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	STUDY NO. 1	Investigation of the Subcellular

STUDY NO. 2 Glycoprotein Synthesis in Cell Culture Systems

Study No. 1. Cell fractionation by differential centrifugation and electron microscopic autoradiography have been developed as useful tools for tracing radioactive label in the cell for further studies on molecular function of vitamin A. Results show that in the rat, serum vitamin A decreases as the liver depletes and kidnev vitamin A increases initially followed by a decrease to values below control values as depletion progresses. Additonal data are being collected to confirm and establish the statistical significance of these trends.

Study No. 2. Preliminary studies indicated that although HeLa cell tissue cultures could be maintained for several generations in the presence of either vitamin Λ or citral, morphological changes were induced in both systems which made interpretation inconclusive. Similar screening procedures will be done on other cell strains to determine the most responsive system in which to study vitamin Λ metabolism.

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WORK UNIT NO.	040	The Molecular Basis of Vitamin A Activity
STUDY NO.	1	Investigation of the Subcellular Distribution of Vitamin A in the Rat

PROBLEM: To investigate the molecular function of vitamin A at the cellular level by determining its location and its influence on metabolism of other cellular components.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS: Cell fractionation by differential centrifugation has been refined to yield, based on electron microscopy, the following fractions: nuclei (95% pure), intact mitochondria (60-70% pure) and microsomes (95% pure). Definition of the progression of vitamin A depletion in the Carworth CFE strain of rat is still in progress. Results have indicated that this strain depletes at a slower rate (12-14 weeks) than other strains (i.e, Holtzman) of rats. The question of whether dict or strain difference is causing this slower rate is now being investigated. Chemical analysis of the diet has shown no vitamin A, but the possibility exists that a small amount of biologically active material is present.

Tissue levels of vitamin Λ have also been followed during vitamin Λ depletion. Preliminary results show the liver to deplete in a exponential manner. The serum vitamin Λ level decrease as the liver depletes, while the kidney vitamin Λ level increases initially and then decreases to values below control values as depletion progresses. In an effort to determine the significance of the trends in the data, a repeat experiment was performed and the tissue are currently being analyzed.

In light of the role of zinc in the release and transport of retinol binding protein and consequently of vitamin A from the liver. zinc determinations were performed on serum, urine and liver. No differences were noted in the zinc levels as vitamin A depletion progressed.

Experiments on tissue preparation for electron microscopic autoradiography indicate that water-soluble embedding media, or standard embedding media employed with techniques used for fatty acids retention, resulted in high retention of vitamin A in the processed tissue. Carbon-14 labelled vitamin A caused tracking on the autoradiographic emulsion which indicates that carbon-14 has too high an energy level and that tritium would be a better isotopic label to use. The molecular Basis of Vitamin A Activity (Cont)

<u>CONCLUSIONS</u>: Electron microscopic autoradiography will be extremely useful in localization of isotopically labelled vitamin A in the cell, with cell fractionation by differential centrifugation procedures being an adequate backup. Vitamin A depletion does not cause a change in zinc metabolism based on excretion and tissue levels of zinc.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>: Studies should be continued that may shed light on the mechanism of function of vitamin A. Specifically, studies should be conducted in the whole animal and with cell culture systems with labelled precursors of nucleic acids and proteins to demonstrate the location of the label in the cell. The investigations should include the quantitation and identification of the labelled material present in the cell as well as the effect of metabolic inhibitors on these labelled compounds. The Molecular Basis of Vitamin A Activity (Cont)

STUDY NO. 2

Glycoprotein Synthesis in Cell Culture Systems

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PROBLEM: To develop relatively simple in vitro model systems at the cellular level that will respond to various forms of vitamin A and its antagonist.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS: A preliminary study on vitamin A metabolism in HeLa cells was started with the purpose of finding a cell line which was responsive to the absence or excess of vitamin A. The cells were cultured in Minimum Essential Medium (Eagle) with Farles Salts + 10% Fetal Calf Serum. Various concentrations of Vitamin A, citral (a vitamin A blocking agent), and combinations of both were added to the media in a small amount of carrier at the time of inoculation. Controls included untreated flasks and flasks with carrier only added. The flasks were examined twice a day over a period of a week or until cell death. The results showed that both vitamin A and citral induced a morphological effect on the cells and that it was hard to distinguished between the two treatments. All three treatments inhibited cell growth, but, the various combinations of citral and vitamin A showed a much lesser effect than either of the other treatments. After an initial shock period the HeLa cells would tolerate and eventually grow in the presence of vitamin A at the levels studied. Fluorescent microscopy of these cells was inconclusive. A stock culture of HeLa cells tolerant to vitamin A at a level of 5 μ g vitamin Λ/ml media was grown for several generations and frozen and stored for future study. Although a morphological effect was noted, it was relatively undefined and further study is needed in this area. screening procedures will be conducted on other cells to determine the most responsive system in which to study vitamin Λ metabolism. Future studies in vitamin Λ research will include analysis of the media and cell fractions for various forms and metabolites of vitamin A and also some radioactive labeling studies to determine the role of vitamin A in the cell. These studies will be extended to other human cells in which vitamin A is thought to be an active metabolite.

<u>CONCLUSIONS</u>: Cell culture systems appear to have promise as a model for replacement of the intact animal in investigations on the molecular functions of vitamin Λ .

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PROJECT NO.	3 A161101A91C	In-House Laboratory Independent Research
WORK UNIT NO.	041	Wholesomeness Aspects of Military

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Microflora of Meals, Precooked, Frozen and Non-Specification "Convenience" Foods Procured by DOD

Subsistence

Seventeen different kinds of precooked frozen dinners with 3 lots x 5 samples per lot were studied for microbial content. In total, 5520 analyses (8 analyses x 690 individual samples) were made.

Of the 690 samples, 26 (or 3.77%) exceeded a Standard Plate Count of 100,000/g, 74 (or 10.41%) contained coliforms, and 14 (or 2%) contained E. <u>coli</u>. In addition, yeasts and molds were found in 223 (or 33.3%) of the samples, 270 (or 38.8%) contained fecal streptococci, and 46 (or 6.6%) yielded viable <u>S. aureus</u>. <u>Clostridium perfringens</u> was found in only 2 samples, while Salmonella results were all negative.

Overall microbiological quality of the samples analyzed was considered to be quite good. Little difference was observed in test results between commercial and specification meals.

STUDY NO. 2 Computerized Data Collection Program in Food Microbiology

The Computerized Microbiological Data Collection Program, previously reported in 1973, has continued, with 1973 data being entered into the file. 1972 data has been analyzed. This has indicated areas of military food hygiene in which food microbiological research is needed. Products in which problems were encountered in 1972 were precooked frozen meals, beef and pork, and seafoods.

This program is a continuing, accumulating effort in which the microbiological data base is being expanded. Computerized statistical analysis methods for the data base are being investigated.

STUDY NO. 3 Microflora of Prepared Salads and Specialty Items

Twenty-three prepared salads were obtained from military installations in selected geographical areas of the United States. These were examined microbiologically on arrival at the Food Hygiene Division and weekly thereafter for 5 weeks. Emphasis was placed on the detection and enumeration of food-borne pathogens. The few pathogens initially

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detected rapidly died off; however, yeasts and molds, as well as other microorganisms, reflected by the Standard Plate Count, proliferated to extremely high levels in shrimp, macaroni, carrot and raisin, and egg salads. Sixty-four salads and specialty items were surveyed for compliance with Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) microbiological limits. Standard Plate Count violations occurred in 15.6% of the samples, coliform violations in 21.8% of the samples, and yeast and mold violations in 45.3% of the samples. On a combined basis, 56.3% of the samples failed to meet AAFES microbiological limits. Suitable recommendations were made to adjust the AAFES microbiological limits for these products.

Expeciment 2: Microflora of Fresh Salads Prepared by a Military Food Service Establishment

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Microbiological guidelines for fresh green salads, prepared in a DOD C ntral Food Preparation Facility for serving in satellite dining halls, are not available. In order to establish criteria for these products, samples of green salad, cole slaw, and mixed green salads were selected from two military food service establishments. Microbiological analyses, including analyses for selected pathogens, are being performed. After analyses of 100 samples of each type are completed, statistical analyses will be performed, and proper recommendations for guidelines will be made to OTSG.

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Microflora of Meals, Precooked, Frozen, and Non-Specification Convenience Foods Procured by DOD

PROBLEM:

The purchase and use of "convenience" food by DOD has continued at a high level during FY 74, with many problems in microbiological safety occurring during the year. Although military specifications for meals, precooked, frozen, have been used for many years by DOD, adverse criticisms are often voiced by producers concerning the acceptable microbiological limits. During the fiscal year, at least one court dispute concerning rejection by the government of precooked frozen meals was settled in favor of government; the decision was partially influenced by data generated in this study. The microbiological quality of meals, precooked, frozen, both specification and commercial, purchased by DOD have been investigated under this work unit. Emphasis was placed on the detection of food-borne pathogens.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Laboratory analyses have been completed on 690 samples of precooked frozen meals, representing 17 different kinds of meals. These lots with 5 samples per lot (15 total samples) were selected as being representive of the meal. Thirteen kinds of commercial meals and 4 menus of specification meals were utilized, with 8 analyses per sample (5520 analyses).

The general trend of these results shows two striking observations: (a) the generally low microbial counts and (b) considerable variability of meals within a lot and between lots. Of the 690 samples, 26 (or 3.77%) exceed the military specification limits (Standard Plate Count) of not more than 100,000/g. Seventy-four (10.41%) contained coliform organisms, with 0.9% exceeding the specification limits. Escherichia coli was isolated from 14 (or 2%) of the samples; yeasts and molds were found in 223 (or 33.3%) of the samples, fecal streptococci in 270 (or 38.8%), while <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u> was found in 46 (or 6.6%) of the samples. <u>Clostridium perfringens</u> was isolated from only 2 samples, while all samples gave negative Salmonella results.

In comparing the microbiological quality of commercial versus specification meals, little difference could be observed except for the geometric mean of the Standard Plate Counts. The arithmetic average of the

commercial meals was 19,000/g, while that of specification meals was 23,000/g. Geometric mean (Standard Plate Count) of the commercial meals was 794/g, while that of the specification meals was 151/g. The latter data indicates the wide variability between lots and kinds of commercial meals, while indicating comformity in specification meals.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The microbiological quality of meals analyzed was found to be quite good. The present limits of Military Specification Mil-M-0013966D, Meal, Precooked, Frozen, appear quite generous to the consumer and could conceivably be lowered. Adoption of the geometric mean in lieu of arithmetic mean for the Standard Plate Count might possibly remove the reasons for criticism of the specification by producers; this, however, will require more study. Meals analyzed appeared to offer little hazard to the consumer from food-borne pathogens.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 2

Computerized Data Collection Program in Food Microbiology

PROBLEM:

An adequate data base in food microbiology is essential on which to base microbial guidelines for food products. The DOD operates several laboratories which perform food microbiological testing under rigidly controlled conditions using official testing methods. Valuable food microbiological data is generated on a continuing basis from these laboratories which, if properly tabulated, could serve important functions in military food hygiene. A Computerized Microbiological Data Collection program was designed in 1971, tested, and expanded in 1972. This is intended as a continuing and expanding program, with 1973 data having been entered. Retrievals and analysis of the 1972 file is completed and action is being taken to analyze 1973 data.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Preliminary analysis of data was partially reported in the 1973 report. Completed analysis has indicated several areas of food hygiene which need intensive research in food microbiology; such areas identified by this program are precooked frozen meals, beef and pork products, and seafoods.

Twenty-one types of foods (195 samples) were tested by DOD official testing laboratories as being suspected of having caused food poisoning;

24 isolates of pathogenic organisms were found. Organisms isolated were <u>Vibrio parahemolyticus</u>, <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u>, salmonella, fecal streptococci, <u>Escherichia coli</u>, <u>Enterobacter</u>, and <u>Escherichia cloacae</u>. In addition, analyses of 1335 samples (14 food type) were reported; these were submitted for testing for other reasons. In addition to the organisms previously listed, <u>Clostrilium perfringens</u> was isolated from 4 samples (2 from vegetable products and 2 from seafoods).

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Tabulation of data from procurement testing was tabulated; this data has been utilized when comments on proposed or revised food specifications were necessary. In addition, sufficient data for a variety of ground beef products, prepared sandwiches, and delicatessen salads is available from the 1972 file on which to base recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The data accumulated in this file should be used as a basis for establishing microbiological guidelines for DOD use. Problem areas identified should be investigated through research projects. Additional methods of analysis and presentation of data should be developed and utilized.

PUBLICATIONS:

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Fowler, J.L., P.B. Ruckh, T.G. Murnane and W.F. Ganz. Report of Analyses of 1972 Microbiological Data Collection Program. USAMRNL Laboratory Report 339, 1973.

STUDY NO. 3	Experiment 1. Microflora of Prepared Salads and Specialty Items
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PROBLEM:

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) officially requested assistance in establishing realistic microbiological guidelines for prepried delicatessen salads from the Food Hygiene Division, LAIR, in 1972. To accomplish this, a collaboration effort between AAFES (to arrange and deliver samples) and the Food Hygiene Division was developed and executed; preliminary results were reported in the 1973 report. Completed analysis of the data has been accomplished.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Sixty-four salads and specialty items were surveyed for compliance with AAFES microbiological limits (Standard Plate Count not the exceed 100,000/g, colliform organisms not more than 10/g; yeast and mold not more than 20/g, and <u>E. colli</u> negative). Standard Plate Count violations

occurred in 15.6% of the samples; coliform violations in 21.8% of the samples; and yeast and mold vi lations in 45.3% of the samples. On a combined basis, 56.3% of the samples failed to meet AAFES microbiological limits.

In addition to in-house analyses, data from 1057 salads reported by DOD Testing Laboratory (from Study No. 2 - Computerized Data Collection Program) were utilized in developing the final report on this project. Violations in Standard Plate Count limits occurred in 17.7% of the samples, colliform violations occurred in 10.0% of the samples, and yeast and mold violations occurred in 37.3% of the samples. <u>E. coll</u> was detected in 3.8% of the samples.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. The present microbiological limits should be investigated for adequacy.

2. Consideration should be given to increasing the yeast and mold limits.

3. On the basis of analyses of individual types of salads, storage of shrimp, egg, carrot and raisin, and macaroni salads should be limited to 2 weeks.

4. Investigation of these items should continue.

CONCLUSIONS:

On the basis of this report and comments from other sources, the AAFES has increased the yeast and mold limits to not more than 100/g. With this increase, statistics developed in this study should be re-calculated to determine the percentage of samples which now comply with limits. Consideration is being given by AAFES to include limits for <u>Staphyloccus</u> aureus in the specification.

PUBLICATIONS:

Fowler, J.L., R.E. Thomas, J.J. Jorgensen and D. Stutzman. Microflora of Prepared Salads and Specialty Items Procured for Use by DOD Installations. USAMRNL Laboratory Report No. 338, 1973.

STUDY NO. 3

Experiment 2. Microflora of Fresh Salads Prepared by a Military Food Service Establishment

PROBLEM:

Department of Army is in the process of developing a Central Food Preparation Facility for troop feeding at Fort Lee, VA. The concept

of operation is to centrally prepare most food items, including fresh salads, with subsequent delivery to satellite dining halls. Microbiological guidelines are not available for these products; the Food Hygiene Division was requested to make recommendations to OTSG concerning acceptable microbial flora. Two military dining facilities were selected as the sample source and frequent samplings of these fresh salads were accomplished. It is anticipated that 100 samples of each type will be analyzed and statistically analyzed. Recommendations will be formulated from the results.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Preliminary analysis of 30 samples of each type have yielded the following results:

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Mixed Green	13,000,000	9,717	40,282
Cole Slaw	13,000	1,410	36,042
Green	810,000	769	3,249

* Standard Plate Count

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CONCLUSIONS:

None reached since the selected number of samples have not yet been analyzed.

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The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 4 Light and electron microscopic analysis of dietary influence on the thyroid and parathyroid glands of bongs of the rat.

To test the influence of dietary calcium (Ca) and phosphorus (P) on the cytological state of the parathyroid and thyroid parafollicular cells (C-cells), weanling rats were fed one of four diet combinations of 1.2% or 0.02% Ca and 0.3% or 0.02% P. One half of each diet group received oral supplements of Vitamin D. Despite widely varying levels of serum P and serum Ca/P ratios, parathyroid activity, as judged by cellular ultrastructure, was most closely correlated with the level of serum Ca. The C-cells showed depressed activity only in the group with the highest serum Ca level, which was fed a P-deficient diet. This work unit is being terminated.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT 054	Ultrastructure of Normal and Diseased Animal Tissue
STUDY NO. 4	Light and electron microscopic analysis of dietary influence on the thyroid and parathyroid glands and bones of the rat.

PROBLEM:

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The maintenence of calcium homeostatsis in the mammalian body is the primary function of two endocrine glands: the parathyroid and the parafollicular cells of the thyroid. Their secretory mechanisms respond to serum levels of calcium. Parathyroid hormone synthesis and secretion is stimulated by a drop in serum calcium levels, while calcitonin is stimulated by high levels of serum calcium.

Since the initial description of the ultrastructural characteristics of parathyroid chief cells, nur erous studies have evaluated the functional state of this cell type at various levels of serum calcium. The degree of synthetic activity is inversely related to serum calcium 'level. Ultrastrucutual studies of thyroid C-cells (parafollicular cells), in contrast, indicate a state of cellular activity corresponding to the level of serum calcium. Relatively few studies have focused on both glands from the same animal under experimental conditions.

In the absence of pathological conditions in the parathyroid glands and C-cells, dietary levels of calcium determine the concentration of calcium in the blood. The intestinal absorption of the calcium is increased by Vitamin D. While considerable work has been conducted regarding the physiological and morphological responses to blood calcium levels, some of it correlated with dietary calcium, little effort has been directed toward the relationship of the ratios of this mineral and phosphorus in the diet or the effect of the presence of Vitamin D.

This study examined the effect of dietary calcium and phosphorus, or the ratio of these minerals in the diet, with or without Vitamin D, on the chronic cytological changes in the parathyroid and thyroid C-cells. The morphological changes were correlated with blood Ca and P levels, as well as mineral content in bones. Ultrastructure of Normal and Diseased Animal Tissue (Cont)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

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The tentative results of this study are presented in Table 1. Weanling rats were fed one of four diets for eighteen days: 1.2% Ca and 0.02 P (ratio 60 to 1); 0.02% Ca and .3% P (ratio 0.06 to 1); .02% Ca and 0.02% P (ratio 1 to 1); 1.2% Ca and 0.3% P (ratio 4 to 1). One half of each diet group received vitamin D (31 IU) by oral supplement three times weekly. Only three diet groups (low Ca, low P, + and - D; high Ca, low P, -D) had morphological signs of rickets (i.e., elongated, poorly developed epiphyseal plates in the radii). These were also the groups with extremely low bone ash values. The groups which had morphologically normal bones exhibited two degrees of calcification, one normal and the other significantly less than normal, but intermediate between the ricketic and normal animals.

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On the bases of cytological criteria, three degrees of activity were present in the parathyroid glands. Highly active glands, with the majority of the cells characterized by tortuous plasmalemal indentations, a very large golgi apparatus, dense cytoplasmic matrix and prosecretory granules, were observed only in animals of one diet group (low Ca, adequate P, no Vit. D) which was the only group with subnormal serum Ca levels. Only two dietary groups (high Ca, low P, + and - D) had inactive parathyroids, characterized by cells with few plasmalemal indentations, pale cytoplasm, a small golgi apparatus, and no prosecretory granules. Serum Ca levels were highest in these two groups, and one of them (high Ca, low P, -D) had severe rickets, the other groups, despite a wide variation in bone development (two had rickets), had moderately active essentially normal, parathyroids and normal levels of serum Ca.

Two degrees of activity were present in the parafollicular C-cells of the rat thyroid. All the cells in one diet group (high Ca, low P, -D) had very pale cytoplasms, few secretroy granules, little granular endoplasmic reticulum (GER) and very small golgi appratus. These animals also had the highest levels of serum Ca, but relatively normal bones. Active C-cells, with a large dense cytoplasm, massive concentrations of secretory granules, arrays of GER and very large golgi, were characteristic of the thyroids of all other diet groups.

CONCLUSIONS:

Low levels of dietary and/or serum phosphorus are necessary for the production of rickets in the growing rat. Vitamin D and calcium appeared to have no influence on bone development and a moderate influence on mineralization in the presence of adequate levels of dietary and serum phosphorus. Adequate or high levels of both Vitamin D and calcium must be present to counteract the influence of inadequate phosphorus. Ultrastructure of Normal and Diseased Animal Tissue (Cont)

Parathyroid gland activity is directly related to serum Ca level. Phosphorus, either in the diet or serum, must have its influence, if any, on the parathyroid indirectly through serum calcium by influencing bone development and mineralization or via renal excretion and resorption. Alternately, the ratio of serum calcium and phosphorus may be a regulating factor; however, in this study Ca/P is a direct reflection of serum calcium. Thyroid C-cell activity appears not to be stimulated by high calcium levels in the presence of Vitamin D and low phosphorus. Stimulated thyroid C-cells are normal during growth, a time of high mineral flux. Their activity as reflected morphologically did not correlate well with the dietary supply of these minerals or Vitamin D available to the animal.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The results of this work should be refined to publishable form.

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25. (U) Due to the departure of the principal investigator during the first quarter of the fiscal year and the subsequent departure of the associate investigators in the 3rd and 4th quarters minimal research on this work unit was accomplished. Since their departures, however, they have been reducing data and writing manuscripts from data acquired during the preceding fiscal year. This work unit is being terminated.

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In-House Laboratory Independent Research

WORK UNIT NO. 059

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The principal investigator responsible for this work unit resigned from the Army during the first quarter of the fiscal year, hence he did not initiate any new studies. An associate investigator who also resigned from the Army during the fiscal year, completed some additional work on rehearsal and psychomotor performance. The results are currently being evaluated statistically and when completed a report will be written. This work unit is being terminated.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	059	Performance, Fatigue, and Exhaustion
STUDY NO.	6	Rehearsal and Psychomotor Performance

Because of the transfer of function from the Medical Research and Nutrition Laboratory, Denver, to Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, and the associated dissolution of the Physiology Division this work unit is being terminated. Even though the principal and associate investigators have resigned from the Army, they have indicated a desire to publish work accomplished under this work unit, once they have completed data analysis and manuscript preparation. Such reports as they are received will be processed through normal review and clearance channels.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Subsequent to the initial study described in the FY 73 annual progress report, additional data were collected from 23 subject volunteers to assess the efficacy of rehearsal for maintaining performance of a psychomotor skill under conditions of distributed practice. Again, mental rehearsal interfered with the retention of a target-tracking task.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The data evaluation and manuscript preparation should be completed.

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PROJECT NO.	3A 161 10 1A91C	In-llouse Laboratory Dependent Research
WORK UNIT NO.	060	Vitamin D, Calcium and Phosphorus Netabolism

The following studies have been conducted under this work unit in the current fiscal year:

STUDY NO. ? Assay for Human Calcium Binding Protein (CaBP)

Human Renal CaBP purified during FY 74 was used to prepare antibody (Ab) to the protein, prepare ¹²⁵I labeled CaBP, and as standards to set up a radioimmunoassay for human CaBP. Results of a preliminary study demonstrated that human intestinal biopsy homogenates competitively inhibit ¹²⁵I labeled CaBP binding to the Ab and thus provides a means of determining relative amounts of CaBP in such specimens.

Also, additional human renal CaBP has been purified in the current fiscal year and a preliminary amino acid composition of the purified material is reported.

STUDY NO. 4 Electron Microscopic Localization of CaBP in Human Intestinal Mucosa

Calcium-binding protein (CaBP) was localized with peroxidase-labeled antibody in human jejunum and kidney, and in kidney and pancreas of several animal species. The protein was associated with plasma membrane and intercellular space of jejunal absorptive cells. It was present in a specific population of renal tubule cells and in pancreatic islet cells. Immunohistochemical staining of intestinal CaBP with antibody to renal CaBP indicates structural similiarity between the two proteins despite their different molecular weight.

