

Betydelsen av arv, miljö och klimatförändringar vid allergisjukdomar

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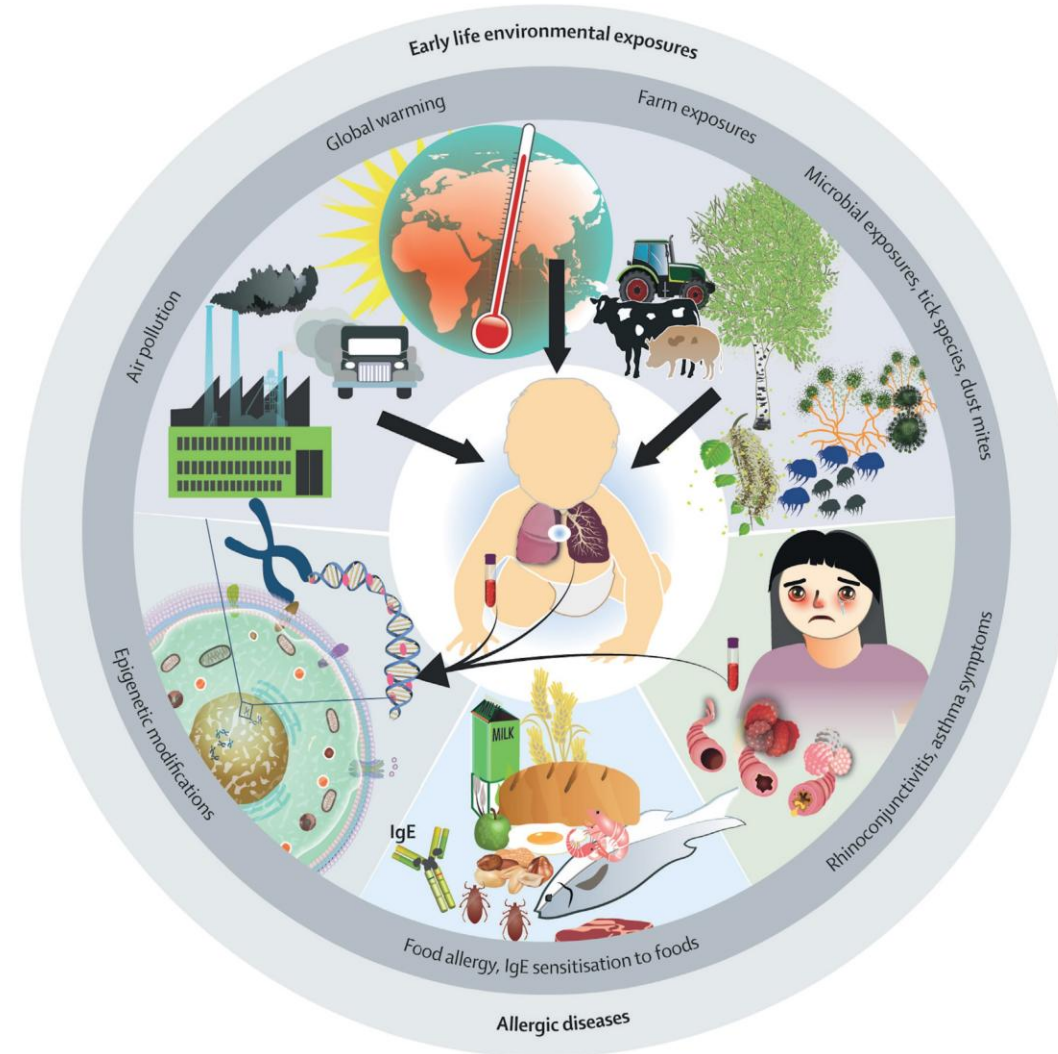
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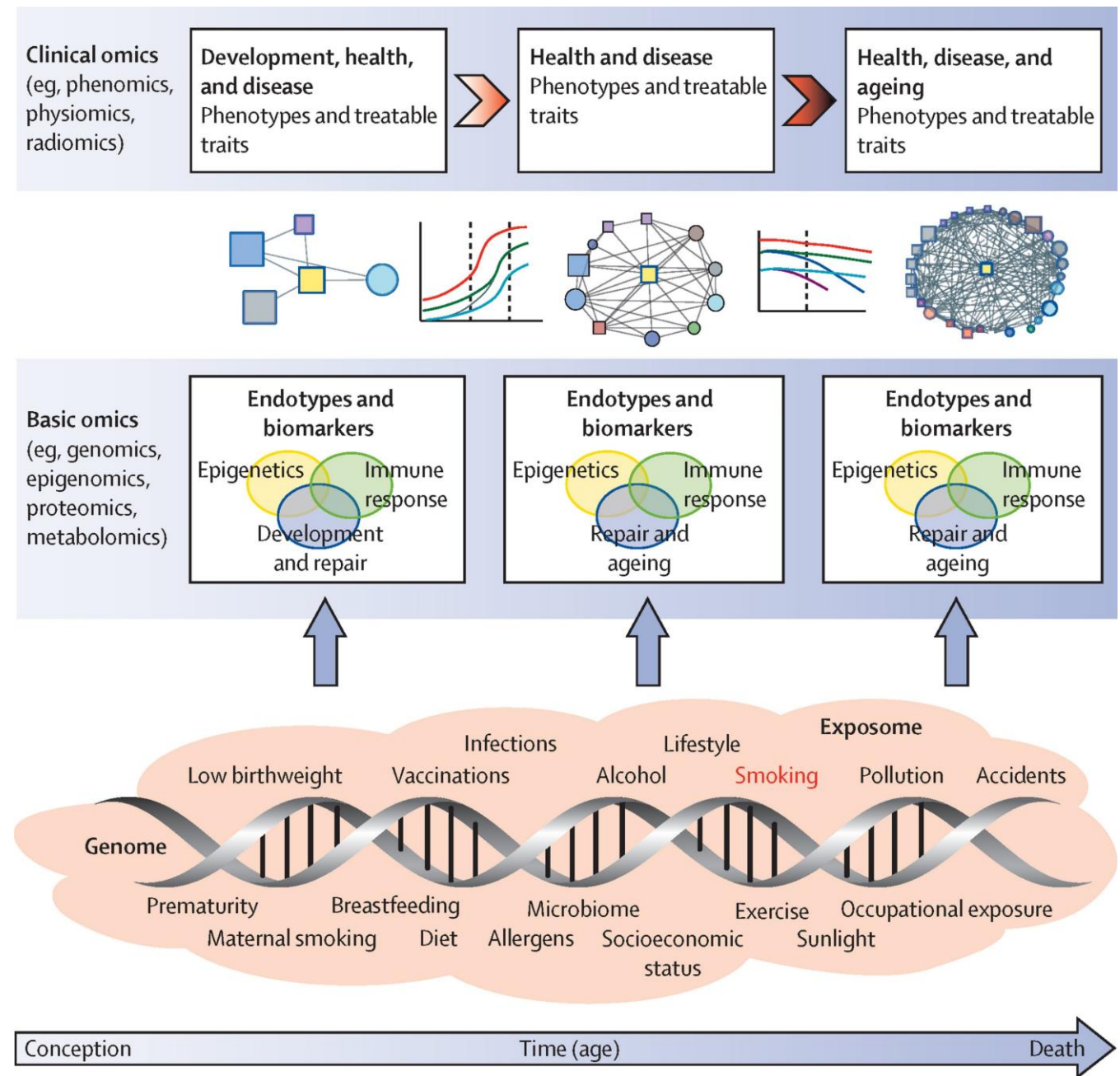
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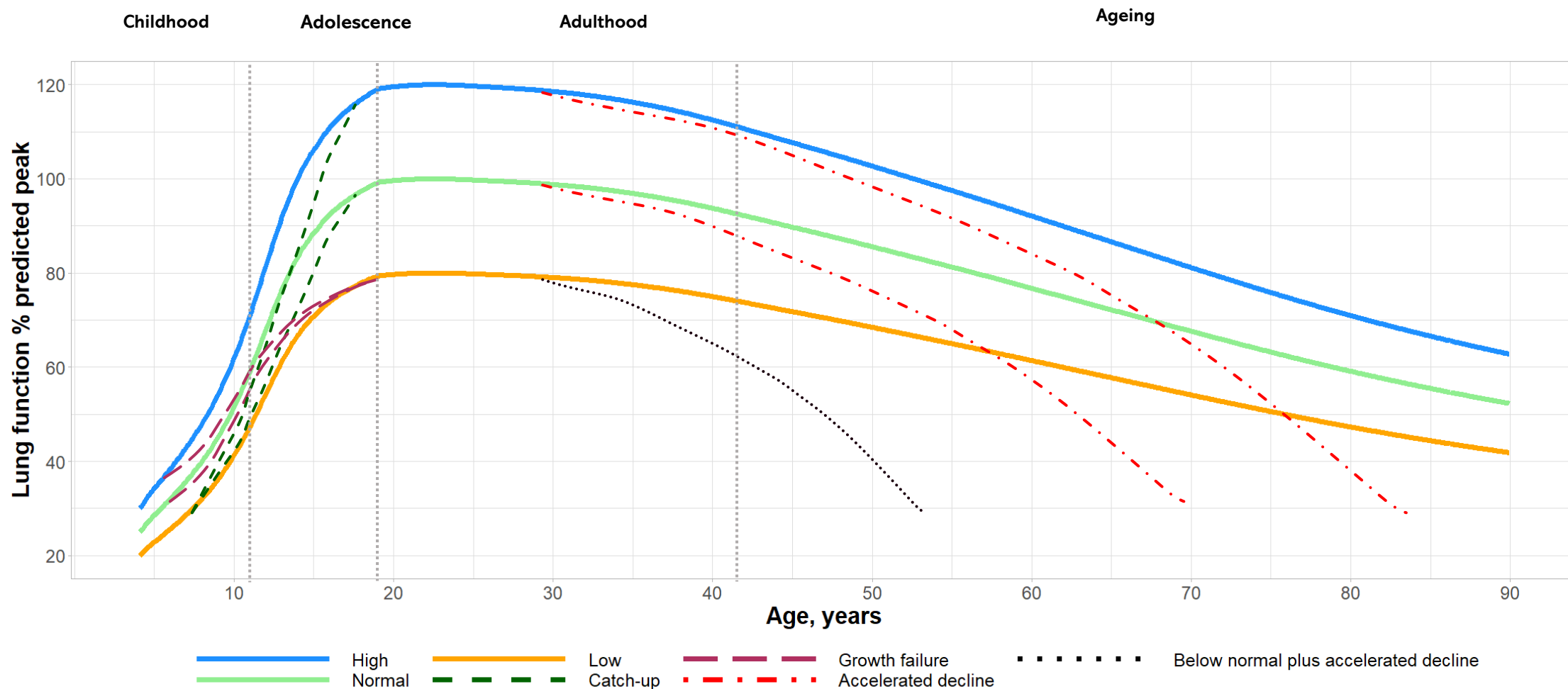
A *GETomics** understanding of chronic airway disease

