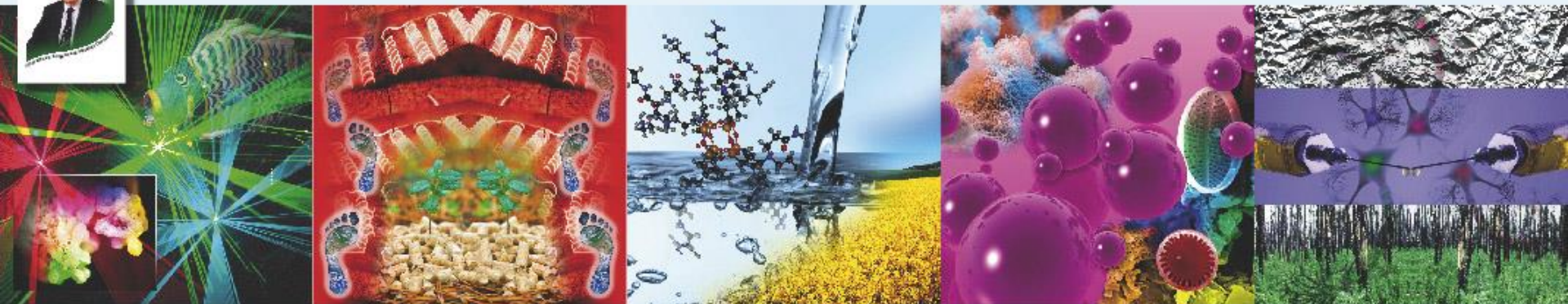


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## Living Safely (and Healthily) in the Aluminium Age

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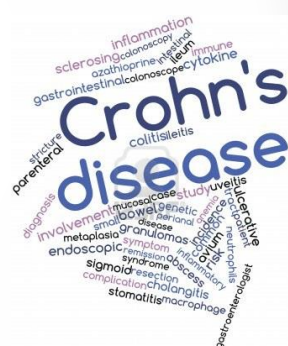
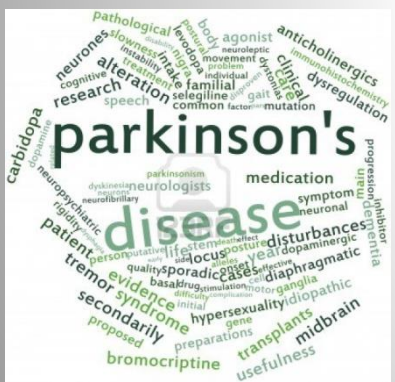
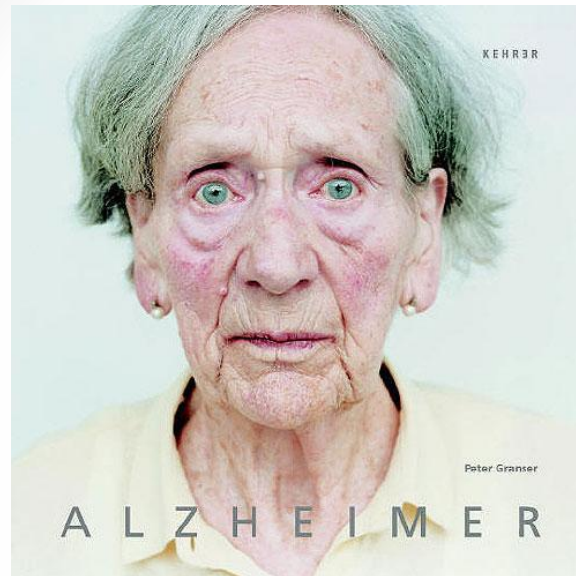
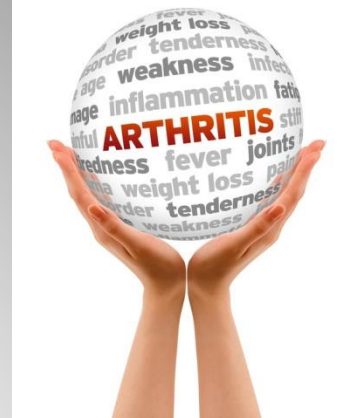
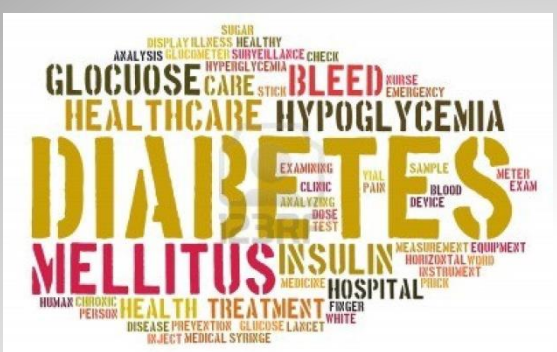
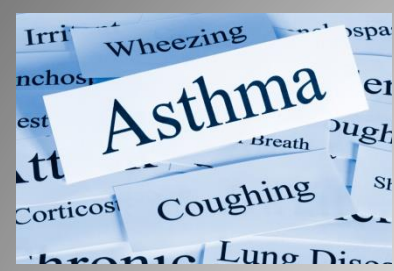
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# THE ALUMINIUM AGE?

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## Awareness

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### Unmasking Osteomalacia



A stylized superhero character named AI Man is shown in a dynamic, flying pose. He has a yellow, blocky face and torso, a red cape, and a blue belt. His right hand is raised in a fist, and his left hand is open and reaching forward. The background is a light blue sky with soft, white clouds.

