

# Environmental Assessment and Exposure Reduction of Cockroaches

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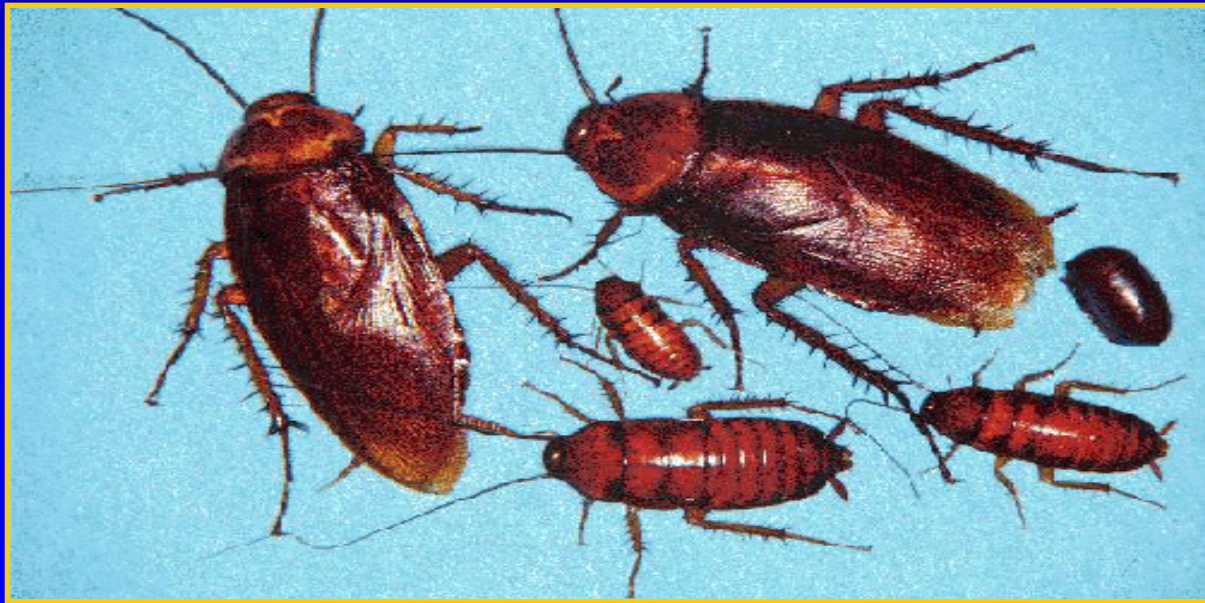
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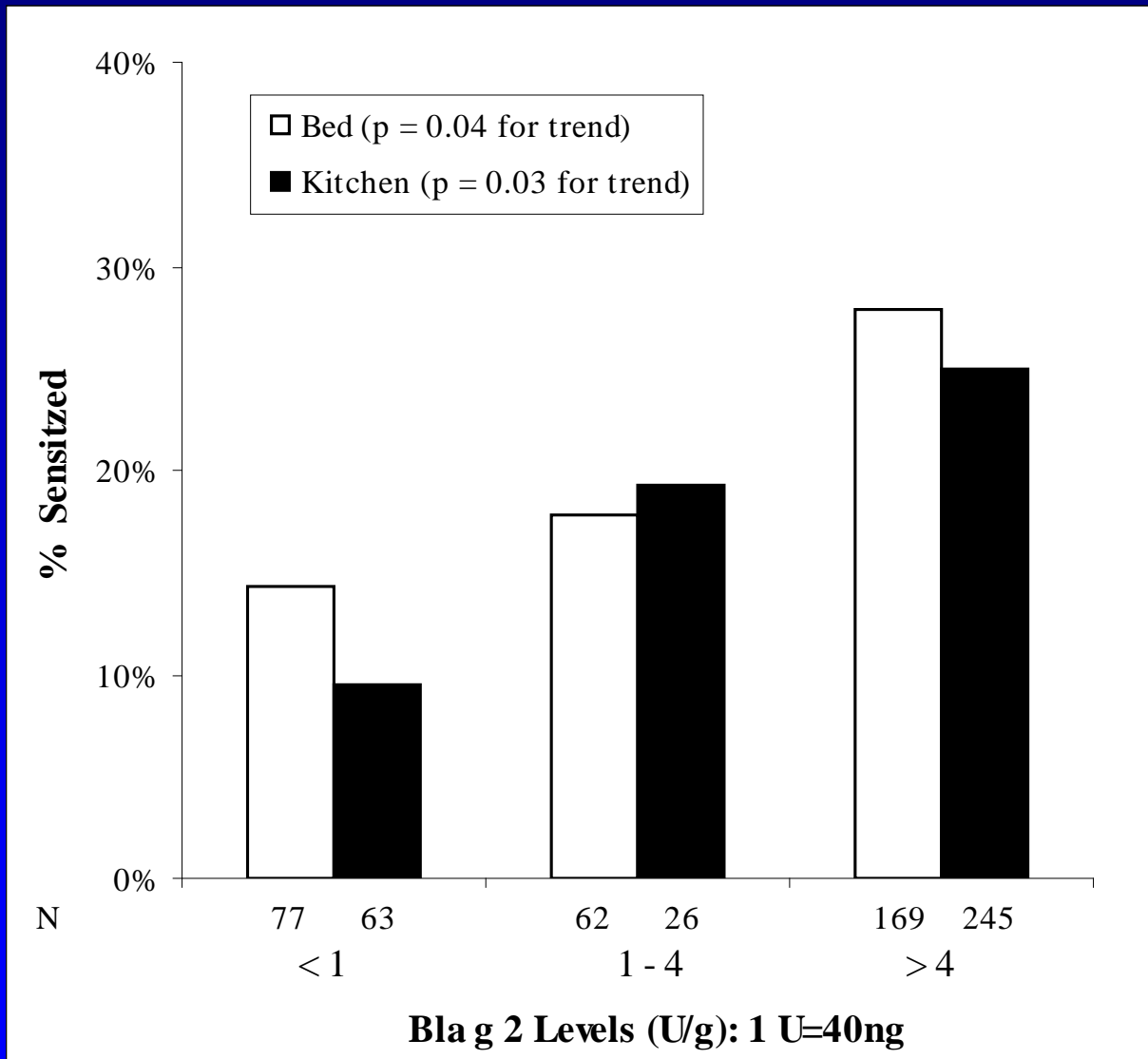
# Learning Objective

- To Discuss Cockroach Practice Parameters and Key Evidence to date on the importance of cockroach allergen exposure, symptoms, and abatement

Why should an allergist care about cockroaches?

