developing countries, clinical practice has not shown that autism is so prevalent.

The challenge to researchers is how to marry these issues together and provide more convincing evidence supporting or refuting the association between autism and microbes and clarifying whether it is causal or casual. A definite link may bring succor to autistic children just as penicillin did to once thought irredeemable conditions like paralytic disease of the insane.

The motive for this write up is actually borne out of curiosity; as a psychiatrist who has interest in sub-specializing in child psychiatry, and also concern that a solution has not been found for a disorder as serious as autism. So, when I came across Sandler et al’s article in a journal of child neurology I was prompted to look for related works on the subject. I have also reached an agreement with microbiologists at our center here to investigate the relationships between autism and clostridium, if any. This is therefore a call to other people to join those who are already in the process.

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