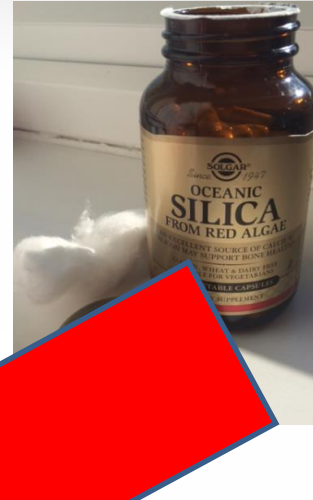
*What seems to  
be the problem  
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**AI MAN**

# Human Exposure to Aluminium

Why Silicon-Rich Mineral Waters (and not so-called silicon/silica supplements) Will Protect You!

# SILICON/SILICA SUPPLEMENTS



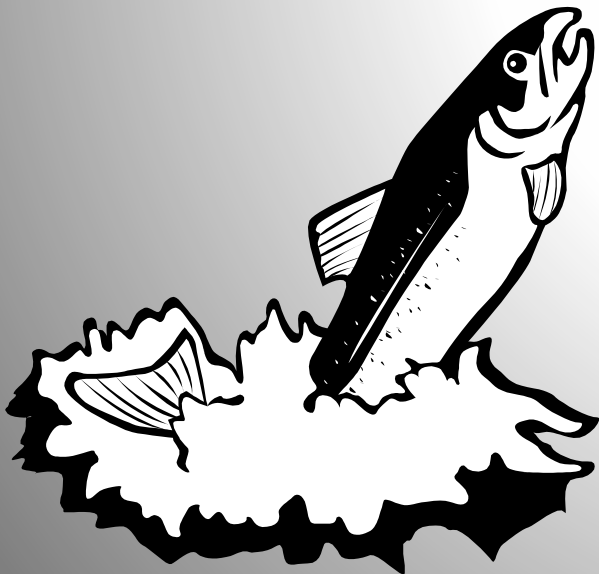
# A Bioinorganic Solution to Aluminium-Related Disease?

**1989**

**Acute toxicity of aluminium to fish  
eliminated in silicon-rich acid waters**

J. D. BIRCHALL, C. EXLEY,  
J.S. CHAPPELL & M. J. PHILLIPS

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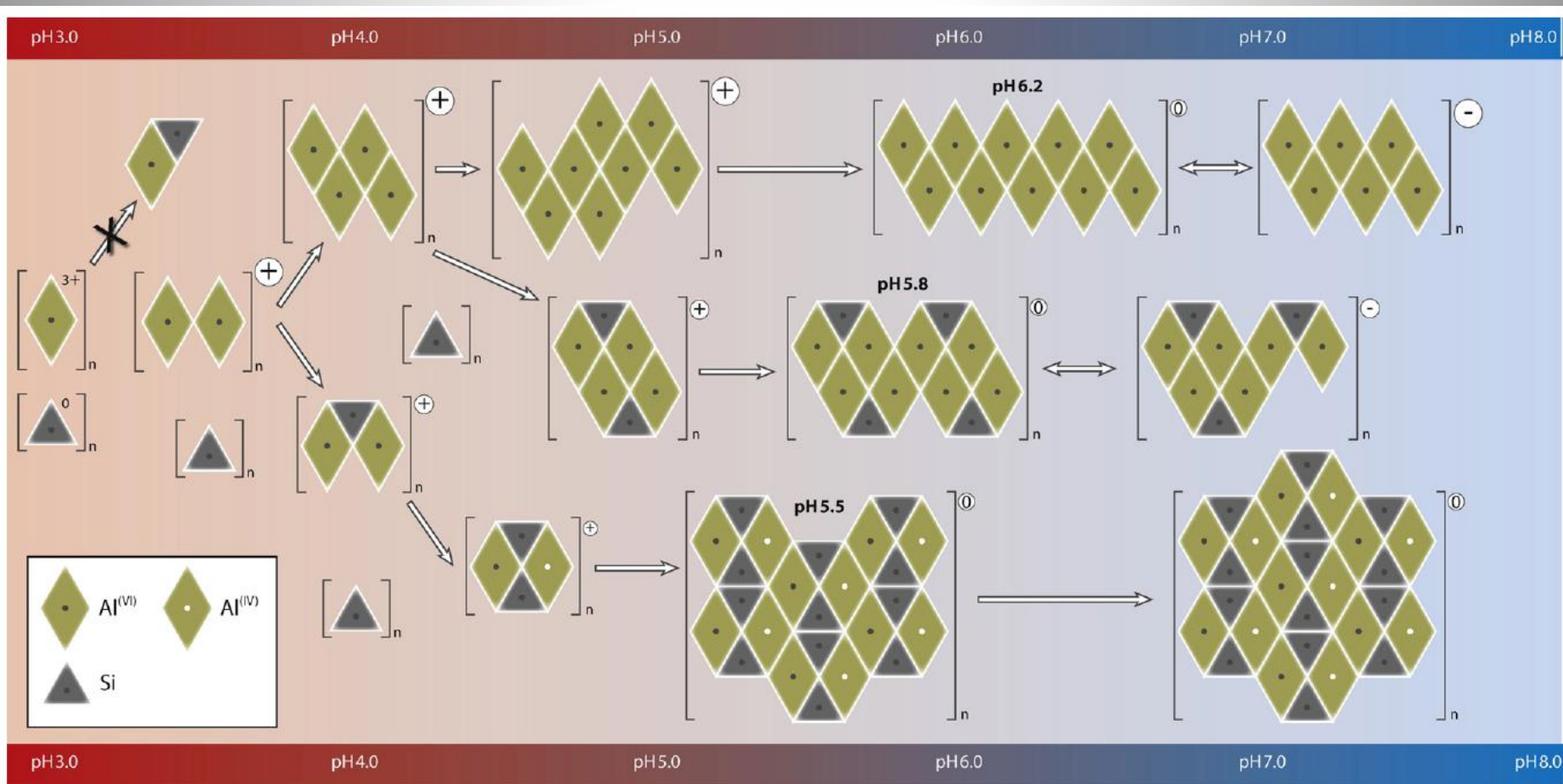
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Christopher Exley, Olga Korchazhkina,  
Deborah Job, Stanislav Strekopytov, Anthony  
Polwart and Peter Crome

***Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* 10 (2006)  
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# The Unique Inorganic Chemistry of the Reaction of Aluminium with Silicic acid



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Silicic acid reacts with aluminium to form HAS

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## What is the mechanism of formation of hydroxyaluminosilicates?

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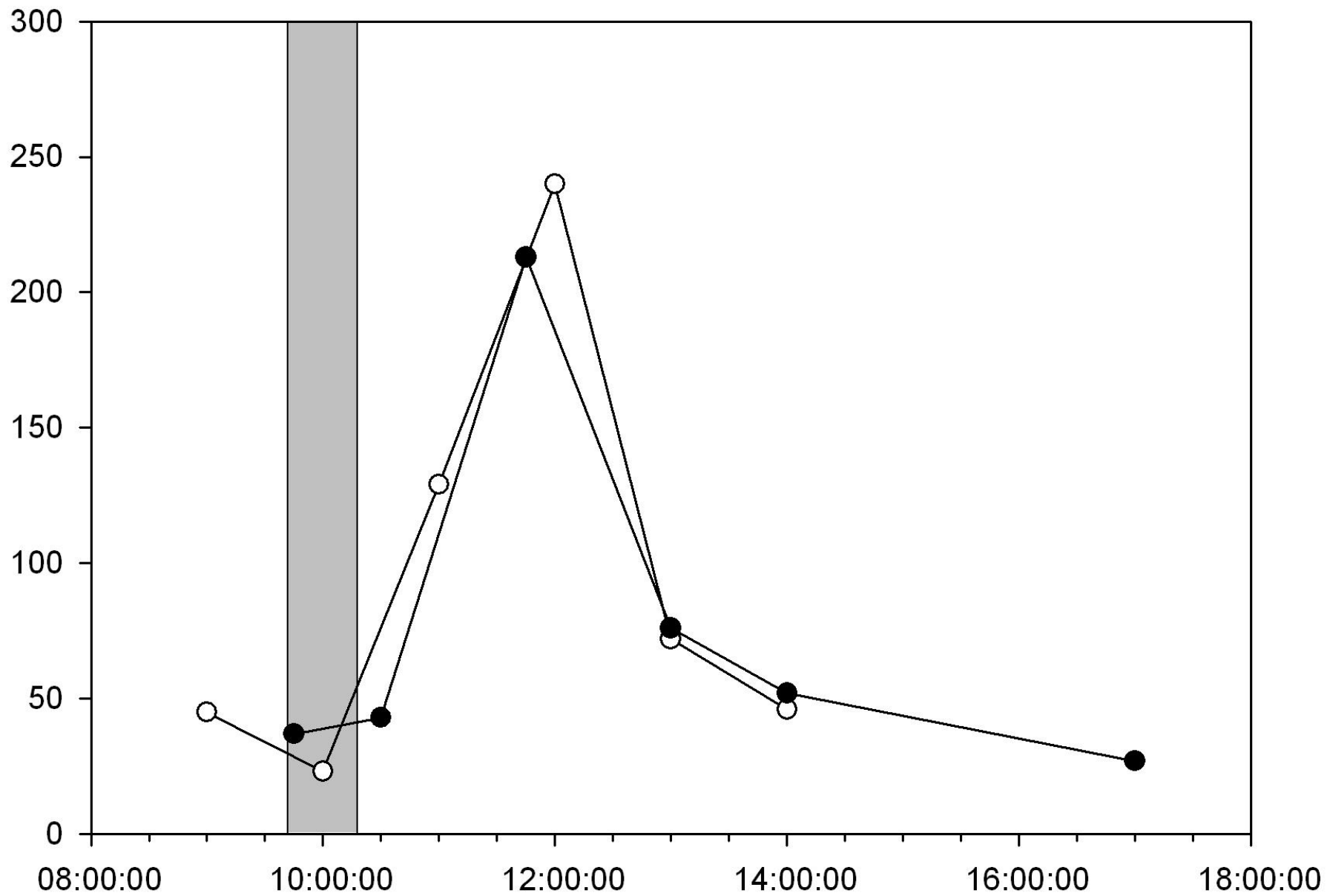
The formation of hydroxyaluminosilicates is integral to the biogeochemical cycles of aluminium and silicon. The unique inorganic chemistry which underlies their formation explains the non-essentiality in biota of both of these elements. However, the first steps in the formation of hydroxyaluminosilicates were hitherto only theoretical and plausibly only accessible *in silico*. Herein we have used computational chemistry to identify and define for the first time these unique and ultimately critically important reaction steps. We have used density-functional theory combined with solvent continuum models to confirm first, the nature of the reactants, an aluminium hydroxide dimer and silicic acid, second, the reaction products, two distinct hydroxyaluminosilicates A and B and finally, how these are the precursors to highly insoluble hydroxyaluminosilicates the role of which has been and continues to be to keep inimical aluminium out of biota.

