

ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS DUE TO EXPOSURE TO BISPHENOL A: EVIDENCE FROM ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Bisphenol A

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Chapel Hill bisphenol A expert panel consensus statement: Integration of mechanisms, effects in animals and potential to impact human health at current levels of exposure

Human exposure to bisphenol A (BPA)[☆]

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In vitro molecular mechanisms of bisphenol A action[☆]

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Angel Nadal^f, Carlos Sonnenschein^g, Cheryl S. Watson^h,
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In vivo effects of bisphenol A in laboratory rodent studies[☆]

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Beverly S. Rubin^e, Chris E. Talsness^f, John G. Vandenberg^g,
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An evaluation of evidence for the carcinogenic activity of bisphenol A

Ruth A. Keri^a, Shuk-Mei Ho^b, Patricia A. Hunt^c, Karen E. Knudsen^d,
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An ecological assessment of bisphenol-A: Evidence from comparative biology

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Human Blood Levels of BPA

- Most humans are exposed to BPA.
- Unconjugated BPA in human serum is in the 0.1 to 10 ng/ml range.
- Mean levels in adults and fetuses are **1 - 3 ng/ml (4 - 13 nM)**.

BPA Expert Panel Consensus Statement
Reprod. Toxicol. 2007

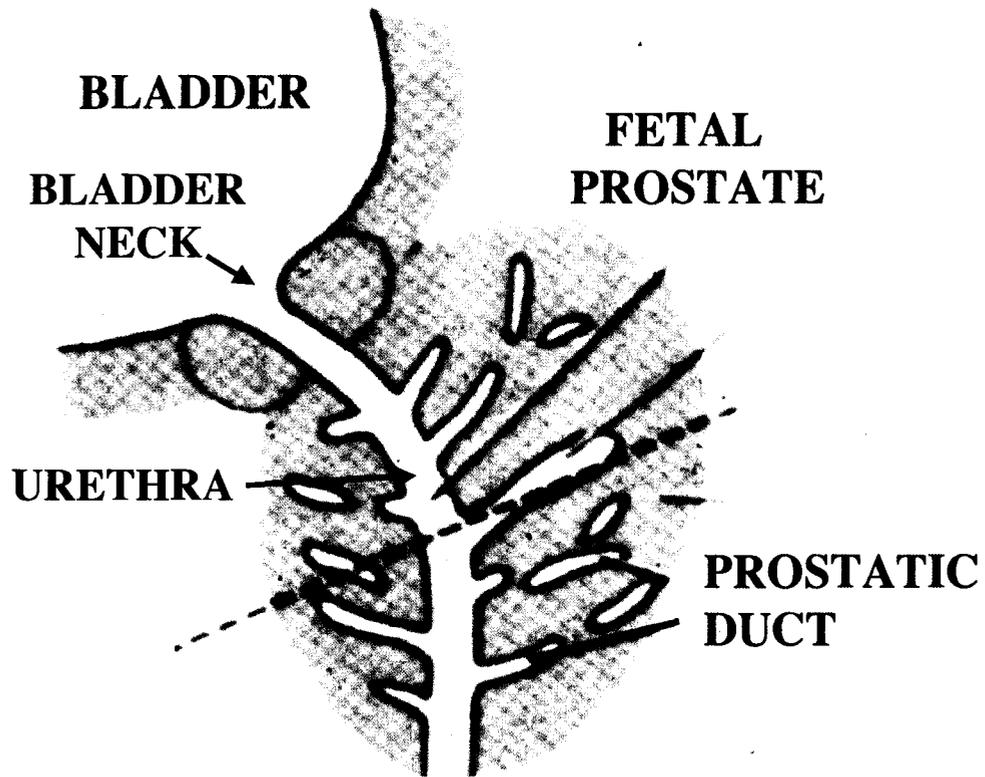
Vandenberg et al.
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IN VIVO DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS OF BPA:

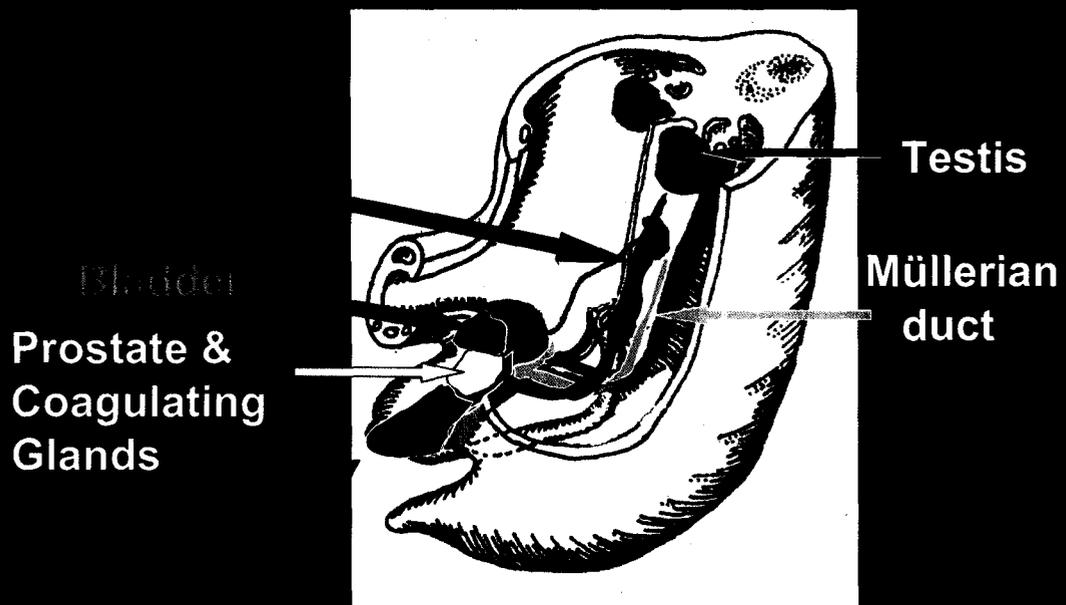
FINDINGS THAT BPA ALTERS PROSTATE
DEVELOPMENT AS AN EXAMPLE OF STUDIES
DISCARDED BY THE FDA

PUBLISHED FINDINGS SHOW

- ◆ Increase in Prostate Androgen Receptors
- ◆ Changes in Growth Factors
- ◆ Basal (stem) Cell Proliferation
- ◆ Prostate Cancer

