

# Supplementary Materials: Assessing Chemical Intolerance in Parents Predicts the Risk of Autism and ADHD in Their Children

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## 7 Steps to Creating a Clean Air Oasis



***We spend 90% of our day indoors where the air often is more polluted than the air outside.***

Research suggests that a “clean room” may help people who suffer from breathing difficulties, allergies, headaches, brain fog/confusion, fatigue, and other health problems.

You can create a clean air oasis in your home, or in one room, where the air is as free as possible of chemicals, smoke, fragrances, and allergy triggers.

### 1. Pick a room

Choose the room where you spend most of your time, usually your bedroom. Bring in clean outside air whenever possible, but avoid opening windows when pollen or pollution levels are high.

### 2. Eliminate indoor air pollutants:

Remove all products that have strong odors including cleaning and laundry products, pesticides, perfume/cologne, scented lotions, deodorants, cosmetics, candles, air fresheners (including plug-ins and diffusers). Avoid any aerosol sprays (such as hair spray) because their tiny droplets are easily inhaled.

### 3. Ask your primary care doctor about allergy testing:

Dander (dead skin cells) from pets, dust mites, mold, and seasonal pollens can trigger asthma, allergies, and other problems.

### 4. Clean safely :

Use only fragrance-free products for cleaning and doing laundry. Cleaning and vacuuming are best done when sensitive individuals are not in the immediate area. Ventilate during and after cleaning. See list of cleaning supplies and instructions on the back of this page.

### 5. Avoid burning anything indoors:

Smoke and combustion gases irritate the lungs. Do not permit smoking, vaping, or the burning of candles or incense. Do not use fireplaces, open-flame gas heaters, or unvented water heaters. Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning—never heat your home using a gas stove, gas oven, or Hibachi. If you move or purchase new appliances, electric stoves and other electric appliances are the better health option.

### 6. Go the extra mile:

An air purifier with HEPA and charcoal filters can remove some pollutants. Keep the purifier running while the room is occupied, including overnight. Bring in clean outside air whenever possible.

### 7. Learn more:

Many of our choices affect the quality of air we breathe. Learn how to remove fragrances from fabrics, stop pests without using pesticides, control humidity and mold, and find safer products for home repair/remodeling. Visit [TILTresearch.org](http://TILTresearch.org) for more information.



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**Figure S1.** 7 Steps to Creating a Clean Air Oasis at Home.

