

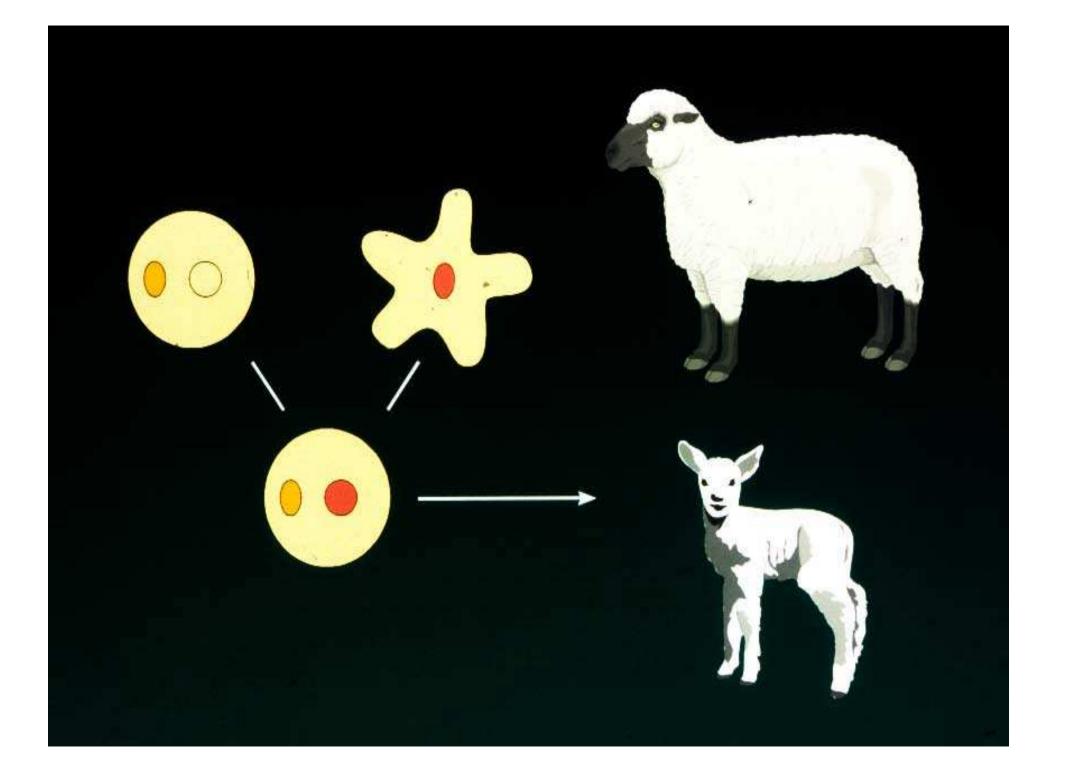
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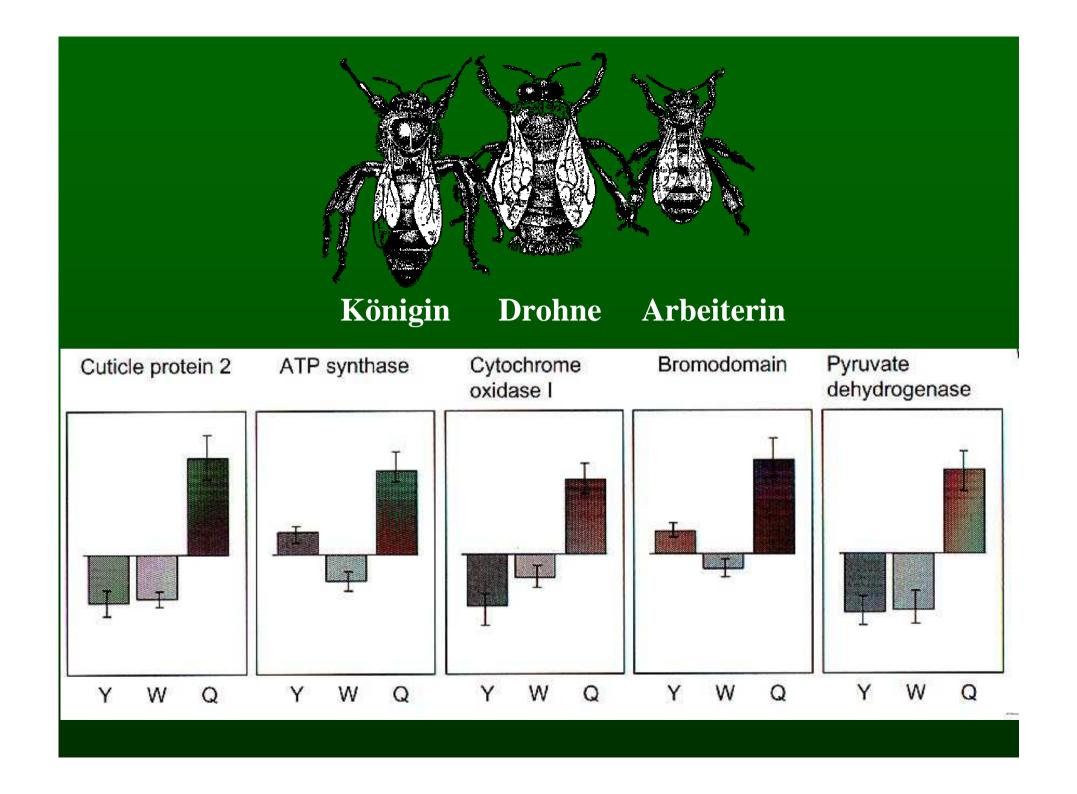
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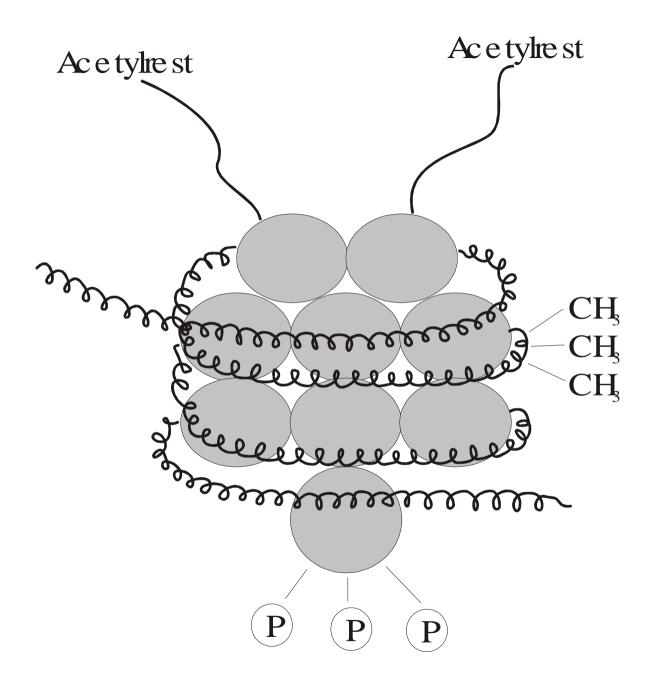
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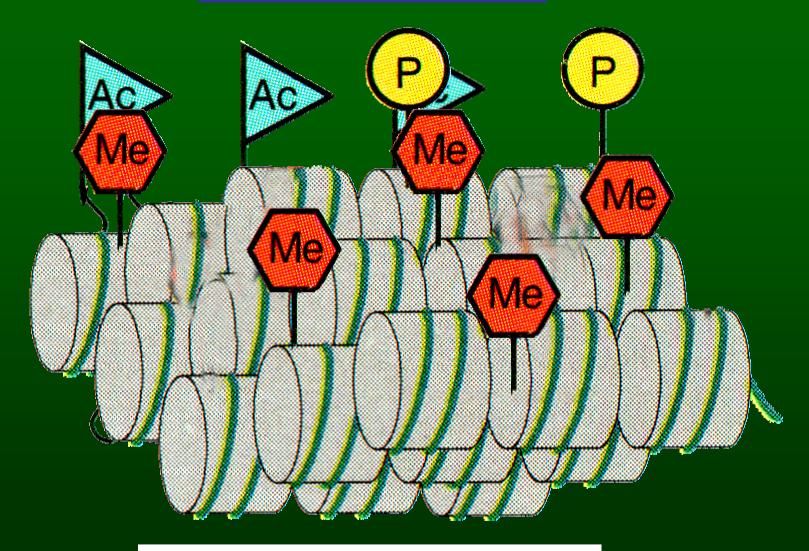
Royalactin induces queen differentiation in honeybees

