

IMPACT OF AIR POLLUTION ON LUNG DISEASE IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT

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Food inflation in double digits
What makes inflation double-digit is not just the price of food but also the price of other commodities like oil and sugar.

Manila legal rival
The Philippines and the United States are at odds over the legality of the US military presence in the country.

Protest at Sea
A group of protesters is demonstrating against the government's policies.

Tobacco tax offers smuggler incentive
The government's new tobacco tax policy is seen as a reward for smugglers.

Sen quits before LS trial
A senior politician has resigned before facing a trial in the lower house.

Cross-continental survey raises deeper air pollution fears than suspected

World's worst lungs are in India

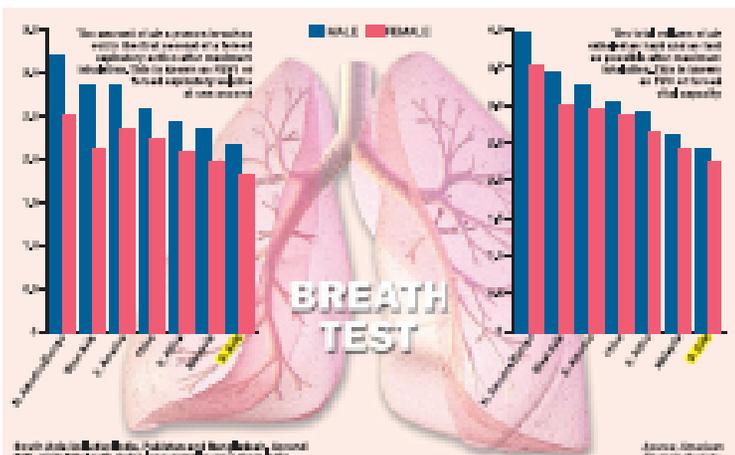
ANALYSIS

They breathe, lungs in India, are the world's worst, according to a new study. The research, published in the journal *PLoS ONE*, shows that the lungs of people living in India are the most damaged in the world.

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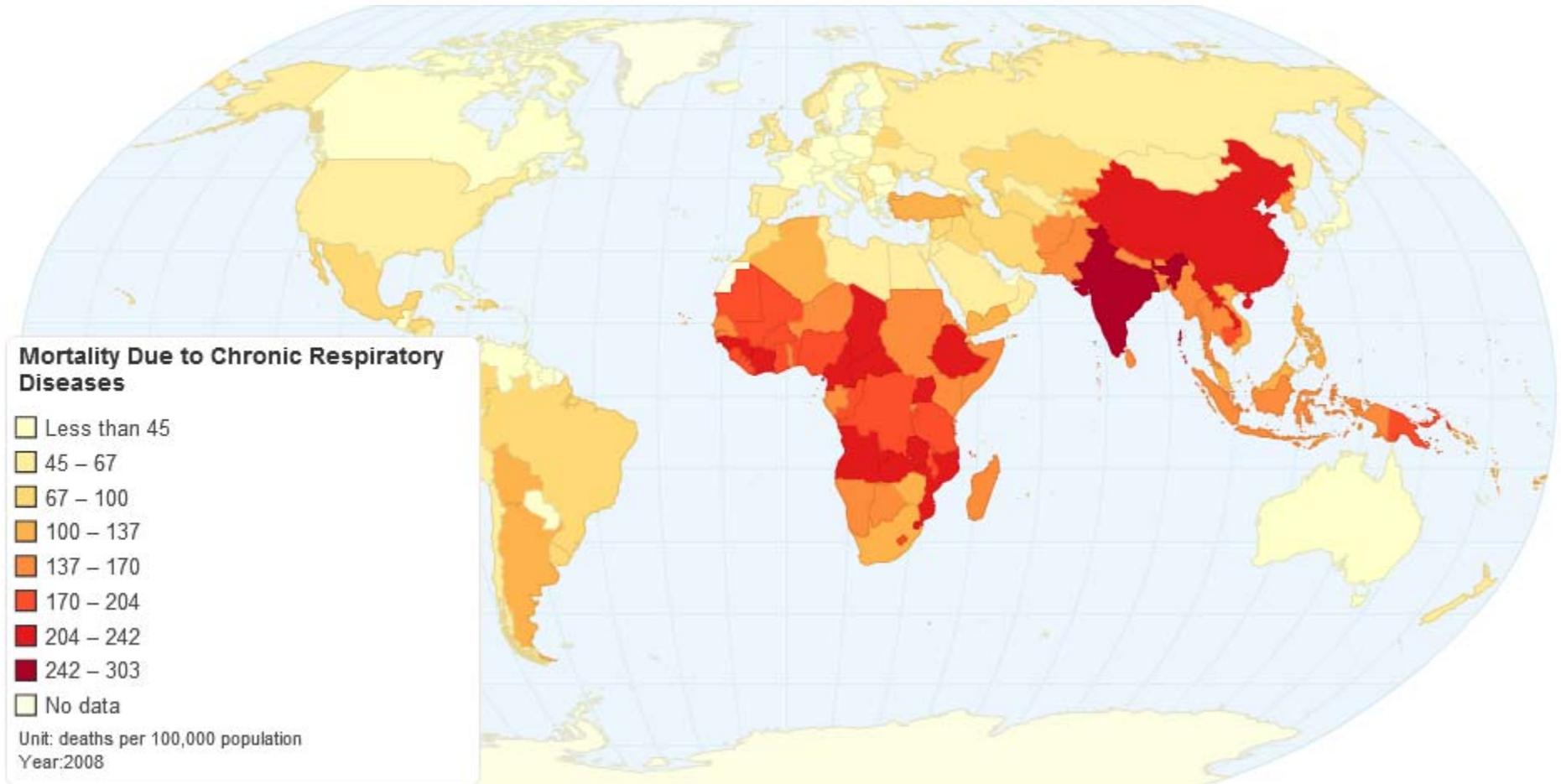
The Telegraph
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FVC and FEV1 values are 30% lower than the Europeans/North Americans

- Ethnic factors
- Nutritional factors
- Quality of air we breathe

(ATS Abstract, May 2011)

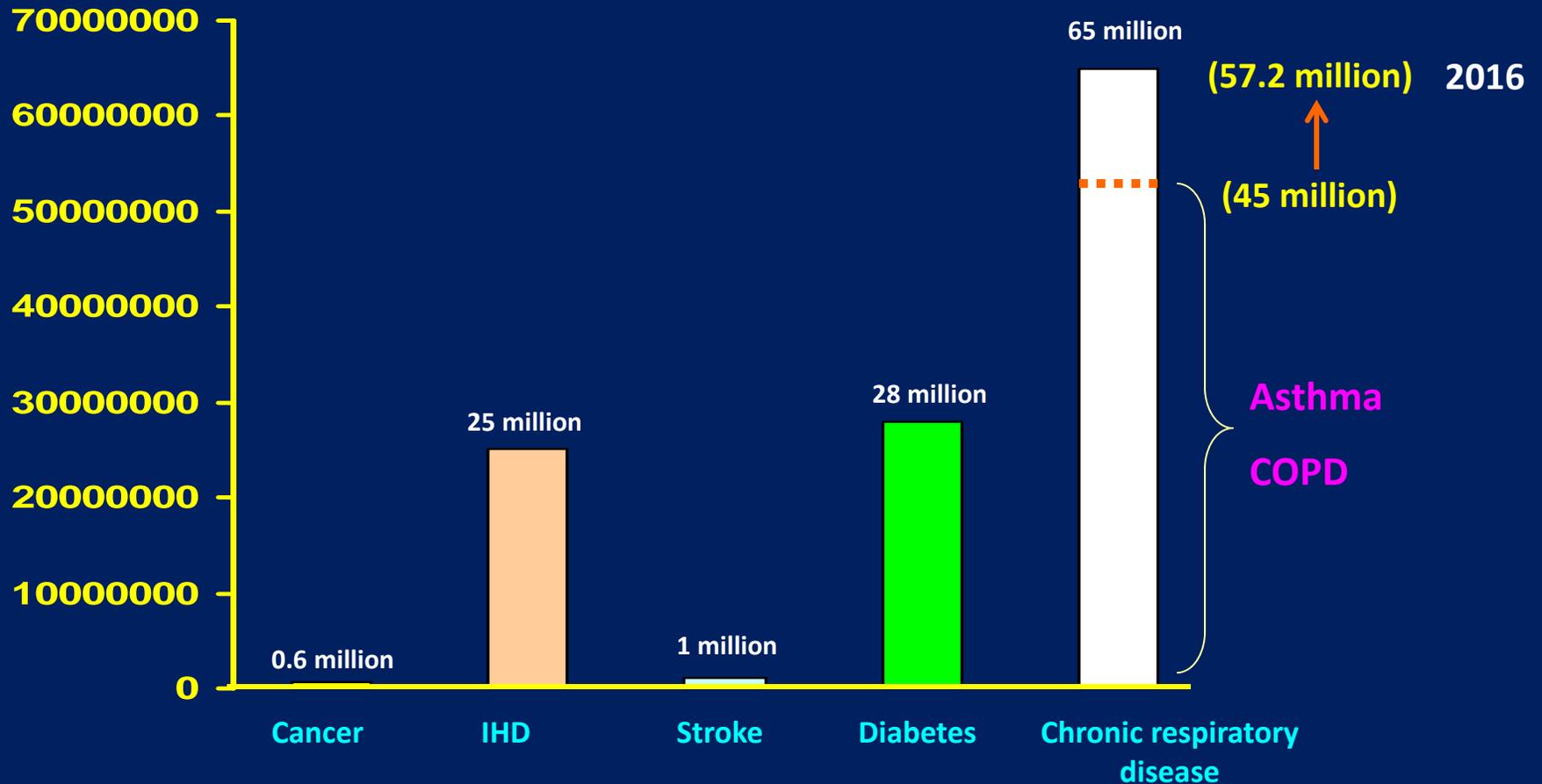
GLOBAL MORTALITY DUE TO CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES



Mortality due to Chronic respiratory diseases, Global Health Observatory Data Repository, World Health Organisation (WHO), viewed 4th November, 2011



ESTIMATED MORBIDITY FOR NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN INDIA