**Proposed holistic strategy that considers all gene (G) – environment (E) interactions that an individual may encounter through the life span (T) to better understand the pathogenesis of COPD and chronic respiratory disease.*

Agusti, Melén, DeMeo, Breyer-Kohansal, Faner. *Lancet RM* 2022

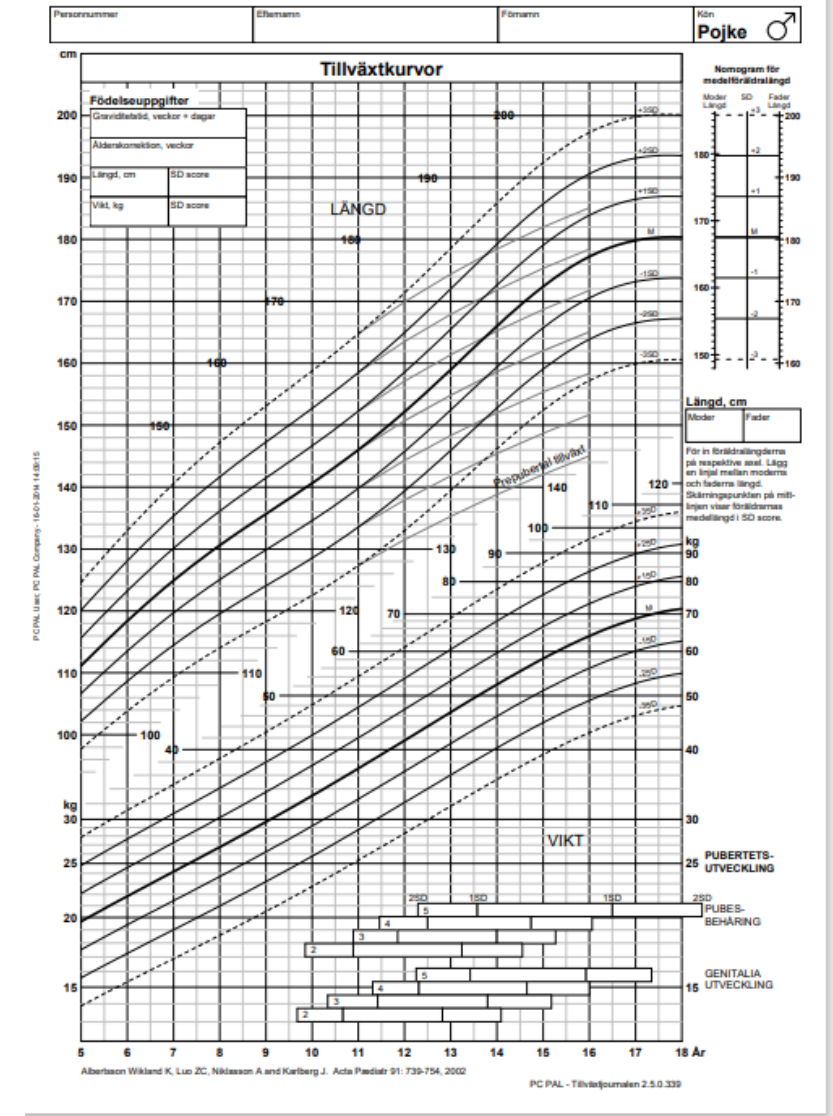
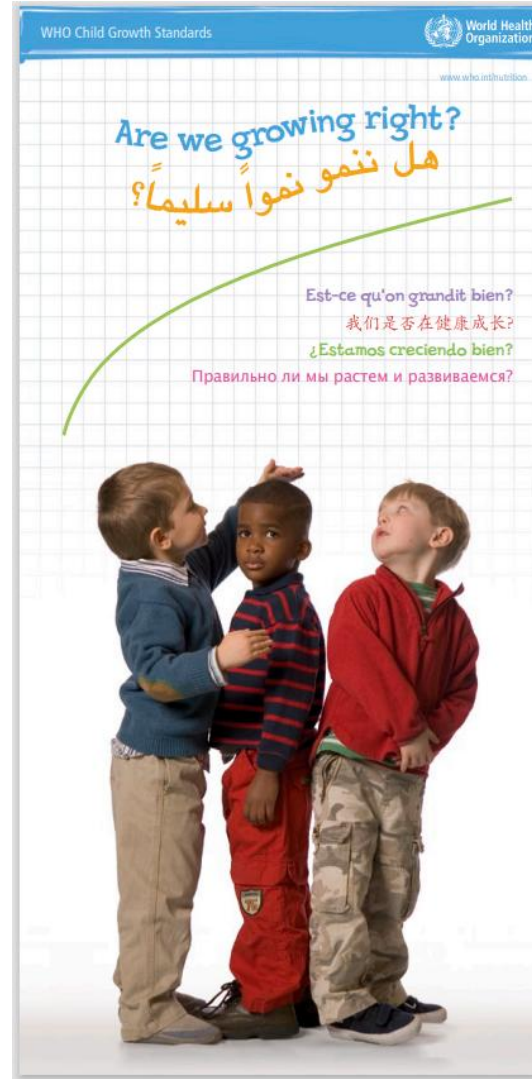
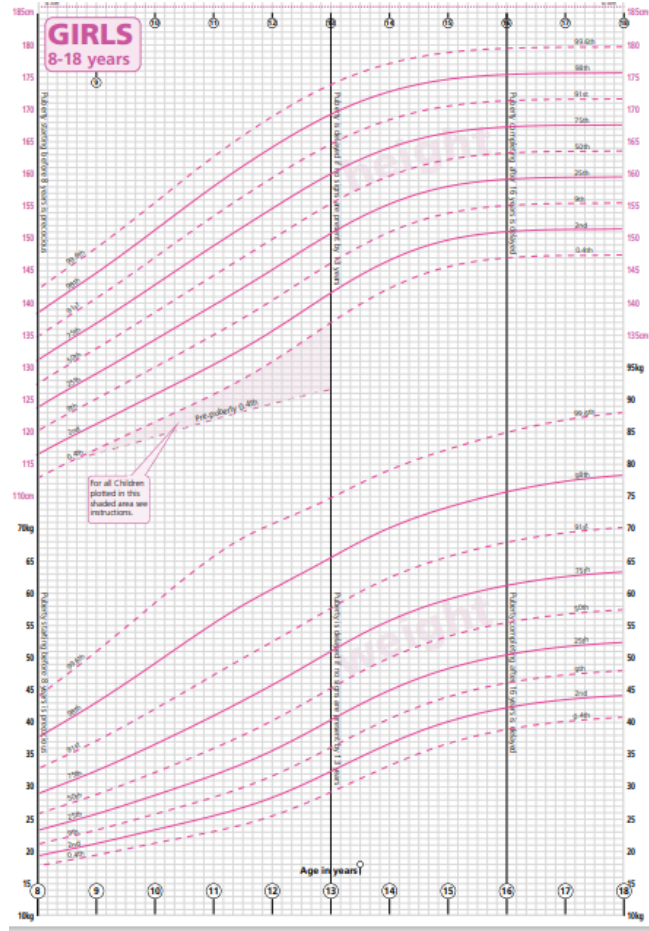


Trajectories from childhood to adulthood



Melén et al and the ERS CADSET project, *The Lancet* 2024
Garcia-Aymerich J et al, *The Lancet Resp Med* 2025

Growth charts.....



....for the lungs!