Masaki Kamakura¹





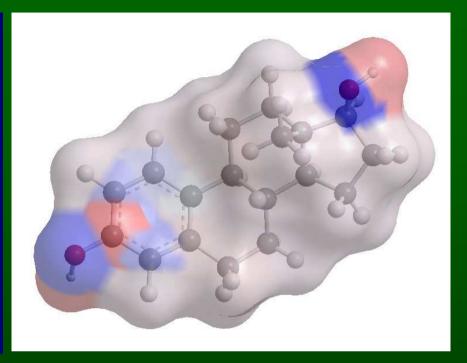
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17-β estradiol





Molecular dynamics simulation of 17-\beta estradiol at 300 Kelvin (ca. 250 fs)

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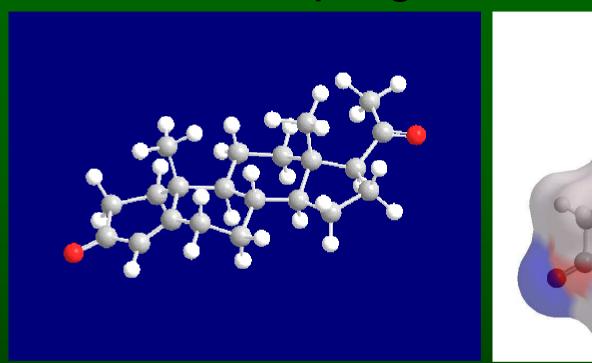
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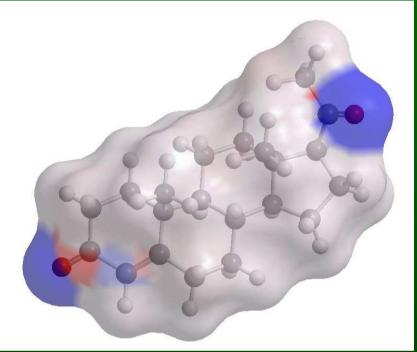
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Abstract

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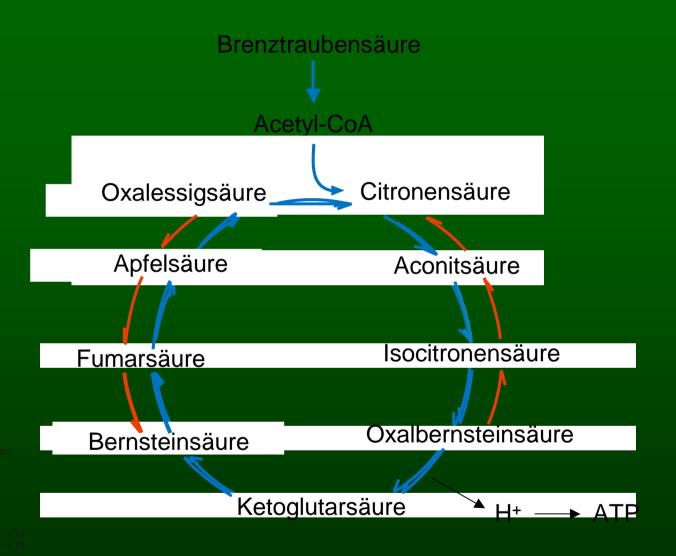




Molecular dynamics simulation of progesterone at 300 Kelvin (ca. 600 fs)

