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Peter M. Molton

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Irving Sunshine

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59114j Toxicity of pyrolysis products of vinyl plastics. Cornish, Herbert H.; Abbar, Ellen L. (Sch. of Public Health, Ann Arbor, Mich.). *Arch. Environ. Health* 1969, 19(1), 15-21 (Eng). Poly(vinyl chloride) (I) and vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate polymers (II) were pyrolyzed in air by gradually raising the air temp. from ambient to 600°. Rats were exposed to the pyrolysis products air stream dild. with room air to twice its initial vol. Exposure to air contg. the pyrolyzed products from 1-2 g. I resulted in death to 50% of the animals. Most deaths were due to CO, and carboxyhemoglobin levels correlated well with the amt. of pyrolyzed I. Little histol. evidence of lung damage was evident. When the air stream was dild. with O, pulmonary edema and interstitial hemorrhage developed. The lungs of animals exposed to high levels of II pyrolysis products showed focal edema and intraalveolar hemorrhage. I formulations contg. additives and inert materials were generally less toxic per g. of sample pyrolyzed.

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59115k Validity of a critical blood level for prevention of dieldrin intoxication. Keane, William T., Jr.; Zavon, Mitchell R. (Agr. Chem. Div., Shell Chem. Co., New York, N.Y.). *Arch. Environ. Health* 1969, 19(1), 36-44 (Eng). In dogs given a single dose of 5 mg./kg. of dieldrin, dieldrin concn. in the blood reached a max. in 2-4 hrs. and declined after 10 hrs. to a relatively const. level which persisted for the following 22 hrs. All intoxications should therefore occur within 2-4 hrs. after feeding dieldrin. In dogs given 1.0 mg./kg. of dieldrin for 5 days, 0.2 mg./kg. for the next 57 days, and then 2 mg./kg. daily until intoxication occurred, the 1st muscular spasm occurred at a baseline concn. of 55 $\mu\text{g./100 ml.}$ of whole blood. In both acute and subacute intoxication, the baseline concn. prior to intoxication was 62 $\mu\text{g./100 ml.}$ After administration of the daily dose and subsequent appearance of intoxication, the blood concns. of dieldrin were, resp., 74 and 83 $\mu\text{g./100 ml.}$ blood in the acute and subacute groups. The difference was not significant. Correlation between dieldrin concns. in blood and body fat was 0.81. The results support the hypothesis of a threshold level for dieldrin in blood which, when exceeded, results in intoxication independently of the type or duration of exposure.

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59116m Alteration of the locomotor activity of mice poisoned with sublethal doses of lead acetate. Terzin, A. L.; Vujkov, V. V. (Med. Fac., Novi Sad, Yugoslavia). *Arch. Hig. Rada Toksikol.* 1968, 19(1), 44-51 (Eng). Injection of $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.4-2.0 mg. i.p.) into female mice (21-33 g.) produced dose-dependent changes in locomotor activity. Single doses produced depression of locomotor activity while chronic poisoning increased locomotor activity. Single or multiple i.p. injections of saline did not alter locomotor activity. Animals poisoned with lethal doses of $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_2$ developed stippled cells during the 2nd or 3rd week while significant changes in locomotor activity were evident 1 day after the last injection. Mice poisoned with sublethal doses (0.4-1.0 mg.) showed no stippled cells but displayed changes in locomotor activity.

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... dose. In addn. to salivation, most of the exocrine ...
... specifically stimulated by slaframine. Upon ad- ...
... of slaframine to cows, sheep, and goats with pan- ...
... there was also a substantial delay before an in- ...
... pancreatic flow was observed. In mice, a longer delay ...
... after i.v. injection of 2 mg./kg. than with i.p. adminis- ...
... the same dose; this delay was decreased by injection ...
... to the portal vein. Delay of the effect of the drug at ...
... was significantly extended by briefly isolating (with ...
... the liver of rats; the effect was completely eliminated ...
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... of salivation in mice, while inhibitors of the en- ...
... consistently lengthened the delay. Thus, slaframine ...
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... 24 hrs.) result in karyorrhectic damage to the crypt ...
... cells of the intestinal mucosa. This damage is most ...
... 1 hrs. (earliest observations made) after the end of the ...
... dose, after which there is a rapid recovery to completion ...
... The damage is thus transitory and resembles that of ...
... This cycle of transitory intestinal damage fol- ...
... recovery occurs after each therapeutic dosage schedule ...
... as long as the schedule is not repeated more often than ...
... day. Progressive damage to the intestinal mucosa ...
... by changes in the hematopoietic tissues occurs ...
... optimum therapeutic dose (15 mg./kg., every 3 hrs.) ...
... and uninterrupted to the LD₅₀ dose (300 mg./kg. in ...
... and beyond. Irreversible changes are seen in the in- ...
... terna, and a progressive depopulation of the bone ...
... with ultimate aplasia ensues as the LD₅₀ dose is reached ...
... used.

RCTT

Effect of butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) on rat ...
... chrome oxidase activity. Pascal, Gerard; Terronne, ...
... Centre Rech. Nutr., C.N.R.S., Bellevue, Fr.). *C. R.* ...
... Paris, Ser. D 1969, 268(11), 1529-31 (Fr). The oral ...
... of BHT (0.05%) in the food, a concn. 50-fold ...
... that authorized for human food) for 8 weeks caused ...
... decrease in hepatic cytochrome oxidase activity ...
... species. The admin. of BHT to rat liver homoge- ...
... of 10 mg. g. liver caused a 12% decrease in ...
... oxidase activity. Thus, BHT appears to exert an ...
... direct on in vivo metabolism.

DIJF

Activity of guanine deaminase in rat kidney, liver, ...
... during experimental uranyl nitrate intoxication. ...
... Lomax; Bastide, Pierre (Fac. Mixte Med. Pharm., ...
... Ferrand, Fr.). *C. R. Soc. Biol.* 1968, 162(5-6), ...
... Guanine deaminase activity (I) was studied in ...
... kidney, and blood of rats during exptl. intoxication

with uranyl nitrate (I) and (p.p.) of a ...
... body wt.). A ... 24 hrs. later a ...
... I was noted in all ... but there was a definite lowering of I ...
... in the kidney for the first 12 hrs. after the start of intoxication.

Dorothy J. Buchanan-Davidson

Excretion of tetraethylgermanium in the rat. Chu- ...
... tim, J.; Clavel, M. J.; Puel, G. (Centre Rech. Toxicol., ...
... C.N.R.S., Toulouse, Fr.). *C. R. Soc. Biol.* 1968, 162(5-6), ...
... 1226-9 (Fr); cf. G. Puel (1967). EtGe (I), a very resistant ...
... compd. in vitro, is degraded very easily in the rat. Although I ...
... has a very high b.p., it is eliminated in large amts. during respi- ...
... tion. The metabolites of I found in rat urine are GeO₂ or the ...
... germanates. The metabolism of I is different from that of tetra- ...
... ethyllead (II) or tetraethyltin (III). No evidence was found ...
... for the formation of triethylgermanium, which explains the weak ...
... toxicity of I compared to II and III.

Dorothy J. Buchanan-Davidson

α -Hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase activity of rat ...
... kidney homogenate fractions after experimental uranyl nitrate ...
... intoxication. Bastide, Janine; Bastide, Pierre (Fac. Mixte ...
... Med. Pharm., Clermont-Ferrand, Fr.). *C. R. Soc. Biol.* 1968, ...
... 162(8-9), 1492-3 (Fr). Most of the α -hydroxybutyrate de- ...
... hydrogenase activity of the rat kidney is found in the super- ...
... natant after centrifugation at 24,000 g for 2 hrs. This activity ...
... decreased with time during exptl. uranyl nitrate poisoning, ...
... whereas the contents of protein, DNA, and RNA were relatively ...
... low and underwent but little variation.

C. W. Ackerson

Effect of ethyl bromide on the liver. Karimullina, ...
... N. K.; Gizatullina, A. A. (Ufim. Nauch.-Issled. Inst. Gig. ...
... Profzabol., Ufa, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol. (Moscow)* 1969, ...
... 32(2), 165-7 (Russ). EtBr fumes (2.4 mg./l.) inhaled by rats ...
... and rabbits for 4 hrs. daily for 6 months disrupted the func- ...
... tional ability of the liver, decreased the hepatic glycogen and ...
... fat levels, and prolonged hexenal sleep. Granular dystrophy in ...
... the hepatic cells and a decreased RNA level in the cytoplasm ...
... were detected.

BJJR

Hemopoiesis in chronic heliotrine poisoning of ...
... Wistar rats. Levin, G. S.; Novachenko, Z. I. (Uzb. Nauch.- ...
... Issled. Inst. Gematol. Pereliv. Kravi, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol. (Moscow)* 1969, ...
... 32(2), 170-1 (Russ). Heliotrine ...
... administered s.c. at 3-10 mg./100 g. once a week for 1-8 months ...
... to Wistar rats caused hepatic lesions, hypochromic anemia, ...
... severe reticulocytosis, normoblastosis, and leukopenia. Erythro- ...
... blastic sprout hyperplasia, an increased no. of mitoses, and an ...
... increased no. of reticular and esp. plasmatic cells were observed. ...
... The observed changes in the blood and bone marrow suggest ...
... development of an autoimmune form of hemolytic anemia in ...
... response to chronic heliotrine poisoning.

BJJR

Benzene metabolism in the liver of experimental ...
... animals and man. Tiunov, L. A.; Sokolova, T. I.; Bandman, ...
... A. L. (USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol. (Moscow)* 1969, 32(2), ...
... 185-8 (Russ). The rate of C₆H₆ metabolism during 24 hrs. of ...
... incubation was similar in liver homogenates from humans and ...
... rats, more rapid in homogenates from guinea pigs, and slower ...
... in rabbit liver homogenates. Species-specific differences seemed ...
... to be involved in C₆H₆ conversion, since the activities of aryl-4- ...
... hydroxylase and glucuronyltransferase increased while the ...
... sulfonating system activity did not change in C₆H₆-treated rats. ...
... In C₆H₆-treated rabbits the sulfate adenylyltransferase and aryl ...
... sulfotransferase activities decreased during disruption of the ...
... sulfonating system. The high rate of C₆H₆ conversion in guinea ...
... pigs may be connected with the relatively high liver catalase ...
... activity.

BJJR

Effect of the sodium salt of adenosine triphosphate ...
... on experimental cyanide poisoning of rats (mechanism of the ...
... antidotal action). Mosketi, K. V.; Ganzhara, P. S. (Odess. ...
... Med. Inst., Odessa, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol. (Moscow)* 1969, ...
... 32(2), 214-15 (Russ). Na ATP (0.5 ml. of a 1% soln.) ...
... given s.c. or i.m. to rats 1 hr. prior to administration of the min- ...
... lethal dose of NaCN prolonged survival. When given s.c. im- ...
... mediately after lethal cyanide poisoning it substantially extended ...
... the life span of 50% and prevented death in the other 50% of ...
... the rats. The antidotal effect of ATP may result from its ...
... ability to restore respiration by bypassing cyanide-sensitive ...
... enzymes.

