

The long-term impact of perinatal exposures on the immune system and disease risk

Perinatal arsenic exposures

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Immunomodulation



Environmental exposures:

e.g. pharmaceuticals, pollutants, toxic chemicals, metals, mineral fibers, nanoparticles, dietary and microbiome metabolites

Immuno-suppression
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May lead to:
Enhanced susceptibility
to cancer, (infectious) diseases

Homeostasis

No Effect

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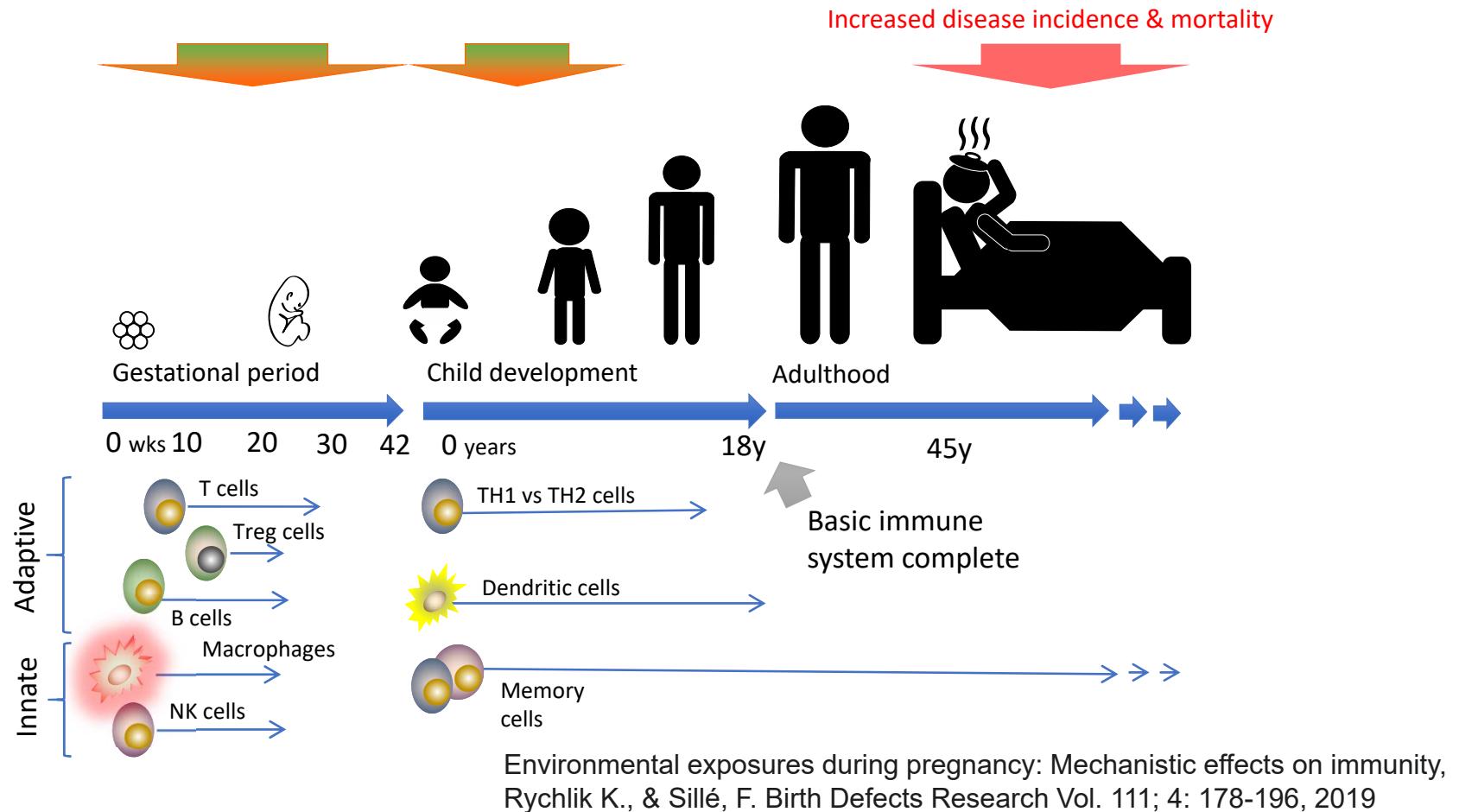
May lead to:

Autoimmune diseases;
hypersensitivity & allergy;
inflammatory diseases
& tissue damage

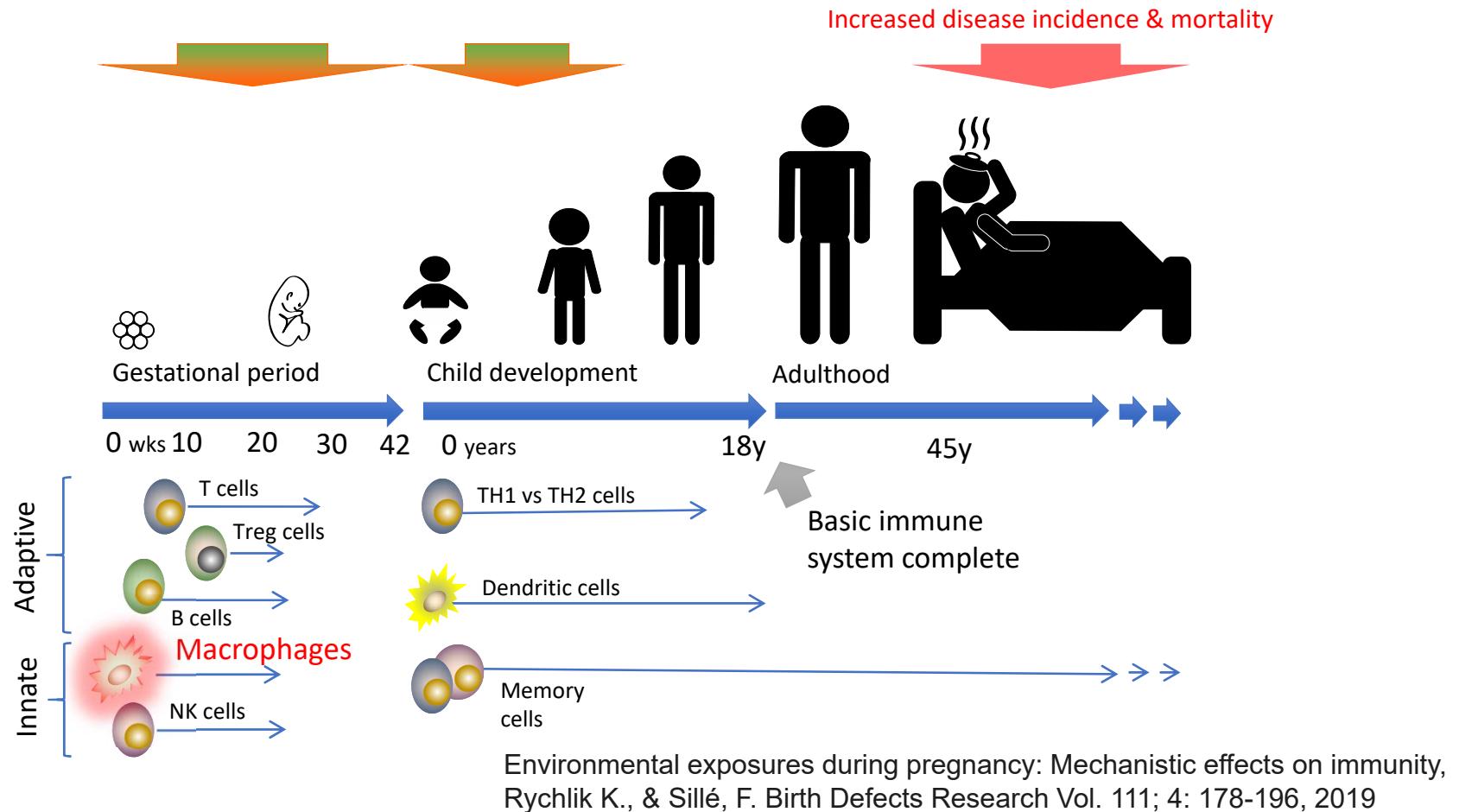
Immuno-enhancement
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Perinatal windows of susceptibility

Early-life exposures to environmental factors



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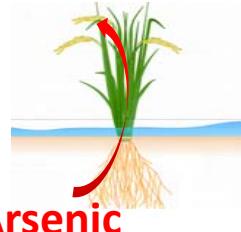
Developmental immunotoxicity (DIT): windows of susceptibility

Gestation				Lactation		
Gestation Length	1. Initiation of Hema-topoiesis	2. Migration of Stem Cells and Expansion of Progenitor Cells	3. Colonization of Bone marrow and Thymus	Lactation Timing	4. Maturation to Immuno-competence	5. Establishment of Immune Memory
Rat average: 22 days Mouse average: 20 days	Rat/Mouse: GD 7-9	Rat/Mouse: GD 9-16	Rat/Mouse: Birth - GD 11	Rat/Mouse: Birth - PND21	Rat/Mouse: Birth – PND21	-
Human average: 40 weeks	Human: GW 8-10	Human: GW 10-16	Human: Birth - GW 16	Human: Birth to ~ 6 wk up to 3 yrs*	Human: Birth – 1 yr	Human: 1- 3 yrs
Pre-Pubescent				Post-Puberty		
Pre-Pubescent Timing	4. Maturation to Immuno-competence	5. Establishment of Immune Memory	Post-Puberty Timing	Immune Maturation Events		
~6 weeks rat (~PND42)	Rat/Mouse: PND21 - PND30	Rat/Mouse: PND30 - PND60	> ~ 6 weeks rat (~PND42)	5. Establishment of Immune Memory		
~4-5 weeks mouse (varies by strain)			> ~ 4-5 weeks mouse (varies by strain)	Rat/Mouse: > PND60		
~10-13 yr Human	Human: Birth – 1 yr	Human: 1 yr to ~10-13yr	> ~ 10-13 yr Human	Human: >10-13 yr		