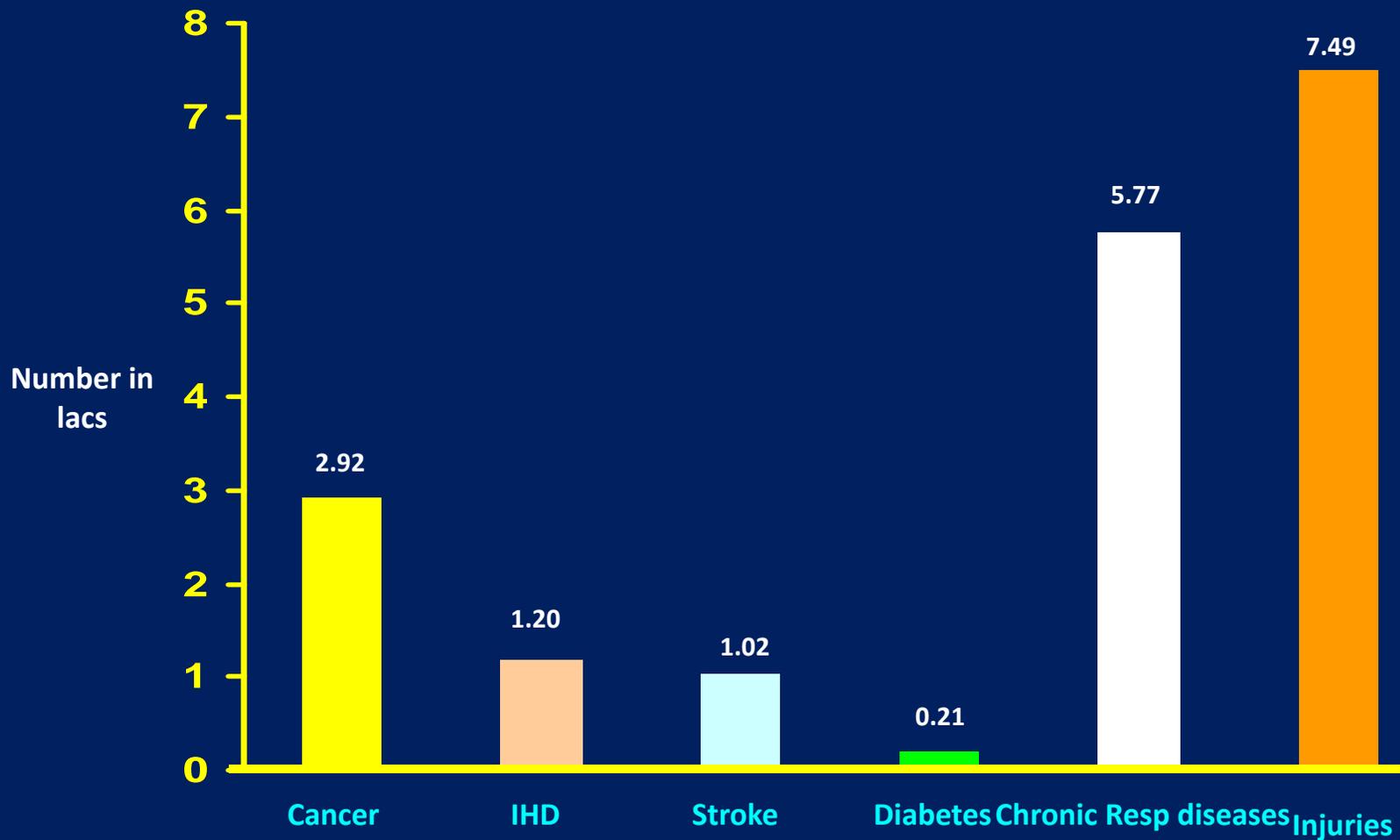


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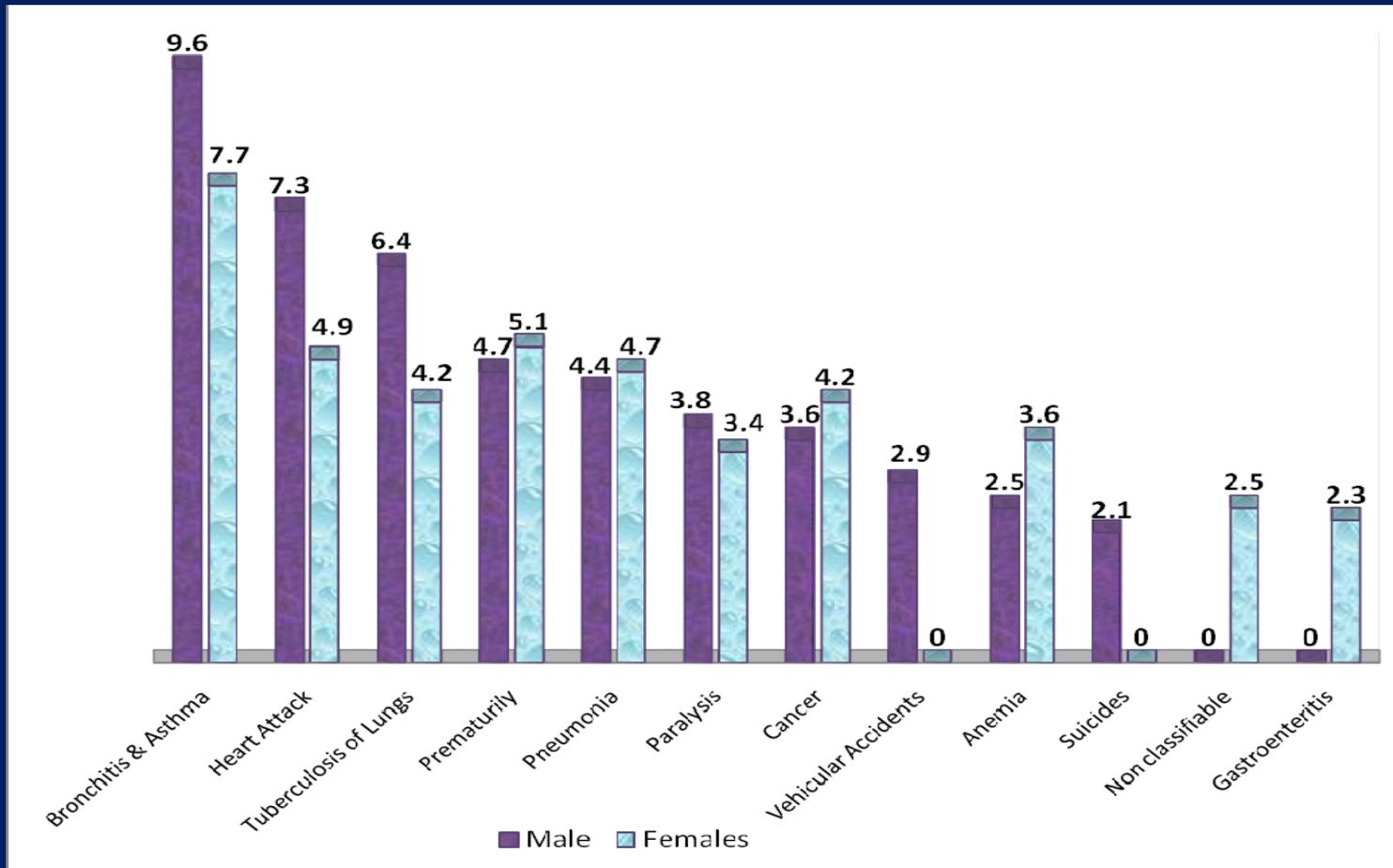
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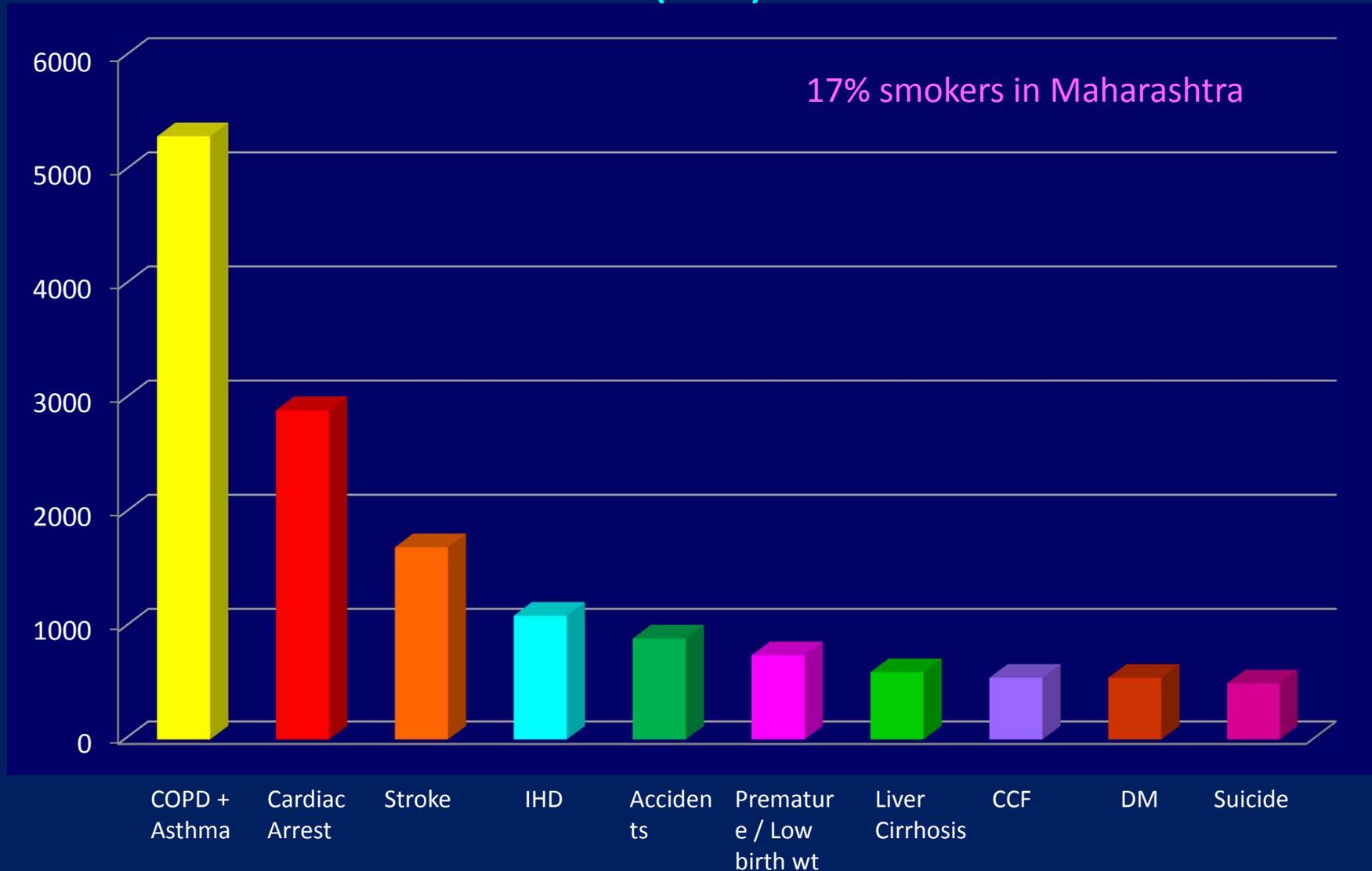
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(Ramanakumar et al, The Internet J Epidemiol 2005: 2(2): DOI: 10.5580/3ed

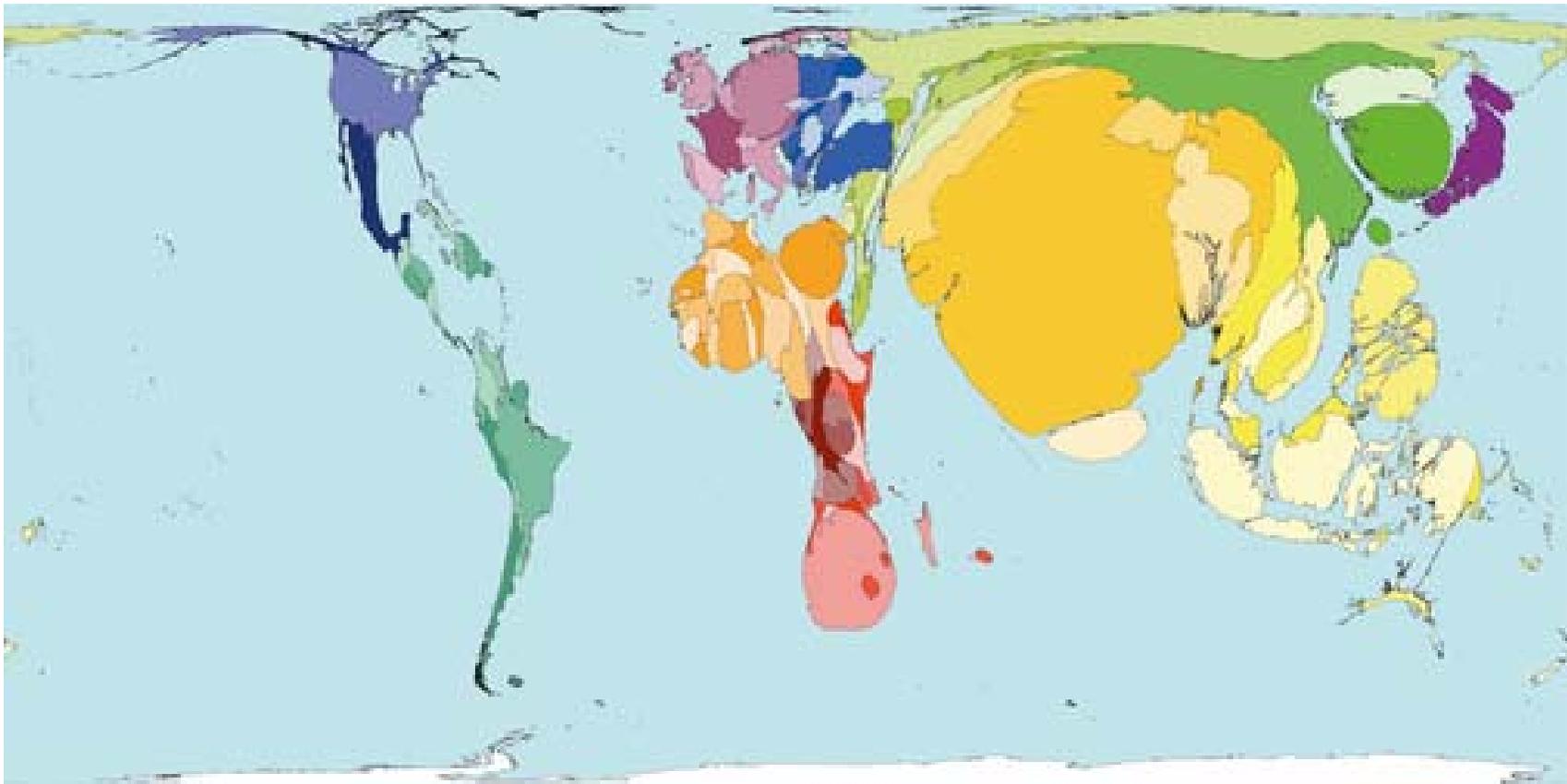
TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAHARASHTRA, INDIA

(2008)



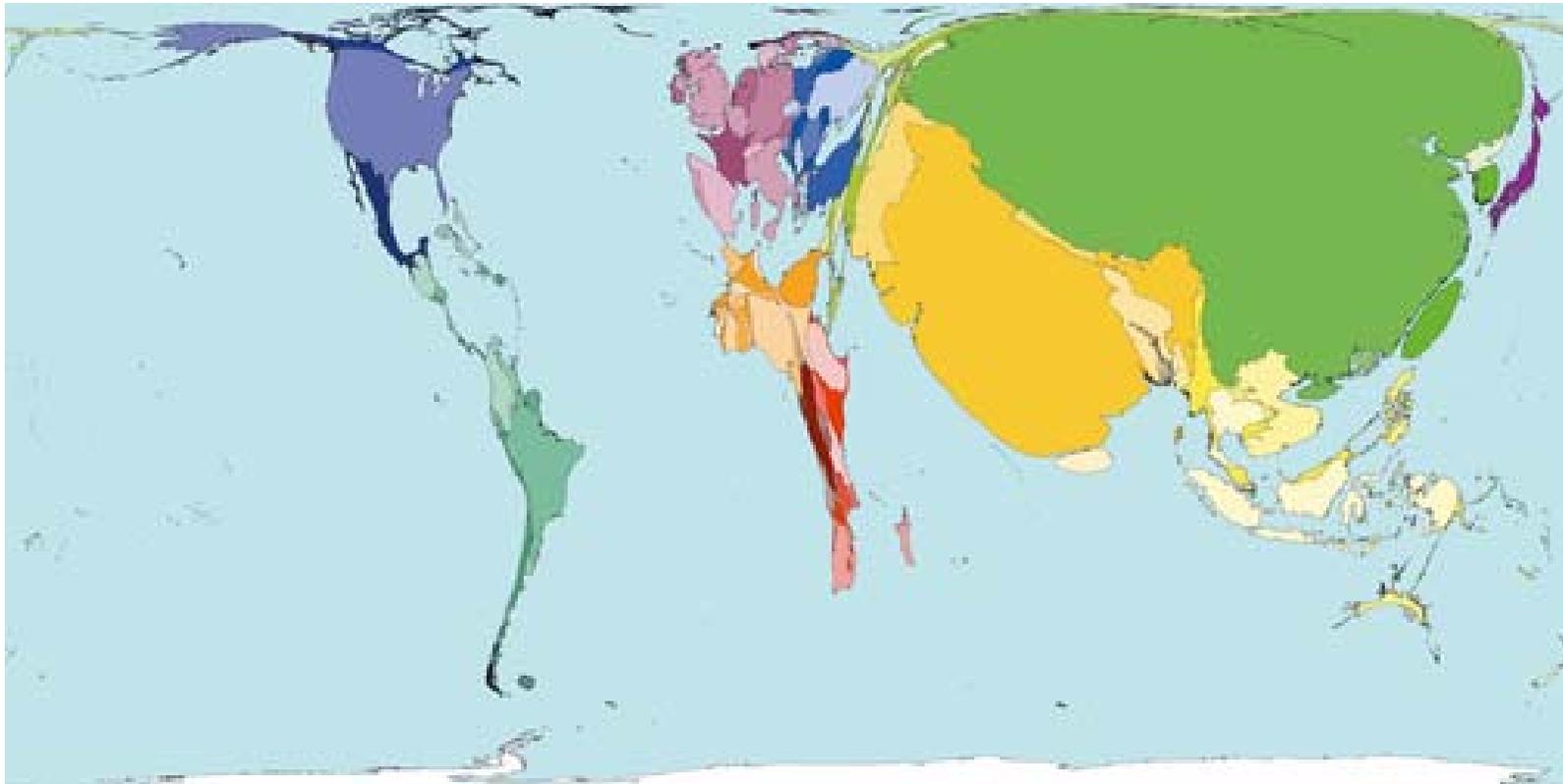
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GLOBAL ASTHMA MORTALITY



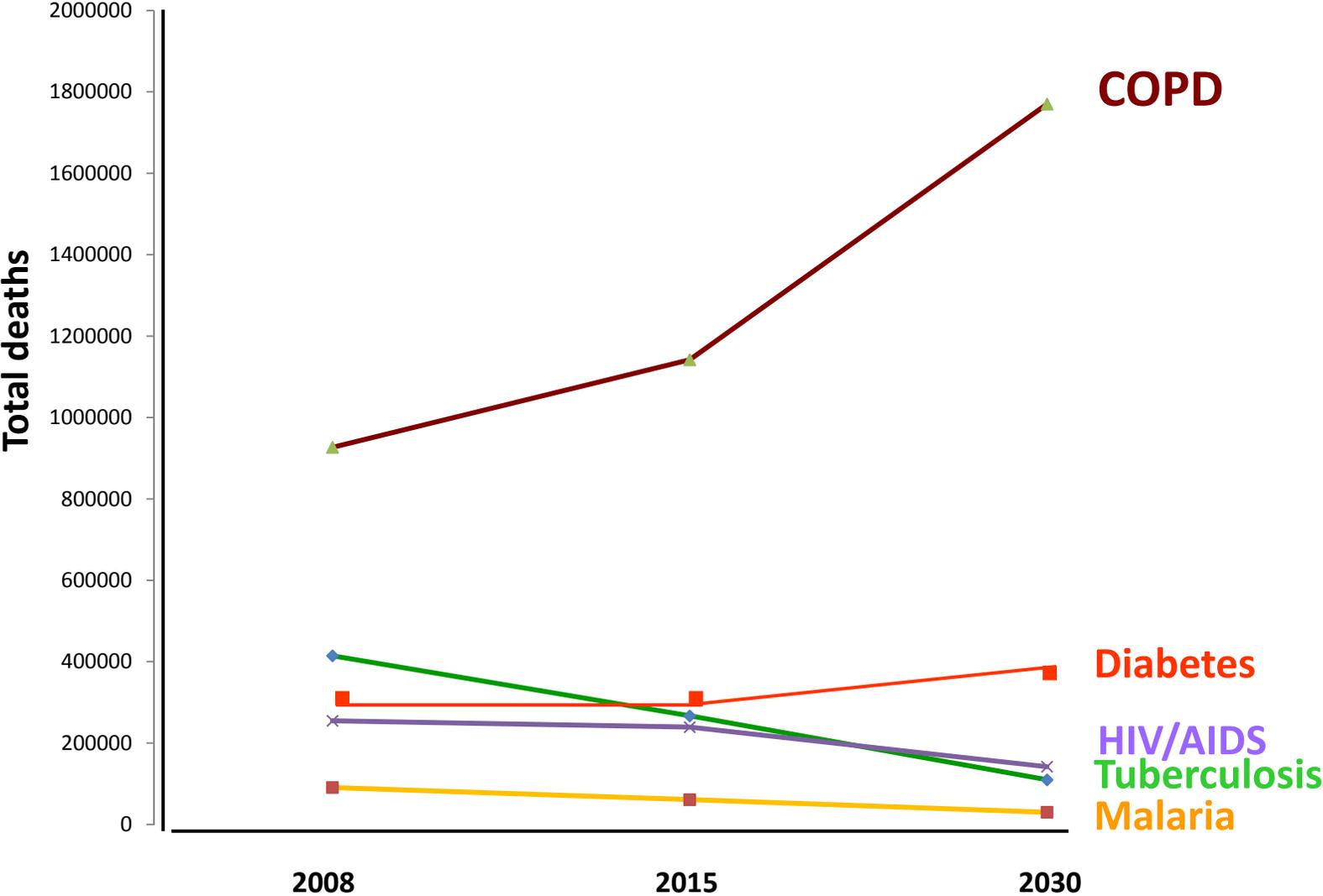
(http://www.worldmapper.org/display_extra.php?selected=459)

GLOBAL COPD MORTALITY



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CAUSES OF DEATHS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIAN REGION



From: The Global Burden of Disease, WHO 2008

WHAT AILS INDIA?

