

# "Influence of Environmental Factors on Asthma and COPD"

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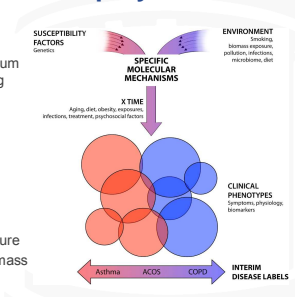
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## Asthma COPD Overlap Syndrome

- Common biological factors/concepts
  - » ACOS represents a continuum in airway endotypes ranging from asthma to COPD
  - » Tobacco exposure
  - » IgE/TH<sub>2</sub> inflammation
  - » Bronchial reactivity
- Environmental exposures- "tobacco-like"
  - » Smoking
  - » Second-hand smoke exposure
  - » Particulate matter from biomass use
    - Household Air Pollution
    - Ambient Air PM



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# Mechanistic basis of immune response to particulate pollutants

- Oxidative stress
- Innate immune response
- Modification of IgE responses

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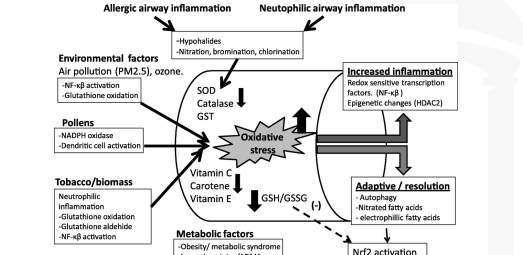
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**Figure 1.** Conceptual overview of airway oxidative stress sources and mechanisms in asthma. The figure captures the conceptual framework related to airway oxidative mechanisms throughout the paper. ADMA = asymmetric dimethylarginine; GSH = reduced glutathione; GSSG = oxidized glutathione; HDAC2 = histone deacetylase-2; NADPH = nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate; NF- $\kappa$ B = nuclear factor  $\kappa$ B; Nrf2 = nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2) like 2; PM<sub>2.5</sub> = particulate matter < 2.5  $\mu$ m; SOD = superoxide dismutase.

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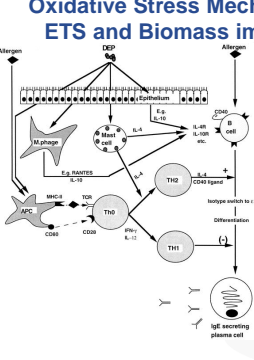
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## Oxidative Stress Mechanisms by which PM, ETS and Biomass impact IgE production



- Initial studies show that DEP associated with IgE production
- Experimental evidence indicates that DEP related ROS from particles drive isotype switch towards IgE
- ROS derives from organic oxidants derived from polyaromatic hydrocarbons
- PAHs and related agents found in most particles produced by low combustion of organic matter-diesel, tobacco smoke, biomass fuel use

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**PM exposure enhances response to inhaled allergens**  
(diesel exhaust to the left, LPS to the right)

**A**

Bar graph showing IgE release (fold) over time (0, 24 hours, Day 4, Day 7) for diesel exhaust (DE) and LPS. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 400. The x-axis shows time points. DE is represented by black bars, and LPS by white bars. Significance markers (\*\*, \*\*\*) are present above the bars.

| Time point | DE (fold) | LPS (fold) |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| 0          | 0         | 0          |
| 24 hours   | ~25 (**)  | ~5         |
| Day 4      | ~300 (**) | ~10        |
| Day 7      | ~25 (**)  | ~5         |

**B**


Bar graph showing IgE release (fold) over time (0, 24 hours, Day 4, Day 7) for diesel exhaust (DE) and LPS. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 40. The x-axis shows time points. DE is represented by black bars, and LPS by white bars. Significance markers (\*\*, \*\*\*) are present above the bars.

| Time point | DE (fold) | LPS (fold) |
|------------|-----------|------------|
| 0          | 0         | 0          |
| 24 hours   | ~10 (**)  | ~5         |
| Day 4      | ~35 (***) | ~10        |
| Day 7      | ~15       | ~5         |