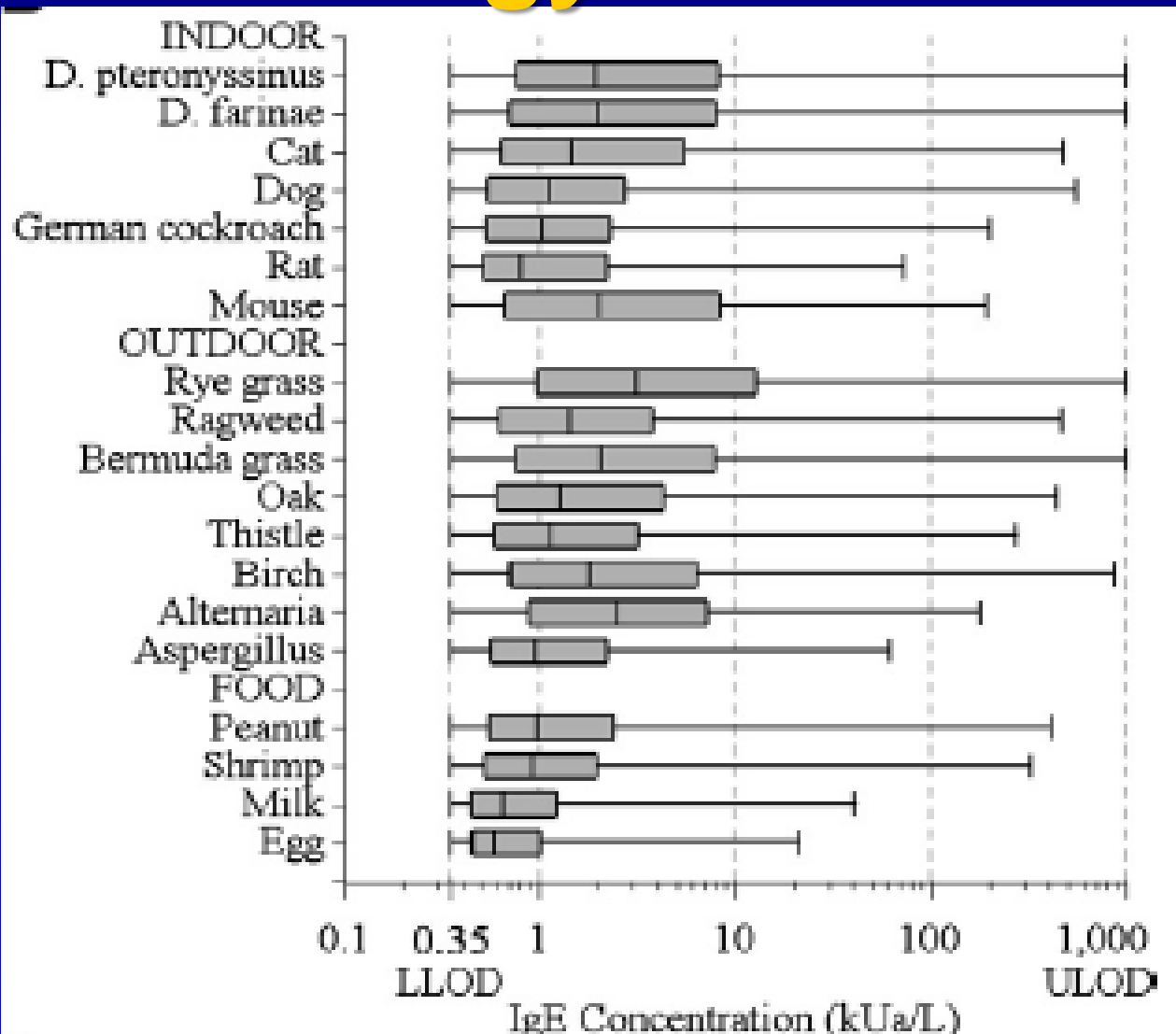


# New York preschool children (n=341)



**Bla g 2 levels > 1U/g in children's bed and kitchen dust samples were independently associated with cockroach-specific IgE, adjusting for other covariates (such as asthma)**

# NHANES- US Cockroach Allergy Prevalence~20%



**N= 9440**

**Male**

**Black**

**South**

**No Pet**

**More Pos**

**Roach ~20%**

**1/3 children**

**age 1-5**

**sensitized**

**P Salvo, et al, JACI  
2014, 134 : 350-9**

# Mouse/Cockroach Rural Homes

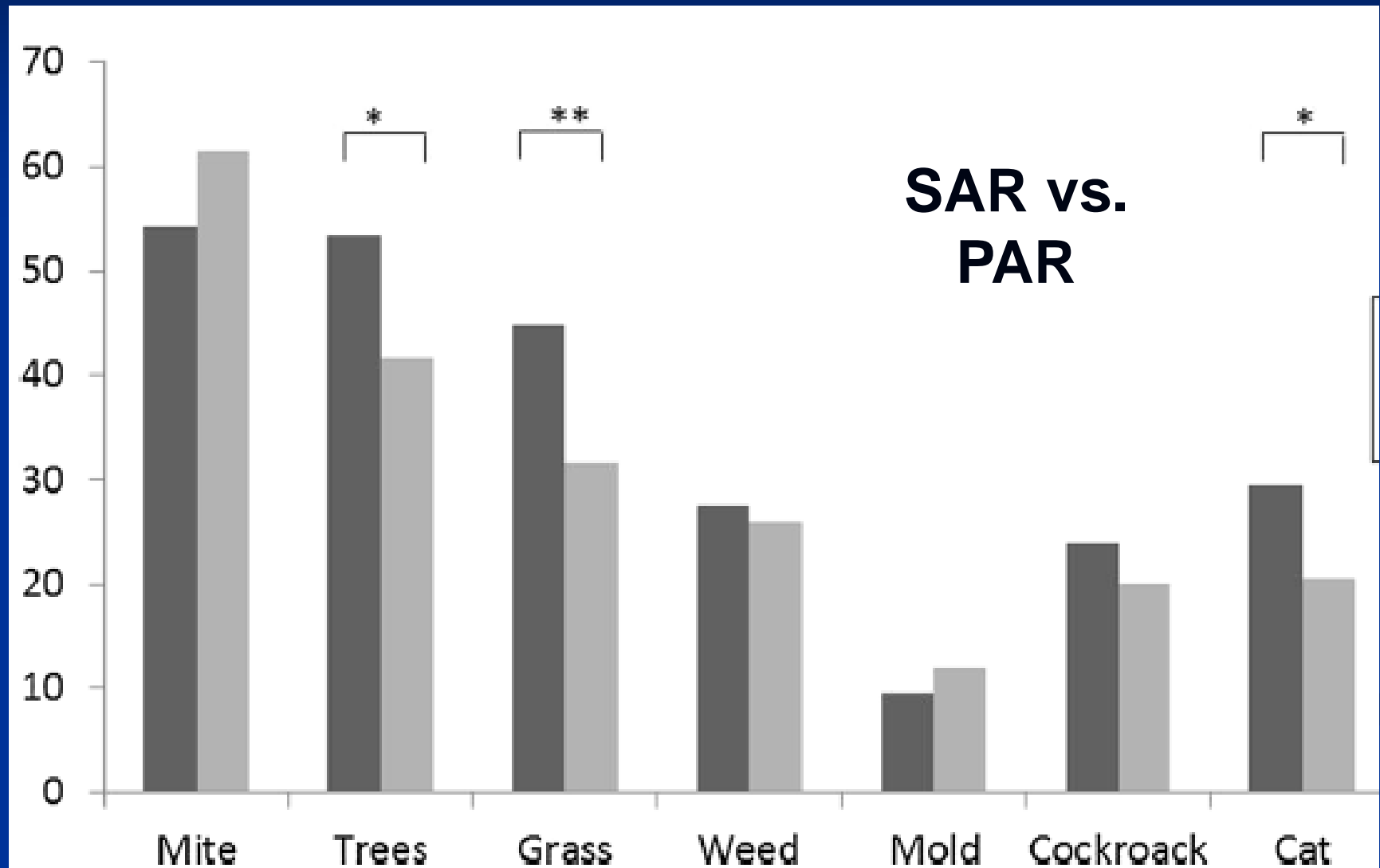
*A.T. Coleman et al / Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol 112 (2014) 256–260*

	Detectable	Above Sensitation
<b>Mus m 1</b>	<b>&gt;0.01 mcg/g</b>	<b>&gt;1.6 mcg/g</b>
any room	93 (97.9%)*	32 (33.7%)*
bedroom	93 (96.7%)	21 (22.1%)
kitchen	74 (81.3%)	26 (26.8%)
<b>Bla g 1</b>	<b>&gt; 0.4 U/g</b>	<b>2 U/g</b>
any room	62 (65.3%)*	38 (40%)*
bedroom	41 (43.2%)	15 (15.8%)
kitchen	53 (58.2%)	36 (39.6%)
<b>Bla g 2</b>	<b>&gt; 1 U/g</b>	<b>&gt;2 U/g</b>
Any room	38 (40%)*	35 (36.9%)*
bedroom	27 (28.4%)	19 (20%)
kitchen	34 (37.4%)	34 (37.4%)