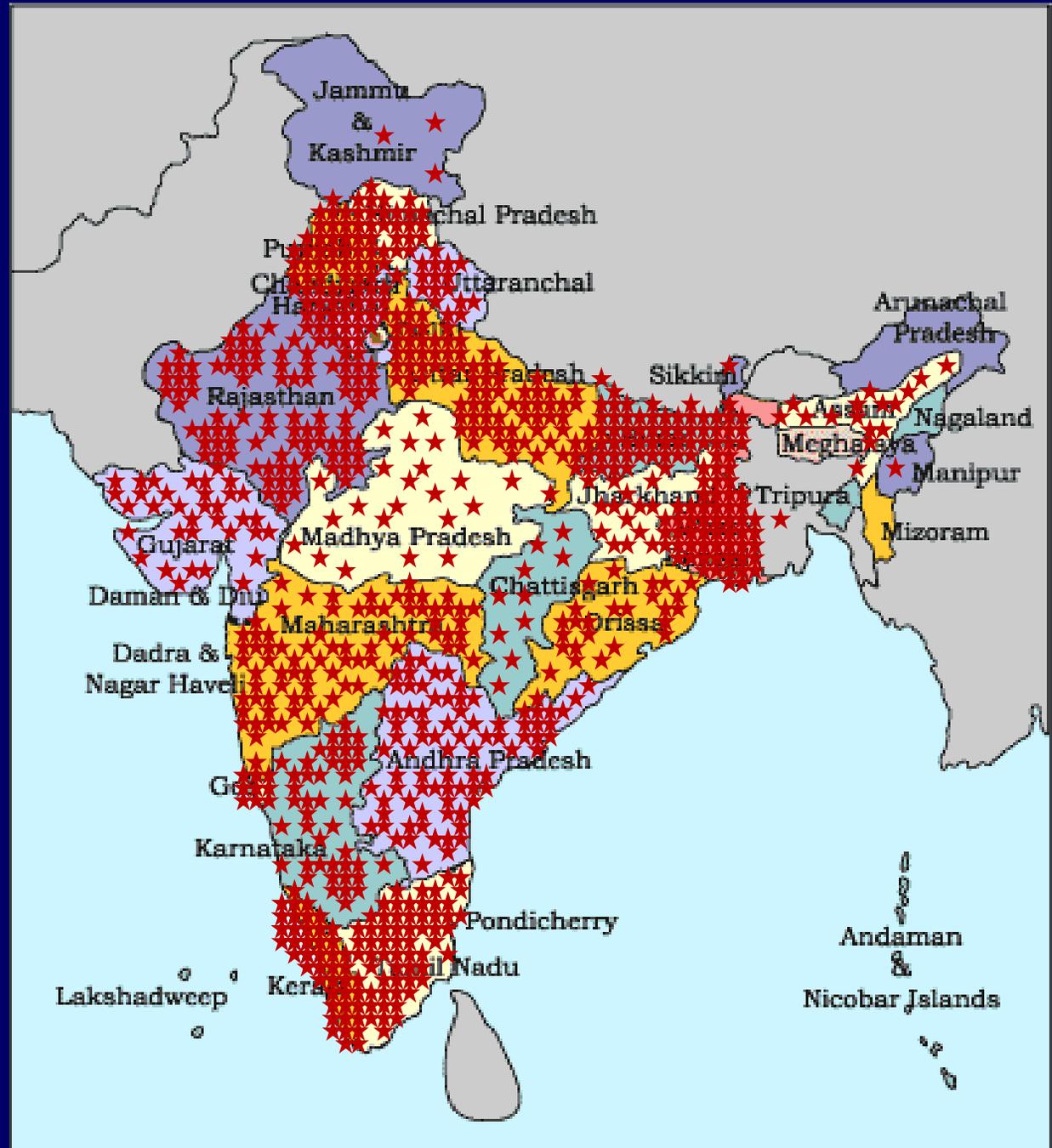
13,225 doctors across
India

- General Physicians
- General Practitioners
- Pediatricians

888 cities and
towns across India

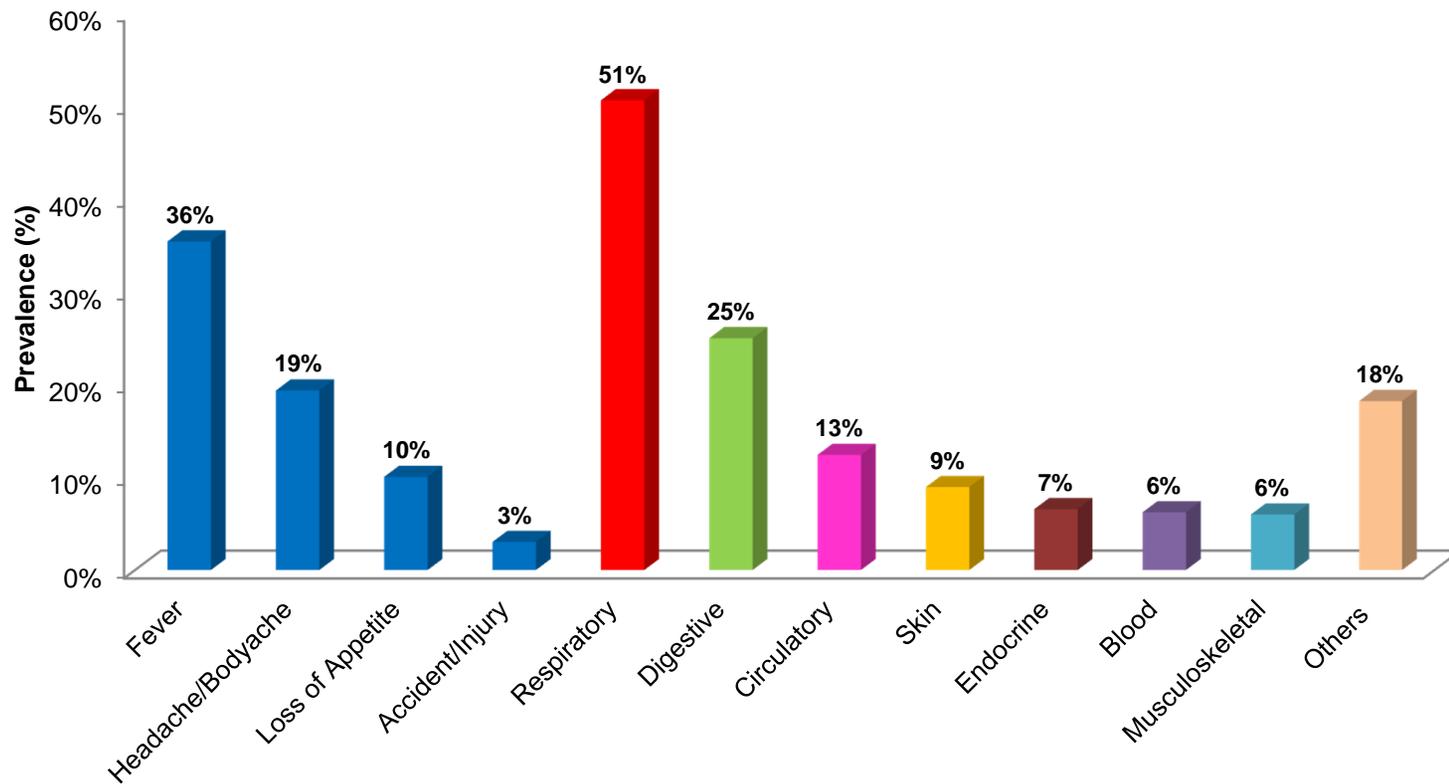
1st February 2011

2,04,912 patients



MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS FOR WHICH A PATIENT VISITS A DOCTOR (NON-SPECIALIST) IN INDIA

Prevalence of Different symptoms in Indian Population



Pune city

>20,000 children

2003 – 2.9%
2008 – 5.4%



‘Child asthma cases have doubled in 5 yrs’

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Pune: The number of children suffering from asthma in the city has almost doubled in the last five years, a study carried out by the Chest Research Foundation (CRF) here has revealed.

The study, revealed on the eve of World Asthma Day, was conducted in 17 randomly selected schools across the city on 3,909 children. Interestingly, asthma was found to be more prevalent amongst students in private schools (5.9 per cent) compared to their counterparts in municipal schools (4.7 per cent).

“The first study, completed in 2003, had shown that asthma prevailed amongst 2.9 per cent of schoolchildren in Pune. The study was repeated in 2008-2009 using the same tools and meth-

Risk factors

- Children born through Caesarean section
- Those born in homes that use biomass fuel for cooking
- Motor vehicle pollution
- Children who receive mixed feeds during the first six months
- Children with family history of asthma

ods on the same population. We have found that childhood asthma is now prevalent amongst 5.4 per cent, a jump of over 80 per cent,” said chest physician Sundeep Salvi, who is the director of CRF.

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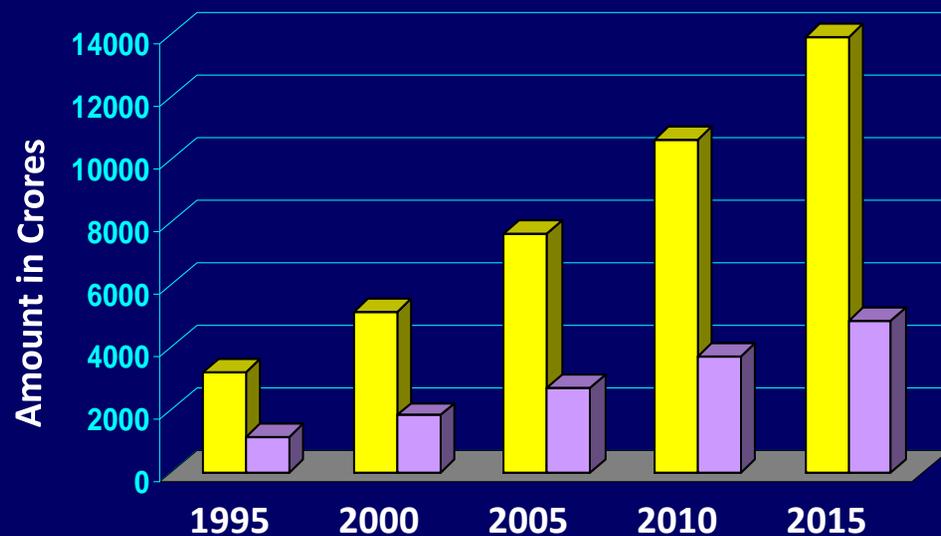
(Times of India, 5th May 2009)



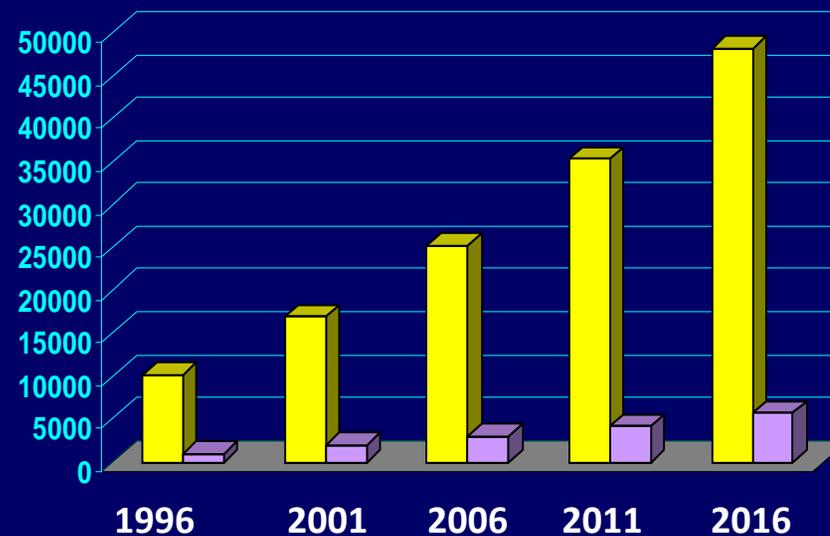
ECONOMIC BURDEN OF ASTHMA AND COPD IN INDIA (Estimated figures for 2010)