<http://www.nature.com/articles/srep30913>

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AI Excretion nmol/mmol Creatinine



# Non-invasive therapy to reduce the body burden of aluminium in Alzheimer's disease

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The first 'test' (over only 5 days) of an 'aluminium hypothesis of Alzheimer's disease with a silicon-rich mineral water showed that silicon-rich mineral waters could be an effective and non-invasive method to lower the body burden of aluminium.

# The Second Test!

## Silicon-Rich Mineral Water as a Non-Invasive Test of the 'Aluminum Hypothesis' in Alzheimer's Disease

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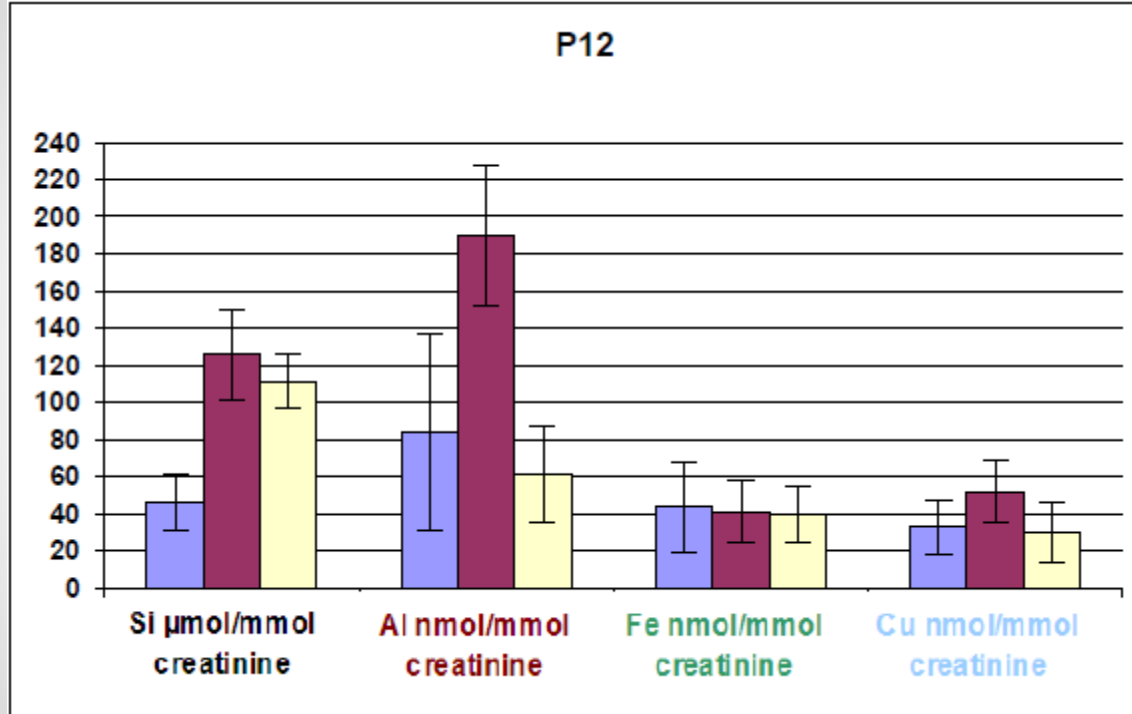
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**We have provided preliminary evidence that over 12 weeks of silicon-rich mineral water therapy the body burden of aluminium fell significantly in individuals with Alzheimer's disease and, concomitantly, cognitive performance showed clinically relevant improvements in at least 3 out of 15 individuals.**

# Alzheimer's Disease



# Healthy Volunteers

*Table 3.1.4.1: Mean, SD and range of Si ( $\mu$ moles/24h), Al, Fe and Cu (nmoles/24h) excreted in a 24-hour urine sample for the control and treatment data sets (n = 23).*

Urinary excretions in a 24-hour urine sample						
	Silicon ( $\mu$ moles/24h)			Aluminium (nmoles/24h)		
	Mean	SD	Range	Mean	SD	Range
<b>Control</b>	550	249	179 – 1216	1069	494	276 - 2356
<b>Treatment</b>	947	428	303 – 1852	1808	843	402 - 3597
	Iron (nmoles/24h)			Copper (nmoles/24h)		
	Mean	SD	Range	Mean	SD	Range
<b>Control</b>	376	282	128 – 1123	216	107	85 - 519
<b>Treatment</b>	332	122	135 – 804	207	89	83 - 407

