

Acute effecten van luchtverontreiniging

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Inhoud

- Historische aspecten
 - Acute sterfte en luchtverontreiniging
 - Acute respiratoire symptomen en interventies
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Rapport Firket

Mijlpaal in de geschiedenis van luchtvervuiling

- eerste wetenschappelijk bewijs dat luchtvervuiling sterfte en ziekte kon veroorzaken
 - identificatie van de mechanismen van “winter smog”
 - ✓ temperatuursinversie
 - ✓ verbranding van steenkool: SO_2 + fijne roetdeeltjes (+ Zn)
 - identificatie van personen “at risk”
 - voorspelling van latere catastrofes
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Medical observations

- 60 fatalities on 4 & 5 December

■ Jemeppe-s/Meuse	9	Seraing	
12			
■ Flémalle-Grande	5	Yvoz-Ramet	7
■ Flémalle-Haute	9		
■ Engis	14	Clermont	0
■ Amay	4	Ombret	0
■ Ampsin		0	
■ Huy	0	Hermalle-s/-Huy	0

- 10.5 times “normal mortality”

Medische waarnemingen

Wie was aangetast?

- Vooral ouderen, astmalijders, hartpatiënten & verzwakten, zelfs indien binnen gebleven
 - toch ook wie voorheen gezond was
 - ook kinderen

 - vee ook aangetast (tenzij naar de heuvels weg gebracht)
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Besluit rapport Firket

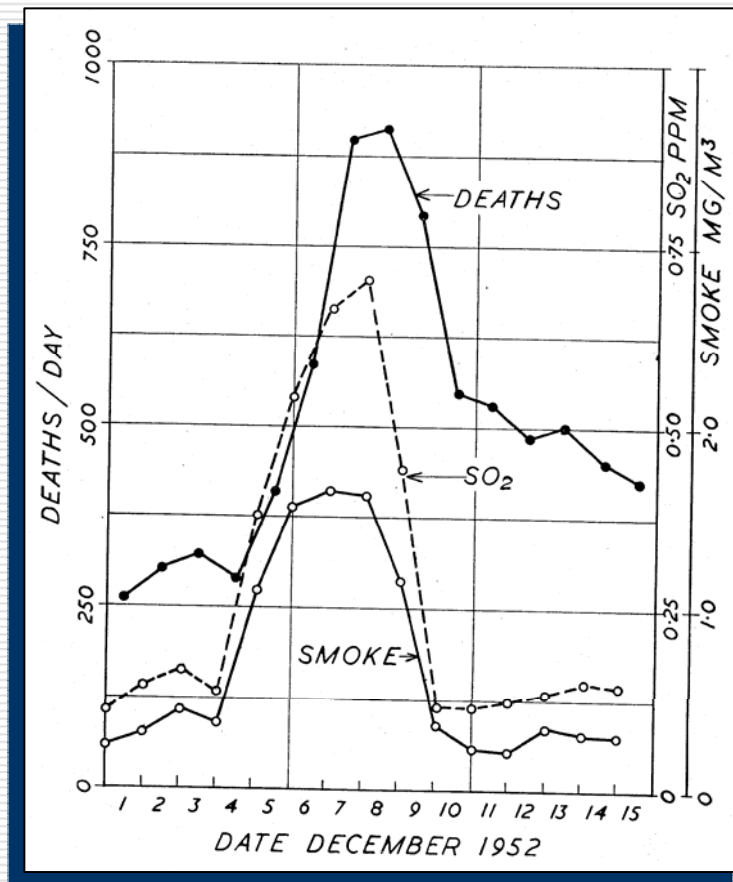
“Si les mêmes conditions se trouvent réunies, les mêmes accidents se reproduiront”

“Si un désastre survenait à Londres dans des conditions analogues on aurait à déplorer 3.179 morts immédiates”

Onder dezelfde voorwaarden zijn dezelfde gevolgen te verwachten.

Een soortgelijke catastrofe zou in Londen leiden tot 3.179 onmiddellijke doden

London Fog, 5-9 december 1952



Wilkins E.T. *Journal of the Royal Sanitary Institute*, 1954, 74, 1-21

“Winter smog”

“Traditionele luchtverontreiniging”

“Reducing-type air pollution”

“London smog”

- ❑ verbranding van steenkool en zwavelrijke brandstof ↗ SO_2 + roetdeeltjes
- ❑ temperatuursinversie

laatste jaren ↓ in industriële wereld

"Zomer smog"

Fotochemische luchtverontreiniging

"Oxidizing-type air pollution"

"Los Angeles smog"

- industrie, verkeer ▲ NO_x en koolwaterstoffen
 - onder invloed van zonlicht (via complexe fotochemische reacties) ▲ vorming van O_3 en andere secundaire pollutanten, inclusief fijne partikels ▲ *"summer haze"*
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Ozon

- warme (windstille) zomerdagen
 - progressieve vorming en opstapeling
 - in de loop van de dag
 - transport over grote afstanden
 - ozon is zeer reactief
 - concentraties in stad < buiten stad !
 - geen verhoogde concentratie binnenshuis
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Ozon

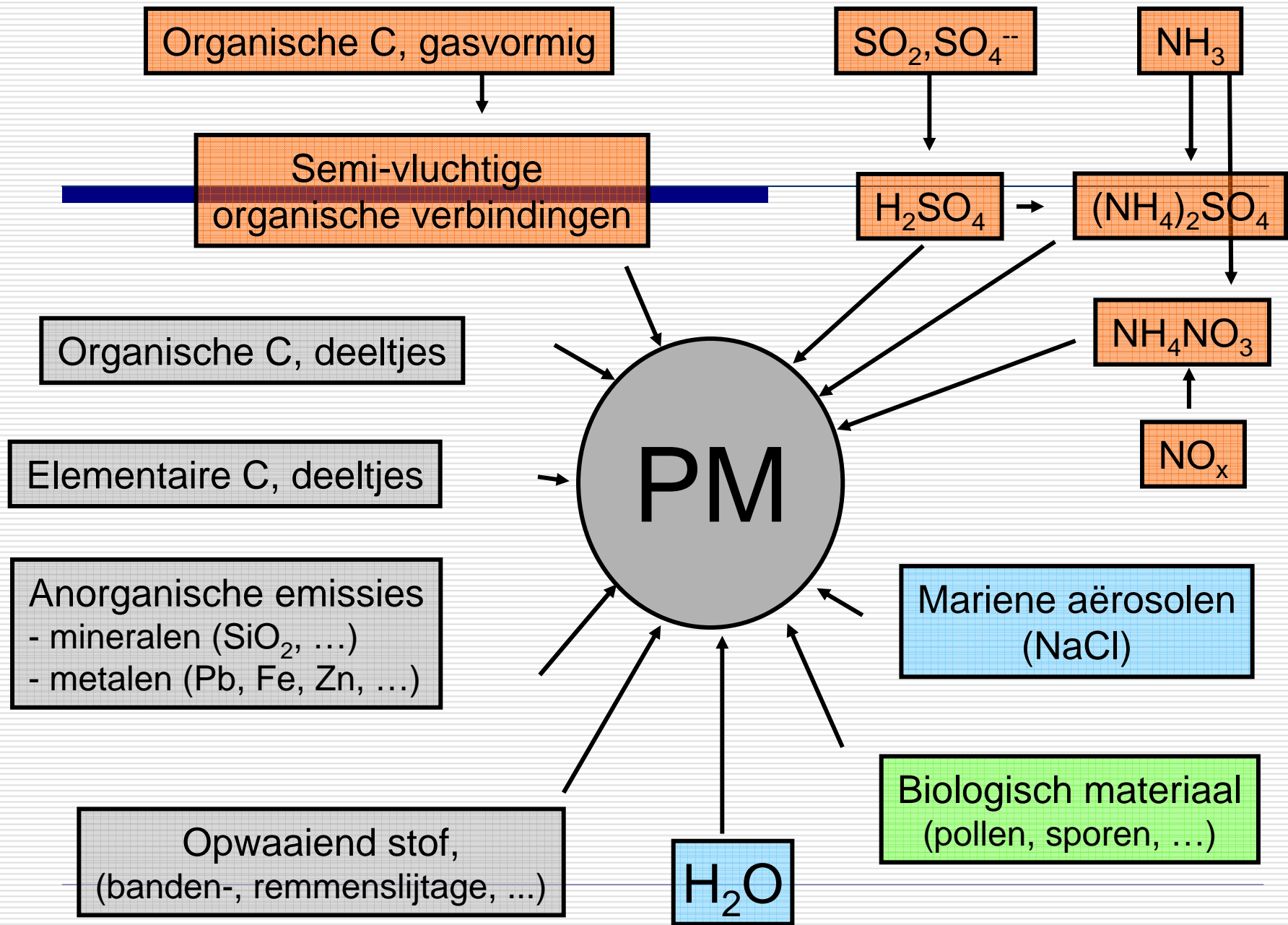
- ❑ Goede penetratie in de luchtwegen
 - ❑ symptomen van irritatie (≠ astma)
 - ❑ voorbijgaande daling in longfunctie (-10%)
 - ❑ ontsteking van kleine luchtwegen ("bronchiolitis")
 - ❑ grote individuele verschillen in gevoeligheid !
 - ❑ dosis-afhankelijk
 - concentratie x duur (>150 ppb x 1-2 h)
 - inspanning
- ! effect in expositiekamers < veldstudies
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Partikels

