
Thorium (Th)		< dl	< 0.03		
Tin (Sn)		0.2	< 5		
Tungsten (W)		0.2	< 0.4		
Uranium (U)		< dl	< 0.04		

URINE CREATININE							
		RESULT mg/dL	REFERENCE INTERVAL	-2SD	-1SD	MEAN	+1SD +2SD
Creatinine		79.4	30- 225				

SPECIMEN DATA			
Comments:			
Date Collected:	05/04/2016	pH upon receipt: Acceptable	Collection Period: Random
Date Received:	05/09/2016	<dl: less than detection limit	Volume:
Date Completed:	05/10/2016	Provoking Agent:	Provocation: PRE PROVOCATIVE
Method:	ICP-MS	Creatinine by Jaffe Method	
Results are creatinine corrected to account for urine dilution variations. Reference intervals and corresponding graphs are representative of a healthy population under non-provoked conditions. Chelation (provocation) agents can increase urinary excretion of metals/elements.			
			V13



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Toxic Metals; Urine

TOXIC METALS					
		RESULT µg/g creat	REFERENCE INTERVAL	WITHIN REFERENCE	OUTSIDE REFERENCE
Aluminum (Al)		38	< 35		
Antimony (Sb)		0.3	< 0.2		
Arsenic (As)		31	< 80		
Barium (Ba)		2	< 7		
Beryllium (Be)		< dl	< 1		
Bismuth (Bi)		< dl	< 4		
Cadmium (Cd)		1.3	< 1		
Cesium (Cs)		13	< 10		
Gadolinium (Gd)		0.2	< 0.8		
Lead (Pb)		87	< 2		
Mercury (Hg)		14	< 4		
Nickel (Ni)		12	< 10		
Palladium (Pd)		< dl	< 0.15		
Platinum (Pt)		< dl	< 0.1		
Tellurium (Te)		< dl	< 0.5		
Thallium (Tl)		0.8	< 0.5		
Thorium (Th)		< dl	< 0.03		
Tin (Sn)		1.3	< 5		
Tungsten (W)		0.1	< 0.4		
Uranium (U)		0.09	< 0.04		

URINE CREATININE							
		RESULT mg/dL	REFERENCE INTERVAL	-2SD	-1SD	MEAN	+1SD +2SD
Creatinine		65.9	30- 225				

Provocation done with DMPS and Ca EDTA

SPECIMEN DATA			
Comments:			
Date Collected:	05/04/2016	pH upon receipt: Acceptable	Collection Period: timed: 9 hours
Date Received:	05/09/2016	<dl: less than detection limit	Volume:
Date Completed:	05/10/2016	Provoking Agent:	Provocation: POST PROVOCATIVE
Method:	ICP-MS	Creatinine by Jaffe Method	
Results are creatinine corrected to account for urine dilution variations. Reference intervals and corresponding graphs are representative of a healthy population under non-provoked conditions. Chelation (provocation) agents can increase urinary excretion of metals/elements.			
V13			

KF: treatment plan

- She completed 10 rounds of IV chelation with DMPS and CA EDTA.
- Far infrared sauna 2-4 times per week
- Weekly colonics
- Methylation, detox and nutritional support throughout



DOCTOR'S DATA, INC.

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Toxic Metals; Urine

SCANNED

TOXIC METALS					
	RESULT μg/g creat	REFERENCE INTERVAL	WITHIN REFERENCE	OUTSIDE REFERENCE	
Aluminum (Al)	50	< 35			
Antimony (Sb)	0.5	< 0.2			
Arsenic (As)	17	< 80			
Barium (Ba)	3.9	< 7			
Beryllium (Be)	< dl	< 1			
Bismuth (Bi)	< dl	< 4			
Cadmium (Cd)	1.7	< 1			
Cesium (Cs)	9.9	< 10			
Gadolinium (Gd)	0.4	< 0.8			
Lead (Pb)	28	< 2			
Mercury (Hg)	4.9	< 4			
Nickel (Ni)	13	< 10			
Palladium (Pd)	< dl	< 0.15			
Platinum (Pt)	< dl	< 0.1			
Tellurium (Te)	< dl	< 0.5			
Thallium (Tl)	0.3	< 0.5			
Thorium (Th)	< dl	< 0.03			
Tin (Sn)	0.9	< 5			
Tungsten (W)	0.07	< 0.4			
Uranium (U)	0.1	< 0.04			

URINE CREATININE					
	RESULT mg/dL	REFERENCE INTERVAL	-2SD	-1SD	MEAN
Creatinine	40.0	30- 225			

SPECIMEN DATA			
Comments:			
Date Collected:	12/14/2016	pH upon receipt: Acceptable	Collection Period: timed: 9 hours
Date Received:	12/19/2016	<dl: less than detection limit	Volume:
Date Completed:	12/20/2016	Provoking Agent: CAEDTA DMPS	Provocation: POST PROVOCATIVE
Method:	ICP-MS	Creatinine by Jaffe Method	
Results are creatinine corrected to account for urine dilution variations. Reference intervals and corresponding graphs are representative of a healthy population under non-provoked conditions. Chelation (provocation) agents can increase urinary excretion of metals/elements.			

Complicating Factors in Lyme disease as a Chronic Illness

PATIENT FACTORS

1. Lyme disease and Co-infections
2. Immune Dysfunction
3. Inflammation
4. Environmental toxins – chemicals and mold
5. Nutritional deficiencies
6. Mitochondrial dysfunction
7. Endocrine abnormalities
8. Neurodegenerative disorders
9. Neuropsychiatric disorders
10. Sleep disorders
11. Autonomic nervous system dysfunction and POTS
12. Allergies
13. GI disorders
14. Liver dysfunction
15. Pain disorders/addiction
16. Deconditioning
- 17. Membrane stability/ Fatty acid composition**

RBC fatty acid analysis

Red Cell Lipid Biopsy

Specimen Draw Date: 2/10/2016

Practitioner: Dr. Kelly K. McCann (19062)

BURN IT			
TRANS ISOMERS		VLCFA'S	
		Triacontanoic	50.00 H
SATURATED ODD		RENEGADES	
		Vaccenic	46.65 H
		Pristanic	950.00 H
		Gondoic	23.75

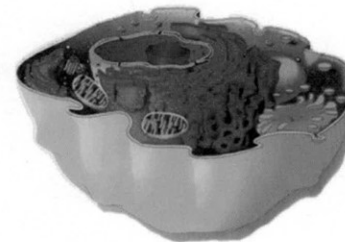
BUILD IT			
MYELINATION		STRUCTURAL	
16:0 DMA	-85.60 L	Palmitic	-23.16
18:0 DMA	-116.11 L	Stearic	-55.04 L
		Oleic	-35.81 L
		Myristic	-56.48 L
		Palmitoleic	-59.43 L
SUMMATION			
Total Saturates	-78.97 L		