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METABOLISMUS GREIFT IN DEN EPIGENETISCHEN CODE EIN





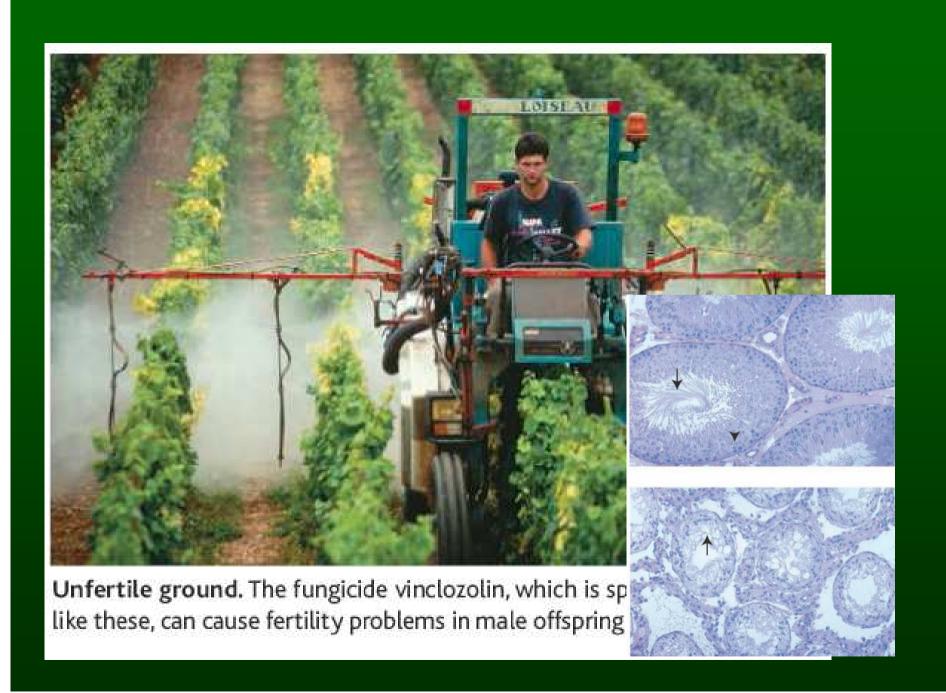
Trans-HHS Workshop: Diet, DNA Methylation Processes and Health

Diet, Methyl Donors and DNA Methylation: Interactions between Dietary Folate, Methionine and Choline^{1,2}

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J. Nutr. 132: 2333S-2335S, 2002



Epigenetic Transgenerational Actions of Endocrine Disruptors and Male Fertility

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Michael K. Skinner:

Transgenerational effects of environmental toxins require either a chromosomal or epigenetic alteration in the germ line. Transient exposure of a gestating female rat during the period of gonadal sex determination to the endocrine disruptors vinclozolin (an antiandrogenic compound) or methoxychlor (an estrogenic compound) induced an adult phenotype in the F_1 generation of decreased spermatogenic capacity (cell number and viability) and increased incidence of male infertility. These effects were transferred through the male germ line to nearly all males of all subsequent generations examined (that is, F_1 to F_4). The effects on reproduction correlate with altered DNA methylation patterns in the germ line. The ability of an environmental factor (for example, endocrine disruptor) to reprogram the germ line and to promote a transgenerational disease state has significant implications for evolutionary biology and disease etiology.

DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Endocrine Disrupters Trigger Fertility Problems in Multiple Generations

A fungicide and a pesticide, both already known to be toxic to animals, have revealed a potentially even darker side: On page 1466, researchers report that the two chemicals cause fertility defects in male rats that are passed down to nearly every male in subsequent generations. No other known toxin has been shown to do that, according to the study's authors and other scientists. The startling results seem to support the controversial idea that such hormonelike chemicals, known as endocrine disrupters, could be causing population-wide reproductive problems, such as lowered sperm counts in men. But many scientists caution against drawing conclusions until other labs have confirmed the unexpected findings.

malities in lab animals. Over the past 15 years, many scientists have come to think that these endocrine disrupters are potentially causing harmful effects, such as cancer and reproductive abnormalities, in humans, too.

It was already known that when pregnant rats are treated with relatively high doses of vinclozolin every day, their male offspring are sterile, Gray notes. But Skinner and his team found that when they injected vinclozolin into the abdomens of pregnant rats during a specific window of pregnancy—8 to 15 days into gestation—they got a different result. Although the offspring's testes appeared normal and the rodents could reproduce, their sperm count dropped 20% compared to control mice, their sperm motil-



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Metabolic disorders: Fathers' nutritional legacy

Michael K. Skinner

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A female can develop a diabetes-like disease due to a high fat content in her father's diet before she was conceived. Epigenetic modifications of the father's sperm DNA might underlie this peculiar observation. See Letter p.963

LETTER

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Chronic high-fat diet in fathers programs β -cell dysfunction in female rat offspring

Sheau-Fang Ng¹, Ruby C. Y. Lin², D. Ross Laybutt³, Romain Barres⁴, Julie A. Owens⁵ & Margaret J. Morris¹

The Epigenetic Sins of the Father

ificant role in the chemical or drink the water. Aluminum fits abundance and toxicity.

Chemotherapy, irradiation, and environmental toxins can cause DNA damage that, unless repaired, can be transmitted to the CONTINUED ON PAGE 1375

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Advancing Paternal Age and Autism

Abraham Reichenberg, PhD; Raz Gross, MD, MPH; Mark Weiser, MD; Michealine Bresnahan, PhD; Jeremy Silverman, PhD; Susan Harlap, MBBS; Jonathan Rabinowitz, PhD; Cory Shulman, PhD; Dolores Malaspina, MD; Gad Lubin, MD; Haim Y. Knobler, MD; Michael Davidson, MD; Ezra Susser, MD, DrPH

Results: There was a significant monotonic association between advancing paternal age and risk of ASD. Offspring of men 40 years or older were 5.75 times (95% confidence interval, 2.65-12.46; P<.001) more likely to have ASD compared with offspring of men younger than 30 years, after controlling for year of birth, socioeconomic status, and maternal age. Advancing maternal age showed no association with ASD after adjusting for paternal age. Sensitivity analyses indicated that these findings were not the result of bias due to missing data on maternal age.