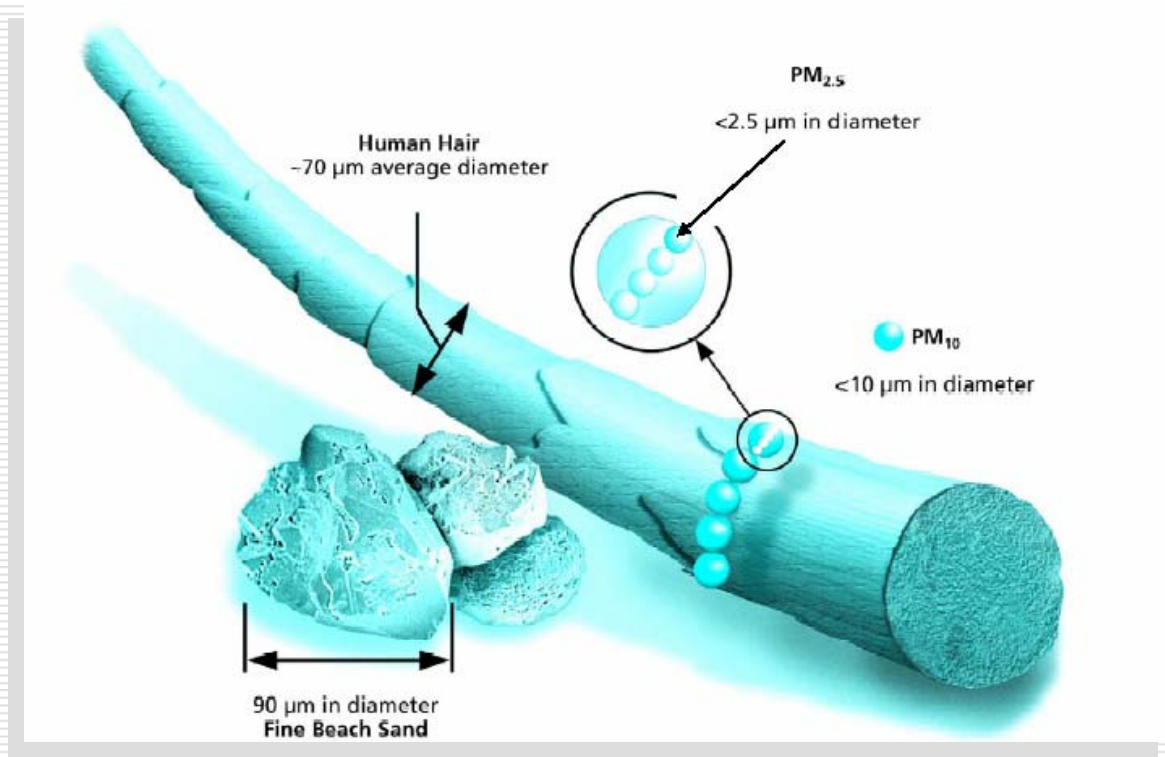
Zwevend stof

Suspended "particulate matter" (PM)

- mengsel van uiteenlopende samenstelling en origine
 - primaire emissie van stofdeeltjes
 - secundaire vorming uit (gasvormige) precursoren
 - deeltjes ingedeeld volgens grootte
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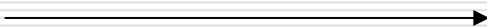


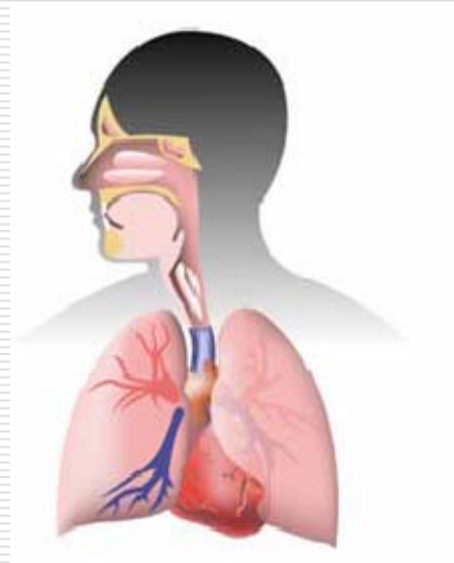
Particulate matter (1)



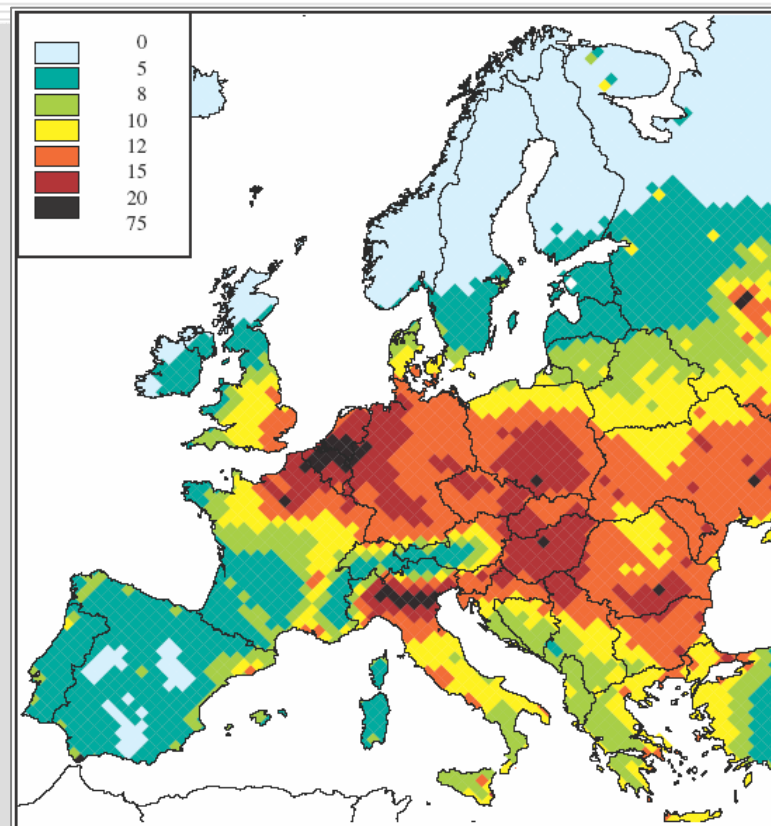
From: EPA, US Environment Protection Agency

Particulate matter (2)

- Larger particles ($>PM_{10}$) deposit in the upper respiratory tract. 
- Small particles penetrate deep into the lungs
- Deposited particles may accumulate, react, or be cleared.