Simon Kebede Merid, PhD



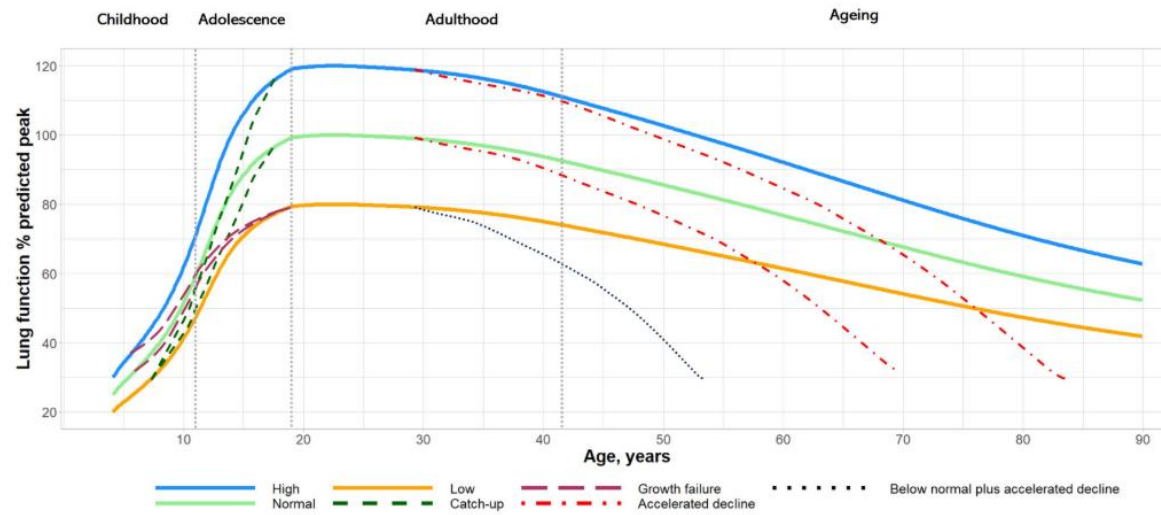
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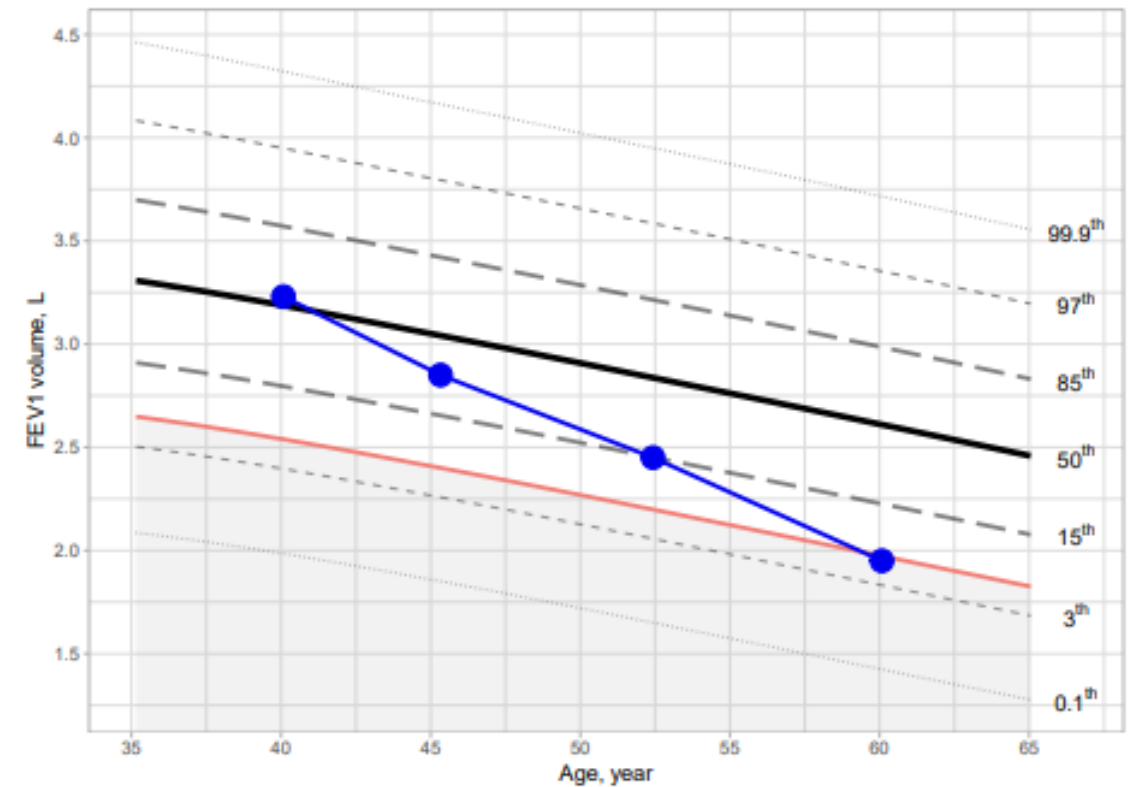
Welcome to Lung Function Tracker (LUNGTRACKER.V2.0)

This freely available tool is designed to monitor and visualize lung function change over time in children and adults. Please enter individual-level data as age, height, sex, ethnicity and spirometry meas (FEV1 and FVC in liters) or upload excel file to return lung function level and potential change (if repeated data are entered) along with individual-level reference curves (based on GLI lung function d Data and WHO height curves: [WHO Height Curves](#) .

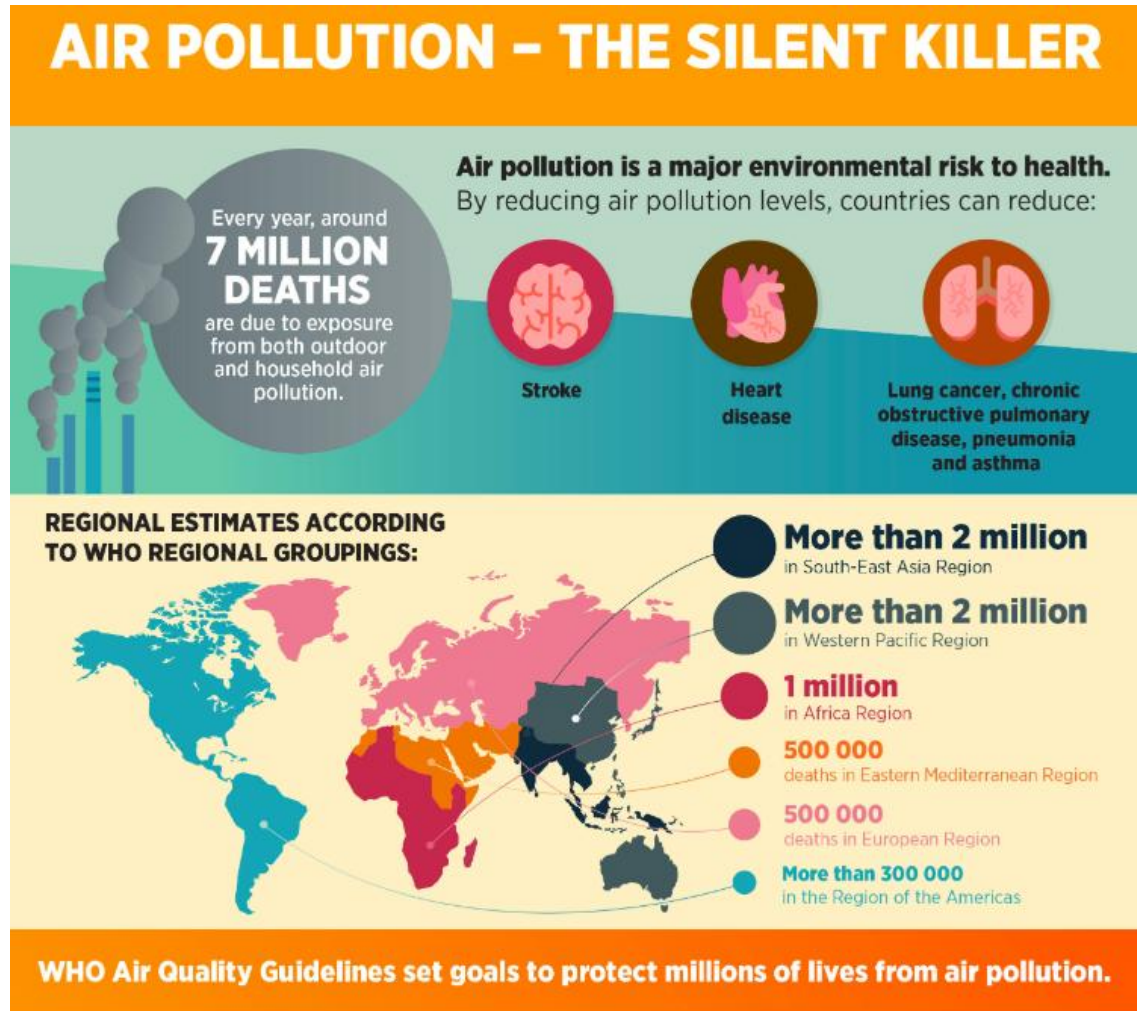
Lung function can be mapped and plotted for any age across the life-course (4-90 years). [Click here](#) for more information about the Lung tracker tool and [here](#) for the related publication.