US \$ 2.5 billion

US \$ 7.5 billion



ASTHMA



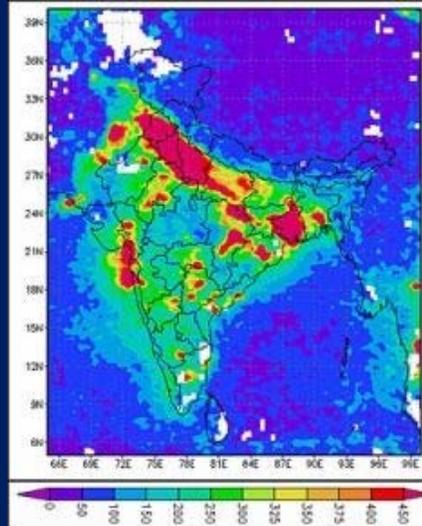
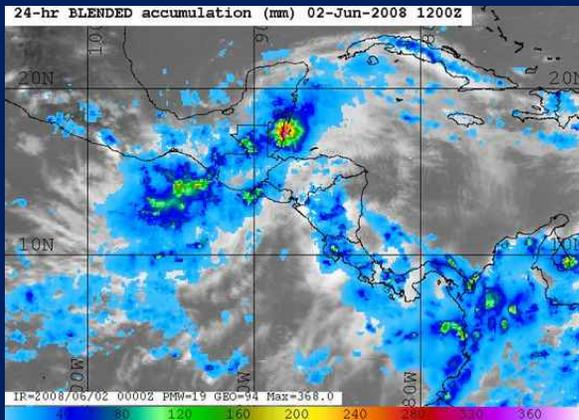
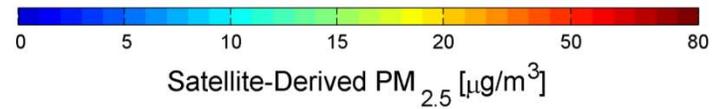
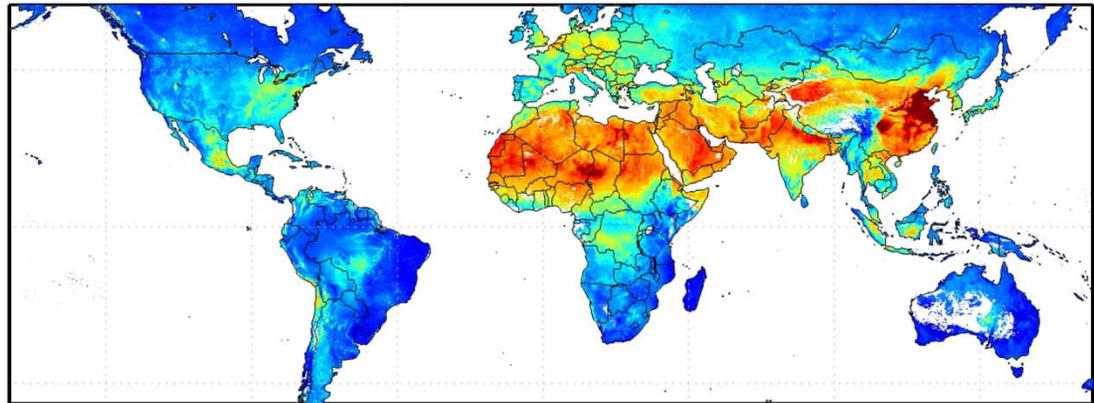
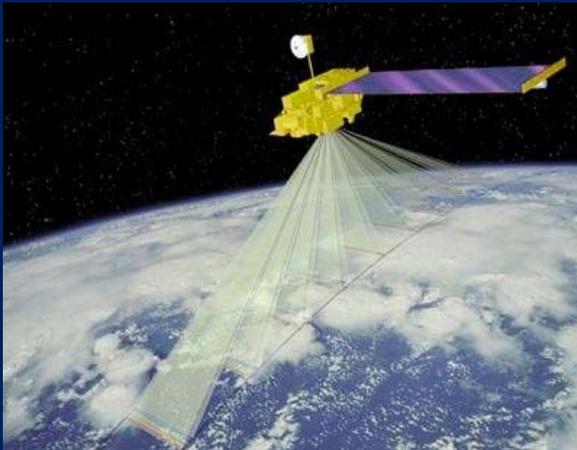
COPD

Current

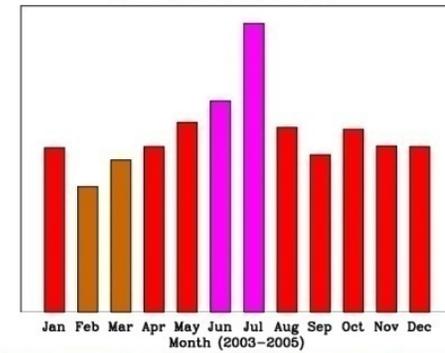
If we follow guidelines

(Murthy KJR et al, NCMH Background Papers, 2005)

Remote sensing of air pollution from space



Jan 2003 to Dec 2005 Delhi

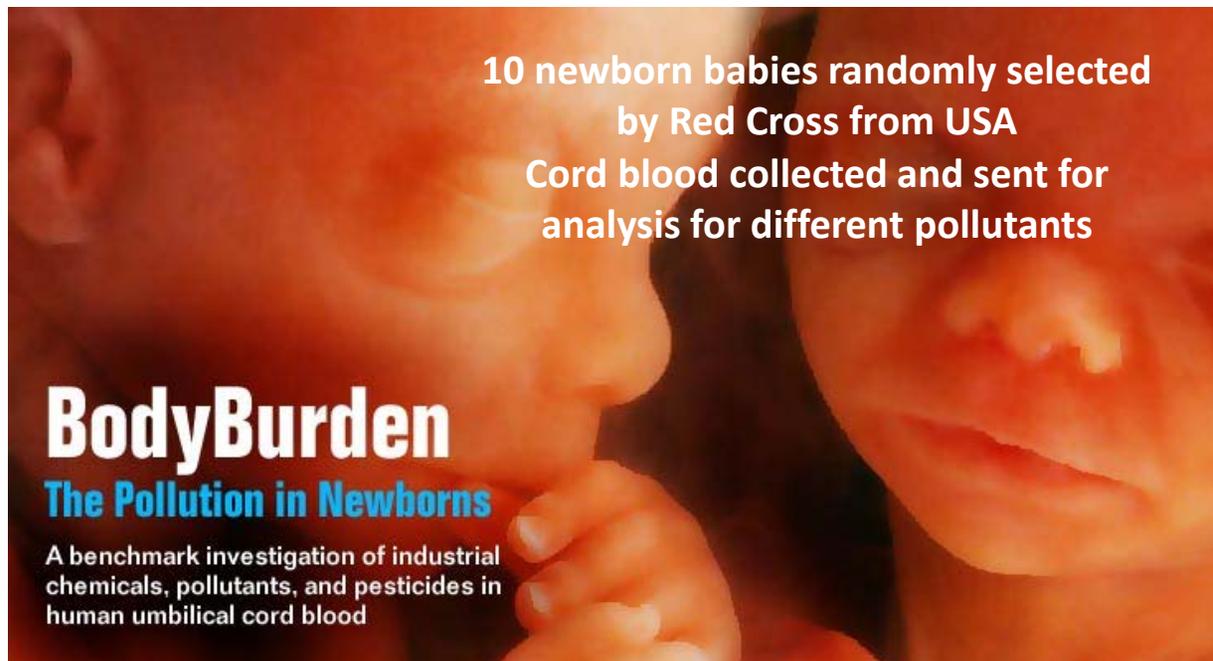


AQC	Good	Moderate	Unh. for Sen.Gr.	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy
AQI	000-050	051-100	101-150	151-200	201-300
PM _{2.5}	0.0-15.5	15.5-40.5	40.5-65.5	65.5-150.5	150.5-250.5

(Indian Inst. of Tropical Meteorology)

(Van Donkelaar et al. Environ Health Perspect 2010; 118(6): 847 DOI: 10.1289/ehp.0901623)

DO POLLUTANTS INHALED BY THE MOTHER ENTER INTO THE GROWING FETUS?



**287 pollutants, chemicals, pesticides identified in
the umbilical cord blood**

(<http://www.ewg.org/reports/bodyburden2/execsumm.php>)

Residential Proximity to main roads during Pregnancy and Risk of Asthma

Japanese Birth Cohort Study, 756 pregnant mothers,
Babies followed for 2 yrs after birth



<50 mts versus >200 mts

Doctor diagnosed asthma: 4.0 (1.4-11.2)

Doctor diagnosed eczema: 2.3 (1.1-4.6)

Maternal exposure to vehicular pollutants during pregnancy is strongly associated with early childhood asthma

(Miyake Y et al, *Pediatr Allergy Immunol* 2010; 21: 22-28)



TRUCK TRAFFIC DENSITY AND CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

Current wheeze vs Truck traffic on street of residence
(n = 513,087; 98 countries, 238 centers) ISAAC III Study

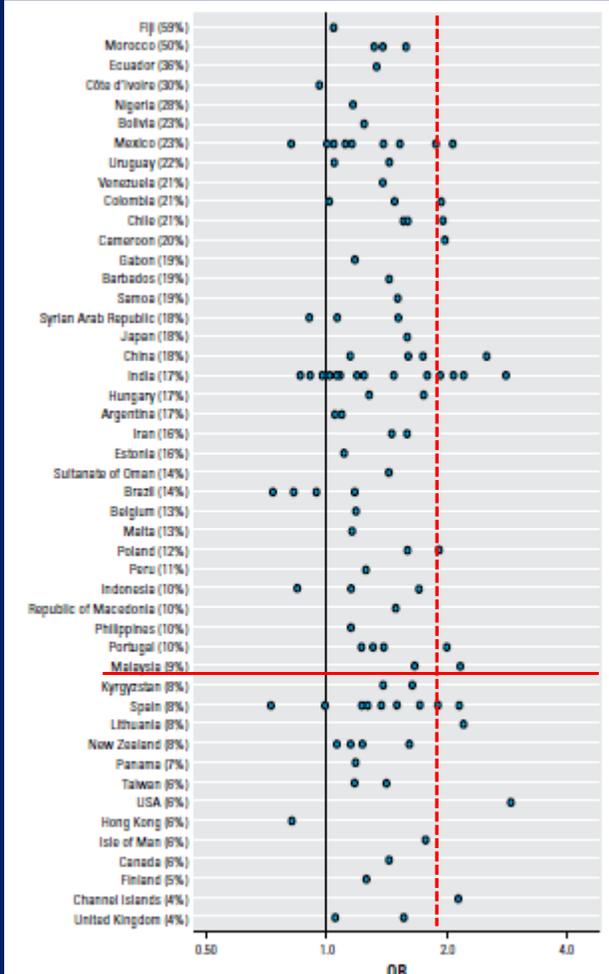


Figure 4. ORs of wheeze in 13- to 14-year-olds for "almost the whole day" truck traffic versus "never," by center and country. Percentages shown are for "almost the whole day."

Table 6. Adjusted^a association between self-reported truck traffic on the street of residence and current wheeze in 6- to 7-year-old children participating in the ISAAC phase 3 study in different parts of the world.

Region	No.			OR (95% confidence interval) ^b		
	Country	Center	Total	High vs. never	Medium vs. never	Low vs. never
Africa	1	1	833	1.41 (0.24–8.43)	0.32 (0.03–3.32)	0.32 (0.04–2.71)
Asia-Pacific	3	5	13,064	1.27 (0.95–1.69)	1.25 (0.98–1.61)	0.93 (0.75–1.15)
Eastern Mediterranean	2	4	7,882	1.20 (0.83–1.73)	1.12 (0.79–1.59)	0.93 (0.67–1.28)
Indian subcontinent	1	7	16,972	2.43 (1.66–3.56)	1.41 (0.97–2.04)	1.48 (1.06–2.07)
Latin America	5	7	15,641	1.51 (1.22–1.88)	1.33 (1.09–1.61)	1.08 (0.91–1.30)
North America	2	2	3,076	1.60 (1.12–2.29)	1.88 (1.37–2.59)	1.13 (0.87–1.48)
Northern and Eastern Europe	3	3	6,592	1.12 (0.76–1.66)	1.23 (0.87–1.74)	0.98 (0.71–1.36)
Oceania	1	4	9,541	1.08 (0.83–1.41)	1.16 (0.96–1.39)	1.02 (0.87–1.21)
Western Europe	3	12	26,953	1.23 (1.00–1.52)	1.22 (1.06–1.41)	1.07 (0.93–1.22)

^aAdjusted for sex, language, GNI, maternal education, maternal and paternal smoking, exercise, television watching, fast food consumption, current paracetamol use, siblings, and cooking fuel. ^bHigh, almost the whole day; medium, frequently during the day; low, seldom.

Truck traffic density



*Wheeze
*Rhinoconjunctivitis
*Eczema

Living in homes close to busy roads (<50m) is significantly associated with increased asthma risk in children

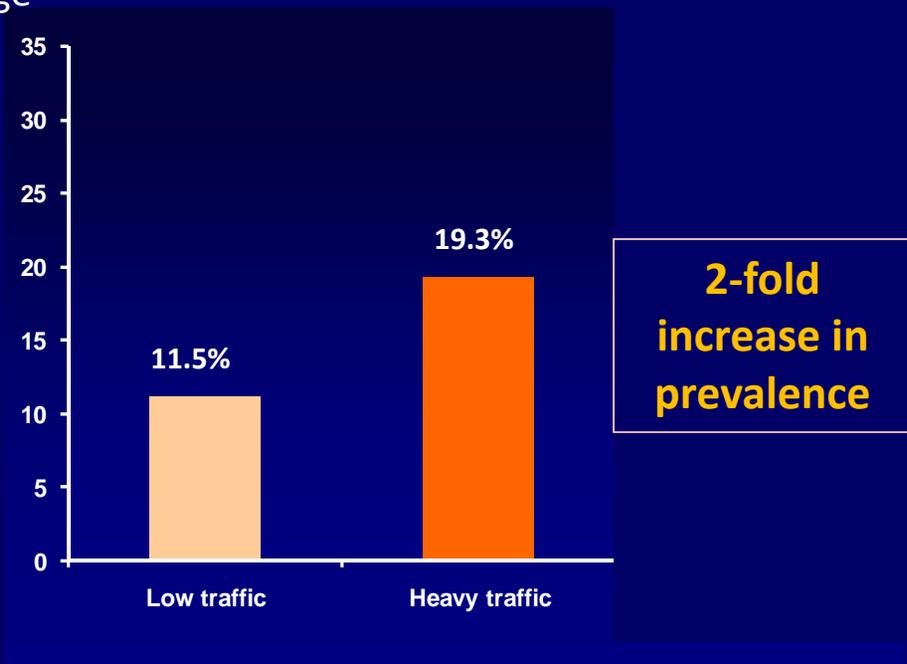
(Brunekreef B et al, Environ Health Perspect 2009; 117: 1791-1798)

Traffic density around school and prevalence of Asthma amongst school children

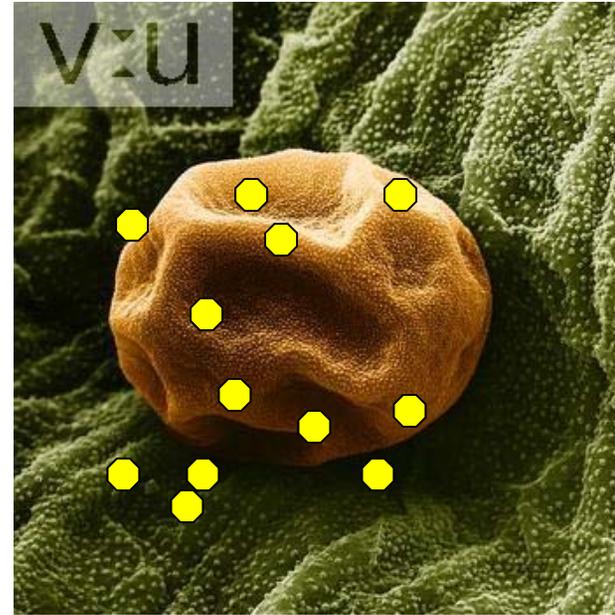
(n = 6550; Bangalore, India)



%age



(Paramesh H. Indian J Paed 2002; 69(4): 309-312)



Diesel exhaust particles increase allergenicity by up to 50-fold

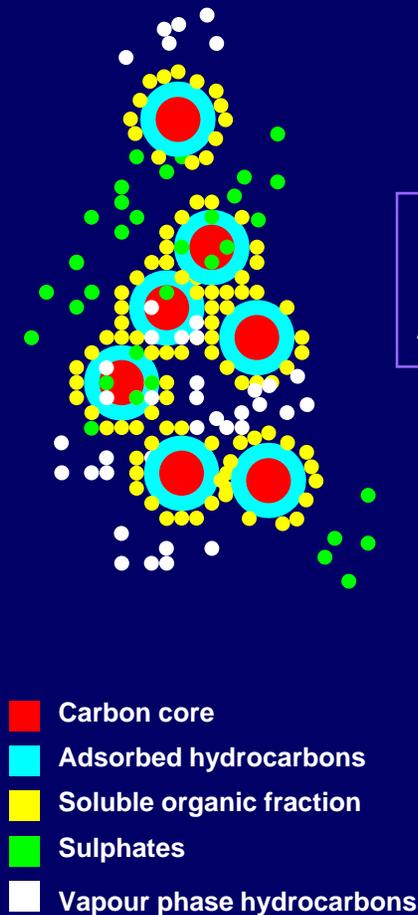
Pollen become more allergenic when these trees grow in an urban environment

(Knox et al, Clin Exp Allergy 1997)

(Takenaka et al, J Allergy Clin Immunol 1995; 95: 103-115)

(Bryce M et al., Int Arch Alergy Immunol 2010; 151: 45-65)

Diesel exhaust particles



Cadmium
Arsenic



DNA methylation



? Increase in allergic diseases that
may last for several generations

EPIGENETICS

(Baccarelli A et al., Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2009; 179: 572-578)

WHICH MODE OF TRANSPORT EXPOSES YOU TO MORE AIR POLLUTANTS?