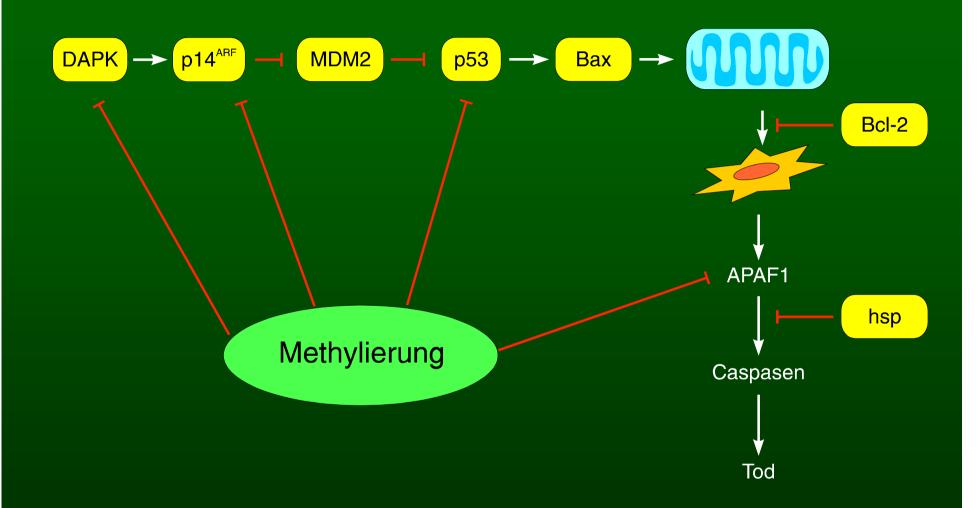
Conclusions: Advanced paternal age was associated with increased risk of ASD. Possible biological mechanisms include de novo mutations associated with advancing age or alterations in genetic imprinting.

REVIEWS

THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF EPIGENETIC EVENTS IN CANCER

Peter A. Jones* and Stephen B. Baylin*

Patterns of DNA methylation and chromatin structure are profoundly altered in neoplasia and include genome-wide losses of, and regional gains in, DNA methylation. The recent explosion in our knowledge of how chromatin organization modulates gene transcription has further highlighted the importance of epigenetic mechanisms in the initiation and progression of human cancer. These epigenetic changes — in particular, aberrant promoter hypermethylation that is associated with inappropriate gene silencing — affect virtually every step in tumour progression. In this review, we discuss these epigenetic events and the molecular alterations that might cause them and/or underlie altered gene expression in cancer.



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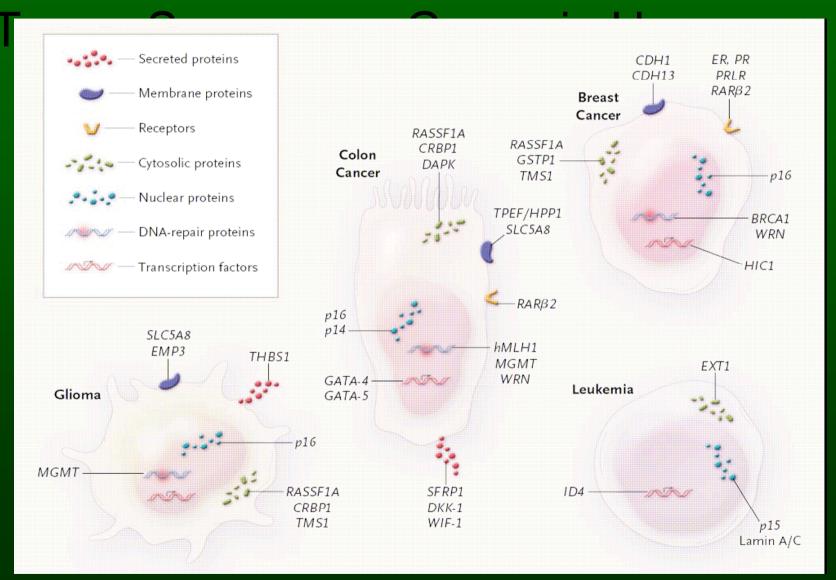
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MOLECULAR ORIGINS OF CANCER

Epigenetics in Cancer

Manel Esteller, M.D., Ph.D.

Island in the Promoter Region of





Epigenetics in human disease and prospects for epigenetic therapy

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Epigenetic mechanisms, which involve DNA and histone modifications, result in the heritable silencing of genes without a change in their coding sequence. The study of human disease has focused on genetic mechanisms, but disruption of the balance of epigenetic networks can cause several major pathologies, including cancer, syndromes involving chromosomal instabilities, and mental retardation. The development of new diagnostic tools might reveal other diseases that are caused by epigenetic alterations. Great potential lies in the development of 'epigenetic therapies' — several inhibitors of enzymes controlling epigenetic modifications, specifically DNA methyltransferases and histone deacetylases, have shown promising anti-tumorigenic effects for some malignancies.

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Target	Drug	Clinical trials
DNA methylation	5-Azacytidine	Phase I/II/III
	5-Aza-2'-deoxycytidine	Phase I/II/III
	FCDR	
***************************************	Zebularine	
	Procainamide	
	EGCG	Phase I
***************************************	Psammaplin A	***************************************
	Antisense oligomers	Phase I
Histone deacetylase	Many ⁵⁵ , including:	
	Phenylbutyric acid	Phase I/II
	SAHA	Phase I/II
***************************************	Depsipeptide	Phase I/II
	Valproic acid	Phase I/II
EGCG, epigallocatechin-3-ga hydroxamic acid.	allate; FCDR, 5-fluoro-2'-deoxycytidine;	; SAHA, suberoylanilide

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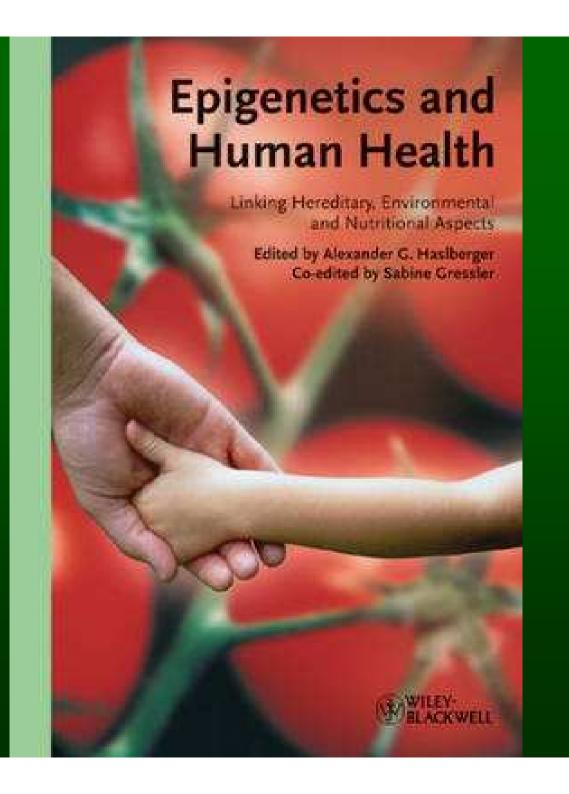
MECHANISMS OF DISEASE

Effect of In Utero and Early-Life Conditions on Adult Health and Disease

Peter D. Gluckman, M.D., D.Sc., Mark A. Hanson, D.Phil., Cyrus Cooper, M.D., and Kent L. Thornburg, Ph.D.