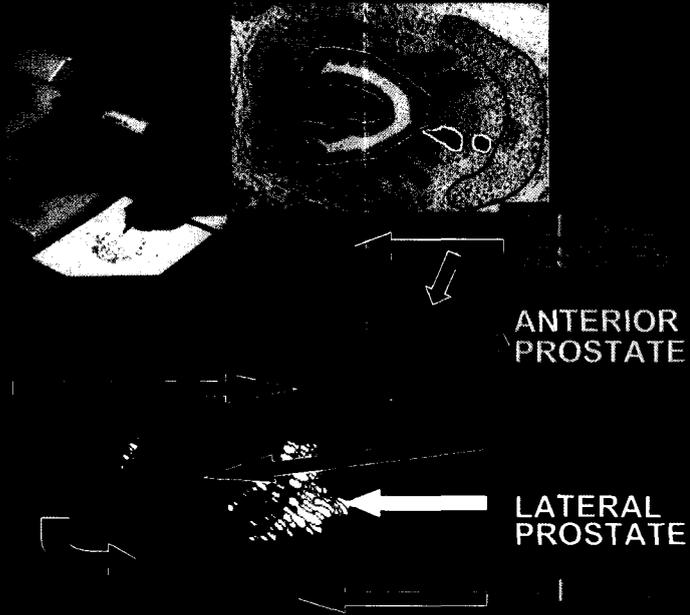


DUCTS THAT FORM THE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS IN MOUSE FETUS



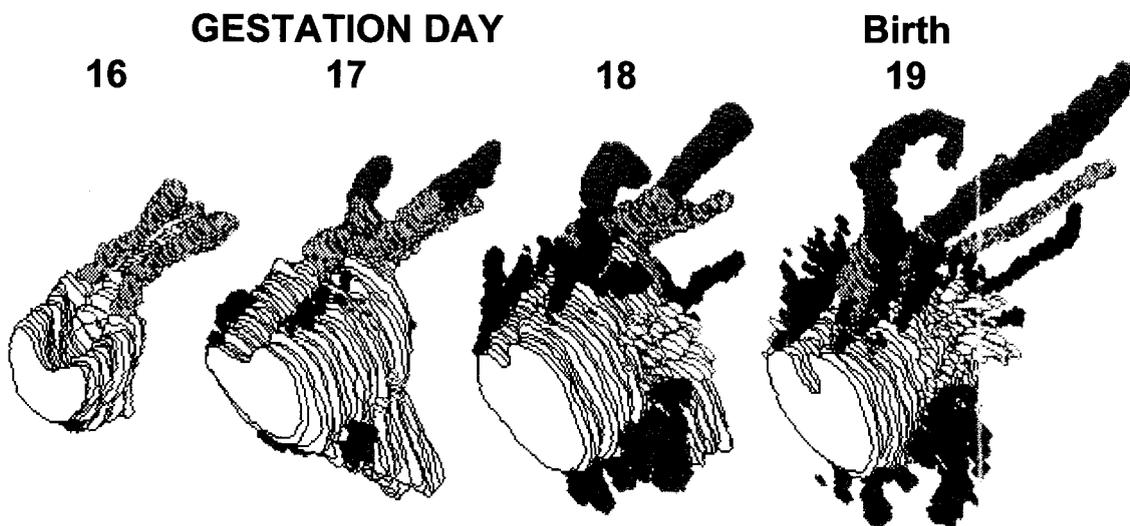
Computer Serial Section Reconstruction Gestation Day 18 or 19 Mouse Fetus

- Serial sections
- Trace sections



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PROSTATE DEVELOPMENT IN MOUSE FETUSES



**EFFECT OF ESTRADIOL ON MOUSE
PROSTATE DEVELOPMENT**
(Gestation Day 18)

**Fetal Serum Free Estradiol
Increase: 0.1 pg/ml (0.1 ppt)**
40% increase in prostatic buds
32% increase in prostate size