**C**

Line graph showing PCaRVE units (allergy) for individual subjects over time (mean air, air, LPS, mean LPS). The y-axis ranges from 1.0 to 2048.0. The x-axis shows time points. Individual subject data are shown as lines connecting points. The mean values are shown as bars. Significance markers (p < 0.01, n = 4) are present above the bars.

| Time point | Mean (approx.) |
|------------|----------------|
| mean air   | ~4.0           |
| air        | ~8.0           |
| LPS        | ~10.0          |
| mean LPS   | ~4.0           |



# Epidemiological evidence of PM influence in airway disease

- Tobacco smoke
- Particulate matter
- Household air pollution

**Coogan, PF et al "Active and Passive Smoking and the Incidence of Asthma in the Black Women's Health Study", American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Vol. 191, No. 2 (2015), pp. 168-176.**

**Table 2.** Smoking Status and Incidence of Asthma, Black Women's Health Study, 1995-2011

| Smoking Status                  | Cases | Person-Years | Basic Model (Age and Questionnaire Cycle)<br>[HR (95% CI)] | Multivariable Model<br>[HR (95% CI)] |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Never active or passive         | 142   | 84,071       | 1.0  | 1.0                                  |
| Passive only                    | 677   | 284,103      | 1.36 (1.13-1.63)   | 1.21 (1.00-1.45)                     |
| Exposed before age 20 only      | 225   | 105,183      | 1.26 (1.02-1.56)   | 1.17 (0.94-1.45)                     |
| Exposed at age 20 or older only | 180   | 72,745       | 1.39 (1.11-1.74)   | 1.24 (0.99-1.56)                     |
| Exposed before and after 20     | 272   | 108,165      | 1.43 (1.16-1.75)   | 1.19 (0.96-1.48)                     |
| Former smoker                   | 423   | 139,885      | 1.71 (1.41-2.08)   | 1.36 (1.11-1.67)                     |
| Current smoker                  | 281   | 85,741       | 1.72 (1.40-2.11)   | 1.43 (1.15-1.77)                     |

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**Association between Residential Proximity to Fuel-Fired Power Plants and Hospitalization Rate for Respiratory Diseases**  
Liu X, Lessner L, and Carpenter DO; Environmental Health Perspectives 120(6), 2012

**Table 2.** Crude hospital discharge rates for asthma, ARI, and COPD according to age and exposure after excluding extremes of MHI status.

| Exposure                 | Person-years | Hospital discharge rate per 100,000 (95% CI) |                |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|----------------|
|                          |              | Asthma                                       | ARI            |
| <b>Age &lt; 10 years</b> |              |  |                |
| Clean                    | 8,661,904    | 359 (355, 363)                               | 404 (400, 409) |
| Fuel only                | 567,857      | 381 (365, 397)                               | 414 (397, 431) |
| Waste only               | 8,939,610    | 452 (448, 457)                               | 474 (470, 479) |
| Fuel and waste           | 3,355,019    | 509 (501, 517)                               | 551 (544, 559) |
| <b>Age ≥ 10 years</b>    |              |  |                |
| Clean                    | 56,609,900   | 512 (510, 513)                               | 147 (146, 148) |
| Fuel only                | 3,962,094    | 570 (563, 578)                               | 154 (151, 158) |
| Waste only               | 60,539,925   | 599 (597, 601)                               | 169 (168, 170) |
| Fuel and waste           | 21,853,627   | 672 (669, 676)                               | 192 (191, 194) |

**Table 3.** Adjusted RRs of hospital discharge for asthma, ARI, and COPD as a function of residence in ZIP codes with different exposure status.