Demyelination
Marked lack of structural fatty acids

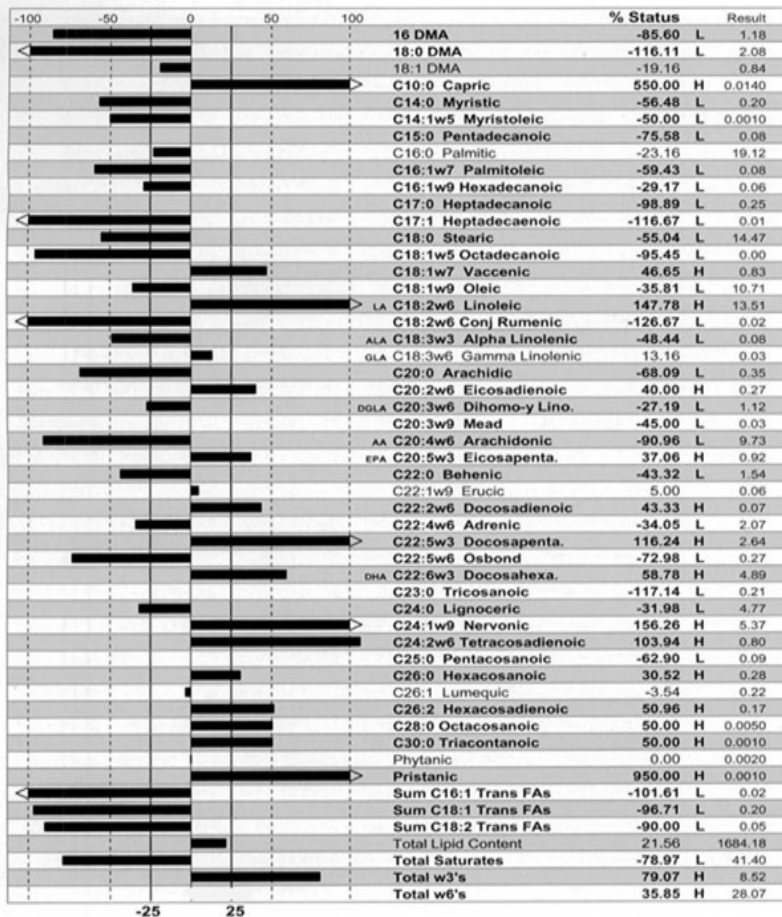
90% deficient in AA. Gross imbalance in Omega 6: and Omega 3s.

BALANCE IT			
OMEGA 6		OMEGA 3	
Linoleic	147.78 H	Alpha Linolenic	-48.44 L
Gamma Linolenic	13.16	Eicosapentaenoic	37.06 H
Dihomo-γ Linolenic	-27.19 L	Docosapentaenoic	116.24 H
Arachidonic	-90.96 L	Docosahexaenoic	58.78 H
Adrenic	-34.05 L		
INDEXES			
Fluidity Index	0.00	Myelination Index	-56.79 L
MR Index	-41.67 L		
PR Index	105.65 H		

STABILIZE IT			



The % Status is the weighted deviation of the lab result and will show no graph when the research does not support



- Add eggs to diet.
- Add more flax seeds, chia seeds, hemp seeds and nuts
- Phosphatidylcholine 1 tbsp or 8 caps daily = 9 grams or more if tolerated
- Sodium/potassium Butyrate 2 caps twice daily = 500mg butyric acid/cap
- Evening primrose oil 1000mg daily
- Balance oil 4:1 mixture of Omega6:omega3 – 6 tbsp daily
- High dose B vitamins for methylation and detox support
- Bile salts to assist with fat absorption
- Fatty alcohols to repair demyelination along with uridine

Membrane Stabilizing Diet: Modified Ketogenic Diet for Optimal Neurometabolic Health

Permitted foods

Protein at every meal

Raw, organic ground seeds and nuts

Nut and seed butters

Free range eggs

Lentils and legume pastas

Paleo breads and wraps

Limited starchy vegetables

Organic ghee, butters and cheeses if tolerated

Fruits – mostly berries, kiwi

Veggies

Bone Broths

Cook foods in coconut oil or ghee

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Membrane Stabilizing Diet: Modified Ketogenic Diet for Optimal Neurometabolic Health

Omitted foods

All grains, esp gluten

No corn or rice

No peanuts or peanut butter

No mustard (often contaminated with molds and contain VLCFA)

Avoid commercial oils extracted under heat such as canola oil

No sodas or diet drinks

No hybridized oleic oils (olive)

No GMO foods

No dried fruits, high sugar fruits

NO fast food

NO Kombucha, No mushrooms

NO moldy or contaminated foods

No sugar or sweeteners

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KF follow up

- Clinically she is doing well. Minimal fatigue and lower extremity heaviness. Still has occasional “crash days” as of 2/17. She is back running again. But as of 11/17, she is back to normal.
- Off antibiotics and binders.
- Continuing the Byron White formulas and biofilm busters.
- Doing LDI for lyme
- Getting dental work done as we determined she had resistant MARCONS due to dental reservoir.
- Maintaining Oral membrane stabilizing protocol
- Getting IV Phosphatidyl choline. Is up to 0.8 g/kg as of 6/17.
- LABS: 9/26/17
- C4a - 707 ng/mL (nl <2830)
- TGFBeta 1 – 1566 pg/mL (nl <2382)
- VIP – 42 pg/mL (nl 31-86 pg/mL)
- MSH <8 pg/mL (nl 35-81 pg/mL)
- CD 57 – 128 (optimal >300)
- Vit D 25oh is 70 ng/mL = 174 nmol/L
- Vit D1,25oh is 64 pg/mL = 166.4 pmol/L



A LYME MOMENT



*Yes, I'd like a menu.
...Oh, and I'll have a glass of water please.*

Spidmore

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Case: SD 16 year old with complicated past medical history presented in 2/15. Well until 2 years ago when she got the “flu” for 24 hour and never recovered. Saw ENTs, Neurologists, 3 different rheumatologists, endocrinologist, hematologist, several “holistic” practitioners, pain doctors.

Constant HA

Dizziness

Migraines

Vision Changes

Chronic Fatigue

Joint Pains

Tingling/ shooting pains

Fevers/Chills

Heart palpitations

Chest pains

Constipation

Ovarian cysts

Hashimoto's thyroiditis

Insulin resistance

Asthma

Bloating

Dysmenorrhea

Sleeping disturbances

Case: SD 16 year old

Was told she had parasites and Lyme disease by a “holistic” practitioner based on Applied kinesiology testing. Diagnosed with undifferentiated mixed connective tissue disorder and complex migraines but no medications helped.

Symptoms had waxed and waned over the 2 years prior to her initial appt. Hospitalization with lumbar puncture in mid 2014, ended up in a wheelchair for several months due to extreme joint pains. She was walking when she came into our clinic.

Case: SD

Labs:

2/4/15. wbc 3.1×10^3 , hgb 10.4 g/L, mcv 70, plt 305×10^3 , cd 57 is 24 (low)

Ferritin 9 ng/mL = 20 pmol/L

IgA 62mg/dL (low), IgM 236mg/dL wnl, IgG3 subclass low 16mg/dL (low) rest wnl.

ANA neg. thyroid antibodies+

Vit D25oh 32 ng/mL = 79.87nmol/L

HLA DR 13-6-52A mold susceptible,
14-5-52B multi susceptible

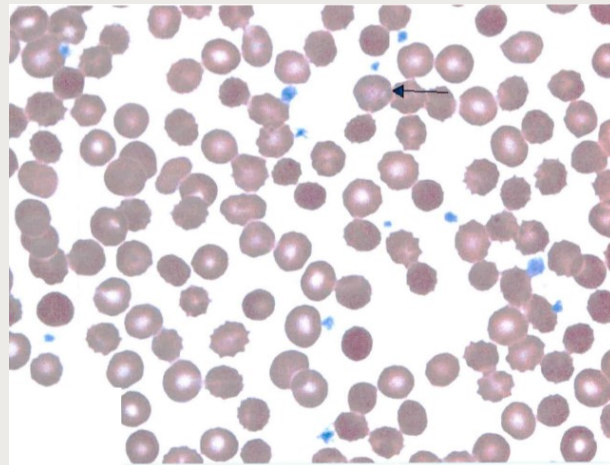
TGFbeta1 9680pg/mL, VIP<16.8pg/mL,

MSH 21pg/mL, Homocysteine $14.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$,
hs CRP 1.1mg/L

Igenex -Lyme PCR neg, Indeterminate for
Anaplasma, Bartonella.