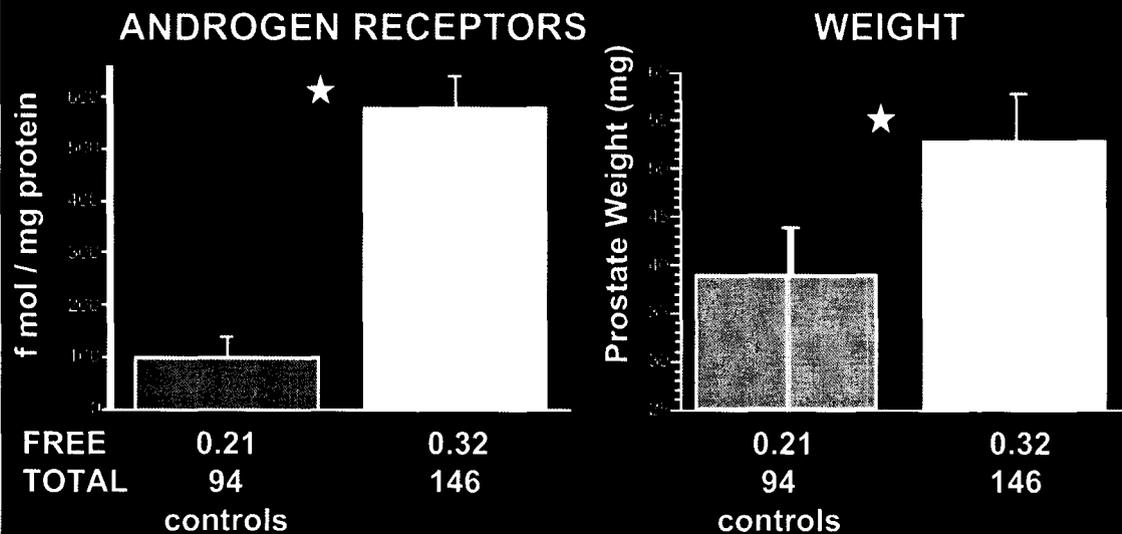


Control



vom Saal et al., 1997
PNAS 94:2056

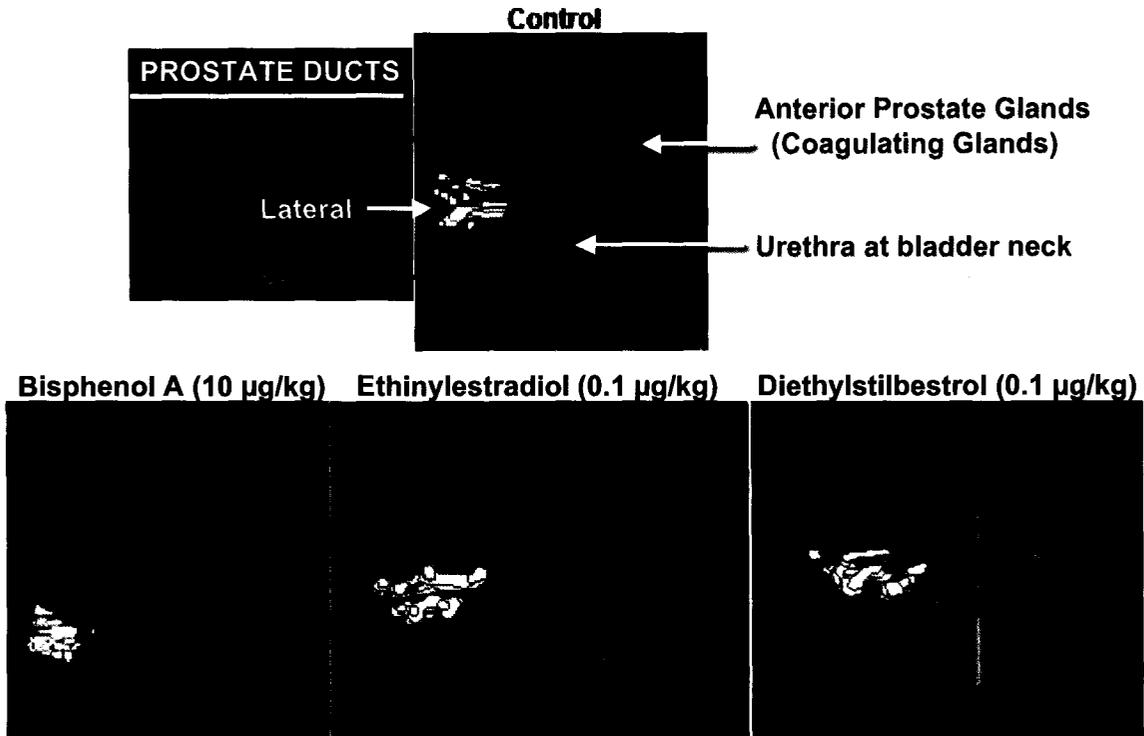
**FETAL ESTRADIOL INCREASES PROSTATE SIZE
IN 8-MONTH-OLD CF-1 MALE MICE (CASTRATED + T)**



vom Saal et al.
Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.
94:2056-2061, 1997

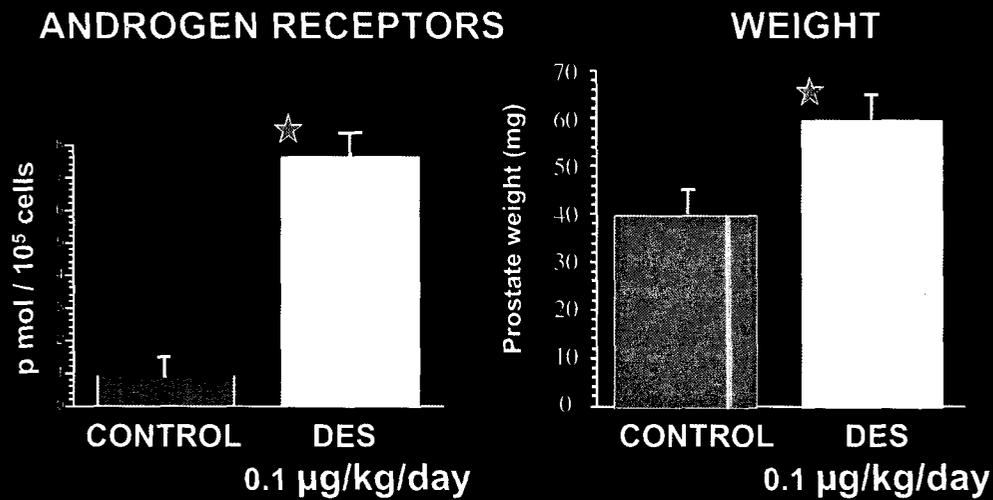
**SERUM ESTRADIOL pg/ml (ppt)
DURING FETAL LIFE**

UROGENITAL SINUS FROM A GESTATION DAY 19 CD-1 MOUSE FETUS



Timms et al. 2005, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.

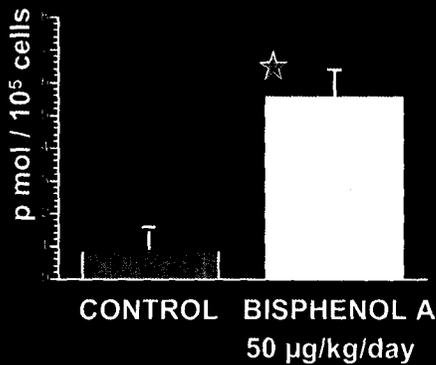
EFFECT OF PRENATAL DES ON PROSTATE WEIGHT AND ANDROGEN RECEPTORS IN 60-DAY-OLD CD-1 MALE MICE



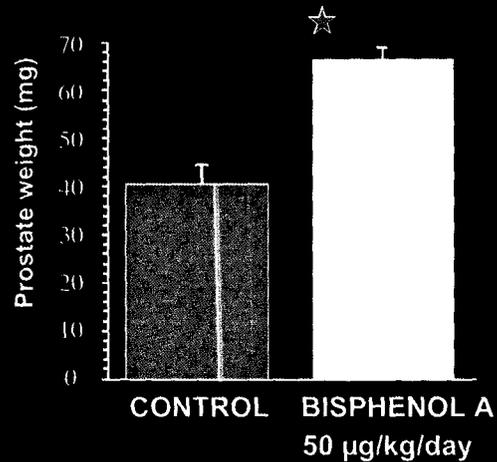
C. Gupta, 2000
PSEBM

EFFECT OF PRENATAL BISPHENOL A ON PROSTATE WEIGHT AND ANDROGEN RECEPTORS IN 60-DAY-OLD CD-1 MALE MICE

ANDROGEN RECEPTORS



WEIGHT



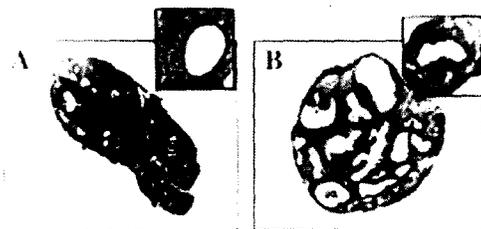
MATERNAL DOSE

C. Gupta, 2000
PSEBM

DES STIMULATES THE FETAL CD-1 MOUSE PROSTATE IN PRIMARY CULTURE

CONTROL

TESTOSTERONE



TESTOSTERONE +
DES 0.5 pg/ml (0.5 ppt)