**20% bedrooms > cockroach sensitization threshold**

# Allergy/Climate in Subtropics

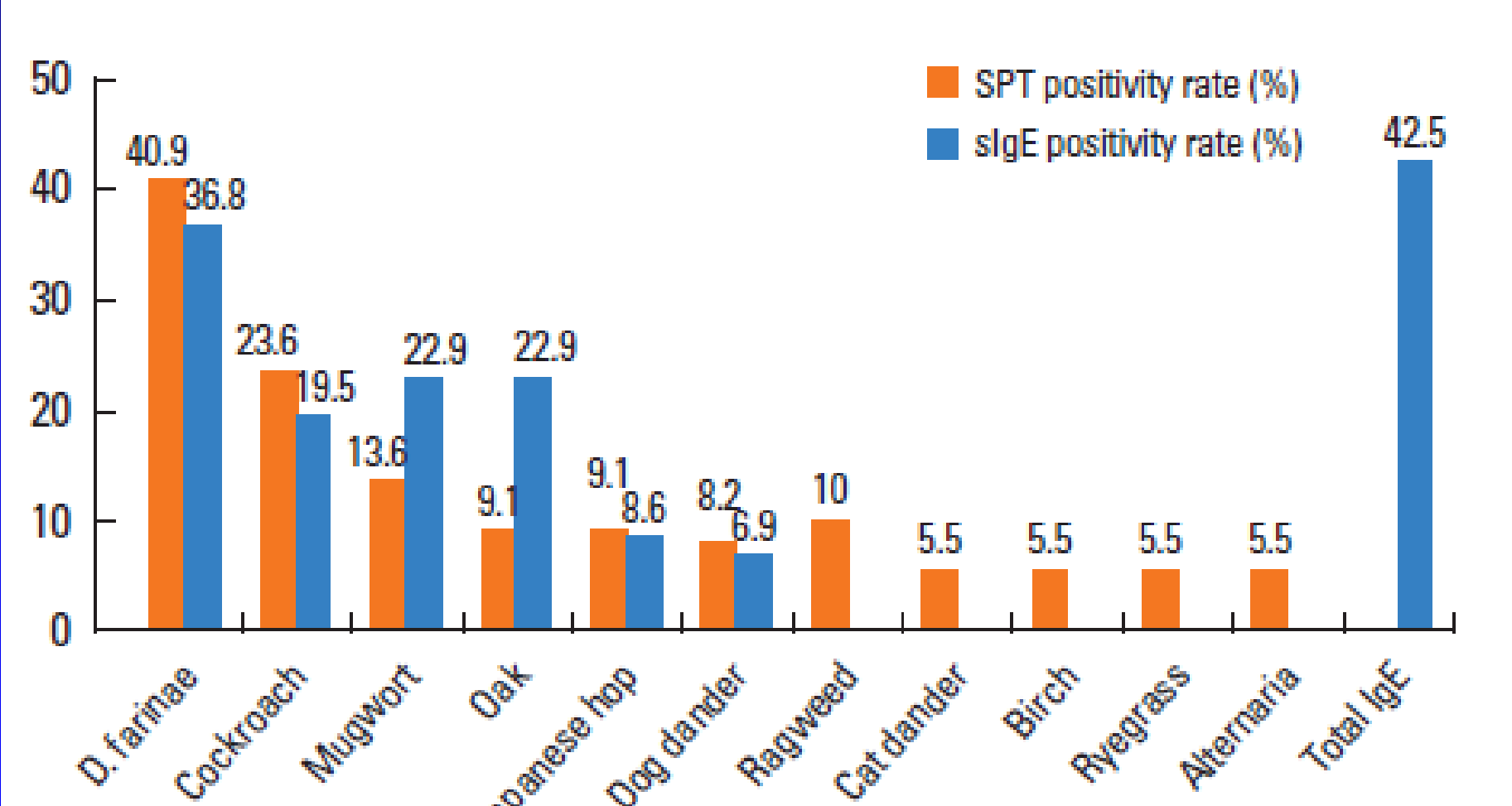
Larenas-Linnemann et al. *Clinical and Translational Allergy* 2014, 4:20





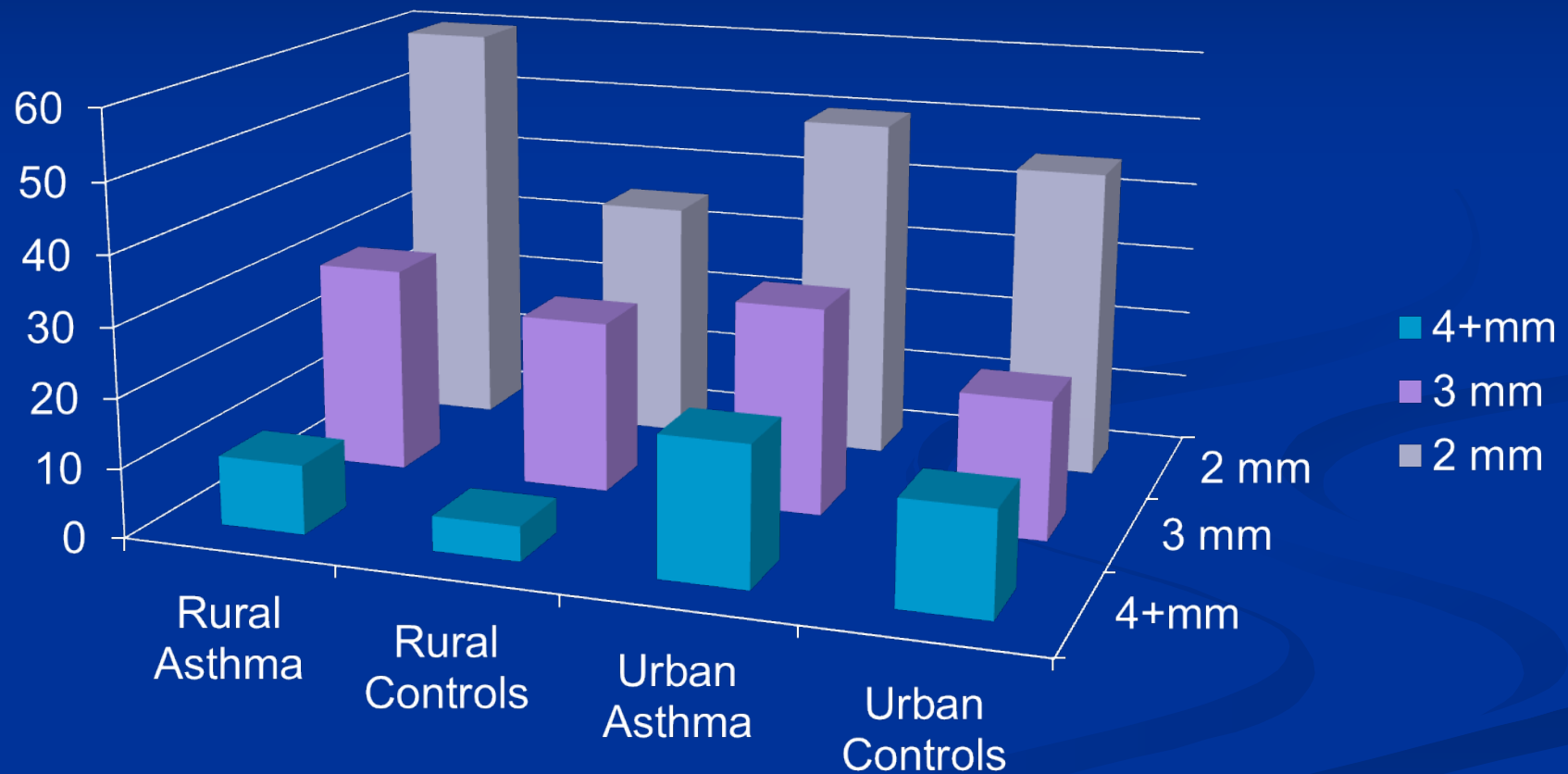
# A Nationwide Survey of Inhalant Allergens Sensitization and Levels of Indoor Major Allergens in Korea