BKJR

Changes in the cardiac activity of rats chronically ...
... exposed to vinyl chloride vapors. Vazin, A. N.; Plokhova, ...
... E. I. (Gork. Nauch.-Issled. Inst. Gig. Tr. Prof. Zabol., Gorki, ...
... USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol. (Moscow)* 1969, 32(2), 220-2 ...
... (Russ). Chronic (5 months) exposure of rats to vinyl chloride ...
... vapors at 0.03-0.01 mg./l. disrupted cardiac work rhythm, in- ...
... duced bradycardia and arrhythmia, and reduced the relative ...
... duration of I-II and T-II sound intervals. The relative dura- ...
... tion of the Q-T complex did not change significantly. Within ...
... 15 days after termination of poisoning, the rat cardiac activity ...
... rhythm returned to normal, but the duration of the I-II and ...
... T-II sound intervals remained below the initial level for another ...
... 15 days. The maximal permissible concn. of vinyl chloride ...
... apparently is significantly less than the 0.03 mg./l. level pre- ...
... viously estd.

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daily for 60 days increased both β_1 and γ globulin levels, and decreased the albumin to globulin ratio. α -globulin levels were not affected. BKJR

85811h Effect of selenophene on liver and kidneys during carbon tetrachloride intoxication. Zolotarevskii, V. B.; Tugartanova, V. N.; Mikhalevskii, V. E. (Mord. Med. Inst. im. Sechenova, Moscow, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol. Pripr. Selena, Mater. Simp.* 1967, 87, 9 (Russ.). Two groups each comprising 10 male rabbits (2-3 kg.) were used. All animals received twice a week s.c. doses of 0.3 ml./kg. of a 40% oil soln. of CCl_4 . To one of these groups 0.5 ml./kg. of 1% selenophene soln. was s.c. injected 2 hrs. later. During the 1st 10-12 days of CCl_4 intoxication approx. 50% of the rabbits died in both groups. Selenophene (5000 $\mu\text{g.}/\text{kg.}$ = approx. 100 $\mu\text{g.}/\text{g.}$ or 1/32 of an LD_{50}) protected kidney tissue against CCl_4 intoxication, but dystrophic and necrotic changes of liver were more extensive and more important in animals to whom a combination of CCl_4 with selenophene was given. Thus, the exptl. dose of selenophene was too great and showed no protective but a destructive effect on the liver, although smaller doses of 2-3 $\mu\text{g.}/\text{g.}$ of Se are necessary to maintain normal liver function. Addn. of 20 $\mu\text{g.}/\text{g.}$ of Se to the normal diet of rabbits prevented dietary liver necrosis in cases of hyperthyroidism. R. Pavlak

85812j Toxicology of some polymers (Povinols). Dvoskin, Ya. G.; Rakhmanina, N. A.; Dem'yanko, F. V.; Men'shikova, T. A.; Erofeeva, L. F.; Lashkina, A. V. (Nauch.-Issled. Inst. Gig. Vod. Transp., Moscow, USSR). *Gig. Sanit.* 1969, 34(1), 7-11 (Russ.). Three samples of poly(vinyl chloride) polymers (povinols) contg. di-Bu phthalate (I), tricresyl phosphate, and chlorinated hydrocarbons as plasticizers, released 1 into the surrounding air in amts. of 1.8-3.73 mg./m.³ in a sealed container and 0.53 during a single air exchange. All 3 samples had unfavorable physiol. effects on exptl. animals and are not recommended for use as finishing materials in shipbuilding. Exposure of rats to I (0.2-8 mg./m.³) for 1-5 days disrupted conditioned reflex activity and nonspecific immunity, and, to a lesser extent, the blood protein compn. and phagocytic index, and the liver wt. I-induced changes were dose-dependent. BJJR

85813k Mechanism of boron effect on warm-blooded animals. Popov, T.; Angelieva, R. (Nauch.-Issled. Inst. Gig., Sofia, Bulg.). *Gig. Sanit.* 1969, 34(1), 78-81 (Russ.). Of 60 mg. B given to rats, the distribution was approx. as follows: 50 mg. in the bones, 0.62 mg. in the liver, 0.06 mg. in the kidneys, and 0.1 mg. in the brain. The max. was reached in 12 hrs. in the liver and kidneys, after 24 hrs. in the bones and brain. B was principally excreted in the urine. Complete excretion of the accumulated B required a long time, but the majority was gone in 2 days after reaching the max. in each tissue. John Howe Scott

85814m Effect of ascorbic acid on various signs of vanadium toxicity. Matantseva, E. I. (Inst. Gig. Tr. Profzabol., Sverdlovsk, USSR). *Gig. Tr. Prof. Zabol.* 1968, 12(12), 22-5 (Russ.). I.v. administration to dogs (8-10 kg.) of 3, 4, or 5 mg./kg. of ammonium vanadate, or 3-11 mg./kg. of Na metavanadate increased blood inorg. P, glucose, and lactic acid, decreased blood glutathione, and caused salivation, dyspnea, increased respiratory and heart rates, urination, and defecation. Na ascorbate, 10-50 mg./kg. given i.v. simultaneously with, or 10 min. after the administration of V compds., alleviated or prevented the toxic and biochem. effects. One dog given 5 mg./kg. of both ammonium vanadate and Na ascorbate died of lung edema. The severe toxicity of V compds. was attributed to increased vascular permeability and depressed glycolysis and oxidn. S. K. Vanov

85815n Comparative toxicity of some aralkylphenols and their quaternary ammonium salts. Gadzhibalaev, A. A.; Goryaev, M. I.; Dakhno, O. V.; Kanaulova, L. P.; Potapov, S. V.; Slepusev, V. S.; Churakov, V. I.; Dozorova, A. D.; Zharkova, I. I.; Fedrushkova, I. N. (Khim.-Tekhnol. Inst., Chumkent, USSR). *Gig. Tr. Prof. Zabol.* 1968, 12(12), 44-7 (Russ.). The phenols *p*- and *o*-hydroxydiphenylmethylethane (I and II), *p*- and *o*-hydroxydiphenylmethylethane (III and IV), the quaternary *N*-[*p*-(*p*-methylbenzylphenoxyl)-ethoxylethyl]pyridinium chloride (V), and a mixt. (VI) of V and its ortho isomer had in frogs the following LD_{50} values: 334.9, 584.7, 329.9, 126.4, 42.5, and 42.5 mg./kg. V and VI were more toxic, presumably because of better water soly. which permitted better absorption. In mice and frogs II or IV first caused increased motility and convulsions, then marked central nervous system depression. All other compds. caused depression. All compds. applied topically to the skin or in the eyes of rabbits caused local irritation, pain, and lacrimation. In rabbits skin absorption was evidenced by the occurrence of toxic signs and death (in 2-3 months) after topical application of 20, 12, and 5% solns. S. K. Vanov

85816p Tolerance to lethal doses of metals in mice pretreated with low doses. Yoshikawa, Hiroshi (Nat. Inst. Ind. Health, Kawasaki, Japan). *Ind. Health (Kawasaki, Jap.)* 1968, 6(1-2), 88-9 (Eng.). Rats were pretreated with metal ions at 10% of the challenge dose. Pretreatment decreased the mortality after

challenge by Cd, Hg, In, and Pb, had no effect with Mn and Cu, and increased mortality in Fe and Zn. When the challenge metal was different from the pretreatment metal, Cd, Hg, In, and Pb developed cross-tolerance. D. Barbara Sankar

85817q Reversible necrosis in striated muscle fibers of the rat after severe intoxication with various cholinesterase inhibitors. Arons, A. Th.; Cohen, E. M.; Meeter, E.; Wolthuis, O. J. (Med. Ind. Lab., Nat. Def. Res. Organ. T.N.O., Rijswijk, Neth.). *Ind. Med. Surg.* 1968, 37(11), 845-7 (Eng.). Albino rats (200 g.) were injected i.v. with just sublethal doses of paraoxon, diisopropyl phosphorofluoridate, or tabun, and sacrificed at various intervals after injection. The diaphragm, intercostal muscles, gastrocnemius-soleus muscle group, and the psoas muscle were dissected, fixed in 10% formalin, and examined histol. Local necrosis of muscle fibers is caused by the abnormally long-lasting presence of acetylcholine around the end plates. Muscle fiber necrosis may also occur in man after anti cholinesterase poisoning. R. R. Rowlands

85818r Chemical Mace: ocular effects in rabbits and monkeys. MacLeod, Ian F. (Med. School, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.). *J. Forensic Sci.* 1969, 14(1), 34-47 (Eng.). Direct corneal contact with liquid Mace produces lasting opacities and melanosis. Spray exposure resembling that anticipated for actual use of a Mace weapon causes only transitory lesions of the face and eyes with possible sunburnlike sequelae. A Mace weapon should not be aimed directly at the face if it is discharged at less than 6 ft. The propellant does not seem to be responsible for the injuries; they seem to be due to the lacrimator, chloroacetophenone. Irving Sunshine

85819s Cerebral amines and acute hyperbaric oxygen toxicity. Blenkarn, G. Douglas; Schanberg, Saul M.; Saltzman, Herbert A. (Med. Center, Duke Univ., Durham, N.C.). *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 1969, 166(2), 346-53 (Eng.). Acute central nervous system (CNS) toxicity impedes treatment with hyperbaric O (OHP) for ischemic illness which led to a study of relations between cerebral amines and OHP-induced CNS toxicity in rats after injection of selected drugs. Brain levels of norepinephrine and serotonin were unchanged after 1 hr. of OHP at 4.95 atm. abs. Injection of pargyline (40-60 mg./kg.), a monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitor, 30 min. prior to OHP (4.95 atm. abs.) exposure for 2.5 hrs. increased (54%) the latent period before the onset of convulsions, decreased the frequency of convulsions from 92 to 33%, and increased 72-hr. survival from 20 to 59% ($n = 66$). Iproniazid (25-75 mg./kg.) proved equally effective; isoniazid (50-100 mg./kg.) was ineffective. Although inhibitors of norepinephrine synthesis (α -methyl-*p*-tyrosine, 100 mg./kg.) and of 5-hydroxytryptamine synthesis (*DL*-*p*-chlorophenylalanine, 300 mg./kg.) lowered resp. amine levels without changing OHP tolerance, the protective action of pargyline remained unaltered. Amine precursors 5-hydroxytryptophan (10-25 mg./kg.) and 3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine (25-50 mg./kg.) also failed to alter O tolerance. The data indicate that premedication with certain MAO inhibitors can protect rats from OHP-induced CNS toxicity. These studies suggest that both the CNS toxicity induced by hyperbaric O and the protection from toxicity afforded by certain MAO inhibitors are not mediated through alterations in the brain metabolism of norepinephrine and 5-hydroxytryptamine. RCHP