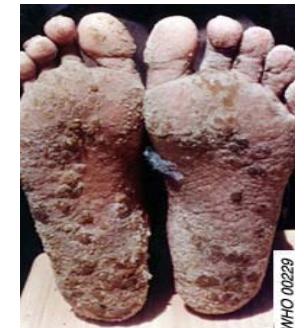
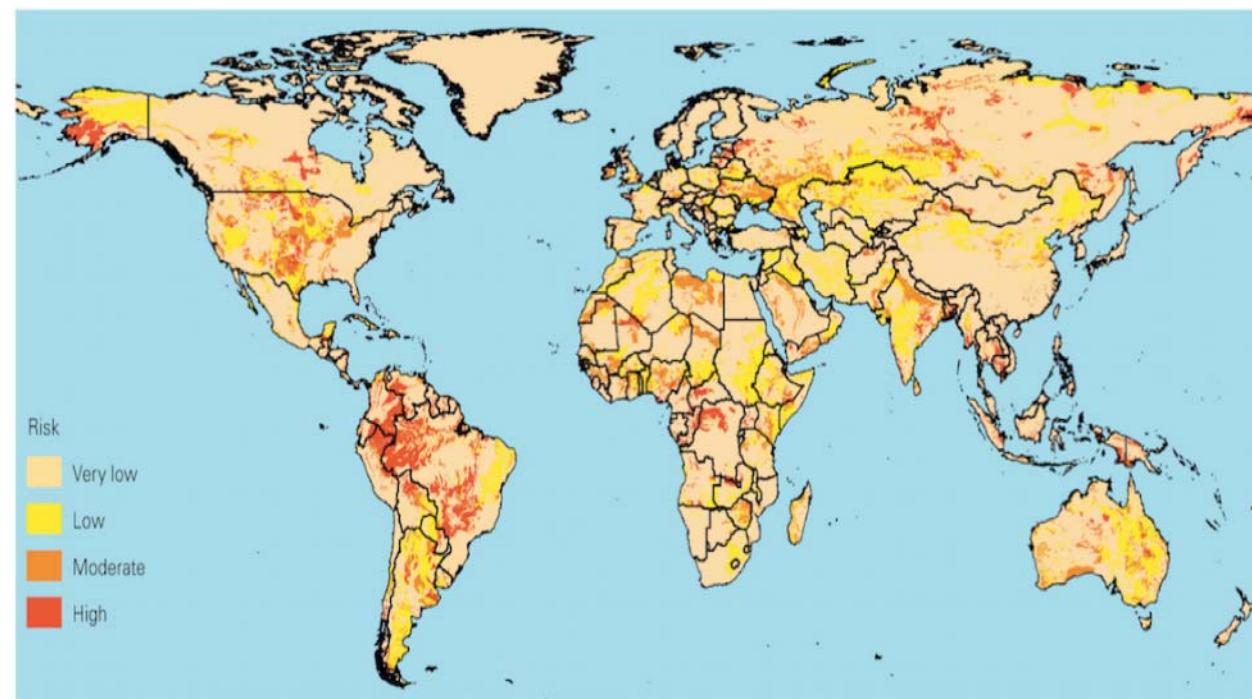
Current Status of Developmental Immunotoxicity: Early-Life Patterns and Testing, DeWitt, J., et al, Toxicologic Pathology, 40: 230-236, 2012

In utero and early life exposures to arsenic:
Later life disease

Arsenic prevalence, exposure & disease

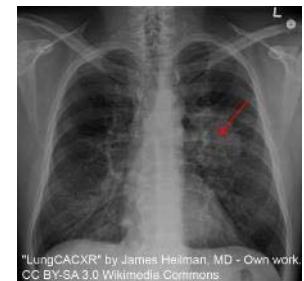


Arsenic



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Immunotoxicant



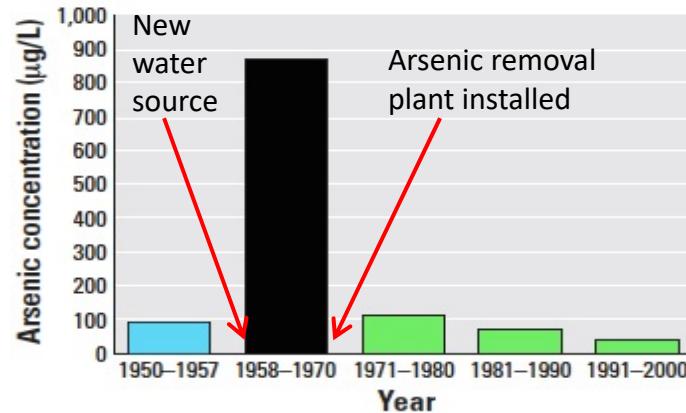
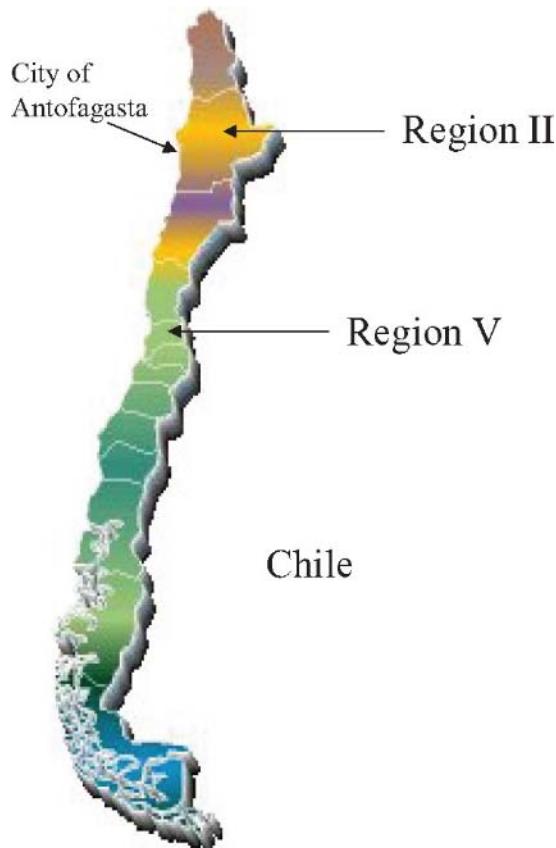
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- US EPA & WHO drinking water standard = 10 µg/L (10 ppb)

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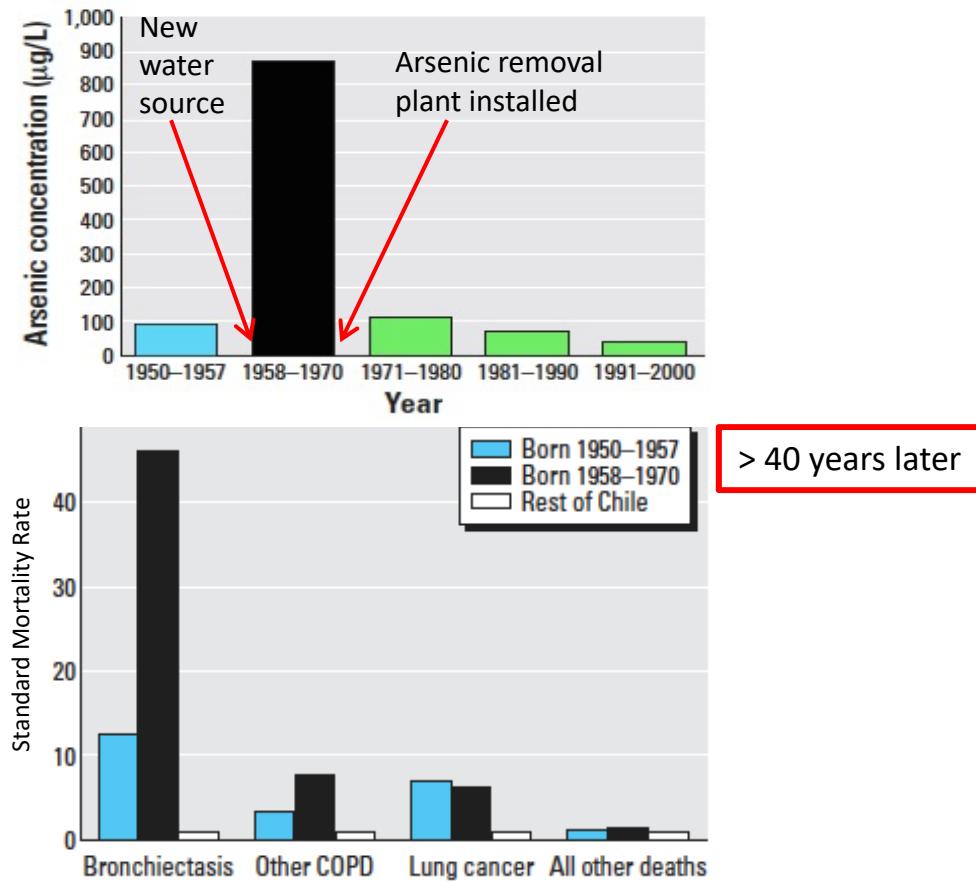
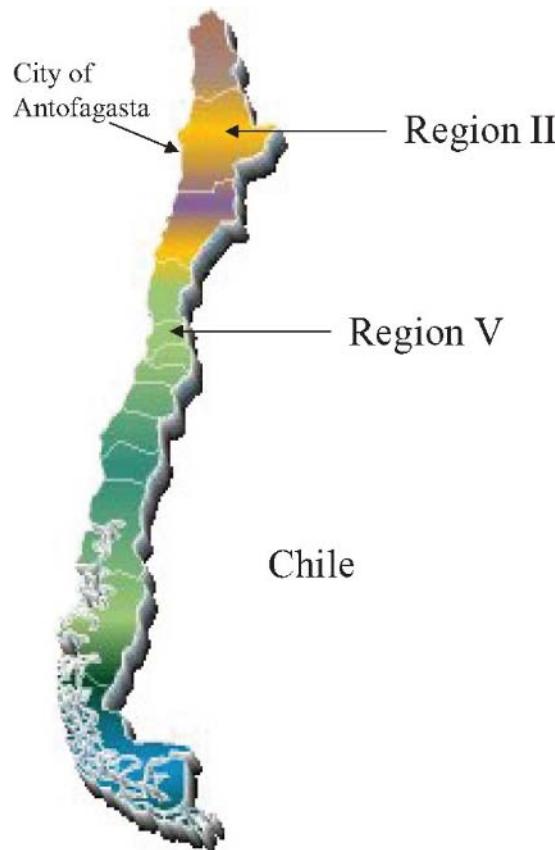
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Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile



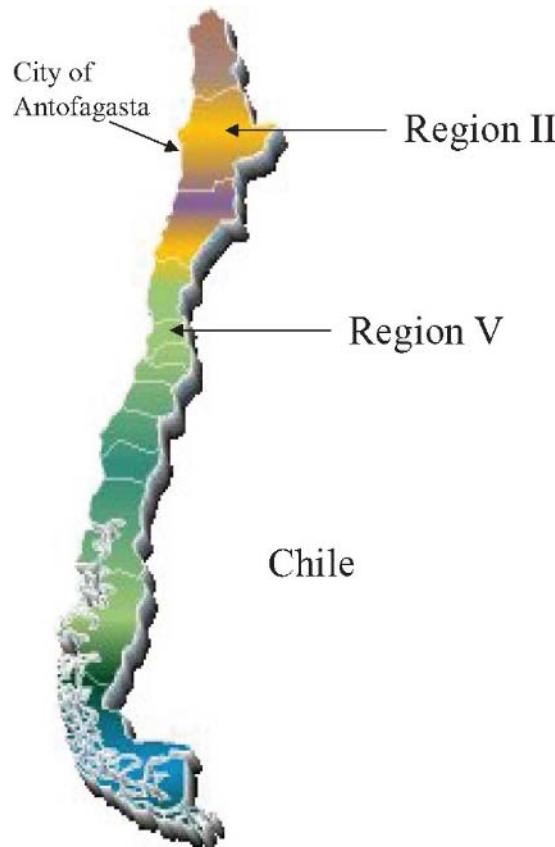
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Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile – Later life disease