Hye Jung Park,<sup>1,2</sup> Jae-Hyun Lee,<sup>1,2</sup> Kyung Hee Park,<sup>1,2</sup> Hea Won Ann,<sup>3</sup> Moo-Nyun Jin,<sup>3</sup> Soo-Young Choi,<sup>2</sup> Yong-Won Lee,<sup>1,2</sup> Chein-Soo Hong,<sup>1,2</sup> Jung-Won Park<sup>1,2\*</sup>

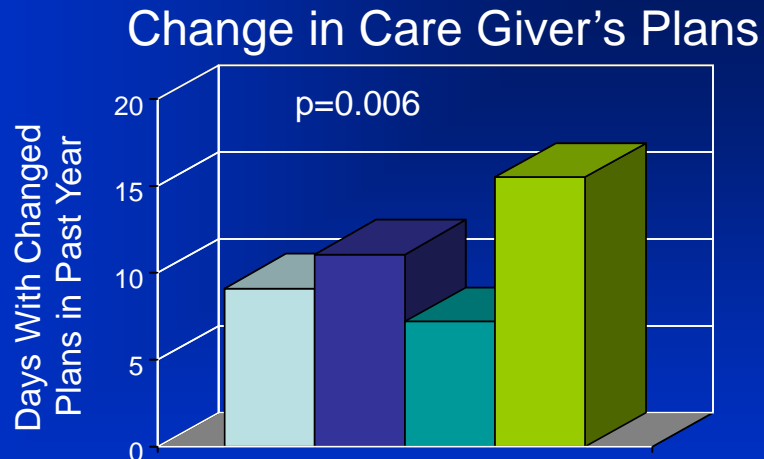
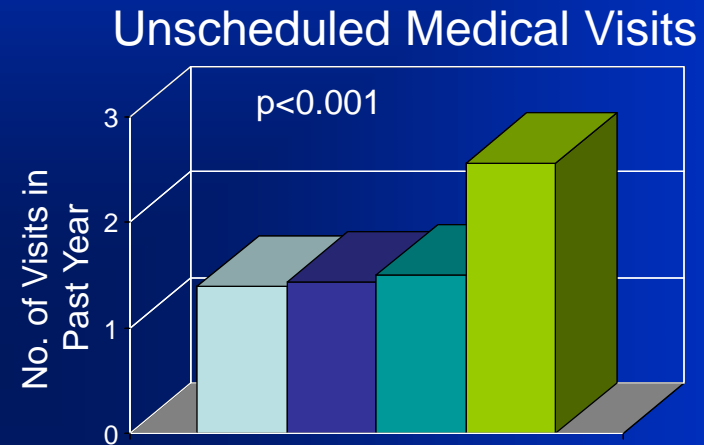
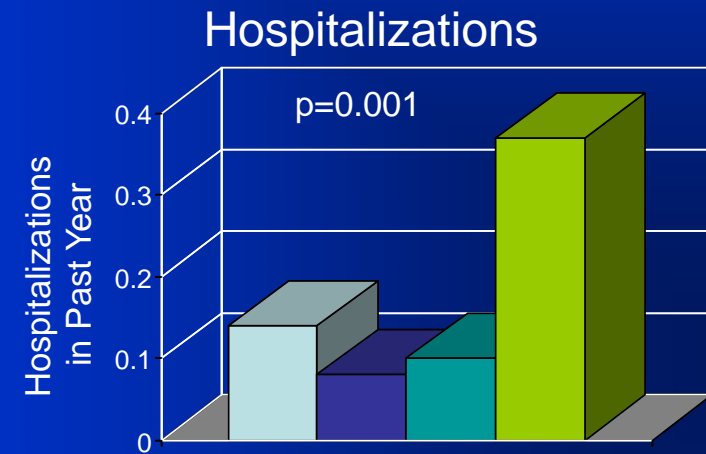


# Cockroach Sensitization

## Rural/Urban Asthma-Africa



# HOME Cockroach Allergen Exposure and Asthma Morbidity in Inner City Children



- neg skin test, low allergen exposure
- neg skin test, high allergen exposure\*
- pos skin test, low allergen exposure
- pos skin test, high allergen exposure\*

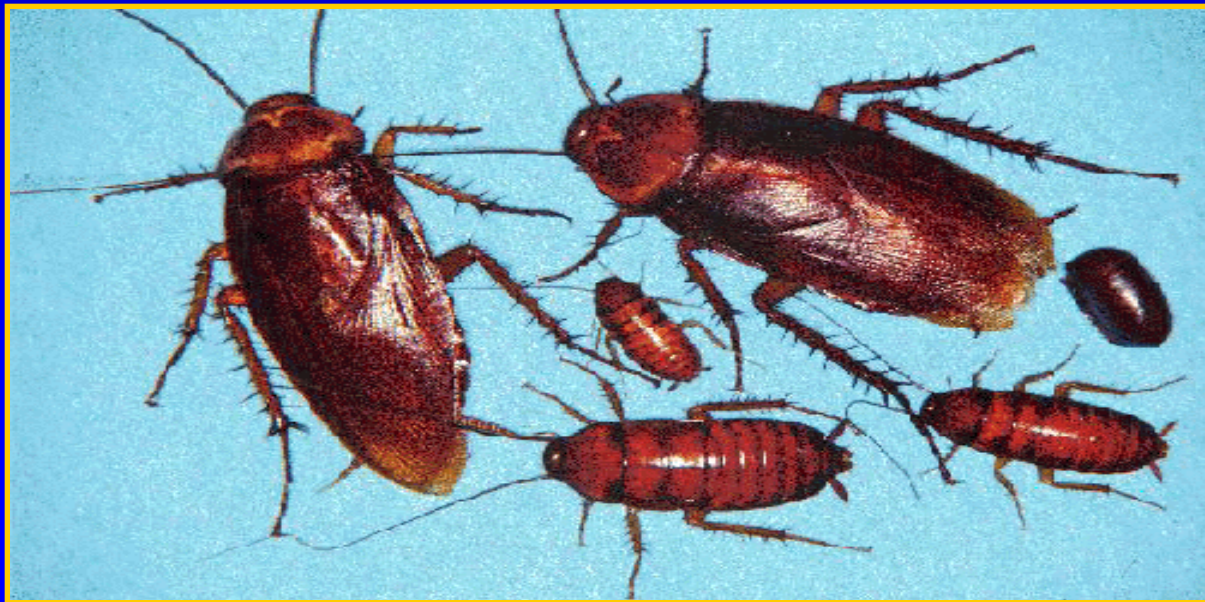
\* Bla g 1 > 8 U/gram

# Cockroach exposure independent of sensitization status and association with hospitalizations for asthma in inner-city children

Table 4. Multivariable Regression Analyses of Children Who Were Hospitalized for Asthma vs Those With No Hospitalization