# Healthy Volunteers

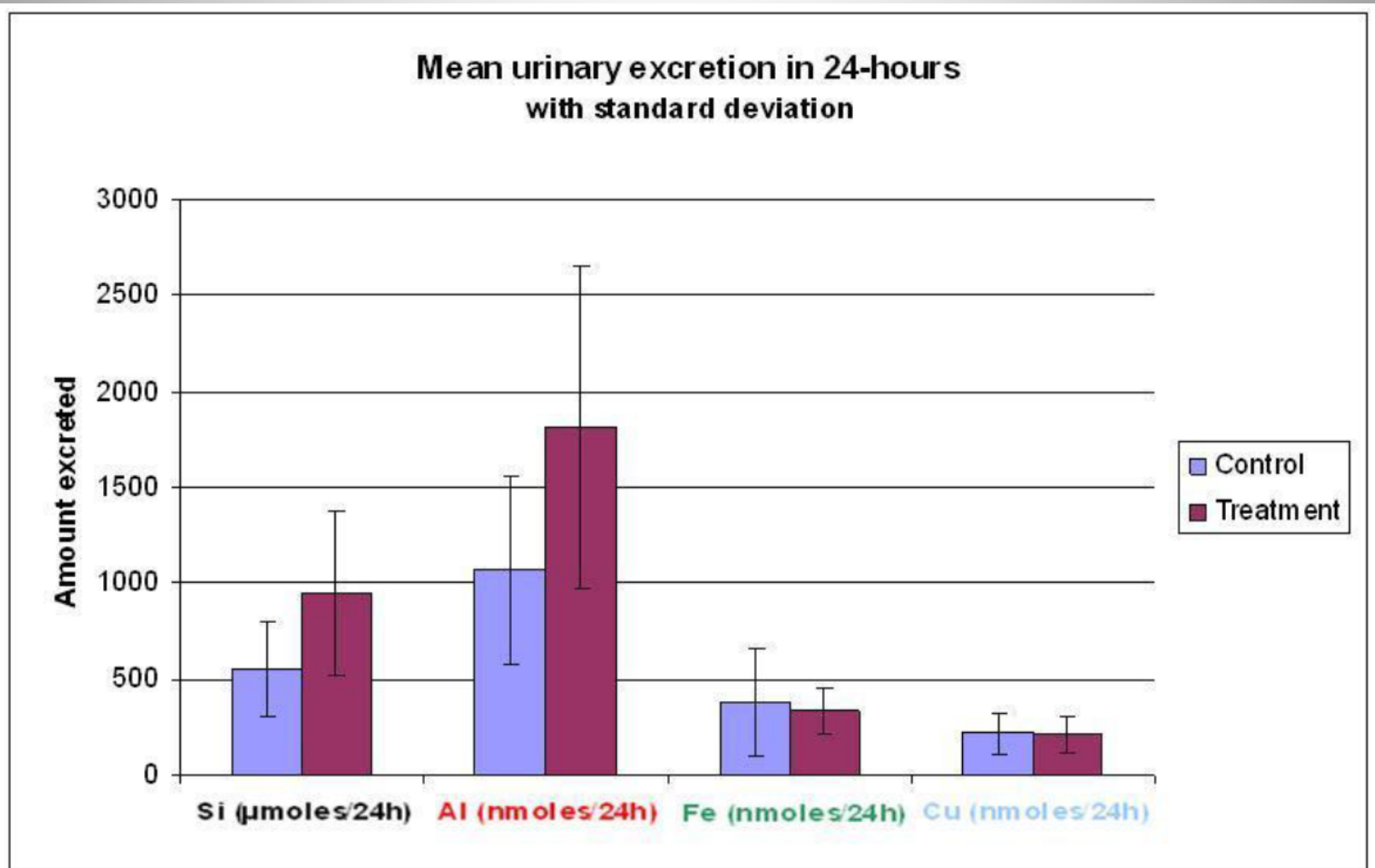


Figure 3.1.4.2: **Mean** amounts and standard deviation bars of excreted Si ( $\mu\text{moles}/24\text{h}$ ), Al, Fe and Cu ( $\text{nmoles}/24\text{h}$ ) in the control and treatment samples.

## **Elevated urinary excretion of aluminium and iron in multiple sclerosis**

*Christopher Exley<sup>1</sup>, Godwin Mamutse<sup>2</sup>, Olga Korchazhkina<sup>3</sup>, Eleanor Pye<sup>2</sup>, Stanislav Strekopytov<sup>1</sup>, Anthony Polwart<sup>4</sup> and Clive Hawkins<sup>2</sup>*