PM_{2.5} gradient* in Europe



*2002, mean annual
PM_{2.5} gradient

From: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Background

- Most of the previous studies assumed that the association between daily mortality and PM_{10} is constant over the study period.
 - Because of the complex temperature and air pollution relation, simple adjustment for confounding may be inadequate.
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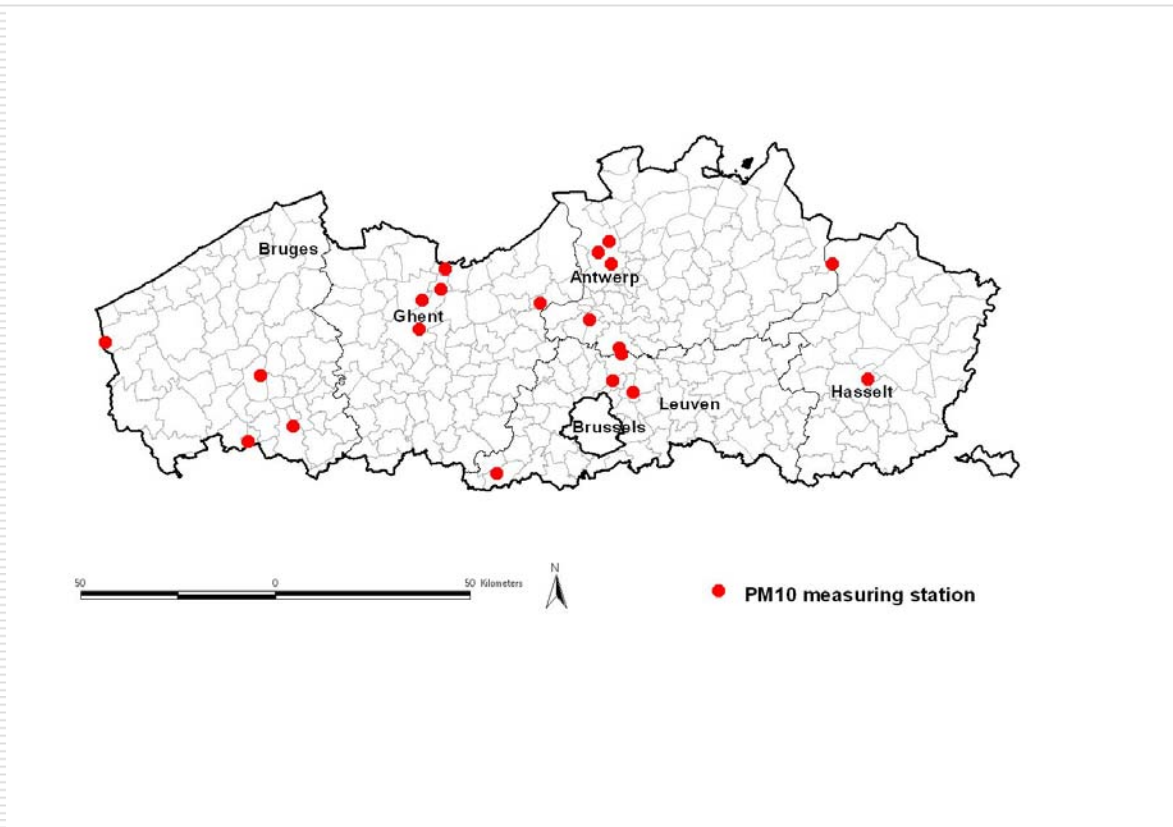
Research questions

- What is the impact of temperature and season on mortality and PM_{10} ?
 - Is the impact of PM_{10} on mortality independent of outdoor temperature?
 - Is the association between mortality and PM_{10} the same in all seasons?
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Methods

- Daily time series of mortality, temperature and air pollution data for Flanders, Belgium for the period 1997-2003.
 - Accidental deaths were excluded.
 - Mean number of daily deaths by quartiles of PM₁₀.
 - Stratification by season or quintiles of temperature.
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Monitoring sites representing background PM₁₀ levels



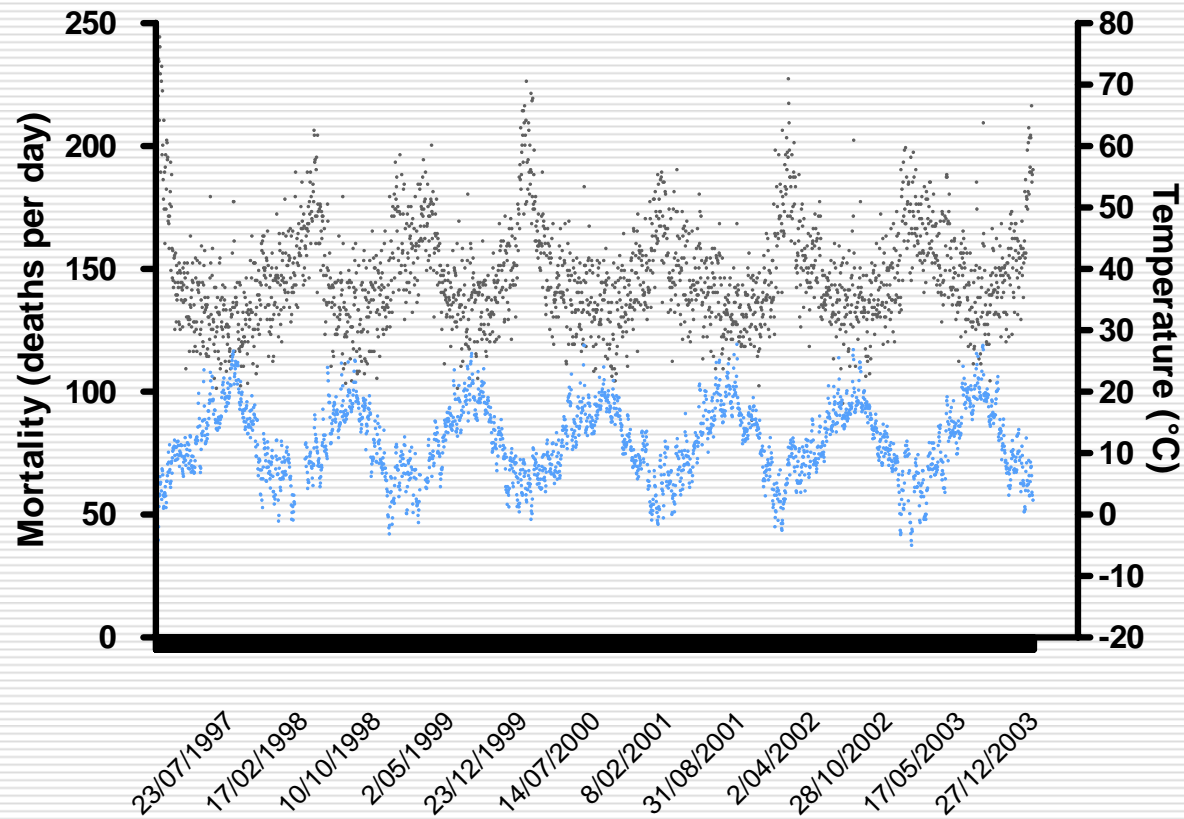
The impact of temperature on mortality and PM₁₀

Mortality and PM₁₀ across the seasons

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
Daily mortality, n	166.8 (0.71)	144.3 (0.71)	133.4 (0.74)	144.2 (0.71)
Cardiovascular mortality, n	66.0 (0.35)	57.1 (0.35)	51.4 (0.35)	57.2 (0.35)
Respiratory mortality, n	25.3 (0.25)	17.4 (0.25)	13.5 (0.26)	16.1 (0.25)
PM ₁₀ , µg/m ³	43.3 (0.88)	39.5 (0.88)	37.7 (0.91)	37.2 (0.88)
Temperature, °C	5.7 (0.17)	13.2 (0.16)	18.3 (0.17)	9.4 (0.16)