Autorickshaw



Bus



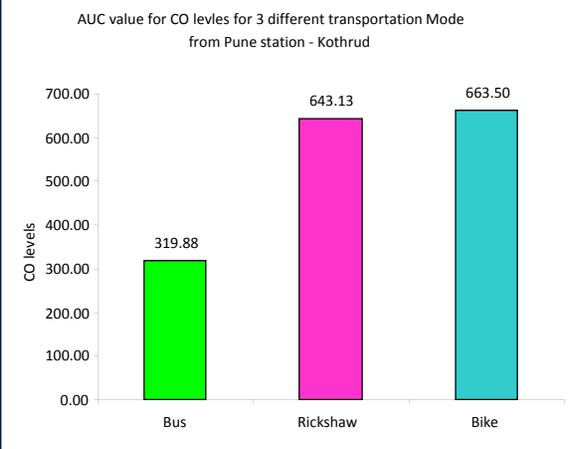
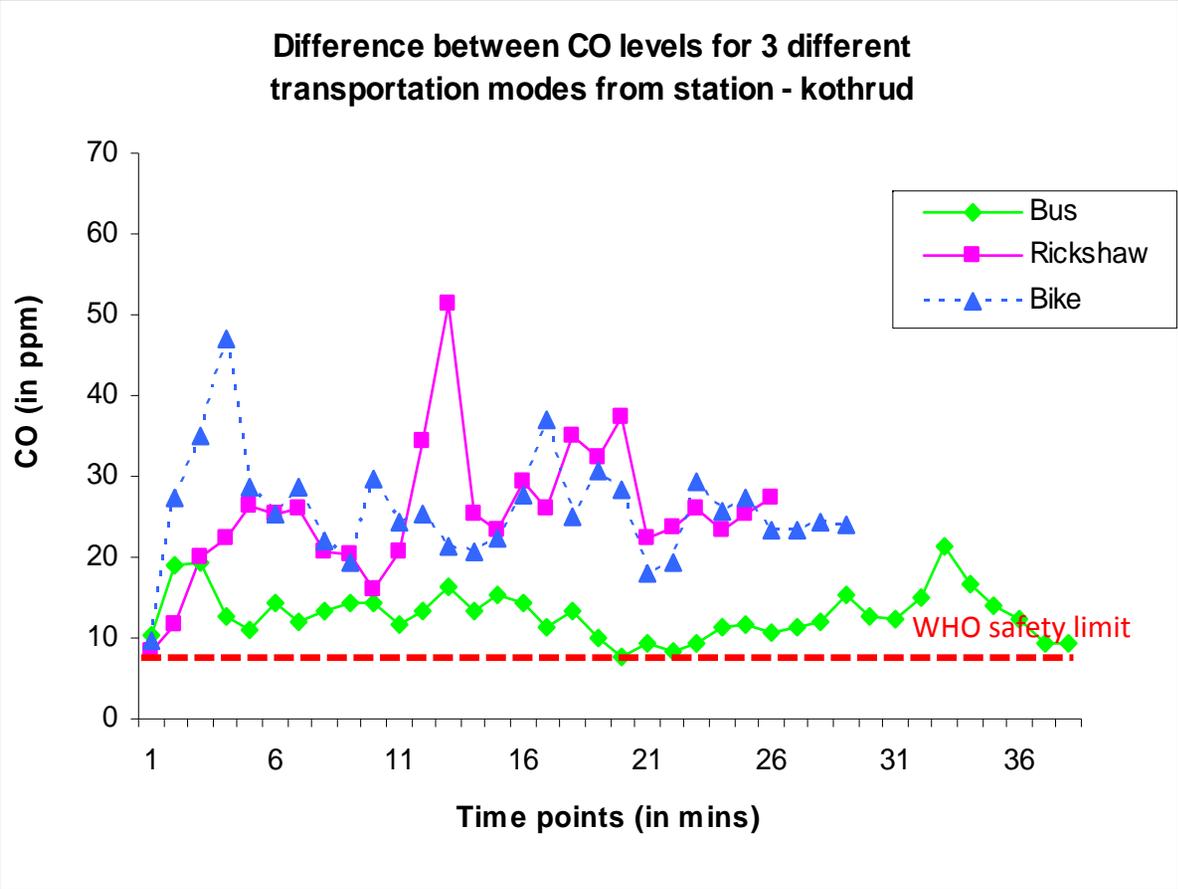
Motor cycle

Station to Kothrud
Deccan to Hadapsar



(Chest Research Foundation, 2007)

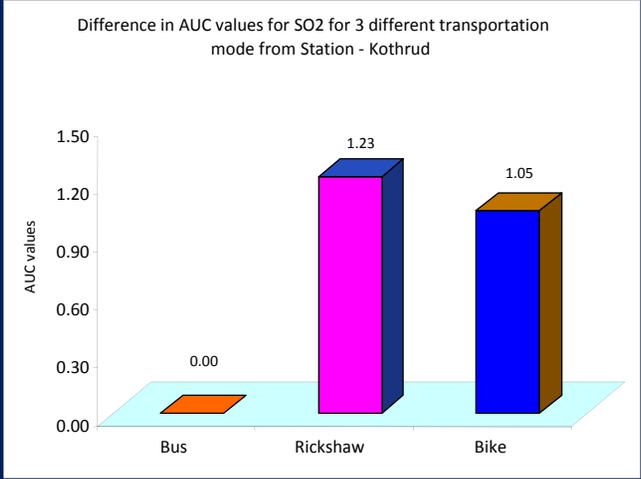
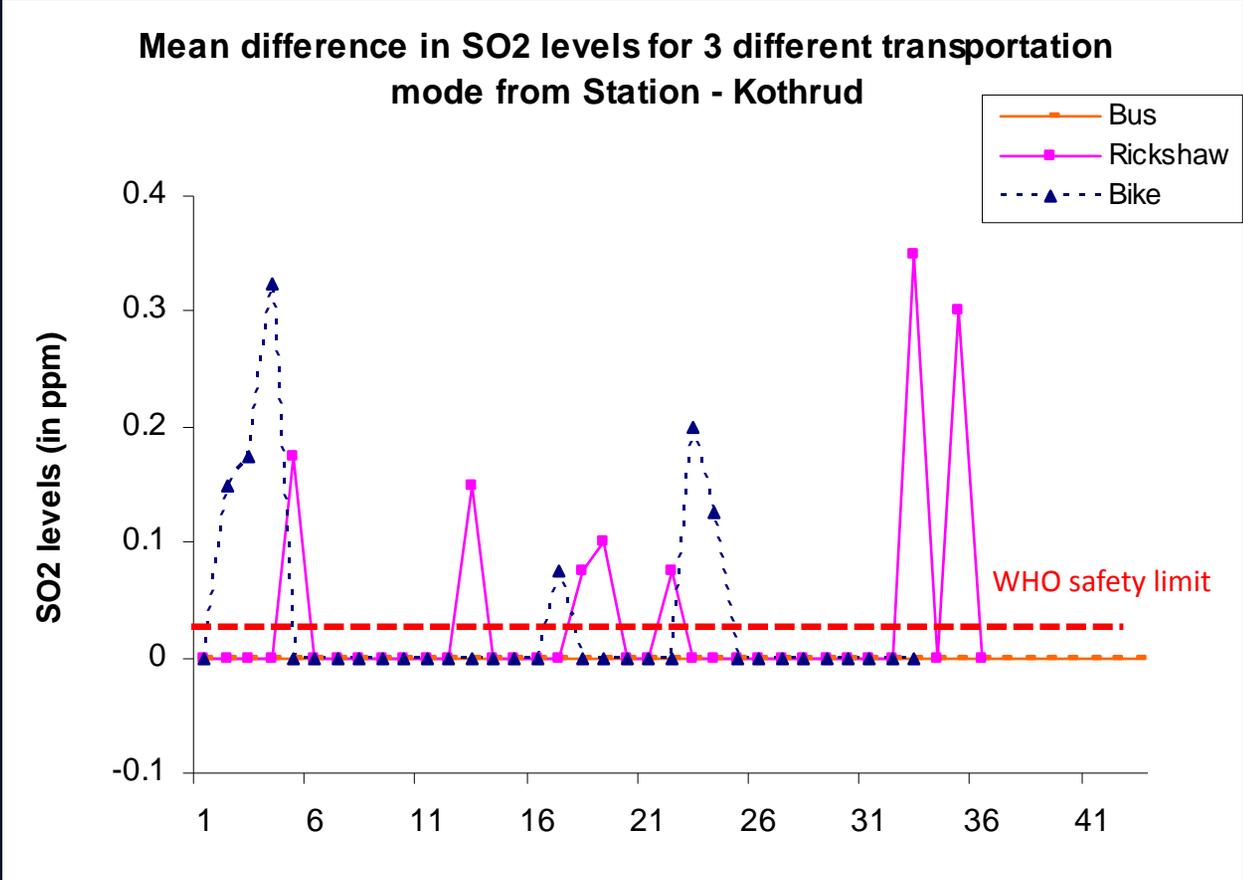
CARBON MONOXIDE



(Chest Research Foundation, 2007)



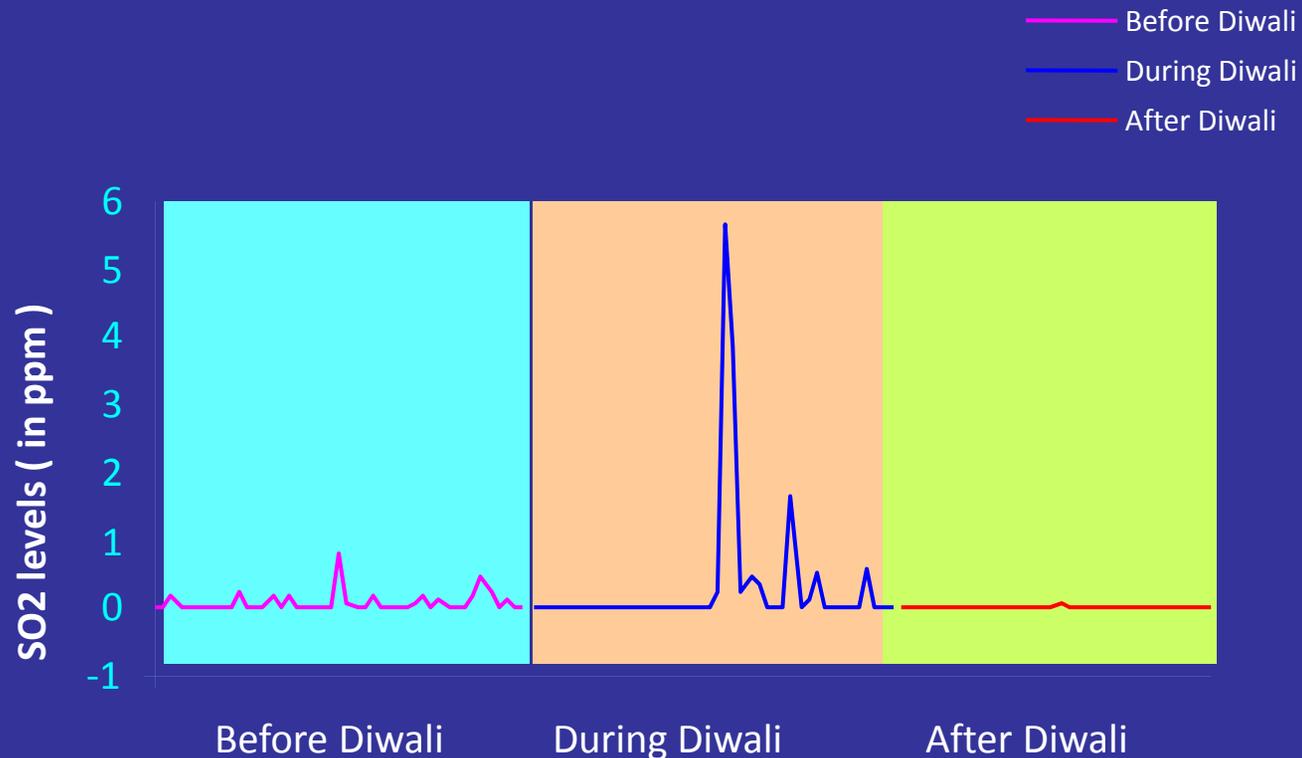
SULPHUR DIOXIDE



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MEAN CHANGES IN SO₂ LEVELS (ppm)



Ambient SO₂ levels reached values 200 times above the safety limits recommended by WHO

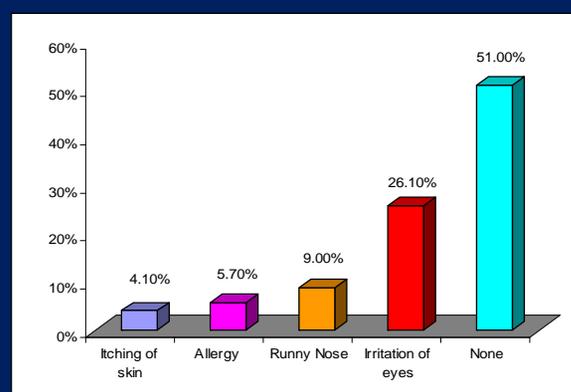
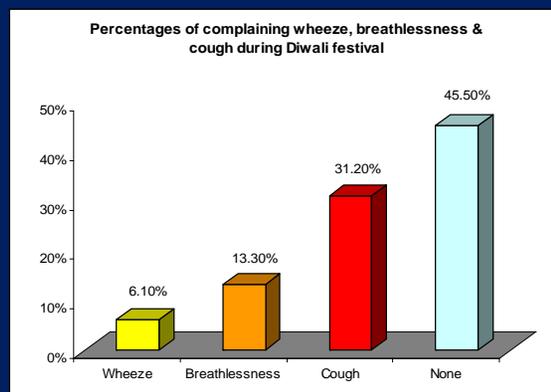


PREVALENCE OF RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS DURING THE DIWALI FESTIVAL

Symptom	Pre-existing Prevalence (%)	New symptoms Prevalence (%)	Total Prevalence (%)
Cough	4.2 ↑	26.3	31.2
Breathlessness	2.5 ↑	10.8	13.3
Wheeze	1.8 ↑	4.3	6.1

Irritation in Eyes	Runny Nose	Allergic Symptoms	Itchy Skin
26.1%	9%	5.7%	4.1%

n = 510



(Chest Research Foundation, India, 2008)



PREVALENCE OF COPD AMONGST URBAN SLUM DWELLERS OF PUNE CITY, INDIA

(n = 12,050; Questionnaire)



Prevalence of COPD: **7.2%**

56% of COPDs were never smokers

COPD in
Kerosene users vs LPG users

OR: 2.51 (CI; 1.1 - 5.7)