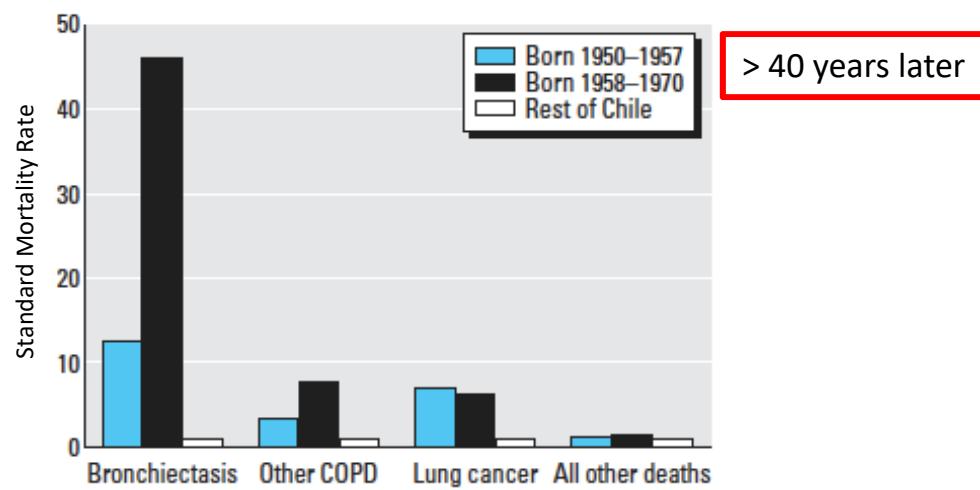


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Rare evidence supporting the
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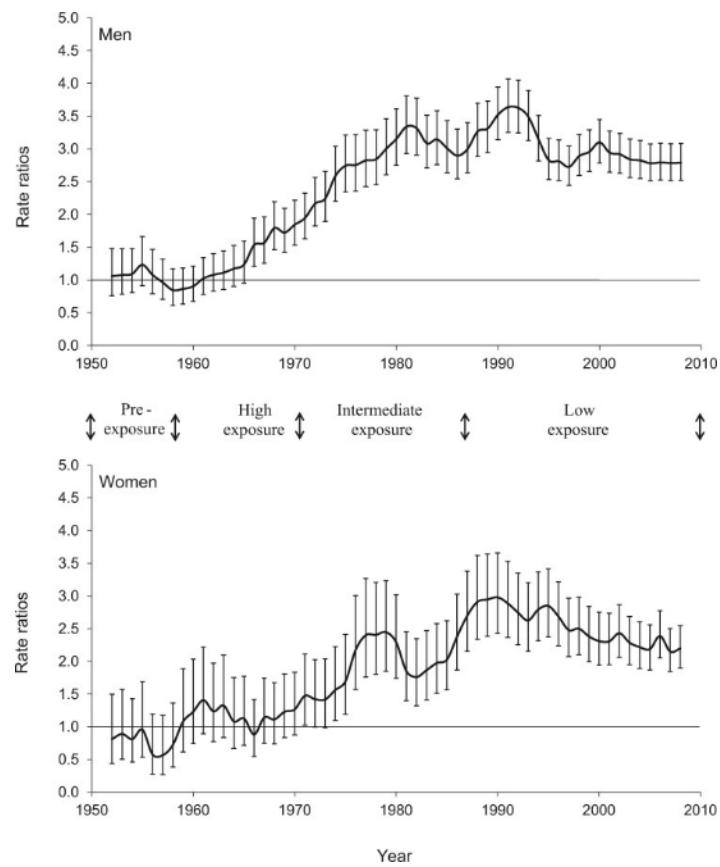
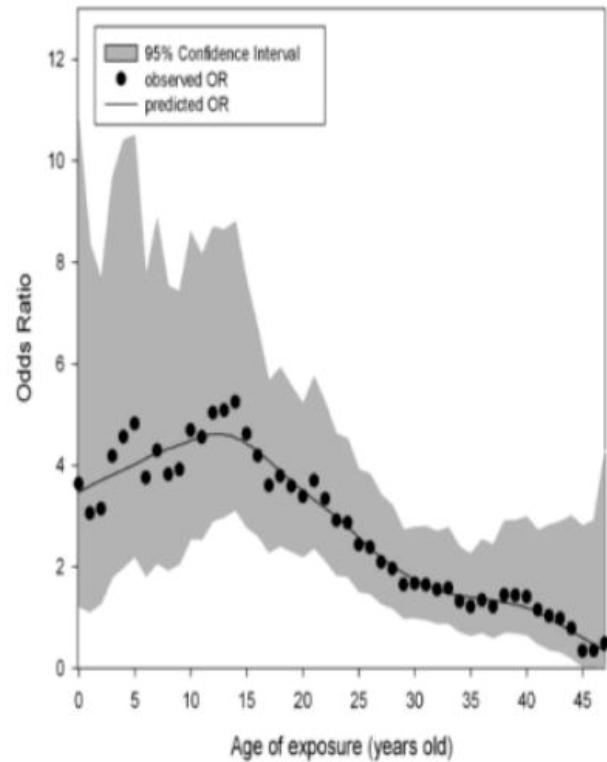


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> 40 years later

Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile – Lung cancer

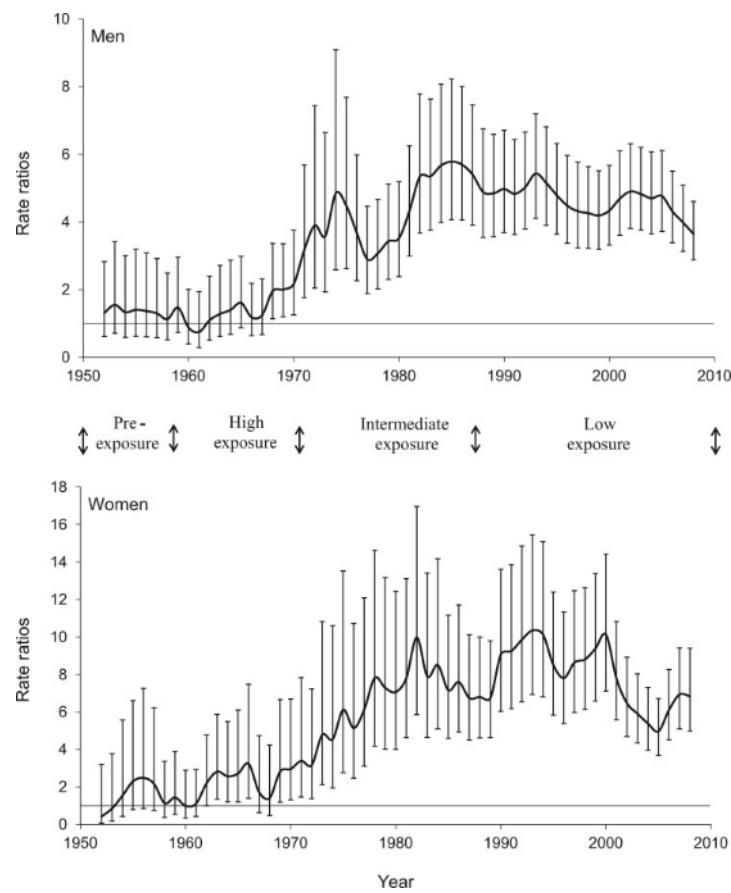
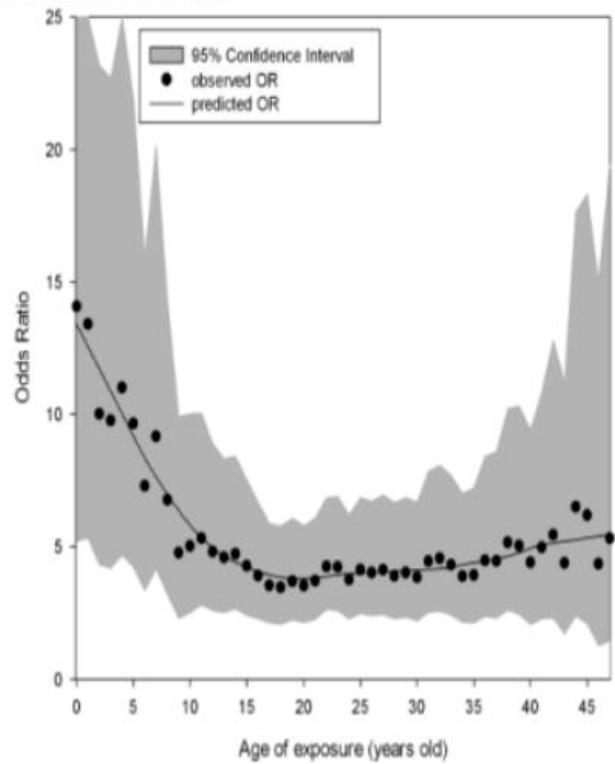
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Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile – Bladder cancer

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Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile + Obesity = high cancer risk

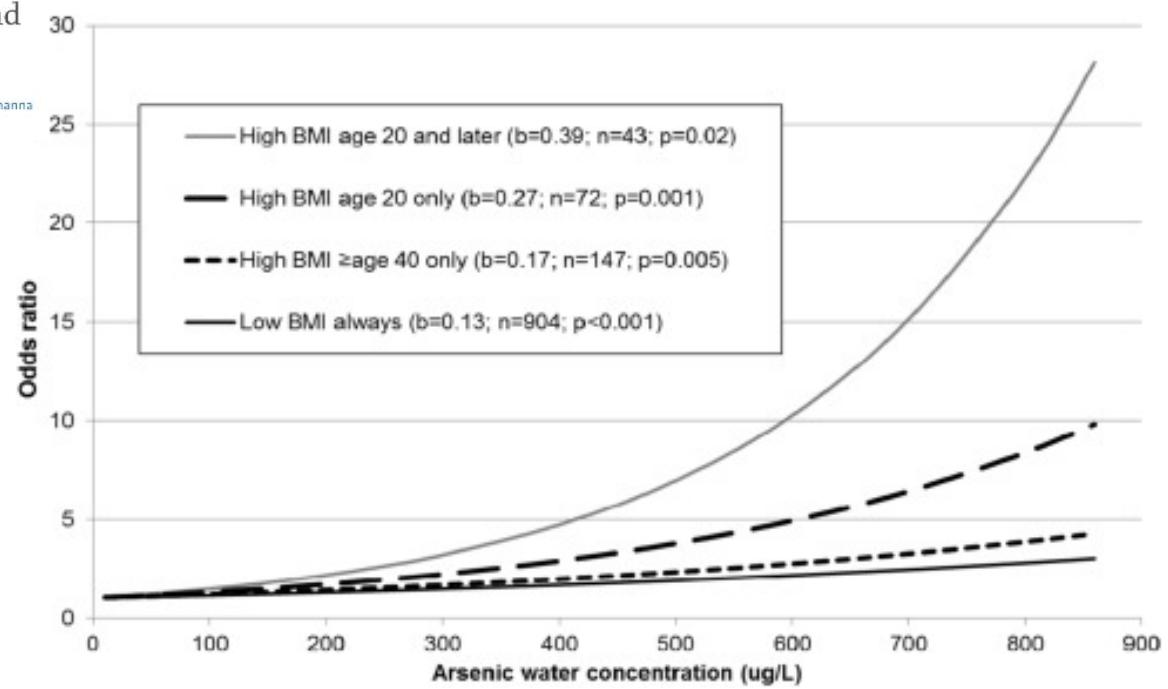


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Obesity and excess weight in early adulthood and high risks of arsenic-related cancer in later life