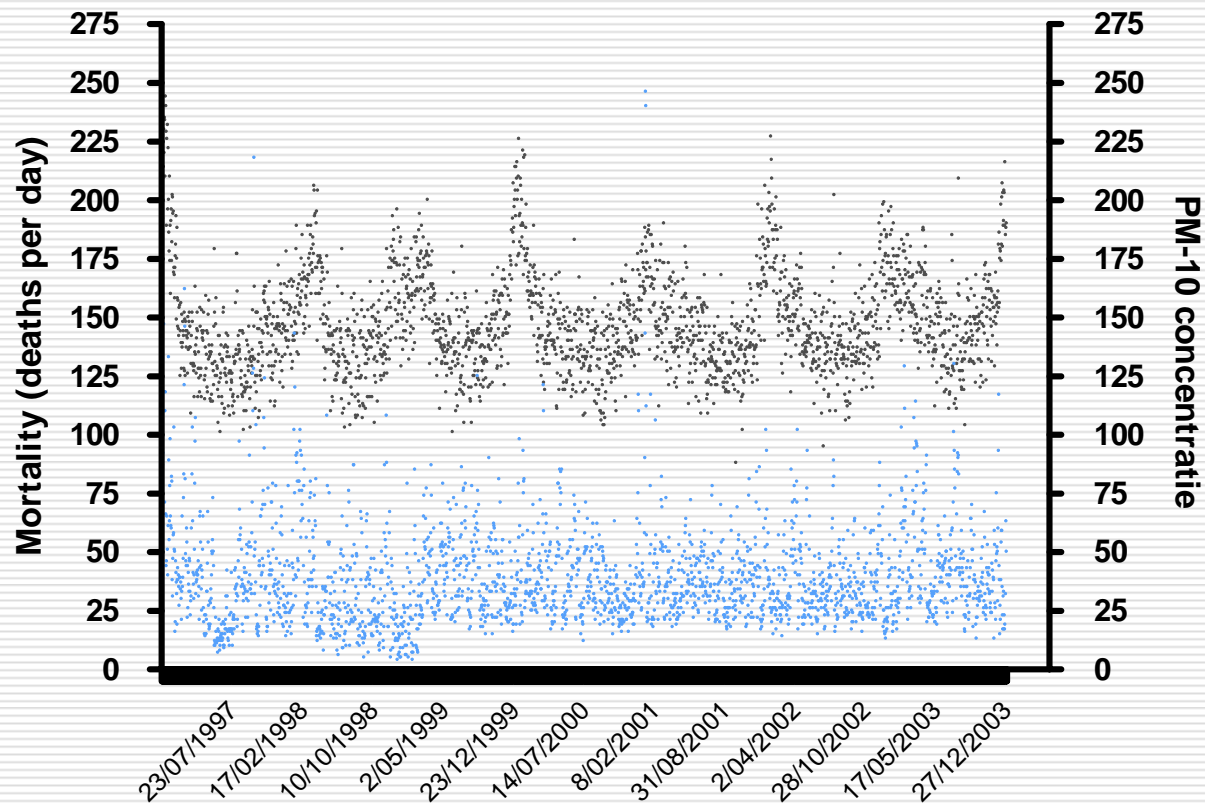
Mean (SD)

Variation in daily mortality and temperature, 1997-2003*



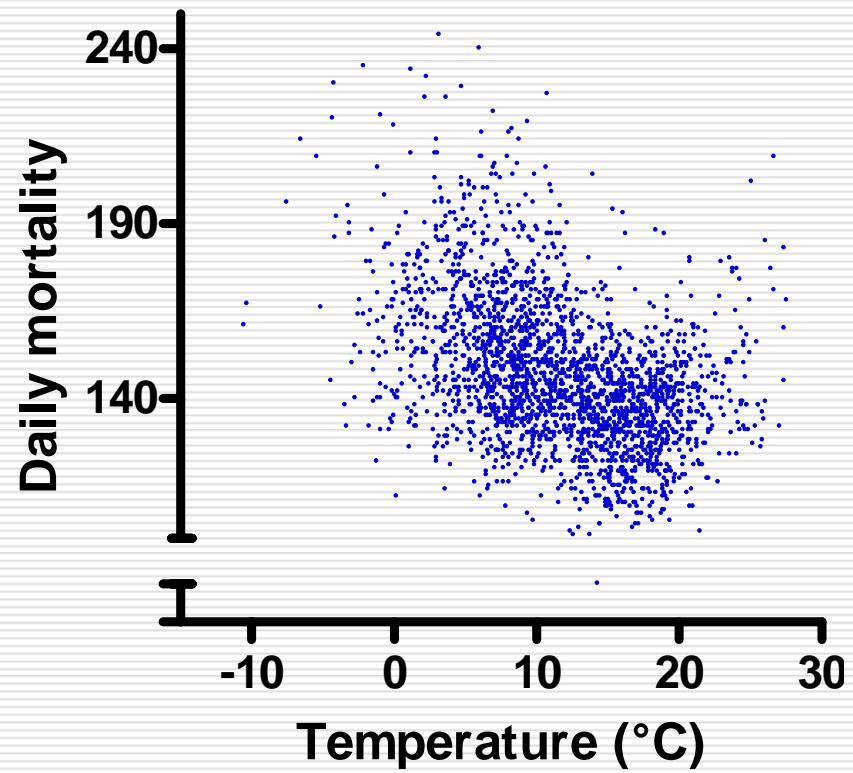
*non-traumatic death (n = 354 357)

Variation in daily mortality and PM₁₀ 1997-2003*

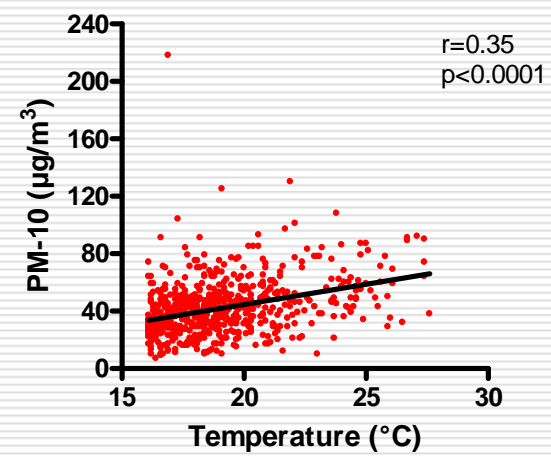
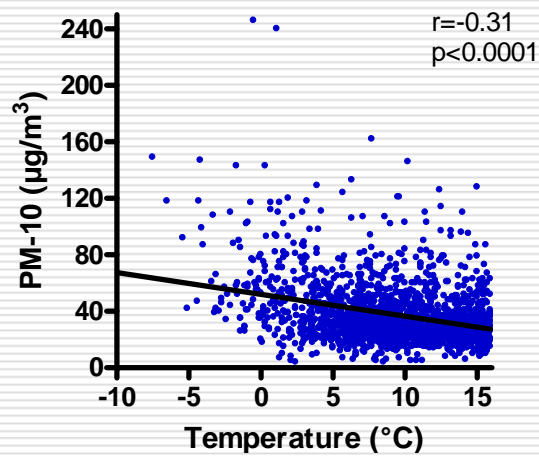
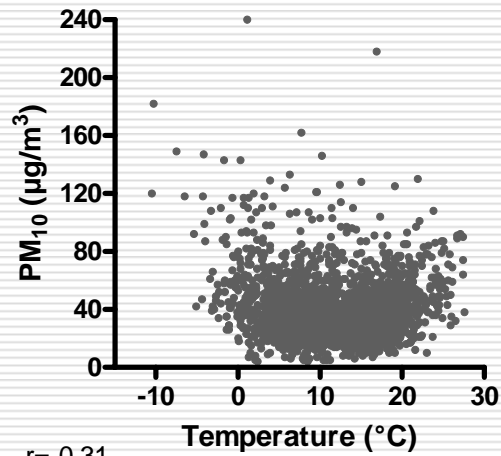


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Mortality and outdoor temperature