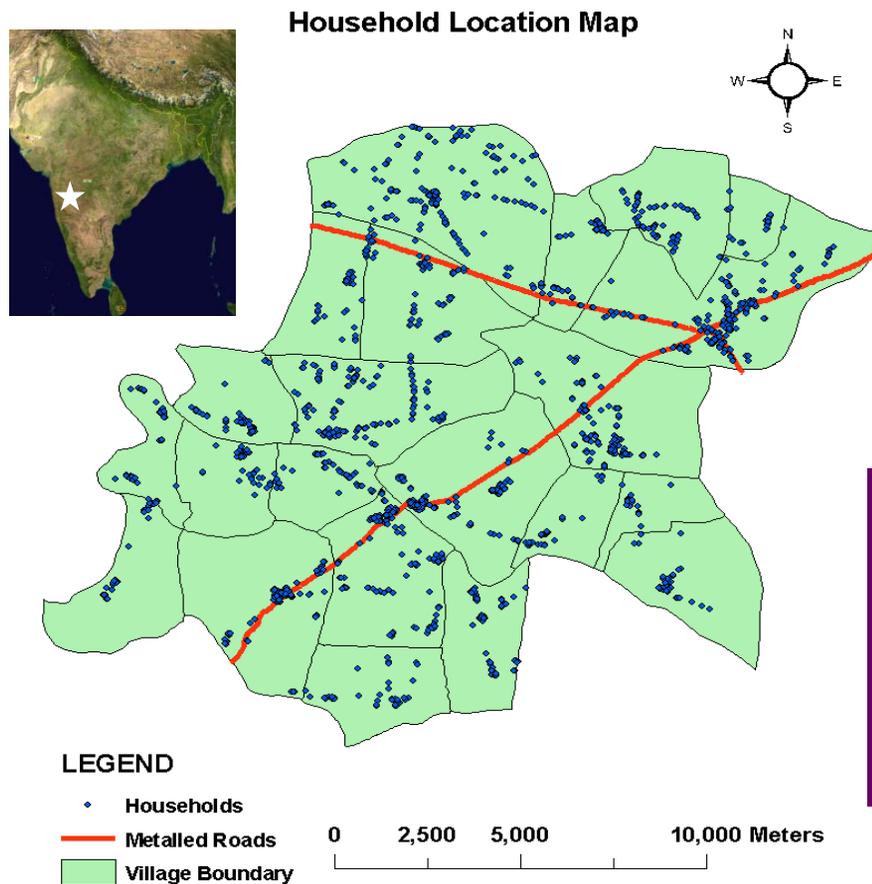
(Chest Research Foundation, Pune, India, 2007)

PREVALENCE OF COPD IN

PUNE

Joint Collaborative Study between Chest Research Foundation, Pune and Imperial College, London, UK

(22 villages; n = 3,500; Age: >25 yrs; BOLD Protocol – Questionnaire, Spirometry)



Prevalence of COPD: 5.1%
(M:6.5%, F:3.4%)

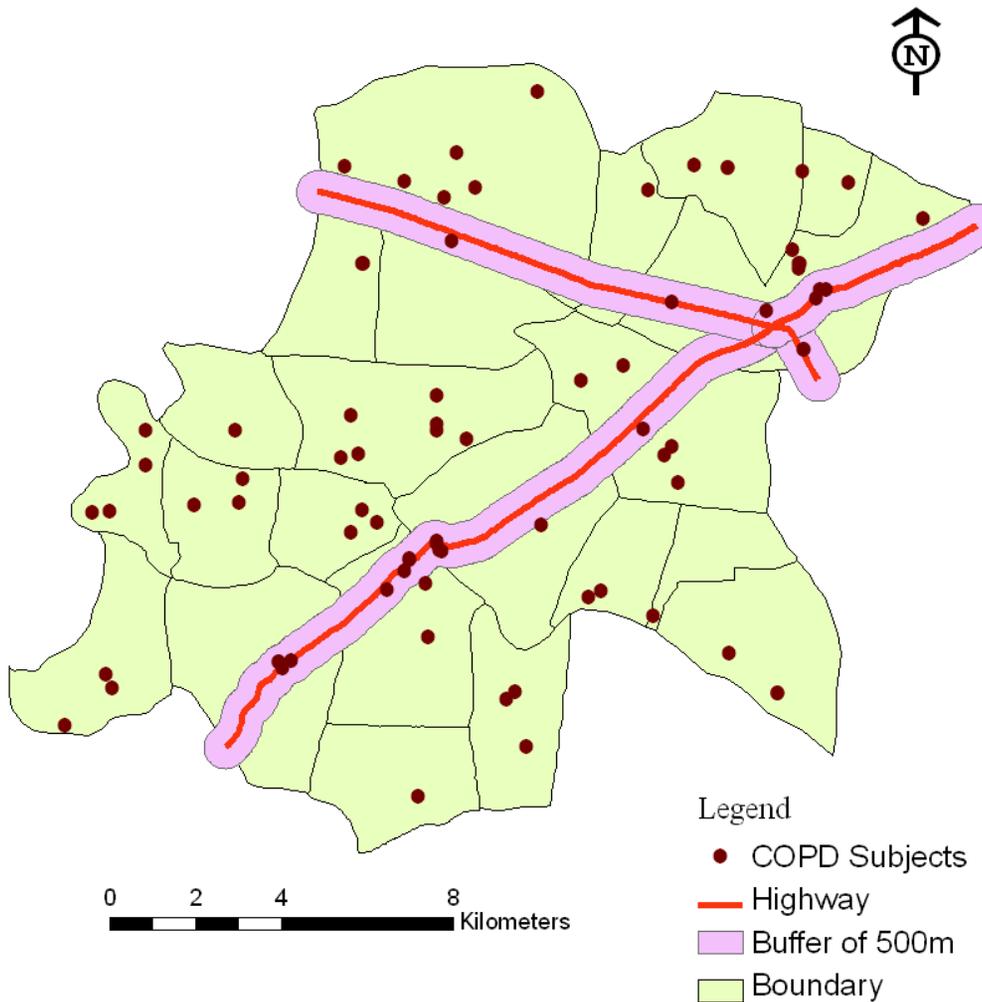
**85% of COPD patients
were never smokers**

Risk Factors associated with COPD:

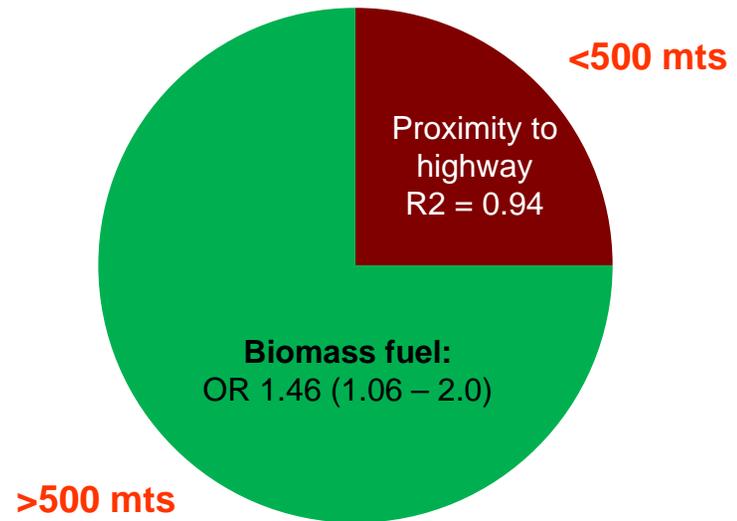
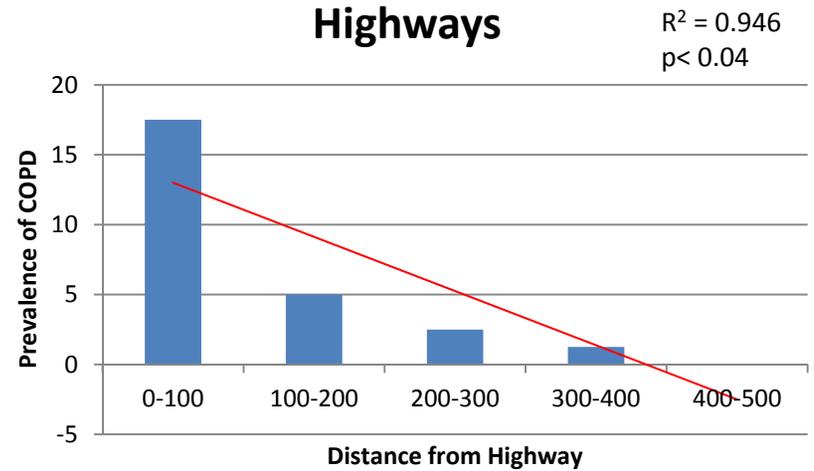
- Tobacco smoking
- Increasing age
- Male gender
- Use of biomass fuel for cooking

(Salvi S et al, Manuscript in preparation)

Spatial Distribution of COPD in Rural Population using GIS



Prevalence of COPD near Highways

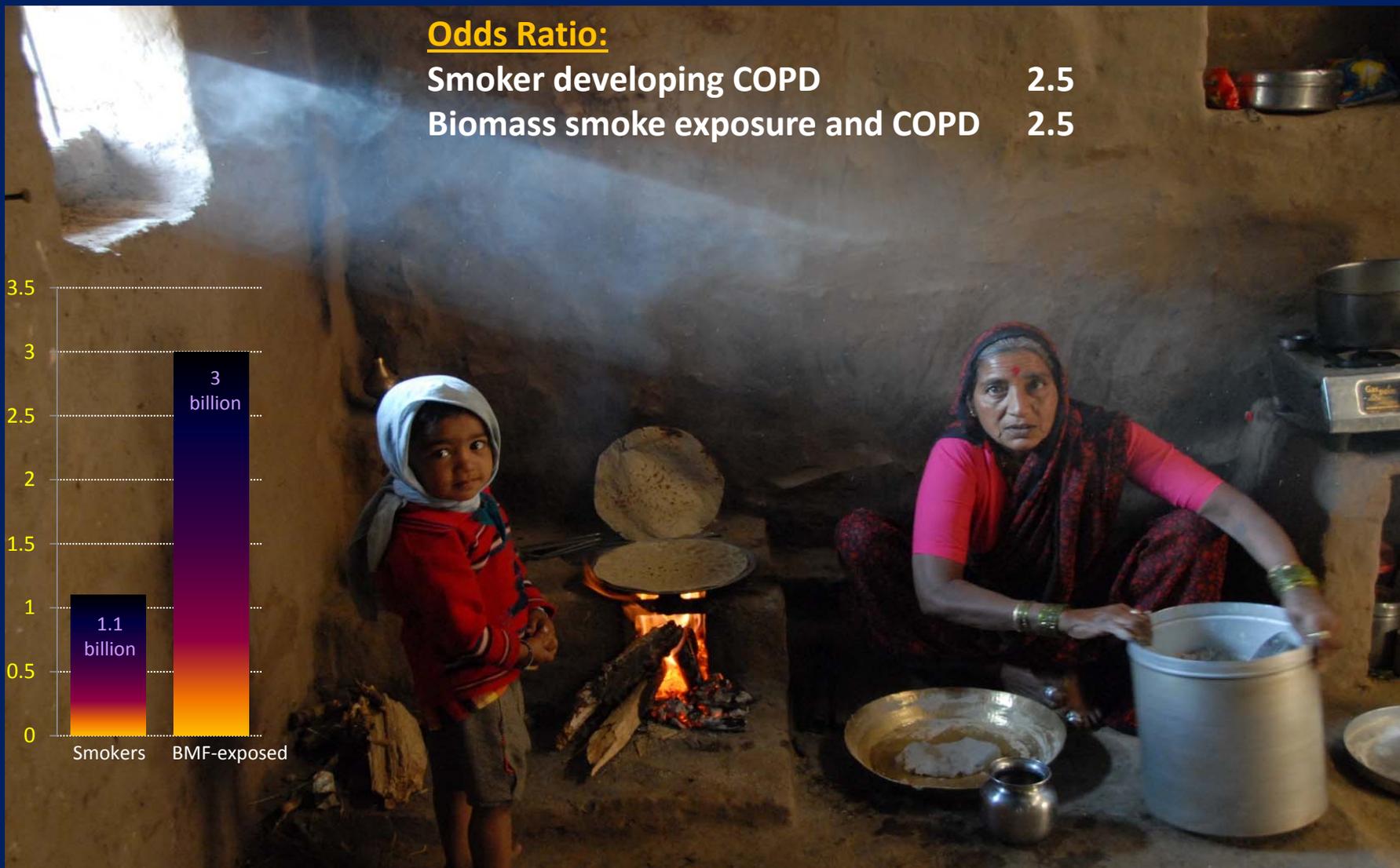
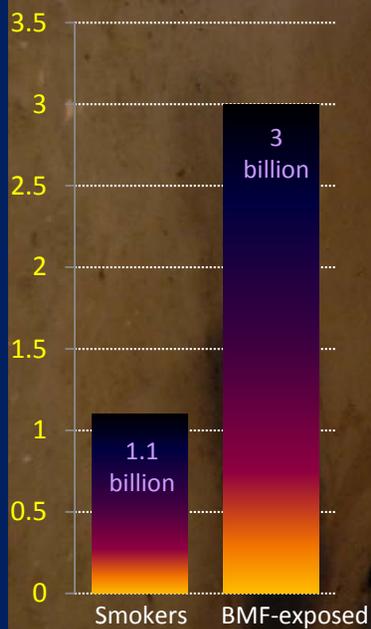


(Muralidharan V et al, Manuscript in preparation)

COPD RISK FACTORS

Odds Ratio:

Smoker developing COPD	2.5
Biomass smoke exposure and COPD	2.5



Salvi SS, Barnes PJ.

Lancet 2009; 374: 733-743

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in non-smokers

Sundeep S Salvi, Peter J Barnes

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Tobacco smoking is established as a major risk factor, but emerging evidence suggests that other risk factors are important, especially in developing countries. An estimated 25–45% of patients with COPD have never smoked; the burden of non-smoking COPD is therefore much higher than previously believed. About 3 billion people, half the worldwide population, are exposed to smoke from biomass fuel compared with 1.01 billion people who smoke tobacco, which suggests that exposure to biomass smoke might be the biggest risk factor for COPD globally. We review the evidence for the association of COPD with biomass fuel, occupational exposure to dusts and gases, history of pulmonary tuberculosis, chronic asthma, respiratory-tract infections during childhood, outdoor air pollution, and poor socioeconomic status.