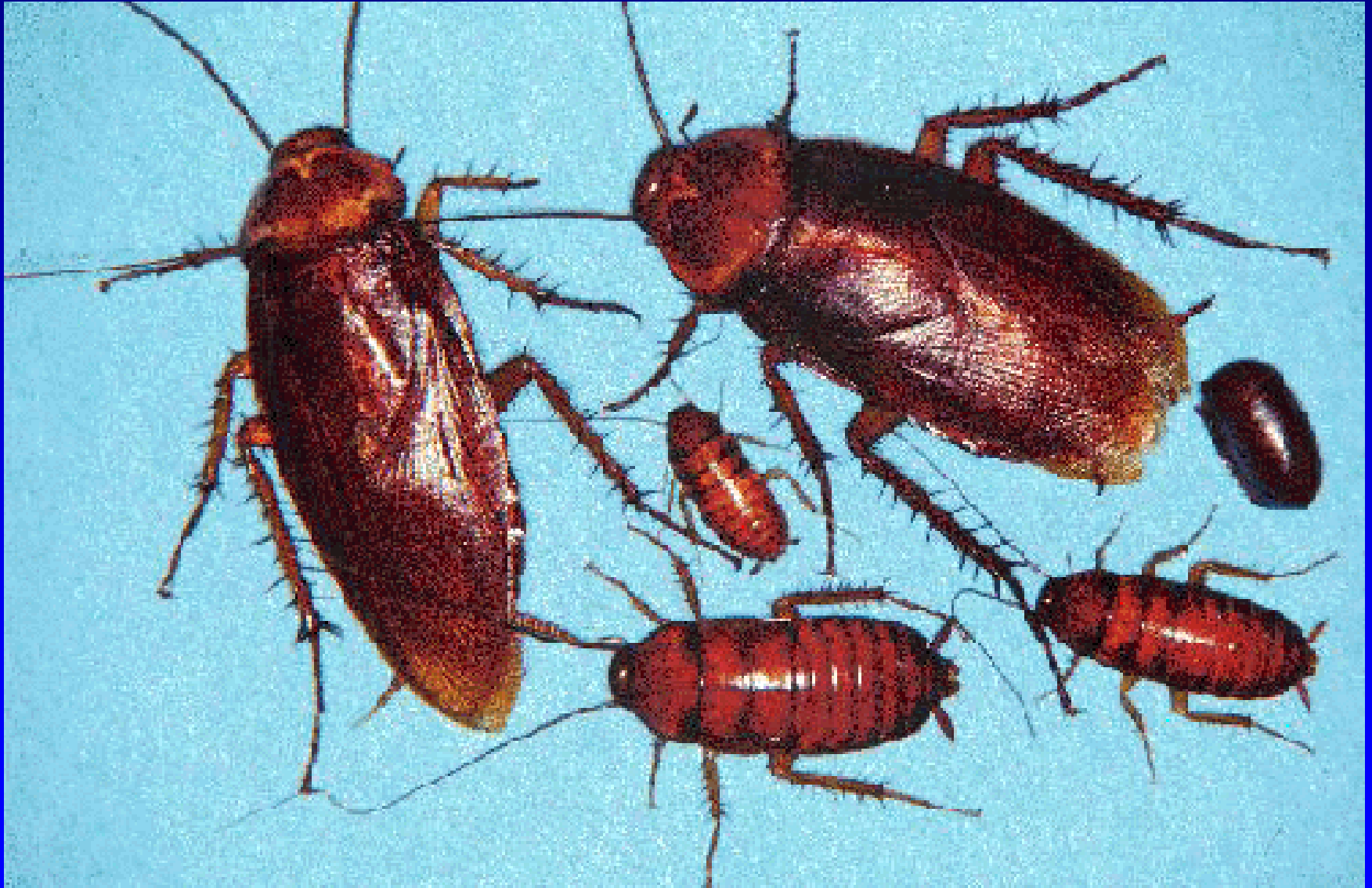
	OR (95% CI)	
	Model 1 <sup>a</sup>	Model 2 <sup>b</sup>
Bla g 1 exposure >2 U/g	5.41 (1.14–25.62)	4.20 (1.24–14.17)
Bla g 1 exposure >2 U/g and sensitized	0.65 (0.13–3.32)	NA
Oral corticosteroid use (≥1 × daily)	17.65 (1.52–204.75)	15.42 (1.39–171.37)
Ever admitted to the ICU for asthma	4.69 (1.29–17.01)	5.56 (1.27–16.36)

Now that we have established  
why allergists care about  
cockroaches, what do you need  
to know?



# *Periplaneta americana*

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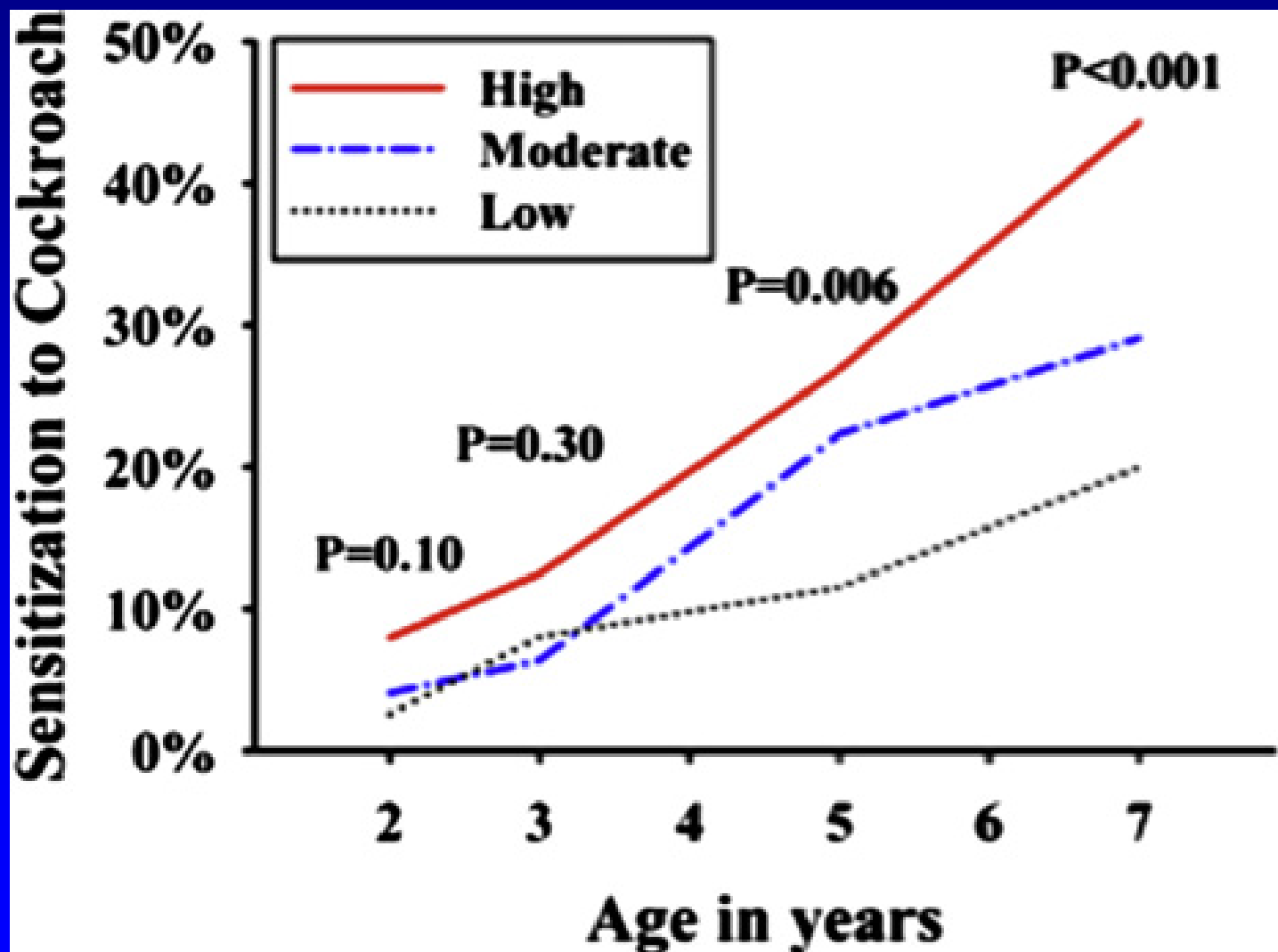


# *Blattella germanica*

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**Early-life cockroach allergen and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon exposures predict cockroach sensitization among inner-city children**

