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## Alzheimer's Disease : 10k maniacs agree its an elephant

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Effective treatments for Alzheimer's Disease have been difficult to create. Much effort has been directed at amyloid beta removal with minimal clinical benefits. Several alternative approaches have become popular including the infection hypothesis although many pathogens appear to be possible causes. An age related vulnerability rather than a small group of pathogens may be a better focus for attention. Recently, a series of headlines has emerged claiming benefits for various nutrients or supplements such as choline, lithium, or NAD+. Taking these and other observations together it is likely that, similar to the fable of the blind men grasping different part of an elephant, a plausible unifying theme is nutrient deficiency with adaptive and maladaptive responses making this initial cause difficult to discern. This work explains all of these disparate observations as the result of age related GI decay. If this analysis accurately captures cause and effect in the real disease, correction or prevention may be fairly easy with well known small nutrient molecules or addition of acid or chloride to meals. Isolated profound nutrient deficiencies will not likely exist so obvious attribution of disease to single molecular entity is not appropriate. Individual responses to nutrient details will appear to make each case different but still possibly treatable with similar simple remedies. Indeed, there has been some limited success with dietary interventions but these fail to be designed around likely age related causes. Cations such as metals, protein components, and lipophilic nutrients would likely be the first suspects. In particular, its likely that vitamin K and copper, along with more accepted components such as amino acids and SMVT substrates all need to be included to replace

the younger absorption profile.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Alzheimer's disease remains an unresolved problem despite all the money and effort directed at it for the last several decades. Despite decades of development, anti-amyloid products continue to show questionable net clinical benefit and do not always get FDA approval even with creative trial design. Headlines sometimes appear about new scientific or anecdotal evidence pointing to a new treatment but rarely do these translate into useful therapies. The thesis of this work is that many of these results are useful but tend to be interpreted in isolation and without regard for cause and effect in real disease. "Animal models" may mimic some features of real disease but are predicated on a cause unlikely to be relevant to the pathology being treated. By coincidence, sometimes however results may be transferable but don't seem to add to understanding.

In the search for alternatives to the amyloid hypotheses, a number of other ideas have been generated. A variety of metabolic ideas have been considered.

Genetics have been investigated too with APOE continuing to get most of the attention.

As no particularly good suspect has emerged, it may be worth looking at all the data and trying to guess at age related vulnerabilities that cause more infections to lead to dementia and classic symptoms such as amyloid build ups. Nutritional defects make some sense as frailty, more than age per se, may be a correlate of age related diseases.

The GLP-1 data may also motivate an interest. GLP-1's apparently are causing non-specific nutrient deficiencies maybe similar to problems common in old age. Clinical trials showed either no benefit in AD or a positive trial [2] appeared to be cherry picked. Meanwhile anecdotes about an aged appearance ( "Ozempic face" ) and brain fog persist. There are a lot of lessons here but the immediate thing of relevance is that nutrient limitation that is can be "plausibly denied" appears to generate some symptoms of aging and more to the point frailty.

Women and blacks appear to be at higher risk of AD than European males. Factors unrelated to the disease per se may confound results but that is the case with even politically correct association studies.

One obvious issue with skin pigment is tyrosine metabolism. Both the depletion of tyrosine and generation of toxic analogs could be considered.

Tyrosine anecdotes around menopause may be one indicator. While not considered essential as it can be derived from phenylalanine, it is possible that overall supply of the precursor and regulatory systems reduce tyrosine production pathologically. This is most likely during times of "stress" and shortages. Interestingly in connection with GLP-1 there is a tyrosine dipeptide apparently acting as a signalling molecule. Amino acids such as tyrosine may have limited availability in cell cultures and dipeptides have been explored [4] for many years now. Also of interest is the need to supplement tyrosine as a dipeptide to Chinese hamster ovary cells in bioreactors [9] with work showing possible pickiness of cells for uptake although translation to human GI tract remains to be done. Similar problems have been noted for tyrosine usage in humans from either IV injection or parenteral feeding [6]. Tyrosine-tyrosine peptide is considered a hormone and may be responsible for anorexia in urea cycle disorder patients [7]. Indeed GLP-1 is often considered with PYY for understanding obesity signalling [1]. While its unclear if PYY can replace the GLP-1 drugs, if supplementation is attempted it will benefit a lot from recognizing the issues explored here. Dipeptides or reproduction of "best" GI chemistry may be more important than simply adding tyrosine to diet.

Copper has a lot of motivation behind it but its rich chemistry may make it one of the more difficult to study.

For whatever reason, vitamin K is often ignored even though interactions with APOE and appearance in "healthy" foods motivates at least an association with health.

Thiamine is also being considered [3] and that too is thought to have acid sensitive absorption [5].

### Thinking out loud

A 2025 article found ADAMTS2 to be one of the genes robustly increased in black and European Alzheimer's brains [8]. Essentially this translates into pervasive "weak structural proteins" as described below.

APOE is associated with many vitamins including vitamin K.

Fermented foods meet many of the criteria for obtaining nutrients with age impaired digestions. They tend to have low pH, and can even include pH as part of the definition, and essential molecules such as free amino acids and vitamin k.

## II. CONCLUSIONS

## III. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### III.1. Computer Code

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### **Appendix B: About the Authors and Facility**

This work was performed at a dog rescue run by Barbara Cade and housed in rural Georgia. The author of this report ,Mike Marchywka, has a background in electrical engineering and has done extensive research using free online literature sources. I hope to find additional people interested in critically examining the results and verify that they can be reproduced effectively to treat other dogs.

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#### TERM definition and meaning

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