

1 which is the Hessel 2004 paper.

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 16 was marked for
3 identification by the court reporter.)

4 BY MR. RUCKDESCHEL:

5 Q Are you familiar with this article?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Do you rely upon this article?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Can you explain to me, Doctor, Page 550, why
10 the odds ratio for nonoccupational brake work is higher
11 than the odds ratio for occupational brake work?

12 A Well, there is no difference between the two.
13 They are virtually identical. You can't defer anything
14 from that. The confidence intervals are completely --

15 Q In the chart you did, Exhibit 15, Doctor,
16 column, the fifth column, the last typed column has
17 been "Statistically Significant," and you crossed off
18 the word "Significant" and inserted the word "Increased
19 Risk." Why?

20 A It's because it's a statistically increased
21 risk versus background.

22 Q Doctor, if the confidence interval of an
23 epidemiological study spans 1, by definition the
24 results of the study are not statistically significant?

25 A Right.