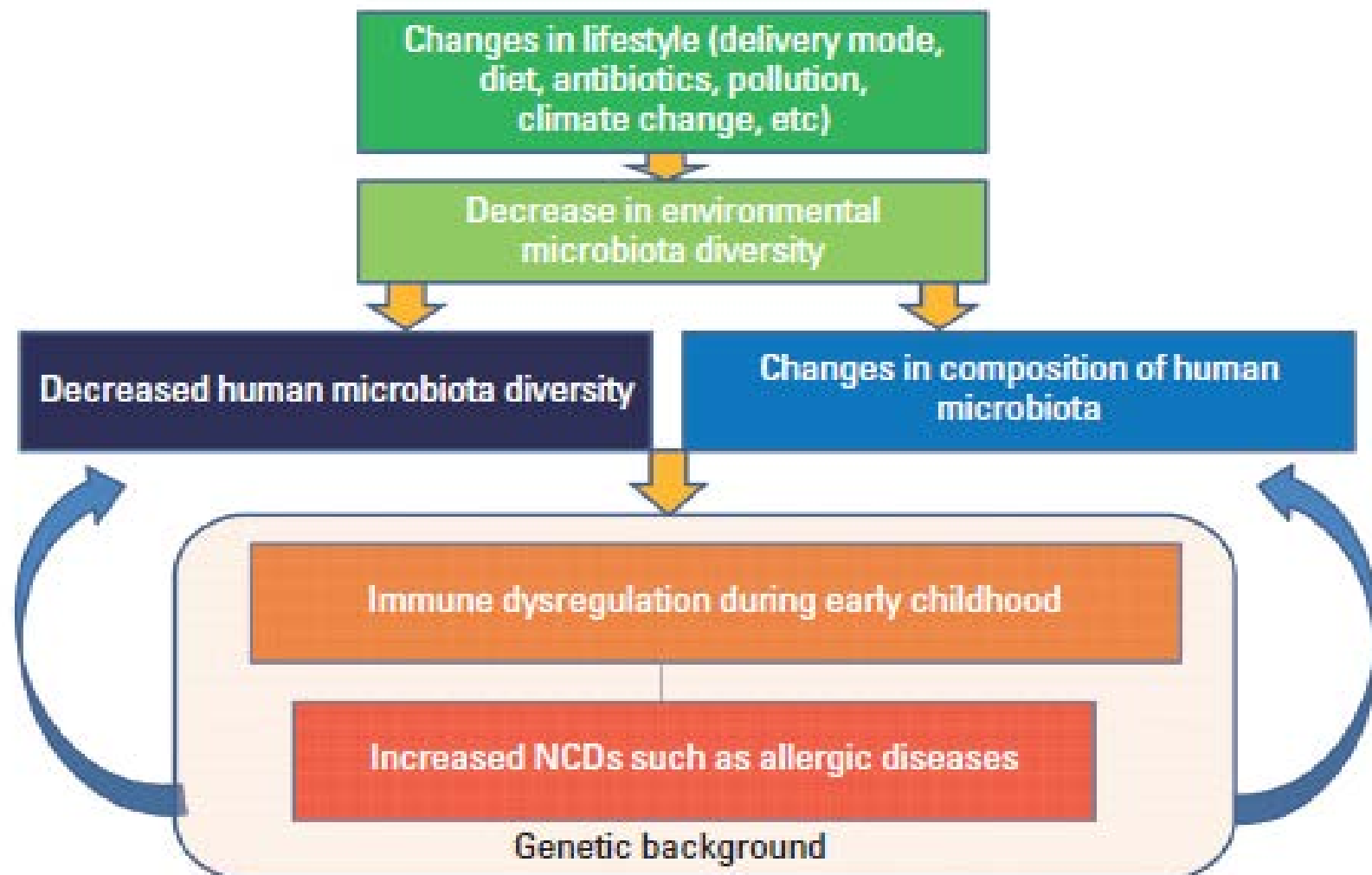




# Environmental Changes, Microbiota, and Allergic Diseases

Byoung-Ju Kim,<sup>1</sup> So-Yeon Lee,<sup>2</sup> Hyo-Bin Kim,<sup>3</sup> Eun Lee,<sup>4,5</sup> Soo-Jong Hong<sup>4,5\*</sup>

*Allergy Asthma Immunol Res.* 2014 September;6(5):389-400.



# Early Mouse/Cockroach Exposure- What is Going On?

Sensitizations	n	Sensitized	Unadjusted	
		Percent (no.)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P value
Any food	383	40% (155)	1.74 (1.14-2.67)	.01
Any aeroallergen	356	46% (163)	1.58 (1.02-2.46)	.04
Cat	362	17% (61)	1.78 (1.02-3.12)	.04
Dog	359	12% (44)	1.91 (1.01-3.60)	.05
Cockroach	359	14% (52)	1.62 (0.89-2.94)	.11
Mouse	366	20% (74)	1.58 (0.94-2.66)	.09
Dust mite	364	11% (41)	2.18 (1.13-4.20)	.02
( <i>Dermatophagoides farinae</i> )				
Dust mite	360	13% (45)	1.48 (0.79-2.80)	.23
( <i>Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus</i> )				

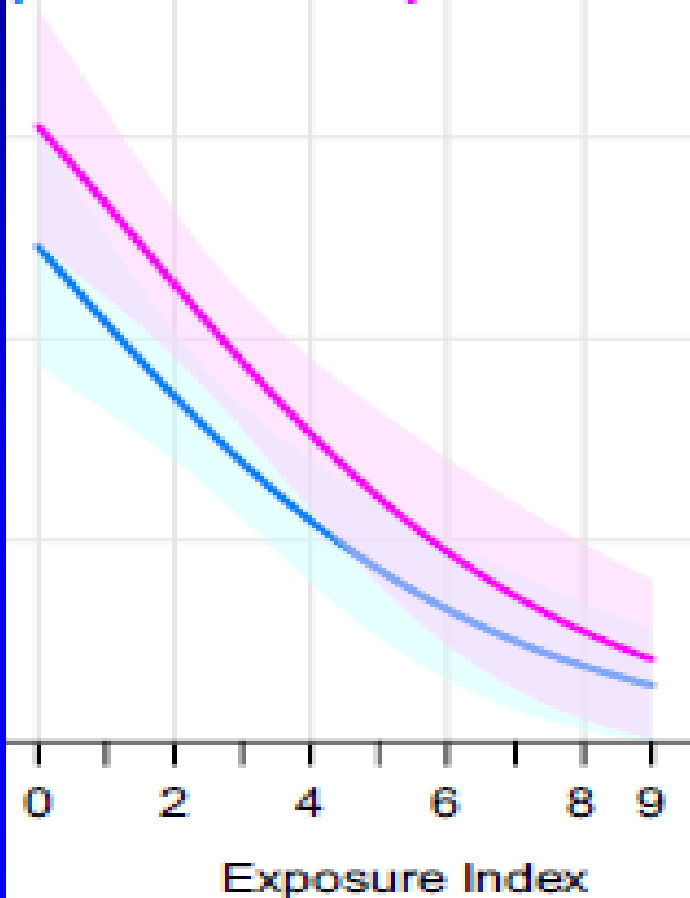
ETS, Environmental tobacco smoke; PSS, Perceived Stress Scale.

