Alcohol Questions

1. Do you think there are any major takeaways from the NYT article? What limitations are in the studies that are presented and how the findings are presented in the article itself?
2. What are the pharmacological effects of mixing alcohol with other drugs like, sedatives (marijuana, benzodiazepines)? Similarly, what might be some of the effects of mixing alcohol with other drugs like antidepressants?
3. What are the different treatments for alcoholism currently available? What affects the efficacy of the treatments in an individual?
4. Discuss the possible mechanistic interactions behind the gene holding A118G OPRM1 mis-sense single nucleotide polymorphism and Naltrexone.
5. Explain why alcohol may be beneficial in the case of cardiovascular illnesses. Discuss the possible ramifications for this finding.
6. Why does teratogenic sound like tatooine and what are the implications for the Star Wars world?
7. Discuss the supposed “gender gap” in alcohol metabolism. What are possible ways to counteract this? Would this be a good idea?