Lancet 2009; 374: 733-43

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Introduction

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is reported physician diagnosis, which was similar to the prevalence of chronic cough, phlegm, or wheezing



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Chest 2010; 138(1): 3-6

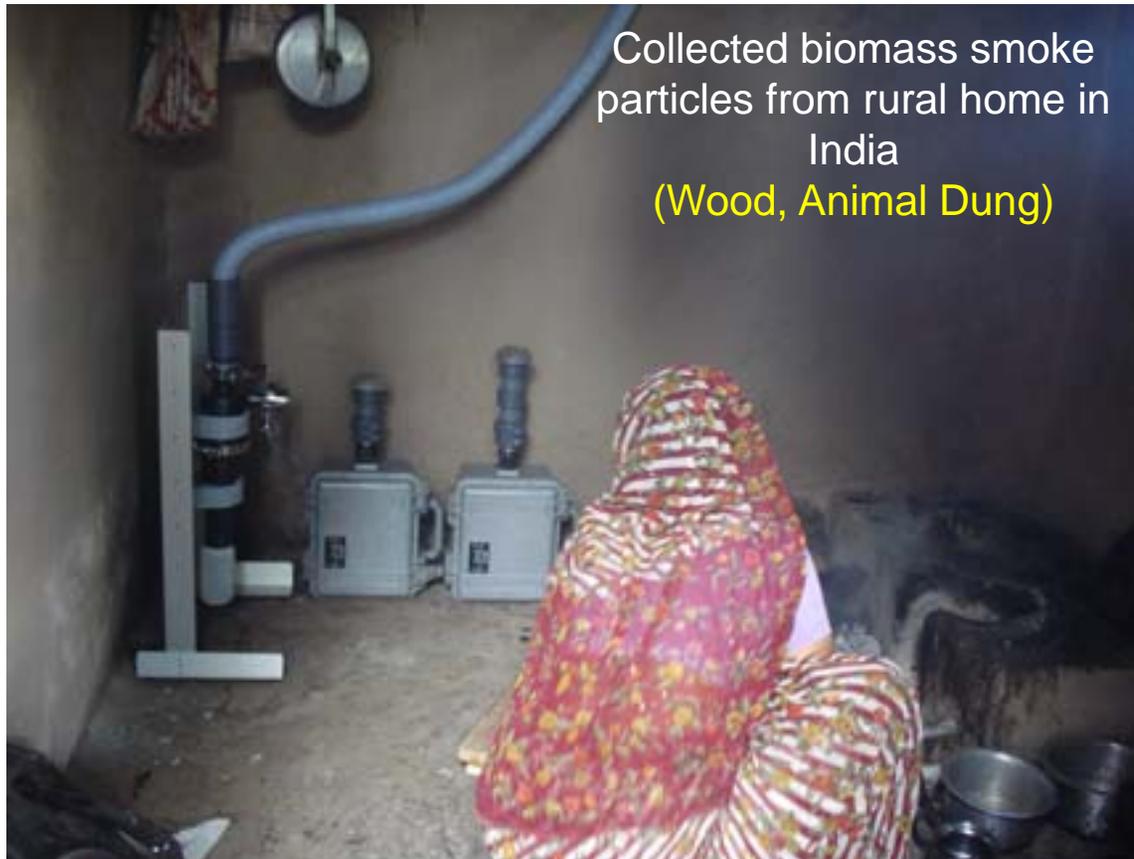
Is Exposure to Biomass Smoke the Biggest Risk Factor for COPD Globally?

About 1.5 million years ago, our ancestors *Homo erectus* learned to light fire from wood to keep wild animals away. Over the years, the human race has used several biologic sources of fuel to produce fire, not only for getting rid of enemies but also for cooking and heating. These sources have included wood, charcoal, dried twigs and grass, crop residues, and animal dung cakes, which collectively are

inhalable size range.^{6,7} A significant number of these biomass smoke constituents are known to be toxic or have irritant effects on the respiratory tract and include particulate matter that are <10 microns in aerodynamic diameter (PM₁₀), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, aldehydes (eg, formaldehyde), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (eg, benzopyrene), volatile organic compounds, chlorinated dioxins, and free radicals. Among these, PM₁₀ has the most significant adverse health impacts. In homes that use biomass fuels, the mean 24-h PM₁₀ levels have been shown to reach 300 to 3,000 μg/m³ and sometimes can be as high as 30,000 μg/m³.



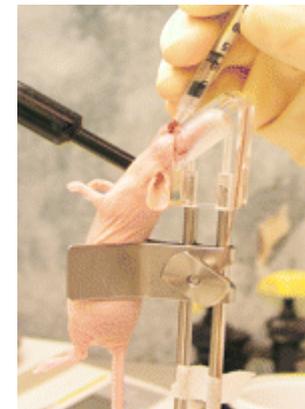
TOXICOLOGY OF BIOMASS SMOKE PARTICLES (Animal Exposure Studies)



Collected biomass smoke particles from rural home in India
(Wood, Animal Dung)

(Chest Research Foundation, India and Johns Hopkins University, USA)

Cyclone Particle collector



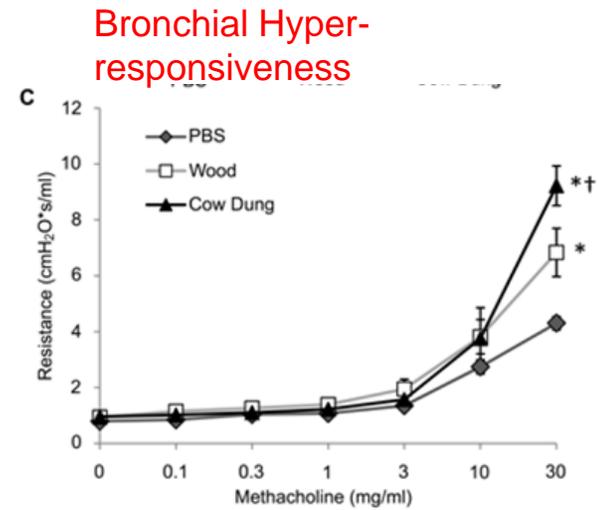
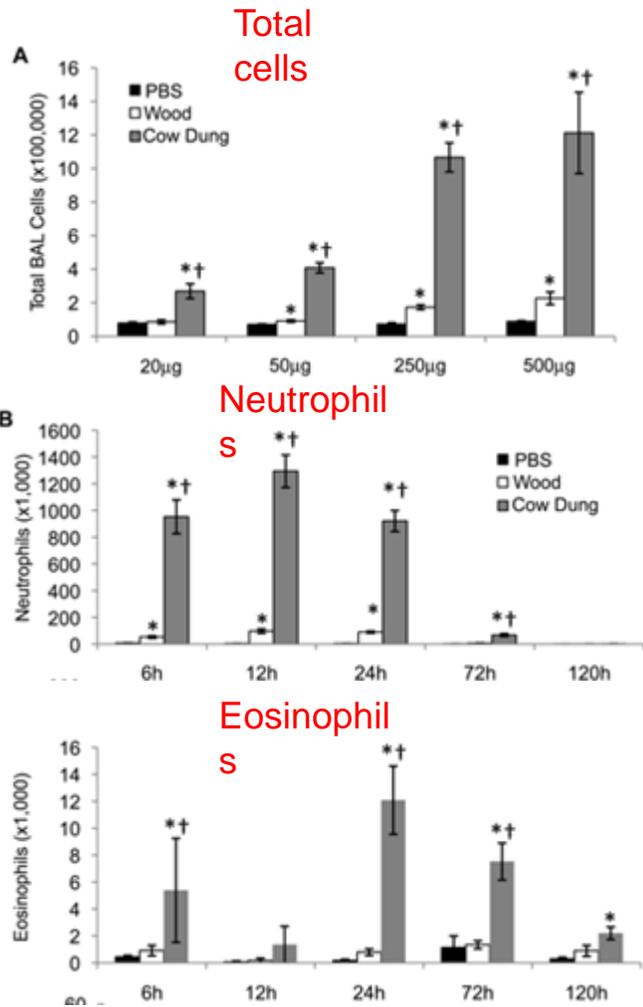
Intra-tracheal instillation in

mice
(0, 20, 50, 250, 500 mcg)

CELLULAR AND MEDIATOR INFLAMMATORY RESPONSES

(Wood Smoke versus Animal Dung Smoke)

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(Sussan T et al, Manuscript submitted, 2013)



MOSQUITO COIL



Mosquito Coil

0.3 – 0.4% Pyrethrin (insecticide)

99.6% - Binders, Fillers

Burning one mosquito coil releases the same amount of PM_{2.5} mass as that of burning [75-137](#) cigarettes.

The emission of formaldehyde can be as high as that released from burning [51](#) cigarettes

(Liu W et al, Environ Health Perspect 2003; 111: 1454-1460)

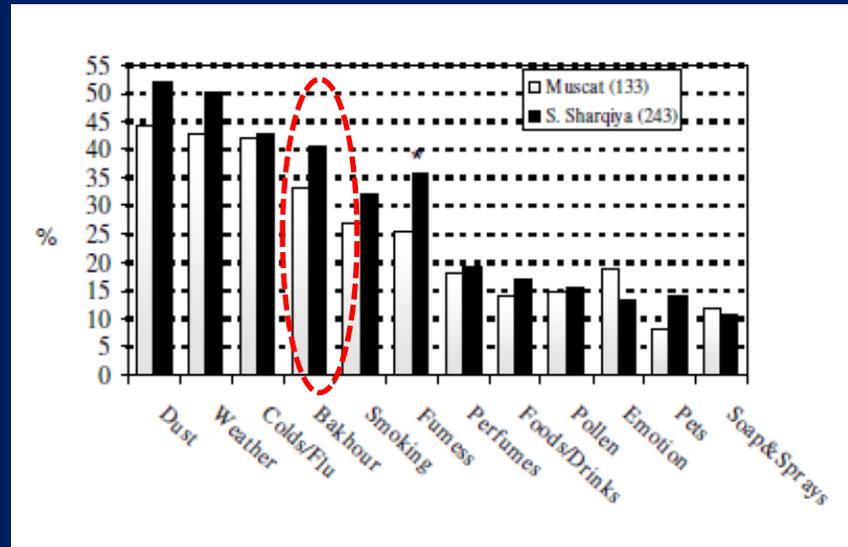
PAHs in Cigarettes vs Mosquito coil smoke

Polyaromatic hydrocarbons	Cigarette ($\times 10^{-6}$)	Mosquito Coil (10^{-6})
Benzo[a]pyrene	170	16
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	2.0	1.2
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	110	50
Pyrene	21	60
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	3	110
Chrysene	0.5	ND

INCENSE BURNING AND ASTHMA



Aromatic woods, herbs, flowers,
essential oils, perfumes
PAH, Benzene, CO, Isoprene



Oman, Muscat
2441 children 10 yrs

40% of asthmatic
children reported
worsening of
symptoms due to
incense burning

Taipei, Taiwan

3764 children, 10 yrs

Incense burning at home was associated with a significantly increased risk of asthma
Association was strongest in those who had a GSTT1 null genotype

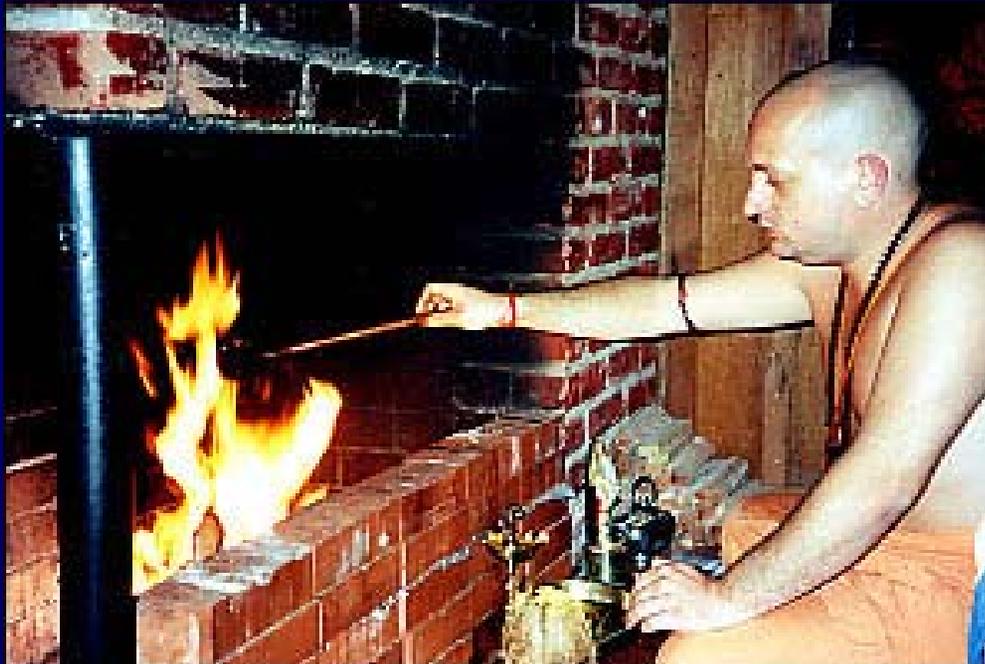
(Al-Rawas et al, BMC Pulm Med 2009; 9: 23)

(Wang JJ et al, Eur Respir J 2011; 37(6): 1371-1377)

SMOKE PARTICLES FROM DHOOP AGARBATTIS



OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAYS DISEASE IN PUJARIS



50 Pujaris from 35 temples
in Pune city

Spirometry:
25% showed presence of
Obstructive Airways Disease

ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES OF THE EPITHELIAL LINING FLUID

Ozone, NO₂, Diesel exhaust particles

Reactive oxygen species



Alveolar macrophages

DEFENSE
LINE

Vit C

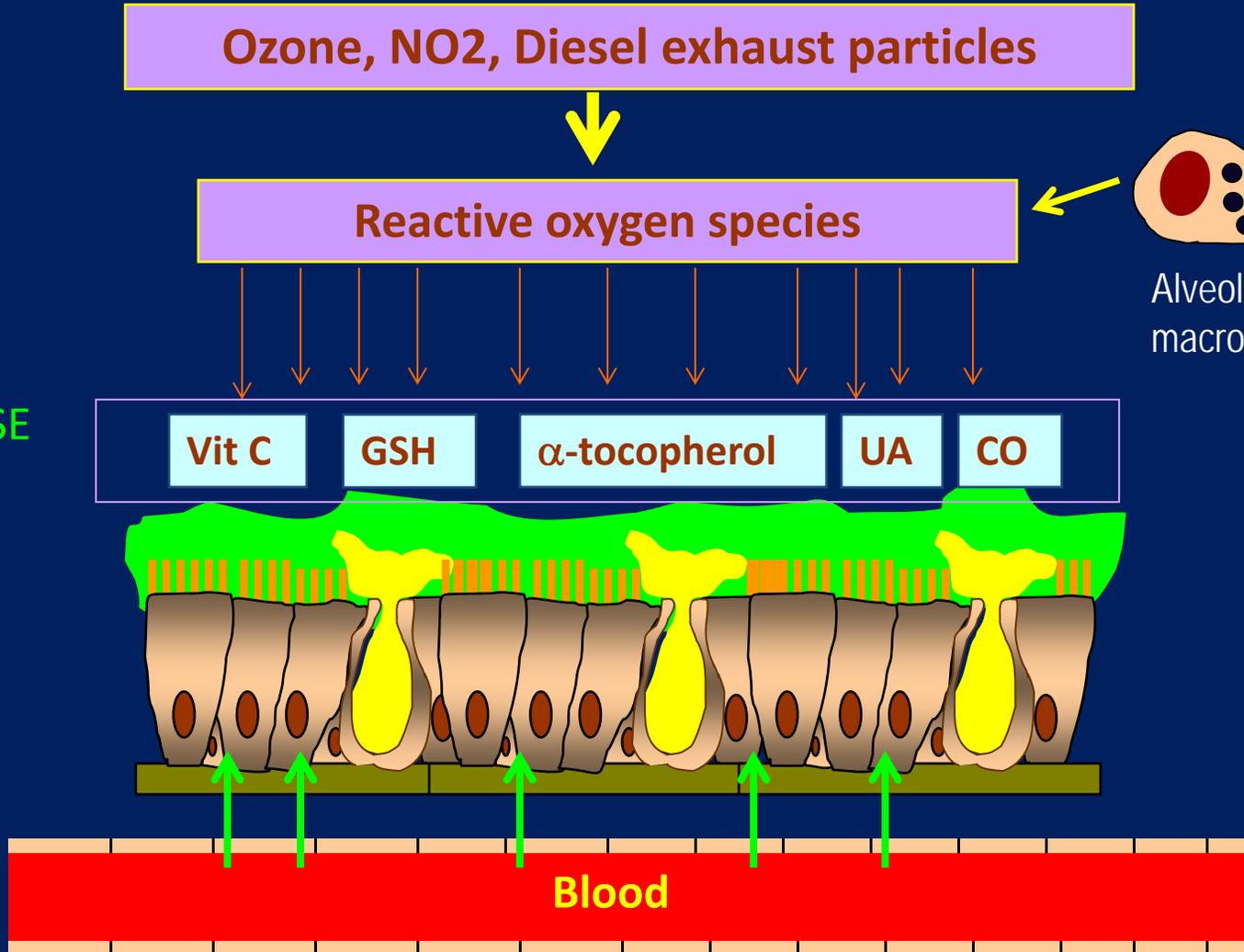
GSH

α -tocopherol

UA

CO

Blood





DOES N-ACETYL CYSTEINE AS AN ANTIOXIDANT REDUCE LUNG OXIDATIVE STRESS AND IMPROVE LUNG FUNCTION IN PMT BUS DRIVERS?