C. Gupta,
PSEBM
224:61-68, 2000

BISPHENOL A STIMULATES THE FETAL CD-1 MOUSE PROSTATE IN PRIMARY CULTURE



CONTROL

TESTOSTERONE

TESTOSTERONE

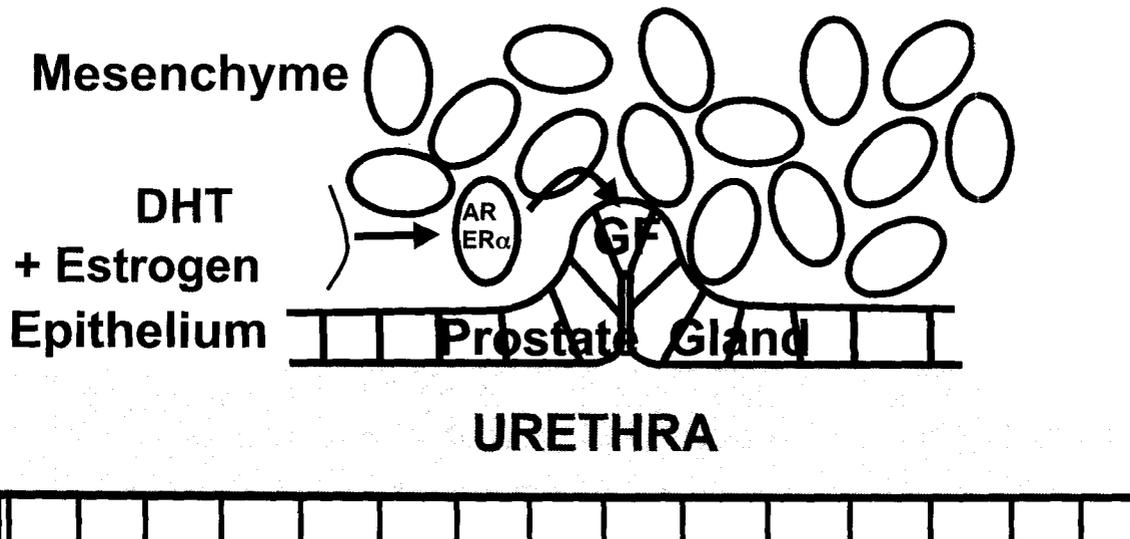
+

BISPHENOL A
50 pg/ml (50 ppt)

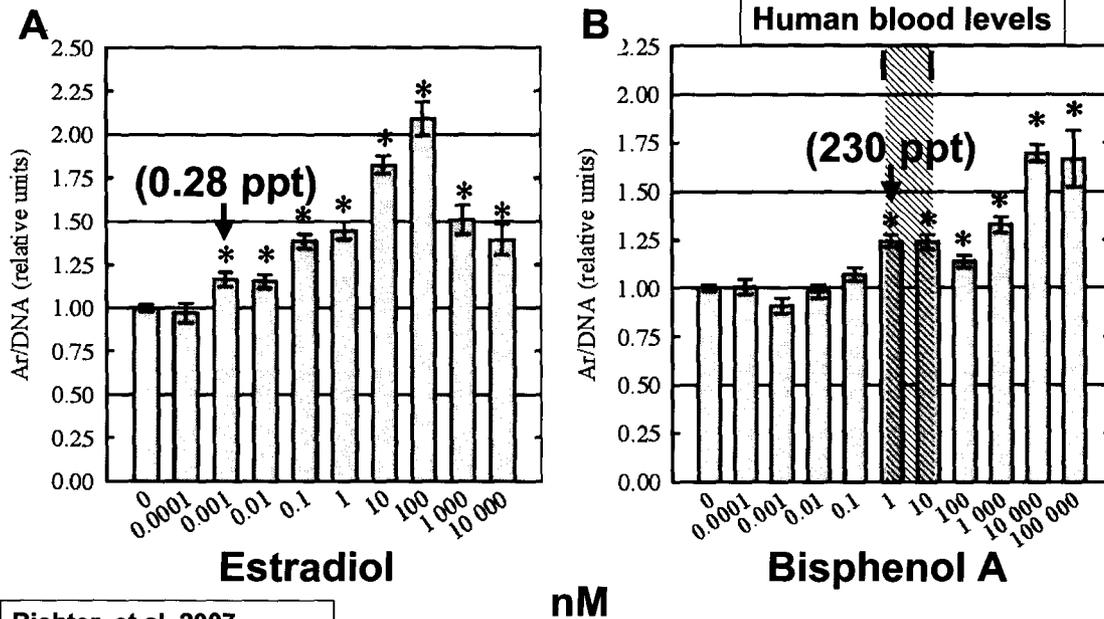
C. Gupta, 2000
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NOEC = 5 ppt BPA

STUDIES IN PRIMARY CULTURE MESENCHYME DIRECTS GROWTH AND DIFFERENTIATION OF PROSTATE GLAND UROGENITAL SINUS (UGS) EPITHELIUM

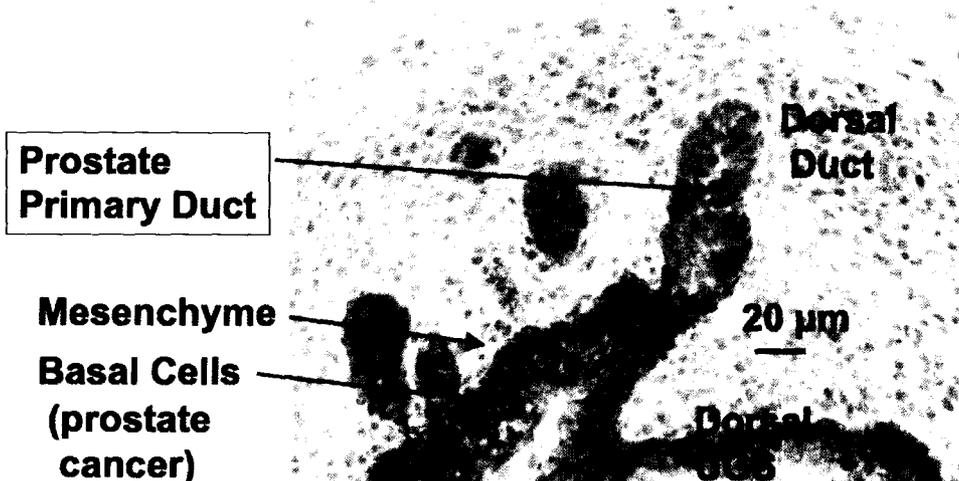


INDUCTION OF ANDROGEN RECEPTOR (Ar) mRNA BY ESTRADIOL AND BISPHENOL A IN CD-1 FETAL MOUSE PROSTATE MESENCHYME CELLS IN PRIMARY CULTURE