Melén et al, *Lancet* 2024

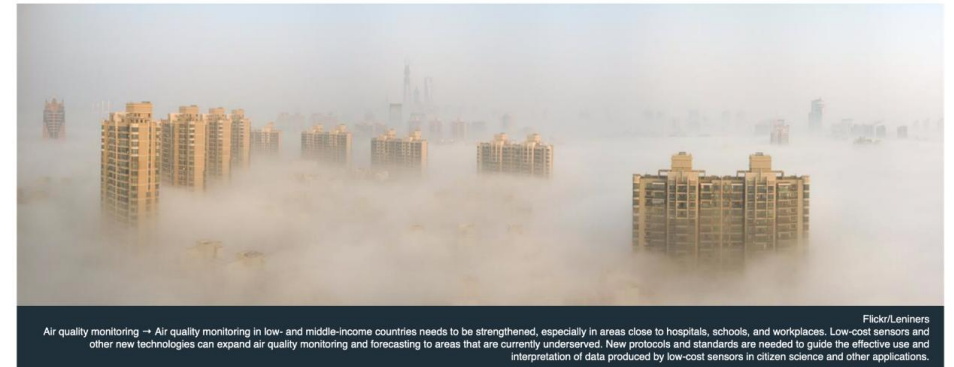


Exponering för luftföroreningar är ohälsosamt, ja



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Air quality monitoring → Air quality monitoring in low- and middle-income countries needs to be strengthened, especially in areas close to hospitals, schools, and workplaces. Low-cost sensors and other new technologies can expand air quality monitoring and forecasting to areas that are currently underserved. New protocols and standards are needed to guide the effective use and interpretation of data produced by low-cost sensors in citizen science and other applications.

More than 90% of the world's children breathe toxic air every day

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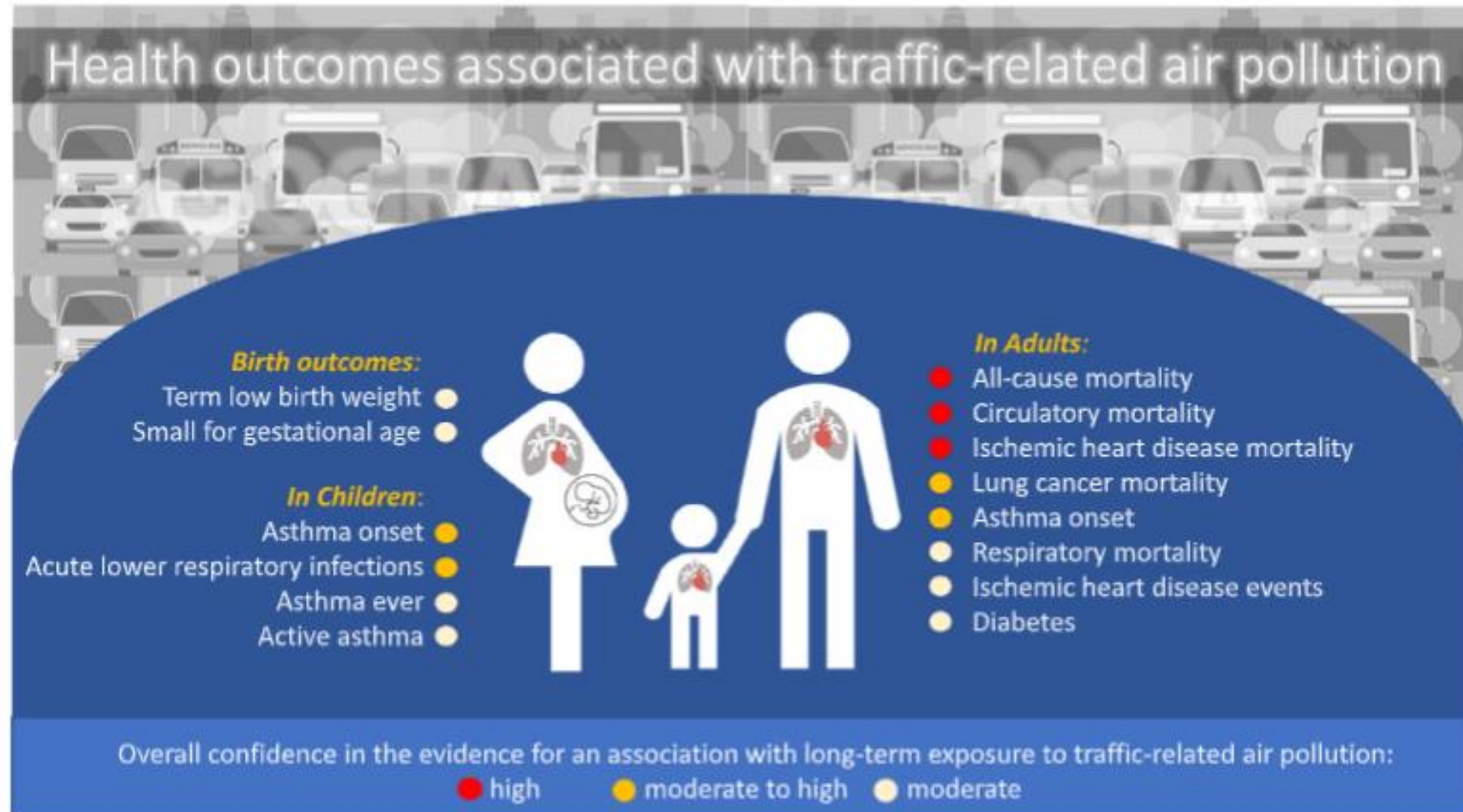


New WHO Global Air Quality Guidelines aim to save millions of lives from air pollution

Air pollution is one of the biggest environmental threats to human health, alongside climate change.

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Ella Kissi-Debrah: how a mother's fight for justice may help prevent other air pollution deaths

Landmark ruling that toxic fumes killed nine-year-old Londoner follows long campaign for truth



📷 Ella Kissi-Debrah died in February 2013 after a severe asthma attack. Photograph: Hollie Adams/AFP/Getty Images

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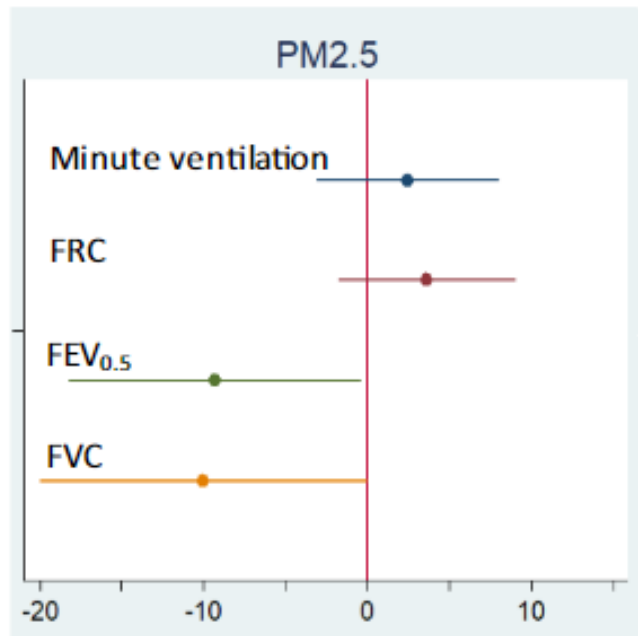


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Air pollution exposure impairs lung function in infants

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Early life exposure and health in young adults

- **Chronic bronchitis 5,5%**
- **Irreversible airflow limitation according to COPD-criteria 2%**
- Cough, phlegm, recurrent airway infections and respiratory symptoms
- **Air pollution exposure 0-1 y strongly associated (OR 2-3)**

Wang et al, *Eur Resp J* 2021; *Thorax* 2021
Yu et al, *JAMA Open Network* 2022;
Yu et al, *Lancet Regional Health Europe* 2023



Exponering → biologiska effekter

Brustad et al, 2025

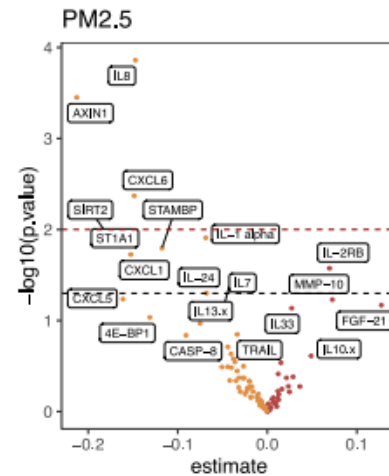
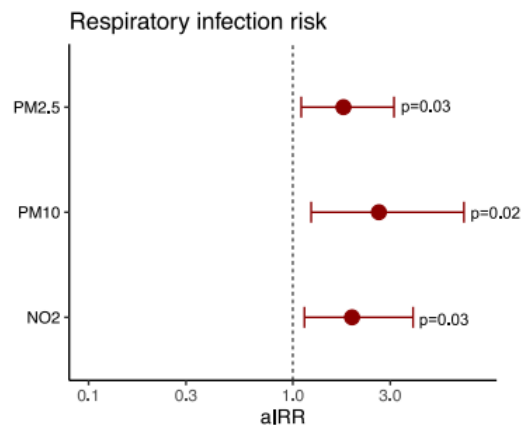
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Air pollution-induced proteomic alterations increase the risk of child respiratory infections



