what the claimed -- how many cases there are and you have never asked.

My question to you is: Wouldn't it be important to you as an epidemiologist to know that kind of information since you are offering opinions on the incidence of disease in these workers?

A Not necessarily. Take the example of smoking and lung cancer.

We have sufficient studies to say that smoking would cause lung cancer. We don't need to do any specific studies of people who smoke a certain type of cigarette.

Q Well, the reverse is true here.

Your opinion is there is no connection between brake exposure and mesothelioma?

A Right. And my conclusion is based on epidemiologic studies, and this morning or earlier on this afternoon I already talked about the four studies, and when you combine all four studies, you have more than 1,400 mesothelioma cases.

Now, your point would be well taken if we