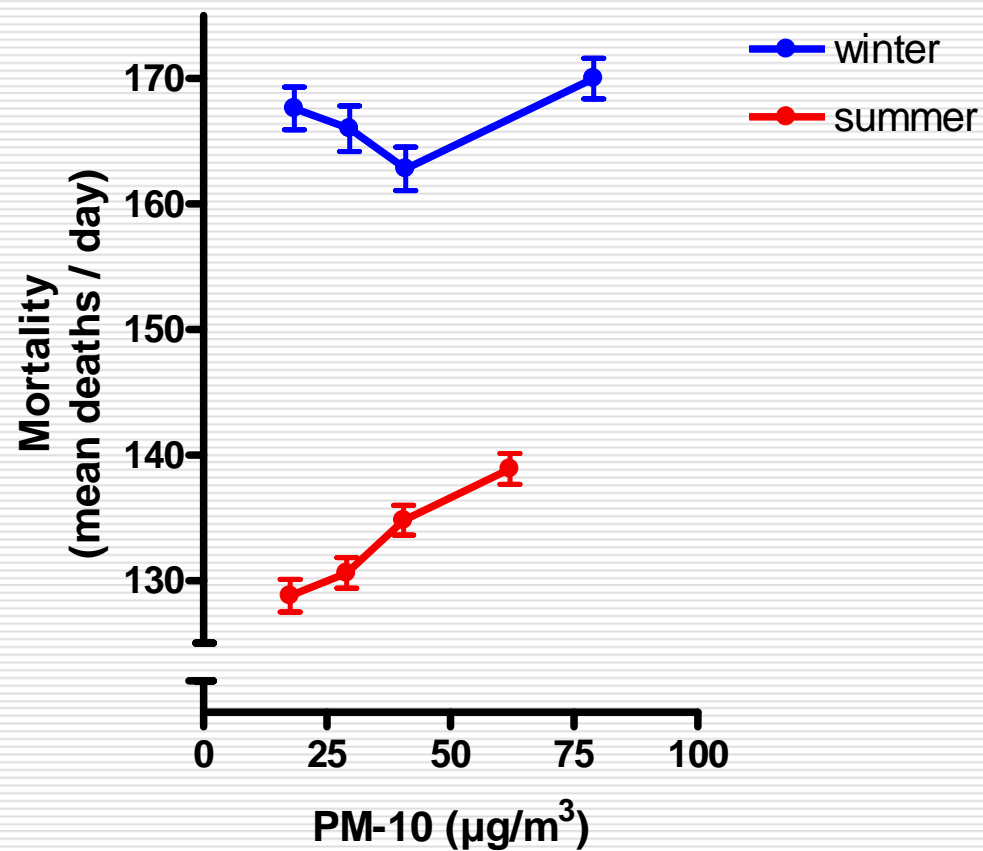


PM₁₀ and outdoor temperature



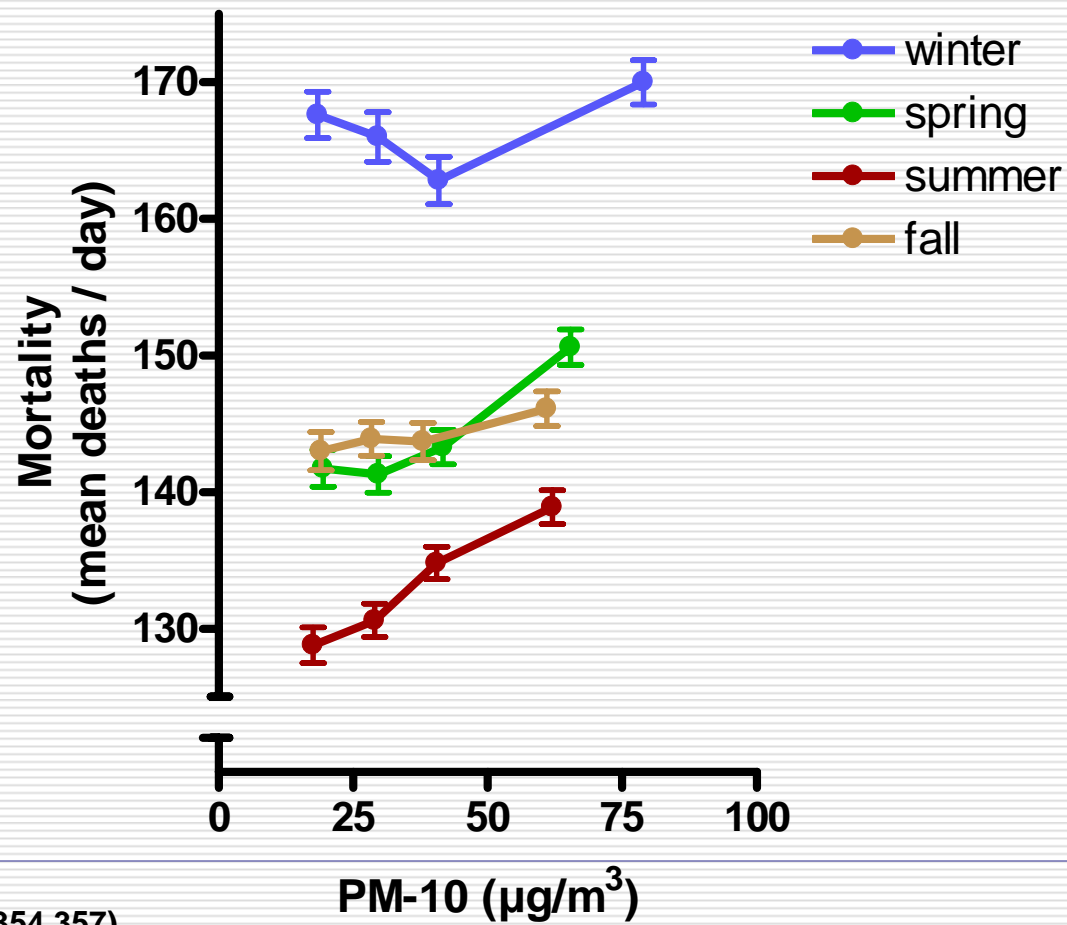
The impact of PM₁₀ on mortality

Mean daily mortality by season specific quartiles of PM₁₀



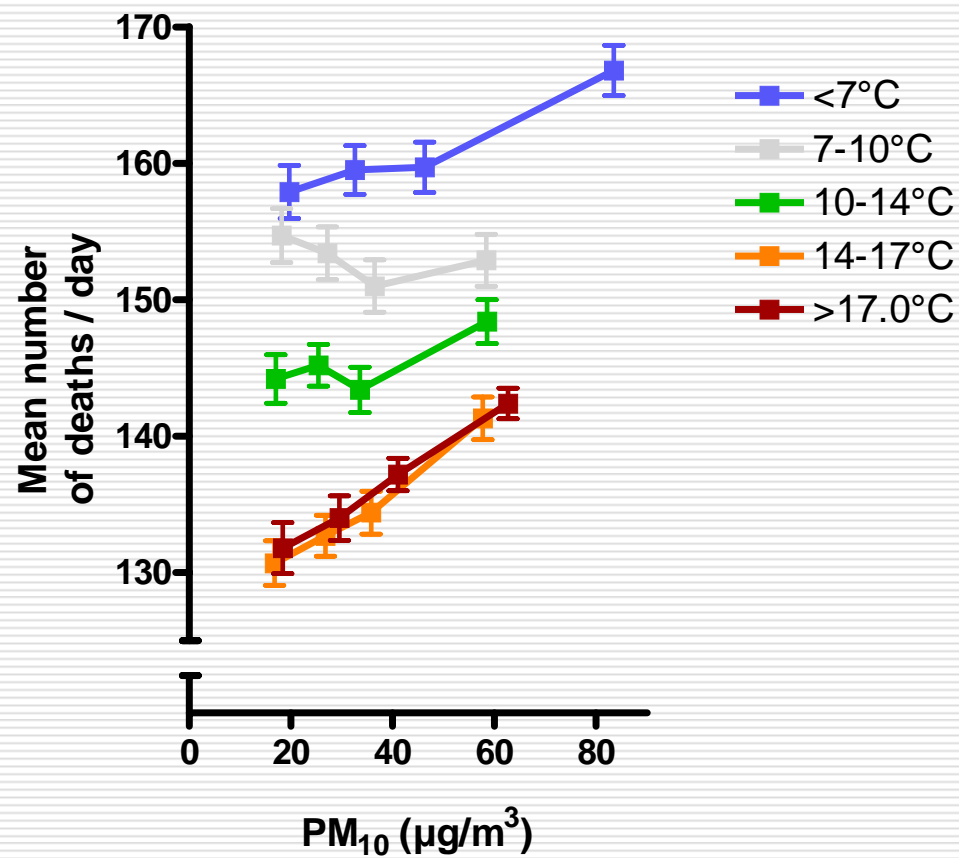
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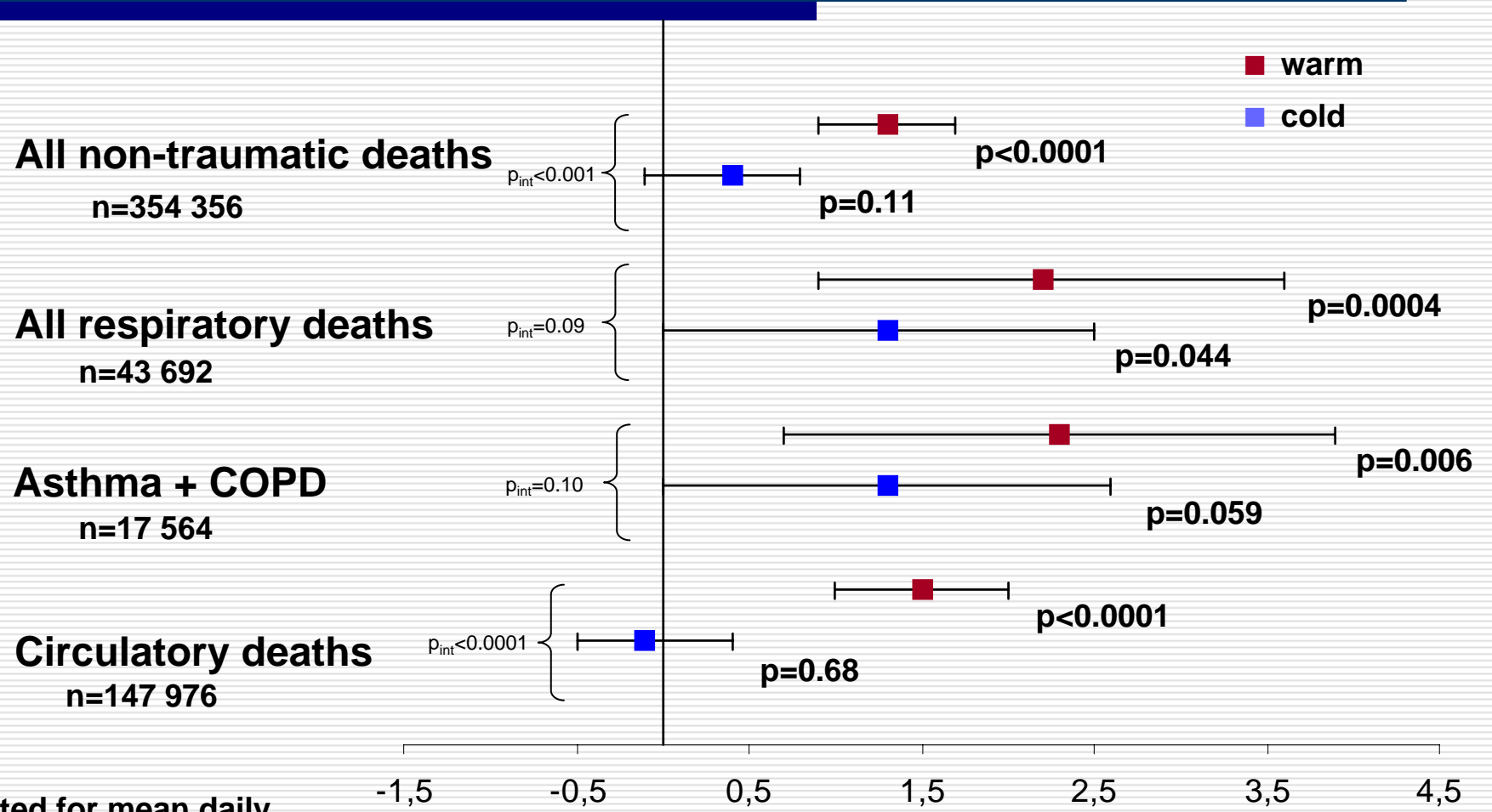
Mean daily mortality by temperature* specific quartiles of PM₁₀