IGENEX-IGG-RESULT CDC/NYS-RESULT

	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
18 kDa	-
**23-25 kDa	-
28 kDa	-
30 kDa	-
**31 kDa	IND
**34 kDa	IND
**39 kDa	IND
**41 kDa	++
45 kDa	-
58 kDa	++
66 kDa	-
**83-93 kDa	-



Reviewed by: Dr. Stephen E. Fry, M.S., M.D., Laboratory Director

Case: SD

- The hematologist gave her Iron infusion weekly for 10 weeks until 1/16 and her energy improved. Joint pains persisted in hands, feet, back.
- Started on LDN. Supplements for sleep. Probiotics helped her GI tract.
- Started on Herbals immediately for Lyme and Bartonella. MC-BB1 and MC-BAR1
- Layered in antibiotics for Lyme and Bart including plaquenil, rifampin, doxycycline and azithromax.
- Stopped doxy due to intolerance
- 8 weeks post infusions her ferritin was 345, hgb 13.7.
- Repeat labs show persistent ferritin levels in the 200s-300s.
- By 4/16 cd 57 was still only 27, wbc 5.3, hgb 15.1, tgfbeta1 1724, vit D 33.5, Vit D1,25oh 36.6, hs CRP 2.38
- She stopped the rifampin and zithro. Continue plaquenil, LDN, herbals.
- Started an essential oil protocol for infections.
- 9/16 labs showed **ferritin 266**, %iron sat 78%, total iron 188, TIBC 240L, hgb 14.1. **Homocysteine 27.3**, folate level was 2.4. Clinically energy is ok. Joints are fine. No HA. Feels Lyme is under control. Iron/minerals off. Why?

Case: SD

- She is heterozygous for HFE C282Y plus another HFE gene.
- She has significant variants in SOD expression which is critical for dealing with oxidative stress.
- She also variants in Catalase enzymes and glutathione enzymes systems.
- WHO published statement that a serum ferritin above 300mcg/L in men and 200mcg/L in women could be considered at risk for severe iron overload.
- She was experiencing Fenton reactions!

HFE		
HFE C282Y (rs1800562)	1	GA 10.4%
HFE H63D (rs1799945)		CC 74.3%
HFE S65C (rs1800730)		AA 97.3%
HFE (rs1572982)		GG 28.5%
: 6382T>G (rs2794719)	2	GG 16.9%
: 8828T>C (rs2071303)		TT 44.6%
HFE	75%	
Gene Name	Variants	Metrics
etox Ability - SOD		
SOD2 (rs2758331)	2	AA 23.0%
SOD2 A16V (rs4880)	2	GG 24.6%
SOD3 (rs2855262)	1	TC 45.7%
SOD	17%	

Product Name	SNP Total	Lab Total	Symptoms
HFE Assist	12.5	#N/A	#N/A

H63D represents a SNP that accounts for a mild form of hereditary hemochromatosis (HH), an iron overload condition in which mutations of certain genes involved in iron metabolism disrupt the body's ability to regulate uptake of iron, causing increased intestinal iron absorption. The most common form is caused by mutations in the HFE gene, which are inherited recessively.

A mutation at amino acid 282 (C282Y) was found to be homozygous in 83 percent of patients with HH. This is a point mutation from guanine to adenine, resulting in a missense mutation from cysteine to tyrosine. Such mutations are commonly found in people with European ancestry.

The three most common HH-causing mutations in the HFE gene are C282Y and S65C. At least 17 other mutations in the HFE gene have been linked to HH. 60-90% of people with HH have two copies of the C282Y mutation. The H63D mutation is also quite common, about 20% of people carry a copy of the mutation, and about 3% have two copies. This mutation is not as severe as the C282Y mutation, and only causes symptoms when someone has both the H63D and the C282Y mutations. Even then, only a small fraction of people with one copy of each mutation actually exhibit evidence of iron overload. Additionally, those who have two copies of H63D do not exhibit any symptoms and are not at risk for iron overload. The S65C mutation is less common, and will also only cause symptoms if in combination with C282Y. For both H63D/C282Y and S65C/C282Y single mutation individuals, symptoms are usually mild if they develop at all.

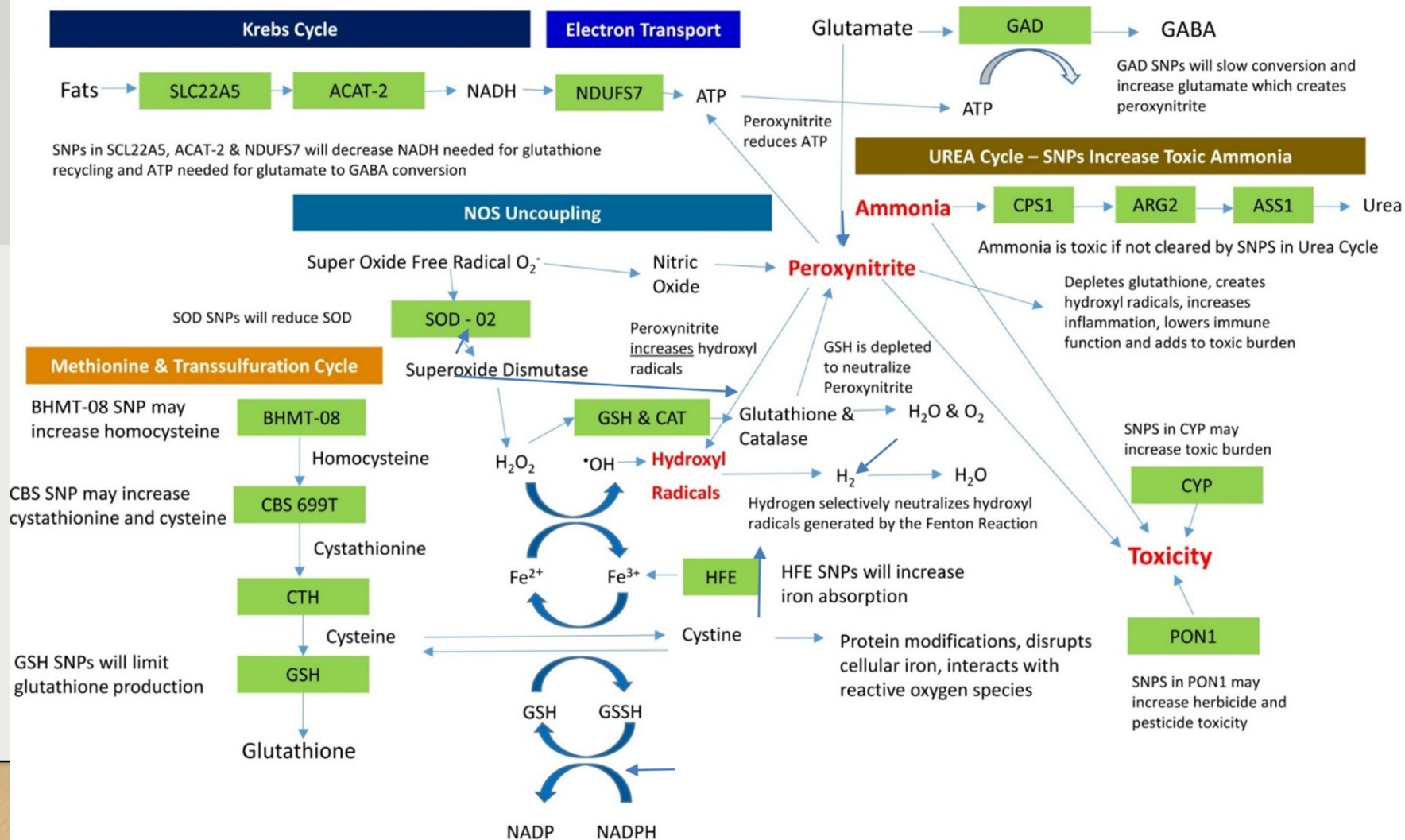
Product Name	SNP Total	Lab Total	Symptoms
Pro SOD/Catalase Support	6.81	#N/A	#N/A
Nutrition & Anti-Oxidant Accelerator	8.33	#N/A	#N/A