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STUDY NO. 2

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PPOBLEM:

According to a USDA study in 1965, the three commonest deficiencies in the American diet are vitamin A and C and calcium. It is guite likely that dietary calcium deficiency is at least partially responsible for the fact that volunteers or inductees entering military service have a need for 8.5 tooth restorations per man. Also, military nutrition surveys conducted by this laboratory reveal a dietary calcium: phosphorus ratio of less than 0.8 while the NRC recommended ratio in the diets of most animal species ranges from 1.0 to 2.0 and commercially available primate diets have a calcium: phosphorus ratio of approximately 1.7. Studies to evaluate the inpact of dietary calcium and phosphorus levels, other nutritional factors and various disease conditions on the intestinal absorption of calcium in man are needed. Balance studies are extremely expensive and time consuming. Large scale studies utilizing radioisotopic tracer techniques are not possible because of objections to the radiation exposure. However, a calcium binding protein (CaBP) has been reported in the intestine and kidney of man and various other species. In the chick, the capacity of the intestine to absorb calcium is related to the concentration of CaBP. The primary objective of this study is to develop an assay for CaBP which is applicable to human duodenal and jejunal biopsy specimens, thus providing a means of monitoring intestinal calcium absorptive capacity in man. Such an assay is an important prerequisite to the study of means of preventing decalcification and promoting calcification in appropriate clinical situations.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Additional human renal CaBP has been purified by the methods developed in FY 74. Antibody (Ab) to CaBP was made in rabbits and the IrG isolated by (NIL) SO precipitation. A standard dose of I CaBP was incubated with an Ab dilution so that the bound/free ratio was approximately 1.0. Non-labeled CaBP and human intestinal biospy homogenates competitively inhibit I labeled CaBP binding to the Ab, thus providing the basis for the radioimmunoassay in the range of 0-20 ng CaBP/tube with 5 ng/tube readily detectable. Samples were incubated in .01 M tris, .12 M NaCl, .004 M KCl and 0.27 Nall₃ for 72 hrs; after which the bound and free I were separated by ('IIL) SO precipitation. In a preliminary study, a subject fed 200 mg calcium/day for 14 days had CaBP concentrations of 1.5, 0.7 and 0.6 ng CaBP/ug protein in the heat treated duodenal mucosal

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supernate at 0, 7 and 14 days respectively. CEPr-activated Sepharose¹¹ 4B coupled Ab absorbed CaBP from a crude renal homogenate of post mortem tissue, confirming the presence of CaBP specific Ab in the Ab preparation. Based on the above successful results of the CaBP assay, another collaborative study with the Department of Medicine, LAIR, was initiated. The study was designed to measure the CaBP concentration in jejunal bionsies of 5 obese human subjects tho were fasting or receiving a 400 calorie diet. Samples have been collected and are being stored at -70° C until the assay can be reestablished subsequent to the laboratory move. New ¹¹⁰ I labeled CaBP will have to be prepared before the assay can be reestablished.

A portion of the purified CaBP has also been used to determine its amino acid composition. This was accomplished by collaboration with Dr. David Cohn and co-workers at the Veterans Administration hospital in Kansas City, Mo. The results are presented in table 1 along with the published composition of the vitamin D dependent CaBP from chick intestine. A marked similarity of the two proteins is apparent. Composition studies of this nature are considered to be of considerable importance to provide data relative to the possible vitamin D dependency of CaBP in humans. It is not ethically feasible to induce vitamin D deficient rickets in man, which would be the only conclusive way to demonstrate such a dependency.

TABLE 1.

Amino Acid Composition of Human Pensi CaBP and Chick Intestinal CaBP.

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Alanine	15	17							
Arginine	6	5							
Aspartate	30	34							
Cystine	3	3							
Glutamate	37	44							
Glycine	15	13							
Histidine	5	3							
Isoleucine	9	11							
Leucine	28	31							
Lysine	17	24							
Methionine	4	3							
Phenylalanine	11	13							
Proline	8	3							
Serine	11	n							
Threonine	12	9							
Trvptophan	not determined	2							
Tyrosine	5	8							
Valine	7	5							

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CONCLUSIONS:

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A radioimmunoassay for determining relative concentrations of CaBP in human intestinal biopsies is feasible.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continued application of the CaBP radioimmunoassay to the study of the role of CaBP in nutritional and/or metabolic disease processes.

2. Continued efforts to prepare a more <u>intestinal</u> CaBP specific antibody which would improve the sensitivity and specificity of the assay.

3. Initiate studies to determine the amino acid sequence and chemical characteristics of CaBP as a means of gaining insight into the basic mechanism whereby CaBP alters the efficiency of calcium absorption.

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STUDY NO. 4

Electron Microscopic Localization of of CaBP in Human Intestinal Mucosa

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It is anticipated that the problem outlined above (S'-2) can be more readily dealt with if the mechanism and route of intestinal calcium transport are known. Precise tissue localization of CaBP is of critical importance to this objective. Taylor and Wasserman have reported the localization of CaBP on the intestinal brush border and PAS positive cells of the intestinal mucosa, using the fluorescent antibody technique in chicks. However, the resolution of the technique was not adequate to demonstrate the presence of CaBP in or between intestinal absorptive cells. More recently, Wasserman has reported that lanthanum complexes with CaLP avidly. Also, electron dense particles can be demonstrated in the intercellular space of intestinal mucosa predosed with lanthanum. It was not known whether CaBP was involved in this route of transport or whether calcium was transported via this route. When Ab to human renal CaBP became available as a consequence of ST-2 of this work unit it became possible to localize CaBP in human tissues by the peroxidase-labeled antibody technique and thus determine the possille merit of the hypothesis that calcium is absorbed by passing between intestinal cells rather than through them.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The laboratory methodology for conjugating horse radish peroxidase to antibodies has been mastered and peroxidase conjugates of sheep anti-rabbit gamma globlin and rabbit anti-CaBP gamma globulin have been prepared.

Biopsy specimens of normal human jejunum were obtained with a Crosby-Kugeler capsule and fixed in paraformaldehyde. Upon staining, the presence of CaBP was indicated by brown reaction product in the intercellular space around absorptive cells of the villus tips. It was associated with the lateral and basal plasma membranes, but there was little in the microvillar region of the epithelial cells. Reaction product was also present in the basement membrane region beneath absorptive cells. There was no reaction product within the cytoplasm of absorptive cells.

The same technique was employed to localize CaBP in kidney and pancreas. The pattern of localization of CaBP in the kidney was strikingly similar in man (autopsy), monkey, dog, cat, rat, mouse, and chick. In the outer cortex, only certain regularly-spaced proximal and distal tubules contained CaBP, suggesting a non-random distribution. CaBP was also present inconsistantly in cells of straight segments, collecting ducts, and in thin loops deep in the papilla. Sections

of positive tubules contained cells with reaction product in cytoplasm or nucleus, or both. Cell membranes and brush borders were consistently stained in positive cells. Completely unstained cells were present immediately adjacent to positive ones. No reaction product was present in blood vessel walls, in cells of the glomerulus, or in basement membrane of glomerulus or tubules. The selective distribution of CaBP among segments of particular nephrons was consistent and present in the several species studied. Whether the CaBP-positive regions are constant or shift with changing functional states remains to be shown. Nevertheless, the distribution implies a degree of heterogeneity among renal tubules which has not been demonstrated previously. The variable nuclear staining in renal tubule cells raises the possibility that CaBP might function as a regulator of gene expression in those cells.

CaBP was present in the pancreatic islets of the cat, dog, rat, mouse and chick. Human pancreas was not examined. In the islets, the reaction product was distributed intracellularly in a majority of the islet cells and the nuclei were unstained. The distribution of the labeled cells and the coarse granular pattern of the reaction product within cells suggests that the CaBP is associated with Beta cells. Exocrine tissue of the pancreas did not contain CaBP. A relation between calcium homostasis and pancreatic function has been suggested by earlier reports. Previously reported methods had not demonstrated CaBP in pancreas, but a relatively high concentration of calcium in pancreatic islets has been reported.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The presence of CaBP in intercellular spaces adds support to Wasserman's proposal of a "paracellular" component for Ca++ transport. The apparent contradiction between our results in human intestine and the results of Taylor and Wasserman in chick intestine could be due to either species differences or technique differences.

2. Based on the above immunologic evidence, CaBP is quite probably a component of pancreatic tissue in spite of earlier negative reports.

3. CaBP is only present in a limited subpopulation of renal tubules, rather than in a portion of all tubules as was previously supposed.

RECONTENDATIONS:

As investigator and technical support personnel became available, studies with the following objectives should be initiated:

1. Chemical characterization of purified human renal CaBP; including amino acid sequencing, determination of the calcium binding constant and number of calcium binding sites per molecule, S-S bridge potential, and possibilities for subunit organization.

2. The influence of nutritional and metabolic factors on the nuclear staining pattern of renal cells should be determined in order to assess the possibility that CaBP is involved in the regulation of gene expression in those cells. The factors should include high strontium diet, low calcium diet, vitamin D deficient diet, vitamin D toxicity, renal perfusion with varying concentrations of EDTA, renal perfusion with varying concentration, renal perfusion with strontium, parathyroid hormone injection, parathyroidectomy, thyroidectomy, renal perfusion with varying phosphate concentrations both pre and with fixation solution, insulin injection, insulin antibody injection, streptozotocin injection and alloxan injection.

3. CaBP should be isolated from pancreas and bone in order to chemically demonstrate its presence in these tissues.

4. Electron microscopic studies should be conducted to more precisely localize CaBP within cells.

5. Studies should be initiated to determine the role and function of CaBP in pancreatic islets and find the connection, if any, between osteoporosis in diabetics and CaBP function.

6. Studies should be initiated to determine where CaBP is formed within the intestinal mucosa (i.e. in mucosal cells or goblet cells).

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PROJECT NO.	3A161101A91C	In-House Laboratory Independent Research
WORK UNIT NO.		Development of a Rapid Clinical Procedure for Assessing Blood Oxygen Affinity

A new technique has been developed to measure blood oxygen affinity that has several advantages compared to older techniques. This technique has been used to investigate oxygen affinity in laboratory animals and humans, including several hundred patients with various pathological conditions. With normal laboratory animals and humans, data similar to that previously reported has been obtained. Patients show greater variability in both shape and position of the curve than do normals, and prevalently display both high oxygen affinity and a modified shape. Abnormal values are prominently associated with arteriosclerotic heart disease and angina in the present sample (approximately 275 patients). Further study is needed to assess the clinical significance of altered oxygen affinity because of the important role this factor can play in tissue oxygenation, carbon dioxide removal and acid-base homeostasis.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 386	Development of a Rapid Clinical Procedure for Assessing Blood Oxygen Affinity
STUDY NO. 1	Development of Blood Oxygen Affinity Technique (Biotonometry)

PROBLEM:

Available techniques for measuring blood oxygen affinity often are difficult to use, especially for routine screening of numerous blood samples. Also, practically all techniques utilize equilibration procedures that are inconsistent with present knowledge of the relation between erythrocyte metabolism and oxygen affinity. Recognition of the dynamic role of such constitutents as 2, 3-diphosphoglycerate (DPG) and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) in modifying erythrocyte functional attributes has stimulated widespread clinical interest in this matter. This study seeks to develop improved means of measuring blood oxygen affinity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Continued experience with the biotonometry technique developed during this study supports previous impressions regarding the method's advantages. It is simple, rapid and inexpensive. Repeat trials show good reproducibility. Equilibration procedures required with earlier techniques are unnecessary. Because alterations of erythrocyte DPG levels have been shown to occur rapidly under conditions similar to those used for such equilibrations, results with the biotonometry method may reflect more accurately the in vivo status of blood oxygen affinity.

CONCLUSIONS:

The biotonometry method can be successfully applied to problems requiring blood oxygen affinity information and will be used in connection with related studies in this research.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PUBLICATIONS:

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STUDY NO. 2

Oxygen Affinity Changes in Response to Trauma, Stress and Disease

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PROBLEM:

Until recently, scientific consideration of the manner in which oxygen combines with hemoglobin was confined almost exclusively to textbook accounts or specialized publications dealing with the molecular aspects of the heme-proteins. When considered at all from a practical standpoint, for instance in determining cardiac outjut using the Fick principle, it was widely assumed that blood oxygen affinity for any species was an invariant relation that could be normalized by simply correcting for pH and temperature. Although other factors were known to affect this equilibrium, such influence was felt to be negligible under most circumstances, notable exceptions being carbon monoxide inhalation and the possible presence of abnormal hemoglobin. This established dogma has been put to rest only recently following intensive investigation of the effect of high energy phosphates (ATP, DPG, etc.) on the gas transport function of blood. The practical significance of these important findings, however, has not been demonstrated, despite the compelling theoretical arguments that have been advanced. Using a new technical approach (see Study No. 1) this effort is designed to evaluate the effect of oxygen affinity change on overall oxygen transport and define its actual role during trauma, stress and disease. For this purpose, use is made of both experimental animals and blood samples from patients confined at the Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC). In view of the obvious experimental as well as potential theraputic advantages afforded by controlled manipulation of oxygen affinity, the study includes a search for agents capable of modifying this function.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

One of the more interesting observations on reviewing the accumulated data now available (on about 275 LAMC patients) concerns the prevalent association of high oxygen affinity with arteriosclerotic heart disease (ASHD) and angina. This finding adds factual support to what has heretofore been a speculative theory regarding the etiology of these conditions. Previous attempts to correlate oxygen affinity with ASHD and/or angina had either been inconclusive or yielded lower than normal oxygen affinity. In the latter instance, it was assumed that low oxygen affinity was a compensatory response favoring tissue oxygen delivery rather than an etiologic Development of a Rapid Clinical Procedure for Assessing Blood Oxygen Affinity (Cont)

factor. The implications of high oxygen affinity in these patients are being pursued in collaboration with LAMC clinicians.

As previously reported, the shape of the curve is a significant variable affecting oxygen affinity. As a group, patients have Hill shape factors (n) ranging from 2.0 to 3.0, normals most commonly having values close to 2.5. Low values of the shape are regularly associated with high oxygen affinity. As a consequence, even minor increases on oxygen affinity will theoretically have a significant effect on the efficiency of oxygen extraction from blood by an organ such as the heart, since much of its oxygen is delivered from the low end of the dissociation curve. The previously reported effect of the tranquilizers Valium and Librium on oyxgen affinity has not been confirmed by direct test in experimental animals (rats). In re-evaluating the original finding in humans, it was established that in practically every case where high oxygen affinity was associated with these drugs, the patients had sustained a recent mycardial infarct or were being evaluated for this condition. Thus the apparent relation between these drugs and high oxygen affinoty may have been an artifact. When previously analyzed, patient clinical information was not available in all cases, and the possible overriding influence of the pathology involved was not considered.

CONCLUSIONS:

Definite proof of the tentative findings reported above may provide useful insight into prevention and treatment of arterisoclerotic heart disease. Such proof would also considerably strengthen the case, now advocated mostly on theoretical grounds, for oxygen affinity being an important variable in other diseases, in trauma, and during environmental stress.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Further analysis of present data should be pursued, particularly after review of patient records for more complete clinical information. Accumulation of oxygen affinity profiles should be continued on a more selective basis.

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PROJECT NO.	3A161101A91C	In-House Laboratory Independent Research
WORK UNIT NO.	387	Pathogenesis of Coliform Induced Colitis in Mice

Investigations of coliform-induced murine chronic colitis described in FY 73 continued. To determine whether infectious cultures of Citrobacter freundii (ANL) were contaminated with filterable agents (viral), and these were the causative agent rather than the coliform, cultures were disrupted by sonication and freeze-thawing followed by ultrafiltration. The filtrate, which contained no viable bacteria, was not infectious.

To explore the host range of the coliform, it was administered to weanling rabbits and hamsters in doses highly infectious to mice. No evidence of clinical or pathological changes were produced. These studies indicate that intact Citrobacter freundii are necessary to produce infection in mice, and that the organism has a limited host range. This system could be a useful model for study of mechanisms involved in human bacterial colitis.

This work unit is being terminated, due to transfer of the principal investigator.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 387

Pathogenesis of Coliform Induced in Colitis in Mice ----

PROBLEM:

The study of chronic colitis in mice using Citrobacter freundii (ANL) as the initiating agent may represent a convenient tool to study chronic colitis of man. Studies to date have included a description of the sequential development and clearance of lesions in mice. Additional parameters that require elucidation include the host response in other laboratory animal species when exposed to the organism, elimination of the possibility of viral contamination of bacterial cells used in exposures, and completion of the electron microscopic examination of material collected during FY 73.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Cultures of Citrobacter freundii (ANL) were washed in saline and disrupted using sonication and freeze-thaw methods followed by filtration through a 0.45 micron HA millipore filter. Weanling mice were exposed by gavage. No clinical, gross, or microscopic evidence of colitis were found in animals treated with disrupted cells. These data militate against viral contamination of the bacterial culture as the cause of the induced disease in mice. Weanling rabbits and hamsters were exposed to large numbers of saline washed Citrobacter freundii (ANL) organisms. No evidence of clinical infection or pathological changes were found in treated animals. Although preliminary, these data suggest a limited host range for Citrobacter freundii (ANL).

CONCLUSIONS:

Cultures of Citrobacter freundii (ANL) cause severe hyperplastic colitis of mice when the intact organisms are given by gavage. Because of the limited host range of the agent and the lengthy delay in clearance of the lesions (see Annual Report, FY 73) this system may be useful as a comparative model in the study of bacterial colitis of man. Pathogenesis of Coliform Induced in Colitis in Mice (cont)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend this study be terminated following critical examination of 1-micron sections to evaluate light microscopic changes and to determine requirement for electron microscopic study of tissues already collected.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A161101A91C	In-House Laboratory Independent Search
WORK UNIT NO.		The Relationship of Polymorphonuclear Neutrophil (PMN) Chemotactic Activity to Inflammatory Periodontal Diseases in Military Personnel

The purpose of this investigation was to evaluate in vitro neutrophil (PMN) chemotactic activity resulting from interaction of parotid fluid and fresh serum. If mediators of inflammation occur after this interaction, they are of possible importance in wound healing in the highly contaminated oral environment.

Human parotid fluid was reacted with fresh human serum. Following incubation and heat inactivation of this mixture, it was placed in Gey's medium, in the lower compartment of a modified Boyden chamber. In the upper compartment of this chamber, separated from the lower compartment by a millipore filter, was placed a quantitated number of PMNs in Gey's medium. Following incubation, the filters were removed and stained and PMN chemotactic activity was determined microscopically (PMNs per high power field).

Test mixtures, with associated PMN chemotactic activity, were:

- a) Parotid fluid (none)
- b) Serum (minimal)
- c) Parotid fluid plus sevum (marked)
- d) Parotid fluid plus heat inactivated serum (minimal)
- e) Gey's medium (none)

Parotid fluid reacts with fresh serum, producing PMN chemotactic activity. This phenomenon is of possible significance in the early migration of PMNs in oral wounds exposed to various oral secretions.

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The Relationship of Polymorphonuclear Neutrophil (PMN) Chemotactic Activity to Inflammatory Periodontal Diseases in Military Personnel

PROBLEM:

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The objective of this investigation was to evaluate in vitro neutrophil (PMN) migration (chemotactic activity) resulting from the interaction of parotid fluid and whole saliva with fresh serum. A great deal of knowledge is available on the physiologic function of parotid fluid, saliva and serum, however, there is no information on biological activity resulting from the interaction of these components. If biological mediators of inflammation occur following the interaction of serum and saliva, they are of possible significance to host defense and, therefore, wound healing in the highly infected oral environment. Our hypothesis is that PMN chemotactic activity in enhanced when whole saliva reacts with fresh serum and that the biological activity is dependent upon a heat labile constituent in fresh serum.

This hypothesis was tested by comparing the level of PMN chemotactic activity of fresh serum, whole human saliva, parotid fluid and various combinations thereof. Five healthy individuals served as experimental subjects for this study. The experimental methods and controls are outlined as follows:

1. Collection of parotid fluid and saliva.

Parotid fluid was collected with a Currey cup placed over Stenson's duct. Whole saliva was collected in a 50 ml plastic tube.

2. PMN Chemotaxis.

a. Twenty (20) ml of blood was drawn from the antecubital vein into a heparinized tube. Ten (10) additional ml of blood was used to prepare fresh serum.

b. The heparinized blood was sedimented in a 2 percent Dextran solution. The plasma was separated and PMNs diluted in Gey's solution. Cells were washed twice and concentration adjusted to $2.2 \times 10^{\circ}$ cells per ml. The final suspension of PMNs was placed in the upper part of the Boyden chamber after the chemotactic substance was placed in the lower part.

c. The serum was removed from the clotted blood and frozen if not used immediately.

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d. Millipore filters were numbered and placed in the Boyden chamber.

e. The chemotactic stimuli or control were placed in Gey's solution in the lower part of the Boyden chamber; the PMN suspension was placed in the upper part.

f. The following test substances were used to evaluate WBC chemotactic activity of various reaction mixtures.

Chemotactic Test Substances

- (1) Bacterial CTX (whole sterilized saliva)
- (2) Endotoxin activated serum
- (3) Heat inactivated serum plus endotoxin (control)
- (4) Whole saliva plus serum
- (5) Heat inactivated scrum plus whole saliva (control)
- (6) Parotid fluid plus serum
- (7) Parotid fluid plus heat inactivated serum (control)
- (8) Gey's medium control

g. The chambers were incubated for three hours at 37° C, 5 percent CO₂, in high humidity.

h. Filters were washed, stained with hematoxylin, cleared and mounted on microscopic slides with a cover glass.

i. Cells were counted on the bottom of the filter discs using 450X magnification and a grid. Ten random fields were averaged. The average number of PMNs per high power field was the chemotactic activity. The chemotactic activity minus the background cell migration was the chemotaxis index. Reading of slides was done in a single blind manner on coded slides. When the chemotaxis values were established, the values were decoded.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Text mixtures with associated PMN chemotactic activity are as follows: (Chemotactic activity is the mean PMNs per high power field + standard error for five test subjects.) The Relationship of Polymorphonuclear Neutrophil (PMN) Chemotactic Activity to Inflammatory Periodontal Diseases in Military Personnel (Cont)

Test Substance	PMN Chemotactic Activity
Serum	41 + 5
Parotid fluid	6 + 2
Serum + parotid fluid	142 + 30
Heated serum + parotid fluid	71 + 23
Saliva	239 + 54
Serum + saliva	359 + 51
Heated serum + saliva	311 + 52
Serum + endotoxin	341 + 43
Gey's medium	8 + 2

Previous studies have estabished that products from bacteria in saliva are chemotactic for PMNs and that parotid fluid does not exhibit chemotactic activity. Fresh serum activated by antigen antibody complex (IgG and IgM), endotoxin, zymosan, casein or cobra venom is strongly chemotacuic for PMNs. The chemotactic activity develops from heat labile serum complement. In the present study, parotid fluid produced a mild PMN chemotactic activity following reaction with serum, while whole saliva produced marked activity. The PMN chemotactic activity of serum activated by whole saliva was equivalent to the chemotactic activity produced by reaction of endotoxin with serum. Heat inactivation of serum resulted in a reduced PMN chemotactic activity following reaction with either endotoxin or whole saliva. The minimal activity produced by parotid fluid is not considered biologically significant and is perhaps due to contamination. Whole saliva reacts with serum to produce marked PMN chemotactic activity. This reaction is of possible significance in wound healing of oral tissues following trauma or surgery in the highly infected oral environment. The PMN chemotactic response would provide an important first line of defense and allow wound healing to proceed without overt infection.

CONCLUSIONS:

Parotid fluid reacts with fresh serum producing PMN chemotactic activity. This phenomenon is of possible significance in the early migration of PMNs in oral wounds exposed to various oral secretions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This study is terminated because of the closure of this department.