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Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile – T2D

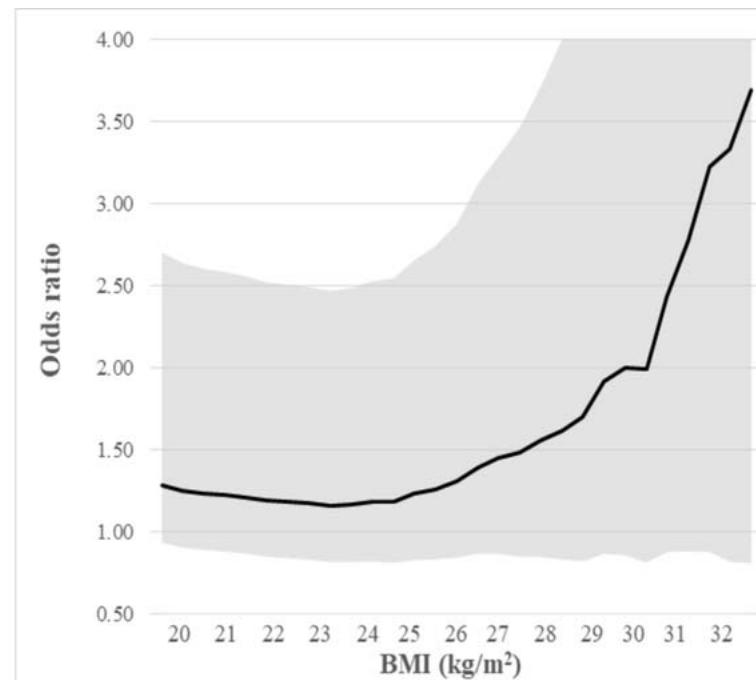


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Obesity and increased susceptibility to arsenic-related type 2 diabetes in Northern Chile

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Dark line represents the odds ratios. Shaded area represents the 95% confidence intervals. 10,000 µg/L is approximately the range between lower and upper tertile groups of arsenic exposure.

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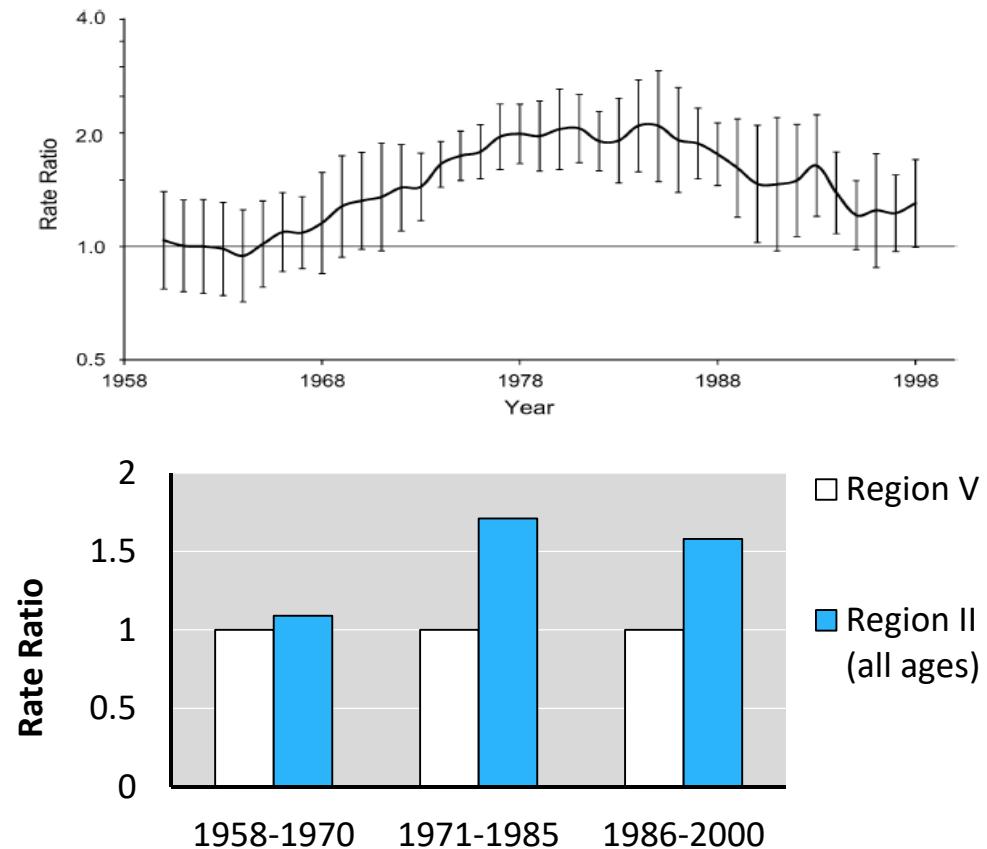
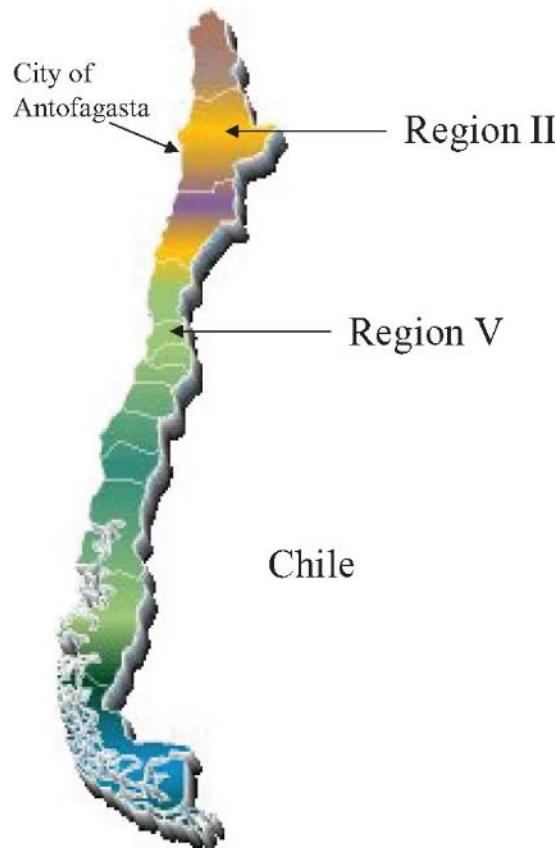
Socioeconomic status and the association between arsenic exposure and type 2 diabetes

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Low SES

Eick et al, Environ Res. 2019 May;172:578-585.

Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile – Later life TB



Smith, A., et al. EHP 2006; Smith, A. et al. Am. J. Epi. 2011

Early-life exposure to arsenic in Chile – Later life cytokine profiles

Cytokine**	% detected in table	*External Exposure at Birth (ug/L)							
		Continuous Scaled per 200 ug/L				Categorical Low: <860 ug/L; High: 860 ug/L			
		Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted OR*** (95% CI)	p-value	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted OR*** (95% CI)	p-value
MCP-1	100	0.06 (-0.00, 0.11)	0.036	0.05 (-0.01, 0.10)	0.082	0.22 (-0.00, 0.44)	0.052	0.19 (-0.04, 0.42)	0.097
IP-10	100	0.02 (-0.04, 0.08)	0.499	0.00 (-0.06, 0.06)	0.941	0.04 (-0.20, 0.28)	0.727	-0.03 (-0.27, 0.22)	0.830
MIP-1-β	99	0.05 (-0.01, 0.11)	0.094	0.05 (-0.01, 0.11)	0.083	0.20 (-0.04, 0.45)	0.096	0.22 (-0.03, 0.46)	0.083
Eotaxin-CCL-11	98	0.10 (-0.00, 0.21)	0.060	0.10 (-0.01, 0.21)	0.074	0.43 (0.00, 0.86)	0.049	0.44 (-0.01, 0.88)	0.056
EGF	88	0.10 (-0.04, 0.25)	0.171	0.10 (-0.05, 0.25)	0.188	0.40 (-0.19, 0.99)	0.180	0.38 (-0.22, 0.98)	0.208
IL-1Ra	85	0.06 (-0.06, 0.19)	0.329	0.09 (-0.03, 0.21)	0.150	0.27 (-0.24, 0.79)	0.296	0.40 (-0.10, 0.90)	0.116
TNF-α	73	0.01 (-0.11, 0.12)	0.906	0.02 (-0.10, 0.14)	0.704	0.02 (-0.45, 0.48)	0.941	0.09 (-0.39, 0.57)	0.718
IL-8	69	0.11 (-0.00, 0.23)	0.056	0.12 (0.00, 0.24)	0.047	0.40 (-0.07, 0.88)	0.097	0.45 (-0.04, 0.94)	0.072
VEGF	61	-0.18 (-0.44, 0.08)	0.183	-0.17 (-0.44, 0.10)	0.223	-0.70 (-1.76, 0.37)	0.196	-0.65 (-1.77, 0.46)	0.248
IL-15	59	0.05 (-0.09, 0.19)	0.503	0.08 (-0.06, 0.21)	0.265	0.22 (-0.35, 0.79)	0.446	0.33 (-0.22, 0.87)	0.235
MIP-1-α	56	0.10 (0.01, 0.19)	0.039	0.12 (0.02, 0.21)	0.016	0.38 (-0.00, 0.76)	0.052	0.45 (0.07, 0.84)	0.022
IL-5	46	0.08 (-0.05, 0.22)	0.218	0.11 (-0.02, 0.23)	0.093	0.34 (-0.20, 0.89)	0.213	0.44 (-0.07, 0.95)	0.088
IL-12p40	44	0.04 (-0.11, 0.20)	0.600	0.08 (-0.08, 0.24)	0.316	0.23 (-0.40, 0.86)	0.470	0.40 (-0.24, 1.03)	0.216
GM-CSF	42	0.05 (-0.06, 0.15)	0.375	0.06 (-0.05, 0.15)	0.279	0.26 (-0.15, 0.67)	0.209	0.30 (-0.10, 0.71)	0.140
TNF-β	42	0.14 (-0.01, 0.28)	0.062	0.19 (0.05, 0.33)	0.010	0.54 (-0.04, 1.12)	0.066	0.78 (0.21, 1.35)	0.008
IL-10	38	0.13 (-0.05, 0.30)	0.150	0.13 (-0.04, 0.31)	0.129	0.44 (-0.27, 1.14)	0.221	0.48 (-0.23, 1.18)	0.184
IL-1-β	27	0.02 (-0.02, 0.07)	0.323	0.02 (-0.02, 0.07)	0.319	0.12 (-0.09, 0.32)	0.256	0.12 (-0.08, 0.31)	0.250
IFN-α-2	23	0.09 (-0.03, 0.21)	0.122	0.08 (-0.04, 0.21)	0.191	0.39 (-0.09, 0.87)	0.113	0.34 (-0.17, 0.84)	0.187
IL-6	21	0.05 (-0.02, 0.12)	0.126	0.06 (-0.01, 0.13)	0.094	0.24 (-0.04, 0.53)	0.094	0.26 (-0.02, 0.55)	0.072
IL-2	19	0.02 (-0.05, 0.09)	0.571	0.01 (-0.06, 0.08)	0.784	0.09 (-0.18, 0.37)	0.497	0.06 (-0.23, 0.35)	0.672
IL-12p70	18	0.01 (-0.03, 0.06)	0.527	0.02 (-0.03, 0.06)	0.509	0.08 (-0.11, 0.27)	0.402	0.09 (-0.11, 0.29)	0.369
IL-13	17	0.07 (-0.03, 0.16)	0.152	0.08 (-0.01, 0.17)	0.084	0.28 (-0.10, 0.66)	0.152	0.33 (-0.05, 0.70)	0.088
IFN-γ	13	-0.00 (-0.09, 0.08)	0.918	0.00 (-0.08, 0.08)	0.986	-0.02 (-0.36, 0.31)	0.891	-0.01 (-0.35, 0.34)	0.971
G-CSF	6	0.09 (-0.03, 0.21)	0.149	0.11 (-0.01, 0.23)	0.073	0.40 (-0.08, 0.88)	0.103	0.49 (0.00, 0.98)	0.048
IL-4	5	-0.00 (-0.07, 0.07)	0.971	-0.00 (-0.08, 0.08)	0.965	0.03 (-0.27, 0.32)	0.864	0.02 (-0.29, 0.33)	0.889
IL-17a	5	-0.02 (-0.08, 0.04)	0.610	-0.02 (-0.08, 0.05)	0.582	-0.06 (-0.30, 0.19)	0.651	-0.07 (-0.33, 0.19)	0.598
IL-7	4	-0.01 (-0.04, 0.03)	0.606	-0.00 (-0.04, 0.03)	0.929	-0.02 (-0.16, 0.12)	0.748	0.01 (-0.14, 0.15)	0.916