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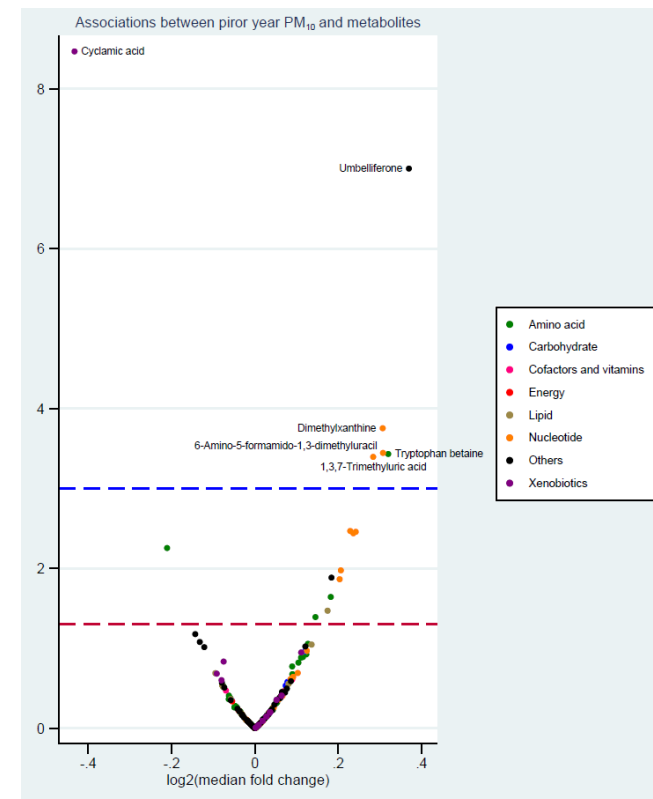
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Long-term exposure to air pollution and metabolites in children and young adults in a Swedish birth cohort

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Air pollution: MEPs want stricter limits to achieve zero pollution by 2050

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- Stricter 2035 limits for several pollutants
- Air quality indices across Europe to be harmonised
- EU countries must prepare air quality roadmaps on how to comply



Air pollution is responsible for 300,000 premature deaths annually in the EU ©Nady/Adobe Stock

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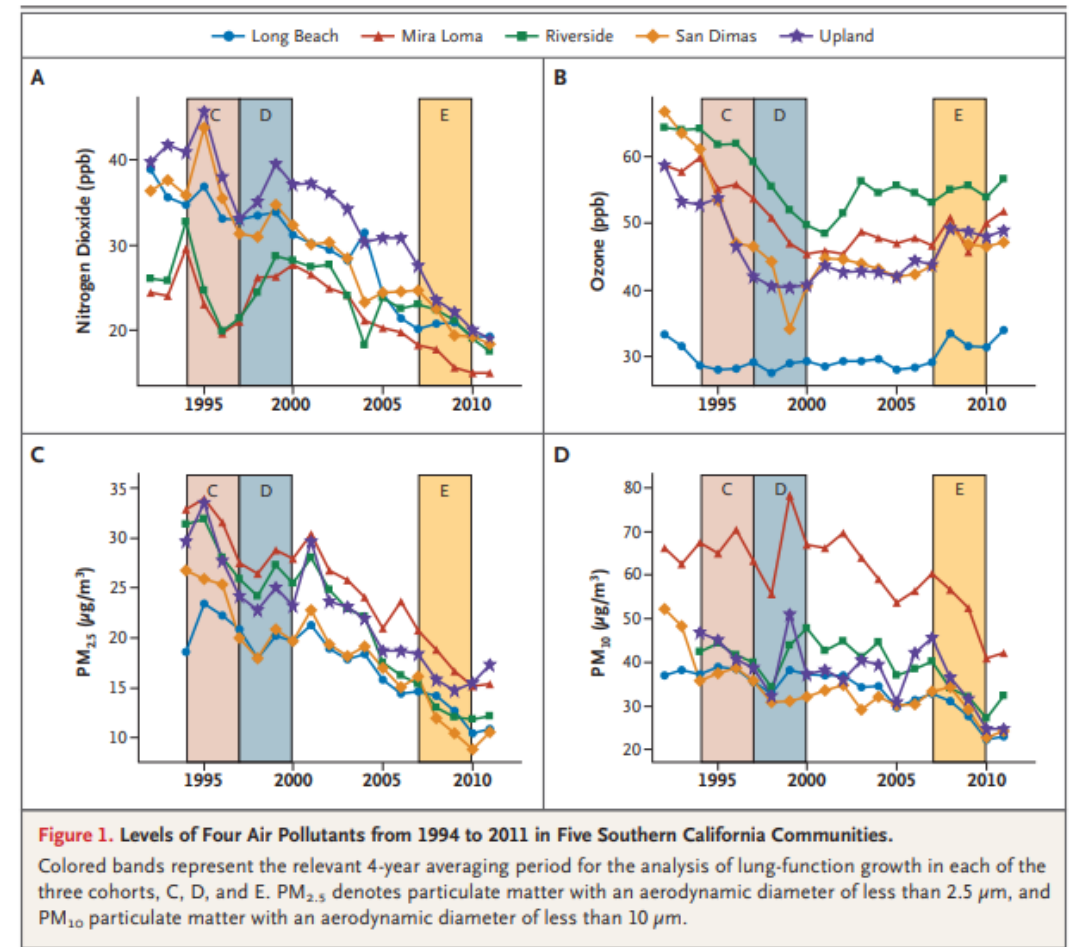
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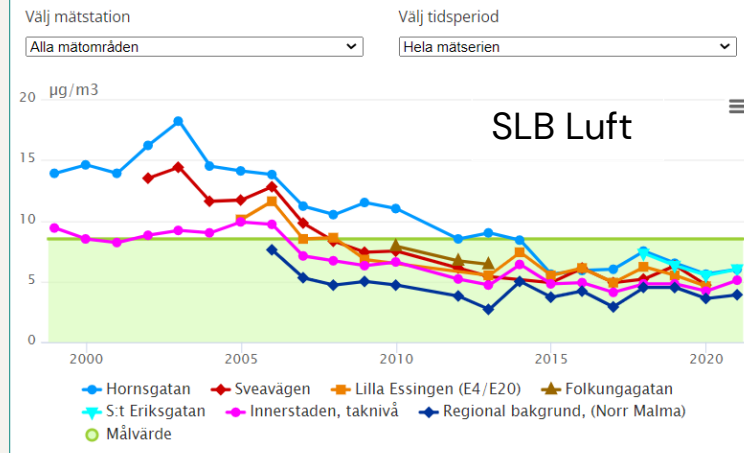
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Halterna av PM_{2,5} i luft, årsmedelvärden.



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Bättre luft utvecklade lungorna hos barn bättre menar Erik Melén, professor i barn
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Cutting air pollution improves children's lung development, study shows

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The researchers said the results sent 'a strong message to policymakers and city planners'.
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TABLE 4 Association between improvement of air quality and differences in lung function growth from age 8 to 24 years

	Unit of improvement in exposure	Raw value		GLI z-score	
		Difference in FEV ₁ growth, mL per year (95% CI) [#]	Difference in FVC growth, mL per year (95% CI) [#]	Difference in FEV ₁ growth, sd per year (95% CI)	Difference in FVC growth, sd per year (95% CI)
PM _{2.5}	2.19 µg·m ⁻³	4.63 (1.64–7.61)	9.38 (4.76–14.00)	0.03 (0.02–0.04)	0.04 (0.03–0.05)
PM ₁₀	1.00 µg·m ⁻³	0.72 (–0.91–2.35)	2.77 (0.19–5.35)	0.01 (0.00–0.02)	0.01 (0.01–0.02)
BC	0.28 µg·m ⁻³	2.80 (0.66–4.93)	5.59 (2.30–8.87)	0.02 (0.01–0.03)	0.02 (0.01–0.03)
NO _x	6.17 µg·m ⁻³	1.70 (–0.16–3.57)	3.29 (0.35–6.23)	0.01 (0.01–0.02)	0.01 (0.01–0.02)



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Associations of improved air quality with lung function growth from childhood to adulthood: the BAMSE study

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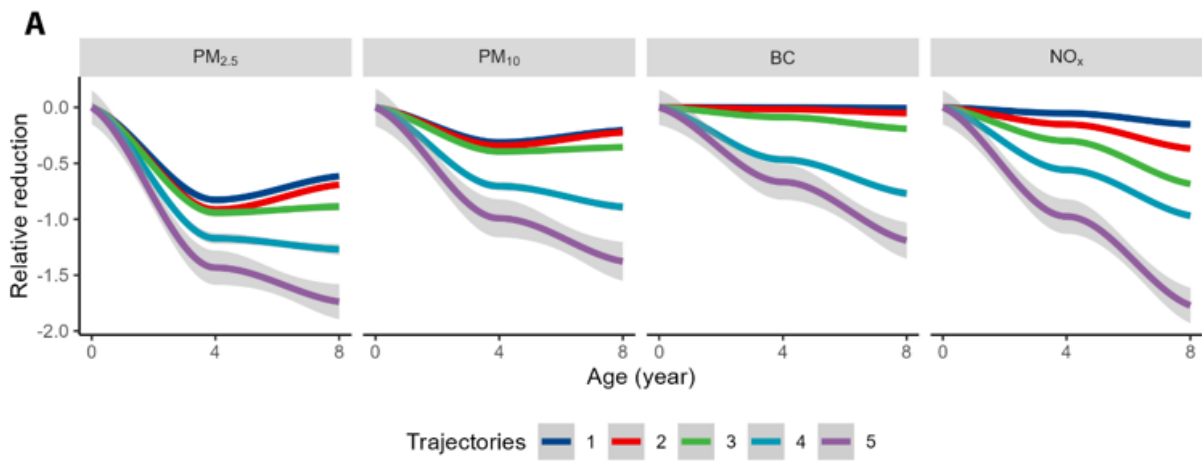
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Improved Air Quality and Asthma Incidence from School-Age to Young Adulthood: A Population-based Prospective Cohort Study