The Relationship of Polymorphonuclear Neutrophil (PMN) Chemotactic Activity to Inflammatory Periodontal Diseases in Military Personnel (Cont)

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A061101A913	In-House Laboratory Independent Research
WORK UNIT NO.	391	Some Effects of Hypertonic Medium on Cultured Mammalian Cells

The following investigation was started under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Changes in mitotic index of mammaliar cells effected by hypertonic treatment

Study No. 1: Shake experiments designed to yield synchronous Chinese hamster ovary cells with a mitotic index greater than 90% gave less than optimum yields. Further experiments to improve the yield were precluded by loss of the principal investigator and the work unit was terminated. Use of the specialized cell culture equipment purchased for this work unit, was provided to the Clinical Investigation Service, LAMC under terms of the LAIR - LANC Intraservice Support Agreement.

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Some Effects of Hypertonic Medium On Cultured Marmalian Cells

STUDY NO. 1

Changes in Mitotic Index of Mammalian Cells Effected by Hypertonic Treatment

<u>PROBLEM</u>: The ability to control cell proliferation is especially important in wound healing. Wounds made in the skin of Rhesus monkeys respond by showing an increase in the number of epidermal cells undergoing mitosis. The mitotic rate is not uniform, but proceeds in waves as if the cells were partially synchronized. This study was designed to first establish a method of synchronization to yield large numbers of cells in one phase of the cell cycle, then to quantitate changes in cell size and mitotic index effected by hypertonic treatment.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS: A cell line, Chinese hamster ovarv, vas established under laboratory conditions. Shake experiments gave yields of only up to 307 mitotic cells. Further experiments to improve cell yield ended with the loss of the principal investigator.

COMCLUSIOUS: The study ended in the developmental stage, no conclusions can be drawn and the work unit was terminated.

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ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.	3A161101A91C	In-House Laboratory Independent Research
WORK UNIT NO.	392	Deferoxamine-Efficacy by Various Routes of Administration

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Intra-ocular Iron Removal by Desferal

STUDY NO. 2 Comparison of BID IM Desferal, Single Injection IM Desferal, and Retrobulbar Desferal

Treatment of iron intra-ocular foreign bodies requires prevention of siderosis and removal of the iton. Desferal has been suggested for both of these purposes.

Using a rabbit model, radioactive intra-ocular iron removal was assessed by excreta collection and counting. Initial solid iron foreign bodies showed less than one PPM removal and were below the sensitivity of the method. Ionic ferrous and ferric iron showed a 25 fold increase in uninary excretion under the influence of Desferal. Retrobulbar injection was shown to be similar to single dose IM administration, although slightly more effective. Maximum removal rate was below 2 micrograms per day, indicating limited usefulness of Desferal for iron removal. Therefore, IM administration will be utilized in future work, and experiments in protection of the eye from siderosis will replace iron removal studies.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	392	Deferoxamine-Efficacy by various routes of administration.
STUDY NO. 1		Intra-ocular iron removal by Desferal

PROBLEM:

Iron intra-ocular foreign bodies are a tragic accompaniment of warfare. Surgical removal is only partially effective and requires major equipment and personnel considerations. Desferal has been suggested as a removal method. A "Desferal test" has been described showing a 0.5mg increase in urinary iron in patients with iron foreign bodies treated with Desferal. The origin of this iron is uncertain, however.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Radioactive iron foreign bodies placed in the eyes of rabbits showed no detectable radioactivity in the excreta, either with or without Desferal treatment. The detection was good to one part per million of the foreign body per day. Ionic iron did show a 25 fold increase in urinary radioactivity in treated animals over controls, but this total amount was less than 2 micrograms per day. Also, fecal excretion was unaffected, and accounted for over 20% of the total in the treated animals. Thus, a 1-3 mg foreign body would take over three years to be excreted, even if it were totally ionized.

CONCLUSIONS:

Desferal would be ineffective in removing significant amounts of intraocular iron, especially in the metallic form.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Desferal should not be considered as a removal mode for intraocular iron. Its use as a preventive agent in siderosis should be considered.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

Deferoxamine-Efficacy by Various Routes of Administration (Cont)

STUDY NO. 2

Comparison of BID IM Desferal, Single Injection IM Desferal, and Retrobulbar Desferal

PROBLEM:

Desferal has received use as an injection (BID IM), as a local salve, and as a local injection (sub-conjunctivally or retrobulbar). No one route has been shown more beneficial.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

BID IM injections, single dose IM injections, and retrobulbar routes were compared in rabbits with intra-ocular ionic iron. Single dose IM and retrobulbar routes both gave a transient effect, lasting no more than 48 hours. Although a slightly higher peak excretion was obtained with the retrobulbar route, BID IM injections can be accomplished more readily and give a greater total response.

CONCLUSIONS:

The IM route is adequate, convenient, and reproducible. The retrobulbar route is too hazardous to suggest its routine use, despite a slight increase in effectivity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Due to its ease and reproducibility, the IM route should be utilized as a standard when comparing other parameters. Since removal of iron is minimal at best, the preventive aspect of Desferal on siderosis should receive the major consideration.

This work unit should be expanded to look at the broader problem of metallosis. A parallel study involving Penicillamine and its effect on intra-ocular copper, another commonly used metal which causes toxic effects by nature of its chemical reactivity, should be undertaken.

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WORK UNIT NO.	393	Lacrimal Gland Uptake and Discharge of Gallium

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Differential lacrimal Gland Output Induction and Collection.

A rabbit model for differential lacrimal output in the two eyes has been established. Chemical irritation and collection of secretion on modified filter paper strips allows analysis of lacrimal gland function. Further developentn awaits repair of the gamma camera.

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WORK UNIT NO. 393

Lacrimal Gland Uptake and Discharge of Gallium

STUDY NO. 1

Differential Lacrimal Gland Output Induction and Collection

PROBLEM:

Lacrimal gland secretion is normally symetrical in the two eyes. this would require comparison of lacrimal gland function in two separate animals to view gallium dynamics as a function of gland secretion. In humans, unilateral ocular irritation may result in unilateral increased lacrimal gland secretion. The production and measurement of this phenomonon has not been recorded in animals.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Mechanical irritation of one eye of a rabbit produces only a very slight and transient increase in tear production. Chemical irritants produce a somewhat higher and more prolonged unilateral increase. Tear collection with filter paper strips is both quantitative and readily accomplished.

CONCLUSIONS:

Unequal lacrimal secretion from the two eyes of a single rabbit may be produced and will allow assessment of gallium dynamics as a function of tear production in a single animal.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With the gamma camera move completed, repair of the strip chart recorder would allow pilot experiments to be completed. If the computerized data system is also made operational, the original protocol could be started.

PUBLICATIONS:

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A161101A91C	In-House Laboratory Independent Research
WORK UNIT NO.	394	Metabolic and Microcirculatory Factors in Hemorrhagic Shock

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Blood Deformability: its Measurement and Significance

This study was initiated only recently and preliminary efforts have been devoted mainly to devising a suitable technique for observing red cell deformability. Preliminary observations show that normal red cells from both rats and humans can pass through filters with porosities 3 microns in diameter. Three week old blood bank blood displays altered deformability and is often unable to pass through such small sized pores. Spontaneously hypertensive rats display decreased deformability compared to normal rats. Further work is needed to assess the physiologic significance of these changes.

BODY OF REPORT

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Metabolic and Microcirculatory Factors in Hemorrhagic Shock

STUDY NO. 1

Blood Deformability: its Measurement and Significance

PROBLEM:

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Cardiovascular collapse leading to irreversible shock remains a prevalent hazard in the treatment of combat injuries and other trauma despite many improvements in evacuation procedures, fluid and electrolyte replacement, and surgical techniques. Of the numerous ramifications of this condition, perhaps the most prominent feature common to all forms of shock is the widely noted hypoperfusion of tissues. If prolonged, such hypoperfusion inevitably results in a pyramiding of, first, compromised and, secondly, permanently deranged physiologic and biochemical functions. Consequently, measures aimed at restoring perfusion, including fluid replacement, increased venous return and cardiac output, as well as lowering peripheral resistance, are widely used to treat this condition and maintenance of adequate perfusion to tissues is a well-regarded factor in the management of shock-prone medical emergencies. Present concepts of perfusion, however, are neither well quantified nor understood in great detail, and these deficiencies are handicaps in the treatment of shock. The present effort is concerned with perfusion decrements during shock and is specifically directed toward understanding the role that the erythrocyte may play in altering perfusion. It is postulated that: 1) a metabolically determined deterioration of mechanical adaptiveness (deformability) or perfusion effectiveness; 2) this deterioration plays a part in events leading to irreversible shock; and 3) measures designed to reverse or moderate this deterioration would favorably influence recovery from and resistance to shock.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

This is a recently initiated study and efforts have been primarily directed toward perfecting a suitable means to measure red cell deformability. Polycarbonate filters (General Electric) of known porosities have been used in the preliminary observations. With a suitable pressure differential (about 15 mm Hg) fresh citrated blood with buffy coat removed will flow at measurable rates through filters having pores down to 3.0 microns in diameter. The order of magnitude of the flow is about lcc/min for filters of 13 mm diameter. Larger porosity filters have been used to remove clots, this usually leaving a "clean" blood that displays less variability in flow through the small-pored filter than before such treatment.

With the above approach, it has been possible to gain some preliminary

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insight into sources of variability in this technique and recent trials have yielded fairly uniform results. There are still sources of variability not completely understood, however, and further work is needed to bring such variability under control. It is a remarkable fact that erythrocytes with a mean diameter of 7 or 8 microns can rapidly pass through a 3 micron pore without hemolysis or permanent change and, in view of similar dimensional relationships in the microcirculation, it is surprising that this plasticity has not received wider attention. Under comparable conditions, it is found that 3 week old bank blood is slowed compared to fresh blood and in some cases is unable to pass through such filters, its deformability apparently being greatly altered by the metabolic changes that occur with storage. Preliminary observations of normal rats of approximately 200-300 grams compared to a special breed of spontaneously hypertensive rats has shown a consistent difference in erythrocyte deformability in the two groups, normal erythrocytes being more deformable than those of the hypertensive rat.

Tests of red cell deformability in human patients confined at LAMC has shown great variability in deformability---much more than with normal blood. However, the number of tests performed is too small to allow conclusions at this time. There is presently no valid way of inferring the quantitative significance of the differences in deformability that have been observed, much less the clinical implications of such changes. This problem will be addressed in future experiments.

CONCLUSIONS:

The method for measuring deformability appears capable of showing differences in deformability but needs further work to ascertain the quantitative and physiologic significance of these changes. Preliminary results encourage the belief that changes in deformability may play an important role in perfusion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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WORK UNIT NO.	061	Mineral Metabolism - The Require- ment of Trace Minerals in Man Under Various Stresses
STUDY NO.	06	Selenium Metabolism
		Experiment 8. Pathogenesis of liver disease and anemia in selenium toxicity.
STUDY NO.	07	The Effects of Selenium and Mercury Upon Their Binding to Plasma Proteins
STUDY NO.	08	The Effects of Dietary Methionine Supplementation Upon Serum Selenoproteins and Whole-body Retention of Radioactive Selenium

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

Study No. 06. Diets containing 30 ppm selenium fed to rats for 6 days initiated liver damage and jaundice. The toxic effects were only partially ameliorated by subsequent feeding of normal or selenium deficient diets. Furthermore, serum bilirubin values, serum glutamic oxalacetic transaminase activity and liver histology indicated that the Se deficient diet was leas effective than the normal diet in ameliorating the toxic syndrome.

Study No. 07. A series of three experiments were conducted to examine the effects of mercury exposure on tissue and whole-body retention and excretion of 203 Hg in rats fed either selenium deficient or adequate diets. Mercury levels (203 HgCl) in all measured organs tended to be increased by selenium in the diet. Prior exposure to mercury (20 ppm) in drinking water generally decreased the organ retention of 203 Hg in rats fed both 0.5 ppm selenium and selenium deficient diets. Prior exposure to mercury caused an increased 203 Hg output in urine. Based upon whole body 203 Hg retention measurements, whole body loss of 203 Hg in the Hg exposed rats was not entirely accounted for by urinary and fecal losses, indicating an additional mode of Hg excretion. Mineral Metabolism - The Requirement of Trace Minerals in Man Under Various Stresses (Cont)

Study No. 08. Fifty male weanling rats were assigned to each of four groups: 1) Control - fed a vitamin E supplemented 25% torula yeast basal selenium deficient diet; 2) selenium supplemented receiving the basal diet plus 0.2 ppm Se as sodium selenite; 3) methionine supplemented - consuming the basal diet plus 0.8% methionine, and 4) methionine-selenium supplemented - fed the basal plus the above levels of both supplements. After 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 weeks, two rats from each group were injected with 50 μ ci of ⁷⁵Se. Twenty-four hours later, these animals were exsanguinated and the plasma used to determine protein binding of the selenium tracer. After the same feeding times, six rats were injected with 1 µci of ⁷⁵Se to measure urinary and fecal excretion of the tracer for 10 days, whole body retention for 35 days, and organ distribution of 75 se at 35 days. The proteins and radioactive tracer distribution in plasma were very similar in the four dietary groups. Whole body retention was reduced to 15% of the injected dose in the animals receiving selenium supplemented diets, and was 70% of the dose after 35 days in the selenium deficient rats. Methionine did not affect excretion or whole body retention of the tracer. The older animals that had been fed diets for a longer period of time retained more ⁷⁵Se than the younger rats.

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WORK UNIT NO. 061

Mineral Metabolism

STUDY NO. 06 Liver Pathogenesis

PROBLEM:

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Selenium toxicity causes irreversible liver damage, jaundice and anemia. This study was designed to examine the time course of the toxicity syndrome and the effects of different dietary levels of selenium (Se) upon its' development, after the initial induction of 6 days on a 30 ppm Se diet.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The selenium induced liver damage was examined in a study of 131 male Holtzman rats. The control group of 30 rats were fed a 30% torula yeast diet supplemented with 0.5 ppm selenium (control diet). Ninety rats received 30 ppm selenium in the yeast diet (toxic diet) for 6 days. Two control and 3 toxic animals were sacrificed daily for liver biopsy and examination during the initial 6 days. The rats consuming toxic diets were then divided into 3 groups: a) 19 rats continuing on the toxic diet; b) 31 rats consuming control yeast diet (supplemented with 0.5 ppm Se). Two control, 2 toxic, 3 toxic-deficient and 3 toxic-control rats were killed every other day for liver examination until the study was terminated on day 21. At time of necropsy, the rats were weighed, anesthetized with ether, exsanguinated from the aortic bifurcation and the liver removed and placed in formalin. Blood was pooled for each group and the serum was collected for bilirubin and glutamic oxalacetic transaminase (SGOT) activity determinations.

The control animals doubled their weights during the 25-day period, while the animals fed the toxic diets lost over 30% of their weight during the first week at the end of which the body weight plateaued. Rats fed the selenium deficient or control diet after 6 days of the toxic diet grew slowly with a 50% increase in body weight.

SGOT activity remained at about 200 mili-units per mililiter for 6 days in the toxic rats and throughout the study for the controls. By day 8, the rats continuing on the toxic diet had a 9-fold increase in enzyme activity, while the animals fed the selenium deficient and control diets had 7- and 3-fold increases, respectively. Enzyme activity in animals removed from the toxic diets returned to control levels within 8 days, while animals consuming toxic diets continued increasing thru 14 days and then decreased to about 6 times normal. Mineral Metabolism - The Requirement of Trace Minerals in Man Under Various Stresses (Cont)

Serum bilirubins of the control rats varied, while the rats consuming toxic diets had an increase on day 5. By day 8, rats continuing on the toxic diet and those switched to the control diet had bilirubin levels between 3 and 4 mg/ml, while those switched to the selenium deficient diet increased to 8 mg/ml. Further increases were noted on day 10 for these 3 groups. Rats consuming the toxic diet had a plateau in bilirubin levels, while those switched to non-toxic diets began decreasing.

The histopathological examination of the livers of the rats maintained on the toxic diet disclosed 100% with disseminated hepatocellular necrosis and 56% with mid-zonal toxic hepatosis. Rats removed from the toxic diet to the deficient diet showed 85% with disseminated individual hepatocellular necrosis and 44% with random areas of hepatocel'ular necrosis. Animals placed on the control diet had 26% with disseminated individual hepatocellular necrosis and 34% with random areas of hepatocellular necrosis. The livers of the control group were normal.

STUDY NO. 07

The Effects of Selenium and Mercury Upon Their Binding to Plasma Proteins

PROBLEM:

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Selenium and mercury have been shown to be antagonists in the development of their respective toxicities. This study was designed to investigate the interrelationships between Se and mercury on protein binding, excretion and whole body retention.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Forty-four male Holtzman weanling rats (80-100 gm) were placed on either basai (0 ppm Se) or selenium (0.5 ppm Se) torula yeast diets and housed individually in stainless steel hanging cages. Thirty days later, half of each dietary group received 20 ppm HgCl₂ in the drinking water for an additional 14 days. Six rats from each treatment were injected subcutaneously with 1 μ ci ²⁰³HgCl₂ in saline for experiment A. Urine and fects collection with daily whole body gamma counting was performed for 14 days. Tissue concentration of ²⁰³Hg was determined in experiment B. Five rats from each of the 4 treatments were injected subcutaneously with 100 μ ci ²⁰³HgCl₂ in saline. Rats were exsanguinated 14 days later and tissues removed and counted. In experiment C, 8 rats ingesting mercury (4 rats on basal and 4 rats on selenium diet) were injected intraperitoneally with 10 μ ci of H₂⁷⁵SeO₃ in saline and subcutaneously with 10 μ ci of ²⁰³HgCl₂ in saline. Urine and feces content Mineral Metabolism - The Requirement of Trace Minerals in Man Under Various Stresses

of ⁷⁵Se and ²⁰³Hg were determined by dual channel ratio counting. Hg ingestion in experiment A lowered whole body Hg retention to 10% of the injected dose in basal rats and 36.5% in selenium rats. Rats on the other two treatments retained approximately 40 to 50% of the dose. Basal rats ingesting Hg had large (20.2% of dose), rapidly declining amounts of 203_{Hg} excreted in the urine. Selenium ingesting rats had increasing 203_{Hg} excretion through day 9 (5.2% of dose on day 8) and then excretion began declining slightly. Some 203_{Hg} excreted in the two Hg ingesting groups was not accounted for by the urinary and fecal losses. Selenium treated rats in experiment B had a greater ²⁰³Hg content in the tissues than basal rats. Hg ingestion tended to lower tissue retention of ²⁰³Hg as compared to rats not receiving Hg. In experiment C, basal rats excreted 20.2% of the injected 203 Hg in the first collection of wrine which declined each collection while selenium rats excreted ²⁰³Hg and 75Se at near constant rates (5.0% of dose) after a small decline between days 3 and 7. Fecal concentration of 203Hg in both groups were similar but ⁷⁵Se concentration was greater in the selenium group. Possibly, Hg ingestion stimulated existing or established new elimination routes for Hg. Se-Hg binding may have caused tissues to retain the Hg with resultant decreased excretion rates.

STUDY NO.	08	The effects of Dietary Methionine
		Supplementation Upon Serum Seleno-
		proteins and Whole-body Retention
		of Radioactive Selenium

PROBLEM:

An earlier study in this laboratory showed that increased dietary methionine increased blood Se levels. This study was designed to examine the effects of dietary methionine upon plasma protein binding of selenium, organ distribution of 75 Se and whole body retention of the tracer.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

One study was conducted on the effects of dietary methionine levels upon whole body and tissue retention of selenium. Two hundred male weanling rats were randomly assigned to four dietary groups: 1) Group I, basal diet consisting of 25% torula yeast, 5% stripped lard, 66.2% cerelose, plus minerals and vitamins (adequate in vitamin E); 2) Group II, basal plus 0.2 ppm Se as sodium selenite; 3) Group III, basal plus 0.8% methionine, and 4) Group IV, basal plus selenium and methionine. After four weeks on these diets, 2 animals from each group were injected intraperitoneally with 50 µci of high specific activity 75 Se and 6 animals fed each of the diets received Mineral Metabolism - The Requirement of Trace Minerals in Man Under Various Stresses

l uci ⁷⁵Se intraperitoneally. The eight 50 uci rats were sacrificed at 24 hours by exsanguinating via the abdominal aorta. Plasma proteins were partitioned on a sephadex column and the column eluates, collected in one milititer aliquots were counted for radioactivity. Radioisotope retention of the 1 µci rats was counted daily for 10 days, and then 3 times per week for an additional 25 days in a small animal whole body counter. Urine and feces were collected separately for 10 days and the radioactivity was evaluated to determine excretory routes. Thirty-five days after injection, the rats were sacrificed and various organs were excised, weighed and the radioactivity counted.

Both methionine supplemented diets resulted in higher body weights of the animals from 4 thru 16 weeks of feeding. By 6 weeks the methionine-Se diets, increased growth by at least 7% over the other diets for the remainder of the study. The basal diet with selenium increased the body weights of rats by 10% or more at 13 and 16 weeks when compared to basal diet fed rats.

Whole body selenium retention showed significant effects of diet (dietary selenium supplementation reduced retention at 35 days from 70% to 15% of the injected dose); of time (the older and larger rats that had been fed the diets for longer times retained about 5-10% more selenium than the younger animals); and a significant diet time interaction. During the 10 days post-injection of radioactive selenium, most of the tracer excretion was urinary with less than 1.5% of the injected dose appearing in the feces. Most of the tissue data has been prepared for statistical analyses.

CONCLUSIONS:

(All studies under this work unit.) Liver damage induced by selenium toxic diets at 6 days was not reversible by feeding selenium deficient or normal diets. Dietary selenium increased the initial retention and organ contents of mercury but one week after injecting mercury, selenium also increased mercury excretion. Dietary mercury via the drinking water prior to injecting ²⁰³Hg increased its excretion. Whole body retention of a single dose of ⁷⁵Se was: reduced by selenium supplementation of the torula yeast diet; not affected by dietary methionine levels; and increased as the animals become older and larger.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(All studies on this work unit.)

1. Institute new work unit on mineral metabolism to encompass other minerals.

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2. Continue to study the losses of trace elements via sweat and the impact of such losses on trace mineral requirements. Minimal work was initiated in this area during the past year due to limited manpower (loss of one principle investigator).

3. The interrelationships between selenium and mercury metabolism should receive further investigation.

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TASK NO.	01	Biochemistry
WORK UNIT NO.	063	Haemopoietic Metabolism as Related to Nutrition, Genetics and Metabolic Disease

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

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25. (U) 73 07 - 74 06 Studies concerning the effect of exercise on muscle mineral metabolism and absorption of nutrients from the gut have been completed and the results are currently being analyzed. Twelve weeks of treadmill running increased the turnover rate of rat adipose tissue from a t_3 of 27 days (untrained) to t_3 of 16 days (trained). Supplementing the diet of trained rats with carnitine did not significantly alter the turnover rate of adipose tissue indicating that tissue carnitine levels do not limit fat utilization by the exercising animal. Treating hypoxic or exhausted rats with supplemental cortisol prior to altitude exposure or exhaustive exercise did not alter mitochondrial oxidative processes thus providing no support for the hypothesis that supplemental cortisol can influence hypoxia-induced aerobic metabolic alterations.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A061102B71R	Research in Biomedical Sciences
TASK NO.	02	Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.		Nutritional and Metabolic Adaptations and Interrelationships

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 5	Biochemical Adaptation to Exercise
STUDY NO. 6	Dietary Control of Lipid Metabolism
STUDY NO. 8	Studies on Mineral Metabolism and Interactions
STUDY NO. 9	Effect of Stress on Nutrient Absorbtion and Metabolism

STUDY NO. 5: Rats were treated with the hormone cortisol prior to exposure to two experimental conditions designed to result in muscle hypoxia (altitude exposure and exhaustive exercise) in an attempt to prevent a predicted decrease in oxidative capacity due to hypoxia. No deleterious effects on muscle mitochondrial oxidative capability due to hypoxia were noted, thus precluding any conclusions relating to the role of cortisol in ameliorating such effects.