Non-traumatic deaths (n = 354 357)

*temperature categories based on quintiles.

Percentage increase in daily mortality per each increase of $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \text{PM}_{10}^*$



*adjusted for mean daily temperature of the same and the preceding day.

%increase in daily deaths per $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ increase in PM_{10}^*

Sensitivity analysis

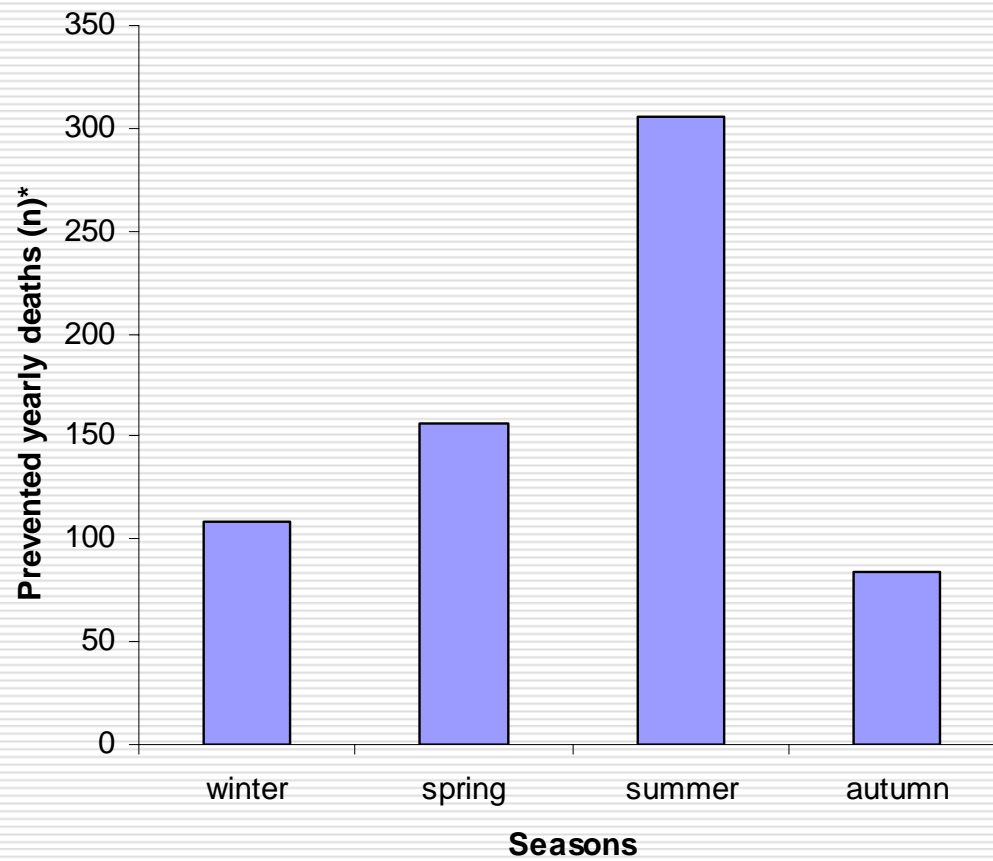
Age classes	Mean age	Mean daily mortality*	+10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
<55	43	10	0.49 (-0.61 to 1.5%)	0.39
55-65	61	12	1.53 (0.57 to 2.46%)	0.0017
>65	81	116	1.29 (0.84 to 1.74)	<0.0001

*Mortality (ICD<800) data Flanders (1997-2003) during the warmer period of the year (April to September).

Conclusions

- The association between mortality and PM₁₀ concentration is complex and depends largely on outdoor temperature.
 - We observed a threshold during the winter period and on days with a mean outdoor temperature of less than 10°C.
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Perspectives



*If mean daily PM₁₀-levels had not been exceeded 20 µg/m³.

How can we explain the seasonal influence on the mortality - air pollution association?

- The PM₁₀ toxicity may vary by season.
 - Higher relative effects in summer as a result of more time spent outdoors.
 - The PM₁₀ effect on mortality in winter could be swamped by the more powerful effect of cold spells on mortality.
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“Interventions”

Pope C.A. Respiratory disease associated with community air pollution and a steel mill, Utah Valley. *Am.J. Publ.Health* 1989, 79, 623-8

