another possible reason why they got mesothelioma, and that is that Mr. Wood and Mr. Grewe or maybe both Mr. Wood and Mr. Grewe are among those background cases that we heard all of the experts talk about.

You will recall that all of the experts talked about the background rate for mesothelioma in the general population not occupationally exposed to asbestos.

People who had never been exposed in their lives to asbestos get mesothelioma, and that is what is called the background rate.

Now, predictably the experts for both sides disagreed exactly on what that background rate is.

For example, most of the plaintiffs' experts, including Dr. Hill who testified yesterday, think that the background rate for mesothelioma in the general population is one to two cases per million people per year.

A lot of the experts that testified on behalf of the plaintiffs believe that.

For example, here is Dr. Hammar, one of the