| Exposure       | Asthma            |          |                   |          | ARI               |          |                   |          | COPD              |          |                |         |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------------|---------|
|                | Age < 10 years    |          | Age ≥ 10 years    |          | Age < 10 years    |          | Age ≥ 10 years    |          | Age < 10 years    |          | Age ≥ 10 years |         |
|                | RR (95% CI)       | p-Value  | RR (95% CI)       | p-Value  | RR (95% CI)       | p-Value  | RR (95% CI)       | p-Value  | RR (95% CI)       | p-Value  | RR (95% CI)    | p-Value |
| Clean          | 1.00              |          | 1.00              |          | 1.00              |          | 1.00              |          | 1.00              |          | 1.00           |         |
| Fuel only      | 1.01 (0.91, 1.12) | 0.85     | 1.11 (1.02, 1.20) | 0.01     | 1.03 (0.93, 1.14) | 0.56     | 1.15 (1.05, 1.27) | 0.003    | 1.17 (1.06, 1.29) | 0.002    |                |         |
| Waste only     | 1.11 (1.03, 1.19) | 0.005    | 1.07 (1.00, 1.14) | 0.04     | 1.13 (1.05, 1.21) | 0.001    | 1.09 (1.02, 1.17) | 0.01     | 1.16 (1.08, 1.26) | 0.0001   |                |         |
| Fuel and waste | 1.19 (1.11, 1.28) | < 0.0001 | 1.18 (1.11, 1.26) | < 0.0001 | 1.24 (1.15, 1.33) | < 0.0001 | 1.21 (1.13, 1.30) | < 0.0001 | 1.26 (1.17, 1.37) | < 0.0001 |                |         |

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**Indoor PM exposure in the US and where biomass is used**

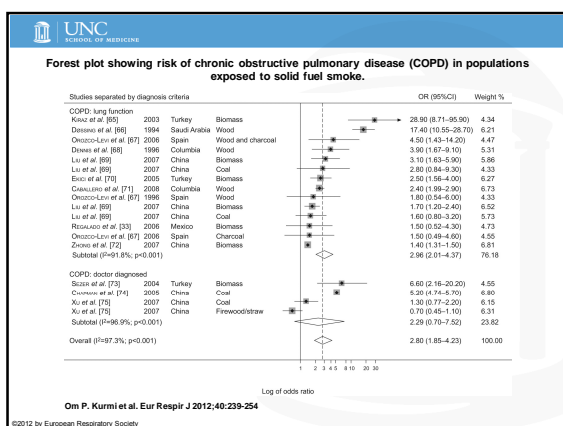
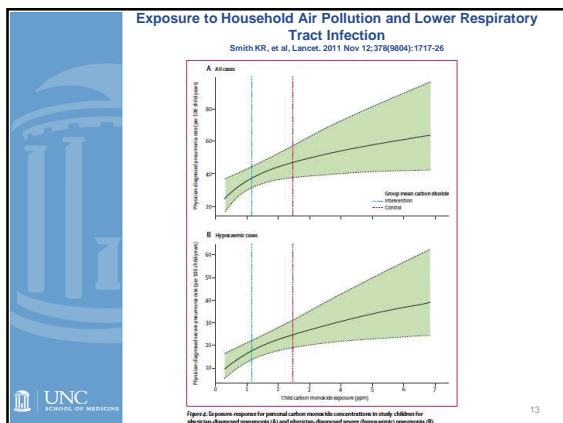
**Figure 1.** Comparison of particulate matter (PM) concentrations simultaneously measured indoors, immediately outdoors, and at a central monitoring site.

**Figure 2.** Comparison of US-EPA standard for ambient air and levels measured in biomass using homes.

**Exposure to biomass smoke as a cause for allergy disease in women and children.** Koudou, Rahul, Sabu, Sundeeep. Current Opinion in Allergy & Clinical Immunology. 12(1):92-98, February 2012.


**Figure 3.** Comparison of US-EPA standard for ambient air and levels measured in biomass using homes exposed to biomass smoke. PM10, PM2.5 and CO. Levels expressed as mg/m³ x 10 for PM10, mg/m³ for PM2.5 and ppm for CO.