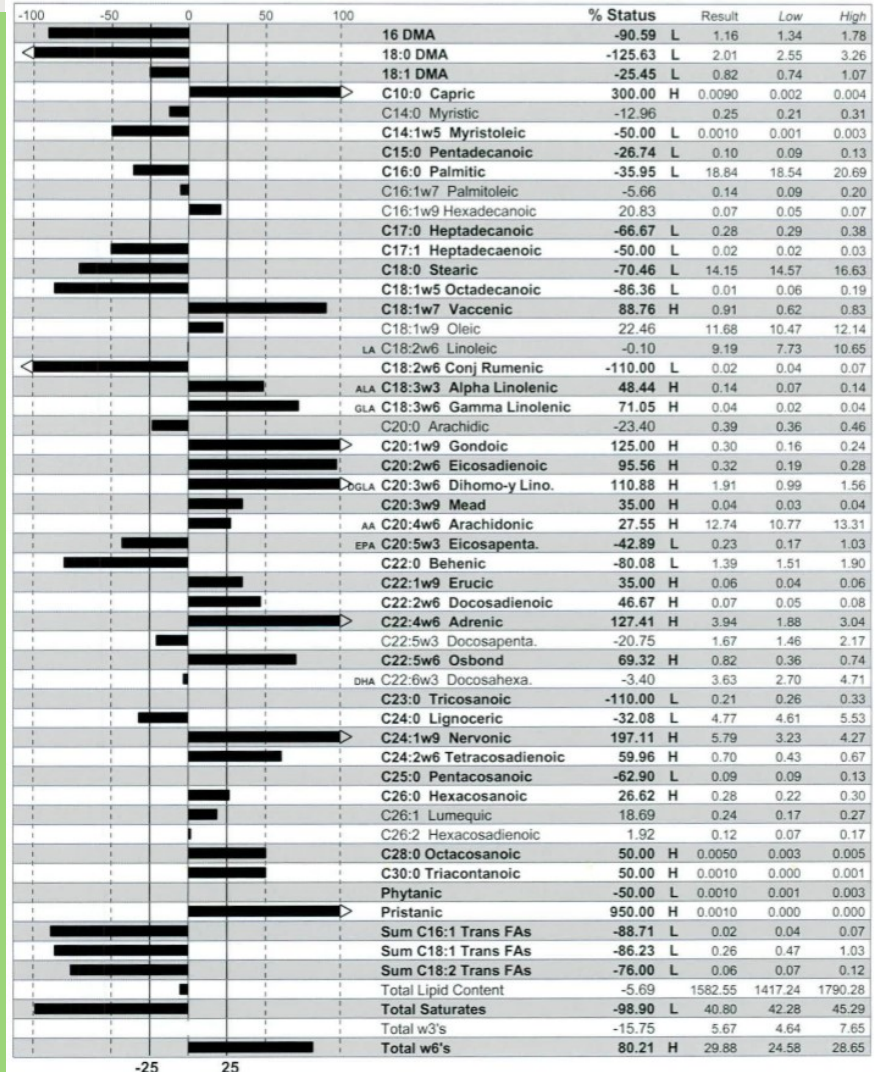
The free radical Super Oxide, may be created 5% of the time when the cells create ATP, and is made in large quantities with NOS uncoupling, and thus making the very dangerous oxidizing agent Peroxynitrite. Since inflammation may be one of the major causes of premature aging and disease, controlling the superoxide free radical is critical. Superoxide Dismutase turns the superoxide free radical into H₂O₂, so glutathione and catalase can turn them into water and oxygen. The SOD2 genes make superoxide dismutase (SOD) inside the cells, while SOD3 make the SOD outside the cells. Nutrition & Anti-Oxidant Accelerator supports the production of SOD, while Pro SOD/Catalase contains the actual enzymes in a capsule that only opens in the intestinal tract.

With 5 SOD variants, Nutrition & Anti-Oxidant Accelerator will likely not be enough superoxide dismutase protection. Consequently, use 3 Nutrition & Anti-Oxidant Accelerator capsules and at least 2-3 Pro SOD/Catalase. This can be increased to 4 if there are other factors that increase the peroxynitrite. Pro SOD will be a permanent supplement for this individual. Nrf2 Accelerator would also likely be needed.

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Lots of
undesirable fats
which need to be
removed

BURN IT			
TRANS ISOMERS		VLCFA'S	
		Erucic	35.00 H
		Osbond	69.32 H
		Triacotanoic	50.00 H
SATURATED ODD		RENEGADES	
		Vaccenic	88.76 H
		Mead	35.00 H
		Eicosanoic	35.00 H
		Pristanic	950.00 H
		Gondoic	125.00 H

BUILD IT			
MYELINATION		STRUCTURAL	
16:0 DMA	-90.59 L	Palmitic	-35.95 L
18:0 DMA	-125.63 L	Stearic	-70.46 L
18:1 DMA	-25.45 L		
SUMMATION			
Total Saturates	-98.90 L		

Actively demyelinating
with low DMAs
Very low saturated fats
Lacking structural
building blocks

BALANCE IT			
OMEGA 6		OMEGA 3	
Linoleic	-0.10	Alpha Linolenic	48.44 H
Gamma Linolenic	71.05 H	Eicosapentaenoic	-42.89 L
Dihomo-γ Linolenic	110.88 H	Docosapentaenoic	-20.75
Arachidonic	27.55 H	Docosahexaenoic	-3.40
Adrenic	127.41 H		
INDEXES			
Fluidity Index	-5.00	Myelination Index	-61.74 L
MR Index	-9.39		
PR Index	152.02 H		

STABILIZE IT			
		PR Index	152.02 H

Imbalances
between omega6s
and omega3s



Test performed by
Kennedy Krieger at
John Hopkins and
then analyzed and
report generated
by Body Bio.

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Case: SD

Treatment Plan:

- Phosphatidyl choline 1 tbsp
- SR3 oil which is sunflower omega6:flax omega3 in a 4:1 ratio 3-6 tbsp. daily
- Evening primrose oil
- high EPA fish oil
- methylated B vitamins
- Butyrate for breaking down the VLCFA
- Prometol fatty alcohol for myelin support
- **IV phosphatidyl choline infusions**

HFE Assist

NutriGenetic
RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Supplement Facts		
Serving Size: 1 Capsule	Amount per Serving	% Daily Value
Servings per Container: 90		
Proprietary Blend:	285mg	*
R- Lipoic Acid (Bio-Enhanced®, Stabilized R-Lipoic Acid from Na-RALA)		
Propionyl-L-Carnitine		
Myricetin (Std. to 98% from Myrica rubra)(bark)		
Baicalin (Std. to 98% from Scutellaria baicalensis)(root)		
Quercetin		
Lactoferrin (milk derived)		
* Daily Value Not Established		
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- Recommendation:
- 2 to 3 per day

- HFE Assist brought her ferritin down from 230-250s to 79
- Next treatment, LDI – low dose immunotherapy!