85820k Effect of *Coprinus atramentarius* on the metabolism of ethanol in mice. Coldwell, Blake B.; Genest, Klaus; Hughes, David William (Res. Lab., Food Drug Dir., Ottawa, Can.). *J. Pharm. Pharmacol.* 1969, 21(3), 176-9 (Eng.). The EtOH-sol. material extd. from *C. atramentarius* was more toxic to mice, as measured by the LD_{50} and potentiation of the EtOH-induced sleeping time, than the whole mushroom or the residue remaining after EtOH extn. Also, the EtOH-sol. fraction when fed to mice 4 hrs. before administration of EtOH markedly increased the blood HAc and EtOH levels. RCHQ

85821m Salivary gland regeneration after *DL*-ethionine poisoning. Umansky, Mario; Rubinow, A.; Ungar, Henry (Hadassah Med. Sch., Hebrew Univ., Jerusalem, Israel). *Lab. Invest.* 1969, 20(3), 230-3 (Eng.). After ethionine feeding, there is increased structural damage during the first 24 hrs. to the salivary glands of male white rats. Recovery begins in 48 hrs. After 72 hrs., mitotic figures are apparent, and after cessation of ethionine feeding for 2 weeks, morphological and histochem. indicators of the salivary glands are normal. Anna Lee Waldo

85822n Changes induced by cadmium, zinc, and lead in renal and peripheral vascular resistances in the anesthetized rabbit. Cherpillat, Godelaine; Constantini, S.; Ciria, A. M. (Milano, Milan, Italy). *Med. Lat.* 1968, 59(8-9), 322-33 (It.). Cd at 100-300 $\mu\text{g.}$ into the jugular vein of anesthetized rabbits produced a drop in the vascular resistance of the renal artery which decreased approx. with dose in magnitude and duration. At the highest dose it was almost absent. The effect on the arterial system below the aortic bifurcation (measured at the carotid) varied. There was an increase in vascular resistance at low dosages and a slight redn. at higher dosages. Zn and Pb

components used in manufacture of the polyvinyls. W. L. Carey, S. L. Hahneman, D. F. Rowan, R. L. Bower, and John Austin (Univ. of Texas, Austin). *J. Hosp. Pharm.* 24(9), 491-501(1967)(Eng.). The techniques useful in detecting the subtle toxicity of some ingredients used in the manufacture of poly(vinyl chloride) plastics, used in the production of containers and closures for certain biologicals, are discussed. Methods of detection include tissue culture tests, animal expts., and effects on antibody reactions and on washed blood cells. Certain heat stabilizers showed a marked incompatibility with the biol. systems used. Reactions with 5 plasticizers were more subtle. The results suggest the need for further research into the relations between various levels of toxicity and potential harm in humans.

H. M. Burlage

20561r Some chemical aspects concerning the occurrence of aflatoxin in foods and feeds. W. D. Raymond (Crop. Prod. Inst., London). *Ann. Ist. Super. Sanita* 3(Pt. 3-4), 289-306(1967)(Ital.). This paper reviews various aspects of the problem aflatoxin in foods and feeds. The agricultural, mycological chem., anal., biochem., toxic, com., and public health aspects of the problem are discussed. The presence of mycotoxins in foods and feeds also is summarized. 47 references.

Katherine H. Fisher

20562s The effect of diet on carbon tetrachloride metabolism. A. A. Seawright and A. E. M. McLean (Med. Res. Council Labs., Carshalton, Engl.). *Biochem. J.* 105(3), 1055-60(1967)(Eng.). Blood and liver concns. of CCl_4 were measured at intervals after an oral dose, in rats given stock and protein-free diets. The values did not correlate with the resistance to poisoning found in the rats given protein-free diets. Metabolism of CCl_4 to CO_2 in vivo and in liver microsomal preps. was depressed in animals given protein-free diets. Rats given a single dose of DDT are highly sensitive to CCl_4 poisoning. The livers of such animals had an increased microsomal protein content and greatly increased microsomal activity in the demethylation of Pyrimidin and in the conversion of $^{14}\text{C}\text{CCl}_4$ into $^{14}\text{CO}_2$. The incorporation of leucine- ^{14}C into protein by liver slices is depressed by CCl_4 . This effect is decreased by the addn. of SKF 525A and in slices from rats given protein-free diets. It is suggested that the toxicity of CCl_4 is closely linked to its metabolism.

R. C. F. G.

20563t An attempt to influence the collagen defect in experimental lathyrism. K. Trnavsky, Z. Trnavska, B. Skrovina, and L. Cebecauer (Res. Inst. Rheumatic Diseases, Piestany, Czech.). *Biochim. Physiol. Tissu. Conjoint.*, Conf. Commun. Symp. Int., Lyon 1965, 663-70(Pub. 1966)(Eng.). To study the influence of hydrocortisone (I) and Na salicylate (II) on the sol. of collagen proteins and on changes in the epiphyseal growth plates in lathyrus rats, exptl. lathyrism was induced in 36 male rats by feeding a 60% concn. of sweetpea seeds (*Lathyrus odoratus*) for 30 days. Twelve of these rats were simultaneously treated with I (10 mg./kg. body wt. daily), i.m.; another group of 12 were treated with II (250 mg./kg. daily), i.p. The 3 exptl. groups were compared with 3 nonlathyrus control groups treated similarly. After 30 days, total hydroxyproline (III), dialyzable III, and acid-sol. III were detd. in dorsal skin exts. For histol. evaluation, the tibial growth plates from decalcified hind limbs were microscopically examd. Total III was not significantly changed in any of the groups studied. I in intact (control) animals resulted in decreased levels of the neutral salt-sol. III and dialyzable III. II had no effect on the sol. fractions. Feeding with sweetpea increased the neutral and acid sol. III; the greatest part of the lathyrus neutral sol. fraction being dialyzable. In lathyrus rats, I treatment depressed the elevated amts. of sol. III as well as dialyzable III. Even more effective in restoring normal conditions in lathyrus rats was II treatment. Histol., the cells of the epiphyseal plate in lathyrus animals showed elevated mitotic activity but delayed maturation. The synthesis of ground substance in the intercellular spaces was also disturbed with demasked collagen fibers, granular decompn., and some cystic areas. I depressed lathyrus toxicity, while II restored the tibial growth plate to nearly normal. 19 references.

L. K. Allen

20564u Toxicity of 1,2-dichloroethane-extracted fish protein concentrate. I. C. Munro and A. B. Morrison (Food Drug Res. Labs., Dept. Natl. Health Welfare, Ottawa). *Can. J. Biochem.* 45(11), 1779-81(1967)(Eng.); cf. C.I. 67: 52812d. Wistar rats were fed a protein-free diet with 50% protein from lyophilized or extd. cod fish (lyophilized cod extd. for 24 hrs. with iso-PrOH or 1,2-dichloroethane (I), then heated for 2 hrs. at 60°C in vacuum) which contained 40 mg. % chloroquine carbonate (II). Cod fillets extd. with I were toxic to the growing rat. The toxicity was not due to II but was caused, in a MeOH ext. of the I-treated fish. However the MeOH-extd. fish did not support growth even when supplemented with cystine and histidine.

Dorothy J. Buchanan-Davidson

20565v Significance of carbon monoxide from cigaret smoking inside a car. Milan Srch (Karlova Univ., Hradec-Kralove, Czech.). *Deut. Z. Gesamte Gerichtl. Med.* 60(3), 89-91(1967)(Ger.). A forensic opinion from the author was needed in the

case of a 30 year old woman who had died in a closed car in a garage. In a test on 4 persons, 2 of them smokers and 2 smokers, who sat in a closed car with a cubature of 2 m³ and smoked 5 cigarettes with inhalation during 60 min., the hemoglobin concn. in the blood of the smokers rose from 10%, that in the blood of the non-smokers from 2 to 5%. In such circumstances a fatal intoxication was deemed not possible. Consequences for traffic safety are discussed. D. H. Stig.

20566w Histoautoradiographic studies on mesenchymal duct cells of thioacetamide-induced cirrhosis of the liver in Balthasar Wohlgenuth (Karl-Marx-Univ., Leipzig, G. Exp. Pathol. 1(1), 64-71(1967)(Ger.). White mice (19-20 g) were fed 0.25-0.45 mg. thioacetamide (I) in the drinking water. Controls without I were treated further by the same procedure. After 70 days the animals were injected i.p. with 3 μCi of the dme (II)- ^3H /g. body wt. After this the animals were killed and the livers were fixed in HClO_4 ; sections (5 μ) were washed with inactive II to remove unincorporated II- ^3H , and autoradiograms were exposed for 4, 6, 8, and 19 days at 15°C. After 4 days the development of cirrhosis had proceeded widely in treated animals. The parenchyma was penetrated by reticulated collagenous fibrillar structures as well as with mesenchymal and duct cells, which increased in relative no. The incorporation rate of II- ^3H into hepatocytes increased from 0.03 (cont.) to 0.24% in exptl. animals; in Kupffer's cells the resp. lab. indexes were 1.67 and 2.41%. Labeling of hepatic capsule endothelial cells or of the bile duct epithelium showed no difference between controls and I-treated animals. The ducts exhibited a labeling rate similar to that of Kupffer's cells in treated animals. As early as 1 hr. after II application, black mitotic figures could be seen in Kupffer's cells, both in cont. and in I-treated animals. A possible shortening of the phase due to unexplained reasons was considered. 34 references.

E. Talafas

20567x Histamine level and histamine fixation in the tissues and skin in rats under the effect of industrial poisons. R. S. Eizengart (Sanepidst., Moscow). *Farmakol. Toksikol.* 30(5), 608-9(1967)(Russ.). Homogenates from rat brain, from rat skin were tested chromatographically for histamine concn. and histamine fixation after rats had been exposed to threshold concns. or to toxic doses of methyleyclohexylethylene sulfide, diethylaminoethyl mercaptan, or 2-methylvinylpyridine. At threshold levels there was less histamine fixation in skin and more in brain tissue. After toxic doses the changes were irregular both in concn. and in histamine fixation.

Julian F. Smith

20568y The toxic peptides of *Amanita phalloides*. The Wickland (Gsethe-Univ., Frankfurt/M., Ger.). *Forstsch. C. Org. Naturst.* 25, 214-50(1967)(Eng.). A review is given; mushroom poisoning is almost exclusively attributable to the toxins of the genus *Amanita*. Their toxins are completely sorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, while their action is primarily on the liver; no specific therapeutic agent is known present. Thus, the understanding of the chem. structures, the mechanism of the action of the toxins is of great importance from the therapeutic standpoint. Isolation of the toxic ingredients, the chem. structure of the toxic peptides, the biol. and the amanitin group, and synthetic expts. with acids and cyclopeptides are covered. 86 references. CS.