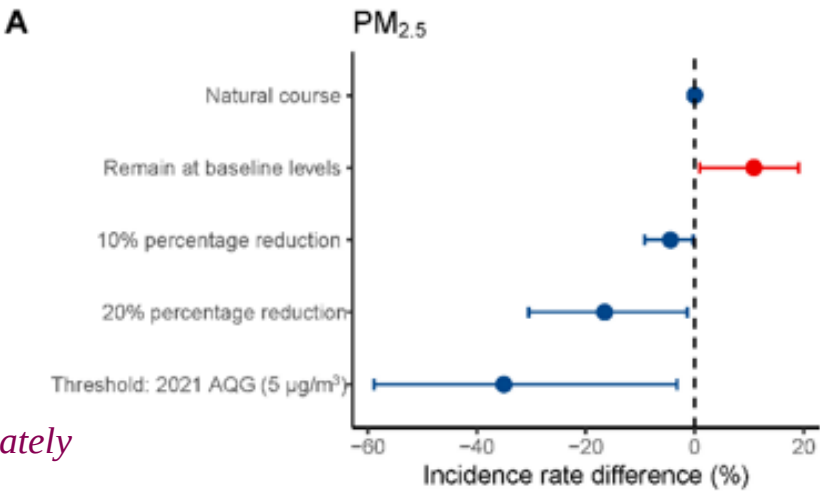
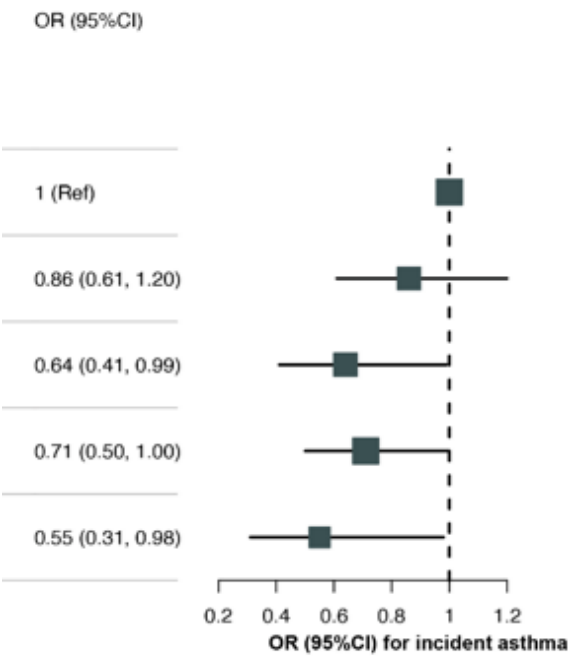
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Aim: To evaluate the association of change in individual-level air pollutant exposure from birth to 8-years with asthma incidence from the 8-year until 24-year follow-up.



“We estimated that the reduction in air pollution during the 1994-2002 period prevented approximately 10.9% new asthma cases (roughly equivalent to 341 asthma cases per 100,000 person years).”





Frekvensen av astma minskade med 13 procent hos barn födda i en lågutsläppszon. Foto: Frank Augstein/AP, FREDRIK SANDBERG / TT

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Färre barn drabbas av astma i områden med begränsade avgasutsläpp

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- Att födas i ett område med begränsade avgasutsläpp verkar kunna minska risken att drabbas av astma.

- Lågemissionszoner finns i omkring europeiska 200 städer.
- Tysk studie från Berlin
- Lågemissionszoner vs icke-intervention
- 5% lägre partiklar i lågemissionszonerna
- 13 procent mindre astma** vid 5 års ålder (lm-förskrivningar) hos barn födda i lågemissionszoner

Klauber, Hannah, Felix Holub, Nicolas Koch, Nico Pestel, Nolan Ritter and Alexander Rohlf. 2024. "Killing Prescriptions Softly: Low Emission Zones and Child Health from Birth to School." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 16 (2): 220-48.



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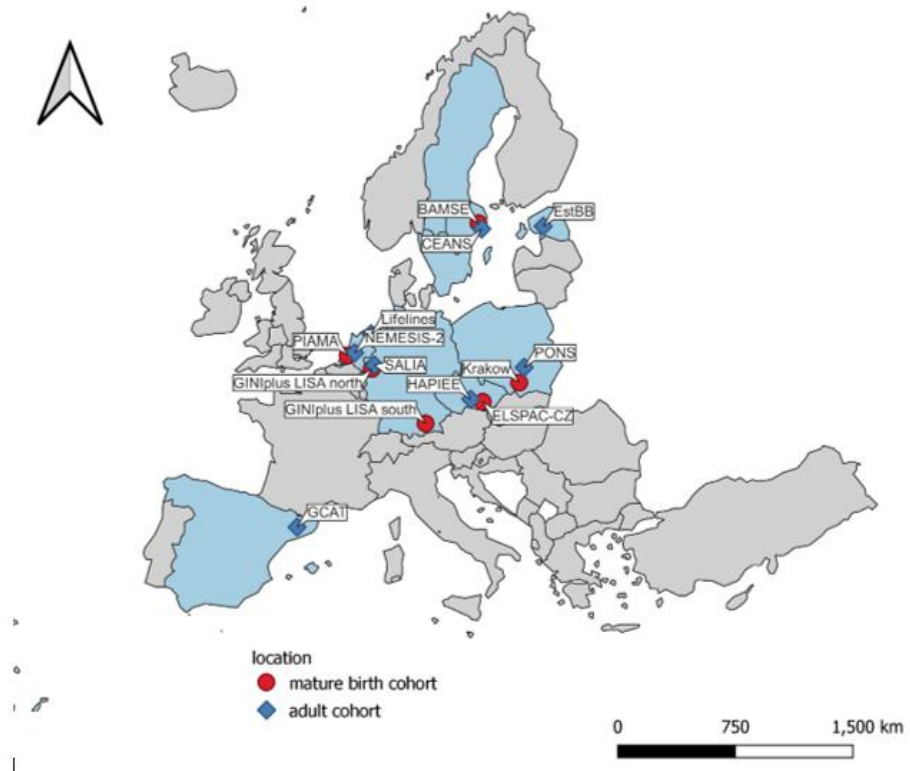
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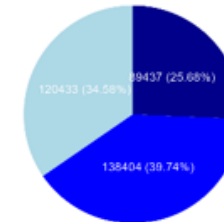
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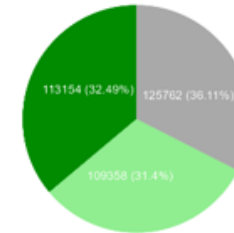
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Low PM-NO₂ with elevated O₃
Moderate pollution
High PM-NO₂ but low O₃



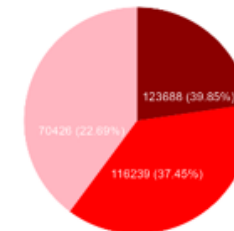
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High greenness-low built-up
Moderate built environment
Low greenness-high built-up

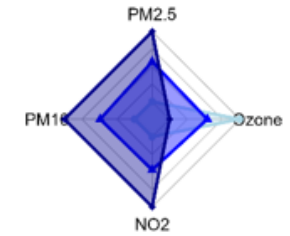


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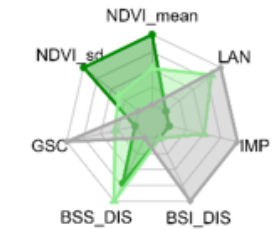
Low annual temperature
Moderate annual temperature
High annual temperature



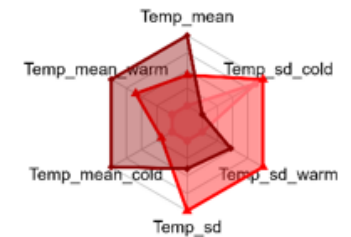
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Exposome risk score and asthma

A

Cohort	Estimate (95%CI)	P_value	weight (%)	I ²
CEANS	1.18 (1.07 - 1.30)	0.001	8.11	
EstBB_1	1.15 (1.04 - 1.27)	0.007	7.73	
EstBB_2	1.15 (1.04 - 1.27)	0.004	8.14	
GCAT	1.08 (0.93 - 1.27)	0.319	4.31	
HAPIEE	1.20 (1.05 - 1.36)	0.006	5.86	
Lifelines	1.06 (1.02 - 1.10)	0.002	14.9	
NEMESIS-2	1.11 (0.97 - 1.28)	0.131	5.12	
PONS	1.15 (1.00 - 1.33)	0.046	5.14	
SALIA	1.44 (1.03 - 2.02)	0.035	1.17	
Pooled estimate	1.13 (1.07 - 1.20)	<0.001		33.18
BAMSE	1.07 (1.01 - 1.14)	0.016	12.3	
ELSPAC-CZ	1.29 (1.11 - 1.50)	0.001	4.7	
GINIplusLISA_north	1.28 (1.04 - 1.58)	0.019	2.83	
GINIplusLISA_south	1.09 (0.99 - 1.20)	0.071	8.26	
Krakow	1.24 (1.00 - 1.53)	0.051	2.66	
PIAMA	1.17 (1.07 - 1.28)	0.001	8.81	
Pooled estimate	1.15 (1.10 - 1.20)	<0.001		45.25

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One in ten asthma cases can be avoided with a better urban environment

Publication

One in ten asthma cases can be avoided with a better urban environment



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The combination of air pollution, dense urban development and limited green spaces increases the risk of asthma in both children and adults. This is shown by a new study conducted as part of a major EU collaboration led by researchers from Karolinska Institutet. The paper is published in Lancet Regional Health-Europe.