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I'VE LOOKED UP MY SYMPTOMS
ON THE INTERNET AND I'VE EITHER
GOT SWINE FEVER, RIFT VALLEY
FEVER, BOVINE SPONGIFORM
ENCEPHALOPATHY, BLUETONGUE OR
A STUBBED TOE!



Case: KK

17 yr old adolescent with OCD on Prozac, Wellbutrin, Effexor, autism spectrum disorder, common variable immunodeficiency on IVIG, growth hormone deficiency, scoliosis, anxiety, hypothyroidism, chronic constipation, intestinal yeast overgrowth, sleep disturbance, cystic acne, chronic viral infections with emotional stability of acyclovir.

PMHx: Mom was sick with “cold” in the 3rd trimester. No antibiotics given. Full term. Traumatic birth. Vacuum extraction. Apgars 7/9. O2 given at birth. He has been “sick” since birth.

Case: KK

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PSHx: 2003 eye surgery for strabismus
2004 – PE tube placement
2005 – adenoidectomy
2006 – eye surgery for strabismus

IGENEX-IGG-RESULT		POSITIVE
CDC/NYS-RESULT		NEGATIVE
	18 kDa	-
**23-25	kDa	-
	28 kDa	-
	30 kDa	-
**31	kDa	-
**34	kDa	-
**39	kDa	+
**41	kDa	+++
	45 kDa	+
	58 kDa	-
	66 kDa	-
**83-93	kDa	-

Relationship of Gestational Lyme and Chronic Infections

Dr. Jones performed chart reviews on 102 gestational borrelia cases.

14% Babesia, 7% Strep,
6% Ehrlichiosis

9% autism

56% attention deficit disorder

Psychological symptoms:

Mood swing 54%

Anger 23%

Anxiety 21%

Depression 13%

OCD 11%, Suicidal thoughts 7%

Neurological symptoms:

HA 50%, Vertigo 30%

Developmental delay 18%

Tic disorders 14%, seizure disorders 11%

Photophobia 43%, hyperacuity 36%

Poor memory 39%

Cognitive impairments 27%, speech delays

21%, read/writing delays 19%,

auditory/visual processing 13%,

dyslexia 18%

Physical symptoms:

GERD 27%, abd pain 29%, diarrhea or
constipation 32%, nausea 23%

A Controlled Study of Cognitive Deficits in Children With Chronic Lyme Disease

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Although neurologic Lyme disease is known to cause cognitive dysfunction in adults, little is known about its long-term sequelae in children. Twenty children with a history of new-onset cognitive complaints after Lyme disease were compared with 20 matched healthy control subjects. Each child was assessed with measures of cognition and psychopathology. Children with Lyme disease had significantly more cognitive and psychiatric disturbances. Cognitive deficits were still found after controlling for anxiety, depression, and fatigue. Lyme disease in children may be accompanied by long-term neuropsychiatric disturbances, resulting in psychosocial and academic impairments. Areas for further study are discussed.

(The Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences 2001; 13:500–507)

Lyme disease (LYD) is a multisystemic illness caused by the tick-borne spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Bb). LYD, the most common tick-borne illness in the United States,¹ may manifest in a variety of ways: dermatologic, arthritic, ophthalmologic, cardiac, and neuropsychiatric.² The incidence and spread of the disease increased during the 1980s,³ stabilizing somewhat in the late 1990s. Children below the age of 9 are at a high risk for Bb infection,⁴ with many new cases of Lyme occurring among persons younger than 14 years.⁵

The neuropsychiatric symptoms of LYD in adults have been described,^{6,7} but little has been published about the neuropsychiatric effect of the disease in children and adolescents. In adults, deficits in attention and memory have been reported.^{8,9} In children, a controlled study of cognitive symptoms investigated a sample of all children and adolescents who presented to a LYD clinic, most of whom presented with rheumatological symptoms, had been diagnosed early, and had been treated appropriately for LD.¹⁰ These children were found to have an excellent prognosis for unimpaired functioning. However, this sample may not be representative of all children diagnosed with LYD, especially those who present initially with neurocognitive problems and/or those who were not treated until many months after the initial infection. Our preliminary data

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Neurocognitive testing revealed:

Headaches (100%)

Brain fog (88%)

Short term memory loss (94%)

Word finding problems (82%)

Distractibility (82%)

School work deterioration (94%)

Irritability/depression (94%)

Insomnia (82%)

Sensitivity to sound (58%)

Sensitivity to light (74%)



Tager FA, et al. A controlled study of cognitive deficits in children with chronic Lyme disease. J Neuropsychiatry Clin Neurosci. 2001;13(4):500–507.

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Children and Lyme and Cognitive functioning

Pilot study: 8 children with Lyme age 7-13

Completed 1-5 months of antibiotics

Initial evaluation symptoms: fatigue, joint pains, headache, irritability, Trouble with schoolwork, Concentration, Memory, Sleep disturbance, Sensory sensitivity, Mood swings, Impulsivity, Depressed mood, Anxiety, Motor tics, Word retrieval difficulty, Balance problems, temper outbursts

Cognitive defects: Deficient in Performance IQ and verbal IQ, Scores were lowest on processing speed, visual scanning, sequencing, and causal reasoning; attention deficits, visual and sustained

Children and Lyme and Cognitive functioning

Re-eval after antibiotics, (10-32 months)

All improved, 1 had HA, another sleep issues. 5/8 had improvements in cognition and academics, but 4 had cognitive, 5 had emotional, 2 had both and 1 had physical and emotional symptoms.

Cognitive testing showed global improvements



Pilot studies of ASD and Lyme

Vojdani identified 22% of ASD patients via CDC criteria +Lyme

LIAF study found 26% of ASD children positive for Lyme vs 0 controls

Levine tests 9 ASD children. All had Igenex positive WB.

Nicholson tested 48 ASD patients found 20-30% PCR or southern blot positive and 68% co-infection with Mycoplasma, Bartonella, Ehrlichia and Babesia. 29% positive for HHV-6

Bransfield, et al. Association between tick-borne infections, Lyme borreliosis and autism spectrum disorders. Medical Hypotheses 2008 7, 967-974.

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RESEARCH

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Urinary metabolomics of young Italian autistic children supports abnormal tryptophan and purine metabolism

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Abstract

Background: Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is still diagnosed through behavioral observation, due to a lack of laboratory biomarkers, which could greatly aid clinicians in providing earlier and more reliable diagnoses. Metabolomics on human biofluids provides a sensitive tool to identify metabolite profiles potentially usable as biomarkers for ASD. Initial metabolomic studies, analyzing urines and plasma of ASD and control individuals, suggested that autistic patients may share some metabolic abnormalities, despite several inconsistencies stemming from differences in technology, ethnicity, age range, and definition of “control” status.

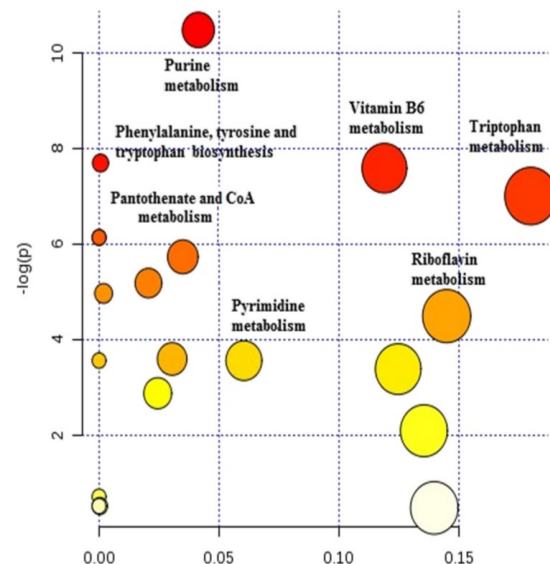
Methods: ASD-specific matched controls (age- and sex-matched) were recruited from a large-scale mass spectrometry, a high-resolution mass spectrometry, and a multivariate statistical analysis.

