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In article <4132bbe1\$0\$15053\$61c65585@uq-127creek-reader-02.brisbane.pipenetworks.com.au>, Peter Moran <moringa@gil.com.au> wrote:

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> "john" <nospamoridiots@vaccine.com> wrote in message

> [news:cgsbt4\\$j2i\\$1@hercules.btinternet.com...](mailto:news:cgsbt4$j2i$1@hercules.btinternet.com...)

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>> *There IS a link between the MMR jab and autism, claims new research*

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>> *EXCLUSIVE*

>> *By Rachel Ellis, Medical Correspondent*

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>> *A key study repeatedly used by the Government to support the MMR vaccine*

>> *was wrongly carried out and gave inaccurate results, experts claimed*

>> *yesterday.*

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>> *The Danish research, which examined the medical records of more than*

>> *half-a-million children born over eight years, concluded there was no link*

>> *between children given MMR and the onset of autism.*

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>> *But fresh analysis of the data by four experts to be published this week*

>in

>> *the Journal of*

>> *American Physicians and Surgeons suggest there is a link.*

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>> *And a third study by Dr Andrew Wakefield, who first made the link*

>> *between MMR and autism in 1998, and Dr Carol Stott of Cambridge*

>> *University, shows autism cases in Denmark have increased by 14.8*

>> *per cent each year since MMR was introduced.*

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> *Wakefield is now known to be employed by the parents of children with*

> *autism, and it would also mean by now that everyone in Denmark is autistic.*

No, but there is a bigger problem — given that MMR was introduced over quite a short period and went from something unavailable to

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something used almost universally within a few years, the idea of a 14.8% compounded annual rise makes no sense at all. If MMR really caused autism, there would have been a huge spike in autism in the first few years after the vaccine was introduced, and it would have been pretty much level since then.

— David Wright :: alphabeta at prodigy.net

These are my opinions only, but they're almost always correct.

"If I have not seen as far as others, it is because giants were standing on my shoulders." (Hal Abelson, MIT)