STUDY NO. 6: The technique of odd carbon medium chain fatty acid labelling of adipose tissue was employed to estimate the effect of exercise and dietary carnitine on adipose tissue turnover rate in the rat. Twelve weeks of treadmill running approximately doubled the rate at which fatty acids fluxed through adipose tissue. Supplementing the diet of trained rats with 0.5% L-carnitine did not significantly increase adipose tissue fatty acid turnover rate, indicating that carnitine does not limit fatty acid utilization by the exercising rat.

STUDY NO. 8: A study concerning the effect of exercise on mineral metabolism and tissue distribution in the rat has been completed. The data are currently being prepared for statistical analysis.

STUDY NO. 9: An investigation on the effect of physical training on carbohydrate and lipid absorption has been completed. The data from the initial experiment are currently in the final stages of statistical analysis.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 058

Nutritional and Metabolic Adaptations and Interrelationships Biochemical Adaptation to Exercise

STUDY NO. 5

PROBLEM:

Previous investigations conducted under this study have indicated that exhaustive exercise and acute altitude exposure both exert similiar deleterious effects on mitochondrial respiration, perhaps through the common mechanism of hypoxia. Reg nt reports in the literature suggest that glucocorticoids play a cruci. Trole in increasing the ability of rats to survive in a low oxygen tension atmosphere, perhaps through a facilitation of aerobic metabolism. To test this hypothesis, both cortisol injected and control rats were exposed to a simulated altitude of 25,000 ft (ASL) for 12 hours and sacrificed immediately upon return to 5,280 ft (Denver altitude). Skeletal muscle mitochondria were isolated and tested for their ability to oxidize pyruvate and palmitate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Neither altitude exposure nor exhaustive exercise was effective in this experiment in causing any significant decrease in pyruvate or palmitate oxidation, ADP/O ratio or respiratory quotient. Cortisol injections (5 mg/rat 6 days prior to sacrifice and 5 mg/rat 1 day prior to sacrifice) did not significantly change any of the above measurements of aerobic metabolism. Since hypoxia was apparently not accompanied by decreased mitcchondrial function in this study, the question of whether cortisol would be effective in preventing such a decrease remains a moot point. The experiment should be repeated, but present facilities do not provide an adequate hypo-baric chamber for conducting studies of this nature.

CONCLUSIONS:

No conclusions can be drawn relating to the efficacy of cortisol in preventing hypoxia-induced depression of mitochondrial function. The dose level and duration of the cortisol treatment used in this study did not appear to influence muscle pyruvate oxidation, fatty acid oxidation, ADP/O ratios, respiratory control, or blood lactate concentrations under conditions of unaltered mitochondrial function. Recommend repeating the study if access can be attained to an adequate environmental chamber.

PUBLICATIONS:

None

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STUDY NO. 6

Dietary Control of Lipid Metabolism

PROBLEM:

Glycogen and fat are both important energy sources during exercise, however glycogen stores are rapidly depleted whereas an abundance of fat is still available at the point of exhaustion. If a greater portion of the energy expended during exercise could be derived from fat, crucial glycogen stores could be prolonged, perhaps forestalling exhaustion. Carnitine is a transporting agent for long chain fatty acids across the mitochondrial membrane to the enzymes of fatty acid oxidation. If tissue carnitine levels limit fatty acid oxidation during exercise supplying supplemental dietary carnitine would be a convenient method of increasing fat utilization during exercise.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Rats were trained by 12 weeks of treadmill running and fed either a control or a 0.5% L-carnitine supplemented diet. Untrained rats served as a sedentary control group. The turnover rate $(t_{1/2})$ of adipose tissue was found to be 26.7 days for the sedentary controls, 15.8 days for the trained controls and 14.0 days for the trained group fed carnitine.

CONCLUSIONS:

The results of this study confirm previous reports indicating that the smaller adipose cells of trained rats are metabolically more active than those of untrained rats. Feeding 0.5% dietary carnitine did not significantly increase utilization of adipose tissue fatty acids indicating that tissue levels of carnitine are adequate and probably do not limit fatty acid oxidation in the rat. Further studies are planned to investigate carnitine deficient diets in relation to fatty acid oxidation.

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STUDY NO. 8

Studies on Mineral Metabolism and Interactions

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Information on the role of minerals in exercise is rather limited when compared to the wealth of material available on fuel sources such as carbohydrates, fats and proteins. Although the literature is somewhat inconsistent in its description of the effect of exercise on mineral metabolism, it offers evidence that minerals play a more important role than is generally recognized. Several elements (Ca, P, K, Na, Fe, Cl, Mg, Mn, Zn, Cu and Cr) have been shown to alter muscle metabolism by their involvement in certain key enzyme reactions. It may be possible that the onset of fatigue and exhaustion may not be entirely controlled by energy-producing nutrients, but may also experience some control via insidious mineral deficiencies or excesses in body tissues. Information of this type will be utilized to design further studies to determine if alterations in tissue minerals has any influence on the dietary requirement for these elements.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A study of the effect of exercise on mineral metabolism and tissue distribution in the rat has been completed. The basic protocol called for an assessment of the Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and Zn content of red and white muscle fibers of trained and untrained animals. The individual mineral assays have been completed and the data are currently being prepared for statistical analysis.

CONCLUSIONS:

None

PUBLICATIONS:

None

STUDY NO. 9

Effect of Stress on Nutrient Absorption and Metabolism

PROBLEM:

The effect of exercise upon the absorptive functions of the small and large intestine is essentially unknown. It has been shown that severe exercise causes a reduction in the abosrptive capacity of the gastro-

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intestinal tract (GIT), especially in reference to carbohydrates. From the limited literature available, it appears that the effect of exercise on absorption depends not only on the severity of the exercise, but also on the extent of prior physical training. The mechanism involved is not understood, but can tentatively be assumed to include such factors as blood supply to the GIT, alterations in delivery of food from the stomach to the intestine, rate of peripheral utilization of substances and increased nutrient uptake by intestinal cells. These factors may have an indirect regulatory effect on the ultimate performance of an individual by controlling the supply of energy. The possibility exists that dietary requirements for certain nutrients may be altered.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

A study concerning the effect of physical training on carbohydrate and lipid absorption has been completed. Individual intestinal cells, obtained via an everted vibration technique, were employed to monitor overall glucose uptake while homogenates of these cells were used to measure the activity of pyruvate kinase, lactase, maltase, sucrase, and monoglyceride acyltransferase enzyme systems. For purposes of data expression total cell number, viability, total protein, intestinal length and weight were determined. Conclusions and final results are pending complete statistical analysis.

CONCLUSIONS:

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TASK NO.	02	Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	062	Muscle Metabolism as Related to Exercise, Serum Electrolytes, Diet and Steroids in Normal Man and Disease

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1. Studies Concerning the Mechanism which Control the Redox State of Myoglobin.

Studies have been carried out which for the first time clearly demonstrate the presence of metmyoglobin (MetMb) reducing activity in the soluble supernatant fraction of beef heart homogenate. Some of the optimum conditions for enzyme assay, and certain characteristics of the assay system have been evaluated. The two critical aspects of the assay system are proper preparation of myoglobin substrate, and ferrocyanide ion activation.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 062

Muscle Metabolism as Related to Exercise, Serum Electrolytes, Diet and Steroids in Normal Man and Disease

STUDY NO. 1.

Studies Concerning the Mechanism which Control the Redox State of Myoglobin.

PROBLEM:

Hemoglobin (Hb) and myoglobin (Mb) share a number of properties which include reversible oxygenation to form HbO₂ or MbO₂; or irreversible oxidation to methemoglobin (MetHb) or metmyoglobin (MetMb) respectively. Whether these heme proteins undergo oxygenation or oxidation depends on a number of factors which are complex and incompletely understood. Under physiological conditions <u>in</u> <u>vivo</u>, only 2 to 3% of hemoglobin in red blood cells is in the metform. Several efficient enzymatic systems have been described which continually reduce MetHb thereby preventing its accumulation to any appreciable extent. The enzymes responsible for this reduction utilize NADH or NADPH, and in some cases require an electron carrier such as methylene blue for <u>in vitro</u> study. By far the most active system which requires ferrocyanide ion ectivation has been described by Hegesh and Avron.

Much less attention has been given to the possible existence of similar systems which reduce MetMb. MetMb normally is not thought to be present in muscle in any appreciable quantity despite the greater susceptibility of Mb to oxidation than Hb. It is reasonable to assume that muscle must contain a highly active mechanism for MetMb reduction, otherwise the continued formation of MetMb would go unopposed. The presence of diaphorases in muscle is well known. However, the existence of a specific MetMb reductase, analogous to MetHb reductase activity in red blood cells has not been convincingly demonstrated heretofore.

Enzymatic reduction of MetMo by NAPH and NADPH dependent mechanisms has been shown by Rossi-Fanelli et al, however, a specific MetMo reductase activity was not found. Presumably enzymatic reducing activity has also been demonstrated in both intact and ground meat, but without clarification of the mechanism. Furthermore, Brown and Synder have shown efficient non-enzymatic MetMo reduction under suitable circumstances in vitro.

Despite the failure of past investigators to convincingly demonstrate specific enzymatic MetMb reduction, it is logical to conclude that if MetHb reductase exists in red blood cells, an analogous Muscle Metabolism as Related to Exercise, Serum Electrolytes, Diet and Steroids in Normal Man and Disease (Cont)

enzyme for MetMb reduction should exist in muscle. In this study we attempted to determine whether metmyoglobin reductase activity could be detected, and if so, to es ablish the optimum conditions for its assay and some of its properties.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Using MetHb as a substrate in the ferrocyanide-activated assay system described by Hegesh and Avron (J. Lab. Clin. Med. 72: 339, 1968) high levels of reducing activity were found in the supernatant solution from heart muscle homogenate. Subsequently, initial attempts to demonstrate similar activity against MetMb substrate were hampered by low activity levels and marked turbidity. A number of methods of myoglobin preparation were attempted, until it was found that the method of Van den Oord et al. (Eur. J. Biochem. 10: 140, 1969) yielded chromatographically and electrophoretically pure myoglobin substrate. Using this myoglobin substrate the assay gave reproducibly high levels of activity without turbidity. Substrate preparation thus proved to be one of the key factors in elucidating the presence of enzymatic MetMb reductase activity.

Once substrate myoglobin had been purified, the enzymatic nature of the system and some of its characteristics were examined. The effect of enzyme concentration was determined, no activity being detected with enzyme boiled or omitted; and increased activity in proportion to the amount of enzyme added. The effect of varying substrate concentrations was determined, and all subsequent studies utilized non-limiting amounts of substrate. The enzymatic reaction occurred only in the presence of NADH, other pyridine nucleotides being without effect. Hegesh and Avron showed that the MetHb reductase assay required ferrocyanide ion activation and ferrocyanide ion was found to similarly activate the MetMB reductase system. The pH optimum of the reaction was determined, and the course of these studies, the effects of buffer type and ionic strength were evaluated. Under certain conditions spontaneous, rapid reoxidation of the myoglobin was encountered, providing an interesting phenomenon worthy of further investigation. At this point the studies were interrupted for the movement of the laboratory to the Presidio of San Francisco.

CONCLUSIONS:

These studies have conclusively demonstrated for the first time the presence of a specific, NADH-dependent, met yoglobin reductase in the soluble supernatate fraction of homogen. ed beef heart. The enzymatic nature of the reaction has been clearly shown, and some Muscle Metabolism as Related to Exercise, Serum Electrolytes, Diet and Steroids in Normal Man and Disease (Cont) of the conditions required for optimum activity rates have been ascertained. The two key factors in demonstrating enzyme activity are substrate preparation and ferrocyanide ion activation.

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These studies represent a continuation of previous investigations of muscle function, the biochemistry of myoglobin, and of the primary and secondary myoglobinurias. Since myoglobin provides the only oxygen reservoir in muscle, defective oxygen uptake and diminished availability would result if MetMb v re present in increased amounts. The unavailability of sufficient oxygen could lead to both functional and structural defects. Furthermore, there are analogous defects which when present in the red cell lead to biochemical abnormalities and presumably may do so in muscle. These studies are potentially of great importance and should be continued.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A061102B71R	Research in Biomedical Sciences
TASK NO.	02	Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	065	The Effects of Nutrition and Environmental Stress Upon Work Capacity and Nutritional Status

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Body Composition Studies

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- a. A comparison of methods for estimating human body composition.
- b. The relationship of anthropometric measurements to body fat.
- c. To determine the efficacy of dieldren as a method of determining total body fat.

STUDY NO. 2 Work Performance

- a. The effects of ingesting electrolyte and sugar upon physical training and performance in young adults under conditions of profuse sweating.
- b. The effects of two levels of dietary protein on physical conditioning.
- STUDY NO. 4 Effects of Time of Sampling Upon Extracellular Water Volumes Determined With Thiocyanate

Study No. 1-a. Three methods were utilized to estimate body fat in humans, densitometry, potassium⁴⁰ counting and deuterium oxide dilution. Although each method was significantly different irom the other, any method would provide estimates of body fat in a population. The choice of procedure would be decided on the basis of cost, convenience and cooperation of the subjects but none possess the desired accuracy.

Study No. 1-b. A variety of anthropometric measurements were made on 2°3 male and 36 female military personnel. Total body fat was estimated by density, 40 K counting and D₂O dilution. Simple correlations with body fat estimates indicate that for the male population, waist, weight and buttocks circumference were most highly

correlated with fat estimates (r=.70 to .85). In the female population skinfold thickness was most highly correlated with body fat (r=.66 to .87). Stepwise multiple regression analysis showed that five of the variables could account for 60-70% of the variation in fat in males and up to 90% in females. Correlations of measurements were higher with fat estimated by density than with estimates derived from 40-potassium counting or D₂0 dilution.

Study No. 1-c. An animal investigation using tracer levels of ¹⁴C dieldrin as an organic diluent to estimate body fat has been completed. The data are currently being prepared for statistical analysis.

Study No. 2-a. The effects of oral electrolyte, sugar and vitamin E supplements on work performance were evaluated in 6 highly trained, heat acclimatized subjects in a 35°C environment. The supplements were ingested during the 4-hour exercise period and each supplement was tested for 5 consecutive days.

The standard diet fed the subjects fulfilled the daily NRC allowances of kcalories, protein, vitamins and minerals. Work performance of subjects was measured daily at two levels of submaximal work after 3 and 1/2 hours of exercise. Maximal treadmill testing was performed weekly. Physiological body functions were monitored during ingestion of the supplement and compared to those obtained using water as the control. Electrolyte and glucose supplementation had no demonstrable beneficial effects upon the work performance parameters measured. Oxygen consumption, heart and ventilation rates were essentially unchanged as a result of supplementation. Time of maximal performance and body temperatures were also unaffected. Vitamin E did not alter any of the same measured physiological functions. Results again indicate that heat acclimated men working in hot environments need only replace water to maintain optimum performance.

Study No. 2-b. Three levels of physiologic work performance were evaluated in eight subjects (two groups of 4) who consumed either 197.3 or 100.7 gm of protein/day for a 45-day period. All subjects underwent maximal, submaximal and stamina work performance tests while participating in a heavy physical training regimen. A number of biochemical and physiologic body functions were monitored during exercise throughout the study. Pulmonary ventilation and oxygen uptakes were not significantly different from pre-treatment values in either protein intake group during the entire study. The higher protein intake did not produce a significant increase in performance or physical fitness during maximal or stamina exercise.

Study No. 4. The influence of sampling time on thiocyanate space estimation of extracellular fluid volume was studied. Large variations in values calculated from sample-to-sample (taken 30-300 min. post infusion) suggested that 3 to 5 timed samples should be drawn for calculation of this volume. Even with these conditions, half of the values deviated by 10-16% for two determinations, on the same man, made one week apart. These large variations would suggest that any interpretations of changes in this space must be made very cautiously.

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WORK UNIT NO. 065	The Effects of Nutrition and En- vironmental Stress Upon Work Capacity and Nutritional Stress
STUDY NO. 1-a.	A Comparison of Methods for Esti- mating Human Body Composition

PROBLEM:

There are a variety of mothods for estimating the body composition of humans, however they involve uncertainties since only indirect analytical methods may be utilized. This means that the results of any method of study can only be compared with those of another or with tables of body composition for particular populations. A comparison of three independent techniques to estimate body fat and water was made in a total population of 223 male soldiers and 36 WAC's. Body density (D) and fat was estimated from body volume by water displacement, whole body burden of potassium (40 K) was measured by a sodium iodide crystal shadow shield counter, and total body water was obtained by analysis from the dilution of orally ingested deuterium oxide (D₂0) in body fluids.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The average fat content of the 223 male subjects determined by the three techniques showed all estimates of body fat, D (17.8 kg), 40 K (21.6 kg), D₂O (15.6 kg) to differ significantly from each other. Densitometric estimates of body fat were virtually similar for the males as well as the females, however on a percent body weight basis, the female population differed. Correlation between group estimates of body fat ranged between 0.47 to 0.72.

CONCLUSIONS:

Three procedures were compared for estimating body fat in humans. Estimates of body fat by densitometry, potassium⁴⁰ counting and by deuterium oxide dilution differed significantly. The choice of techniques to be utilized are dependent on cost and mobility.

STUDY NO. 1-b.	The Relationship of Anthropometric
	Measurements to Body Fat

PROBLEM:

The principle objective was to identify anthropometric measurements that could be used routinely to estimate body fat by personnel conducting field nutrition studies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

A variety of anthropometric measurements were made on 223 male and 36 female military personnel for whom total body fat was estimated by density, 40 K counting and D₂O dilution. The male population data indicate that weight, and the circumferences of waist and buttocks were most highly correlated with fat estimate (r= .70 to .85). In the female population skinfold thickness was most highly correlated with weight of body fat (r= .66 to .87).

Stepwise multiple regression analysis showed that five of the variables could account for 60-70% of the variation in fat in males, and 90\% in females. Correlations of measurements were higher with fat as estimated by density than with estimates derived from 40-potassium counting or D₂O dilution.

CONCLUSIONS:

It can be concluded from the differences in simple and multiple correlation coefficients that certain measurements are superior to others.

STUDY NO. 1-c.

To Determine the Efficacy of Dieldrin as a Method of Determining Total Body Fat

PROBLEM:

The efficiency of military units depends to a degree upon the nutritional status of the soldier and is related to the body composition of individual soldiers. If accurate methods to estimate body fat and lean body mass were available the relationship between work performance and body composition could be better defined. At the present time, no such methods exist. Since the principle variant in body composition is fat, the ability to measure it accurately and simply would be a great asset in the study of body composition. Of the many methods employed in attempts to determine total body fat perhaps one of the most promising is that of tracer dilution. As it is currently used, this technique fails to provide the necessary accuracy and/or repeatability for widespread application. However, the precision of this approach might be improved simply by using a different type of tracer. Several reports in the literature indicate that the chlorinated hydrocarbons and their analogs possess the necessary characteristics to make them compatible with a technique of this type. These are: 1) fat scluble; 2) evenly distributed in body fat; 3) rapidly equilibrated throughout the body fat depots, and 4) slowly metabolized. The objective of this

experiment was to investigate the efficacy of dieldrin as a model of possible organic diluents that could be used for determining total body fat.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Tracer levels of ¹⁴C dieldrin were administered either intravenously or intraperitoneally to rats and sheep. The animals were sacrificed and the tissue distribution on the label was determined. The data are currently being prepared for statistical analysis.

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At a recent child health symposium, a review was presented and is now being published by NIHCD on the "Performance of the Adolescent." In surmary, the data suggests that prior to puberty both boys and girls showed no significant differences in performance. During the adolescent years the boys become more efficient and this is probably due to the increased muscle mass of boys and the increase in body fat in the girls. During the adolescent period, the maximal oxygen uptakes in 1/min are increased with age for both girls and boys, however when related to m1/kg/min, maximal oxygen uptakes are essentially unchanged for boys after age 9. After age 9, girls show a continued decrease during the adolescent years.

CONCLUSIONS:

Complete data analysis.

STUDY NO. 2-a.

The Effects of Ingesting Electrolyte and Sugar Upon Physical Training and Performance in Young Adults Under Conditions of Profuse Sweating

PROBLEM:

In recent years the soft drink industry has introduced a group of non-carbonated beverages designed for consumption in hot environments. These supplements are intended to replace body fluids and electrolytes lost through excessive perspiration during heavy physical activity. These products are basically composed of minerals and sugars in various concentrations and some contain vitamin C. Claims by manufacturers and athletes have been subjective and have not been substantiated under carefully controlled scientific conditions. Any supplement which may increase endurance and retard fatigue would be of great benefit to the soldier required to perform heavy work and merits investigation.

The primary objective was to evaluate oral electrolyte and sugar supplements for maintenance of work performance and water and mineral balances under conditions of profuse sweating and to compare their effects with water ingestion alone.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Six healthy male subjects, between 21 and 25 years of age, were physically conditioned and heat acclimated for 10 days prior to the beginning of the study. Work assignments and energy expenditures were kept constant throughout the study and included submaximal, maximal and stamina tests of physical performance.

The supplements were ingested during the daily 4-hour work period in a 35°C environment and compared to water ingestion alone. Vitamin F, electrolyte and sugar supplements did not produce significant changes in heart rate, respiration rate, or oxygen uptake in liter/min or ml/kg/min (Tables 1 & 2). Electrolyte supplements did not significantly improve maximal performance walking times. In addition, there were no demonstrable beneficial effects upon the recovery parameters of physical fitness index or sum of recovery heart rates.

An adequate water and electrolyte supply are important to the maintenance of optimal physical performance and it is essential that fluid replacement rate be at the same level as water losses for maintenance of fluid balances. Ad lib water intakes resulted in slightly negative water balances during the work periods. This could be due in part to thirst not being a good indicator of fluid requirements.

CONCLUSIONS:

In a hot environment neither the commercial "anti fatigue drirks" nor mineral supplementation produced improvements in performance. Other experiments have also shown no immediate deleterious effects of mineral depletion under severe conditions in hot climates when heat acclimated subjects are provided adequate quantities of minerals in their normal diet.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The commercial energy liquid supplements are not needed for maintaining electrolyte balances during periods of heavy physical activity. Normal dietary replacement of the electrolyte is sufficient. However, fluid replacement during periods of heavy physical activity and heat stress is essential and water should be consumed at a rate required for maintaining fluid balances.

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Table 1. Mean heart rates/min at 3 levels of work.

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Treatment No.†	Sub Max 4% Grade Mean*	Sub Max 10% Grade Mean*	Max Work Variable Grade Mean**
<pre>1 - Water</pre>	111.5	139.8	186.1
2 - Comm #1	114.3	136.7	174.2
3 - NaCl + sugar	110.3	141.0	183.1
4 - NaCl	109.6	136.6	189.3
5 - NaCl, K-gluconate	112.3	142.0	186.1
6 - High K-gluconate	113.3	143.2	186.1
7 - Comm #2	113.9	141.1	187.6
8 - Water	114.4	143.3	180.3
9 - Low K-gluconate	115.7	146.0	187.3
10 - Comm #3	110.7	139.3	191.9
11 - K-gluconate + sugar	112.6	138.3	182.1
12 - Water + Vit F	114.3	143.9	184.4

Commercial #1 (Gatorade), #2 (Sportade), and #3 (Olympade)

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Table 2. Mean oxygen uptakes, ml/kg/min at 3 levels of work.

* Values of 4 repetitions from 6 subjects.

** Mean values obtained once per week from 6 subjects.

STUDY NO. 2-b.

The Effects of Two Levels of Dietary Protein on Physical Conditioning

PROBLEM:

Increasing physical activity, whether in military basic training, sports training or exercising to improve physical fitness, results in increased muscle protein in the body and an increase in normal biosynthesis of proteins from dietary protein. Increased dietary intakes of protein during sports training has been advocated, although only a limited number of reports of controlled, scientifically designed studies on the effect of protein levels during training or heavy physical activity have appeared in the literature. Some investigators have recommended that protein allowances be increased from 0.9 to 2.5 gm/kg body weight during strenuous physical conditioning since this would prevent protein catabolism at the expense of hemoglobin and serum proteins.