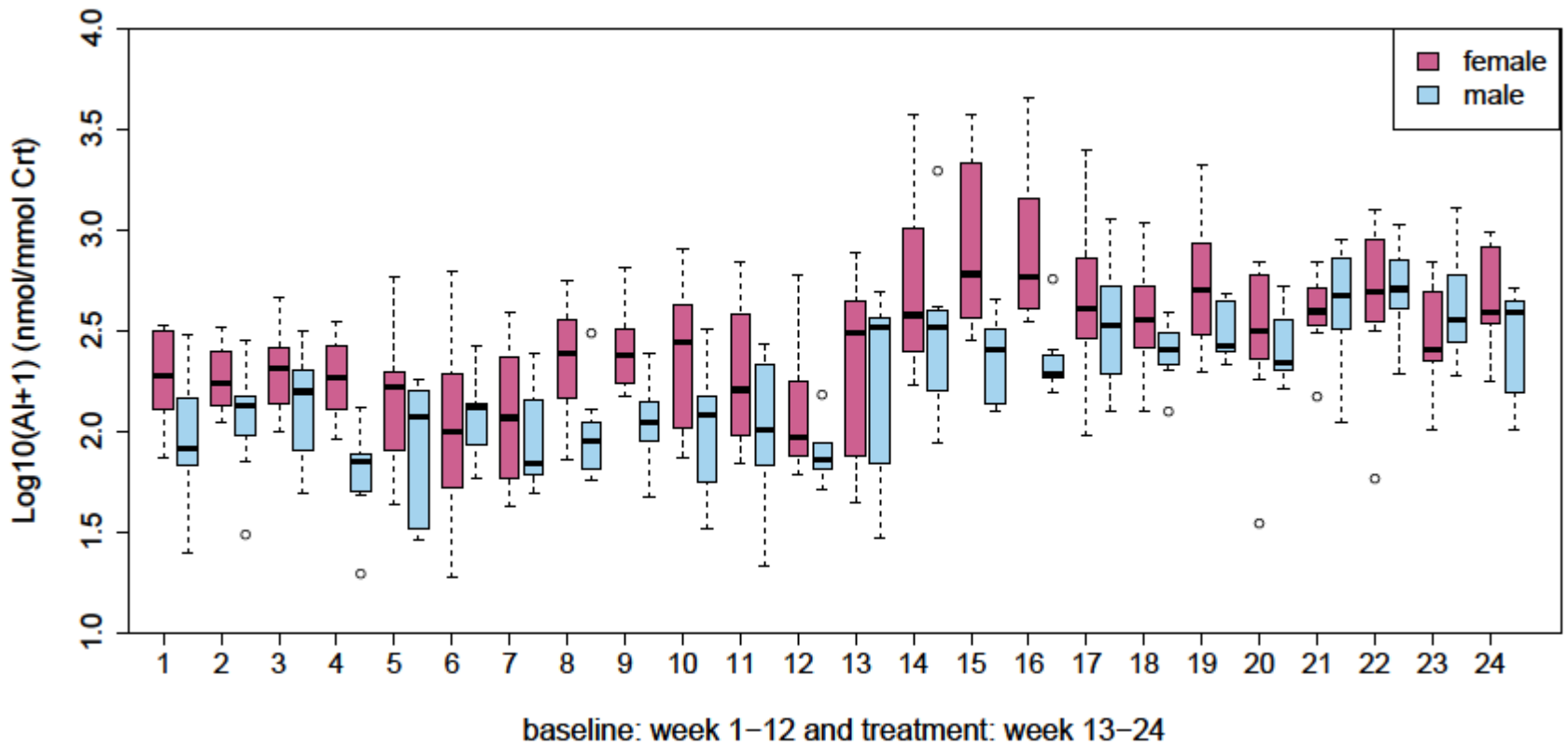
Levels of urinary aluminium excretion similar to those seen in aluminium intoxication suggested that aluminium may be a hitherto unrecognised environmental factor associated with the aetiology of MS. If aluminium is involved in MS then an increased dietary intake of its natural antagonist silicon, might be a therapeutic option.

## **Urinary excretion of aluminium and silicon in secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS)**

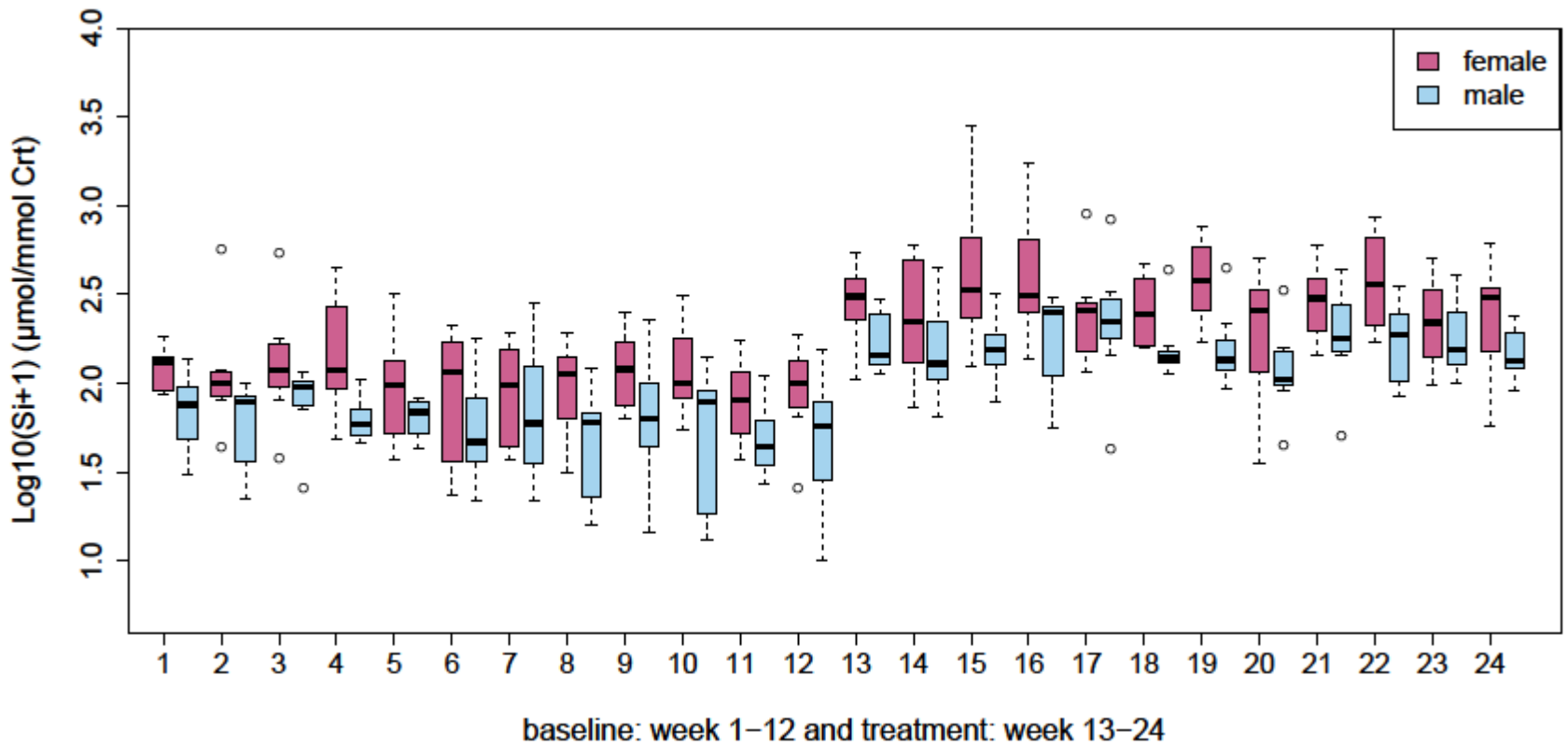
Urinary excretion of aluminium and silicon, measured using transversely-heated graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometry, was determined in 15 individuals diagnosed with SPMS over 24 weeks, a 12 week baseline period (control) followed by a 12 week treatment period, during which individuals consumed up to 1.5L of a silicon-rich mineral water every day.