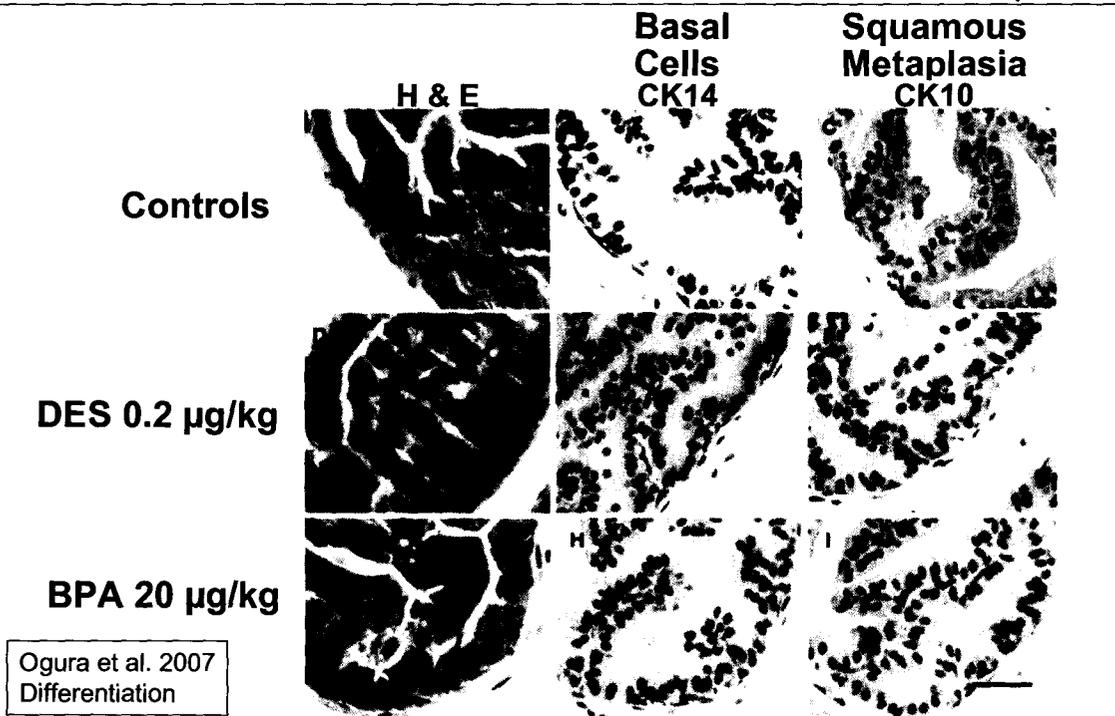
Richter, et al. 2007
Environ. Health Perspect.

BASAL CELL MK5 LABELING ASSOCIATED WITH TWO-FOLD INCREASE IN PCNA LABELING INDICATING A DOUBLING OF PROLIFERATION CAUSED BY BPA, DES OR ETHINYLESTRADIOL

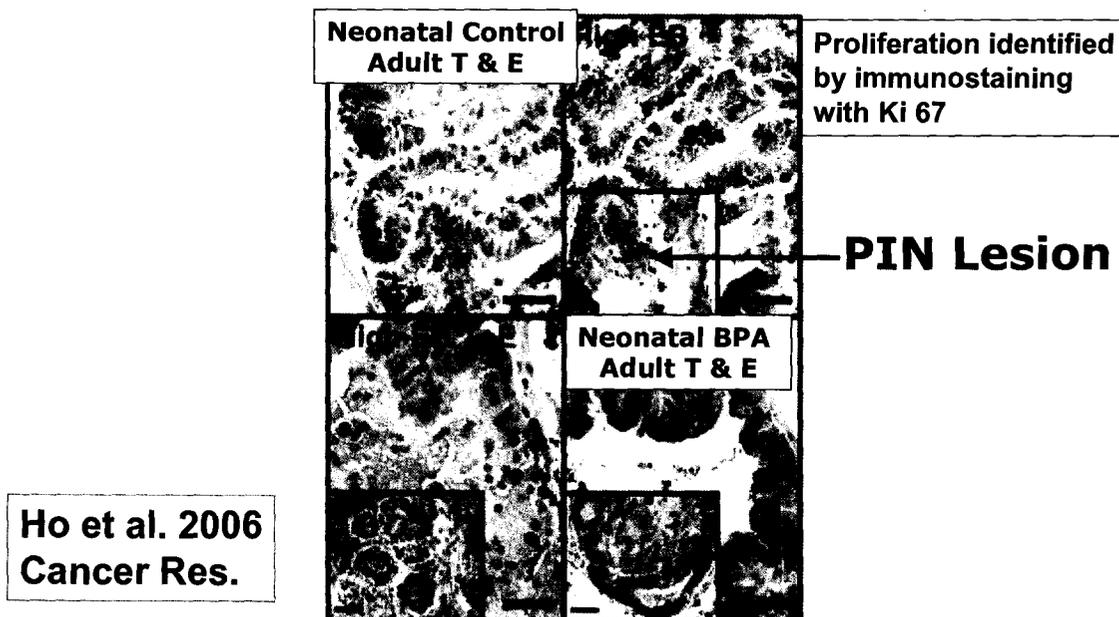


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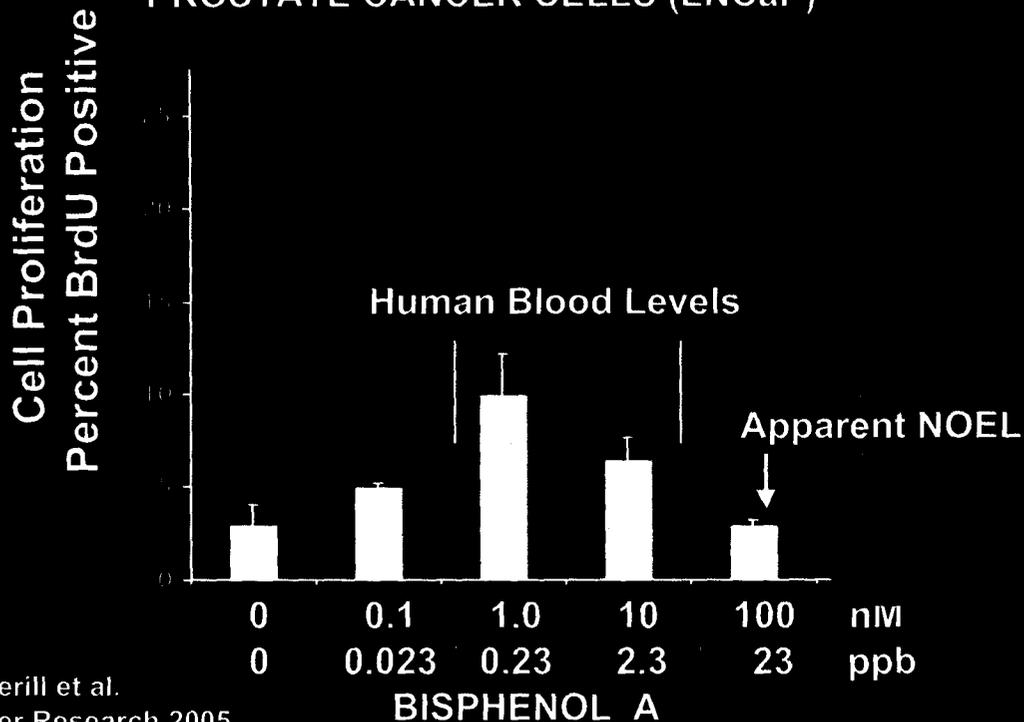
CONVENTIONAL H & E STAINING OF PROSTATE SECTIONS DOES NOT SHOW PRENATAL EFFECTS OF OF DES AND BPA REVEALED BY OTHER MORE SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES



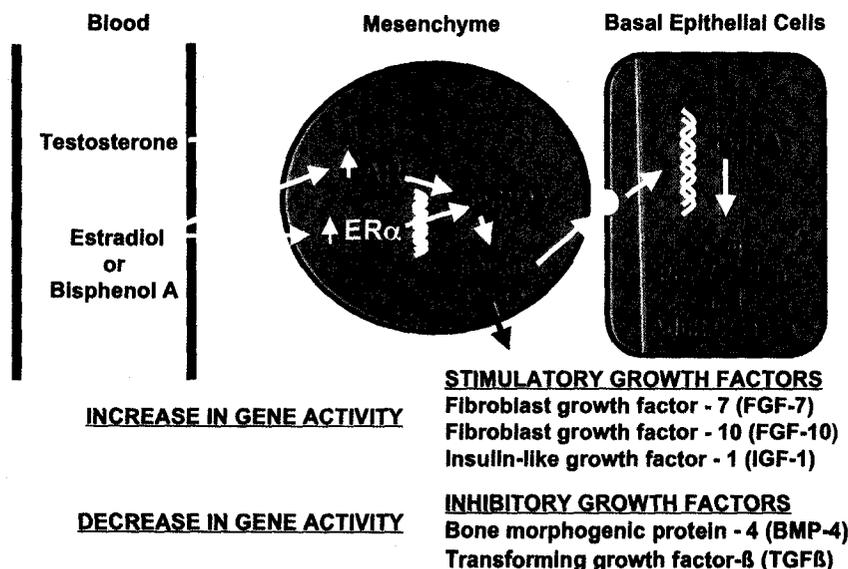
Neonatal Exposure to 10 µg/kg/day BPA Causes Prostatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (PIN; Early Stage Cancer) in Adult Rats



BISPHENOL A STIMULATES PROLIFERATION OF HUMAN PROSTATE CANCER CELLS (LNCaP)



ESTROGENS ALTER PROSTATE DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO PRE-CANCEROUS PROSTATE INTEREPITHELIAL NEOPLASIA ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT METHYLATION OF GENES

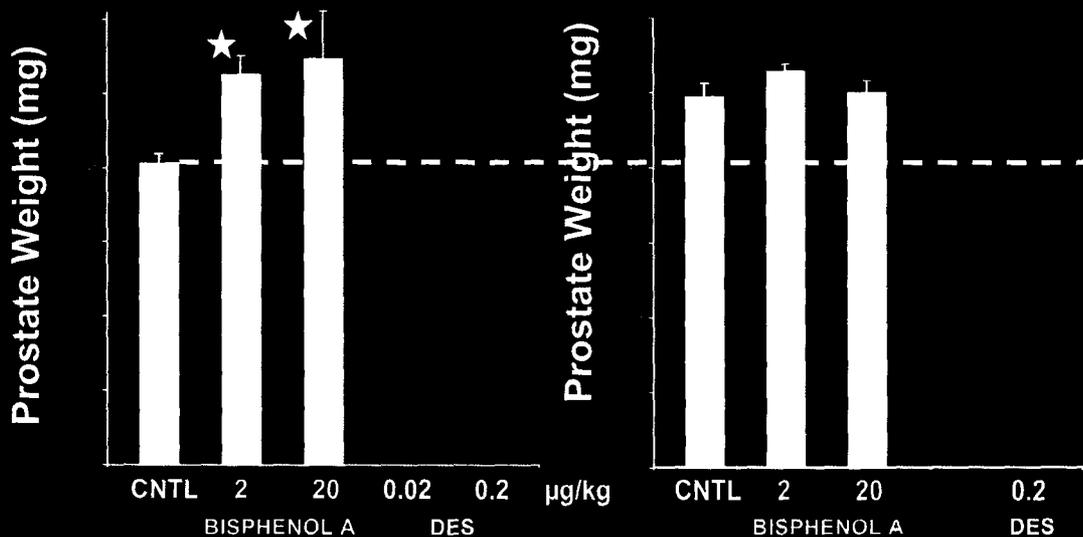


NON REPLICATION OF PROSTATE FINDINGS IN GLP STUDIES FUNDED BY THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

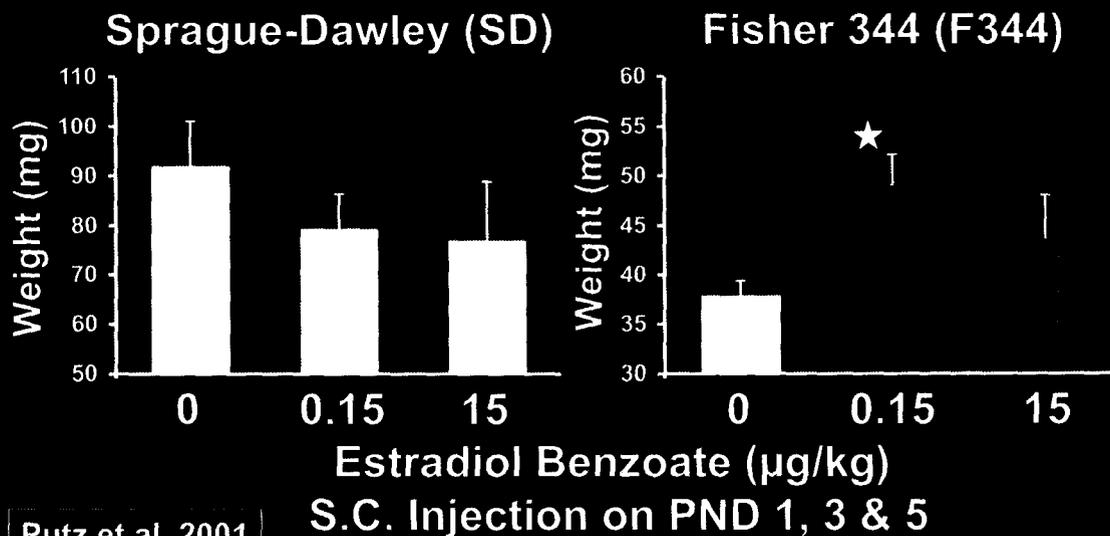
COMPARISON OF PROSTATE WEIGHT IN 6-MONTH-OLD CF-1 MALE MICE IN UNIV. MISSOURI (NON-GLP) VS. INDUSTRY (GLP) STUDIES

University of Missouri
(Nagel et al., 1997)
(vomSaal et al., 1997)

Plastics Industry
(Ashby et al., 1999)



STRAIN DIFFERENCES IN THE EFFECTS OF NEONATAL ESTRADIOL BENZOATE ON DORSAL PROSTATE WEIGHT IN ADULT SD AND F344 RATS



Putz et al. 2001
Biol. Reprod.