20569z Comparative toxicity of mercaptobenzimidazole and its zinc salt. N. V. Mezentseva. *Gig. Ozenka Khim. Fak. Vnesh. Sredy* 1966, 119-20(Russ.). Mercaptobenzimidazole and its Zn salt (II) were studied in acute (mice), subacute (rats) and chronic (rabbits) expts. LD₅₀ internally for mice was for I and 737 mg./kg. for II. The animals were exposed to I and II dust for 2 hrs. daily for 15 days in concns. of 400 mg./m³. A lag in wt., increase in the content of amino N in urine, and disturbances in the nervous system were observed. Morphological alterations were found only in the lung tissue: bronchitis with slight atrophy of the bronchial mucosa. In chronic expts. on rabbits I caused disorder in the protein-synthesizing function of the liver. II increased the lipid content in blood. I increased the aldolase content, and II decreased cholinesterase activity of the blood. I decreased the erythrocyte count in the blood to 20,000. A proliferative reaction was observed in the lungs; edema and fatty dystrophy were observed in the liver, and punctate hemorrhages were observed in the myocardium. II caused slight edema in parenchymatous organs. I had no irritating effect on the skin or mucosa of the mouth, whereas II caused moderate irritation. From *Ref. Zh. Farmakol. i Toksikol.* 1967, Abstr. No. 754, 551.

M. V.

20570t Methods for the qualitative and quantitative determination of aflatoxins. E. H. Marth (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison). *J. Milk Food Technol.* 30(10), 317-20(1967)(Eng.). Qual. and quant. measurements of aflatoxins by means of layer chromatog. can be improved by substituting a densitometric "reading" of the thin-layer plates for visual examination of small samples (down to 0.3 mg.) can be accomplished by a thin-layer chromatog. procedure which employs a 25

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50592q Protective effect of ethyl alcohol towards allyl alcohol-induced hepatic lesions. Schwarzmann, V.; Infante, R.; Raisonnier, A.; Caroh, J. (CHU Saint-Antoine, Paris, Fr.). *C. R. Soc. Biol.* 1967, 161(12), 2425-9 (Fr.). A 90-min. perfusion of isolated rat liver with blood contg. allyl alc. (0.018 ml./180 ml.) caused a release of lactic dehydrogenase, malic dehydrogenase, and glutamic-pyruvic transaminase into the perfusate and a simultaneous depletion of these enzymes from the liver; alc. dehydrogenase and glutamic dehydrogenase activities were not detected in the perfusate and were not decreased in the liver. Biliary secretion was irreversibly arrested after 18-20 min. of perfusion, and hepatic lesions occurred. A 20-min. perfusion with blood contg. EtOH prior to the treatment with allyl alc. prevented the enzyme release, the hepatic lesions and the effect on biliary secretion, and did not cause the release of alc. dehydrogenase or glutamic dehydrogenase activities. BPJF

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50595t Protective effects of alpha-tocopherol on the hepatotoxicity of carbon tetrachloride: an electron microscope study. Meldolesi, Jacopo (Inst. Pharmacol., Univ. Milan, Milan, Italy). *Exp. Mol. Pathol.* 1968, 9(1), 141-7 (Eng.). The oral administration of 2.5 ml./kg. CCl₄ ddd. 1:2 with liq. paraffin to rats produced severe hepatic lesions within 24 hrs. However, liver damage was markedly reduced in rats i.p. injected with the lipid antioxidant, α-tocopherol succinate (125 mg. kg.), before CCl₄ administration. This suggested that lipid peroxidation is the primary mechanism of CCl₄ hepatotoxicity. 27 references. DDJN

50596u Distribution and toxicity of aliphatic hydrocarbons in body tissues. Shugayev, B. D. (Yaroslavl Med. Inst., Yaroslavl, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol.* 1968, 31(3), 360-3 (Russ.). Gas chromatography was used to study the distribution of 6 volatile hydrocarbons in the mouse and rat body tissues. The volatile hydrocarbon content of the brain and cerebellum of the mouse was similar, but the level in the fatty tissue was significantly higher than in the brain, liver, kidneys, or spleen. There was a parallel between the toxicity and effective cerebral concn. of isoprene, divinyl, and isobutylene, but not of butane, 2-methylpent-1-ene, or 2-methylpent-2-ene. The divinyl concn. was higher in the medulla oblongata than in the cerebellum or cerebral cortex. BJJR

50597v Some biochemical changes in animals following acute polyethylene polyamine poisoning. Solominskaya, E. A. (Nauch.-

Issled. Inst. Onkol., Leningrad, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol.* 1968, 31(3), 361-5 (Russ.). Polyethylene polyamine (75% kg.) administered s.c. to rats and mice increased the hepatic monooxygenase and histamine activities, decreasing tyramine and histamine levels in the blood and organs of poisoned animals. The pathol. disturbances observed in mice and rats with acute polyethylene polyamine poisoning may be due to the increased oxidative deamination of endogenous amines with the consequent formation of aldehydes, NH₃, and H₂O. BJJR

50598w Effect of niacin on phagocytosis in chronic trinitrotoluene poisoning. Pidemskii, E. L.; Chukichev, E. N.; Mul'menko, A. M. (Perm. Univ., Perm, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol.* 1968, 31(3), 365-6 (Russ.). Trinitrotoluene (TNT) administered orally at 30 mg./kg. daily for 6 days to rats progressively decreased phagocytosis. Niacin administered simultaneously at 1 mg./kg. s.c. prevented this decrease and even increased the phagocytic activity of the leukocytes to 1.5-times level in control rats. BJJR

50599x Pathogenic effect of chronic exposure to vinyl chloride on rabbits. Vazin, A. N.; Plokhova, E. I. (Inst. Gig. Tr. Proizvol., Gorki, USSR). *Farmakol. Toksikol.* 1968, 31(3), 367-72 (Russ.). In rabbits exposed to vinyl chloride (9-10 mg. air) for 4 hrs. daily for 5.5 months altered β-waves (frequency >80 Hz.) appeared on the electroencephalogram from the anterior hypothalamic nuclei, and the potentials of the anterior and posterior nuclei increased by 18-30 and 70-85%, resp., over control values. Concomitant changes in the cardiovascular system (bradycardia, arrhythmia, decreased voltage of the individual electrocardiogram peaks or whole complexes, decreased duration of systole, increased arterial pressure, and retarded blood flow) also occurred. The functional changes in the anterior and posterior hypothalamic nuclei may have a role in the pathogenesis of toxic angioneurosis due to vinyl chloride. BJJR

50600r Brown FK. III. Administration of high doses to rats and mice. Grasso, P.; Gaunt, I. F.; Hall, D. E.; Golberg, L.; Batstone, Elizabeth (Brit. Ind. Biol. Res. Assoc., Carshalton, Engl.). *Food Cosmet. Toxicol.* 1968, 6(1), 1-11 (Eng.). Acute oral toxicity studies with Brown FK gave LD₅₀ values > 8 g./kg. and 8 g./kg. in mice and rats, resp. The values for i.p. injection were 1.5-2 g./kg. in mice and 0.75-1.15 g./kg. in rats. When repeated daily oral doses ranging from 0.1 to 2 g./kg. were given to rats, a precipitous wt. loss and a vacuolar myopathy of the heart and skeletal muscles accompanied by lipofuscin formation occurred with doses of 0.5 g./kg. and over. At the highest dose employed (2 g./kg.), there was also hepatic centrilobular necrosis and renal tubular degeneration. Pretreatment with antibiotics reduced the incidence of muscle lesions. Repeated i.p. injection did not have any effect on the heart or skeletal muscle. Only 2 of the 6 components of Brown FK, 3,4-diamino-5-(p-sulphophenylazo)toluene (I) and 1,3-diamino-4-(p-sulphophenylazo)benzene (II), produced muscle damage after repeated oral doses of 0.5 g./kg. Comparable doses of mixts. contg. the other components as well as I or II were considerably less toxic. After daily oral doses of 1 g./kg., muscle lesions were found in rats, rabbits, and guinea-pigs, but none were seen in mice or hamsters. The results suggest that the intestinal microflora is responsible for the breakdown of the components of Brown FK to toxic products. Variations between species and between animals of the same species may be due to qual. and quant. differences in the intestinal microbial population. RCNP

50601s Brown FK. IV. Cytopathic effects of Brown FK on cardiac and skeletal muscle in the rat. Grasso, P.; Muir, A.; Golberg, L.; Batstone, Elizabeth (Brit. Ind. Biol. Res. Assoc., Carshalton, Engl.). *Food Cosmet. Toxicol.* 1968, 6(1), 13-27 (Eng.). Administration of 2 or 3 massive (1 g./kg.) oral doses of Brown FK to rats induced a myopathy in cardiac and skeletal muscles characterized by multiple vacuoles ~1-2 μ in diam. Ultrastructurally, these consisted of areas of fibrilolysis, affecting initially the A-band. Histochem., the myopathy was accompanied by a moderate increase in acid phosphatase activity and by a loss of phosphorylase activity. Subsequently, complete lysis of the affected fibers ensued. In the heart, lysis was followed by macrophage invasion and fibroblastic proliferation and in skeletal muscle, by regeneration. The occurrence of lipofuscin in muscle fibers and in macrophages was scanty and erratic. When Brown FK was given in the diet at a level of 2%, fibrilolysis and an increase in the no. and electron d. of lysosomes was observed ultrastructurally during week 2-3 of the test. These changes were accompanied by a marked elevation of histochem. demonstrable acid phosphatase. Progressive deposition of lipofuscin was the principal pathological feature during week 3-12. Initial damage to the A- and I-bands in both cardiac and skeletal muscle distinguishes the Brown FK myopathy from that known to be produced by high doses of corticosteroids, thyroxine, chloroquine, or plasmoed, from ischemic damage and from muscle damage resulting from deprivation of K, Ca, or Mg. The lysosomal changes and accumulation of lipofuscin are suggestive of primary lysosomal damage which

which are much due to those observed in individuals with phthiasis.

