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Research roundup

- Autistic adults report that the ability to focus, attention to detail, good memory and creativity are the strengths that help them most in their daily lives. [Science](#)
- Lab-grown brain organoids can help reveal the effects of oxygen deprivation on the developing brain. [Science Translational Medicine](#)

Science and society

- Anti-vaxxer Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was denounced last week by his brother, sister and niece for spreading misinformation. [Science](#)
- The state of California plans to ban chlorpyrifos, a pesticide used on crops that has been linked to developmental problems in children. [Disability Scoop](#)
- Companies in the U.S. and the European Union recognize the value of neurodiverse employees. [Bustle](#)
- A new book chronicles the history of blaming mothers for their children's neurodevelopmental conditions. [BBC News](#)
- A local ultra-Orthodox Jewish group held an anti-vaccine rally in Rockland County, New York, where measles has resurfaced. [Nature](#)
- A neuroscientist expresses his mixed feelings about animal research. [NationSwell](#)

Publishing

- A highly cited 2016 paper that reported vitamin D supplements improve autism-related behaviors has been retracted. [Science](#)