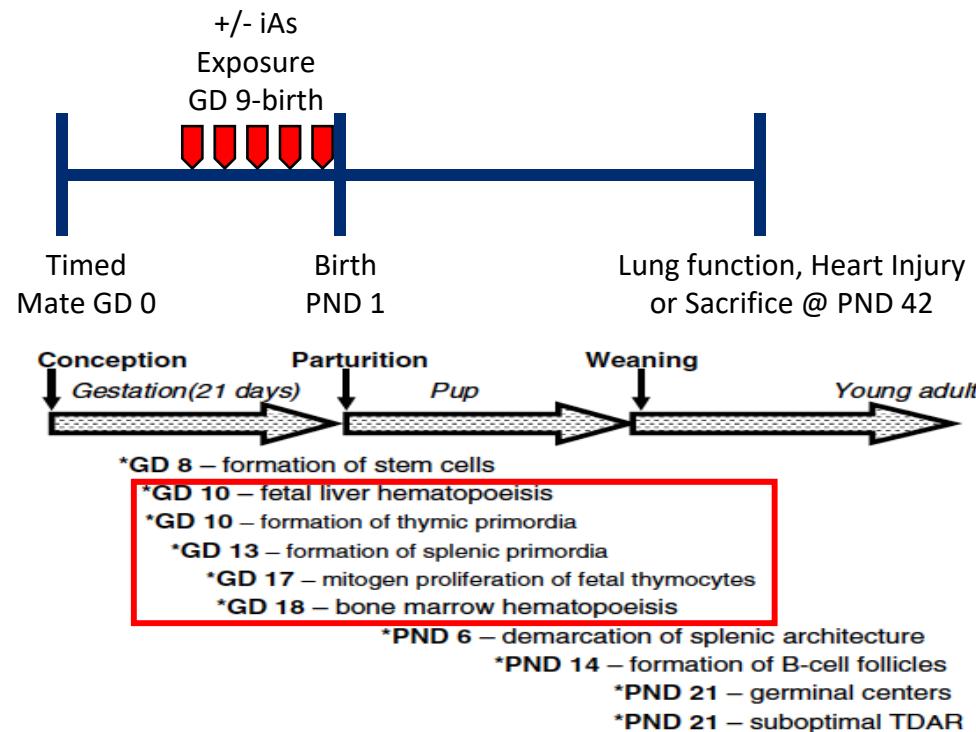
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In utero arsenic exposure model

In utero Arsenic Exposure Model



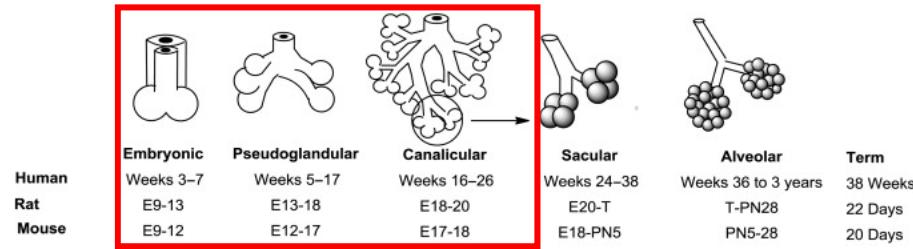
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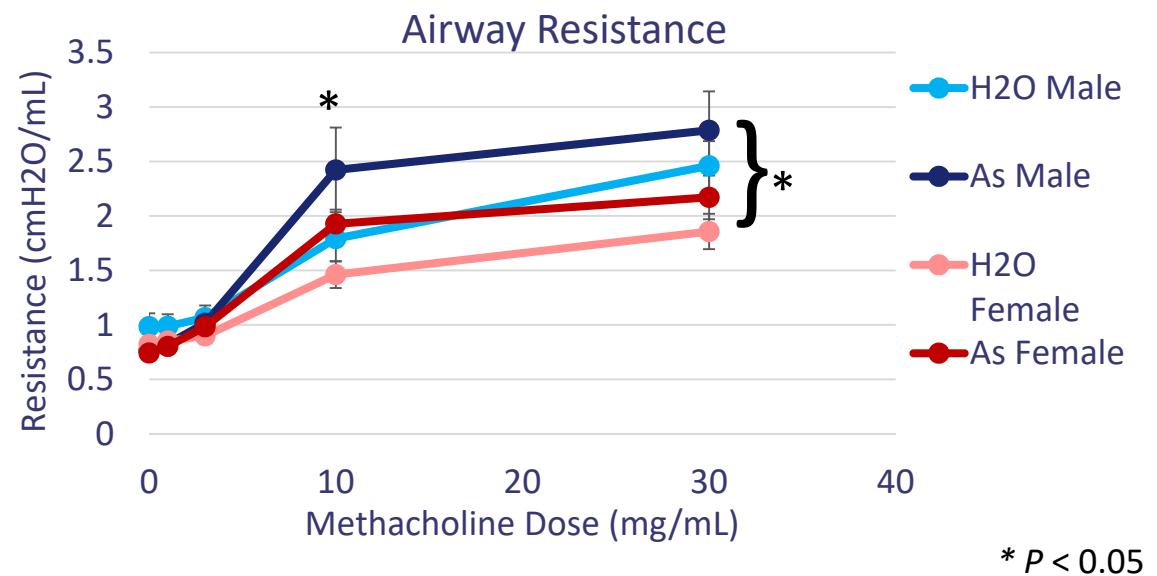
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* $P < 0.05$