Results: Urinary metabolites derived from tryptophan are converted to the tryptophan and pantoic acid pathway, leading to the biosynthesis, pantothenic acid, and transform tryptophan into pantoic acid in the expense of kynurenic acid metabolism, yielding increased

Conclusions: The metabolic abnormalities found in rodent models are consistent with the proposed epileptogenic and excitotoxic metabolic abnormalities.

disorders, and gastrointestinal symptoms, and could contribute to autism severity. Their diagnostic sensitivity, disease-specificity, and interethnic variability will merit further investigation.

Keywords: Autism, Autism spectrum disorder, Kynurenine, Melatonin, Metabolomics, Purinergic signaling, Quinolinic acid, Serotonin, Tryptophan



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Urinary metabolites of tryptophan and purine metabolic pathways, consistent with the purine-driven cell danger response, accompanied by overproduction of quinolinic acid, large reductions in melatonin synthesis and gut dysbiosis. These metabolic abnormalities could underlie several associations to ASD such as sleep and GI disorders.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Low-dose suramin in autism spectrum disorder: a small, phase I/II, randomized clinical trial

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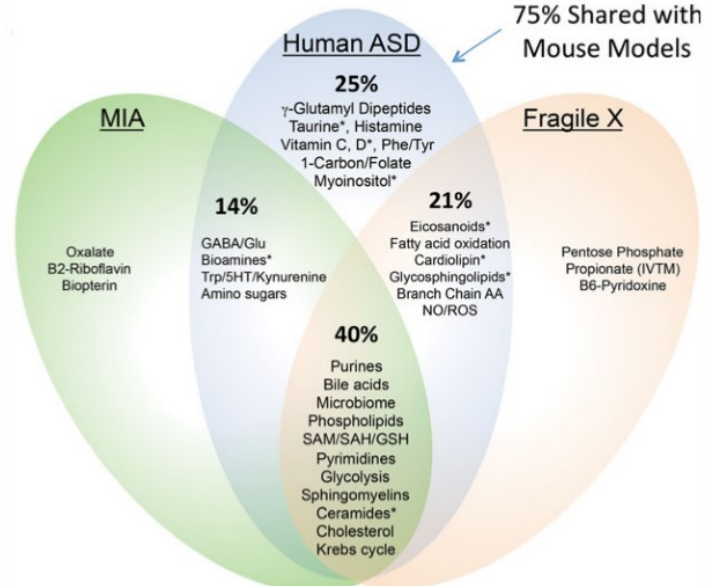
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Targeted plasma metabolomics revealed that the suramin decreased the cell danger response and restore more normal metabolism and the purine metabolism was the single most changed pathway, consistent with previous mouse models of ASD... Parents reported after treatment there were language, social, behavioral and developmental improvements for 3 weeks after the suramin.

Naviaux, 2017

Research Institute (ARI), the Lennax Foundation, the Gupta Family and Satya Fund, the Agrawal Family, Linda Clark, the N of One Autism Research Foundation, the

clinical global impression questionnaire. **Results:** Blood levels of suramin were $12 \pm 1.5 \mu\text{mol/L}$ (mean \pm SD) at 2 days and $1.5 \pm 0.5 \mu\text{mol/L}$ after 6 weeks. The terminal half-life was 14.7 ± 0.7 days. A self-limited, asymptomatic rash

Case: KK

Odd chain fats
created by viruses.
Needs butyrate to
break up the
VLCFA and
renegade fats

**Herbal
protocols for
Lyme were
also
instituted**

BURN IT			
TRANS ISOMERS		VLCFA'S	
		Triacentaic	50.00 H
SATURATED ODD		RENEGADES	
ic	24.19	Vaccenic	21.29
		Phytanic	50.00 H
		Pristanic	950.00 H

BUILD IT			
MYELINATION		STRUCTURAL	
18:0 DMA	-41.18 L	Palmitic	-41.35 L
18:1 DMA	-39.52 L	Oleic	-24.98
		Myristic	-59.26 L
SUMMATION			
Total Saturates	-44.55 L		
Total w3	-55.75 L		

Needs better dietary fats,
phosphatidyl choline and fatty
alcohol to support
remyelination

BALANCE IT			
OMEGA 6		OMEGA 3	
Linoleic	49.59 H	Alpha Linolenic	-17.19
Gamma Linolenic	-13.16	Eicosapentaenoic	-44.29 L
Dihomo-γ Linolenic	-3.33	Docosapentaenoic	-3.16
Arachidonic	55.55 H	Docosahexaenoic	-66.58 L
Adrenic	66.29 H		
INDEXES			
Fluidity Index	-30.00 L	Myelination Index	-19.17
MR Index	-48.38 L	Odd Chain Index	-24.51
PR Index	27.91 H		

Needs sources of ALA (flax,
chia, hemp) Evening
primrose oil (GLA) and more
fish oil Omega3s

STABILIZE IT	



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Cunningham Panel™ Testing Results

PATIENT REPORT

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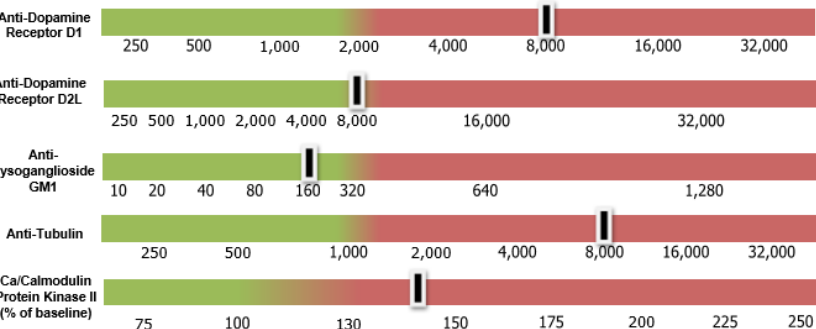
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LABORATORY TEST RESULTS COMPARED TO NORMAL RANGES

	Anti-Dopamine Receptor D1 (titer)	Anti-Dopamine Receptor D2L (titer)	Anti-Lysoganglioside GM1 (titer)	Anti-Tubulin (titer)	CaM Kinase II (% of baseline)
Patient Result	1:8,000	1:8,000	1:160	1:8,000	143
Normal Ranges	500 to 2,000	2,000 to 8,000	80 to 320	250 to 1,000	53 to 130
Normal Mean	1,056	6,000	147	609	95
INTERPRETATION*	ELEVATED	BORDERLINE	NORMAL	ELEVATED	ELEVATED

*Report Guidance: If any one (1) or more of these five (5) assay values is elevated, it may indicate a clinically significant autoimmune neurological condition. This is a condition in which the patient's autoantibodies cross-react and are directed against selected neuronal targets which are involved in normal neuropsychiatric and/or motor functions. It is important to note that the degree of elevation in assay values may not necessarily correlate with degree of symptom severity, as any value above normal ranges may correlate with symptomatology.

LABORATORY TEST RESULTS



The Cunningham Panel measures human serum Immunoglobulin G (IgG) levels by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) directed against: Dopamine D1 Receptor (DRD1), Dopamine D2L Receptor (DRD2L), Lysoganglioside-GM1 (LYSO-GM1) and Tubulin (TUB). ELISA results are determined by measuring the colorimetric intensity at a specific wavelength which is directly proportional to the amount of antibody in the sample. The fifth assay of this panel measures the specific activity of calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II (CaM KII) induced by the patient serum in cultured human neuronal cell lines compared to controls. This panel

This patient has PANS – Pediatric Autoimmune encephalitis likely due to post natal trigger on top of possible gestational Lyme.