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20556t Biochemical and physiological causes of the toxicity of alcohol. Kyszard Wiktor Schramm and Halina Schrammowa (Univ. A. Mickiewicza, Poznan, Poland). *Psychiat. Pol.* 1(3), 343-7(1967)(Pol). A review with 47 references. Y. Pomeranz

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20558v Effect of acute and chronic hepatitis and of fatty liver degeneration on erythropoiesis. B. Sari, S. V. Kirilina, Sh. Dan, and L. Oros. *Acta Con. Med. Internae Hung., 3rd., Budapest 1965*, 923-8(Russ). Rabbits were orally given 3 doses of 0.25 mg. CCl₄/kg. and then i.m. 3 doses of 15 mg. phenylhydrazine (I)/kg. Consequently, plasma enzymes (alk. phosphatase, aldolase, glutamic-oxalacetic transaminase) increased, but erythrocyte enzymes did not change or slightly decreased. After a few days, serum enzymes normalized and administration of I did not further alter their level. At the same time, erythrocyte enzymes increased in activity due to I and the increase was correlated with the no. of reticulocytes. Later, these enzymes normalized as well, with the exception of glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase and aldolase, whose increase outlasted normalization of the reticulocytes, indicating the presence of a large no. of young erythrocytes in the peripheral blood. These changes were similar to those in erythrocyte enzymes in animals given only I without CCl₄; it is concluded, therefore, that a slight acute injury to the liver does not affect erythropoiesis. Chronic injury decreases erythrocyte survival time and accelerates erythropoiesis. M. Kalab

20559w Poisoning with organic mercury compounds in the Niigata prefecture along the Agano river. 1. Detection of methylmercury compounds in hair of patients by gas chromatography. Yukio Takizawa and Takao Kosaka Fukuoka, (Med. Univ. Niigata, Japan). *Acta Med. Biol. (Niigata)* 14(3), 153-61(1966)(Ger). Eight patients exhibited poisoning attributable to organomercury compounds. Hair from the patients was treated with detergent, water, HCl, CHCl₃, and dithizone before anal. by gas chromatog. was carried out with a Shimadzu GC-1C app. with electron capture detector (ECD-1A) with the conditions: column 1.5 m., inner diam. approx. 3 mm.; column temp. 190-5°, 15 or 25°, diethylene glycol succinate on 60-80 mesh Shimalite; N carrier gas at 35 ml./min.; detector temp. 200°; sample size 0.5 µl. Sepn. of methyl-, ethyl-, and butylmercury chlorides was achieved with the ECD-1A detector, but not by flame ionization. D. S. Plant

20560g Characterization of subtle toxicity of certain plastic

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oxidn. of DPNH which results from alc. metabolism inhibits oxidn. of fatty acids, acetyl-CoA generation, and subsequently gluconeogenesis. 24 references. FIJN

1699a Determination of the toxicity of quercetin, its aglucone, and the amount of flavonoids obtained from cotton flowers. D. E. Tuniyants and L. A. El'kind (Tashkent-K. Gos. Medinst., Tashkent). *Dokl. Akad. Nauk Uz. SSR* 24 (8), 50-1 (1967) (Russ.). The toxicities of quercetin 7-glucoside (I), its aglucone quercetin (II), and flavonoids (III) extd. from cotton flower (10S-F) were studied in 5 groups of 6 mice. Preps. were given perorally in 1 ml. of distd. water daily for 12 days. II was administered in a dose of 1 g./kg. body wt., doses of I and III were not given. The av. increase in wt. was detd. Then the animals were decapitated and internal organs were studied histol. No morphological changes were noted in the brain, lungs, heart, stomach, pancreas, liver, kidneys, adrenal glands, and gonads of animals administered I, II, or III, except protein dystrophy observed in the liver and adrenal gland cortex zone of some expl. as well as control animals. F. Vitk

1700u Effect of small concentrations of thiophene and chlorisocyanates on the ascorbic acid content in rat organs. N. N. Pushkina, I. A. Zibireva, and Sh. S. Khikmatullaeva (Inst. Obshch. Kommun. Gig. im. Sysina, Moscow). *Gig. Sanit.* 32(10), 103-5 (1967) (Russ.). Inhalation of thiophene (3 or 20 mg./m.³), *p*-chlorophenylisocyanate (0.03 mg./m.³), or *m*-chlorophenylisocyanate (0.1 mg./m.³) by rats over an 80-day period decreased the adrenal, kidney, liver, and brain ascorbic acid (vitamin C) levels. This decrease was accompanied by dehydroascorbic acid and diketogulonic acid accumulation in the liver and increased urinary excretion of 17-keto steroids. BJJR

1701v An experimental study in dogs on the usefulness of mannitol, furosemide, and methyl phenidate in phenobarbital intoxication. S. V. Gokhale, K. K. Gudibanda, D. G. Patel, and U. K. Sheth (Seth G. S. Med. Coll., Bombay). *Indian J. Med. Res.* 55(10), 1107-20 (1967) (Eng.). Acute intoxication by phenobarbital (I) (100 mg./kg., i.p.) was studied in dogs. One hr. after I, i.v. infusion of 20% mannitol (II) (375 ml. in 110-30 min.) or i.v. injection of furosemide (III) (20 mg.) increased the I excretion to 13.58% and 5.8%, resp., as compared to 1.78% of the injected dose in controls. A combination of II and III did not act synergistically. II (20%) in 3 infusions of 375 ml. interspersed with isotonic saline (500 ml.) caused an excretion of I of 47.7%. Saline alone was less effective than II. Methyl phenidate, 10 mg./kg. i.v. 1, 3, and 5 hrs. after I increased the urinary excretion to 5.2%. This was thought to be due to high blood pressure and hyperventilation produced by methyl phenidate. 27 references. FIJN

1702w Toxicity of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) to fish. Wayne A. Willford (Bur. of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife, La Crosse, Wis.). *Invest. Fish. Contr.* No. 20, 8 pp. (1967) (Eng.). Toxicities of DMSO to rainbow trout, brook trout, lake trout, carp, black bullhead, channel catfish, green sunfish, bluegill and yellow perch were detd. in 24-, 48-, and 96-hr. static bioassays at 12°. Toxicity was observed around 30 parts/thousand and was not seriously affected by water quality, although increased temp. increased the toxicity to rainbow trout. A preliminary test indicated that DMSO has little effect on the toxicity of antimycin to bluegill. S. Allen

1703x Accidental organic phosphorus poisoning: the use of propranolol to counteract vagolytic cardiac effects of atropine. A. Valero and D. Golan (Med. Dept. B, Rambam Govt. Hosp., Haifa). *Israel J. Med. Sci.* 3(4), 562-4 (1967) (Eng.). The shortening of the time for coronary filling caused by the excessive tachycardia resulting from atropine administration after org. P poisoning has serious deleterious effects on the heart in the presence of hypoxia. The patient, a young healthy woman, demonstrated electrocardiogram changes after one day of sinus tachycardia at 150-180 beats/min. Shortly after injection of 5 mg. of propranolol, the electrocardiogram reverted to normal. This procedure was extremely safe, even in the presence of heart disease. Independent of the slowing of the heart rate it is thought that propranolol also has specific antiarrhythmic action, making this drug doubly beneficial in counteracting the vagolytic effects of atropine and in guarding against ventricular fibrillation. Mahmoud A. Fayer

1704y Organic phosphate intoxication. Wendell L. Fairbanks and Kenneth C. Hoffman. *Neb. State Med. J.* 52(8), 376-9 (1967) (Eng.). A discussion of 2 cases of org. phosphate poisoning, emphasizing the role of cholinesterases in resistance and of atropine and the oxime drugs in treatment. The mechanism of toxicity and the rationale of treatment are detailed. William F. Bruce

1705z Histological and histochemical aspects of the morphologic alterations in the heart muscle caused by alcoholic intoxication. V. I. Yakovleva (Nauch.-Issled. Inst. Sudobnoi Med., Moscow). *Sudobno-Med. Ekspertiza, Min. Zdravokhr. SSSR* 10(3), 25-30 (1967) (Russ.). Morphological alterations in the heart muscle of 8 persons who had died from alc. int. over-

tion and 16 persons who had died from atherosclerosis and alc. intoxication (2 3/4% alc. in the blood) were studied histol. and histochem. An increased size and wt. of the heart caused by a complex of pathol. processes was noted in persons with alc. intoxication. A damaged permeability of blood vessels and stromal edema connected with the accumulation of acid mucopolysaccharides, protein, and fatty myocardium dystrophy were observed. N. Mastair

1706a Toxicity profiles of vinyl and polyolefinic plastics and their additives. Wallace L. Guess and Sol Haberman (Coll. of Pharm., Univ. of Texas, Austin). *Tech. Pap. Reg. Tech. Conf., Soc. Plast. Eng., N.Y. Sect.* 1967 (Sept.), 15-23 (Eng.). Plastics were implanted into rabbit muscle tissue by cutting slivers of plastics into sections 1 mm. X 1 cm. These slivers were placed in a hypodermic needle and inserted into the paravertebral muscle of anesthetized rabbits. One week later the rabbits were sacrificed and the implantation sites examed. for evidence of a histopathol. tissue reaction around the plastics. A cell culture technique was also used (CA 62:9672; 63:16545c). Exts. of plastics were prepd. by extg. for 24 hrs. in a Soxhlet app. using 95% EtOH; the alc. was removed by gentle heat in vacuo and the residue was reconstituted with normal saline. These exts. were then evaluated by mouse i.p. injection, rabbit intradermal injection, cell culture techniques, and hemolysis liability to a 2% suspension of washed red blood cells. Alc. extns. of one of the polyvinyl chloride (PVC) resins revealed that the supposedly pure PVC resin contained an av. of 3.5% extractable material, which appeared to be a waxy-like semi-solid material. Some of this material was pushed through a needle into the muscle of a rabbit and gave visible necrosis and microscopic eosinophilia after 1 week. Two different lots of PVC resin contained toxic material which was leachable into a biol. system and an extreme eosinophilic response was noted. A large group of chem. agents (17 phthalates, 5 sebacates, 6 adipates, 7 citrates, and 9 miscellaneous compds.) currently being used or having potential use in various plastics formulations were investigated for toxic potential. As a group, the stabilizers showed the greatest degree of toxicity and if these were used in conjunction with a plasticizer in a plastics formulation, the toxic potential was greatly increased due to an increased opportunity to migrate from the plastics. M. M. Fetkovich

1707b Changes in resistance to acids of erythrocytes during poisoning by some industrial poisons. M. G. Polyak, P. A. Balander, V. N. Fedyanina, and T. I. Nevolina (Nauch.-Issled. Sanit. Inst., Novosibirsk). *Vop. Biofiz., Biokhim. Patol. Eritrotsitov, Akad. Nauk SSSR, Sib. Otd., Inst. Fiz.* 1967, 173-9 (Russ.). The effect of mesidine (I), dichloroisobutylene (II), and dioxidiphenylpropane (III) on erythrocytes was tested in 50 rats and 28 rabbits. After I inhalation of concns. of 1.8-4.7 mg./l., close to the LD, the no. of erythrocytes was not affected, but methemoglobin increased by 3-5%; this increase, nevertheless, was not correlated with the severity of poisoning. In rabbits chronically poisoned with 0.01 mg. I/l., reduced glutathione in the blood increased after 4 months, whereas lower doses of I were without effect on its level. Acid resistance of the erythrocytes showed a left shift after poisoning with 0.001 mg. I/l.; after 0.01 mg./l. shifts both to the left and to the right occurred. II caused injury to the liver and was more toxic than CCl₄; 3 mg./l. caused hemolysis in rats, their erythrocyte no. decreased from 8.3 to 5.8 X 10⁶/mm.³ and Hb decreased from 14.8 to 9.0 g. %. At the same time, reticulocytes increased from 460 to 708 X 10³/mm.³ Changes on erythrograms of rats chronically intoxicated with 0.6 mg. II/l. for 3-5 weeks were similar to the changes after acute poisoning, but the no. of erythrocytes, reticulocytes, and the concn. of Hb did not differ from intact animals. III had effects similar to phenol; erythrograms normalized within 25 days. Crystn. of native Hb occurred in the erythrocytes of rats poisoned with II or III. M. Kalab

