

## Vioxx

[Killed up to 140,000 people after being 'proved safe' in animals, including monkeys.]

[\[2012 April\] Merck ordered to pay \\$321 mln in criminal Vioxx probe](#)

[\[2011 May\] Adverse reactions lead US patients to ask 'just how safe are antibiotics?'](#) he was prescribed a toxic combination of drugs to treat lingering symptoms of what his doctor thought was prostatitis. Ten years later, he suffers from permanent brain damage, is on disability and has lost more than \$3 million in medical costs and income. Grozier was prescribed a combination of ciprofloxacin and vioxx, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

[Vioxx/David Graham](#) he identified the FDA's handling of Vioxx as the worst public health disaster in its history, resulting in a probable 30,000-55,000 deaths of Americans alone.

[\[2009 June\] Publisher consulted drug firm on journal content](#) THE world's largest medical publisher (Elsevier, which produces The Lancet) asked the manufacturers of anti-inflammatory drug Vioxx which articles they wanted to include in a so-called medical journal on bone health.....The plaintiff in the class action has alleged the journal was fake and it was simply a marketing exercise designed to promote Vioxx. The court has also heard Merck put the names of high-profile arthritis experts on the editorial board of the phoney journal without telling them they had done so.

[\[2009 April\] Vioxx maker Merck and Co drew up doctor hit list](#) "We may need to seek them out and destroy them where they live," a Merck employee wrote, according to an email excerpt read to the court by Julian Burnside QC, acting for the plaintiff.

[\[2009 March\] Top Pain Scientist Fabricated Data in Studies](#) A prominent Massachusetts anesthesiologist allegedly fabricated 21 medical studies that claimed to show benefits from painkillers like Vioxx and Celebrex, according to the hospital where he worked.

[\[2005\] The FDA Exposed: An Interview With Dr. David Graham, the Vioxx Whistleblower](#)

[\[Media Nov 2004\] Safety of Entire Family of Painkillers Questioned](#)

[\[Media AP\] U.S. Officials Knew of AIDS Drug Risks \[Media December 16, 2004\] Many FDA Scientists Had Drug Concerns, 2002 Survey Shows](#)

[\[Media November 3, 2004\] FDA report links Vioxx to 27,785 heart attacks, deaths Agency releases study, had been warned of risk before](#)

[\[Media March 24, 2002\] Report Links Vioxx to Meningitis](#)

[\[Media nov 15, 2004 Merck Knew Vioxx Was Unsafe by 2000 - Report](#)  
Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co Inc. had evidence by 2000 that its painkiller Vioxx, which was pulled off the market on Sept. 30, was not safe, a heart specialist told CBS News program "60 Minutes" on Sunday.



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***"The FDA's decision to approve Vioxx for children on September 8 2004 was reached at the same time that Merck decided to withdraw the drug because it caused cardiac arrest and killed people."***