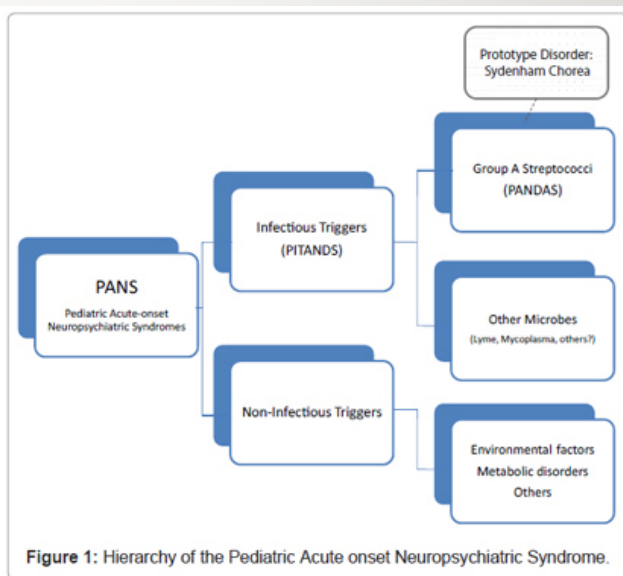


Figure 1: Hierarchy of the Pediatric Acute onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

Image borrowed from "From Research Subgroup to Clinical Syndrome: Modifying the PANDAS Criteria to Describe PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome)"

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Complicating Factors in Lyme disease as a Chronic Illness

BACTERIA FACTORS

1. Numerous strains of Borrelia
2. Different forms of Borrelia
3. Testing Challenges
4. Co-infections
5. Biofilms
6. Immune evasion and persistent infections
- 7. Various Treatment Guidelines**

Evidence assessments and guideline recommendations in Lyme disease: the clinical management of known tick bites, erythema migrans rashes and persistent disease

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Evidence-based guidelines for the management of patients with Lyme disease were developed by the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS). The guidelines address three clinical questions – the usefulness of antibiotic prophylaxis for known tick bites, the effectiveness of erythema migrans treatment and the role of antibiotic retreatment in patients with persistent manifestations of Lyme disease. Healthcare providers who evaluate and manage patients with Lyme disease are the intended users of the new ILADS guidelines which replace those issued in 2004 (Exp Rev Anti-infect Ther 2004;2:S1–13). These clinical practice guidelines are intended to assist clinicians by presenting evidence-based treatment recommendations, which follow the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation system. ILADS guidelines are not intended to be the sole source of guidance in managing Lyme disease and they should not be viewed as a substitute for clinical judgment nor used to establish treatment protocols.

KEYWORDS: antibiotic prophylaxis • antibiotics • erythema migrans • GRADE • Lyme disease • persistent disease • treatment

Evidence-based medicine is the integration of best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values [1]. The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) has adopted the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) system as its basis for evidence assessment and the development of recommendations to ensure a transparent and trustworthy guideline process [2–5].

These guidelines address three fundamental

with persistent manifestations of Lyme disease. ILADS anticipates performing GRADE assessments on additional topics related to the diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases in the future.

The GRADE scheme classifies the quality of the evidence as high, moderate, low or very low. The quality of evidence from randomized controlled trials (RCTs) is initially rated as high, but may be downgraded based on five limitations: study bias, publication bias, imprecision, inconsistency, and indirectness.

The guidelines address 3 treatment questions:

1. Usefulness of antibiotics for known tick bites.
2. The effectiveness of erythema migrans (EM) treatment.
3. The role of antibiotic treatment in patients with persistent manifestation of Lyme disease.

With regard to the 3rd question, reassess diagnosis, screen for co-infections, evaluate for other causes, and start with 4–6 weeks of antibiotics if so agreed.

Extensive treatment options exist. Consider previous responsiveness, progression of illness, patient impairments.

Phytochemicals and Micronutrients for anti-borrelia efficacy

Dipsacus Sylvestris
(Teasel root)

Grapefruit Seed Extract

Uncaria tomentosa

Otoba parvifolia

Stevia rebaudiana

Wild cherry

Black walnut green hull

Apricot seed

Anise

Vitamin B- complex

Vitamin C

Vitamin D3

Kelp (iodine)

Serrapeptase



Teasel root

Table 3. Efficacy of phytochemicals against *Borrelia sp.*

Phytochemicals	Spirochetes (µg/ml)		Rounded forms (µg/ml)	Biofilm (µg/ml)
Apigenin	MIC ₄₀ at 125	NS	NS	NS
Malvidin	MIC ₆₅ at 75	NS	NS	NS
Quercetin	MIC ₇₀ at 75	MBC ₄₅ at 125	MBC ₄₀ at 250	NS
E-viniferin	MIC ₇₀ at 75	MBC ₄₀ at 125	MBC ₄₀ at 250	NS
Resveratrol	MIC ₇₀ at 125	MBC ₄₀ at 250	MBC ₄₀ at 300	NS
Ellagic acid	MIC ₇₀ at 100	MIC ₆₅ at 250	NS	NS
Oleuropein	MIC ₄₅ at 250	NS	MBC ₃₀ at 500	NS
Nordihydrogualaretic acid	MIC ₄₀ at 125	NS	NS	NS
Amygdalin	MIC ₉₀ at 75	MBC ₆₅ at 100	MBC ₅₀ at 150	NS
Fucoidan	NS	NS	NS	NS
Berberine sulfate	MIC ₉₀ at 100	MBC ₈₀ at 150	MBC ₅₀ at 250	NS

BSH medium, Buffered Schamm and Hestrin's; BSK; Barbour–Stoenner–Kelly; EC, effective concentration eradicating biofilm; MBC, minimal bactericidal concentration; MIC, minimal inhibitory concentration; NS, not susceptible. Testing was performed with two species such as *Borrelia burgdorferi* and *Borrelia garinii*. Subscript index at the MIC value indicates the percent of inhibition at the provided concentration expressed as µg/ml in 1.5 ml of BSK complete medium at 33°C after 72 h; the MBC value indicates the percent of killing at the provided concentration expressed as µg/ml in 1.5 ml of BSH complete medium at 33°C after 72 h, according to [Goc *et al.* 2015].

Table 1. CAM treatment of Lyme disease with a combination of different antibiotics, herbal remedies, and nutritional supplements, with pertinent references

Antibiotics used for treatment of Lyme disease (Refs 6–8, 10, 11)	Herbal remedies	Ref	Nutritional supplements	Ref
Doxycycline	Samento	(24)	Omega-3 Fatty Acids	(26)
Minocycline	Cumada	(24)	Coenzyme-Q10	(26)
Amoxicillin	Burbur	(24)	S-Adenosylmethionine	(8, 24, 25)
Augmentin	Allicin	(25)	Grapeseed Extract	(26)
Azithromycin	Dragon’s blood	(25)	Magnesium	(24)
Biaxin	Cat’s claw	(25)	L-Carnitine	(4, 8)
Erythromycin	Devil’s claw	(24)	α-Lipoic acid	(14, 15)
Vaucomycin	Echinacea	(25–28)	Dimethylglycine	(27)
Clarithromycin (biaxin)	Citriodiol (lemon eucalyptus extract)	(9)	Vitamin B-complex	(4, 8)
Cefuroxime axetil	Astragallus	(29)	Methylcobalamin	(4, 8)
Penicillin	Nettle	(24)	Vitamin C and D	(12, 13)
Ceftriaxone	Ginkgo biloba	(4, 8)	Hydrolytic enzymes	(16, 17)
Rifampin	Curcumin	(19–20)	Mushroom extracts and Beta-glucan	(22)
Flagyl	Oregano tea	(25)	Thymic peptides	(29)
Plaquenil	Boswellia	(26)	Pycnogenol	(27)
Taurox SB™	Parsley extract	(24)	N-Acetylcysteine and glutathione	(26)
Colloidal silver	Red chili pepper (capsaicin)	(18)	Probiotics	(23)
Imipinem	Quercetin	(21)	Dehydroepiandrosterone	(12)
			Royal Jelly	(26)