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“Our finding provides evidence that multiple environmental exposures jointly contribute to incident asthma risk across the life course. Integrating these factors into urban planning and policy development may help mitigate asthma onset and promote healthier living environments.”

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Socioeconomic Inequalities in the External Exposome in European Cohorts: The EXPANSE Project

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Air pollution, metabolites and respiratory health across the life-course

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Air pollution, greenspace, and metabolic syndrome in older Czech and Swiss populations

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Mixtures of long-term exposure to ambient air pollution, built environment and temperature and stroke incidence across Europe

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Review



Allergies to food and airborne allergens in children and adolescents: role of epigenetics in a changing environment



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“The **exposome** is a concept used to describe environmental exposures that an individual encounters throughout life, and how these exposures impact biology and health.”

The exposome

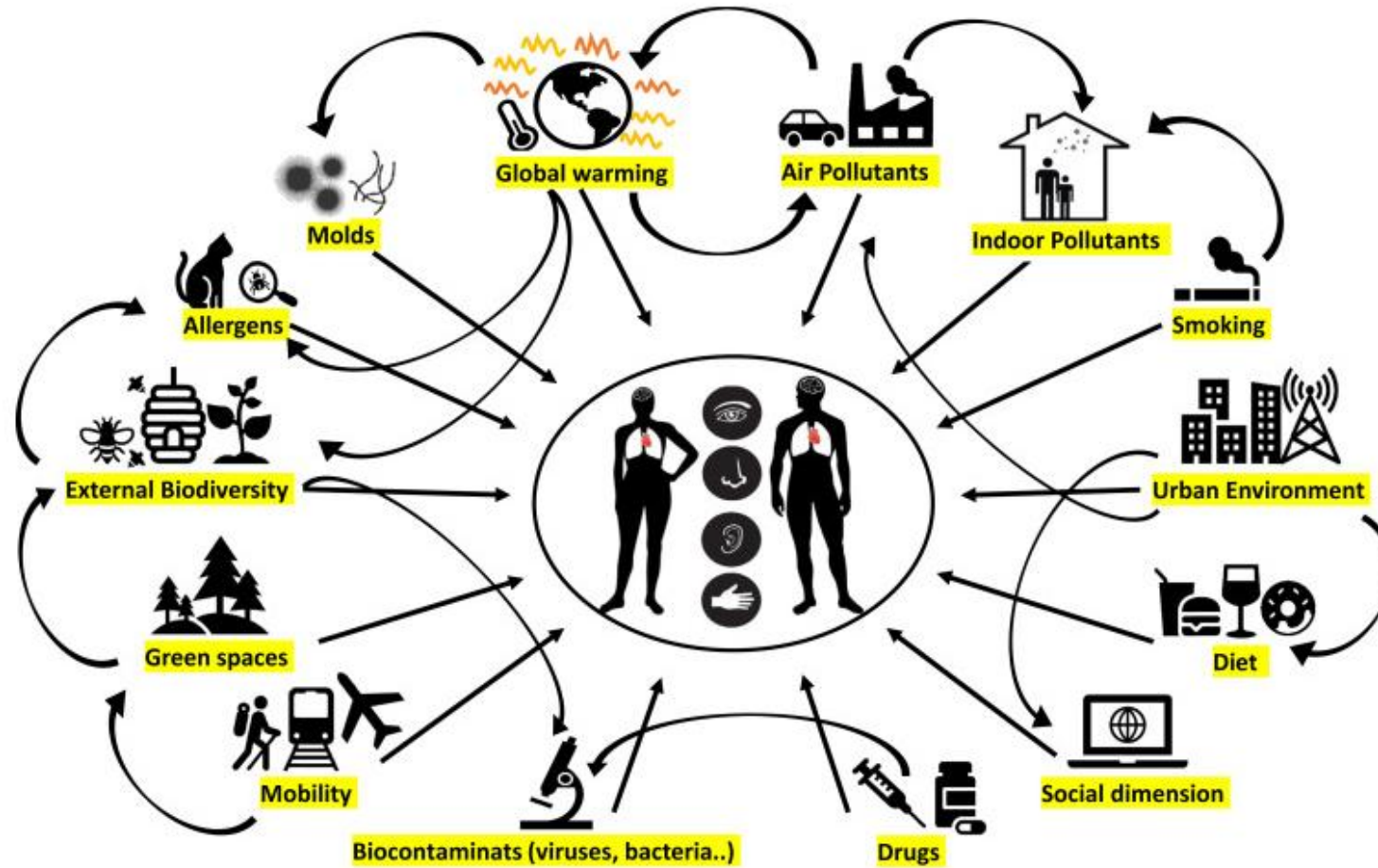


Fig 1 The surrounding environment involved in asthma and allergy.

Early-life exposure to a mixture of phenols and respiratory health in preschool children

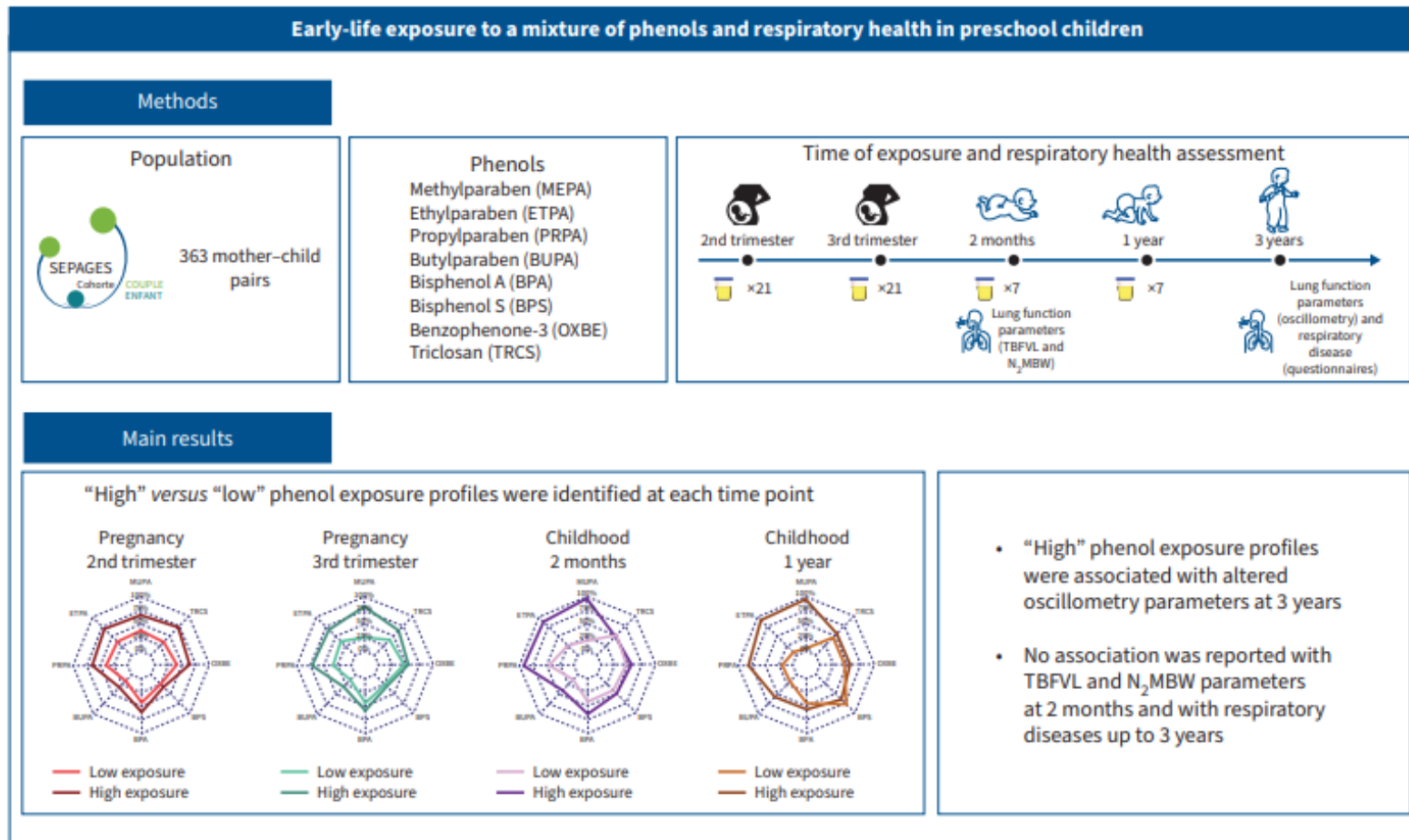
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Fenoler är organiska ämnen som kännetecknas av en eller flera hydroxigrupper (-OH) bundna till en bensenring. De finns naturligt i växter och kan vara livsviktiga, men de kan också vara giftiga och hormon-störande. Fenoler används i många produkter som desinfektionsmedel och plaster, men kan också bildas vid förbränning och förorena miljön.