PMT Bus
Drivers
(n = 72)

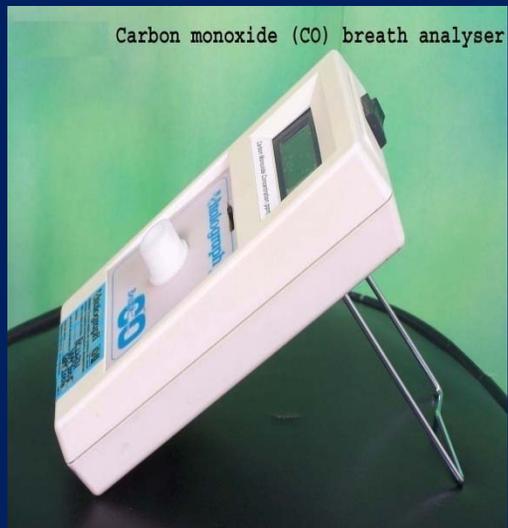


Placebo

NAC 600mg/day

NAC 1200mg/day

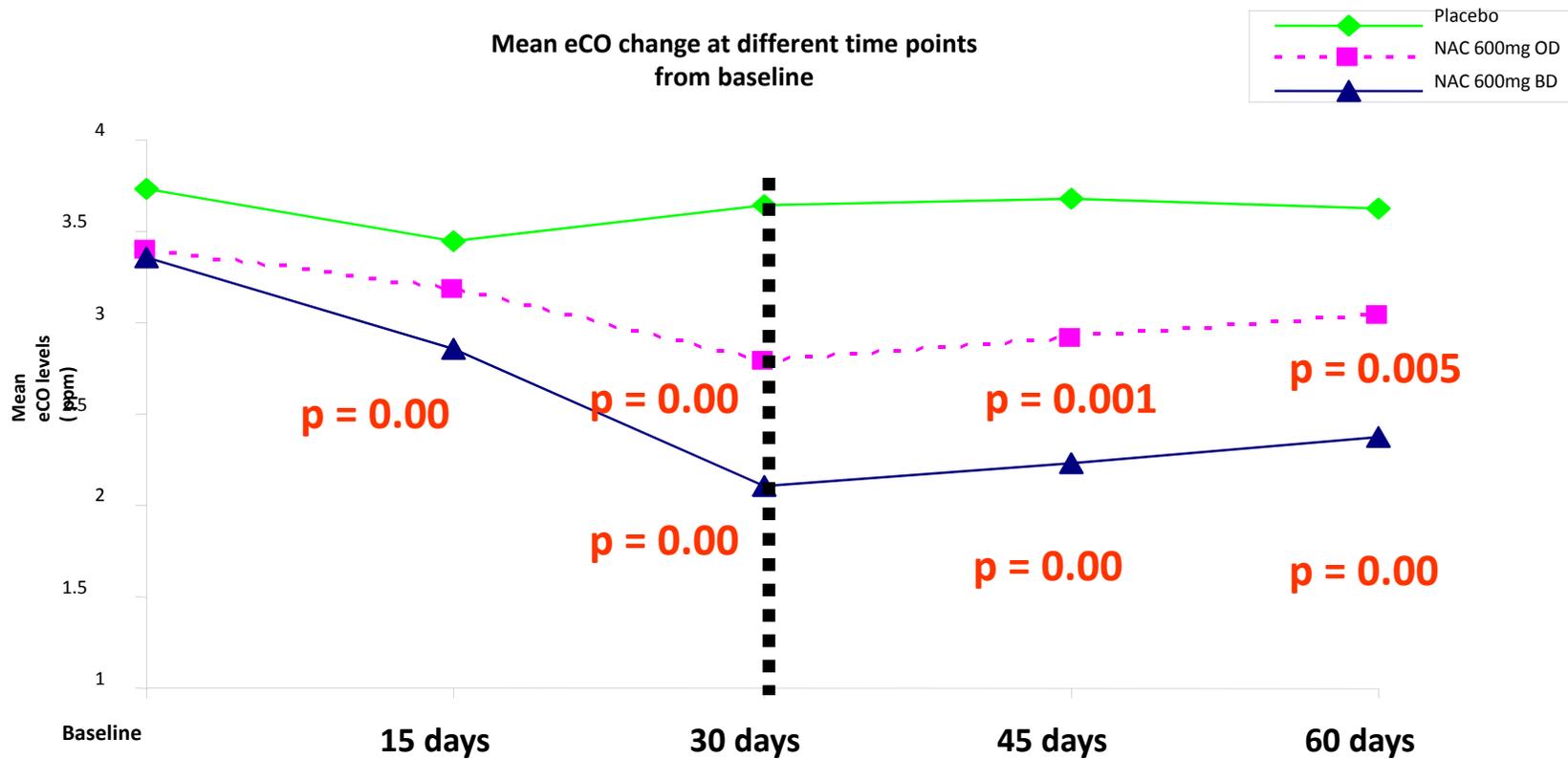
X 4 weeks



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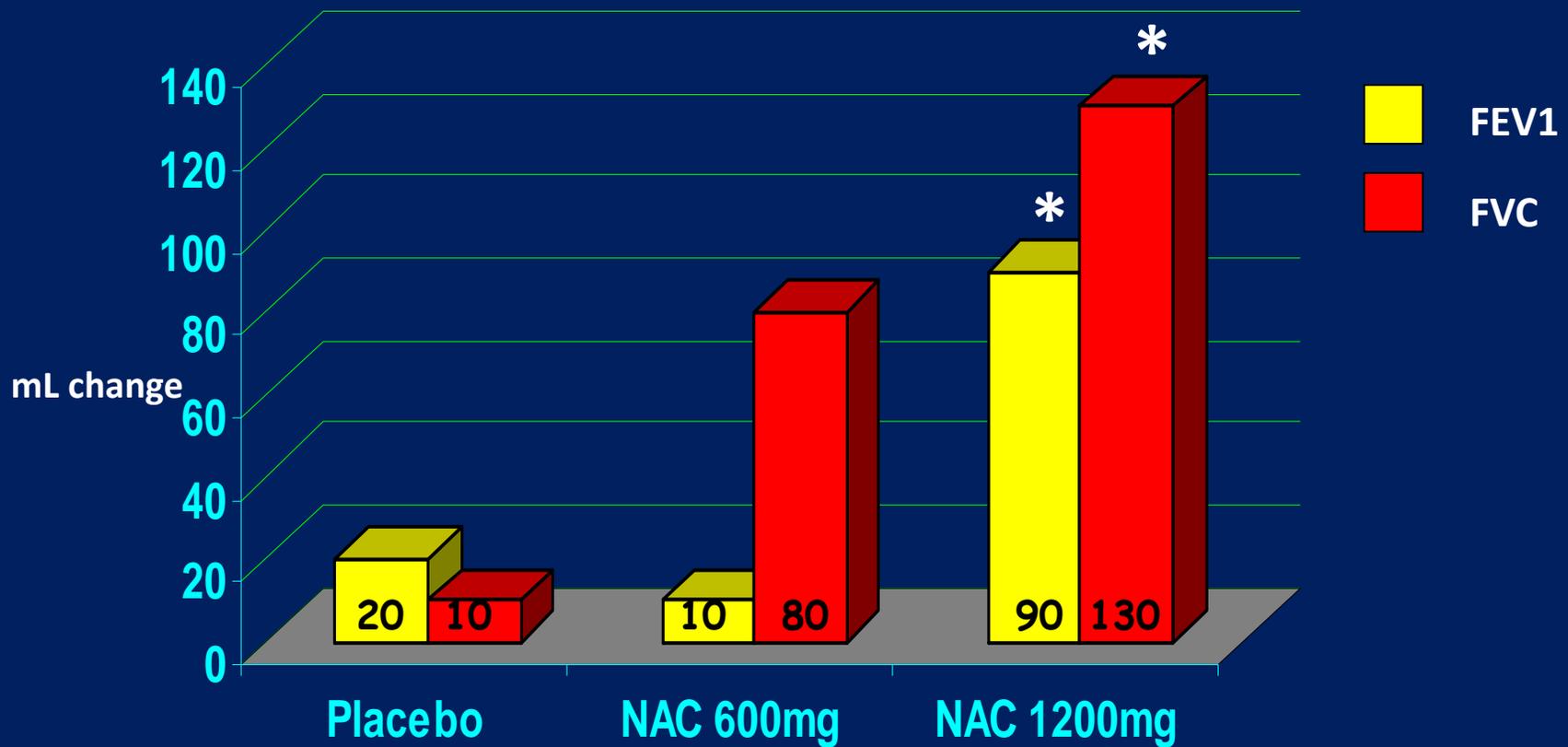
4 week treatment of NAC/Placebo on lung oxidative stress in PMT bus drivers



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4 week treatment of NAC/Placebo on lung function changes in PMT bus drivers



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THE NEED

RESPIRATORY REVOLUTION

- Improve Quality of Research in Respiratory Medicine
- Improve Quality of Care to patients with Respiratory Diseases
- Improve Quality of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education in Respiratory Medicine

Good quality doctors

Good quality researchers

Good quality educators



Introducing India's First Respiratory Research Network



RESPIRATORY RESEARCH NETWORK OF INDIA



Unfortunately, the contribution made by India to new knowledge generation for world medical literature is meagrely 0.5%. Despite the enormous burden of both communicable as

to form a steering committee and start this initiative, in the presence of Dr. Shyam Biswal, Director, Biswal lab, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, USA. Dr. Sneha Limaye, Head of Clinical Trials Division at CRF led

of diseases and demographics. Collectively it has extensive knowledge and experience in respiratory research and close links with centres of excellence and key opinion leaders in India and other countries. RRNI adds value

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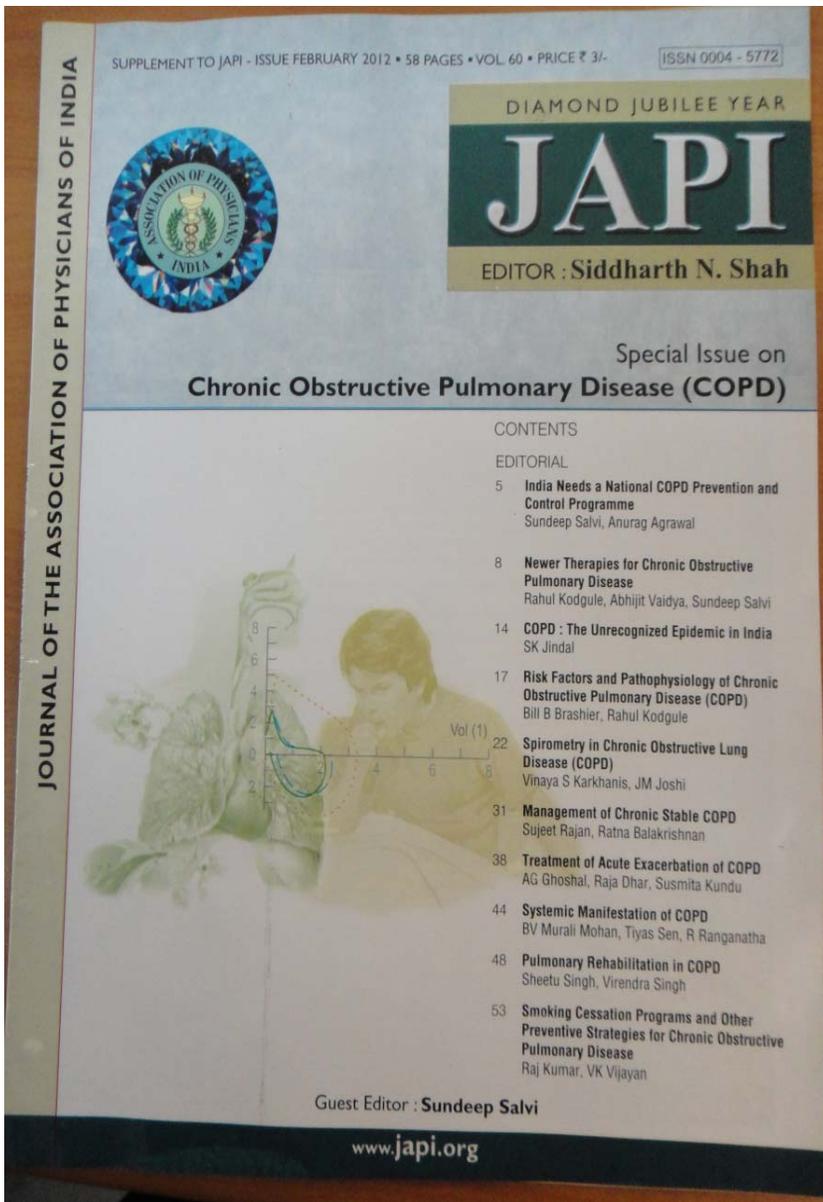
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Editorial

India Needs a National COPD Prevention and Control Programme

Sundeep Salvi¹, Anurag Agrawal²

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) kills more than 3 million people every year, making it the 4th largest cause of death in the world.¹ It has been estimated that by the year 2030, COPD will become the third biggest cause of death. According to the World Health Organisation, COPD kills more people than HIV-AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis all put together in the South East Asian region. What is more worrying is the fact that mortality rates due to COPD are anticipated to increase by over 160% over the next 2 decades (Figure 1).² Half a million

prevalence of COPD in India and most of these have used a respiratory health questionnaire and presence of symptoms to define the presence of COPD. Dr Jindal SK from the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh has given an overview of the burden of COPD in India in Chapter 2, and has highlighted the growing prevalence and epidemic proportion of COPD in India. There seems to be a wide discrepancy in the prevalence of COPD across different studies ranging from 2%-7.7% in men and 1.7%-10% in women.⁵

(Salvi S, Agrawal A, JAPI 2012 Feb; 60: 5-7)

1st COPD CONFERENCE OF INDIA

January 2014, Pune, India

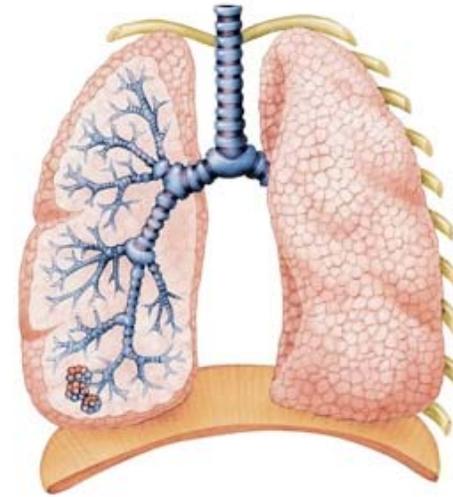
2-day Conference

10-12 overseas speakers

10-12 Indian speakers

- ❖ Develop ideas that will guide future research and funding support in the area of interventional and preventive strategies for COPD
- ❖ Bring together clinicians, researchers and stakeholders from all parts of the world at a common platform in India
- ❖ Giving an identity to COPD in India
- ❖ Phenotyping and management of COPD
- ❖ Translation of basic research to develop novel therapies

Nationwide competition to give an Indian identity to COPD – PG students



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