In utero Arsenic Exposure Model & Lung Function



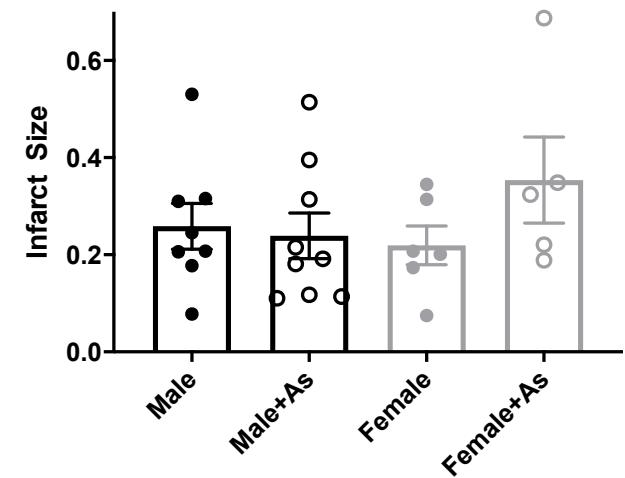
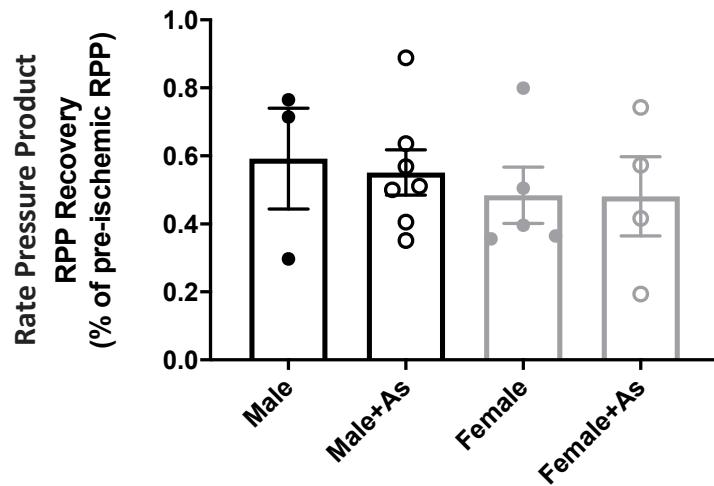
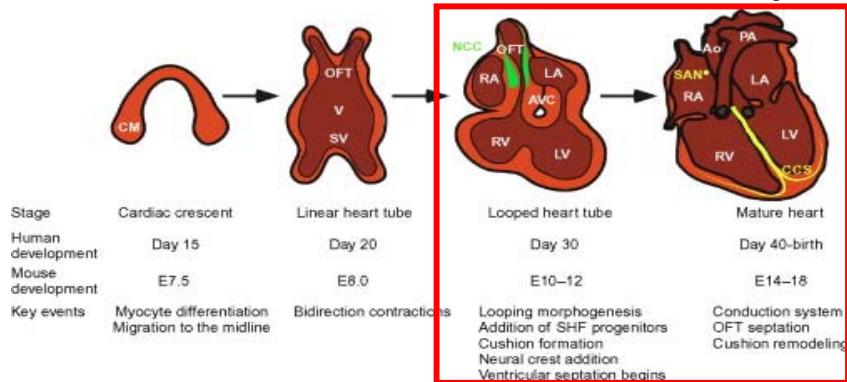
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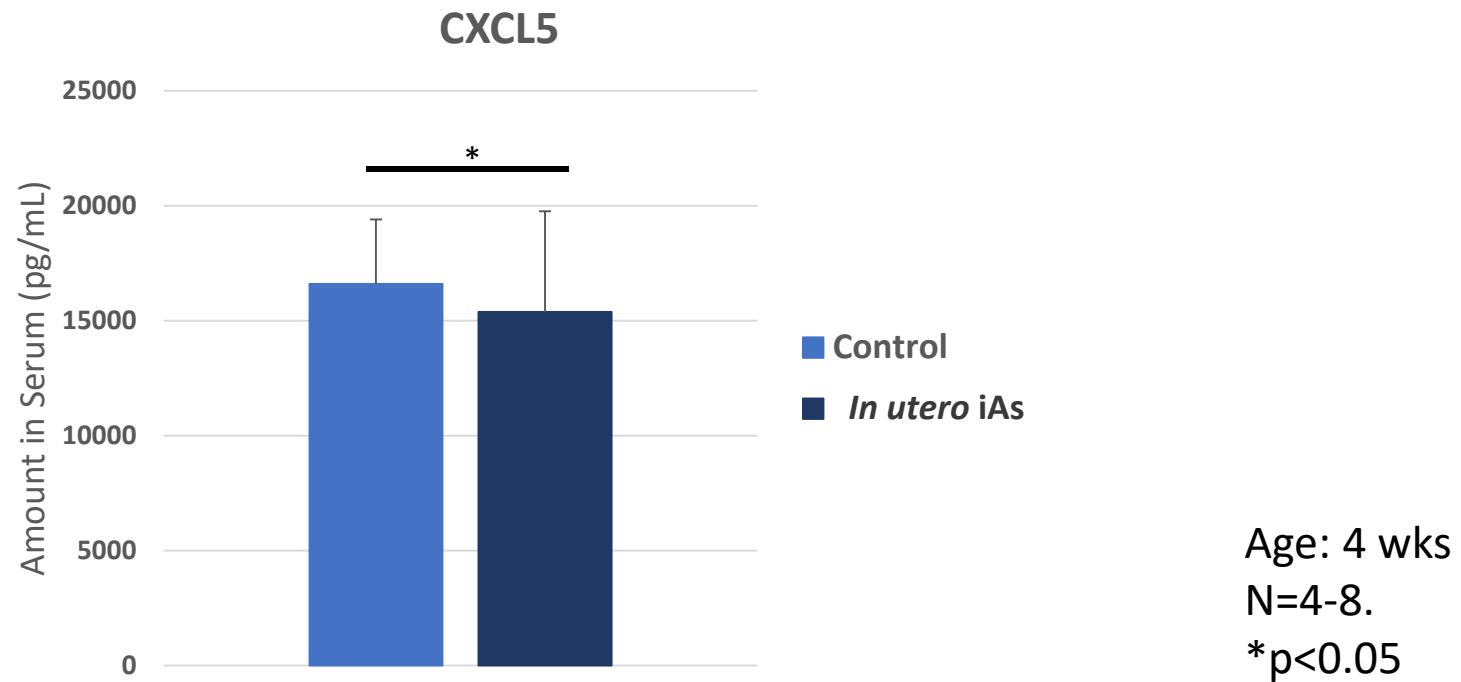
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In utero Arsenic Exposure Model & Heart Injury



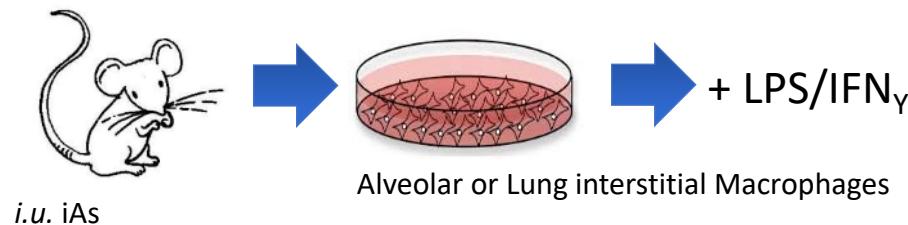
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In utero Arsenic Exposure Model: serum cytokine changes

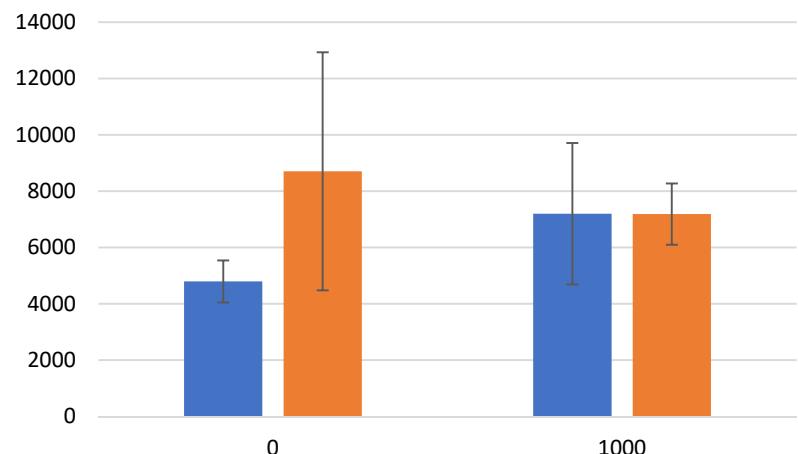


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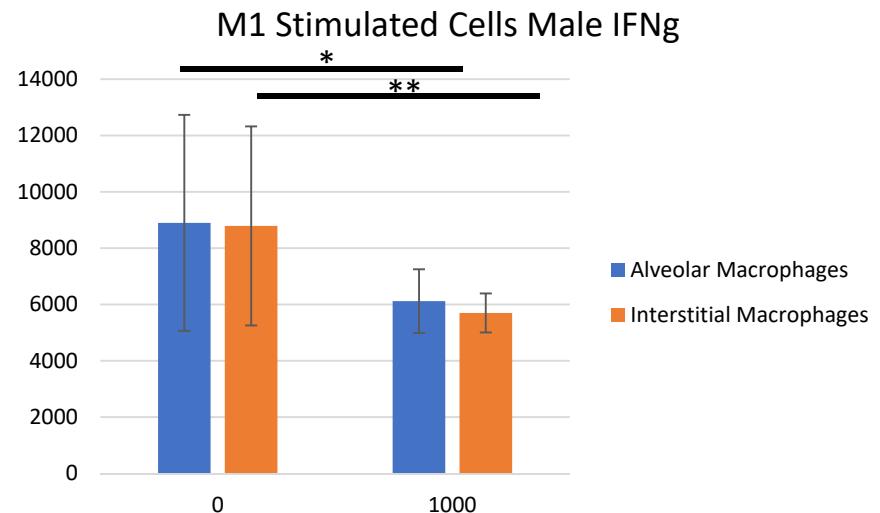
In utero Arsenic Exposure Model: Macrophage cytokines



M1 Stimulated Cells Female IFNg



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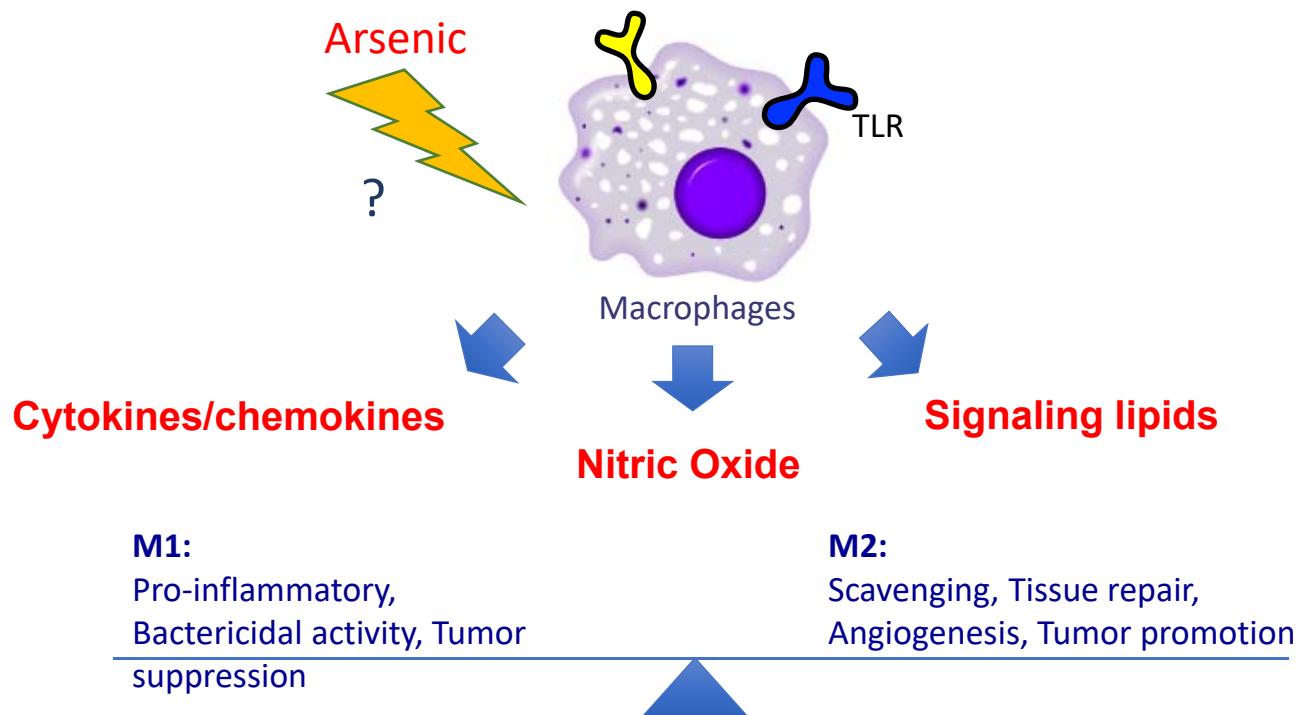
Rychlik & Sillé et al, unpublished Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's Multiple Comparisons Test; N=3; P<0.03

In vitro models for *in utero* exposures to arsenic:
Macrophages

Arsenic & macrophages

Hypothesis:

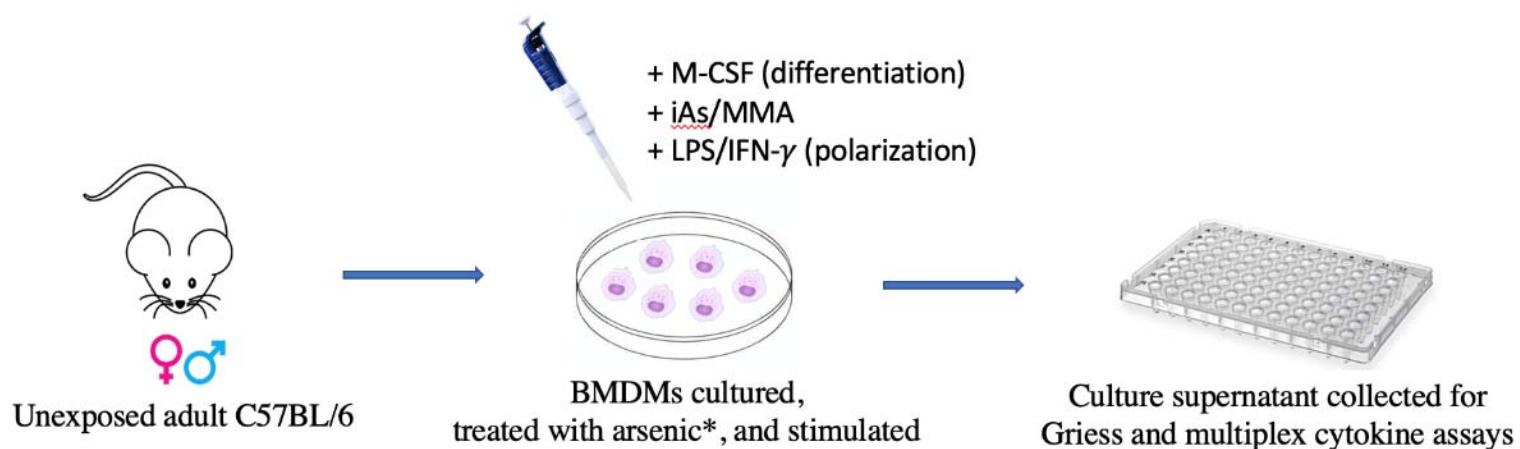
Early-life exposure to arsenic alters macrophage development & function causing increased disease later in life.



Evaluate function and polarization states of arsenic-exposed macrophages



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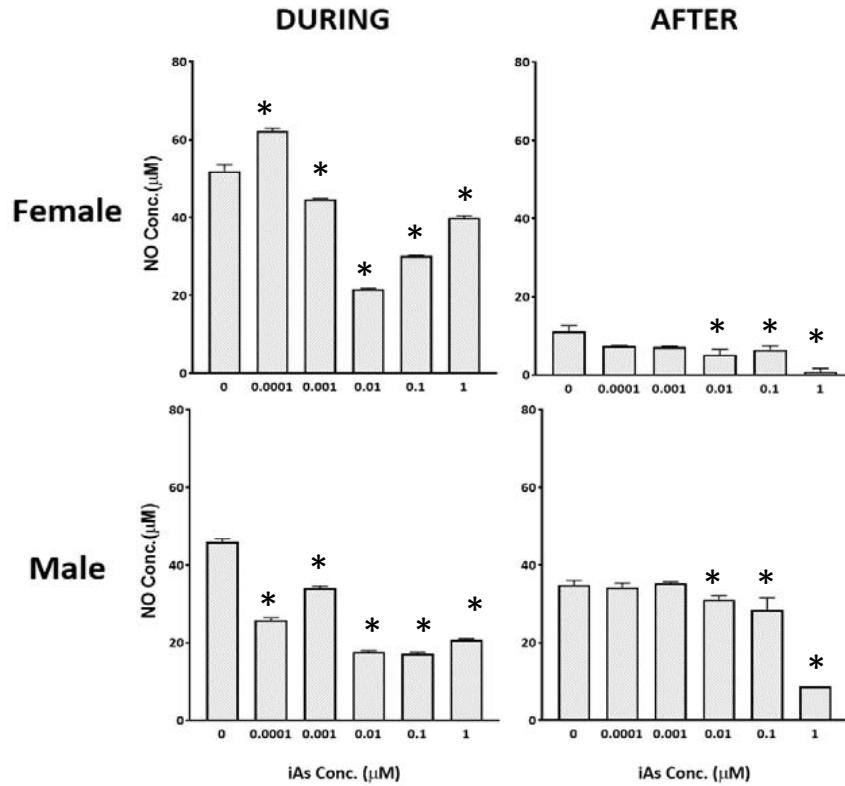


*Arsenic was added to culture either
during or after differentiation in doses:
0, 0.01, 0.1, 1 μ M

Arsenic alters macrophage function

Developmental model vs. Mature model:

Griess Assay >
Nitric Oxide



* $P < 0.05$

Illingworth & Sillé *et al*, unpublished

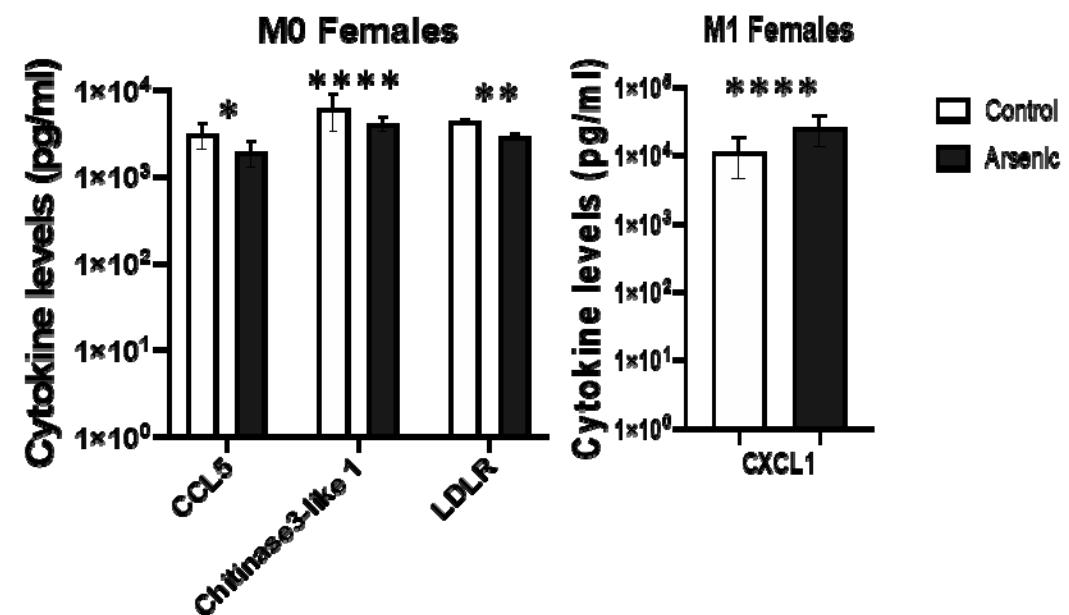
Arsenic alters cytokine/chemokine expression

Homeostasis

Mouse
Mouse bone marrow →
Macrophages
 $\pm 0.1 \mu\text{M}$ iAs
M1: 100ng/mL LPS +
6.25 ng/mL IFNg
M2: 20ng/mL IL-4
and IL-13



Signaling protein analysis



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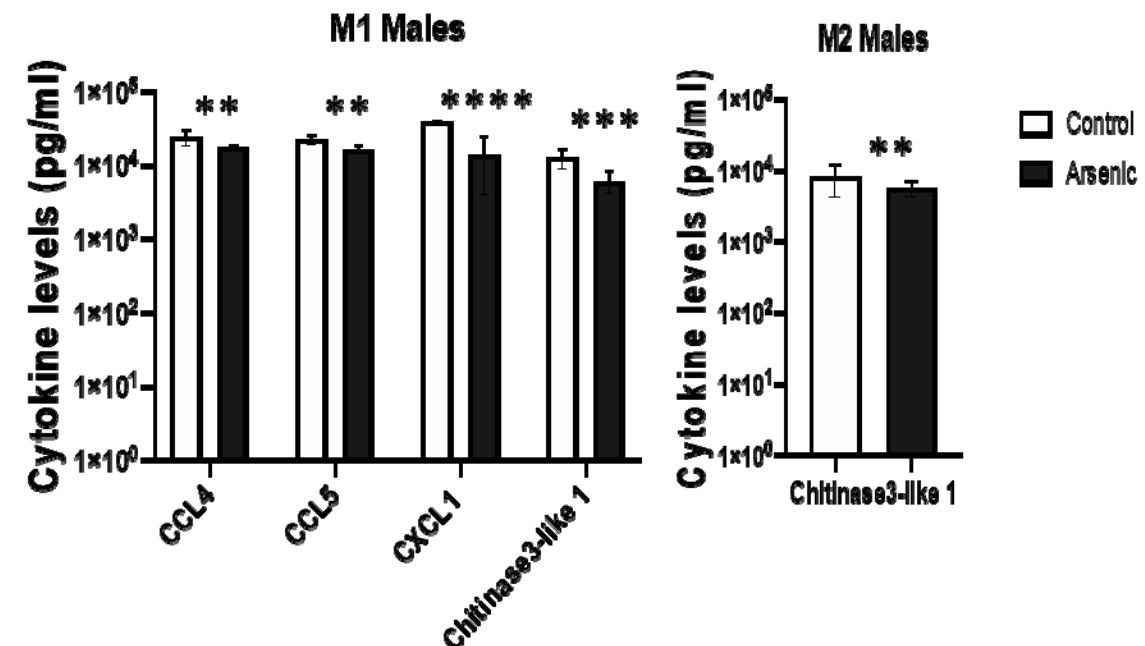
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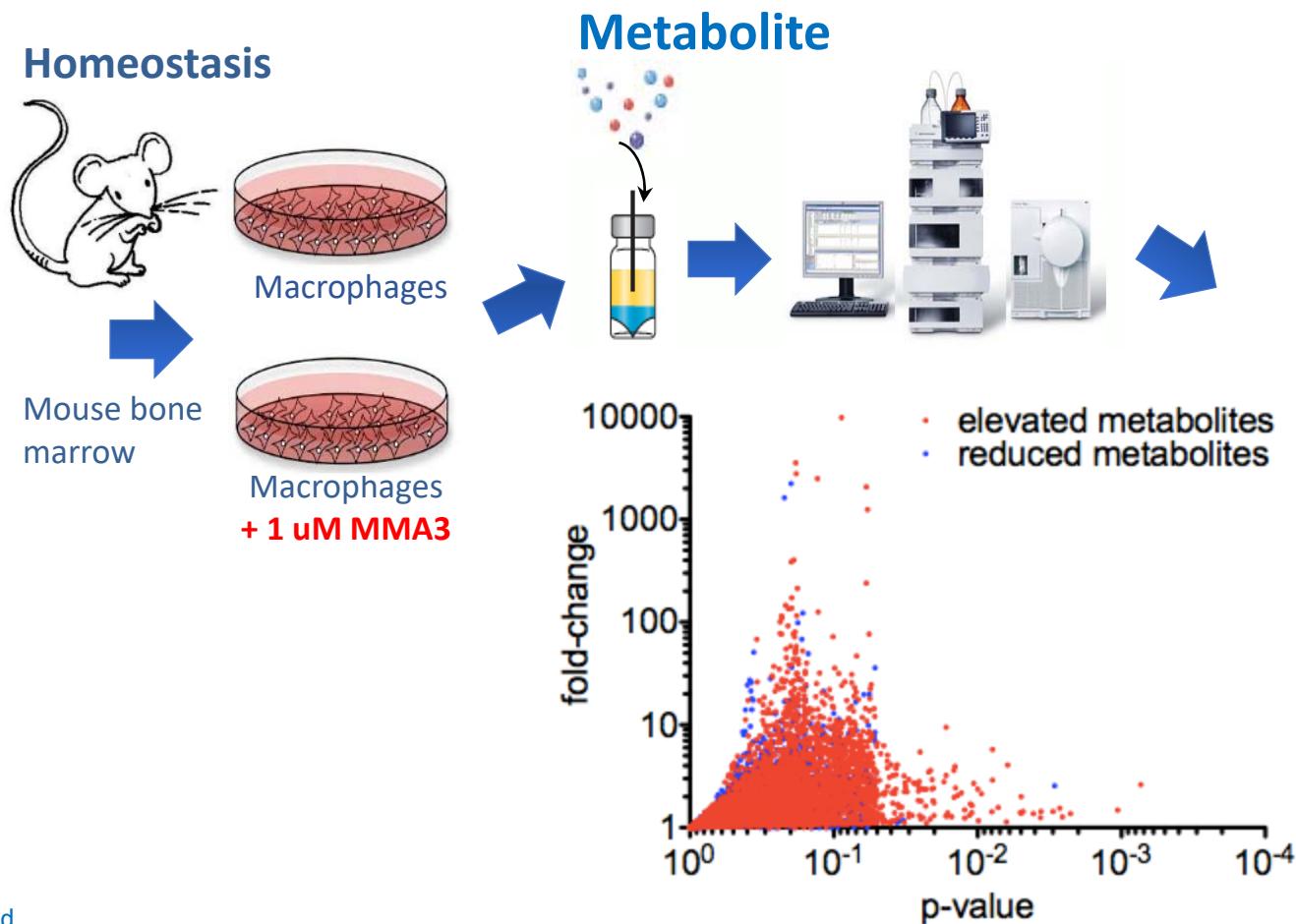


