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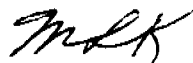
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Dear Dr. Heiman:

Enclosed is the summary paper presented at the meeting
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enclosed are 2 copies of the copyright form.

If there are any questions, please call me.

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INTERIM RESULTS OF EXPOSURE OF
RATS, HAMSTERS AND MICE TO VINYL CHLORIDE

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The following data are partial results of a study in progress at the Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc. The studies are being coordinated for sponsoring companies by the Manufacturing Chemists Association. The data are very incomplete but because of their significance were first presented to EPA, NIOSH and OSHA on April 15, 1974.

In this study which was designed to complement Maltoni's studies, 100 rats, hamsters and mice of each sex (600 total per exposure group) are being exposed to either 0, 2500, 200 or 50 ppm vinyl chloride vapor 7 hours per day 5 days per week. Mice will be exposed for 9 months and kept for an additional 9 months. Rats and hamsters will be exposed for 12 months and kept for an additional 12 months.

The rats are COBS Charles River; mice are CDI Swiss Charles River; and the hamsters are Golden Syrian from the same source. Food is removed during exposure, water is present and no bedding is used at any time.

Moribund and dead animals (when possible) receive gross autopsies and are photographed. The major organs of all animals are fixed for histological examination.

Only the tissues from a few animals have been examined so far. The table shows the results to date (about 8 months exposure).

Note that no direct numerical comparisons can be made with the control groups as they have not been selected in the same way. Only mice with tumors have been examined in the exposure groups. No tumors have been observed grossly as yet in any of the control mice.

In addition to the tumors in mice a few tumors have been observed in rats and hamsters but because of autolysis the diagnosis at this time must be considered tentative. At this time it appears that angiosarcomas may have been observed in one male hamster and one male rat exposed to 2500 ppm and in one female rat exposed to 200 ppm. No tumors have been observed in rats or hamsters exposed to 50 ppm but one male control was found to have a dermal fibroma.

These tentative data need to be confirmed and will be reported in detail when the study is completed.

INTERIM SUMMARY OF
TUMORS IN MICE EXPOSED TO VINYL CHLORIDE
FOR EIGHT MONTHS

EXPOSURE GROUP	NUMBER OF MORTALITIES WITH NEOPLASMS			TYPE AND LOCATION OF TUMOR			
				ALVEOLOGENIC ADENOMAS, LUNG	ANGIOSARCOMA, LIVER	ADENO-SQUAMOUS CARCINOMA, MAMMARY GLAND	METASTASIS OF MAMMARY TUMOR TO LUNG
	TOTAL MALE FEMALE						
CONTROL*	0	(7)	(2)	0	0	0	0
50 PPM**	4	1	3	2	2	2	2
200 PPM**	15	3	12	12	11	3	1
2500 PPM**	30	6	24	28	28	6	1

* 7 Male and 2 females control mice have been examined histologically. None had tumors in spleen, liver, kidneys, heart, or lung.

** Only mice with grossly visible tumors have been examined histologically

Mice were exposed 7 hours/day, 5 days/week

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