The physical performance of the individual soldier is of primary concern to the military. A considerable part of the basic training program is devoted to increasing physical fitness. An increase in either the rate of physical fitness attainment of the individual would be most beneficial to the military. Since protein is an expensive calorie source, it would not be economical to increase the protein intake if it did not have any beneficial effects. The objective of the study was to gather more information on this subject because of the disagreement as to whether or not protein requirements are increased under these conditions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Two groups of young adults consumed either 100.7 (I) or 197.3 (II) grams of protein/day during 10 days of intensive physical training and 30 additional days of continued heavy physical activity. Contrary to reports of other studies, the weekly hemoglobin, hematocrit and serum protein levels were essentially unchanged during the entire study for Group I. Daily urinary nitrogen excretions also remained fairly constant for Group I and both nitrogen and potassium balances were positive, inclusive or exclusive of the daily sweat losses.

Three levels of physiologic work performance were evaluated on the eight subjects (maximal, submaximal and stamina work performance tests). Pulmonary ventilation and oxygen uptakes in ml/kg/min were not significantly different from pre-treatment values in either protein intake group during the entire study.

CONCLUSIONS:

Although the men did increase body protein stores and muscle mass (positive nitrogen balances) with the high protein diets in this study, the additional body protein did not enhance physiological work performance. In this study, 100 g of protein/day was found to be adequate for men performing fairly heavy work. いたいのでないのないのでないないで

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Studies should be continued to evaluate the NRC daily protein allowances (0.8 g/kg body wt) during strenuous physical conditioning.

Effects of Time of Sampling Upon
Extracellular Water Volumes Deter-
mined With Thiocyanate

PROBLEM:

Body compositional changes that occur during periods of stress (environmental, heavy physical activity, etc.) continue to be of major interest in the evaluation of the physiological status of troops. The importance of obtaining accurate determinations are apparent since any errors in methodology will reflect changes in body compartments. Thiocyanate is one technique that has been used extensively to estimate extracellular fluid (ECF) volume. The purpose of this study was to determine the optimal times for blood sampling following a test dose of thiocyanate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The determination of the thiocyanate space from samples drawn between 30 and 300 minutes post infusion indicated that blood samples could be obtained at anytime during this interval. However, the variability in the results would strongly suggest that between 3 and 5 samples should be drawn for each determination of thiocyanate space. In applying these methods and obtaining means from 2 to 7 values for each determination, volumes obtained one week apart on the same man differed from each other by as much as 15.4% or almost 3 liters. The large variability suggests that any results using thiocyanate space as an estimate of the extracellular fluid space must be interpreted cautiously.

CONCLUSIONS:

The data suggests that either the extracellular space is quite variable or the precision of the method of measurement is poor.

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Interpretation of extracellular space data from the thiocyanate procedure must be treated cautiously.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

This is a poor technique and alternate procedures should be investigated.

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PROJECT NO.	3A161102B71R	Research in Biomedical Sciences
TASK NO.	02	Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	166	Design of Military Biomedical Research Information Systems

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Data Processing Support to Biomedical Research (General Support)

STUDY NO. 2 Direct Computer Support to LAIR Departments

File management systems are being adapted and/or developed for the standardization of loading, editing and reformating biomedical research data files. The file management systems are being designed to utilize mass storage devices which were not formally available on the Institute's previous computer. Included in this report as a second study is a resume of the substantive ADP support provided the various departments.

WORK UNIT NO.	166	Design of Military Biomedical Research Information Systems
STUDY NO. 1		Data Processing Support to Biomedical Research (General Support)

PROBLEM:

To maintain an ongoing ADP support facility for LAIR by making available the necessary computer hardware systems and supply general usage programs (software) to permit data file management and analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

a. Computer conversion. A major computer change has required a massive effort to convert existing programs and data files to run on the new computer configuration. During FY 74 this has been particularly true because of the release of the outmoded USAMRNL RCA 301 computer and the relocation to LAIR where the batch oriented computer support would be supplied via a remote job entry terminal interfaced to the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL) CDC 6600/7600 computer complex. The conversion is now technically completed in that all previously existing data files can now be loaded and analyzed. The new facility offers so many more options that the problem of optimization of operations will continue for a number of years.

File management systems. The most profound impact on ь. the ADP of research data resulting from operations on the late generation LBL equipment is the ability to store and retrieve data from large extended core memories and randomly accessible storage mediums (i.e., disc and data cells). Now it is no longer required to sequentially process an entire data file to locate and/or modify selected elements of information. Theoretically now it is possible to manipulate any information fragment of a data file in what would appear to a human almost "instantaneous." To the computer, though, there is considerable overhead to perform such a task. Simply stated, sequential files are desired when entire files are processed, and totally "inverted" random access files are desired when single imbedded data elements are to be processed. In general no file fits As a result one must compromise by designing a file an extreme. management system that is not so highly inverted on a random access medium so that during processing groups of data are manipulated. Prototypes of new file definitions have been developed here and are

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being used to isolate problems inherent in further development of optimal file management at LAIR. Through its computer service contract with LBL, LAIR has available to it two file management systems. One is Remote File Management System (RFMS) which supports a highly inverted-tree structured data base. RFMS is designed to load complex data files for subsequent selective data retrievals and to format the selected output for printing and/or input requirements to analysis routines. The other file management system, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), is specifically designed to support data to be analyzed by its own statistical analysis routines and is restricted to fixed length records.

CONCLUSIONS:

The programming staff i studying various algorithms of storing and retrieving data that would be suitable for the rather extensive library file of data at LAIR. It appears that two standards are in order. New and live files can be more sequential in character because large amounts of new data are commonly being added or updated. Whereas old, archived files are best in an inverted structure.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Studies be continued to decide on an optimal file format mix so that all file management and analysis routines can be standardized. Extreme care should be rendered in standardization procedures which do not unduly restrict operations to particular machine hardware configurations. While immediate requirements must be met in timely responsiveness and are subject to close cost scrutiny, the long range costs of inevitable future in-house machine conversions are equally as significant. Indeed software which is capable of being exportable to other government agencies would be a manpower and fund savings. Therefore it is recommended that general support programs be generalized and nonmachine specific. The Department of Information Sciences should take every possible avenue to share, give and take, with other government facilities.

STUDY NO. 2	Direct Computer Support to LAIR
	Departments

PROBLEM:

Included in the mission of the Department of Information Sciences is the requirement to provide all departments of LAIR with substantive support in ADP. As such, this is an ongoing study area and varies in

the degree and depth of support from department to department according to their current needs and staff capabilities. Support is given in systems analysis, methods of experiment design, data acquisition, program coding and execution to analyze experimental results.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

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Computer Support to the departments during FY 74 was principally in converting existing code and data bases to be compatible on the LBL computer complex. Additional support to the various elements of LAIR is described below. Support given to nutritional studies is a collaborative effort in which the Dept. of Information Sciences is one of the participating departments. As such, the support provided is described under Work Unit 086, Nutrition Studies in Support of DOD Food Program.

a. Program and Budget Office. The Decentralized Accounting System (DAO), finance and accounting system for LAIR, was implemented on the LBL CDC 7600 machine beginning 1 July 1973. These programs, written in COBOL, initiate, load, update, and process the daily F&A transactions.

Work has begun on a collection of programs which will distribute the Carrier Account (overhead) costs to the various direct, or productive, work units (FICs). Reports will be generated and transaction output files to be used as input to the DAO processing programs.

b. Department of Nutrition.

(1) Food Hygiene Division. Computer programs have been expanded to enhance the presentation of the analysis of food microbiology data. A large backlog of accumulated data is being key punched and processed.

(2) Bioenergetics Division. Specifications are being prepared for the procurement of a field portable mini-computer to automate ergometric experiment control functions and data acquisition. Additionally, an experiment is being designed to study rat feeding data by Newman-Keuls multiple comparison analysis techniques.

c. Department of Medicine. Statistical analyses were performed for the following studies: (1) aplastic anemia following viral hepatitis, (2) a preliminary study of the effects of <u>in vitro</u> incubation of cholera toxin on rabbit intestinal glycolytic and FDPase activities,

(3) effects of diet and triiodothyronine on jejunal enzyme adaption in four normal subjects, and (4) effect of intravenous ethanol on hepatic enzymatic activities.

d. Department of Dermatology. The Dermatology Outpatient Data System, which was previously processed under an ADP service contract, is being implemented on the LBL machines. This involves transcribing old data to be compatible with new programs. Once operational, clinic data will be processed on a month by month basis to produce the required report tables.

e. Department of Comparative Medicine. Programs were written to facilitate the analysis of data from acute mountain sickness data. The analyses produced statistics on (1) the effects of altitude on body composition in mice, (2) nutrient intake and excretion patterns in humans exposed to high altitudes and, (3) acid-base regulation in humans during chronic altitude exposure.

f. Department of Logistics. Programs are supported and regular data file maintenance runs are made for the automated Property Book. Periodically selective retrievals are required resulting in the creation of special nonstandard programs.

g. Extramural Support:

(1) Statistical analyses were performed for Dr. Helson, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, on data from a study of the effects of ephedrine and epinephrine on glucose, free fatty acids, and eosinophil levels.

(2) Statistical assistance is being provided to the USA Medical Laboratory, Ft. Baker, in the analysis of certain viral infections in pregnant women and of the effects of these infections on the offspring.

CONCLUSIONS:

With the availability of computer services from Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory many data analysis routines are now readily accessible to LAIR researchers. In addition to standard program packages, special purpose programs are being developed to process data gathered from on-going research projects. As the number of personnel and projects at LAIR increases, so does the requirement increase to process different kinds of data. A significant proportion of the resources of the Department of Information Sciences is dedicated to supporting the ADP requirements of the various departments of LAIR.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Direct ADP support to the Institute must be continued in order to consolidate and coordinate the needed talent and facilities required to meet the sophisticated data processing demands of the modern researcher.

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WORK UNIT NO.	167	Biochemical Factors Influencing Physiological Functioning

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY No. 6. Study of normal subjects on day-night shift rotation to evaluate the adaptative rate of selected cyclic physiological variables.

The study was conducted to determine: (1) the effects of day-night shift rotation on normal subjects and; (2) the feasibility of intensive measurements of a number of physiological parameters on the metabolic ward. The design utilized three consecutive five to six day periods; Period I - control work schedule; Period II experimental work schedule; and Period III - post control work schedule. The work schedule during periods I and III were identical with regard to clocktime, while period II reversed the control sleep - work - leisure cycle. Performance measurements, symptomatic inventories and a number of cyclic physiological variables were obtained during each period. Variables were selected because they were known to be cyclic and were readily evailable. Control measurements, which were stationary in time will be compared to post control measurements which were nonstationary in time resulting from the phase shift during Period II. In addition, the measurements were correlated with the rate at which the variables became stationary in time during period III.

Measurements for all variables were taken at four hour intervals. An indwelling heparinized venous flush system was utilized for collection of the serum specimens. Performance measurements were obtained 3 times daily until baseline values were established following which daily measurements at midpoint of work period were obtained. A symptomatic inventory check sheet was prepared at the beginning and end of each work period. During all study periods a Read Universal Exposure meter reading and room temperature were recorded every four hours.

Preliminary observations demonstrated variable changes in each subject. The available data shows disruption in the occurrence of the maximum and minimum values of body temperature, serum osmolality, urine osmolality and body weight. These changes are in the process of being analyzed statistically by appropriate Biochemical Factors Influencing Physiological Functioning (Cont)

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PROBLEM:

There is evidence that there is a significant correlation between the efficiency of working and disruptions of specific cyclic physiological variables including urinary sodium, potassium and body temperature. However, it is not clear why some individuals develop subjective symptoms and show decreased work performance while others do not; and, why some individuals adapt with ease and others adapt with much difficulty, to disruption of specific cyclic physiological variables by day-night shift-rotation.

In order to determine the physiological effects of day-night shift-rotation volunteer subjects were stabilized on a day shift 30 days before the onset of the present study. During the study three periods of time were utilized: Period I - Study days 1-5 consisting of work (0800-1600), leisure (1600-2400), sleep (2400-0800); Period II - Study days 6-10 consisting of leisure (0800-1600), sleep (1600-2400), work (2400-0800); Period III - Study days 11-16 consisting of work (0800-1600), leisure (1600-2400), sleep (2400-0800). During each period physical activities and diet were specified. All subjects were maintained on a constant xanthine-free isocaloric diet which contained 15% protein, 45% carbohydrate, 40% fat and a constant mineral and vitamin supplement. Meal hours were consistent with the work-shift during all study periods and allowed for 4 equal feedings for each study day. A 24 hour oral intake of 2000 ml of fluids was equally distributed throughout the day. The following variables were considered: body weight; salivary pH; body temperature; heart rate; serum cortisol, inorganic phosphorus, calcium, osmolality and growth hormone; and urinary excretion of sodium, potassium, inorganic phosphorus, calcium, creatinine, 17-hydroxycorticosteroids, 17ketosteroids and osmolality. Performance measurements were obtained by a research psychologist and included the Crawford Small Parts Dexterity Test and the Digit-Symbol substitution test. During the baseline period prior to the onset of the study twelve sessions were conducted to establish a level of practice. Performance test and symptomatic inventories were administered in the same order and under constant and controlled conditions.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Seven normal subjects participated in the study. Despite the numerous inherent problems, under controlled conditions and with highly motivated personnel it is possible to execute a study of this complexity.

The first problem encountered concerned the use of an indwelling heparinized flush system. During the study, systems were changed approximately every 4th day. No inflammatory reactions occurred and few or no ecchymoses were encountered at the venipuncture sites. It was concluded that the indwelling flush systems were practical and free of deleterious effects. Indeed, some of the systems were effective and functional for longer than 4 days.

Although there was sufficient data in the scientific literature to serve as a precedent for the selection of the variables studied, there were no reported studies with the complexity of this study with regard to the number of variables. It was found that large volumes of data could be collected from a number of subjects in a relatively short period of time with the proper organizational system and high degree of motivation of the subjects. Differences between individual subjects did occur but whether or not these changes were statistically significant awaits further data analysis.

It was found that because of the time required for the collection and processing of samples the subjects did not receive precisely four hour sleep and leisure periods as set forth in the protocol.

It was concluded that the administration of performance tests required more coordination and control than was originally anticipated.

It was suggested that an appropriate dress should be designed for female subjects in order to reduce time spent in dressing, eliminate clothing over the indwelling flush system and for the esthetic appearance of the subject.

Biochemical Factors Influencing Physiological Functioning (Cont)

This pilot study demonstrated that it is necessary to use semimicro-techniques for the analysis of blood serum parameters since anemia developed in the subjects because of the volume of blood drawn despite the use of adequate iron supplements.

It was found that the total involvement of the nursing staff resulted in the accurate and complete collection of multiple measurements on a recurring basis over a long period of time.

Preliminary observations demonstrated changes only in some subjects. The available data shows disruption in the occurrence of the maximum and minimum values of body temperature, serum osmolality, urine osmolality and body weight. These changes are in the process of being analyzed statistically by appropriate methods. Laboratory and statistical analysis of the remainder of the data is not completed.

CONCLUSIONS:

This has been a necessary pilot study from the standpoint of the mechanics of performance as well as from the results that may accrue from analysis of the data.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that a smaller number of subjects be studied in the future. If the results support given hypotheses then additional subjects should be studied over a longer period of time with the extended study time being in the third period, so that adjustment rates can be better analyzed.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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STUDY NO. 2 The Effects of a High Fat Meal

These two studies are being reported in detail under Work Unit 070.

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PROJECT NO.	3A061102B71R	Research in Biomedical Science
TASK NO.		Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	169	Comparative Pathology of Animals Maintained and Utilized in Biomedical Research
STUDY NO. 2	Avian histologi	lc atlas

STUDY NO. 3 Substrate specificity and selective inhibition of alkaline phosphatase and adensine triphosphatase.

The _________ of this work unit is to maintain an animal colony stocked with healthy animals of diverse species. Under this work unit, this Division supports all projects involving the use of research animals.

Study No. 2: The object of this study was to produce a brief yet comprehensive atlas of avian histology which would be extremely valuable to this and other laboratories utilizing avian species in biomedical research.

Study No. 3: Previous work demonstrated that histochemical reaction products from the activity of alkaline phosphatase and ATP-ase can mask each other in tissue sections. Addition of specific inhibitors selectively eliminates formation of reaction products and should permit specific identification of enzyme present in the tissue. Inhibitors proved to be specific for animal species and tissue.

WORK UNIT 169

Comparative Pathology of Animals Maintained and Utilized in Biomedical Research

STUDY NO. 2

Avian Histologic Atlas

PROBLEM:

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Avian pathology is currently basically oriented towards the gross examination of necropsy specimens. With the increasing use of avian species as biomedical models of disease, certain problems have arisen due to the difficulty of identifying normal avian tissue at the histologic level. Therefore this study proposed to develop a basic reference atlas.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

During the previous FY all unimals had been sacrificed, tissues harvested, and histologic sections prepared. Within the first three months of FY 74, two adequate textbooks of avian histology were published by others, precluding the necessity for completion of this study. Coupled with this, departure of the senior investigator and pressing involvement of the alternate investigator in more timely and critical research effectively curtailed photomicrography.

CONCLUSIONS: NONE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

All histologic preparations be examined, replaced as necessary for technical quality, compiled as reference or study sets, and the study be terminated.

PUBLICATIONS: NONE

STUDY NO. 3	Substrate Specificity and Selective
	Inhibition of Alkaline Phosphatase
	and Adenosine Triphosphatase

PROBLEM:

Because of the widespread dependence of metabolism on phosphorylated compounds, the accuracy and specificity of the enzyme techniques in histochemistry which relate to alkaline phosphatase and ATP-ase activities are potentially of great significance. Since alkaline phosphatase and ATP-ase can reduce the same substrates, the reaction product cannot be said to be activity of either enzyme specifically

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unless one is selectively inhibited. The action of each inhibitor is both species and tissue dependent. This study was designed to test the action of several inhibitors on enzyme activity in several animal species and tissues.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

During the previous fiscal year, the tissues were harvested, frozen and sectioned on a cryostat microtome. When inhibitors were introduced into incubating solutions, it was found that those which inhibited alkaline phosphatase activity in rat kidney had no effect on this enzyme in dog kidney. The same was true when comparing an inhibitor of intestinal ATP-ase and kidney ATP-ase. Due to departure of the senior investigator no further progress was made during FY 74.

CONCLUSIONS: NONE

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RECOMMENDATIONS: Termination of study.

PUBLICATIONS: NONE

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Included among the responsibilities of this work unit are maintenance of an animal colony and histopathologic support, as requested, for studies conducted by all otner divisions. This work unit therefore actively supports, directly or indirectly, all projects involving the use of experimental animals. During FY 74 nine such projects generated by other divisions or organizations were supported.

During FY 74 approximately 4900 animals, purchased from commercial sources or bred within the colony, were maintained for research. These included 2600 rats, 1800 mice, 290 guinea pigs, 55 dogs, 30 cats and 119 rabbits. Cases accessioned numbered 650; these produced 3200 paraffin blocks, 7100 H&E stained microslides, 1100 specially stained slides, and 800 histochemical preparations. These figures are substantially lower than those for FY 73, reflecting the progressive decline in laboratory activity prior to consolidation of laboratories at LAIR-PSF. Interesting or representative material encountered during routine laboratory function was extracted for use in continuing education of the division's professional staff.

PUBLICATIONS:

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PROJECT NO.	3A161102B71R	Research in Biomedical Sciences
TASK NO.	04	Dentistry
WORK UNIT NO.	135	Oral Disease in Military Populations

No specific single investigation has been carried out under this work unit since its inception in July 1966 as one of two "umbrella" type protocols under which all departmental research studies were conducted.

Each subproject allocated under this protocol bears its own specific work unit number and title, as follows:

- a) Work Unit No. 144 Prevention of Post-Extraction Alveolitis
- b) Work Unit No. 147 Bone Repair

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c) Work Unit No. 148 - Complications Following Intravenous Sedation in Military Dental Procedures

Details pertaining to each of these investigations can be found in the project report associated with the specific work unit number.

WORK UNIT NO. 135

Oral Disease in Military Populations

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PROBLEM:

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In July 1966, this umbrella-type protocol was established with the purpose of reducing morbidity and non-effectiveness of affected Army personnel by establishing methods, practical under military conditions, for achieving more efficient treatment, diagnosis and prevention of oral diseases prevalent in the military.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

By means of specific subprojects allocated under the category, "Oral Disease in Military Populations," but nevertheless bearing their own individual work unit numbers, various human c'inical investigations and laboratory studies have been carried out.

During the present fiscal year, research has been conducted in three subprojects conducted under this protoccl:

- a) Work Unit No. 144 Prevention of Post-Extraction Alveolotis
- b) Work Unit No. 147 Bone Repair
- c) Work Unit No. 148 Complications Following Intravenous Sedation in Military Dental Procedures

Details relating to each of these investigations can be found in the project report associated with the specific work unit number.

CONCLUSIONS: None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This protocol is terminated because of the closure of this department.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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TASK NO.	04	Dentistry
WORK UNIT NO.	144	Prevention of Post-Extraction Alveolitis

The principal investigator has departed this facility and studies conducted under this work unit have been completed. All details were reported in full in the FY 1973 Progress Report of this department. However, final preparation of data prior to publication was carried out by the associate investigator subsequent to the departure of the principal investigator.

WORK UNIT NO. 144

Prevention of Post-Extraction Alveolitis

PROBLEM:

Available statistics indicate that at least 2 percent of all tooth extractions are followed by local inflammation of the involved tooth socket (alveolitis or "dry socket"), although the precise incidence has not been established in the U. S. Army. Ninety percent of alveolitis cases which do occur follow the removal of a mandibular third molar. The purpose of this study was to develop a simple, effective method for preventing this complication which would also be practical for use in military dentistry.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Incidence of alveolar osteitis in 2195 third molar extractions was 9.1 percent. Fewer cases of alveolitis occurred in extractions preceded by use of an oral lavage than in those not preceded by lavage. This difference in incidence was statistically significant (P less than 0.025). All details of this study were reported in the FY 1973 Progress Report of this facility. Subsequent to the departure of the principal investigator, final preparation of the data was carried out by the associate investigator.

CONCLUSIONS:

Preoperative lavage with a topical oral antiseptic can result in a significant reduction in the incidence of alveolar osteitis following extraction of lower third molar teeth.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This study has been completed and the findings have been promulgated to the dental profession by means of publication in a national journal.

PUBLICATIONS:

Lilley, G. E., D. B. Osbon, E. M. Rael, H. S. Samuels and J. C. Jones. Alveolar osteitis associated with mandibular third molar extractions. J.A.D.A. 88: 802-806, 1974.

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PROJECT NO.	3A161102B71R	Research in Biomedical Sciences
TASK NO.	04	Dentistry
WORK UNIT NO.	147	Bone Repair

Considerable controversy exists as to the effect of radiation sterilization on the acceptability of allogeneic bone for use in bone grafting procedures. This study was undertaken to determine the influence of such radiation on the healing of bone grafts sterilized in this manner.

Since traditional criteria for assaying bone repair are either indirect or subjective, biomechanical strength of union (Instrom Test Apparatus) was used to evaluate the healing process. Five osseous defects, 6 mm in diameter, were prepared bilaterally in tibias of 12 dogs and filled with cylinders of autologous bone, allogeneic bone, irradiated allogeneic bone, surface-decalcified allogeneic bone (SDAB) and irradiated SDAB. Sacrifice was at 4, 8 and 16 weeks.

Irradiated samples were sterilized at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute under the same conditions as those used by the Tissue Bank, Naval Medical Research Institute. Non-irradiated samples were sterilized by a modified ethylene oxide method developed at this facility.

Biomechanical strength data were obtained by shearing the graft cylinders from their respective sites. Data plots were subjected to an analysis of variance and found to be statistically significant (P less than .01).

