## **CEP Group Meeting**

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## Overview

- ▶ Aim: to research the *short-term* effects of postnatal exposures to non-persistent EDCs on neurodevelopment and neurobehavior in childhood, and how the metabolome and the proteome might *mediate* these effects.
- ▶ How: by making use of the principles and criteria of triangulation. We will primarily rely on the use of MTPs in combination with TMLE.
- ▶ **Population**: the HELIX sub-cohort, consisting of N = 1200 mother-child pairs.
- Exposures: non-persistent EDCs (phenols, phthalates, and organophosphate compounds), measured in childhood in a pool of two urine samples.

## Outcomes

- Raven's Coloured Progressive Matrices, for assessing non-verbal intelligence.
- Computerised n-back test, for assessing working memory.
- Attention Network Test, to provide a measure of the efficiency of three different functions of attention.
- ▶ Child Behavior Checklist, for assessing behavioural and emotional problems.
- Mediators: serum and urine metabolome, plasma proteome.

## The Research Questions

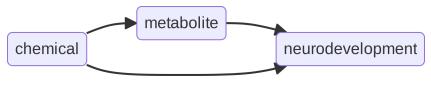


Figure 1: Simplified DAG.

Triangulation

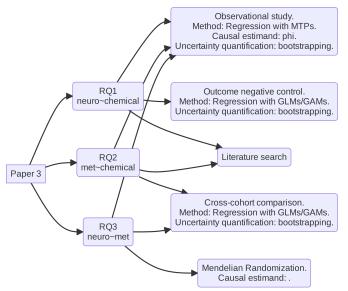


Figure 2: Diagram summarizing research questions and methods.