IN VIVO BISPHENOL A STUDIES THAT USED THE CHARLES RIVER SPRAGUE-DAWLEY (CD-SD) OR THE LONG EVANS (LE) RAT

REPORTED STUDY OUTCOME

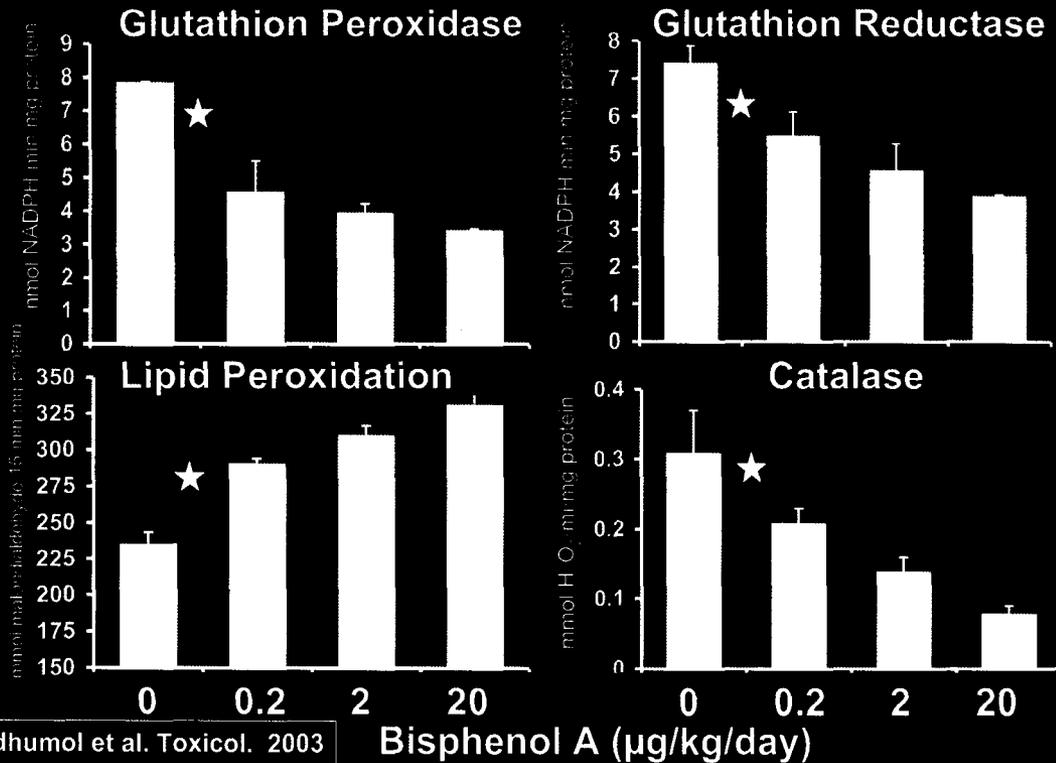
HARM	NO HARM	TOTAL
2 (12%)	15 (88%)	17

These rats do not respond to doses of the estrogenic drug ethinylestradiol (EE) in birth control pills (0.3 µg/kg/day). They require 5 - 50 µg/kg/day EE to show any gross effects.

vom Saal and Hughes, 2005
Environ. Health Perspect.

- Type 2 diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease

Prenatal Bisphenol A Alters Liver Enzymes in Rats



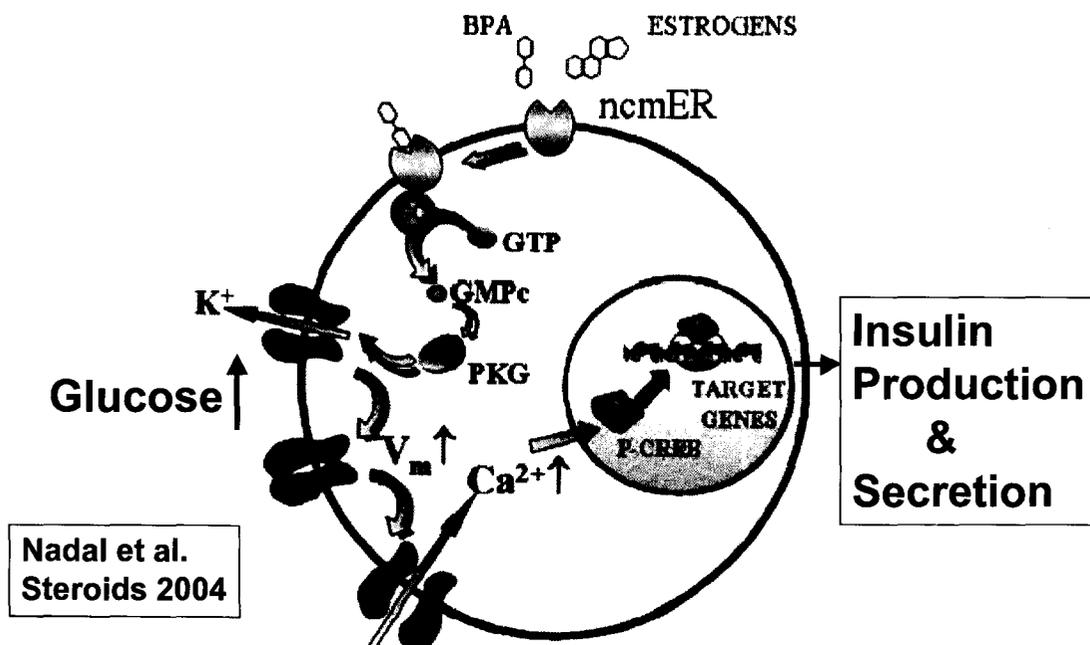
Mechanism: We consider the following likely but requiring confirmation

Estrogen Receptor (ER) action

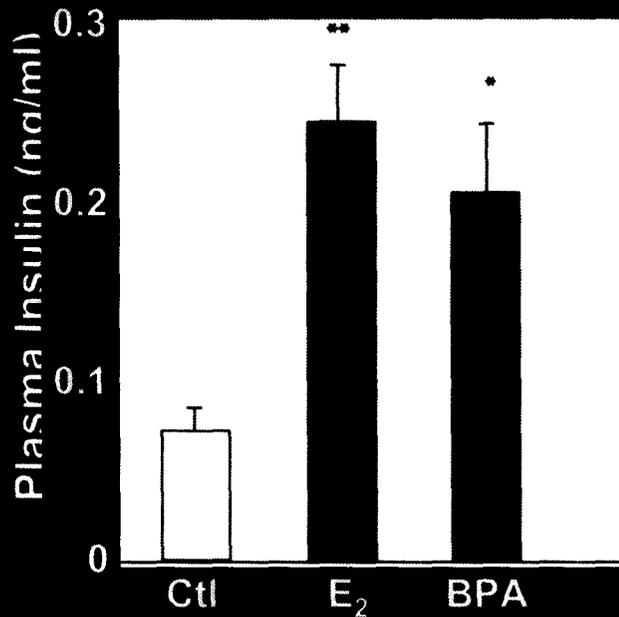
- Receptor sub-type is important for biological outcome
 - **Very low dose effects of BPA are likely mediated by rapid signaling systems activated by ERs**