By the eight week, both irradiated and non-irradiated allogeneic grafts had strength significantly greater than the respective SDAB grafts. Eighty percent of the combined non-irradiated grafts at all sacrifice dates showed strengths in excess of their irradiated counterparts, averaging as high as 40 percent greater. The data suggest that radiation sterilization causes changes in allogeneic bone which may adversely affect bone graft union.

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WORK UNIT NO. 147

Bone Repair

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The most commonly used method of sterilizing allogeneic bone for bone grafting is by irradiation. However, there is considerable controversy as to the effect of this irradiation on the healing of the graft. While several investigators have maintained that irradiation disrupts osteogenic induction, others have maintained that effects are minimal or nonexistent. This study was undertaken to ascertain whether irradiation used for sterilization influences the strength of bone graft union to host bone.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Five round osseous defects, 6 mm in diameter, were created bilaterally in the medial diaphysis of the tibia in dogs by means of a Smedberg bone drill. These recipient sites were then filled with uniform graft cylinders as follows:

- 1. Surface decalcified allogeneic bone (SDAB).
- 2. Irradiation sterilized SDAB.

3. Autologous bone obtained from the radius of the recipient animal.

- 4. Allogeneic undecalcified bone.
- 5. Irradiation sterilized allogeneic bone.

The center of each plug was marked for orientation by a 0.031 inch amalgam retention pin. The non-irradiated allogeneic and SDAB grafts were sterilized by alcohol and ethylene oxide.

The bone used for comparing the union strength of irradiated and nonirradiated grafts was obtained from a single donor animal. Cutting and shaping of the bone grafts was accomplished in the laboratory under aseptic conditions and the bone grafts were divided into two groups: non-irradiated and irradiated. The non-irradiated bone grafts were further subdivided into allogeneic and SDAB groups. The allogeneic grafts received four 30 min. saline washes, were bathed in 95% ethanol for 2 hours at 5°C and were dried for 2 hours with sterile air prior to gas sterilization. The alcohol dessication step was instituted to enhance gaseous penetrability of ethylene

oxide. The SDAB grafts were similarly sterilized after their normal processing of defatting, decalcification, and washing. Both the allogeneic and SDAB groups were lyophilized for storage.

The irradiated bone grafts were subjected to 2.5 million rads via linear acceleration at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute. These are the same facilities and conditions under which bone is sterilized for the Tissue Bank of the Naval Research Institute. The grafts were divided into allogeneic and SDAB groups and processed as usual before lyophilization.

The bone grafts were surgically placed, as described above, in the tibias of a total of 12 dogs. Four dogs were sacrificed at each of three sacrifice intervals at 4, 8, and 16 weeks. At sacrifice, the tibias were surgically removed, the soft tissues excised, and were mounted for physical strength testing on an Instron Universal Testing Apparatus. Strength of bone graft union was determined by measuring the force required to shear the healing interface between the graft and surrounding host bone.

The shearing strength data, recorded in kg/cm^2 , were plotted against time to obtain time-strength comparisons at each interval (see Figure). As had been found in previous studies v3ing this model, autologous grafts generally had higher values throughout the period studied than did allogeneic and SDAB grafts. However, the union strength of allogeneic grafts was second in magnitude to that of autologous grafts at each interval and was significantly greater than that of SDAB grafts at both the fourth and eighth weeks.

Examination of the relationship of the non-irradiated allogeneic grafts and the irradiated allogenic grafts indicated that the union strength of the non-irradiated grafts was consistently higher than that of their irradiated counterparts. The data plots were subjected to a two-way analysis of variance with replication and were found to be different at a significance level of 0.05. Likewise, a comparison of non-irradiated SDAB grafts to irradiated SDAB grafts also indicated a difference of union strengths at the same level of significance.

The biomechanical strength data were found to correlate well with clinical and histologic observations. For instance, the low strength of irradiated SDAB graft union at four weeks was mirrored in its clinical appearance. Voids were noted around the periphery of the grafts and several were found to exhibit mobility within the graft sites. Although there was also a ring of decalcification around the non-irradiated SDAB grafts at four weeks, they did not exhibit the voids observed around the irradiated grafts.

The graft junctions of irradiated grafts usually differed in histologic appearance from those of non-irradiated grafts. For instance, resorptive lacunae were noted along the graft interface in the 8-waek irradiated allogeneic grafts. There was little evidence of bridging or union between the graft and the host bone. However, in the nonirradiated allogeneic grafts, we observed good fusion of the graft to host bone. Indeed, the allogeneic grafts appeared to be as well fused as did the autologous grafts at this time. Microscopically, there was excellent union between the graft and host bone. The histologic observation reflects the similarity in strength between allogeneic and autologous grafts at the eighth week. N 11 K

By the sixteenth postoperative week, all of the allogeneic and SDAB grafts (with the possible exception of the irradiated allogeneic graft) had undergone sufficient remodeling and replacement so that they had essentially equal strength of union. Microscopic examination revealed that fusion of all the grafts to host bone was virtually complete even in the irradiated SDAB grafts. Heretofore, all of the SDAB grafts, whether irradiated or non-irradiated, exhibited poorer fusion than allogeneic grafts, by both biomechanical and microscopic evaluation. Histologically, we found that new bone had closed the void between the graft and host bone. The union strength of the irradiated grafts was found to be statistically identical to that of non-irradiated grafts at 16 weeks.

Not surprisingly, in the non-irradiated allogeneic grafts, we also found new bone uniting the graft with host bone. However, it is in the early discrepancies in biomechanical strength of union among the various grafts at 4 and 8 weeks wherein lies the primary significance of our study. Early development of union strength is essential in order that periods of stabilization be minimized. It was during this time frame that the non-irradiated, gas-sterilized bone grafts showed greater union strengths than did their irradiated counterparts.

CONCLUSIONS:

Radiation sterilization of allogeneic canine bone grafts material prior to placement may adversely affect the strength of graft union, up to 8 weeks, post-operatively.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Further work in this investigation is merited. This study is being terminated because of the closure of this department.

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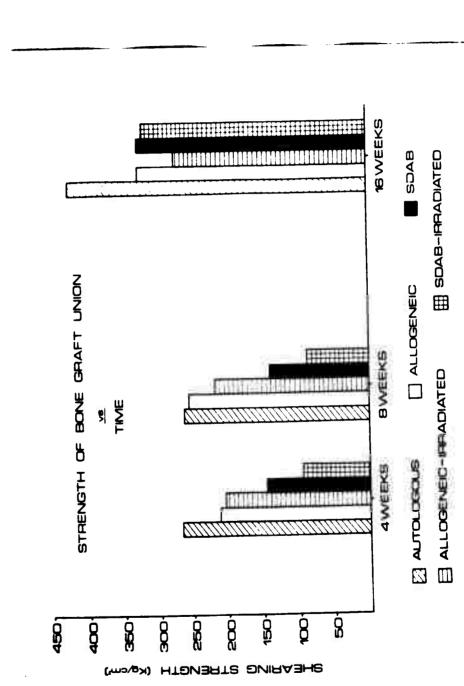


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PROJECT NO.	3A161102B71R	Research in Biomedical Sciences
TASK NO.	04	Dentistry
WORK UNIT NO.	148	Complications Following Intravenous Sedation in Military Dental Procedures

Although the use of intravenous sedation in dentistry is increasing, little is known of the incidence of complications which may be attendant to this procedure. The purpose of this study was to establish guidelines for use of intravenous sedation in military dentistry by surveying the type and incidence of complications occurring after use of such techniques.

Clinicians at eleven different military and civilian dental treatment facilities were surveyed by mail, using a prepared questionnaire. Resultant information was transferred to data processing cards for tabulation.

A total of 1,872 dental patients was studied. A complaint of experiencing pain was the most frequently reported complication. Phlebitis was reported as a complication in 2.8 percent of cases overall. However, in female patients receiving oral contraceptives, 35.7 percent developed phlebitis. In general, the dental patients involved were invorable to use of intravenous sedation in their future dental visits.

WORK UNIT NO. 148

Complications Following Intravenous Sedation in Military Dental Procedures

PROBLEM:

Complications during and following intravenous (IV) sedation in the dental office have been a source of controversy among general dentists, oral surgeons and dental educators, especially in the military dental services. Literature documentation concerning this matter is sparse. There currently appears to be a diversity of opinion in dentistry as to the type and occurrence of such sequelae. Figures range from 0-10 percent.

Use of IV sedation in dentistry is increasing. A recent study conducted at a public health hospital revealed that use of IV sedation combined with local anesthesia for oral surgery procedures had increased 35 percent in the past decade. In a comprehensive study dealing with postoperative alweolitis, the Letterman Army Institute of Research observed that 58 percent of patients undergoing third molar extractions received adjunctive IV sedation.

Among factors contributing to the upsurge in use of IV sedation are: 1) patient demand for sedation to neutralize the "fear and apprehension" of dental procedures; 2) research and marketing of drugs with a relatively high safety margin; 3) formal courses in IV sedation being taught in continuing education programs, internships and dental schools.

With the increased use of IV sedation in dentistry, especially among general dentists, it would appear that complications incident to such use would also increase. The undesirable sequelae may be related to the use of specific sedative drugs or combinations thereof, or with the manner in which these drugs are administered.

The purpose of this study was to establish guidelines for use of IV sedation in military dentistry by surveying types and incidence of complications occurring after use of such sedation techniques in conjunction with dental procedures.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

This study consisted of a survey of the following selected dental facilities:

a. Military:

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- (1) Letterman Army Medical Center
- (2) Oakland Naval Hospital
- (3) David Grant Hospital, Travis AFB
- (4) Hays Army Hospital, Ft. Ord
- (5) U.S.P.H.S. Hospital, San Francisco
- b. Civilian:
 - (1) University of the Pacific School of Dentistry
 - (2) Loma Linda University School of Dentistry
 - (3) University of California School of Dentistry
 - (4) San Francisco General Hospital
 - (5) Alameda County General Hospital
 - (6) Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

Using a prepared questionnaire, respondents reported the incidence and type of complications arising after administration of IV sedation prior to dental procedures in human patients. This information was transferred to IBM punch cards and tabulated by sorting machine.

A total of 1,872 dental patients who received IV sedation in the dental office were surveyed regarding complications during and after the treatment procedure. Of these subjects, 93 percent were outpatients; 50.7 percent were males: 14.7 percent were receiving antibiotics; 14.1 percent of female patients were taking oral contraceptives.

During the needle insertion, 3.9 percent of all patients complained of feeling "lightheaded or shaky" whereas 1.3 percent lost consciousness (syncope). The antecubital fossa was the most popular site for venipuncture (74.2 percent) followed by the foreaim (19.1 percent) and the dorsum of the hand (12.5 percent). Most (85.1 percent) of the venipuncture attempts were successful on the first insertion; 10.6 percent of cases required a second insertion. Four or more venipunctures were necessary in 1.1 percent of cases. The most common means of initiating Complications Following Intravenous Sedation in Military Dental Procedures (Cont)

the IV procedure was the direct drug to vein method (72.2 percent). An IV drip was used for sedation by 20.1 percent of the responding clinicians. In 20.3 percent of cases, dextrose in water (5 percent) was employed as the vehicle.

Respondents reported that phlebitis was diagnosed in 2.8 percent of the 1,872 patients; 94.7 percent of all patients stated that they were pleased with the use of IV sedation. Of the 54 patients who experienced phlebitis, 51.9 percent were males. In women patients taking oral contraceptives, 35.7 percent developed a phlebitis. The antecubital fossa was the site of phlebitis in 63.1 percent of patients who experienced this complication.

Of the single medications used, Valium was associated with phlebitis most frequently (19.2 percent). A total of 50 drugs were employed either singly or in combination by reporting clinicians in this study. The most popular drug combination was Valium and Demerol (11.5 percent).

The highest incidence of phlebitis was observed on the 4th postoperative day (24.1 percent), followed by the 5th, 7th and 6th postoperative days (18.5, 16.7 and 14.8 percent, respectively).

Pain (either at venipuncture or postoperative) constituted the most common complaint associated with the IV sedation procedure. Of the patients experiencing phlebitis, 72 percent complained of pain and discomfort. Ecchymosis occurred in 40.7 percent and erythema in 14.3 percent of such cases, respectively. Of the 54 phlebitis patients, however, 88.9 percent stated that they were pleased with the technique. Of obvious interest is the high rate of phlebitis (35.7 percent) which developed in women receiving oral contraceptives. This is particularly notable when compared with a similar (i.e., threefold) increase in the incidence of alveolar osteitis observed by this department in earlier studies on women receiving oral contraceptives.

CONCLUSIONS:

None, the results represent a preliminary evaluation of the accrued data, especially with regard to analysis of internal relationships. No statistical analysis has as yet been performed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

This study has been completed. The principal investigator has been transferred and will submit a paper to a professional journal for publication.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 12 Physiological and metabolic aspects of altering dietary carbohydrate-fat levels upon carbohydrate metabolism at altitude (enzymatic and electrolytes)

Three animal studies were conducted on the effects of dietary carbohydrate levels (30, 60 or 80%), exercise and altitude exposure on carbohydrate metabolism. Dietary consumption was reduced from 29 to 89% of control intake during the first 3 days at 4300 m altitude. Liver glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase activity increased with increasing dietary carbohydrate except when the rats were exposed to altitude and high carbohydrate simultaneously. Altitude exposure reduced this activity in all groups. In general, blood glucose values were decreasing throughout the first 3 days of altitude exposure. However, the exercised group had the total blood glucose decrease at day 1 of exposure, and these blood glucose values remained reduced for the 12 days of the study. Serum glutamicpyruvic-transaminase appeared to peak at 6 days of altitude exposure while serum glutamic-ox/lacetic activities were not significantly altered. Liver pentoss phosphate metabolizing enzyme activity did not appear to be significantly affected by any of the variables. During a 12-day study, the water content of various rat tissues were increased during the first day of altitude (4300 m) exposure, while sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium retention of the animals were significantly higher than rats at 1.600 meters.

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WORK UNIT NO. 080	High Altitude Bioenergetics - Determination of Mechanisms Responsible for Acute Mountain Sickness
STUDY NO. 12	Physiological and metabolic aspects of altering dietary carbohydrate- fat levels upon carbohydrate metab- olism at altitude (ensymatic and electrolytes)

PROBLEM:

Anorexis, vomiting, insomnia and other symptoms (which could severely impair the combat effectiveness of men unless adequate allowances are made or means of alleviation are found) occur in both man and animals after abrupt altitude exposure. These detrimental effects of hypoxis can be alleviated by an adequate intake of carbohydrate and/or maintaining physical activity after abrupt exposure. These studies were designed to elucidate the mechanisms of the altitude effects in animals and of the carbohydrate and exercise ameliorating influences upon them in order to improve performance and well being of soldiers abruptly exposed to altitude.

Water and mineral balances during acute altitude exposure reported in human studies have been in disagreement. A study was conducted on rats sacrificed between 2 hours to 12 days after acute altitude exposure to gathar additional information on tissue hydration and mineral balances.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Three animal studies were conducted to observe the effects of 3 dietary carbohydrate levels, treadmill exercise, and altitude exposure of 12 days or less upon carbohydrate metabolizing enzyme activities. After 3 days of adaptation to 1600 m, while feeding a 60% carbohydrate diet, 150 to 175 gm rats were assigned to one of 3 dietary groups: A. 80% carbohydrate; B. 60% carbohydrate, and C. 30% carbohydrate. Seven days later, one-half of each dietary group was translocated to 4300 m and the remaining animals subjected to an equivalent transportation stress. Animals from each dietary group at each location were sacrificed on days 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12. Diet Consumption was reduced to 45% of control during the first day of altitude exposure but recovered thereafter. Hematocrit values increased from about 40% for controls to over 47% by the second day of altitude exposure. G-6-PD activity in the liver increased by about High Altitude Bioenergetics - Determination of Mechanisms Responsible for Acute Mountain Sickness (Cont)

50% for the first 3 days at altitude. Serum G-PT activity increased during altitude exposure with a peak value on day 6 and then decreased, while serum G-OT values were unchanged. Blood glucose levels continued decreasing during the first 3 days at altitude and remained below control values for the remainder of the 12 days.

The second and third studies were similar to the first except that the animals were exercised daily on a motor driven treadmill after the initial 3-day adaptation. In the third studies, the experimental diets were not provided until altitude exposure. Results from these two studies were very similar to those from the first with the following exceptions. Food consumption was reduced to 29 and 31% of control during the first altitude day compared to 45% for Study 1 indicating that in the rat exercise does not ameliorate the anorexic effect of hypoxia. The Denver hematocrit values were higher (44 to 48%) than for the Denver rats of the first study, 90 that the increases observed at altitude were not consistently significant until day 3. G-6-PD values were greatly reduced for the 80% carbohydrate group at altitude in Study 3. The exercised animals (Study 2) had reduced blood glucose from day 1 at altitude.

Seventy-two male rats weighing 150 to 170 grams were exposed to 4300 m altitude. Food and water consumption was recorded and the average food intakes for each day was fed to "pair-fed" control rats maintained at 1600 m after an equivalent transportation stress. Six rate were sacrificed at each location at various time intervals after acute altitude exposure. A significant growth depression was observed only for the first day of altitude exposure. Significant increases in hemoglobin and hematocrit values were noted immediately (2 hours) after altitude exposure with red cell counts being significantly higher at days 9 and 12. Water contents of all tissues were increased during the first day of exposure and, with the exception of liver, remained increased throughout altitude exposure. Liver had an increased percent dry weight following the first day probably attributable to increased fat. Serum sodium levels were significantly increased and potassium significantly decreased during the 12-day exposure period. Although retention of sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium was increased at altitude, retention of potassium and calcium were highest.

CONCLUSIONS:

Altitude exposure reduces carbohydrate metabolizing enzyme activities in rat liver. Therefore, exercise and high carbohydrate diets, which would induce increased enzymic activities, may exert their beneficial effects by this mechanism, i.e., by having increased activities prior to altitude exposure, the reduction due to hypoxia would only reduce these levels to normal rather than sub-normal. High Altitude Bioenergetics - Determination of Mechanisms Responsible for Acute Mountain Sickness (Cont)

Studies indicate a shift of body fluids from extracellular to intracellular compartments of rats, during the first 12 hours of acute altitude exposure.

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The following studies have been inititated or conducted under this work unit during the past year:

STUDY NO.	19	The effect of stress and hydro- cortisone treatment on protein metabolism in rats
STUDY NO.	30	Body composition of mice during the early stages of altitude acclimatization

Effects of acute exposure to simulated high altitude, hydrocortisone injections and hypophagia induced by pair feeding were studied in a series of four interrelated experiments. Incorporation of 14 C-alanine and 14 Cleucine into CO₂ and tissue carbohydrate, lipid and protein were assessed in vivo and in vitro. Data, although still to be completely analyzed, show that most effects of altitude are attributable to hypophagia. Adrenocortical function appears to be slightly depressed. Exposure of mice to a simulated altitude of 6,600 meters led to greater losses in body weight, lean body mass, body fat and body water than did exposure to 4,300 meters. Most body weight loss at both elevations is attributable to a fat decrement. The protein and water fractions of lean body mass are altered, particularly at the higher elevation. This work unit is being terminated.

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WORK UNIT NO. 082

Metabolic, Physiological and Psychological Effects of Altitude

This work unit is being terminated. As a consequence of transfer of the Medical Research and Nutrition Laboratory functions to San Francisco and dissolution of the Physiology Division the mission in Environmental Medicine has been withdrawn. During the past fiscal year, however, the following work was accomplished:

STUDY NO. 19 The effect of stress and hydrocortisone treatment on protein metabolism in rats.

PROBLEM:

Altitude exposure has been shown to suppress appetite, reduce efficiency of food utilization and alter normal gastrointestinal function. But even more important, evidence of defects in intermediary metabolism of various assimilated foodstuffs, particularly protein, has been accumulating. High protein diets, for example, are poorly tolerated; rats fed such diets not only fail to grow but actually lose weight. Negative nitrogen balances in both animals and man have been reported as have alterations in excretion patterns of nitrogenous metabolites. Serum concentrations of essential amino acids are reduced and turnover of serum albumin is increased. Finally, during the first few days of exposure incorporation of certain amino acids into tissue protein is suppressed, while oxidation of these same amino acids is enhancel. To a large extent the high altitude shift of amino acid metabolism toward catabolic pathways would appear necessary Lo support energy demands of the animal. Thus, hypophagia during the acute stage of exposure leads to an increased utilization of body and distary amino acids as an energy source. The role of the adrenal cortex in this phenomenon has received little study. A similar lack of information pertains to effects of altitude-induced changes in appetite on other aspects of amino acid metabolism including gluconeogenesis and lipogenesis from amino acid precursors. Studies were therefore initiated to describe effects and interrelationships of caloric restriction, high altitude exposure and adrenocortical function on major pathways of amino acid metabolism.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Four studies were conducted. In the first, rats were exposed to a simulated altitude of 4300m for a period of seven days. During this interval, body weight, food consumption, nitrogen excretion and adrenocorticosteroid excretion were monitored daily and compared to controls living at 1600m. In the second study, four groups of rats were used. The control group was fed ad libitum on a meal-feeding schedule. Another group was similarly fed but exposed to 4300m for two days. A third group was pair-fed to the high altitude animals for two days on a meal-eating schedule. The last group was fed for two days like the first group but was given daily injections of

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hydrocortisone sufficient to raise serum levels to twice normal. At the and of the two day experimental period the animals were sacrificed, liver and kidney tissue was excised, slices prepared, and in vitro incorpor-ation of ¹⁴C alanine into carbohydrate was measured. In the third study three groups of rats were studied under conditions which were identical to those used in the second study except that a hydrocortisone group was not included. At the end of the two day experimental period the animals were injected with ¹⁴C alanine and subsequent distribution of label into glycogen, protein and lipid was measured in liver, kidney, heart, adipose and skeletal muscle tissue. In addition, oxidation of the label to 14CO2 was also followed in the intact animal. The fourth study was identical to the third except for the amino acid label. In this instance oxidation and tissue incorporation of 14C leucine label was monitored. The results of these studies are still being evaluated statistically, hence only certain qualitative effects are discernable. These include a marked reduction in food intake, growth and adrenocorticoid excretion in rate subjected to high altitude exposure. Gluconeogenesis appears to be enhanced in pair fed animals but not in high altitude animals whereas protein and lipid synthesis was suppressed in both groups to about the same extent. Tentatively, it would appear that most, but not all, effects of altitude on amino acid and protein metabolism are attributable to hypophagia.

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Data reduction from these studies should be completed, including appropriate statistical analyses. This will be accomplished even though the work unit is being terminated.

STUDY NO.	30	Body Composition of Mice
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		Altitude Acclimatization

PROBLEM:

All mammalian species, including humans, exhibit a body weight loss during early stages of high altitude acclimatization. In large measure, this loss is attributable to hypophagia. In humans, indirect estimates of body composition by body densitometry and indicatordilution techniques have yielded controversial results with respect to particular organic and inorganic components contributing to the weight decrement. Direct measurements, i.e., carcass analysis, in laboratory rats have shown fat and protein to be the major contributors, with little or no change in body water or mineral being apparent. Lack of change in body water is of particular interest since an increased loss might be expected, not only because of hypophagia and body pmotein loss but, perhaps more important, because of an increased rate of respiratory water loss. Thus, very small species would be operating nearer their maximum ventilatory capacity during altitude exposure and would be expected to exhibit high rates of evaporative loss. Metabolic, Physiological and Psychological Effects of Altitude (Cont)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Adult laboratory mice were exposed to simulated altitude of 6600m for periods of 3 and 7 days. At termination of exposure they were sacrificed and carcass analyses were performed. Results of these analyses were compared to results obtained in early studies conducted at 4550m (see FY 73 Annual Progress Report).