N Engl J Med. 2008 Jul 3;359(1):61-73.



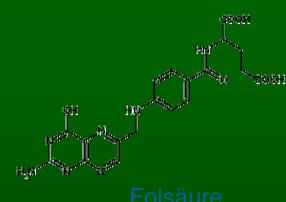
14 Epigenetics Aspects in Gyneacology and Reproductive Medicine

Alexander Just and Johannes Huber

Abstract

Epigenetics regulates human genotypical activity throughout the entire lifecycle. Preexisting schemes in our genome's methylization and acetylization are modified through interaction with our environment and nutrition. Because the genome is not static, it is highly adaptable, allowing adjustment to the environment. Further, pregnancy, birth and early childhood determine our lives themselves. Scientific knowledge of epigenetics will influence different aspects in medicine care in the future. Our intention is to describe some special facts in this field. Epigenetics frees us of the theory of a destiny that is predefined genetically. We have much more responsibility for our own and our descendants' daily lives.

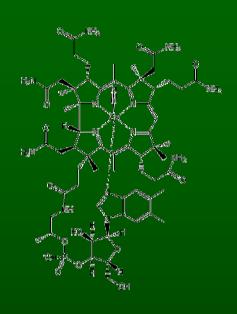
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Cholin

für das Kind

Vitamin B12 Folat



Methionin

OH-CH₂-CH₂-N-(CH₃)₃ Cholin

bewirkt multiple Risikoerhöhung

Yajnik CS et al. Diabetologia 2008;51:29-38.

Empfohlene Tageseinnahme (Adequate Intake = AI)

Männer:

550 mg Choline / d

• Frauen:

425 mg Choline / d

Schwangerschaft:

850 mg Choline / d

Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences USA. Choline. Dietary reference intakes for folate, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B12, panthothenic acid, biotin, and choline. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 1998:390

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Nichtgravide Frauen

10,7 µM freies Cholin

2,7 µM gebundenes Cholin

Schwangere Frauen (SSW 36)

16,5 μM freies Cholin3,5 μM gebundenes Cholin

Ozarda I, Uncu G, Ulus I. Free and phospholipid-bound choline concentrations in serum during pregnancy, after deliver and in newborns. Arch Physiol Biochem 2002;110:393–399. [PubMed: 12530624]

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE Epidemiology of Allergic Disease

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Maternal vitamin D intake during pregnancy is inversely associated with asthma and allergic rhinitis in 5-year-old children

M. Erkkola*, M. Kaila†, B. I. Nwaru‡, C. Kronberg-Kippilä§, S. Ahonen‡, J. Nevalainen‡, R. Veijola¶, J. Pekkanen **, J. Ilonen††,‡, O. Simell§§, M. Knip†,¶ and S. M. Virtanen†,‡,§

Maternal vitamin D intake during pregnancy and early childhood wheezing 1-4

Graham Devereux, Augusto A Litonjua, Stephen W Turner, Leone CA Craig, Geraldine McNeill, Sheelagh Martindale, Peter J Helms, Anthony Seaton, and Scott T Weiss

Conclusion: Increasing maternal vitamin D intakes during pregnancy may decrease the risk of wheeze symptoms in earlychildhood.

Am J Clin Nutr 2007;85:853-9.

PEDIATRIC ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Maternal diet during pregnancy and allergic sensitization in the offspring by 5 yrs of age: a prospective cohort study

Nwaru BI, Ahonen S, Kaila M, Erkkola M, Haapala A-M, Kronberg-Kippilä C, Veijola R, Ilonen J, Simell O, Knip M, Virtanen SM. Maternal diet during pregnancy and allergic sensitization in the offspring by 5 yrs of age: a prospective cohort study. Pediatr Allergy Immunol 2010: 21: 29–37. © 2009 John Wiley & Sons A/S

Maternal consumption of citrus fruits during pregnancy may increasethe risk to allergic sensitization in the offspring, whereas vitamin D intake may have a beneficial effect.

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Season of birth and multiple sclerosis in Sweden

Salzer J, Svenningsson A, Sundström P. Season of birth and multiple sclerosis in Sweden.

Acta Neurol Scand: 2010: 121: 20-23.