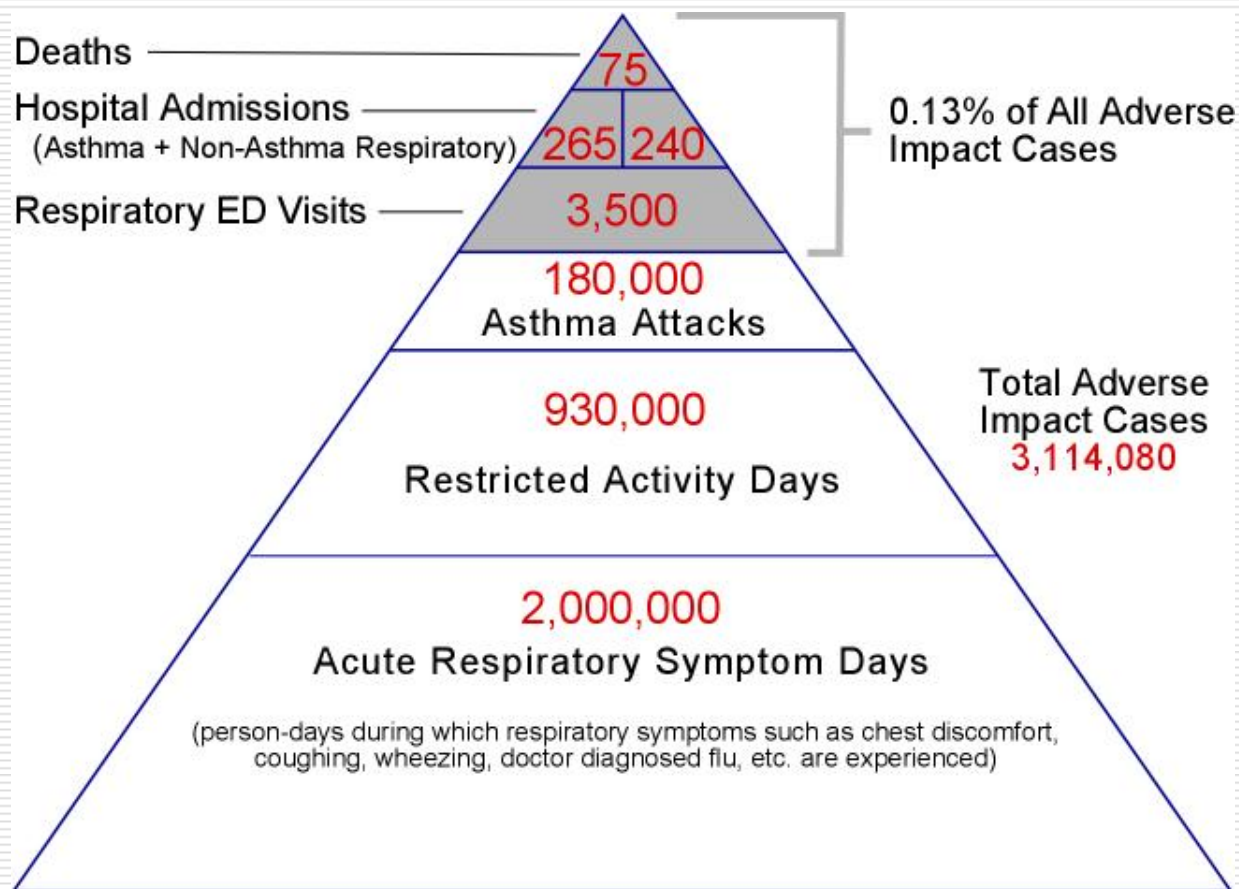
- strike in 1986-87
 - PM₁₀ (µg/m³): 90 → 51 (mean)
365 → 113 (high)
 - 50% fewer hospital respiratory admissions in children
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“Interventions”

Friedman *et al.* Impact of changes in transportation and community behaviors during the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta on air quality and childhood asthma. *JAMA*, 2001, 285, 897-905

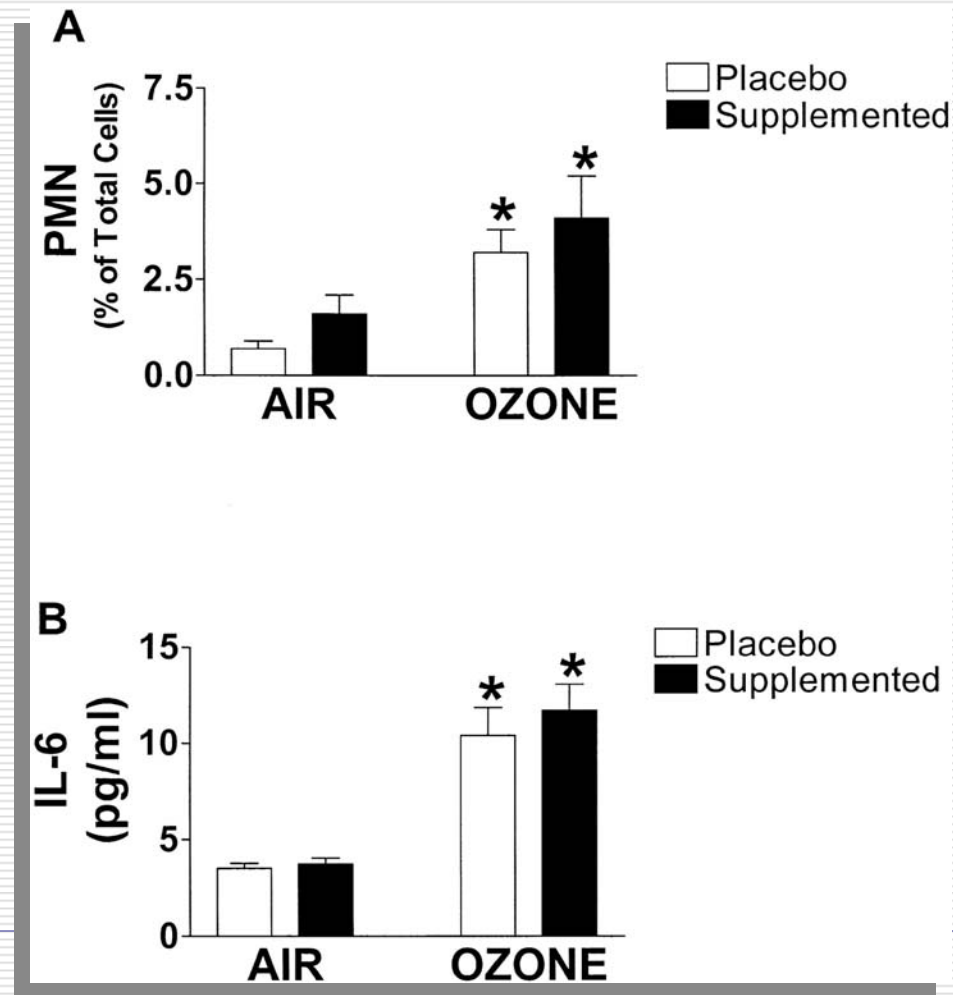
- peak morning traffic counts: -22.5%
 - peak daily O₃ : 81.3 ppb → 58.6 ppb
 - mean daily PM₁₀ : 36.7 → 30.8 µg/m³
 - asthma acute care events: -41.6%
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"Tip of the Iceberg"

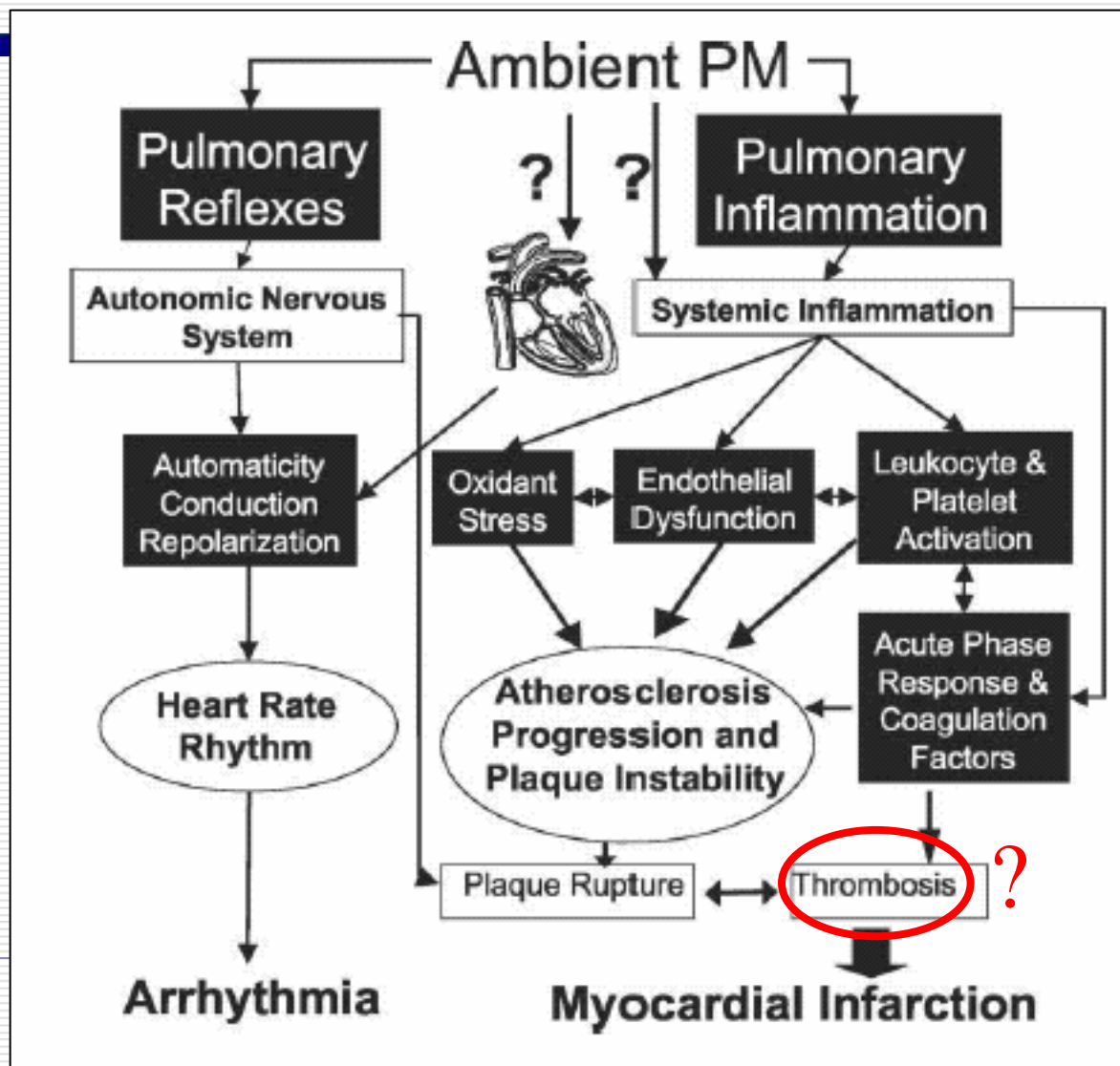


Adverse health effects that could be avoided every year by meeting the US EPA's daily maximum ozone standard (80 ppb 8-hr) in New York. Figure sections not drawn to scale. From Thurston 1997.