Signaling protein analysis



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Arsenic alters **signaling lipids** expression



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Arsenic alters signaling lipids expression

Homeostasis

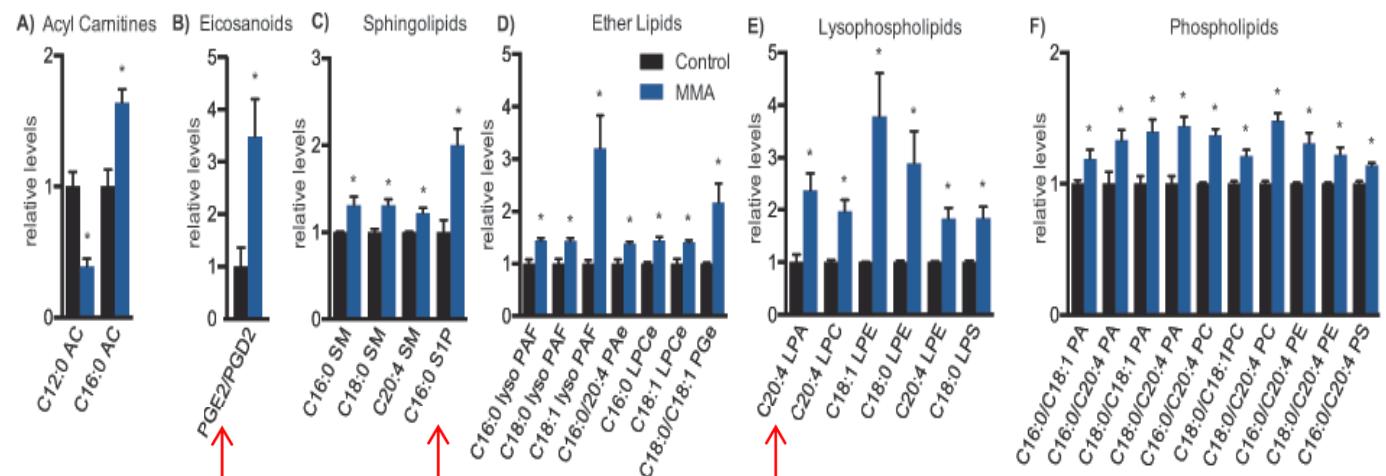


Mouse bone marrow

Macrophages
+/- 1 uM
MMA3



Metabolite analysis

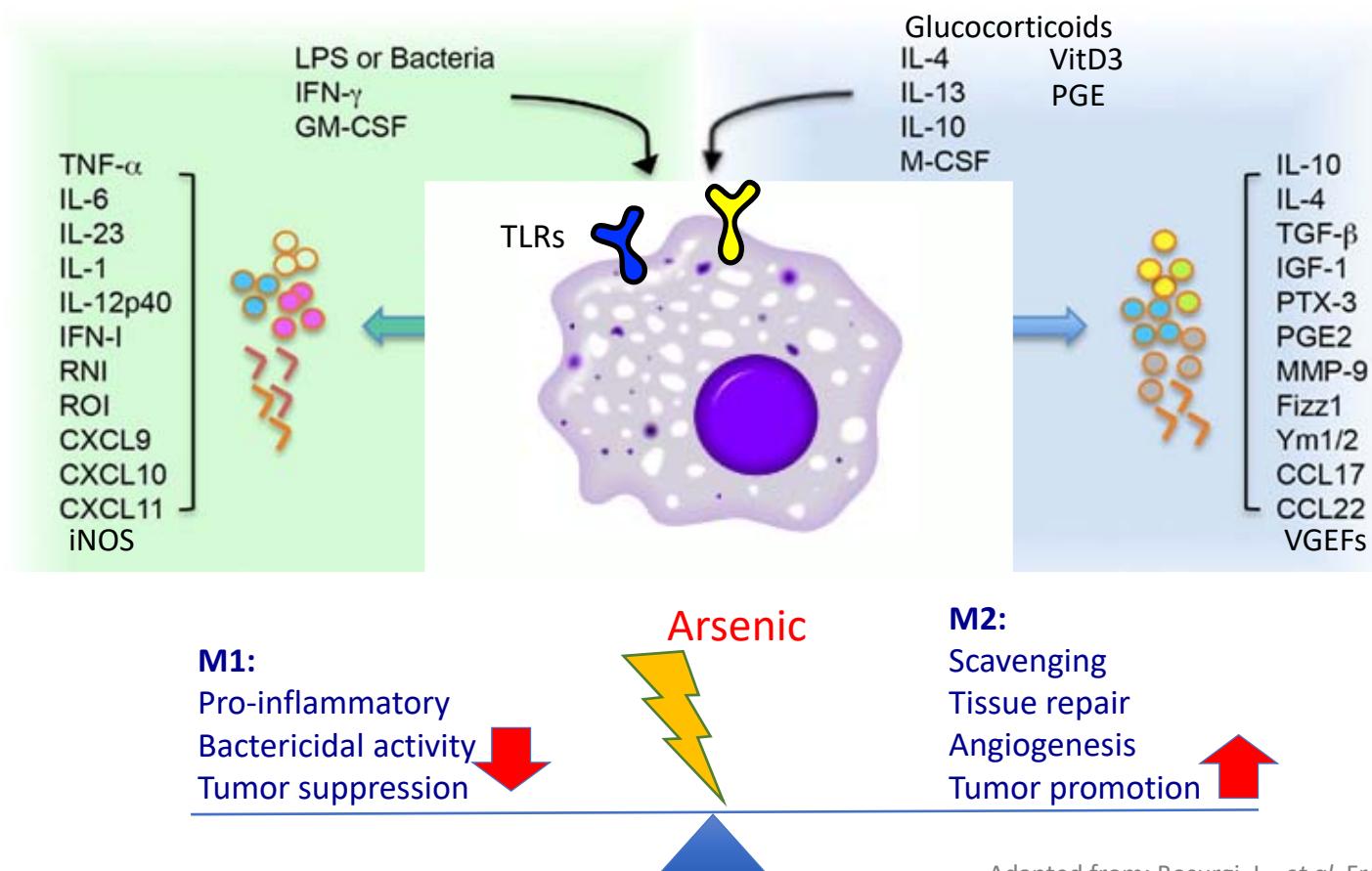


Pro-inflammatory and pro-tumorigenic signaling lipids

PGE2/PGD2 = Prostaglandins; C16:0 S1P = sphingosine-1-phosphate; LPA= lysophosphatidic acid.

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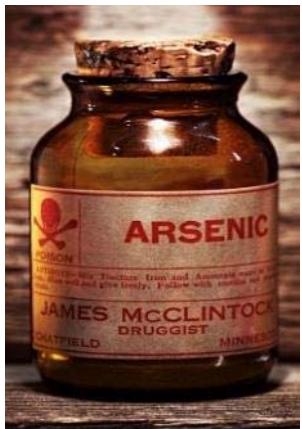
Arsenic & macrophages



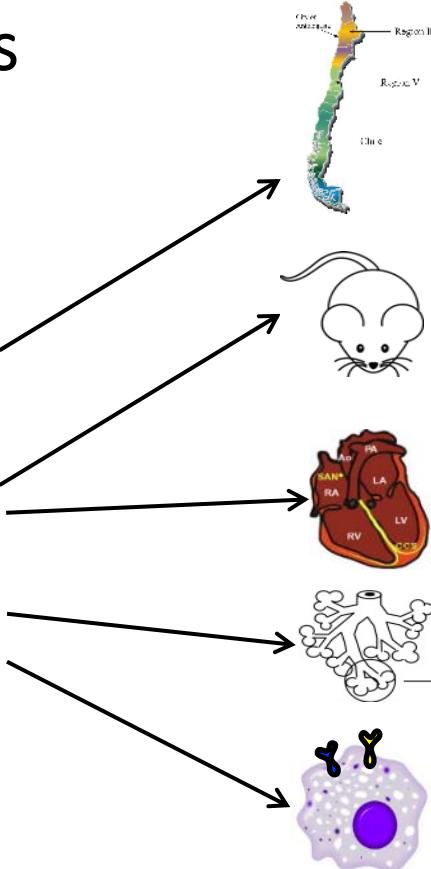
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Conclusions

Environmental exposures:



Arsenic



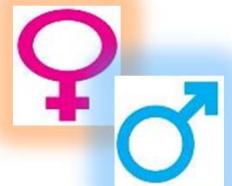
In utero & early life arsenic: increased cytokine profiles, and increased mortality from immune-related diseases even >40 years later.

In utero (P9-birth) >> Reduced pro-inflammatory cytokines

In utero (P9-birth), no effect on ischemia

In utero (P9-birth), no effect on airway resistance

iAs-exposed during differentiation vs mature macrophages >> M1/M2 skewing
>> Reduced pro-inflammatory cytokines
>> Increased pro-inflammatory lipids



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