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During the first 3 days at altitude mice exposed to 6600 meters lost considerably more weight than mice exposed to 4300 meters (16% vs 8%). At both elevations weight loss was attributable primarily to decrement in body fat content, fat loss being substantially greater at the higher elevation. Effects after 7 days' exposure were somewhat greater at both elevations than those observed at three days. Body water when expressed as a fraction of final body weight was not altered by exposure to either altitude. However, when expressed as a fraction of lean body mass, significant decrements were observed. These decrements were more pronounced at the higher elevation. In addition, exposure to 6600 but not to 4300 meters led to a reduction in fat-free dry mass. This would indicate a loss of body protein.

CONCLUSIONS:

Because of changes in lean body mass, particularly hydration and protein content of this mass, basic assumptions underlying estimates of human body composition at high altitude (by indirect procedures such as body densitometry) will probably need revision.

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TASK NO.	05	Environmental Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	085	Cardiopulmonary Effects of Altitude on Animals
STUDY NO.	9	Effect of acute altitude exposure on the development of vascular hypertension in the awake domestic fat.

The initial phases of right ventricular pressure elevation in response to high altitude appoxia were studied in awake cats with surgically implanted right ventricular catheters. Right ventricular pressures were monitored over a 24-hour post-surgical period. Six cats were transported to 4300 m. Right ventricular pressure averaged 37 mm Hg at 1625 m, 39 mm Hg five hours after arrival at 4300 m, and 48 mm Hg after 17 hours of altitude exposure. Four cats monitored at 1625 m for 24 hours had average right ventricular pressures between 21 and 26 mm Hg. This work unit is being terminated.

WORK UNIT NO.	085	Cardiopulmonary Effects of Altitude on Animals
STUDY NO.	9	Effect of acute altitude exposure on the development of pulmonary hypertension in the awake domestic cat.

PROBLEM:

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Published accounts of studies conducted to determine the effect of altitude hypoxia on response of pulmonary circulation in cats have been concerned with either very short (less than 3 hours) or very long (more than 3 weeks) exposures. Many questions remain to be answered concerning physiologic responses during the interim period ignored in previous studies. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the response of pulmonary circulation to acute hypoxia during the first 24 hours of physiologic adjustment in the swake cat following rapid translocation to high altitude.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

Results obtained in this study are presented in Table 1. Right ventricular pressures in control cats kept at 1625 m for 2 hours following catheter placement ranged from 15 to 18 mm Hg during recovery from anesthesis. Values obtained during recovery in the altitude exposed cats were similar. During the 24 hours following catheter placement right ventricular pressures ranged from 17 to 25.8 mm Hg in the control group. Values in the altitude exposed group obtained immediately following recovery from anesthesia and immediately prior to translocation to 4300 m were considerably above the range noted in the control group at comparable times. This disparity is currently being studied. In the altitude exposed group time-course development of acute pulmonary hypertension involved a progressive rise in right ventricular pressure which commenced immediately upon exposure, peaked at about 17 hours, and began to subside at 24 hours.

CONCLUSIONS:

Further study on the disparity between right ventricular pressure values of the two groups of awake cats at 1625 m is in progress. No conclusion can be reached at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allowance of sufficient time for completion of work now in progress is recommended. Specifically this involves study of elevated right ventricular pressure during recovery from anesthesia and through the early phases of response to high altitude. Unfortunately, this activity no longer has a mission to conduct environmental medical research and the work unit must be terminated.

PUBLICATIONS: None

Cardiopulmonary Effects of Altitude on Animals (Cont)

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PROJECT NO.	3A162110A825	Oral and Maxillofacial Sciences
WORK UNIT NO.	060	Early Management of Oral and Maxillofacial Wounds

Although initiated in 1965 as one of two "umbrella" type protocols under which all departmental research has been conducted, no specific single investigation has been carried out under this work unit number.

At present, three subprojects are being conducted under this protocol, each of which bears its own work unit number. Their work unit numbers and titles are as follows:

a)	Work Unit No. 062	Incidence of Oral and Maxillofacial Injuries
b)	Work Unit No. 064	Mandibular Bone Grafts
c)	Work Unit No. 068	Oral and Maxillofacial Wound Infection

Details relating to each of these investigations can be found in the report associated with the specific worl. unit number.

WORK UNIT NO. 060

Early Management of Oral and Maxillofacial Wounds

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PROBLEM:

Before solution of research problems can be undertaken, the problems must first be identified, and, as far as possible, defined. This protocol was originally devised to: a) Establish the nature, incidence, cause and management problems of oral and maxillofacial injuries occurring in Army populations; b) Reduce individual morbidity, non-effectiveness and supportive care by developing methods and techniques for management of oral and maxillofacial wounds.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Through the specific avenue of subprojects a'located to the category of "Early Management of Oral and Maxillofacial Wounds" but nevertheless bearing their own work unit numbers, various studies have been carried out to document the nature, incidence and cause of oral and maxillofacial injuries by means of surveys of selected dental treatment facilities in the Federal Services.

In addition, laboratory studies have been directed toward development of methods which are practical under military field conditions for management of gunshot wounds of the maxillofacial area. Human clinical studies have been performed in order to validate laboratory findings in some cases.

During the present fiscal year, research has been conducted in three subprojects conducted under this protocol:

a) Work Unit No. 062 - Incidence of Oral and Maxillofacial Injuries

b) Work Unit No. 064 - Mandibular Bone Grafts

c) Work Unit No. 068 - Oral and Maxillofacial Wound Infection

Details relating to each of these investigations can be found in the project report associated with the specific work unit number.

CONCLUSIONS: None

Early Management of Oral and Maxillofacial Wounds (Cont)

RECOMPLENDATIONS:

This protocol is terminated because of the closure of this department.

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PROJECT NO.	3A162110A825	Oral and Maxillofacial Sciences
WORK UNIT NO.	062	Incidence of Oral and Maxillofacial Injuries

This study was initiated to obtain data concerning relative incidence and types of oral and maxillofacial injuries treated by the five Federal Dental Services. Such baseline information is considered to be essential for determination of these Services' commitments in terms of staffing, support required, training programs and direction of research activities.

Selected dental treatment facilities of each of the five Federal Dental Services were surveyed by mail, using a prepared questionnaire.

To date, over 8,000 cases of maxillofacial injuries have been reported. Tabulation of this data is under the direction of the principal investigator who has been transferred from this facility but who will publish the results of this study in a professional journal upon completion of data tabulation and analysis.

WORK UNIT NO 062

Incidence of Oral and Maxillofacial Injuries

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This study was undertaken to obtain data relating to the incidence and nature of oral and maxillofacial injuries treated by the Federal Dental Services. Such information is considered to be essential in the determination of the Federal Dental Services' commitment in this area with regard to staffing, support required, orientation of training programs and direction of research activities.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The oral surgery services at selected hospitals of the five Federal Dental Services were furnished survey forms to be completed on all maxillofacial trauma cases treated at their respective facilities. The data were processed and tabulated by data processing equipment.

To date, over 8,000 cases have been reported on survey forms returned to this department. However, tabulation of this accrued data has remained under the responsibility of the principal investigator who had departed this facility as a result of a permanent change of station. Data from 7,200 forms have been tabulated thus far. Upon completion of data tabulation and analysis, final results will be published in a professional journal.

CONCLUSIONS: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This study is being terminated because of the closure of this department.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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PROJECT NO.3A162110A825Oral and Maxillofacial SciencesWORK UNIT NO.064Mandibular Bone Grafts

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 2 Gas Sterilization of Allogenic Bone for Grafting Procedures

The probability of contaminating allogenic, bone (AB) graft material during surgical procurement and subsequent processing has necessitated the search for a simple means of sterilizing this material without compromising its potential for grafting success. The purpose of this study was to evaluate, bacteriologically, the efficacy of ethylene oxide gaps in sterilizing surface decalcified allogenic bone (SDAB) and AB samples.

Of 62 raw bone samples tested prior to chemical decalcification or desiccation, 61 were positive for bacterial growth. All bone samples tested at either of three stages during the chemical processing procedures were found to be uniformly free of bacterial growth during three weeks of aerobic and anaerobic incubation.

Thus, 122 samples assayed after washing in 95 percent ethanol, 122 samples assayed after exposure to ethylene oxide gas and 122 samples tested after lyophilization for 18 hours, respectively, were negative for bacterial growth.

WORK UNIT NO. 064	Mandibular Bone Grafts
STUDY NO. 2	Gas Sterilization of Allogenic Bone for Grafting Procedures

PROBLEM:

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Studies on dogs have been conducted in this laboratory in order to evaluate the effectiveness of allogenic bone (AB) as compared to surface decalcified allogenic bone (SDAB) in bone graft procedures. The probability of contaminating bone graft material during surgical procurement and subsequent processing has necessitated the search for a simple way to sterilize this material without compromising its potential for grafting success.

Bone graft material is usually sterilized by ionizing radiation prior to placement in the recipient site. Since the equipment required to produce the necessary high levels of radiation is expensive and complex, there are relatively few sites in the U.S. where such sterilization can be performed. Moreover, considerable controversy exists as to the effect of radiation sterilization on the acceptibility of allogenic bone in bone grafting procedures.

The purpose of this study was to evaluate bacteriologically the efficacy of ethylene oxide gas in sterilizing SDAB and AB samples.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A total of 366 samples (192 SDAB, 174 AB) of various canine bones (tibia, 162 samples; mandible, 156 samples; radius, 48 samples) were chemically treated and bacteriologically tested. In addition, 62 raw bone samples from the same sources were tested in order to obtain some assurance that test samples were indeed contaminated prior to initiation of chemical processing.

SDAB samples were tested bacteriologically at four different intervals and AB samples at three different intervals, respectively, before, during and after processing procedures required for each type of bone. All samples were approximately 0.5 cm^3 in size and were washed in 95 percent alcohol for two hours at 5°C and dried with sterile air for two hours in order to enhance gaseous penetrability. All bone samples were then subjected to ges sterilization for 64 minutes at 60°C. Following a 12 hour passive aeration period, aseptic lyophilization was performed.

Gas Sterilization of Allogenic Bone for Grafting Procedures (Cont)

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All bone samples tested at either of 3 intervals during the chemical processing procedures were found to be uniformly negative for bacterial growth during 3 weeks of aerobic or anaerobic incubation. Thus, 122 samples tested subsequent to washing in 95 percent ethanol, 122 samples tested after exposure to ethylene oxide gas and 122 samples tested following lyophilization for 18 hours, were negative for bacterial growth.

The results indicate that exposure of canine bone samples to a 95 percent ethanol wash is an effective means of destroying bacteria contaminating such samples as a result of handling during surgical procurement and the reduction of bone samples to achieve uniform physical dimensions. Such microorganisms as Staphylococcus aureas, S. epidermidis, diphtheroids and gram negative rods usually constituted the spectrum of contaminants encountered.

As a result of the unexpected uniformity of this effect of ethenol processing, the true role of ethylene oxide in this method remains undefined. Certainly, the tandem effect of exposing all bones to two separate sterilizing processes can be viewed as potentially additive in terms of the resulting destruction of bacterial contaminants.

CONCLUSIONS:

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Exposure of canine allogenic bone samples to a 95 percent ethanol wash is an effective method for destroying bacteria contaminating these samples as a result of handling during procurement and processing. Because of the unexpected uniformity of this effect of exposure to ethanol, the true role of ethylene oxide gas in this procedure remains undefined.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Future studies should focus upon deliberate contamination of bone samples with known microorganisms. Such specimens could then be used to test the efficacy of ethanol washes alone, as well as the effect of the tandem method employed in this study. An evaluation of the effect of this method on the grafting acceptability of the processed specimen has already been conducted and reported (see Work Unit No. 147, "Bone Repair"). This study is being terminated because of the closure of this department.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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PROJECT NO.	3A162110A825	Oral and Maxillofacial Sciences
WORK UNIT NO.	068	Oral and Maxillofacial Wound Infection

Literature reports, which deal with the antibiotic susceptibility patterns of bacteria comprising the microbiotas of oral and maxillofacial infections, are not extensive. Thus the clinician treating such infections is clearly at a disadvantage in those instances where an empirical approach to antibiotics thereapy is necessary.

The purpose of this study was to identify the bacterial components of such infections and to determine, where feasible, the antibiotic susceptibility patterns of such bacteria. Such information could then serve as a guideline for therapy in these infections.

Using standard clinical laboratory procedures, cultures were grown from selected patients having oral and maxillofacial infections. Where possible, presence of penicillin resistant strains (PRS) was evaluated on the basis of the therapeutic status of the patient at time of culture.

A total of 262 samples were obtained from 142 patients. From this population, 882 pure culture strains of bacteria were grown, representing 48 species. The total number of PRS cultured was 267/882 (30.2 percent). Gram positive PRS comprised 169/267 (63.2 percent) of these strains.

In 121 cultures obtained from patients not receiving antibiotics, 69 (57 percent) contained PRS. Of these 69 cultures, 54 (78.2 percent) contained gram positive PRS. Knowledge of the changing antibiotic susceptibility patterns of bacteria involved in oral and maxillofacial infections constitutes a basic clinical guideline for therapy in cases where the empirical use of antibiotics is necessary.

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WORK UNIT NO. 068

Oral and Maxillofacial Wound Infection

PROBLEM:

The rational use of antibiotics in therapy of oral and maxillofacial infections requires a knowledge of the microbiota of the anatomic area. Moreover, when empirical use of antibiotics is necessary, literature reports documenting the experiences of other clinicians can serve as important guidelines for initial administration of such therapy.

The literature relating to therapy for wounds of the maxillofacial area is not extensive. The purpose of this study was to survey the microbiota of oral and maxillofacial infections and thereby provide guidelines for therapy by identifying bacterial components, to include antibiotic susceptibility patterns of such bacteria.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

This study was performed on selected patients having oral and maxillofacial infections, who presented for treatment at the Department of Dentistry, Letterman Army Medical Center.

Prior to definitive therapeutic measures, a bacteriologic sample was obtained from the inflammatory site and inoculated directly into fluid thioglycollate medium. A dry culture swab sample was also obtained. Both specimen swabs, accompanied by pertinent data relating to the patient and the lesion, were immediately forwarded to the Gral Microbiology Laboratory, Department of Maxillofacial Sciences, Letterman Army Institute of Research.

Specimens were evaluated for identification of aerobic, facultative and anaerobic microorganisms cultured from these lesions. Antibiotic susceptibility patterns, where feasible, were determined according to the Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method.

All laboratory finds relating to culture characterization and antibiotic susceptibility data were collated with the clinical course of each infection. Additional specimens were obtained and evaluated on individual patients as deemed necessary by the attending clinician.

Where possible, the presence of penicillin-resistant strains (PRS) was evaluated on the basis of the therapeutic status of the patient at the time the infection sample was obtained. Thus, the incidence

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of gram positive and gram negative PRS in these infections could be related to the type of antibiotic therapy, if any, that the patient was receiving at the time of culture.

A total of 262 infection samples were obtained from 142 patients. From this population, 882 pure culture strains of bacteria were grown, reflecting <u>48</u> different species (<u>21</u> gram positive, <u>27</u> gram negative). Of these 882 isolations, 177 (20.0 percent) were gram negative.

The total number of PRS cultured was 267/882 (30.2 percent). Gram positive PRS comprised 169/267 (63.2 percent) of these strains.

Regardless of the antibiotic therapeutic status of these patients at time of culture, 157/262 infection samples contained one or more PRS, an incidence of 59.9 percent.

From the 262 infection samples, 206 were selected and divided into two groups, based upon antibiotic therapy. Group I (85 samples) were receiving penicillin at time of culture. Group II (121 samples) received no antibiotic at culture nor for one month previously. The excluded 56 cultures represented patients who were either receiving other antibiotics or whose therapeutic status was unknown.

In Group I: 54/85 samples (63.5 percent) contained PRS; 43/85 contained gram positive PRS (50.5 percent). In Group II: 69/121 samples (57 percent) contained PRS; 54/121 (44.6 percent) contained gram positive PRS.

Because of earlier indications that the species <u>Staphylococcus</u> <u>epidermidis</u> represented an increasing potential for pathogenic implications in these infections, the following observations on this species were noted: A total of 150 strains were grown, of which 97 were PRS (64.6 percent). Of 262 infection samples, 92 contained PRS of S. epidermidis (35.1 percent). Moreover, 44 of these 92 samples (47.8 percent) were obtained from patients not receiving antibiotic therapy.

For a variety of reasons, culture and sensitivity testing is frequently not utilized by the clinician in the initial administration of antibiotics. In the absence of the specific information obtainable from in vitro testing, the clinician must utilize an empirical approach based in large part upon a knowledge of epidemiological data relating to the infections which he encounters. Therefore, although currently controversial in many of its specific

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applications, the use of empirical or prophylactic approaches to antibiotic therapy in oral and maxillofacial infections is recognized as a valid, and at times, essential, factor in their management.

The general availability of various penicillins, however, has led to the widespread use, and abuse, of these drugs with resultant increases in resistance of bacteria formerly susceptible to this class of antibiotics.

In view of the widely promulgated operating principle that penicillin G is the unquestioned drug of choice in those oral and maxillofacial infections where an empirical approach is initially indicated, the data accrued in this study are of interest. Penicillin therapy in oral and maxillofacial infections is apparently related to a substantial incidence (63.5 percent) of PRS in test samples. Of potentially greater concern, however, is the incidence of gram positive PRS (44.6 percent) among infection samples derived from patients not receiving antibiotic therapy. In this respect, the relatively high incidence of penicillin-resistant Staphylococcus epidermidis (47.8 percent) in patients not receiving antibiotics, may be significant.

While no Attempt has been made to analyze these PRS on the basis of classical concepts of pathogenicity, it must be recognized that any backerial species cultured from a clinical infection should be regarded as at least potentially pathogenic. In view of increasing suspicions that S. epidermidis may possess ample pathogenic potential, the clinician employing an empirical approach in the initial administration of antibiotics therapy in these infections should be aware of the pitfalls in the arbitrary use of penicillin.

These findings emphasize the need for epidemiologic data as clinical guidelines for empirical use of antibiotics in the management of oral and maxillofacial infections, when circumstances dictate such an approach.

CONCLUSIONS:

Gram positive penicillin resistant strains of bacteria are frequentlyobserved components of the microbiota of oral and maxillofacial infections surveyed at Letterman Army Medical Center, regardless of the antibiotics therapy status of the patient. Oral and Maxillofacial Wound Infection (Cont)

Periodic epidemiologic surveys of the infection floras of such wounds, together with antibiotic susceptibility screenings, are essential for clinical guidelines for empirical use of antibiotics in these injuries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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This study is completed and will be submitted for publication in a scientific journal.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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WORK UNIT NO.	061	Nutritional Aspects of Military Dog Performance

A laboratory report is in preparation of the results of Study No. 2, completed during FY 73, in which 3 different diets were compared in dogs exercised by swimming and treadmill running. All 3 diets were adequate at the levels of exercise employed. Studies are in progress to establish the precise relation between known amounts of energy expenditure and O_2 consumption and therefore caloric requirement, and to assess capillary arterialization as a simple means to determine acid-base and blood gas status.

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Nutritional Aspects of Military Dog Performance

PROBLEM

Experience in Viet Nam and certain CONUS areas has demonstrated that military working dogs have insufficient stamina in hot humid environments. This laboratory has shown that decreased food consumption under those conditions contributes to weight loss and presumably to decreased endurance. Provision of a highly palatable calorie-dense diet enabled the dogs to ingest sufficient calories to sustain their weight.

These experiences emphasized the paucity of data concerning the nutritional requirements of working dogs and further studies were undertaken to clarify some of them. This study was initiated late in FY 70 and involved comparison of 3 diets in dogs exercised by swimming and by treadmill in a temperate environment, with evaluation of endurance, histochemistry of skeletal muscle, and of numerous biochemical characteristics as a function of exercise and diet.

Still needed in the field is some easily-measured deteriminant of caloric requirement. Heart rate and body temperature may be useful as a predictor of energy expenditure but the precise relation between 0_2 consumption (and thus caloric requirement) and heart rate and body temperature must first be established in the laboratory for a spectrum of energy expenditure levels.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Results of the diet comparisons have been described in preceding Annual Reports. During FY 74 the voluminous data were organized, analyzed and tabulated, and a numbered Laboratory Report was drafted and is in the final stages of being edited.

CONCLUSIONS:

Under temperate conditions and at the levels of exercise examined, all three diets were adequate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because a number of diets may be adequate under moderate conditions of exercise, but special diets are indicated under particular circumstances, a field-expedient means to determine caloric requirement is necessary. A nomogram relating heart rate, body temperature and caloric requirement appears to be one means of fulfilling this need. The relation among these should be established in the laboratory over a broad range of levels of energy expenditure.

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Panosteitis is a syndrome characterized clinically by debilitating, transient and recurrent lameness in young dogs. It is usually accompanied by fever, occasionally by eosinophilia. Radiographically, fully-developed lesions appear as densities in the marrow canal of long bones. The German Shepherd is the breed most affected and the disease occurs in dogs produced in the Army's Biological Sensor Research program. While the strong breed predilection has suggested a heritable cause for the condition, its cause is unknown. Elucidation of the cause may afford the opportunity for control of the condition.

Seven dogs were obtained from the Biosensor Research program, including two which had previously had attacks of the disease, and two of their siblings. Brother-sister matings were performed and all dogs were monitored clinically and radiographically. One had a recurrence; an attempt to transmit the condition with biopsy material from bone lesions was unsuccessful. Another dog had radiographic evidence of the disease in the absence of clinical signs. This is the first recognized case discovered with a subclinical phase.

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Panosteitis is a syndrome most frequently reported in the German Shepherd breed of dogs under 18 months of age, with a range age of two months to five years at time of initial diagnosis. It is characterized clinically as an a e-onset lameness followed by apparent recovery with recurrences in the same limb or involvement of the other limbs. The duration of the initial acute syndrome is 10-11 days but the entire clinical course may last 3 to 9 months. Lesions usually appear as radiographic densities in the marrow cavity near the nutrient foramen of long bones and spread rapidly in most cases to occupy the entire diaphyseal bone marrow. The cortex may be feathered on the perfosteal surface. Histologically the lesion is described as an endosteal and periosteal reactive bone proliferation with or without local eosinophilia. Serum biochemical alterations and peripheral eosinophilia have been reported by some and discounted by other investigators. A variety of causes have been implicated including genetic and nutritional factors, bacterial and viral agents, and hormonal abnormalities. A definitive etiology has not been

established. The German Shepherd is used as a military working dog and is currently being selectively bred to fulfill divergent military requirements. The disease occurs among dogs bred by the Army. Elucidation of the etiology and pathogenesis of this syndrome may offer an opportunity to eliminate poor genetic stock, improve methods of treatment and develop control or preventive measures.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Seven dogs were acquired from the Division of Biological Sensor Research (WRAIR), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. The following dogs were obtained during the period 17 August through 24 October: 2800, 2801, 2802, 2808, 2809, 2837, and 2848. Dogs 2800, 2837 and 2848 had had clinical and radiographic evidence of panosteitis prior to arrival, although all were symptom-free when received. Dogs 2801 and 2802 were female siblings of 2800 and were obtained to initiate an inbreeding program. Dogs 2808 and 2809 were included because they are offspring of 2800 by a sibling mating. The long bones of all dogs were radiographed twice monthly. On the same dates venous blood was collected for complete blood counts. Serum was obtained for the following serum chemistries: calcium, inorganic phosphorus, total protein, albumin, alkaline phosphatase, glucose, blood urea nitrogen, uric acid, cholesterol, total bilirubin, lactic dehydrogenase and glutamic-oxalacetic transaminase. Serum was frozen for possible future use. Study of Etiology, Biological Parameters, Pathogenesis and Control of Panosteitis in Dogs (Cont)

During the period, two dogs experienced syndromes consistent with panosteitis. Canine male 2848 has recurrence of lesions that were first diagnosed at aberdeen, Maryland, in early September 73, when he was nine months of age. During the subsequent months of November and December severe lameness developed in all limbs. Concomitant with severe pain, radiographic densities appeared in the marrow cavity of the diaphysis of long bones. Sequential biopsy specimens of the cortex and marrow were obtained to document the histologic lesions, to obtain material for transmission studies and to attempt to isolate an infectious agent.