Interventions Vitamin E



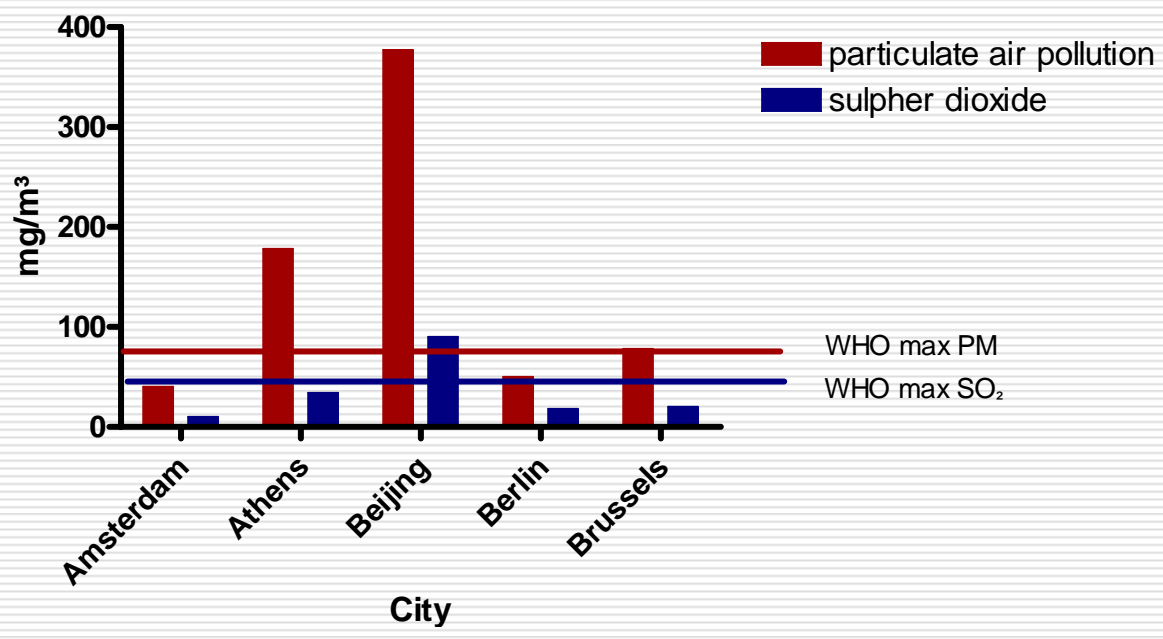
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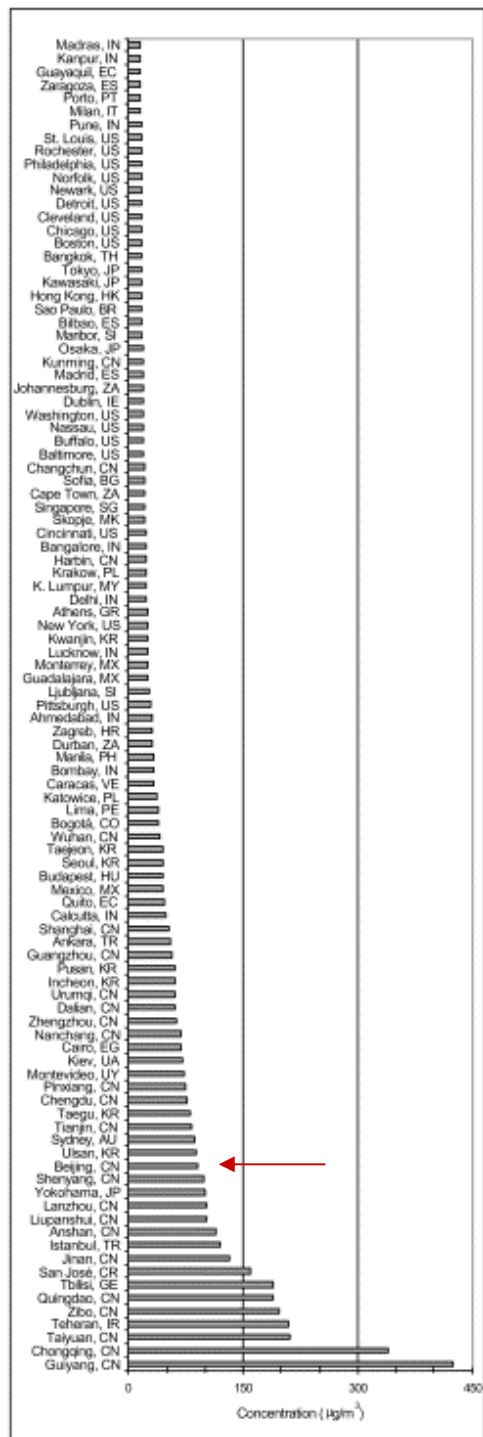
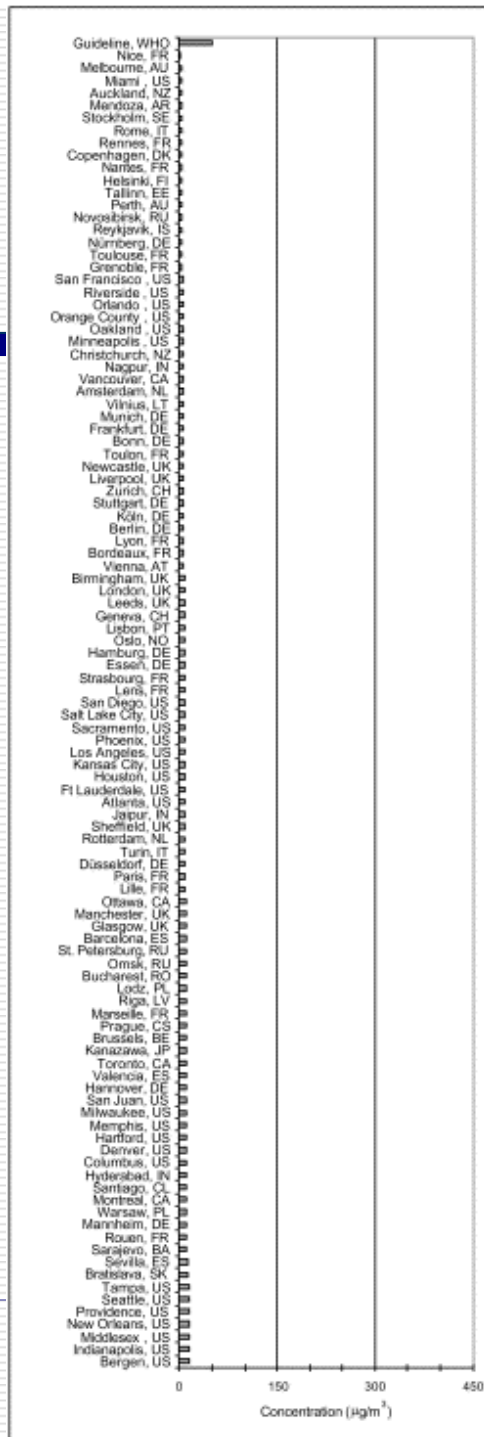


Professional athletes suffering from familial hypercholesterolaemia rarely tolerate statin treatment because of muscular problems

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