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# Microglia

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A growing body of research suggests that microglia, traditionally known as the brain's clean-up crew, may have other important functions in the brain. They may help prune synapses, the connections between neurons, and postmortem studies suggest they are altered in the brains of people with autism. Below are a collection of articles highlighting the latest research on microglia's link to autism spectrum disorders.