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Schizophrenie

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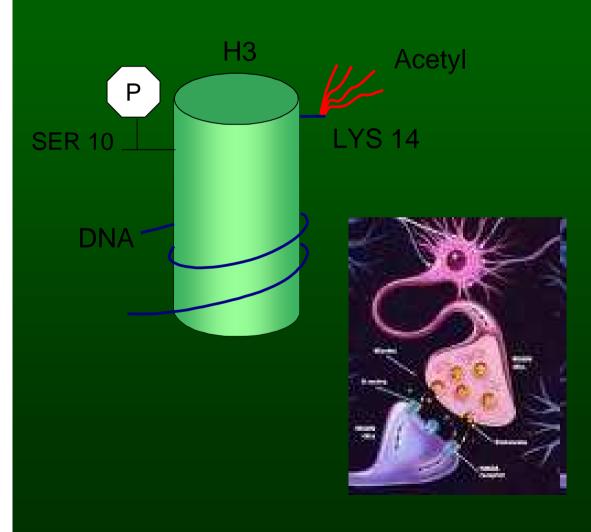
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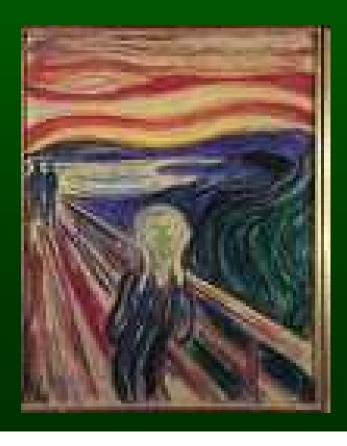
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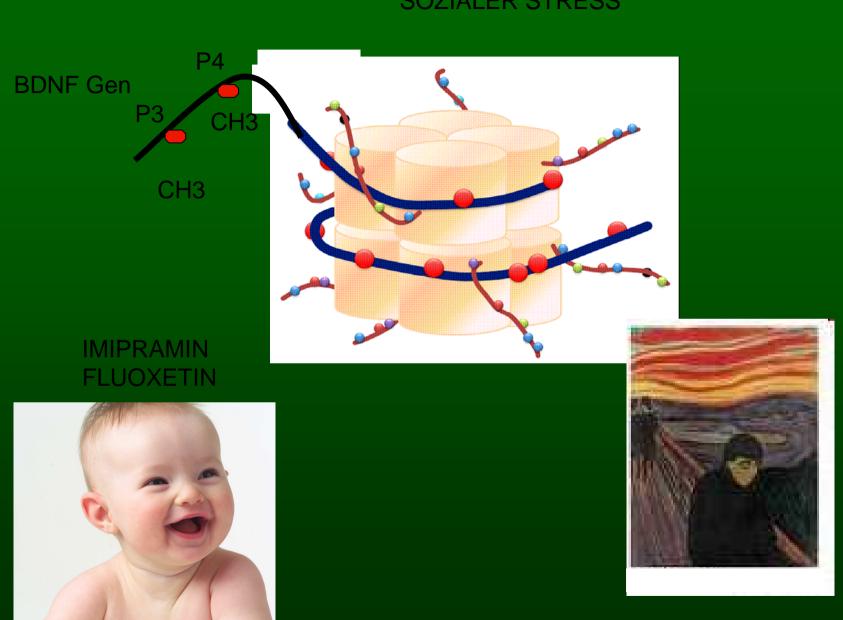
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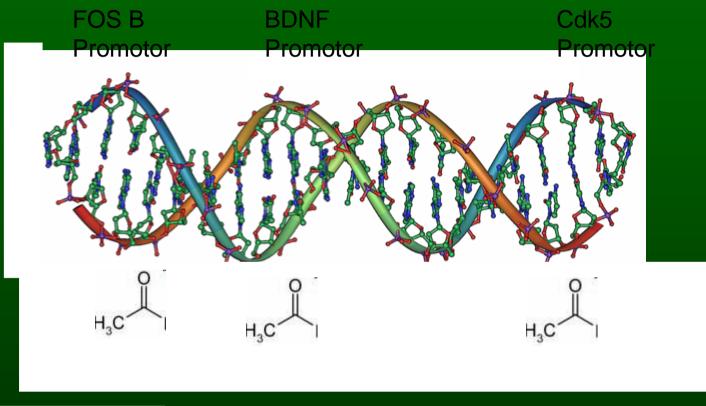


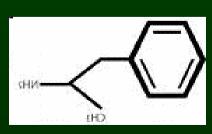
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COCAIN (AMPHETAMIN)





Intrauterine Corticoide

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- Duodenales Homeoboxgen 1
- Pankreatischen Transkriptionsfaktor Pdx1
- Anzahl der β-Zellen



Intrauterine Corticoide

erhöhen das postpartale Risiko für

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Charalambous M et al. Curr Opin Endocrinol Diabetes Obes 2007;14:3-12.

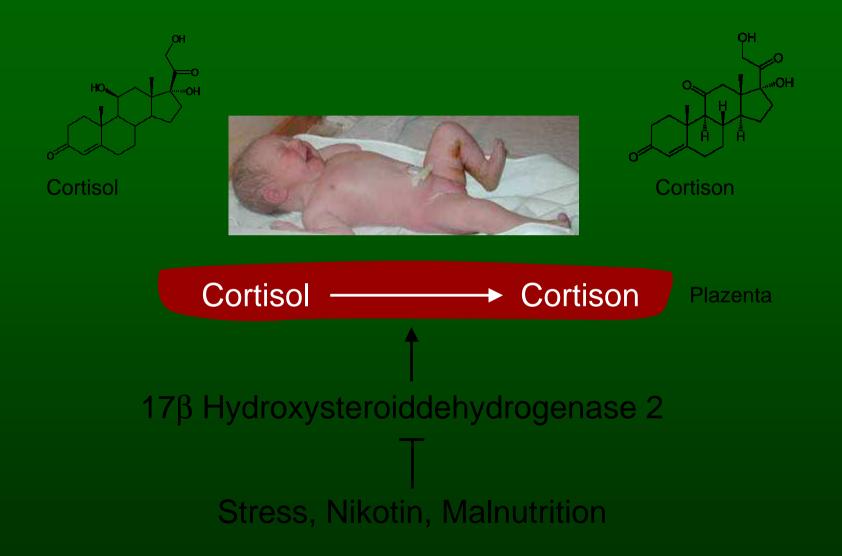
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Reversal of Maternal Programming of Stress Responses in Adult Offspring through Methyl Supplementation: Altering Epigenetic Marking Later in Life

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DNA methylation and gene expression differences in children conceived *in vitro* or *in vivo*

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Several of the genes whose expression differs between the two groups have been implicated in chronic metabolic disorders, such as obesity and type II diabetes. These findings suggest that there may be epigenetic differences in the gametes or early embryos derived from couples undergoing treatment for infertility. Alternatively, assisted reproduction technology may have an effect on global patterns of DNA methylation and gene expression. In either case, these differences or changes may affect long-term patterns of gene expression.