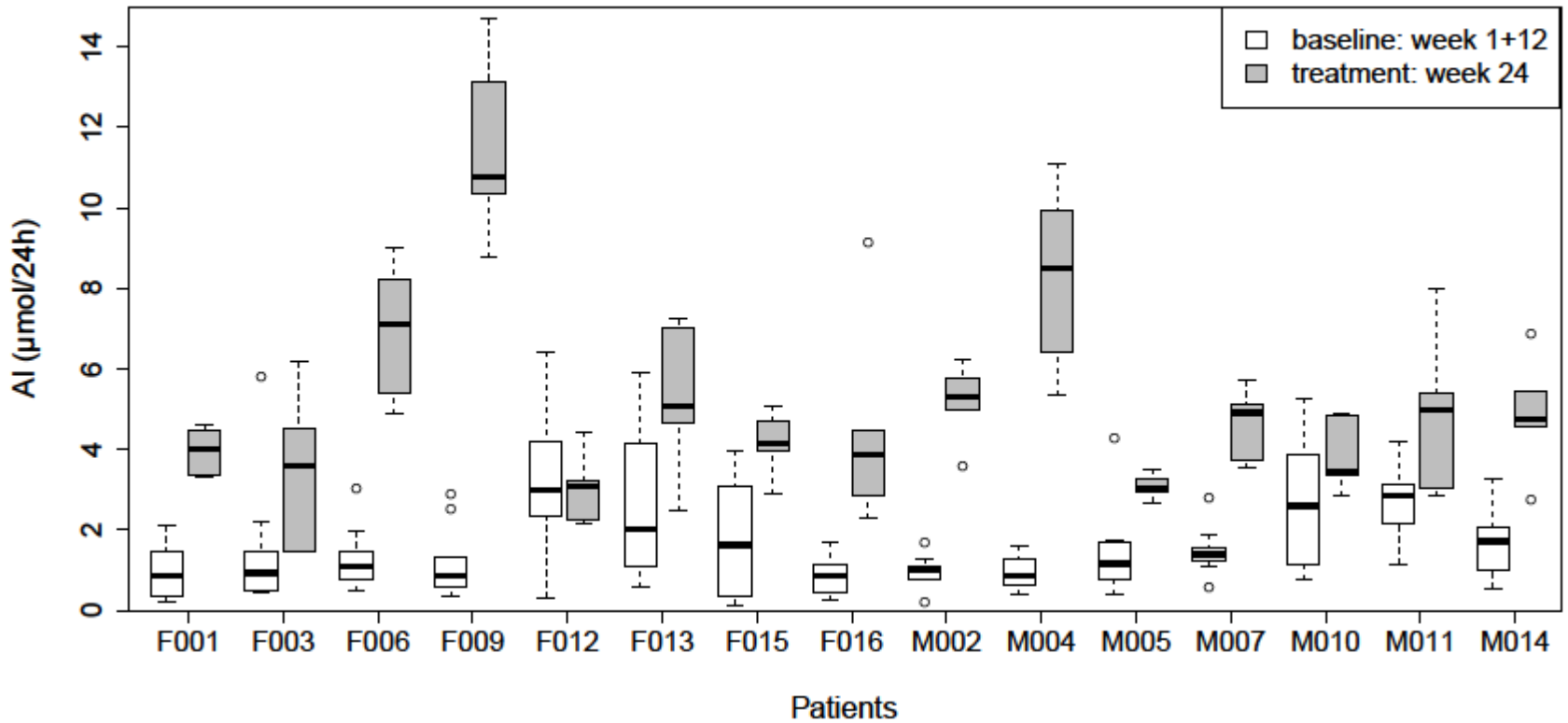
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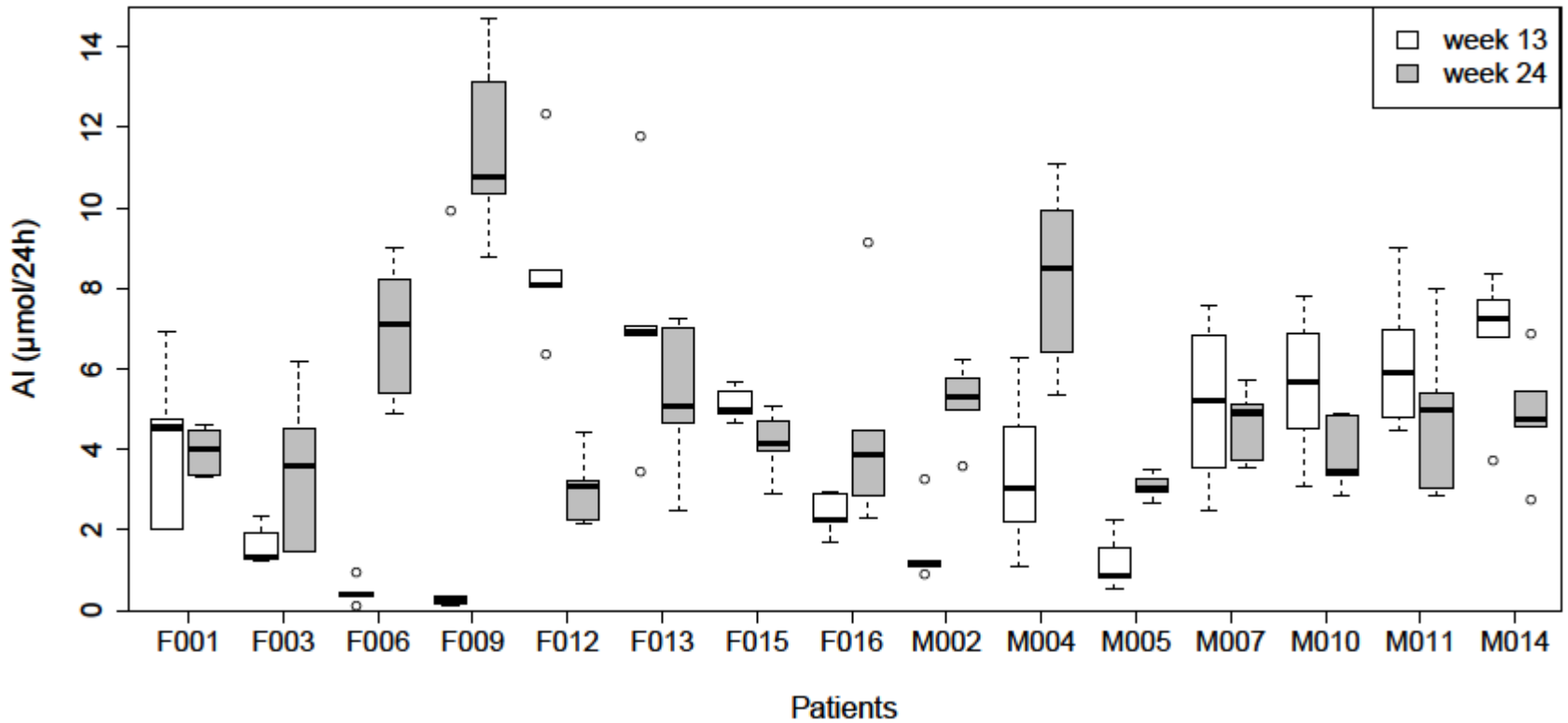
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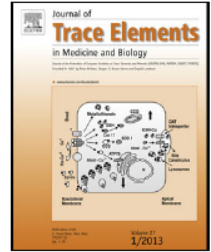
Silicon-rich mineral waters may be an effective and non-invasive therapy for the removal of aluminium from the body of individuals with SPMS.