# Effects of early-life exposure to allergens and bacteria on recurrent wheeze and atopy in urban children

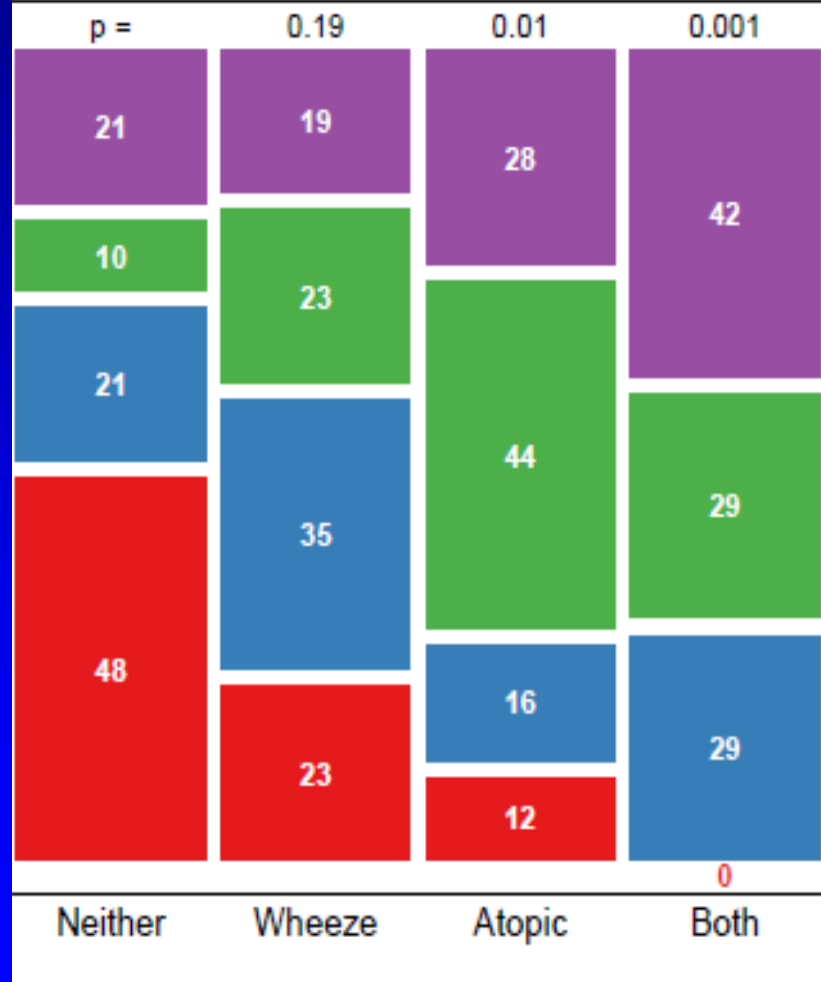
C. Year 1 by Sensitivity

$p = 0.001$

$p < 0.001$

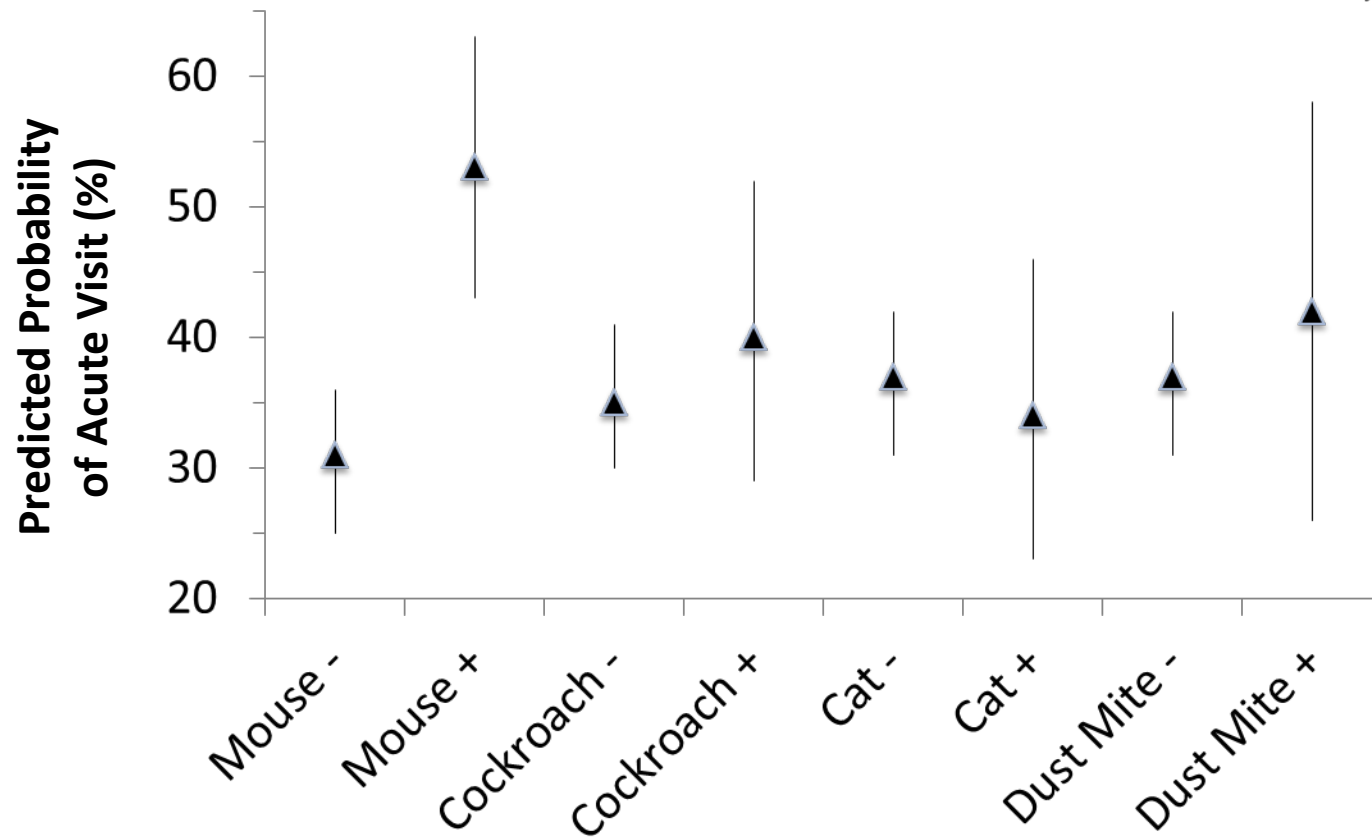


B. Taxa of Interest



# Mouse or Cockroach? Will the Real Inner-City Allergen Please Stand Up?

Ownby, JACI 2013



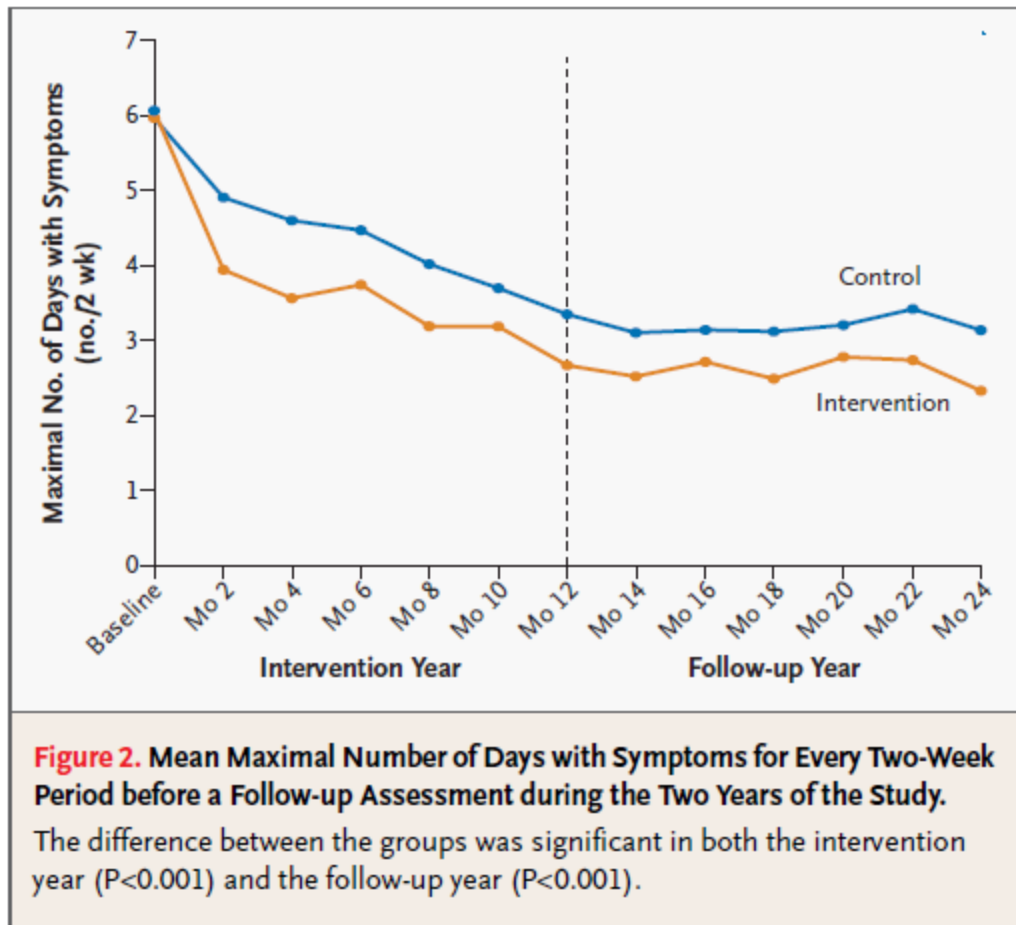
Ahluwalia et al JACI 2013; 132: 830-5

Adjusted for age, gender, total IgE, and public health insurance

# Summary statements

- **Keep exposures low to reduce risk of sensitization**
- Keep exposure low to reduce risk that sensitized patients will develop disease
- Keep exposure low to reduce risk of asthma morbidity in already sensitized patients
- **Patients with suspected atopy and likely cockroach exposure should be test for sensitization**