1708c Glucuronide formation in cases of toxic liver damage. K. Beck, H. A. Kuehn, and B. Nouraei (Med. Univ., Freiburg/B., Ger.). *Acta Hepato-Splenol.* 14(5), 280-91 (1967) (Ger.). Rabbits were poisoned either with a single s.c. injection of 1.5 ml. CCl₄/kg. of body wt., 0.3 ml. CCl₄/kg. of body wt. each 3rd day 6 times, a total of 40 ml. CCl₄ over a long period of time, or with daily s.c. injections of 0.4 ml. 5% aq. allyl alc. (I) soln./kg. body wt. for 23 days to test the liver capacity of glucuronide (II) synthesis. The rise of plasma II-glucuronic acid (III) as well as the urinary excretion of III after loading with 1 g. *N*-acetyl-*p*-aminophenol showed that the max. blood levels were reached only after 3 hrs. (in normal animals after 1 hr.), while the total increase was also considerably lower than in normal animals with a concomitant delayed urinary excretion of III. The disturbances of the II synthesis are not as marked in cases of sub-acute poisoning, while in chronic poisoning (CCl₄ cirrhosis) only a shift of the max. to the 2nd hr. was observed. Poisoning with I produced no significant influence on II synthesis. These results confirm findings in humans in which a disturbance of II formation (after loading with menthol) only occurs in cases with

hemagglutination reaction--extn. and purification of antigen--selection of inactivation method (Rozanova) 65-73r. Some factors that influence the sedimentation of ox. inulin (Glover)

72443g. Immunochem. studies of insol. wheat protein 72465r. Fluorescence depolarization method pyrene butyric acid bovine serum conjugates (Leng)

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74452h A simple apparatus for the estimation of some gaseous or volatile toxins. H. L. Boiteau and Cl. Mousson (Fac. Med. Pharm., Nantes, France). *Ann. Biol. Clin. (Paris)* 25(1-2), 215-27(1967)(Fr). The app. is made up of 2 compartments connected through a glass stopper. The first one, of known vol. (approx. 100 ml.) contains the sample to be analyzed. The second one (approx. 10 ml.) contains the reagents used in the detn. By connecting the 2 containers, the reaction can proceed and the detn. carried out colorimetrically or volumetrically. With this app., CO, CO₂, N₂O₄, HCN, and trichloroethylene were detd. within the limits of the sensitivity of the specific detn.

René Evard

74453j Poison chamber and a setup for creating constant vapor concentrations under dynamic conditions. N. Sh. Vol'berg and A. A. Golubev (Inst. Ind. Hyg. Prof. Diseases, Leningrad). *Gig. Tr. Prof. Zabod.* 10(12), 49-50(1966)(Russ). A chamber is described which contains small flasks for individual mice. The flasks are supplied with glass capillaries to ensure const. flow of poison-contg. gas. This app. was suggested for poisoning mice with halosilanes. To avoid halosilanes decompn. with moisture, air was dried in a column of silica gel and then on zeolite NaA (mol. sieve). Inlet of toxic fluid terminates on an elec. heated coil, where the fluid evaps. and enters the air stream.

Miloslav Kalab

74454k Toxicity studies of latex rubber and soft poly(vinyl chloride) as tubing materials. Comparison between in vitro tests and results of prolonged administration to rats. L. H. Eklund, C. A. Grant, and V. Willners (Kgl. Farm. Inst., Stockholm). *Acta Pharm. Suecica* 2(5), 349-56(1965)(Eng). A comparison has been made between in vitro and in vivo properties of water exts. of latex and poly(vinyl chloride) products. Sixty rats were injected 1 ml./100 g. of body wt. i.p. for 12 weeks. Hematological, liver and kidney tests, and pathol. exams. were carried out. At the end of the study, no appreciable differences from the control animals were observed. The value of in vitro tests as a relevant parameter of toxicity of polymer products is discussed.

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74455m Alterations in microsomal electron transport, oxidative N-demethylation, and azo-dye cleavage in carbon tetrachloride and dimethylnitrosamine-induced liver injury. E. A. Smuckler, E. Arrhenius, and T. Hultin (Wenner-Gren Inst. Exptl. Biol., Stockholm). *Biochem. J.* 103(1), 55-64(1967)(Eng). The effect of administration of CCl₄ and dimethylnitrosamine in vivo on hepatic microsomal function related to drug metabolism was measured. The capacity of isolated microsomes to demethylate dimethylaniline was diminished during the 1st hr. after CCl₄ poisoning and during the 2nd hr. after dimethylnitrosamine poisoning. Thereafter the microsomes from CCl₄-poisoned livers showed a continuous decline in activity so that at 24 hrs. there was little residual capacity to undertake demethylation. Microsomes from dimethylnitrosamine-poisoned animals were not different from controls at 24 hrs. During the first 3 hrs. there was a transient rise in the accumulation of the N-oxide intermediate in CCl₄-poisoned livers, with a subsequent fall to below control values. In dimethylnitrosamine poisoning there was a parallel decrease in N-oxide accumulation with decreased demethylation. In the latter part of the first 24 hrs., the ratio of N-oxide accumulation to demethylation was increased in both instances. At 2 hrs. after poisoning with either compd., there was no evidence of altered NADPH-dependent nicotrazolum redn. or lipid peroxidn. NADPH-dependent azo-dye cleavage was decreased. There was no difference in microsomal cytochrome b₅ content, but there was a decrease in the amt. of cytochrome P-450. This latter change was correlated with the decreased capacity for NADPH-dependent oxidative demethylation. It is suggested that dimethylnitrosamine is assoc. with a defect in microsomal NADPH-dependent electron transport at the level of cytochrome P-450. In addn. to affecting cytochrome P-450, CCl₄ is assoc. with a 2nd severe block involving the release of formaldehyde from the N-oxide intermediate.

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74456n The effect of the aflatoxins B₁, G₁, and G₂ on protein and nucleic acid synthesis in rat liver. Janet I. Chiford, K. R. Rees, and M. Elizabeth M. Stevens (Univ. Coll. Hosp. Med. School, London). *Biochem. J.* 103, 258-61(1967)(Eng). A comparison has been made of the difference spectra obtained by causing various aflatoxins (B₁, G₁, and G₂) to interact with calf thymus DNA. The effect of these toxins on RNA and protein synthesis by rat liver slices has been measured. The extent of their inhibitory action on the synthetic reactions was proportional to the dose administered. Inhibition of both protein synthesis with

DNA. It is proposed that their toxicity depends on action. It was demonstrated that the RNA polymerase nuclei isolated from the livers of aflatoxin B₁-poisoned rats was inhibited. This finding is in agreement with the mechanism for the hepatotoxic action of aflatoxin.

74457p Effect of pretreatment with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons on the metabolism of dimethylbenzanthracene-12-¹⁴C and other tissues. P. H. Jellinek and Barbara G. British Columbia, Vancouver, Can.). *Biochem. J.* 16(1), 131-41(1967)(Eng). Pretreatment of rats with polycyclic hydrocarbons (3-methylcholanthrene, anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, anthracene, phenanthrene, naphthalene) alters the metabolism of 7,12-dimethylbenzanthracene (DMBA) by hepatic tissue from side-effect hydroxylation. No change in the metabolism of DMBA in adrenal glands was observed under these conditions. A hydroxylated metabolite of the carcinogen was found in tissue. It is suggested that protection by aromatic hydrocarbons against DMBA-induced adrenal necrosis is achieved by the yield of the 7-hydroxymethyl deriv. of DMBA. This product, rather than the unchanged carcinogen, is the proximal necrotic agent by virtue of its structural similarity to the adrenocortical steroids. The cytotoxic effect on adrenals may be due to damage of cellular membrane release of lysosomal enzymes. 24 references.

74458q Metabolism of chloroethanol in the rat. Johnson (Med. Res. Council Labs., Carshalton, Eng.). *chem. Pharmacol.* 16(1), 185-99(1967)(Eng). When chloroethanol is given orally to rats, liver GSH (reduced glutathione) is rapidly depleted and S-(carboxymethyl)glutathione is released. Release of ³⁵Cl⁻ from chloroethanol-³⁵Cl has been studied and shown to require stoichiometric amts. of GSH (1 mole NAD (2 moles). S-(Carboxymethyl)glutathione is identified as the product in vitro. Ethanol inhibits the release of GSH in vivo and release of ³⁵Cl⁻ in vitro. Chloroethanol readily dehydrogenated in vitro by purified yeast and alcoholic dehydrogenases. The route from chloroethanol to S-(carboxymethyl)glutathione has been studied in vitro. S-(carboxymethyl)glutathione is degraded by kidney homogenate to glutamic acid, and S-(carboxymethyl)ketone. The metabolism of the latter compd. is discussed. It is suggested that the toxicity of chloroethanol is due to its conversion to chloroacetaldehyde in vivo.

74459r The effect of carbon tetrachloride on rat lysosomes. David H. Alpers and Kurt J. Isselbacher (Med. School, Boston, Mass.). *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 33-42(1967)(Eng). The effects of CCl₄ on isolated and rat liver slices were examd. The addn. of CCl₄ to lysosomes caused the release of β-glucuronidase, acid phosphatase, and acid RNase activity. The release occurred with a lag period and was linear. In addn., the rate of release was dependent on the CCl₄ concn. CCl₄ added to liver slices caused a redistribution of the lysosomal enzyme activity so that a greater percent was found in the supernatant vs. the pellet fraction. Under these conditions leucine-¹⁴C incorporation into protein was inhibited. The effects on lysosomal enzyme activity and leucine incorporation were roughly comparable for a range of CCl₄. Studies of the kinetics of these changes were found to be linear and to occur without any detectable lag. Lysosomes were isolated by 2 different methods, sucrose density gradient and percoll, and the effects of CCl₄ on peroxidase activity occurred to a much greater extent in one method than the other. Despite this difference, CCl₄ caused comparable release of lysosomal enzyme activity in both. Furthermore, in neither lysosomal fraction did CCl₄ cause a release of lipid peroxidn. at a time when its effect on enzyme activity was maximal. 32 references.

74460j Veterinary toxicology, to make a diagnosis of poisoning. Buck and Virginia Marshall (Iowa State Univ., Ames, Ia.). *State Univ. Vet.* 28(1), 7-9(1966)(Eng). Some common toxicants and their diagnosis in veterinary medicine are discussed.