BPA Expert Panel Consensus Statement
NIEHS/EPOA, November 2006

Bisphenol A Activates cAMP Responsive Element Binding Protein (CREB) in Mouse Pancreatic β Cells Resulting in Insulin Secretion

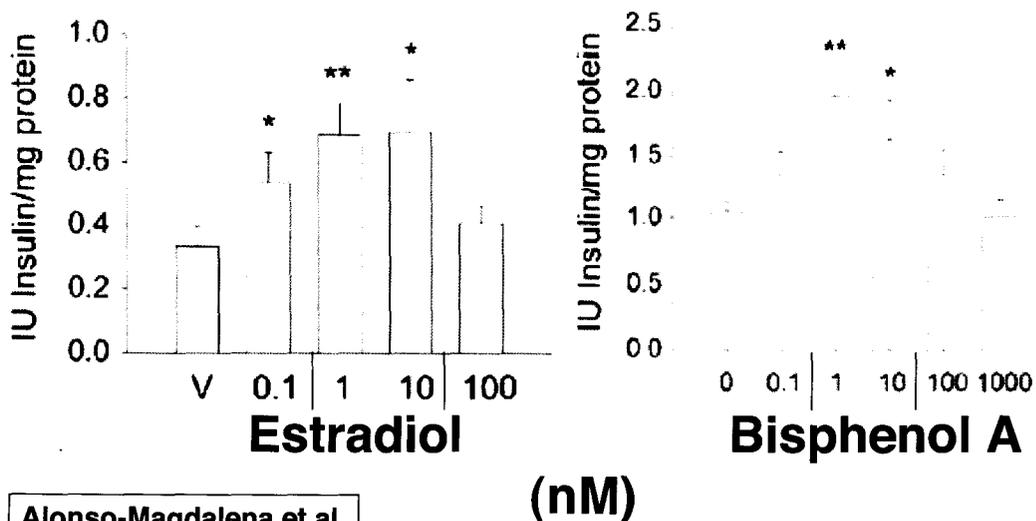


BISPHENOL A STIMULATES INSULIN SECRETION IN MICE



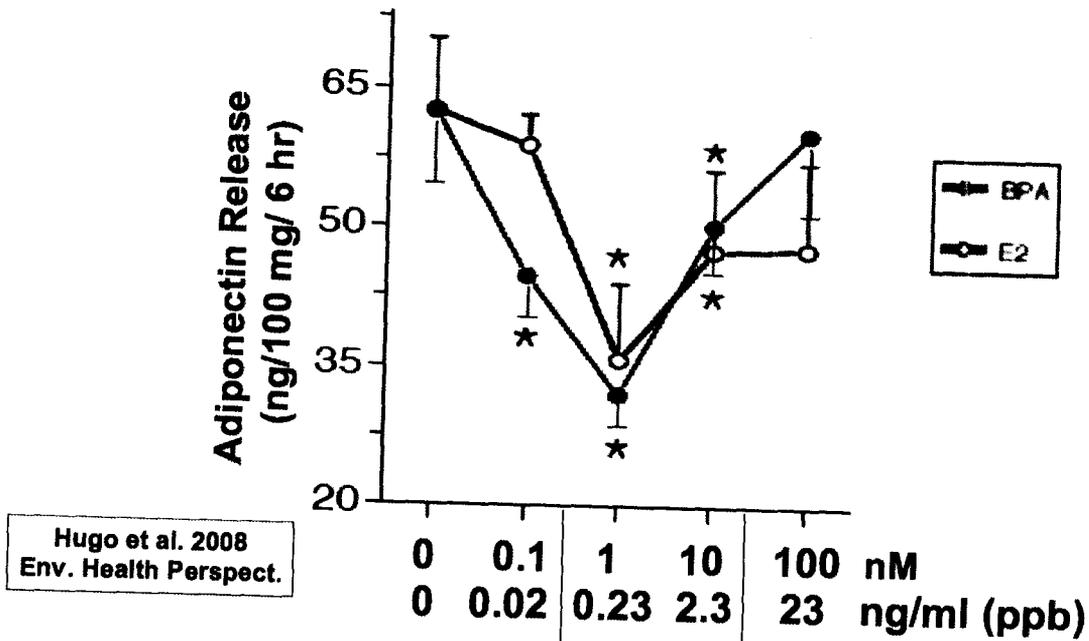
Alonso-Magdalena et al.
Env. Health Pers. 2006

ESTRADIOL AND BISPHENOL A STIMULATE INSULIN RELEASE FROM MOUSE PANCREATIC β CELLS AT LOW DOSES



Alonso-Magdalena et al.
PLoS ONE, 2008

BISPHENOL A AND ESTRADIOL INHIBIT ADIPONECTIN RELEASE FROM HUMAN ABDOMINAL SUBCUTANEOUS FAT CELLS AT LOW BUT NOT HIGH DOSES



ESTROGENIC POTENCY OF BISPHENOL A

Production: about 7-billion pounds per year

ESTRADIOL AND BISPHENOL A ALTER:

- Human Fat Cells
- Human Prostate & Breast Cancer Cells
- Rat Brain cells
- Rat Pituitary Cells
- Mouse Pancreatic Cells
- Mouse Prostate Cells

Human Exposure

0.01	0.1	1	10	100	1	10	100	1	10	100	1	10	100	1.0
(pg/ml)					(ng/ml)			(µg/ml)			(mg/ml)			
Parts Per trillion					billion			million			thousand			

Welshons et al. Endocrinology 147:S56, 2006

CONCERNS

- ◆ There is consensus that fetuses and infants are at greatest risk for harm due to exposure to very low doses of BPA.
- ◆ The sharp increase in metabolic diseases in children and adolescents has paralleled the increase in the use of BPA in products targeted at infants and children.

DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS IN MICE & RATS

Abnormal urethra

Prostate hyperplasia & cancer

Sperm count decrease

Mammary hyperplasia & cancer

Ovarian cysts / Uterine fibroids

Abnormal oocyte chromosomes

Early puberty in females

Hyperactivity / Impaired learning

Body weight increase

HUMAN HEALTH TRENDS

Hypospadias

Prostate cancer increase

Sperm count decrease

Breast cancer increase

PCOS / Uterine fibroids

Miscarriage

Early sexual maturation

ADHD

Obesity increase

FDA CRITERION FOR DETERMINING THE SAFETY OF FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS

- ◆ **“Safe means that there is reasonable certainty in the minds of competent scientists that the substance is not harmful under the intended conditions of use”.**
- ◆ **The world’s leading experts predicted in the Chapel Hill Consensus statement with a high level of confidence that at current levels of exposure, BPA posed a threat to human health.**

CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ **Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) has been misinterpreted by FDA as “good science” instead of good record keeping.**
- ◆ **The FDA has ignored hundreds of studies warning of the hazards of BPA.**

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS WEB SITE**

A document containing references and abstracts for studies on bisphenol A is updated periodically.

<http://endocrinedisruptors.missouri.edu/vomsaal/vomsaal.html>