

Bogus claim glyphosate, used with GMOs, causes autism races through cyberspace

She's baa-aack.

Remember Stephanie Seneff? When last Orac discussed her, she had been caught dumpster diving into the VAERS database in order to torture the data to make it confess a “link” between aluminum adjuvants in vaccines and acetaminophen and—you guessed it!—autism. It was a bad paper in a bad journal known as [Entropy](#) that [I deconstructed in detail](#) around two years ago.

Seneff is an MIT scientist, but she is not a scientist with any expertise in autism, epidemiology, or, for that matter, any relevant scientific discipline that would give her the background knowledge and skill set to take on analyzing the epidemiological literature regarding autism.

Just before Christmas, a bunch of articles started making the rounds in the usual places citing a senior MIT scientist as proclaiming mind-numbingly ridiculous things like, [>Half of All Children Will Be Autistic by 2025, Warns Senior Research Scientist at MIT](#) and, just the other day, [MIT scientist links autism to Monsanto's Roundup and predicts HALF of U.S. children will be autistic by 2025](#).

I must admit, when I clicked on the link to the “correlation,” I couldn't stop laughing. It was one of the most hilarious examples of confusing correlation with causation that I've ever seen.

One thing I like to do to demonstrate how correlation usually does not equal causation, particularly for looking at things like vaccines and autism, is to point out other things that have increased dramatically since the early 1990s or before.

Why doesn't [organic food cause autism](#)? Obviously, this evidence is just as strong that organic food must be responsible for the autism “epidemic” as Seneff's “evidence” that GMOs.

Read full, original article: [Oh, no! GMOs are going to make everyone autistic!](#)