74461k Histochemical enzyme levels in experimental cirrhosis. T. Tashev, L. Krustev, and L. Balchev (Inst. Khranene, Bulgaria). *Akad. Nauk* 5, 29-38(1967)(Bulg.). Exptl. liver cirrhosis was induced in rats by daily subcutaneous injection of CCl₄ (0.05 ml.) during 3 months. Alkaline phosphatase was neg. in normal liver parenchyma and bile ducts, strongly pos. in hepatic cells of cirrhotic areas. Significant changes were observed with acid phosphatase; its activity was decreased in half of the exptl. animals with liver cirrhosis.

Immunofluorescent localization of calcium in C cells of pig and dog thyroid (Bursakov) 63179y. Differentiation and functional expression of potential antibody-producing cells in presence of chloramphenicol (Schoenberg) 64010y. Action of heparin and aminoguanidine on anaphylactic, anaphylatoxin- and histamine-induced shock in guinea pigs (Gieritz) 64178j. Effect of anticomplements on delayed hypersensitivity reactions (Cohen) 64146x. Side effects of drugs on granulopoiesis and thrombopoiesis (Hoppe) 63912g. Inhibition of chlorophyllin derivs. against complement activities and anaphylactic reaction (Sindo) 64140r. Effect of Na Cu chlorophyllin as complement inhibitor on allergic reaction (Fujii) 64141s. Effect of Imuran (azathioprine) on susceptibility of guinea pigs to allergic encephalomyelitis (Field) 64064u. Elucidation of structure of Vi-antigen isolated from *Escherichia coli* 5396/38 (Heyns) 65785s. Effect of chloroprene on immunologic reactivity of organism in persons vaccinated against typhoid fever (Mikaelyan) 56658z. Analysis of the crystal antigens of *Bacillus thuringiensis* by gel diffusion (Pendleton) 62794h. Interferon and interferon-like substances—present state of research (Lackovic) 62728q.

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crease in that of neutral lipids were observed in mitochondria from alc.-fed rats, compared with controls. The compn. of the phospholipid fraction was nearly identical in the 2 groups of animals. 22 references.

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63866v Diuretic therapy of acute intoxication with hypnotics. G. A. Krueger (Evangelischen Krankenhaus, Muelheim, Ger.). *Anaesthetist* 16(2), 40-4 (1967)(Ger). Furosemide (20 mg.), injected i.v. into patients with barbiturate intoxication and added to running infusions dependent on the progress of the case (an av. of 20 mg./1000 ml.), was an effective therapeutic measure against the intoxication. The drug was easily administered and could be safely used in case of diabetes or complications caused by depression of cardiac, circulatory, or liver functions. It considerably reduced the time of unconsciousness and hospital treatment. Circulatory analeptics, particularly ethyldiphenylpropenamine, were effectively used in cases of hypotension in order to reestablish normal blood pressure values. 46 references.

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63867w Electroencephalographic changes in chronic poisoning with trichloroethylene. K. Schwartzova (Karlova Univ., Plzen, Czech.). *Cesk. Neurol.* 29(6), 369-77 (1966)(Czech). Exams. of 78 persons, exposed for 7.5 years on the av., revealed insufficient mental relaxation, lowered vigility, and disturbance of the α rhythm (on the border of abnormality) in 46.1%, small focal lesions and few synchronous θ waves (slight abnormality) in 5.1%, and frequent disperse or diffuse θ waves with synchronous exacerbations or focally accentuated (moderate abnormality) in 34.5% of the cases.

L. J. Urbanek

63868x Depression of potential myocardial contractility accompanying chronic ethyl alcohol administration. John Elwood Maines, III (Tulane Univ., New Orleans, La.). *Univ. Microfilms* (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Order No. 66-10,767, 88 pp.; *Diss. Abstr. B* 27(5), 1591-2 (1966)(Eng).

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63869y Subacute toxicity of ether extracts of PVC. S. Homrowski, H. Piekacz, and H. Mazur (Staatliches Inst. Hyg., Warsaw). *Ernahrungsforschung* 11(3), 398-402 (1966)(Ger). Toxicity assessments of H_2O_2 -free Et_2O -extd. plates of a poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) plastic (consisting of PVC 89.5, Palatinol AH (dioctyl phthalate) as plasticizer 7, Advastab 17.3 (S-contg. org. dibutyl Sn compd.) as stabilizer 1.0, Advax 360 as lubricant 0.5, and TiO_2 as pigment 2.0%) were carried out by thin-layer chromatography of blood specimens obtained periodically from Wistar rats of both sexes with starting wts. of 100-125 g. In addn. to a standard diet, by means of a stomach tube, 60 animals received 1 or 100 mg. PVC ext./kg. body wt./day as a 0.3 or 30.0% suspension, resp., in olive oil, for 3 months, and 10 of these animals received 1 g. undil. PVC ext./kg. body wt./day throughout the 4th month. All exptl. animals exhibited normal behavior, appearance, and eating habits; body wt. gains and blood-constituent values were similar to those of olive oil-treated control animals. No significant macro- or microscopic lesions of liver, spleen, kidneys, or stomach were revealed following removal after sacrifice of animals by Et_2O narcosis, with the exception of a statistically significant liver color change about 28% heavier than for controls among animals receiving 1 g. doses of ext. Only about 25% of the total content of non-PVC contg. plastic constituents was extd. by the Et_2O , of which 90% was plasticizer and 3% stabilizer; it was assumed that the other 7% consisted of the lubricant, since the pigment is practically insol. in Et_2O . On the basis of reports, the plasticizer and lubricant, both with an LD_{50} range of 53-35 g./kg. body wt., were practically nonpoisonous, whereas the LD_{50} value for the stabilizer was 500-600 mg./kg. body wt., indicating that any toxicity

exhib. in plastic exts. was due to the stabilizer. Doses of 100 and 1000 mg. PVC ext./kg. body wt., which corresponded to about 3 and 30 mg. stabilizer/kg. body wt., resp., did not elicit any adverse reactions; the heavier wt. of the liver, as a result of hemorrhage of its blood vessels, was considered to be evidence of an enhanced activity of this organ in handling the increased amt. of ext. content.

Koy Salkot

63870s Hepatotropic action of N-methylformamide. V. N. Vasil'eva and T. M. Sukharevskaya (Inst. Ind. Hyg. Prof. Diseases, Moscow). *Gig. Tr. Prof. Zabol.* 10(12), 53-4 (1966)(Russ). A case history is presented of a person who drank 50 ml. of N-methylformamide; even after washing the stomach with water, acute injury to the liver developed, accompanied by proconvertin (I) decrease (by 24%) in the blood and increase of plasma fibrinogen to 910 mg. %. I normalized more slowly than any other biochem. index.

Miloslav Kalab

63871t Toxicity of phthalodinitrile and tetrachlorophthalodinitrile. I. Acute toxicity in mice. Hiroshi Yoshikawa and Kiyoyuki Kawai (Nat. Inst. Ind. Health, Kawasaki). *Ind. Health* (Kawasaki, Japan) 4(1-2), 11-15 (1966)(Eng). Five to 30 min. after intraperitoneal, subcutaneous, or oral administration of *o*-phthalodinitrile (I), mice had generalized convulsions lasting 10-15 sec. The convulsive attacks were repeated several times with 30-60 sec. intervals and death occurred within 5 hrs. Upon administration of the meta isomer of I, convulsions were less marked and animals receiving the para isomer showed only weakness. The resp. LD_{50} values of *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-I were 34.5, 481.3 and 668.6 mg./kg. LD_{50} values for *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-tetrachlorophthalodinitrile administered intraperitoneally were 66.4, 2.5, and 1581 mg./kg. Convulsions were absent with the chlorinated derivs.

Emanuel Kaplan

63872u Hepatotoxicity of a series of organotin esters. David J. Galley, W. L. Guss, and J. Autian (Univ. of Texas, Austin). *J. Pharm. Sci.* 56(2), 240-3 (1967)(Eng). Four organotin esters having use or potential use in the formulation of medically used plastics were evaluated for their toxic effects on the liver following oral administration. The liver damage is apparently the cumulative type, requiring several days to manifest damage in the form of elevated serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase values and prolonged hexobarbital narcosis. The toxic potential was, in general, soly. related.

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63873v Effect of Vandid on cardiac functions in experimental trichloroethylene poisoning. A. Kubacki, A. Mrozikiewicz, A. Skubiszynska, and A. Wachowiak (Akad. Med., Poznan, Poland). *Med. Pracy* 17(3), 196-200 (1966)(Pol). Electrocardiograph curves were surveyed in rabbits exptl. poisoned with trichloroethylene. Administration of Vandid (*N,N*-diethylvanillamide) (5 mg./kg.) produced no arrhythmia symptoms, which occurred, however, when adrenaline (0.1 mg./kg.) was used as the cardiac stimulant.

Helena Lange

63874w Histochemical evaluation of liver extracts in prophylaxis of experimental carbon tetrachloride poisoning. Kazimierz Zajusz and Marek Zacharewicz (Inst. Med. Pracy, Zabrze, Poland). *Med. Pracy* 17(4), 317-28 (1966)(Pol). CCl_4 administered by stomach tube to rats (0.6 ml./animal) caused an initial increase of the liver acid and alk. phosphatases and ATPase activities, but this trend soon discontinued and the enzymes became inhibited almost completely. Liver succinic dehydrogenase, phosphorylase, and the branching enzyme were also totally inhibited. Enhanced reactions for alk. and acid phosphatases were observed in the kidneys of the poisoned animals. The effects of CCl_4 were markedly moderated by prophylactic administration of hepatic exts.

Helena Lange

63875x Pathomorphologic changes in white rat organs during chronic combined inhalation of methanol, aqueous ethanol, and furfural. R. U. Ubaidullayev and P. V. Panov. *Med. Zh. Urb.* 1966(9), 70-3 (Russ). Three different concns. of a mixt. of vapors of MeOH, aq. EtOH, and furfural were used in an inhalation expt. of 3-months duration. Severe histol. changes were found at the highest concn. only (5.79 mg. MeOH/m.³-28.48 mg. EtOH/m.³-0.3 mg. furfural/m.³). RNA of brain and glycogen of liver decreased, accompanied by fatty liver dystrophy.

J. Prokes

63876y Morphological changes in the organs of animals in acute and chronic intoxications with α -methylstyrene and styrene. V. V. Veselova and G. A. Oglesnev. *Nauch. Tr. Omsk. Med. Inst.* No. 61, 89-95 (1965)(Russ). Expts. were conducted on mice and rats administered intragastrically an aq. soln. of α -methylstyrene (I) or styrene (II). Internal administration of max. tolerance doses of I (3 for mice and 4 g./kg. for rats) and II (2 and 2 g./kg., resp.) caused no marked morphological changes. Acute I intoxications, grave hemodynamic and dystrophic changes in the parenchymatous organs, most pronounced in the lungs, were recorded. The group of morphol. changes found in the central nervous system of animals with I intoxication was a syndrome of toxic encephalopathy. Morphol. changes caused by I intoxication did not essentially differ from II-caused changes. Chronic administration of II (0.014 mg./kg.) to rats caused development of dystrophic changes in the central nervous system more often than did 0.5 mg. 1/kg. under the same conditions.