**Table S1: Peer-reviewed Journal Articles Using the QEESI by Country**

COUNTRY	AUTHOR & DATE	N	COUNTRY	AUTHOR & DATE	N
<b>Austria</b>	Weiss, 2017	72	<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2009	412
<b>Colombia</b>	Storino, 2021	1	<b>Japan</b>	Ishibashi, 2007	214
<b>Denmark</b>	Dantoft, 2014	298	<b>Japan</b>	Lu, 2020	667
<b>Denmark</b>	Hauge, 2015	69	<b>Japan</b>	Manabe, 2008	368
<b>Denmark</b>	Skovbjerg, 2012	1493	<b>Japan</b>	Mizuki, 2004	32
<b>Denmark</b>	Tran, 2014	3	<b>Japan</b>	Mizuki, 2015	40
<b>Denmark</b>	Tran, 2017	39	<b>Japan</b>	Mizukoshi, 2015	8
<b>Finland</b>	Heinonen-Guzejev, 2012	327	<b>Japan</b>	Nakaoka, 2018	43
<b>Finland</b>	Selinheimo, 2019	52	<b>Japan</b>	Ohsawa, 2020	2
<b>Finland</b>	Vuokko, 2019	12	<b>Japan</b>	Suzuki, 2020	141
<b>Finland</b>	Suojalehto, 2021	88	<b>Japan</b>	Watai, 2018	528
<b>Finland</b>	Nynäs, 2021	667	<b>Japan</b>	Yoshino, 2004	69
<b>Finland</b>	Karvala, 2018	4971	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Khalil, 2020	134
<b>Finland</b>	Suojalehto, 2021	88	<b>South Korea</b>	Heo, 2017	1030
<b>France</b>	Kamoun, 2011	20	<b>South Korea</b>	Jeon, 2012	300
<b>Germany</b>	Bauer, 2007	202	<b>South Korea</b>	Jeong, 2014	379
<b>Germany</b>	Schnakenberg, 2007	521	<b>South Korea</b>	Yun, 2013	1
<b>Indonesia</b>	Hildebrandt, 2019	471	<b>South Korea</b>	Woo Kwon, 2019	261
<b>Indonesia</b>	Kubota, 2020	707	<b>Spain</b>	Aguilar-Aguilar, 2018	52
<b>Indonesia</b>	Sani, 2023	896	<b>Spain</b>	Alobid, 2014	118
<b>Italy</b>	Caccamo, 2013	443	<b>Spain</b>	Fernandez-Solà, 2005	75
<b>Italy</b>	De Luca, 2010	444	<b>Spain</b>	García-Sierra, 2014	125
<b>Italy</b>	De Luca, 2014	300	<b>Spain</b>	Lago Blanco, 2016	73
<b>Italy</b>	De Luca, 2015	563	<b>Spain</b>	Mena, 2013	231
<b>Italy</b>	Gugliandolo, 2016	34	<b>Spain</b>	Nogué, 2007	52
<b>Italy</b>	Micarelli, 2016a	38	<b>Spain</b>	Paredes-Rizo, 2018	1
<b>Italy</b>	Micarelli, 2016b	38	<b>Spain</b>	Pérez-Crespo, 2018	514
<b>Italy</b>	Viziano, 2017	38	<b>Spain</b>	Loria KohenV, 2017	52
<b>Italy</b>	Cannata, 2021	38	<b>Spain</b>	Fares-Medina 2022	210
<b>Japan</b>	Azuma, 2021	4683	<b>Sweden</b>	Andersson, 2009	207
<b>Japan</b>	Azuma, 2013	122	<b>Sweden</b>	Nordin, 2010	283
<b>Japan</b>	Azuma, 2015a	7245	<b>Taiwan</b>	Huang, 2011a	658

<b>Japan</b>	Azuma, 2015b	12	<b>Taiwan</b>	Huang, 2011b	tbd
<b>Japan</b>	Azuma, 2016	16	<b>Taiwan</b>	Huang, 2014	658
<b>Japan</b>	Azuma, 2019	909	<b>Taiwan</b>	Huang, 2015a	30
<b>Japan</b>	Cui, 2013	324	<b>Taiwan</b>	Huang, 2015b	30
<b>Japan</b>	Cui, 2014	2464	<b>United States</b>	Gould Peek, 2015	563
<b>Japan</b>	Cui, 2015	565	<b>United States</b>	Heilbrun, 2015	694
<b>Japan</b>	Fujimori, 2012	1,084	<b>United States</b>	Katerndahl, 2012	400
<b>Japan</b>	Hasegawa, 2009	51	<b>United States</b>	Miller, 1999a	421
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2002	1260	<b>United States</b>	Miller, 1999b	421
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2003	760	<b>United States</b>	Palmer, 2020	10,000
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2005	440	<b>United States</b>	Masri, 2021	N/A
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2008	106	<b>United States</b>	Palmer, 2020	293
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2019	555	<b>United States</b>	Miller, 2021	147
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2009	412	<b>Uruguay</b>	De Ben, 2014	2
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2018	214			
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2018	214			
<b>Japan</b>	Hojo, 2019	555			
<b>Japan</b>	Tsumura, 2023	149		<b>96 Publications</b>	
<b>Japan</b>	Nakaono, 2022	1	<b>16 Countries</b>	<b>Total N &gt; 56,043 subjects</b>	

## \*Quick Environmental Exposure and Sensitivity Inventory (QEESI)

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