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Effects of in utero odorant exposure on neuroanatomical development of the olfactory bulb and odour preferences

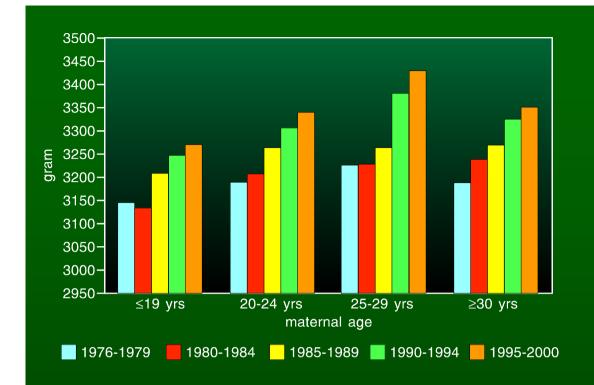
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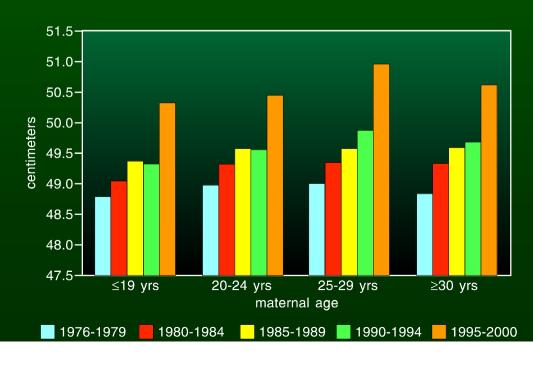
Mozarts Nachtmusik lässt Frühchen gedeihen

Wenn Frühgeborene Musik von Mozart hören, verbrennt ihr Körper weniger Energie unter Ruhebedingungen, und sie entwickeln sich dadurch günstiger. Israelische Neonatologen vom Lis-Maternity-Krankenhaus in Tel Aviv haben das herausgefunden, indem sie den Energieverbrauch von Frühgeborenen überprüften. Die Babys waren nach der dreißigsten bis sechsunddreißigsten Schwangerschaftswoche geboren worden. Sie wurden noch im Brutkasten versorgt, waren jedoch gesundheitlich stabil. Bereits nachdem die eine Gruppe zehn Minuten lang eine Baby-Mozart-CD hörte, sank deren Nährstoff- und Sau-







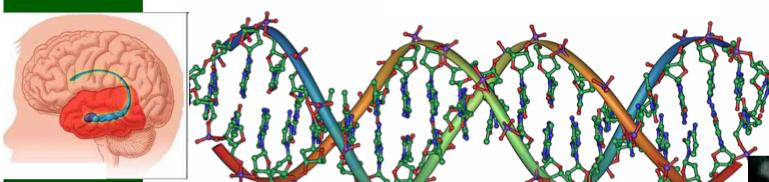




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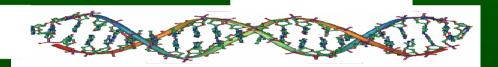


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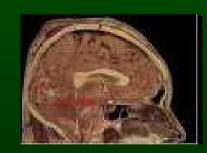
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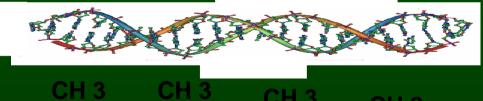


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Fehlende taktile Reize postpartal

verändern Cortisolrezeptoren

im Hippocampus und damit die Amplitude

der Stressreaktionen



Weaver ICG et al. Nat Neurosci 2004;7:847-54.

Fehlen taktile Reize in Postpartalphase

Hypermethylierung des

Oxytocin Rezeptor Gens

Östrogen Rezeptor α Gens

in Area Präoptica



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Review

Epigenetics, brain evolution and behaviour

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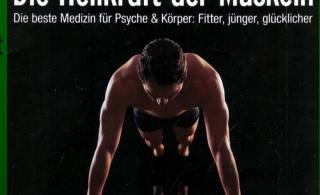
Frühgeburtlichkeit Vor SSVV 36 Die Heilkraft der Muskeln Die Heilkraft der Muskeln Bertieber glücklicher



Erhöht in Pubertät das Risiko für

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ARTICLE

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Low birthweight is associated with specific changes in muscle insulin-signalling protein expression

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Mütterliche Unterernährung

begünstigt

zentrale Obesity

Skelettmuskelreduktion beim Kind

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Überschiessende postpartale Gewichtskompensation

intrauterine Wachstumsretardierung



prädisponiert zu
Koronarerkrankungen
Hypertonie
Diabetes 2



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Epigenetic regulation of the glucocorticoid receptor in human brain associates with childhood abuse

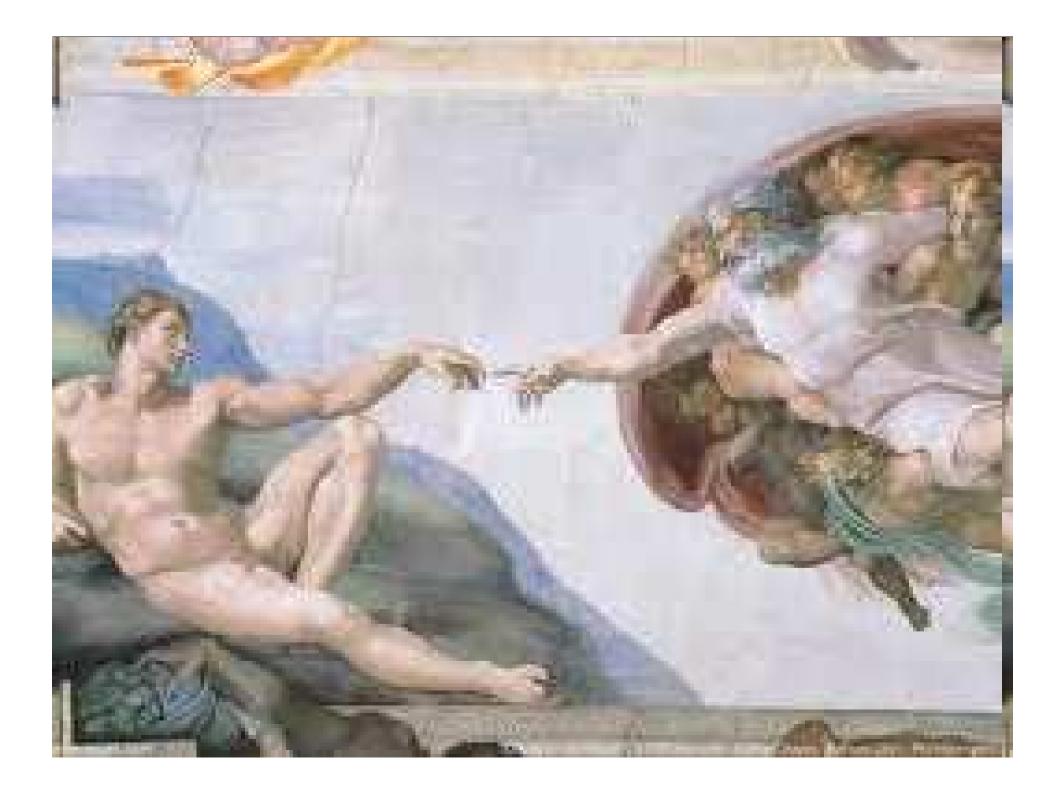
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Low early-life social class leaves a biological residue manifested by decreased glucocorticoid and increased proinflammatory signaling