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Short communication

### Aluminium in human sweat

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Perspiration may be as important, if not more important, as a means of removal of aluminium from the body!

How might this be influenced by regular drinking of a silicon-rich mineral water?

# Healthy Volunteers

Excretion of Si in sweat		
ID	[Si] Sweat control ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	[Si] Sweat treatment ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )
F1	812 (170)	1466 (172)
F2	647 (8)	1609 (23)
F3	601 (9)	1332 (72)
F4	626 (27)	1683 (113)
F5	576 (5)	1476 (22)
F6	668 (37)	1612 (56)
F7	616 (12)	1110 (17)
F8	732 (87)	1634 (323)
F9	787 (57)	1778 (18)
F10	691 (9)	1938 (17)
M1	944 (31)	1661 (18)
M2	1050 (10)	2167 (28)
M3	874 (22)	1281 (35)
M4	743 (34)	1870 (80)
M5	810 (25)	1348 (52)
M6	783 (20)	2327 (73)
M7	994 (15)	1941 (5)
M8	578 (31)	1588 (28)
M9	674 (17)	1726 (41)
<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>748 (140)</b>	<b>1660 (303)</b>

# Healthy Volunteers

Excretion of Al in sweat		
ID	[Al] Sweat control (µg/L)	[Al] Sweat treatment (µg/L)
F1	467 (96)	1184 (169)
F2	217 (11)	381 (33)
F3	270 (10)	1081 (55)
F4	255 (17)	986 (20)
F5	187 (9)	619 (13)
F6	300 (16)	424 (42)
F7	266 (57)	427 (29)
F8	520 (120)	1035 (131)
F9	585 (8)	994 (51)
F10	461 (9)	1215 (85)
M1	444 (88)	772 (15)
M2	71 (4)	1030 (42)
M3	526 (6)	1589 (113)
M4	574 (26)	1677 (28)
M5	464 (12)	1666 (33)
M6	183 (36)	1276 (87)
M7	152 (57)	1536 (88)
M8	400 (31)	690 (18)
M9	255 (34)	639 (25)
<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>347 (156)</b>	<b>1012 (419)</b>



*I think I have the  
solution...  
Have a good day!*

**AI MAN**