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1230r Chlorinated anilines and their sanitary-toxicological characteristics. G. D. Khamuev. *Khim. Faktory Vnesch. Sredy i kh. Gigen. Znachenie, Sh., Moscow* 1965, 108-10 (Russ.). Monochloroaniline is used in the production of insecticides and dyes. *m*-Monochloroaniline (I) and *p*-monochloroaniline (II) dissolve in H₂O (5 g./l.), in which they cause an unpleasant taste and odor. The odor and taste perception thresholds were 2.6 and 7.2 for I and 1.5 and 3-6 mg./l. for II, resp. In a concn. of 150 mg./l., I and II lowered the B.O.D. of water. Threshold concns. are 1.5 mg./l. for I and 0.75 mg./l. for II. The L.D.₅₀ values (stomach administration) for I and II, resp., were 1101 and 401 for white mice, 1104 and 368 for white rats, and 750 and 350 mg./kg. for guinea pigs. A 3-month sub-acute expt., conducted on white rats with stomach administration of 0.1 L.D.₅₀ levels, caused the formation of methemoglobin and reduced the hemoglobin level and the erythrocyte count. From *Ref. Zh., Khim.* 1966(8), Pt. II, Abstr. No. 81414. MVRK

1237y Toxicity of thioacetamide. Z. Hruban, W. Gradman, A. Skeris, and M. Lubran (Univ. of Chicago). *Lab. Invest.* 15 (11), 1748-60 (1966) (Eng.). Thioacetamide (I), fed to rats in a diet contr. 59 mg./kg. body wt./day for 5 days, produced high serum lactic dehydrogenase levels and centrilobular necrosis of the livers within 24 hrs.; the enzyme levels decreased and the necrotic areas were resorbed within 3 days of feeding the diet. Severe degenerative changes in the kidneys, hematuria, and increased serum urea N and serum creatinine levels occurred within 48 hrs. of treatment. The lethal effects of the above level of I were correlated with the renal damage. Excess dietary casein hydrolyzate, methionine, or guanidine reduced the mortality and renal toxicity of I, although these compds. did not prevent the nuclear and nucleolar enlargement of hepatic cells and of the cells of the proximal convoluted tubules of the kidney occurring in treated rats. 67 references. BPJN

1238f Poisoning by grass. C. H. Gallagher, J. H. Koch, and H. Hoffmann (Univ. Sydney). *New Scientist* 31(510), 412-14 (1966) (Eng.). Acute and chronic neuromuscular disorders occur in sheep feeding on the pasture grass *Phalaris tuberosa*. This grass contained 0.3% (dry wt.) tryptamine alkaloids. Tissues from sheep undergoing acute poisoning showed no histol. alterations, whereas the brain and kidneys of chronically poisoned animals showed deposits of green pigment. The pigment was noted in the mitochondria cells of the mid-brain, brain stem, and spinal cord. It is suggested that these changes are related to the oxidative deamination of *N,N*-dimethyltryptamine and 5-methoxy-*N,N*-dimethyltryptamine. The protective action of Co against the chronic form of the disease, reported by others, may be related to the prevention of degenerative changes in nerve tissue or to the acceleration of alkaloid metabolism. W. L. Downs

1239p Vinyl chloride; industrial toxicologic aspects. I. Grigorescu and Gh. Tobia. *Rev. Chim. (Bucharest)* 17(8), 499-501 (1966) (Rom.). A hypothesis was put forward, claiming that CH₂:CHCl (I) could react with H₂O at the level of the hepatic cell, yielding ethylene monochlorohydrin, which could be oxidized to chloral and chloroacetic acid (II). It could be eliminated as such in the urine or be metabolized further through amination to glycocol. An anal. method was developed for detection of II in urine, assuming that the only other source of II could be massive ingestion of wine yeast or inhalation of trichloroethylene. An aliquot (200 cc.) of urine, acidified with 5% H₂SO₄ (2 cc.) is extd. with Et₂O (200 cc.), shaking vigorously, and settling for 24 hrs. The ext. is dried (anhyd. Na₂SO₄), evapd. to dryness under reduced pressure, and the residue is dissolved in 50% aq. alc. soln. (0.5 cc.). One drop of the soln. (25-30 μ l.) is placed on Whatman No. 1 paper strips (25 X 3 cm.), dried, and chromatographed by ascending method, using as eluant the mixt. NH₄OH-EtOH-H₂O (1:20:4) for a period of 6 hrs. The strips, dried in air, are kept 24 hrs. in a concd. NH₄OH soln. for 5 min. at 50°C., then 24 hrs. in 1% ninhydrin in MeOH, and dried. The II is indicated by red-violet spots. For distinct development, the strips are sprayed finally with 10% Cu(NO₃)₂ (forming red spots). The R_f at 20° was established with a soln. of 20-30 μ g. II/cc., as 0.80. The limit of sensitivity is 0.1 μ g. II, and is improved by the use of Cu(NO₃)₂. The extn. of II from urine was demonstrated by treating a soln. of 25 μ g. II/cc. in urine as above, cutting the corre-

sponding spots, eluting the II with EtOH, and deig. colorimetrically. The extn. yield was >80%. Preliminary tests showed no II in clin. healthy persons, while among the staff of 1 psychiatric plant, 80% of the sampled persons gave a pos. reaction to the method. Extensive tests showed that most of the pos. reactions were obtained with staff employed 2-5 years in the plants. In these cases the protenograms were modified, the α -globulin fraction being higher and the γ -globulin fraction being lower than in the persons with neg. reactions to the presence of II in the urine. It was concluded that the capacity of the organism to metabolize II decreased after 2 years.

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1240g Effect of hexachloro-p-xylene ingestion on the oxidative phosphorylation of rat liver mitochondria. Hsia-Ying Chang and Chen-To Yuan (Sino-Soviet Friendship Hosp., Peking, China). *Sheng Wu Hua Hsueh Yu Sheng Wu Wu Li Hsueh Pao* 6(3), 273-5 (1966) (Ch). Oral administration of hexachloro-p-xylene (I, 0.5 g./kg./day) to rats uncoupled the oxidative phosphorylation of the liver mitochondria, in extent proportional to the duration of I treatment. The decrease in the production of ATP with insufficient energy supply of tissue may be the basis of the toxic reactions of I such as generalized weakness, fatigue, dizziness, headache. BHJJ

1241q Adrenaline-inactivation capacity of the normal and of the CCl₄-poisoned liver perfused in vitro. Emma Costner, I. Vaisler, and Verica Chivu (Acad. Rep. Soc., Romania, Bucharest). *Studii Cercetari Endocrinol.* 17(4), 355-7 (1966) (Rom.). Normal rat livers, and livers originating from CCl₄-treated rats were perfused with adrenaline in vitro. The latter showed a lower rate of adrenaline degradation as compared with the former. BTJQ

1242x Pyruvic acid content in acute barbiturate poisoning. R. F. Murashov (S. M. Kirov Mil. Med. Acad., Leningrad). *Ter. Arkh.* 38(10), 103-4 (1966) (Russ.). In deep coma due to barbiturate intoxication, 1.2 mg. % pyruvic acid (I) was found in the blood. Its concn. decreased with recovery to 0.77 mg. % When the I concn. reached 1.8-2 mg. %, complications occurred and the respiration was disturbed. The I concn. was directly proportional to the severity of intoxication, as observed in a total of 32 poisoned humans. Miloslav Kalab

1243c Inhibition of biosynthesis of protein and nucleic acids by phenolic compounds in vivo. G. V. Kukushkina, L. B. Gorbacheva, and N. M. Emanuel (Inst. Chem. Phys., Moscow). *Vopr. Med. Khim.* 12(5), 452-5 (1966) (Russ.). Mice with the Ehrlich ascites carcinoma or solid hepatoma XXII were injected with a mixt. of uniformly ¹⁴C-labeled L-amino acids (I) (10 μ c./mouse), Na formate-¹⁴C (II) (5 μ c.) or adenine-8-¹⁴C (III) (17 μ c.). After 30 min., one group was injected intraperitoneally with Pr gallate (IV) in 0.9% NaCl and another, with 4-methyl-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (V) in 3% aq. Tween-80. Controls were injected with the resp. solvents. Ascitic fluid samples were taken from mice with Ehrlich tumors at time intervals from 0 to 180 min. and the cells washed with a 5:4:1 mixt. of 0.9% NaCl, 0.3M Na₂HPO₄, and 0.3M KH₂PO₄. Mice with solid tumors were sacrificed after 120 min. and the tumors, liver, kidneys, and spleen were removed and homogenized. When I was used, the cells were treated with cold 5% Cl₃CCOOH and the pptd. proteins isolated and examd. When II and III were used, 5% Cl₃CCOOH washings were extd. with Et₂O, the aq. layer evapd., and the residue (acid-sol. fraction) examd. for radioactivity. The acid-insol. fraction was washed with cold 96% EtOH and heated for 10 min. at 50° with EtOH-Et₂O (2:1) to remove lipids. A sample was examd. for radioactivity and the rest extd. with 10% NaCl (pH 7.4-7.6) for 30 min. at 95°. Nucleic acids were pptd. by adding 3 vols. of cold 96% EtOH and washed with 70% EtOH. In mice with ascites tumors, injection of 75 mg./kg. of V decreased I incorporation into protein by 30% as compared with the controls; 200 mg./kg. of V inhibited I incorporation almost completely. Injection of 100 mg. of V/kg. decreased III incorporation into nucleic acids by 20%; 200 mg. of V/kg. inhibited III incorporation almost completely. Injection of 80 mg. of IV/kg. or of 120 mg. of V/kg. after 150 min. decreased II incorporation into acid-insol. fraction by 43-55%, into nucleic acid by 54-61%, into acid-sol. fraction by 50-77%, and into proteins, by 30-44%. In mice with solid hepatoma, injection of 150 mg. of IV/kg. after 150 min. decreased I incorporation into tumor proteins by 25%; 200 mg. of IV/kg. decreased I incorporation by 63%. Injection of 150-200 mg./kg. of IV had no effect on protein biosynthesis in kidneys and the liver of normal mice and in kidneys of tumor-bearing mice which showed some activation of I incorporation in the liver. Injection of 200 mg. of IV/kg. decreased I incorporation into spleen proteins of normal and tumor-bearing mice by 30%; 150 mg./kg. had no effect on protein biosynthesis in the spleen. Fchy Bors

1244n Experimental intoxication by ammonium salts. Protection by some amino acids and their mechanism of action. I. Cimino and F. Salvatore (Univ. Naples). *Biochim. Appl.* 13 (2), 57-85 (1966) (Ital.). The biochem. conversion of NH₃ into urea is discussed relative to the protection afforded in acute and chronic NH₃ intoxication by some compds. assocd. with the con-