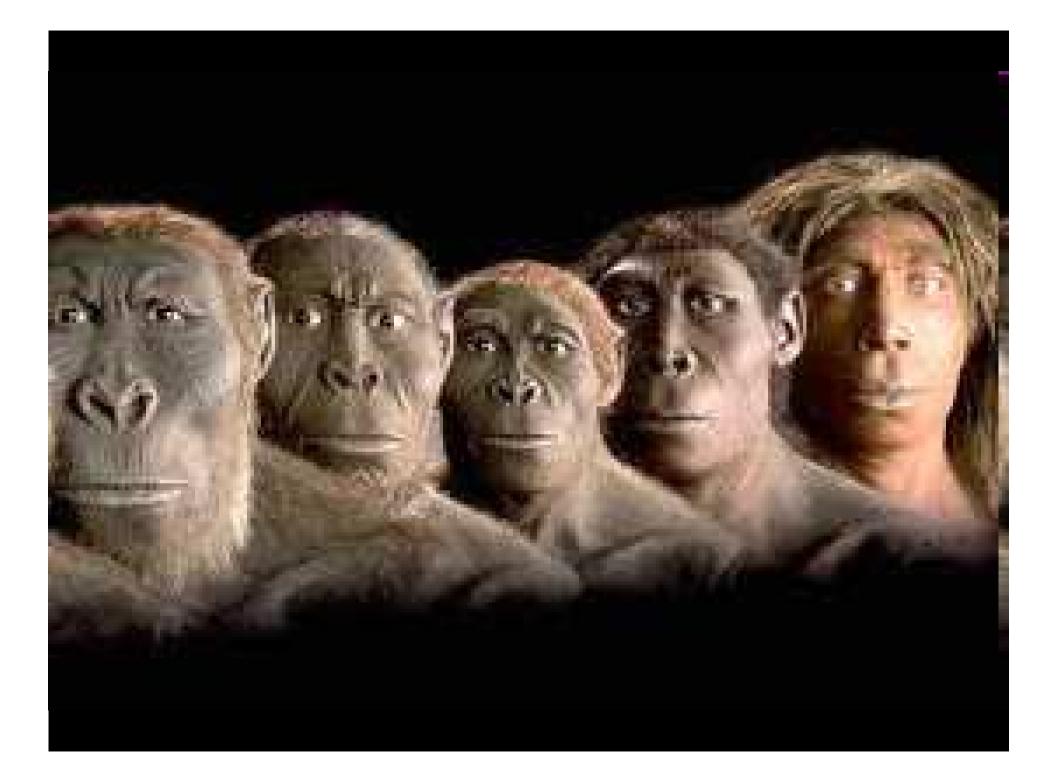
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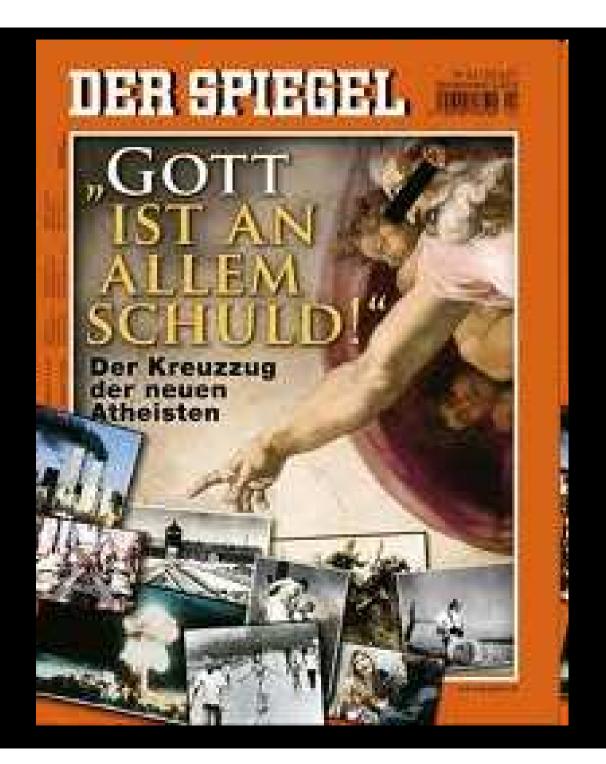
















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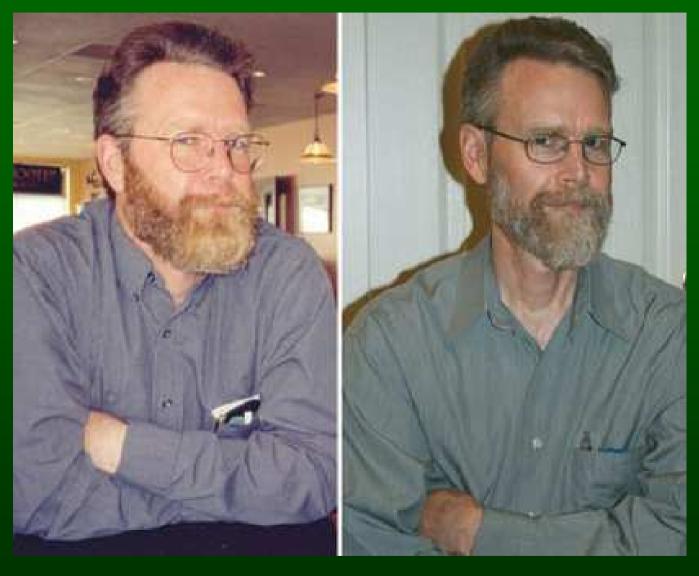
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