

ALLERGY, JOKE

# SOMETHING IN THE AIR

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New studies further question the [hygiene hypothesis](#) of allergy induction. One study shows that a household [bacterial elimination strategy](#) does not lead to more — it even leads to less asthma.

Children living in a house regularly cleaned with bleach were less likely to have asthma (OR, 0.10; CI, 0.02-0.51), eczema (OR, 0.22; CI, 0.06-0.79) and of being sensitized to indoor aeroallergens (OR, 0.53; CI, 0.27-1.02)

Another study, by designing a 16S rRNA chip, examined a snapshot of urban air in [San Antonio](#) — the aerosol harbored at least 1,800 diverse bacterial types

a richness approaching that of some soil bacterial communities

You probably know the joke that before taking a deep breath think where the air has been before...

## Addendum

The ecology of human skin has now been also reported – highly diverse, well conserved but low-level interpersonal consensus: [scienceblog:doi:10.1073/pnas.0607077104](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.0607077104)