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FDA Seizure of Taurine, 'A Perfectly Safe and Very Useful Supplement for Autism'

The FDA seizure of "hundreds of bottles" of taurine from Kirkman Laboratories is doubly outrageous.

First, a study commissioned by the FDA itself in the 90's reported that no serious side effects were seen in any of 442 research STUDIES in which human subjects were given single amino acids such as taurine. Why deprive autistic children of a nutrient often found helpful to them, when there is no evidence whatever of possible harm?

Second, when there are well over 100,000 deaths per year in the US from FDA approved prescription drugs, an immense damage done to children given FDA approved vaccines, why is the FDA expending precious resources seizing safe, nutritional supplements intended to help the very children harmed by these vaccines?

I hope every family that reads this commentary will write or phone their congressmen and Senators to urge that the FDA's ongoing relentless war against nutritional supplements be stopped immediately, and that the FDA be required to address the truly harmful products: prescription drugs and vaccines.

FDA seizes 'autism' supplements

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The US Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday it had ordered the seizure of hundreds of bottles of a dietary supplement that the agency said falsely claimed to treat autism.

US marshals raided Humphrey Laboratories of Lake Oswego, Oregon, doing business as Kirkman Laboratories, and took away bottles of Kirkman's HypoAllergenic Taurine Capsules, the agency said.

"FDA seized these products because they violate the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act," the agency said in a statement. "In accordance with the Act, all dietary supplement products' labeling must be truthful and not misleading and may not make any claims that the product will cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease."

"Consequently, the claims that the capsules treat autism caused the firm's product to be a misbranded food and an unapproved new drug."

Autism is a complex brain disorder that causes a range of behavioral symptoms. It is not fully understood and there is no approved drug treatment for it.

The FDA said it tracked down the company from its Internet site.