Conclusion

Using repeated and accurate assessments of phenol exposure, this study provides evidence of the deleterious effects of early-life exposure to a mixture of phenols on lung function in preschool children.



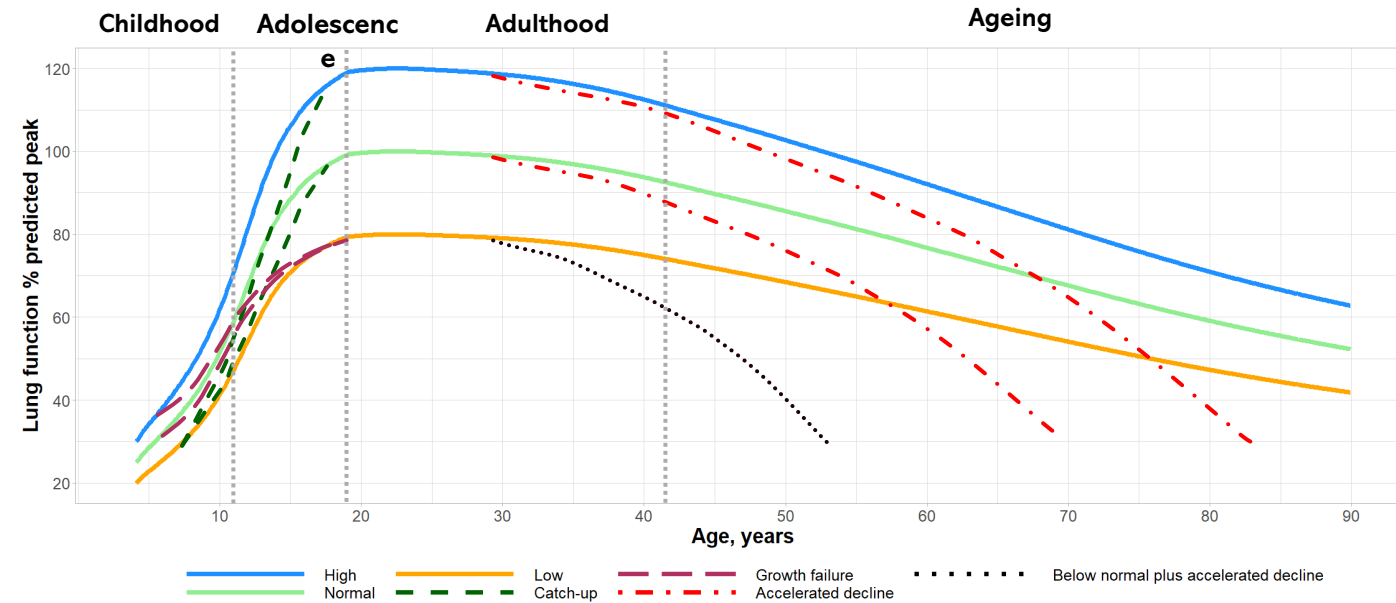
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT Overview of the study. TBFVL: tidal breathing flow-volume loops; N₂MBW: nitrogen multiple-breath washout.



No exposure left behind: time to pay attention to children's chemical environment in lung development

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FIGURE 1 A graphical, non-comprehensive representation of possible risk and protective factors for lung function deficits early in life. Phenols and other endocrine-disrupting chemicals are highlighted in yellow.

Asthma 1

Genetic and environmental risk factors for asthma: towards prevention

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Key messages

- Genetic studies have provided important insights into the pathogenesis, biology, and immunology of asthma, fostering drug discovery
- The role of genetic risk scores and epigenetics in the prediction and diagnosis of asthma, beyond a detailed family history, needs further evaluation
- Four modifiable environmental, social, and lifestyle risk factors for asthma are responsible for nearly 30% of the global disability-adjusted life-years asthma burden: high BMI, occupational exposures, NO₂ (as a proxy for traffic-related air pollution), and smoking
- Asthma can be prevented in at least 40% of individuals with asthma by eliminating risk factors at the individual and community level
- Patients with asthma and the general public should be informed about the possibility of preventing asthma and how to contribute to asthma risk reduction

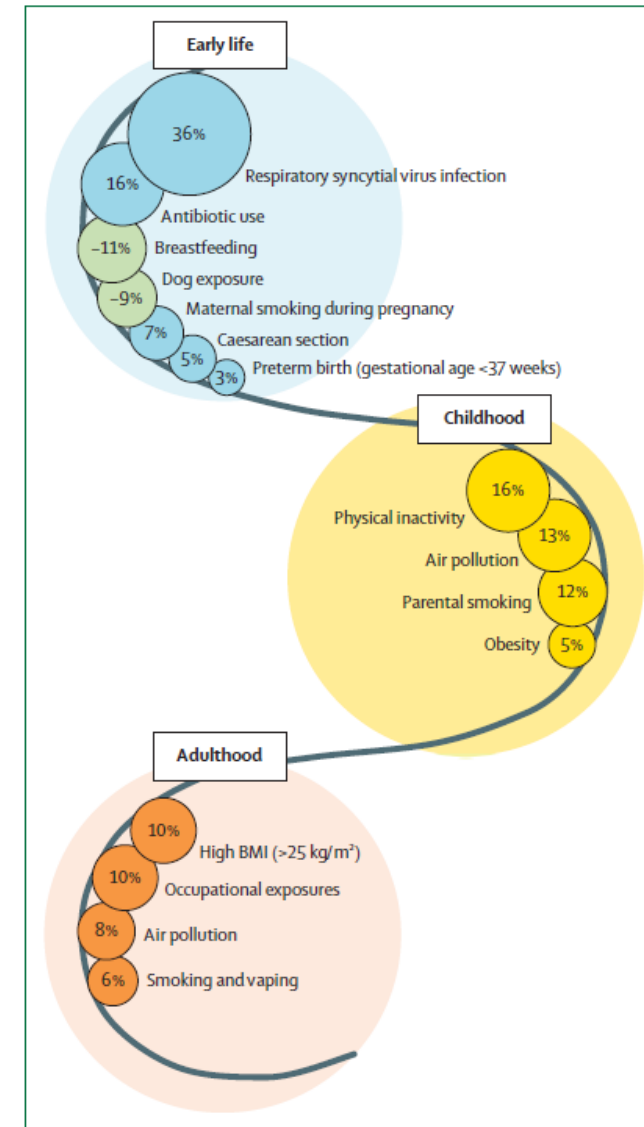


Figure 2: Population attributable proportion of potentially modifiable risk factors for asthma based on risk estimates



Barn och unga är extra utsatta för dessa hälsorisker, på grund av att deras kroppar är mer sårbara än vuxnas. Dessutom kommer de att leva med följderna av klimatkrisen under hela sin livstid, skriver debattörerna. Bild: Sergei Grits

Om vi värnar våra barns hälsa måste vi växla upp klimatarbetet

Debatt • Sveriges barn- och ungdomsläkare känner en mycket stor oro inför framtiden med anledning av klimatförändringarna och de risker det innebär för barn och ungas hälsa. Om fler inser vilka konsekvenser klimatförändringarna kommer att få för våra barns hälsa kan det bli en viktig drivkraft för klimatomställningen, skriver företrädare för Barnläkarföreningen.



TEMA | KLIMATFÖRÄNDRINGAR OCH BARNS HÄLSA

Förändrat klimat ger fler fästingburna infektioner

Så kan du som ST-läkare engagera dig i klimatfrågor

Hur påverkar luftföroreningar barns hälsa?

- *I Sverige ökar medeltemperaturen snabbare än i många andra länder*
- *Värmeböljor ökar risken att barn föds för tidigt och med låg födelsevikt*
- *Temperaturökningen medför att vissa infektionssjukdomar som TBE och borrelia blir vanligare*
- *Vi får längre och intensivare pollensäsonger*
- *Luftföroreningar väntas öka de kommande åren*
- *Klimatkrisen påverkar barn och ungas mentala hälsa genom ökad förekomst av oro, ångest och depression*

Sammanfattning

- Arv och miljö samverkar vid utveckling av astma, allergi och kronisk lungsjukdom
- Exponering för luftföroreningar har negativa hälsoeffekter och det finns inga "säkra nivåer"
- Luftkvalitén allt bättre senaste åren
- Stadsmiljön kan bra eller mindre bra – koppling till astma ses hos både barn och vuxna
- "Hela livet" börjar *in utero* (t.o.m. *prekonceptuellt*) och under barndomen; exponering kan få mycket långsiktiga konsekvenser

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