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## Summary of Epidemiology

- **Particulate matter from organic biomass burning similar across several sources**
  - » Low temperature combustion with polyaromatic hydrocarbons
  - » Endotoxins
  - » Similar in tobacco smoke, much ambient PM (coal, diesel), and biomass burning
- **PM associated with:**
  - » LRTI
  - » COPD
  - » Asthma
- **Markedly increased levels in indoor environments**
  - » Seen in US
  - » Much greater where biomass is used



# Oxidative Stress Genes

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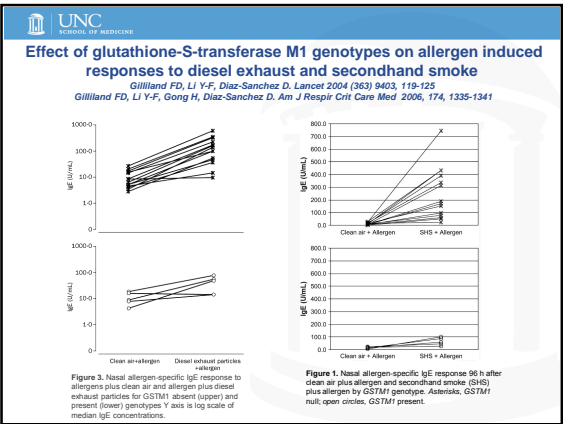
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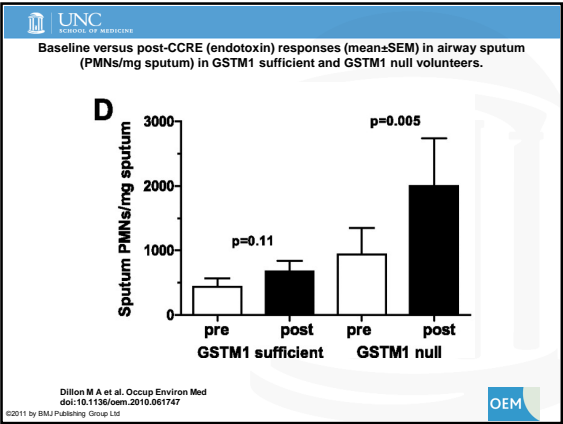
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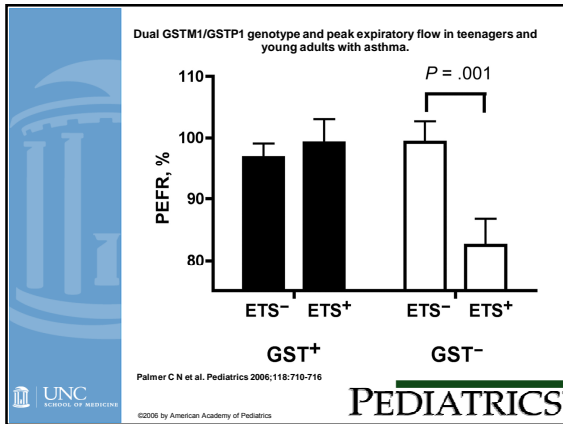
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## Interventions

Focused on Indoor Interventions

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- ### Interventions focused on the environmental causes of disease
- **Antioxidant**
    - » NRF2 based interventions
    - » Specific radical scavengers
    - » Results of early studies mixed, yet to see significant phase III type studies
  - **Avoidance of PM**
    - » Strong evidence that policy measures to decrease ambient air PM related to better health outcomes
    - » Indoor biomass use of better cookstove ventilation being studied
    - » Decrease of active smoking and second hand tobacco smoke exposure works

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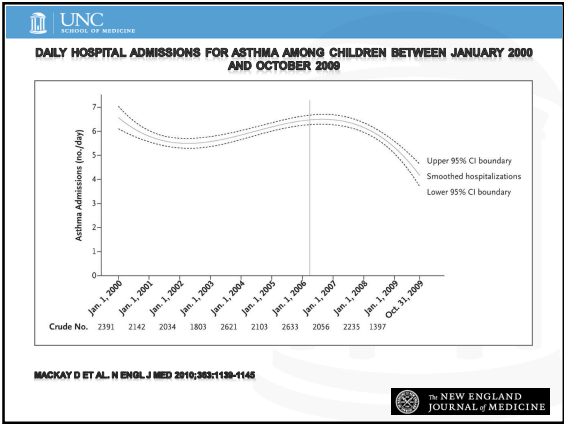
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