# Home-based Environmental Intervention- Long Lasting Events



Morgan, NEJM 2004

## The Critical View

- Effect size modest
- Some exposures were minimally affected by the intervention (mouse)
- Did reduction in exposures mediate the effects?
- Home-based Mouse Trial-Ongoing
- Consideration of Schools?
- Cost-Effective? \$750-1000
- Daily Singulair costs more

# IPM

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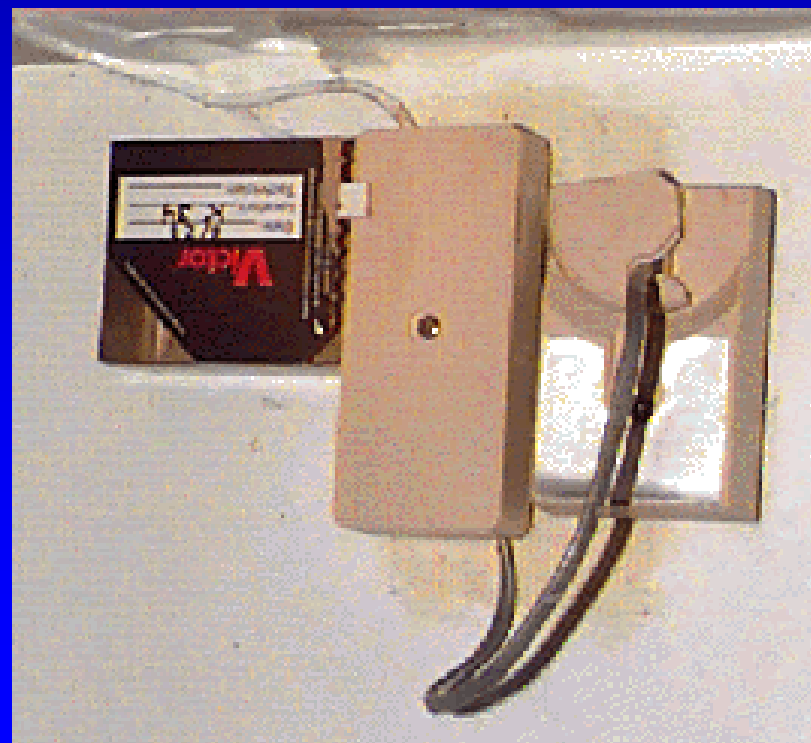
Assess & modify  
facilitative factors

- Routes of ingress
- Sources of food, water
- Assess infestation
  - Location(s) of greatest activity
- Source control:
  - traps
  - +-Pesticide (low toxicity)
- Educate/Clean





# Location of Trap







**Bathroom  
sink**

# Physical Exclusion

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# IPM in Baltimore (Asthmatic children)

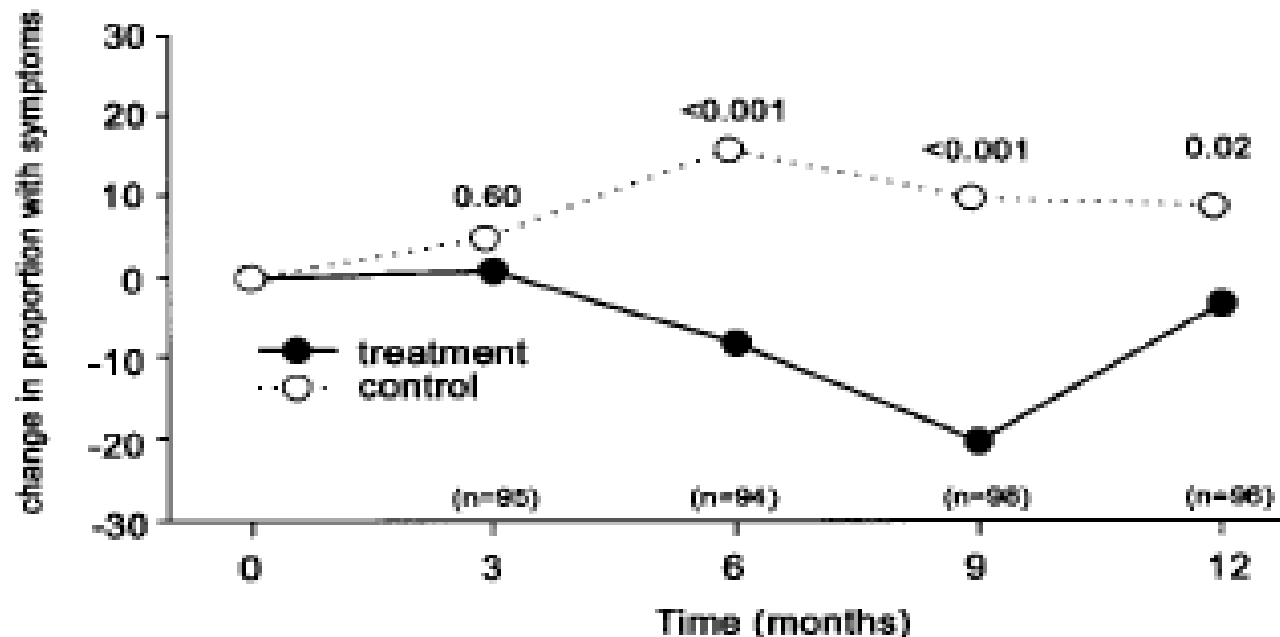


Figure 3. Change in the proportion of children with daytime asthma symptoms. The proportion was significantly lower at 6, 9, and 12 months in the treatment group (*t* test), and the average difference was significant during the first 9 months (generalized estimating equation).

# Summary statements

- **Use IPM to prevent and eliminate cockroach infestations**
- **Reservoirs should be cleaned or removed to prevent additional exposures**
- Pesticides should be used judiciously and ideally applied by a professional as part of and overall IPM program.



# Suburban pest control vs. Urban pest control

**Carlton, EJ, Moats HL, Feinberg M, Shepard P, Garfinkel R, Whyatt R, Evans D. Pesticide sales in low-income, minority neighborhoods. *J Community Health*. 2004**

# **Role of environmental control in the management of asthma and allergy**

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Elizabeth C. Matsui, MD, MHS *Baltimore, Md*

JACI, January 2012

“Because these interventions are not covered by the patient’s insurance, the family is referred to the Healthy Housing Program at the City Health Department because this organization can support the family in instituting these environmental control practices.”

# Multicomponent intervention

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## **The Seattle-King County Healthy Homes Project: A Randomized, Controlled Trial of a Community Health Worker Intervention to Decrease Exposure to Indoor Asthma Triggers**

| James W. Krieger, MD, MPH, Tim K. Takaro, MD, MPH, MS, Lin Song, PhD, and Marcia Weaver, PhD

### **Community health workers:**

- **reduced asthma symptom days**
- **reduced urgent health services**
- **Improved caregiver quality-of-life score**



# Review articles:

## Multi-faceted interventions

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### Effectiveness of home-based, multi-trigger, multicomponent interventions with an environmental focus for reducing asthma morbidity

Crocker, Kinyotam Dumitru, Ligon, Herman, Ferdinands, Hopkins, Lawrence, Sipe, Task Force on Community Preventive Services, Am. J. Prev., Med., 41:S5-32, 2011.

### Housing interventions and control of asthma-related indoor biologic agents: a review of the evidence.

Krieger, Jacobs, Ashley, Baeder, Chew, Dearborn, Hynes, Miller, Morley, Rabito, Zeldin. *J Public Health Manag Pract.* 16(5 Suppl):S11-20, 2010.



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