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Beyond Balance Products for Lyme and Co-infections

Core Immune Support

MC-BB1 - for Lyme

MC-BB2 – stronger formula for relapsing fever *Borrelia*, *Ehrlichia*

MC-BAR-1 – for *Bartonella*

MC-BAR-2 – stronger formula for *bartonella*

MC-BAB-1 – for *Babesia microti*

MC-BAB-2 – for *Babesia duncani* and *Protomyxoma rheumatica*

MC-BAB-3 –broad spectrum blood parasites

Supplement Facts

Serving size 1 ml

Servings per container 30

MC-BB1

Amount Per Serving	%DV
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Proprietary Blend

Queen's Root (Root) (<i>Stillingia sylvatica</i>)	*
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Motherwort (Tops) (<i>Leonurus cardiaca</i>)	*
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Plantain Leaf (Tops) (<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>)	*
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Black Walnut (Green Hull) (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	*
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Licorice (Root) (<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>)	*
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Calendula (Flower) (<i>Calendula officinalis</i>)	*
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* Daily Value Not Established

Other Ingredients: Kosher vegetable glycerin (80% by volume), Filtered water

Allergens: This product contains no soy, corn, or any other known allergens. Free from preservatives, artificial colorings, or flavorings.

Warning: If pregnant, nursing, or taking medications, consult your healthcare professional before use.

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Tox-Ease GL

Supplement Facts

Serving size 1 ml

Servings per container 59

Amount Per Serving 100 mg

%DV

Proprietary Blend

Slippery Elm (Bark) (<i>Ulmus fulva</i>)	*
Bilberry (Berry) (<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>)	*
Grape Seed (Seed) Extract (<i>Vitis vinifera</i>)	*
Mullein (Leaf) (<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>)	*
Elder (Berry) (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)	*
Rosehips (Bud) (<i>Rosa canina</i>)	*
Red Clover (Blossom) (<i>Trifolium pratense</i>)	*
Licorice (Root) (<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>)	*
Dandelion (Leaf) (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)	*
Rhubarb (Root) (<i>Rheum spp.</i>)	*
Fresh Skullcap (Flowering tops) (<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>)	*
Milk Thistle (Seed) (<i>Silybum marianum</i>)	*
Cayenne (Fruit) (<i>Capsicum annum</i>)	*

* Daily Value Not Established

Detox support

Tox-Ease – general detox/digest aid

Tox-Ease II – heavy metal detox

Tox-Ease GL –gentle cellular detox

Cognease Detox

Biofilm Breakdown

MC-BFM-1 – made from Guggul

MC-BFM-P – pediatric doses

Fungal Products

Pro-Myco

Mycoregen

Parasite Products

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Immune Support Products

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IMN-GI – support GI immunity

IMN-R –Immune modulatory

IMN-V – guard against viruses

IMN-V-III – for neurological viral symptoms

Environmental Detox Support

ENL-BT-1 – for Biotoxins

ENL-MC – for Mycoplasma

ENL-NM - for environmental toxins

ENL-RD – for radiation exposure

Inflammation

Cyflacalm

Cyflacalm II- for
vascular/nervous
inflammation

Supplement Facts

Serving size 1 ml
Servings per container 60

IMN-V-III

Amount Per Serving 100 mg	%DV
Proprietary Blend	
Cat's Claw (Bark) (<i>Uncaria tomentosa</i>)	*
Licorice (Root) (<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>)	*
Skullcap (Flowering Tops) (<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>)	*
Rosehips (Hip) (<i>Rosa canina</i>)	*
Coptis (Rhizome) (<i>Coptis chinensis</i>)	*
Cleavers (Tops) (<i>Galium aparine</i>)	*
Dandelion (Whole Plant) (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)	*
Kelp (Thallus) (<i>Laminaria digitata</i>)	*
Elderberry (Berry) (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)	*
Mistletoe (Leaf) (<i>Viscum album</i>)	*
Valerian (Root) (<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>)	*
Wild Lettuce (Leaf) (<i>Lactuca spp.</i>)	*
Cornsilk (Green Silk) (<i>Zea Mays</i>)	*
Grape Seed (Seed) (<i>Vitis vinifera</i>)	*
Horsetail (Spring Shoots) (<i>Equisetum arvense</i>)	*
Rosemary (Leaf) (<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>)	*
Gotu Kola (Leaf) (<i>Centella asiatica</i>)	*
Thyme (Leaf) (<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>)	*
Marshmallow (Root) (<i>Althaea officinalis</i>)	*
White Willow (Bark) (<i>Salix alba</i>)	*

* Daily Value Not Established

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Begin by Layering Formulas

1. Start with Detox of the terrain first
2. Antimicrobial treatment
3. Ensure solid nutritional support
4. Support reduction of inflammation
5. Address biofilm
6. Continue detox support
7. Continue evaluating and supporting as clinical indicated.

Sample protocol for multiply infected patient with brain fog:

1. Start **Tox-Ease GL** 3 drops BID, gradually increase by 1 drop BID up to 12-15 drops 2-3 times per day.
2. Add **MC-BB-1** 1 drop BID. Slowly increase as tolerated up to 10-12 drops BID
3. **Cyflacalm II** 3-4 drops BID
4. Next **MC-BAR-1** for bartonella. (adjust like MC-BB-1)
5. Add **MC-BFM-P** –pinch once daily, then ½ cap once daily, work up to 1 cap BID.
6. **Cognease Detox** 1 drop BID, increase up to 10-15 drops 2-3 times daily.

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Integrative and Functional approaches to Lyme disease and chronic infections

- Identify infections
- Determine all areas of dysfunction
- Lifestyle Modifications
- Dietary adjustments
- Detoxification and reduction of exposures to toxins/molds/EMF
- Nutritional supplementation
- Immune support
- Genetic analyses and appropriate support
- Gastrointestinal assessments and support
- Mitochondrial support
- Adrenal/endocrine support
- Methylation support
- Membrane stabilizing therapies

Integrative and Functional approaches to Lyme disease and chronic infections

- Low dose immunotherapy
- Emotional and psychological issues/Trauma
- Structural dysfunctional support
- Physical therapy
- OMT/craniosacral therapy
- Chiropractic manipulation
- Visceral manipulation
- Acupuncture/TCM referrals
- Energy medicine/Rife
- Movement/exercise
- Spiritual counseling
- Family counseling



“According to my research, laughter is the best medicine, giggling is good for mild infections, chuckling works for minor cuts and bruises, and snickering only makes things worse.”

How to manage a patient whom you suspect has Lyme disease

- Patients often need a team approach to their care.
- Locate and meet with Lyme literate practitioners in your area.
- Check out www.ILADS.org or your state or local Lyme advocacy groups for referrals.
- Begin the work up, if comfortable. If not, refer.
- You may also need functional and integrative medicine practitioners with whom to partner, if you can't find a Lyme literate, functional practitioner.
- Know that these patients have often been neglected and dismissed by the medical system. They need your support and acknowledgment that you believe them, even if you can't explain all their symptoms.
- If the psychological and emotional and even spiritual aspects don't get addressed, they will continue to struggle.
- Metaphor of immune system – boundary issues



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