On routine radiography of 21-month-old female canine 2801 a small endosteal ndensity appeared, followed in two weeks by complete diaphyseal marrow involvement. These radiographic changes were consistent with those reported in the literature and with those observed in 2848. Acute clinical lameness was not observed in periods immediately prior, during or subsequent to radiographic diagnosis. Study of the history indicated lameness had been reportedfor a 5-day period two months prior to radiographic diagnosis. Study of

this case indicated severe radiographic changes can occur without indentifiable clinical signs. It also points out the value of periodic radiography as an important adjunct to identify clinically silent cases. Macerated marrow was removed from 2848 and passed directly to the marrow cavity of a male juvenile German Shepherd. Transmission of the disease was

unsuccessful. Additional bone and marrow has been frozen (-17°C) for future virus isolation attempts and other specimens were fixed in 2% gluteraldehyde for electron microscopic study when new facilities in Phase I LAIR permit.

CONCLUSIONS:

 When the lesions of panosteitis are diagnostic by current methods (radiographic and histologic) the disease is of chronic duration and its cause not really identifiable. Attempts to isolate a causative agent may be successful only during earlier stages of the disease.
 Serum concentration of enzymes, electrolytes and other metabolites does not aid in the diagnosis of panosteitis.
 Peripheral eosinophil counts in affected and non-affected German Shepherd dogs in this study were variable and occasionally extremely high. They could not be correlated with the essential criteria for the diagnosis of the disease.

(4) Routine radiographs can identify clinically silent cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) With the availibility of increased space in Phase I, additional affected animals should be added to the study to better elucidate

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parameters currently under study.

(2) Continue periodic collections of serum for subsequent study but discontinue routine serum biochemical analysis.

(3) Expand the effort to identify pre-radiographically positive cases. The labeling of osteoblasts with radioactive technitium followed by bone scan may afford the opportunity to identify initial stages of the disease. In FY 75 the present group of dogs will be observed closely by a variety of techniques, in an increased effort to identify and study early stages of the disease. Attempts will be made to precipitate recrudescence of the disease by exercise and other stress. Matings between formerly-affected siblings will be performed in an attempt to obtain offspring with greater predilection for the disease.

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WORK UNIT NO.	070	High Altitude Bioenergetics - The Physiological Consequences of Altitude Exposure Upon the Soldier

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit and Work Unit 168, "The Effects of Diet Upon Agepiratory Metabolism."

STUDY NO. 1 The Effects of a Glucose Meal

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STUDY NO. 2 The Effects of a High Fat Meal

Study No. 1. The effects of a glucose meal on pulmonary function were observed in 7 healthy males at medium (1,600 m) and high (4,300 m) altitude. Following the ingestion of 410 kcal of glucose, peak blood glucose values (P<.05) were noted 1/2 hour after glucose ingestion with a subsequent decrease to a level below fasting at both elevations. At the same time, triglyceride levels significantly declined (P<.05) from 104.2 to 83.3 mgm at 1,600 m and 103.7 to 80.5 mgm/100 ml at 4,300 m. Both expired minute volume ($\nabla_{\rm E}$) and tidal volume (V_T) increased in response to translocation to altitude, while V_T increased by 10.9% and 13.3% at 1/2 hour for 1,600 m and 4,300 m, respectively. The oxygen uptake per minute (V_{0_2}) increased (P<.05) during glucose elevation, while partial pressure of alveolar oxygen (P_{A_0}) remained essentially unchanged except for differences associated 2 with translocation to altitude. A 13.9% increase was noted in pulmonary diffusion of carbon monoxide $(D_{L_{CO}})$ following glucose ingestion at 4,300 m along with a decreased (P<.05) triglyceride level. The increased $D_{L_{CO}}$ values suggest an advantage of a glucose meal for individuals transported to high altitude.

Study No. 2. A liquid high fat meal (70% corn oil) was given to 8 healthy male subjects followed by a series of respiratory function measurements including pulmonary diffusing capacity, membrane diffusion (Dm) and mean capillary volume (V \bar{c}) at medium (1,600 m) and high (4,300 m) altitude. The processing of data is continuing, however it appears that even with a one-time high fat meal D_{LCO} values are decreased. Further data evaluation is necessary and follow up investigations are suggested.

WORK UNIT NO. 070	High Altitude Bioenergetics - The Physiological Consequences of Altitude Exposure Upon the Soldier
STUDY NO. 1	The Effects of a Glucose Meal

PROBLEM:

Tolerance to physiological stress is vital to the long term physical endurance of troops. Nutritional aspects may favorably influence the aerobic capacity of an individual and alter pulmonary function parameters to augment tolerance to hypoxic stress. With translocation to altitude, pulmonary diffusion capacity (D_{LCO}) and arterial oxygen pressure (P_{a_0}) are known to decrease thereby limiting the individual's enderance capacity. During exposure to simulated high altitude, subjects given glucose were reported to have altered ventilation and increased alveolar oxygen pressures. The consequence of this change was a raised P_{a_0} and a higher oxyhemoglobin saturation (S_{a_0}).

Unfavorable pulmonary responses have been noted as evidenced by decreased $D_{L_{CO}}$ and P_{aO_2} , following the elevation of serum trigly-cerides associated with chylomicra. The mechanism for these decreases, although unresolved, is thought to be due to a barrier affecting O₂ diffusion and pulmonary blood shunting attributable to the high serum triglyceride levels. From these indications, glucose may be beneficial in facilitating pulmonary function particularly for gaseous exchange including $D_{L_{CO}}$ following acute translocation to altitude.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Seven healthy males acclimated to 1,600 m were studied at 1,600 m and 4,300 m. Measurements were made in the fasting state and after a glucose meal (410 kcal).

No significant alterations in glucose values were attributable to elevation, however fasting and post meal values were usually lower but not significant at 4,300 m. In contrast, triglyceride levels generally declined throughout the 3-hour test period at both elevations. Although there was a significant altitude effect on P_{AO} there was no significant difference across time at either location with a glucose meal.

There was no significant change in D_{LCO} across time with elevated glucose levels at 1,600 m. However, the D_{LCO} values were maintained above fasting measurements during the elevated blood glucose phase at 4,300 m and were not significantly different than the 1/2, 1 and 2 hour values at 1,600 m. High Altitude Bioenergetics - The Physiological Consequences of Altitude Exposure Upon the Soldier (Cont)

Favorable ventilatory responses were seen at altitude along with increased $D_{L_{CO}}$ values (P<.05) following glucose ingestion. However, $D_{L_{CO}}$ appears to function independent of triglycerides under these circumstances since triglycerides continued to decrease linearly following glucose ingestion. Fasting $D_{L_{CO}}$ values decreased with acute altitude exposure. However, $D_{L_{CO}}$ increased across time during periods of elevated serum glucose measurements and returned to fasting values by the third hour. Similar responses in $D_{L_{CO}}$ were not observed at 1,600 m altitude since $D_{L_{CO}}$ remained constant across time. Although the oxygen uptakes were significantly raised (9.7%) indicating an increase in energy expenditure at 1,600 \pm and 4300 m, $D_{L_{CO}}$ did not significantly change at 1600 m, but the 17.4% increase of serum glucose at 4,300 m was accompanied by a 15.8% increase in $D_{L_{CO}}$ at 30 minutes post glucose ingestion.

CONCLUSIONS:

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The results of the present study indicate a beneficial effect: of a glucose meal at 4,300 m altitude. With acute translocation to altitude D_{LCO} was improved following glucose ingestion. These results suggest an increased carbohydrate requirement at altitude to increase pulmonary diffusion to pre-altitude levels.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

From the results obtained in this study further investigations of macro nutrient distribution in the diet is recommended, i.e., the effects of a protein meal and using glucose loading prior to acute translocation to altitude. This may provide extended endurance to hypoxic stress not accomplished from a single meal of 410 kcal (glucose).

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 2

The Effects of a High Fat Meal

PROBLEM:

Elevated serum triglyceride levels may decrease pulmonary diffusion capacity (D_{LCO}) similar to IV lipid infusion by modifying the rate of gas exchange from the alveolar to hemoglobin (θ). Transient decreases in D_{LCO} including P_{aO_2} and S_{aO_2} have been observed in recent studies following fat ingestion and is related to the increased chylomicra in the blood. Alveolar membrane diffusion (D_m) has not been observed under these conditions. Alterations in capillary membrane and alveolar tissue resulting from lipid High Altitude Bioenergetics - The Physiological Consequences of Altitude Exposure Upon the Soldier (Cont)

aggregation may contribute to the reduction in $D_{L,CO}$ as well as changes in θ . $\underline{D}_{L,CO}$ is a linear function of D_m and the capillary blood volume (Vc) θ , a relationship easily measured by basic $D_{L,CO}$ techniques. With reduced $D_{L,CO}$ values, aerobic capacity may be lowered and seriously limit the military man's physical endurance with acute translocation to altitude and low ambient θ_2 .

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The subjects were 8 males from 19 to 25 years of age, who were acclimated for at least 6 months at 1,600 m altitude. After an overnight fast, blood samples and pulmonary measurements were acquired prior to and following the oral ingestion of a high fat meal.

The data at present is being processed for statistical analysis. However, it appears from the preliminary results that a high fat meal does in fact result in a decreased D_{LCO} at both medium and high altitudes.

CONCLUSIONS:

A single high fat meal appears to increase serum triglyceride levels sufficiently to reduce pulmonary diffusing capacity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Complete computer and statistical analyses of the data and publish the results.

PUBLICATIONS:

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PROJECT NO.	3A062110A827	Military Environmental Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	073	Physiological, Metabolic and Psychological Aspects of High Altitude Exposure

The following studies have been conducted under this work unit during the past year:

STUDY NO.	5	Acute mountain sickness symptomatology subscale
STUDY NO.	9	The interelationships of cardiopulmonary function and performance during prolonged altitude exposure of humans

Effects of two and four day staging at elevations of 1600 and 3400m on subsequent severity of Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) at 4300m were studied in a collaborative effort by personnel from Letterman Army Institute of Research and the U.S. Army Institute of Environmental Medicine. Fifty-two subjects were studied. Four day staging at both 1600 and 3400m substantially alleviates symptoms of AMS commonly induced by rapid exposure of sea level subjects to 4300m. Studies of graded exercise in six Denver men exposed to 4300m for two weeks showed early stages of exposure were associated with transitory increases in cardiac output, heart rate and stroke volume. Later, these variables returned to, or below, values observed at low altitude. Temporal changes in blood gases and acid-base regulation in these subjects were studied at rest and during exercise. Analysis of data from 8 female subjects exposed for 78 days to 4300m showed a marked and sustained reduction in urinary acid and ammonia excretion. Blood acid-base chemistry was nearly, but not fully, returned to low-altitude characteristics at the end of 78 days. In contrast, pulmonary function and cardiovascular function appeared to acclimatize after two and four weeks, respectively. This work unit is being terminated.

WORK UNIT NO. 073

Physiological, Metabolic and Psychological Aspects of High Altitude Exposure

Due to the transfer of function from U.S. Army Medical Research and Nutrition Laboratory in Denver to Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, and the consequent dissolution of the Physiology Division and loss of the Environmental Medicine mission this work unit is being terminated. During the past year the following work was accomplished.

STUDY NO. 5 Acute Mountain Sickness Symptomatology Scale

PROBLEM:

Development of a reliable and valid questionaire for assessing subjective aspects of Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) has been a primary concern of this work unit since 1965. To date, it has been shown that a 4-subscale breakdown (i.e., Arousal Level, Somatic Discomfort, Tired, and Mood) of Evan's General High Altitude Questionnaire (GHAQ) affords improved measurement characteristics of high-altitude induced symptomatology. Additionally, the potential for these subscales to reflect diurnal- and/or drug-induced alterations in AMS symptomatology has been shown. Continued study has centered upon: (a) collection of further data in a study which dealt with certain cardiovascular variables as they relate to maximum aeorobic capacity (see Study No. 9), and (b) revision, expansion, and administration of the GHAQ in collaboration with USARIEM staff in a 1973 study entitled "The Effects of Staging on the Acute Adaptation of High Terrestrial Elevations."

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Fifty-two Army enlisted men were administered a 30-symptom, self-report questionaire during a control period at San Antonio, Texas (200m) and subsequently during a four day experimental period on Pikes Peak Colorado (4300m). Four groups were studied: PP, direct ascent to Pikes Peak; CC2 and CC4, two and four days at Cripple Creek, Colorado, (3400m), respectively prior to ascent to PP; and D4, four days at Denver, Colorado (1600m) prior to PP. Factor analysis of the symptom data showed that select symptoms could be combined to form four subscales: headache, fatigue, cardiorespiratory and arousal. Subscale scores for headache and fatigue for groups PP and CC2, cardiorespiratory for CC2 and D4, and arousal for all groups increased significantly between 200m and 4300m. No other group by day differences were significant. Results indicate that delaying ascent at 1600m or 3400m elevation for four days substantially alleviates the symptoms of AMS commonly induced by rapid exposure to 4300m. Physiological, Metabolic and Psychological Aspects of High Altitude Exposure (Cont)

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The GHAQ continues to be an accurate tool for evaluating the symptoms of AMS. The present revised version is particularly useful in detecting subtle within and between subject differences. Staging for a period of four days or more at medium altitudes of 1600m or more is highly recommended as a means for alleviating AMS at higher elevations.

STUDY NO. 9

The Interrelationships of Cardiopulmonary Function and Performance During Frolonged Exposure in Humans

PROBLEM:

EXERCISE:

Two types of steady-state, submaximal work have been extensively studied at high altitude. In one, workloads were arbitrarily selected with all subjects performing at the same absolute levels, e.g. 400 and 700 kpm., at both low and high altitudes. In the other, workloads were based upon preselected fractions, e.g. 25 and 50 percent of maximum oxygen consumption, the latter being determined in preliminary experiments conducted at low altitude. Neither type takes account of the fact that maximum working capacity is reduced at high altitude. Thus, in transition from low to high altitude, a given submaximal workload increases, relative to maximum working capacity. To evaluate this problem in experimental design, cardiopulmonary function was studied in a group of soldiers in which submaximal workloads were adjusted to preselected fractions of each subject's maximum work capacity, determined at both low and high altitude.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Six young men, residents of Denver (1600m) were studied at that altitude and, over a 14-day period, on Pikes Peak (4300m). Maximum oxygen consumption was decreased by approximately 12 percent on day one of altitude exposure and remained at this level on days 6 and 13. On days 2, 7 and 14 hemodynamics and blood acid-base chemistry were measured at rest (sitting) and during bicycle ergometry for 10 minutes at 30 percent maximum oxygen consumption, followed by 10 minutes at 60 percent maximum and finally 100 percent maximum until exhaustion. These percentage values were based on maximum oxygen consumption values determined on the day immediately preceding submaximal measurements, i.e. in Denver and after 1, 6 and 13 days on Pikes Peak. On day two, resting and 30 percent values for cardiac output, stroke volume and heart rate were elevated, Physiological, Metabolic and Psychological Aspects of High Altitude Exposure (Cont)

relative to Denver values; arterial pressure remained constant. At 60 percent of maximum oxygen consumption Pikes Peak values for all of these variables were equivalent to those observed in Denver. As the sojourn at high altitude was extended to two weeks, cardiac output and heart rate, particularly at maximum oxygen consumption, declined progressively. At 14 days, cardiac output and stroke volume were below control values at all work loads, where as heart rate remained slightly above Denver values during exercise at 30 and 60 percent of maximum. Arterial and mixed venous pH both declined similarly during exercise; no differences were observed from day to day. Resting arterial pH was elevated on the second day of altitude exposure and remained high during the 14 day period of exposure. Arterial and mixed venous P_{CO_2} and arterial PO_2 were less at high altitude; mixed venous P_{O_2}

CONCLUSIONS:

Very consistent and equivalent decrements in mixed venous pH at both elevations and at all levels of exercise may be related to diminished performance noted at high altitude. This interpretation would be consistent with the decrease in blood buffering capacity noted in earlier high altitude studies.

PROBLEM:

ACID-BASE REGULATION

Acute effects of high altitude exposure on acid-base regulation have been extensively investigated and as a consequence are known in great detail. The same is true insofar as acid-base characteristics of the high altitude native are concerned. Briefly, the acute sojourner exhibits respiratory alkalosis, a decreased arterial P_{CO_2} , bicarbonate concentration, and hence buffering capacity. He partially compensates for these changes by reducing acid and ammonia excretion. The resident, on the other hand, does not exhibit respiratory alkalosis, even though his blood P_{CO_2} and bicarbonate values are low by sea level standards. Furthermore, he exhibits acid-base excretion characteristics similar to those observed in sea level residents. Up to the present time studies of high altitude sojourners have been too short in duration to delineate the transition of acid-base regulation from the partial compensation seen in the sojourner to full compensation seen in the high altitude resident. A phase of study No. 9 was directed to this question.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Eight University of Oregon women were studied at low altitude (140m) in tregon, and at the summit of Pikes Peak (4300m) over a 78 day period of exposure. Arterial P_{CO_2} oxygen saturation, P_{CO_2} , plasma hydrogen ion

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concentration all decreased upon exposure to 4300m. Arterial base deficit and lactate increased at altitude and then recovered slightly as exposure was extended to 78 days. The 24-hour urine volume, ammonia and potassium excretion all decreased early in the altitude sojourn while urinary hydrogen excretion and sodium to potassium ratio increased. The 24-hour excretion values for sodium, chloride, titratable acidity and phosphate declined transiently during the first week or two of exposure then gradually recovered to values similar to those observed earlier in Gregon. At the end of the altitude sojourn arterial P_{CO_2} , oxygen saturation, Y_{CO_2} , plasma hydrogen ion and the bicarbonate concentration remained significantly below low altitude values, as did the 24 excretion values for urine volume, ammonia and potassium.

CONCLUSIONS.

An exposure interval of 78 days is not sufficient to acclimatize acidbase regulation to the same extent seen in the high altitude native. Acid-base acclimatization, therefore, is far slower than cardiovascular and pulmonary acclimatization in which major adjustments are seen within two to four weeks.

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WORK UNIT NO. 001

Delayed Type Skin Reaction and Lymphocyte Transformation in Cutaneous Diseases

Twenty-nine new Army recruits were studied for cell mediated immunity to <u>Trichophyton mentagrophytes</u> as measured by lymphocyte transformation. It was shown that only 21% had previous experience with the fungal antigen. This indicated that a vaccine would be useful to the Army.

Skin test results to trichophytin antigen were compared with lymphocyte transformation (LT) results in 22 individuals. The lymphocyte trans-formation test appears to be a better test for indicating an individual's previous experience to trichophytin antigen than the skin test.

Eight subjects were experimentally infected with <u>Trichophyton mentagro-phytes</u>. These subjects had negative LT tests before the infection, and 6 had positive LT tests 44 days post infection, while two remained LT negative and skin test negative.

WORK UNIT NO. 001

Lymphocyte Transformation

PROBLE M:

Cutaneous fungal infections are important military problems, especially for troops stationed in the tropics. The immunological response of the host to cutaneous fungal infections is poorly understood, and this information would be helpful in evaluating and preparing vaccines.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

A pilot survey was made of newly enlisted men at LAIR to test their previous experience with T. mentagrophytes. If most individuals were experienced, as was shown to be the case with men at Vacaville Prison, then a vaccine would probably not be helpful to the majority of soldiers. One parameter of their immunological response to T. mentagrophytes infection was tested, namely, the ability of their lymphocytes to transform into large blast-like cells when cultured in vitro in the presence of trichophytin antigen, indicating previous experience with this antigen. Of the 29 men tested, 21% had a lymphocyte transformation ratio of three or greater which probably indicates previous experience with T. mentagrophytes (TABLE 1). This contrasts to men at Vacaville where 93% of the men were found to be experienced individuals. This pilot study indicated that a vaccine preparation would be useful to the Army since a large number of new recruits have not had previous experience as measured by this immunological test.

Since it is not always desirable to monitor the host delayed hypersensitivity response by skin testing, we attempted to show a correlation between skin test results and lymphocyte transformation results. Twenty-two individuals were skin tested on their forearms with 0.1, 1.0, or lOug of trichophyton antigen, Lot #CM109. Their arms were examined after 20 minutes, 48 hours, 72 hours, and 2 weeks. Before skin testing, blood was withdrawn for lymphocyte transformation (LT) testing.

The 16 individuals with LT ratios of less than 3 were delayed skin test negative except for one individual who may represent either a false positive skin test or a false negative LT test. Three individuals in this group showed a positive skin test after two weeks, possibly due to a booster effect by the skin test antigen injection. WORK UNIT NO. 001

Of the six individuals with LT ratios greater than 3 (indicating past experience with this antigen) 4 individuals had positive delayed skin tests also indicating past experience. Two individuals that did not have a positive delayed skin test response had a positive immediate response and a history of trichophyton infections.

Therefore, while negative results for both assays correlated well except for one individual, the correlation for positive responses was not as high. For this group of individuals, the LT test appears to give a more accurate indication of the subjects past experience with trichophyton antigens since it gave a positive response in two individuals with negative skin tests and a history of infections.

Lymphocytes produce a number of soluble substances upon stimulation with non-specific antigens such as phytohemagglutinin, or with specific antigens to which the donor has had experience. What role these mediators, called lymphokines, have in the infectious process is unclear. We followed test subjects lymphocyte response to trichophyton antigen before, during and after an acute infection. We hypothesized that the beginning of remission of the infection would correlate with the subject changing from a negative to a positive LT response.

Infections were induced with either 6 or 300 spores of <u>T</u>. mentagrophytes applied to two sites of the same forearm of eight human volcateers. Blood was withdrawn and the lymphocytes separated for the Lf test. The LT test became positive in one subject 10 days after applying the spores, and in 28-31 days in four other subjects. Three individuals did not have positive LT tests on any of the test days, and two of these were also skin test negative on day 44 and required therapy to clear their infections. The rest of the subjects were skin test positive on day 44, except for the negative controls and for one subject that was dropped from the experiment. Clinical readings of the infections could not clearly define the day of the beginning of remission, and it was not at the same time for all individuals. The LT test became positive at about the same time as the peak of infection in two individuals and about two weeks after the peak in four other individuals. Two subjects did not peak and remained LT negative.

Although most subjects changed from a negative LT test at the start of the experiment to a positive LT test at the end, a clear correlation between the onset of a positive test and the beginning of clinical remission could not be made.

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CONCLUSIONS:

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A survey of 29 new enlisted men showed that only 21% had previous experience with <u>T</u>. <u>mentagrophytes</u> as measured by the ability of their lymphocytes to transform in the presence of speciric antigen. This test (LT) appeared to reflect the individuals past experience with this fungus more accurately than skin testing. Subjects with negative LT tests before a fungal infection changed to positive LT tests after receiving a fungal infection.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It should be established if any lymphokine, such as blastogenic factor, MIF, chemotactic factor, or lymphotoxin, correlates with the individual's ability to clear a trichophytin infection, or if any of these factors can be used for ϵ valuating different vaccine preparations.

PUBLICATION: None

TABLE 1

SKIN TEST RESULTS TO 10ug T. MENTAGROPHYTES ANTIGEN LOT CM109

GROUP I: Subjects with lymphocyte transformation ratios less than 3.

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Subject	Immediate	48 Hours	72 Hours	2 Weeks
1	-	0	0	0
2	40/10	0	0	0
3	-	0	0	0
4	-	0	0	0
5	-	7/0	7/0	8
6	40/15	0	0	7
7	-	0	0	-
8	-	0	0	7
9	-	0	0	0
10	-	0	0	0
11	40/14	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	C
13	32/10	0	0	0
14	-	0	0	0
15	-	0	0	10
16	30/20	0	0	0

GROUP II: Subjects with lymphocyte transformation ratios over 3.

17	6	24/13	22/12	0
18	45/12	0	0	0
1.9	-	10/0	4/0	0
20	6	10/0	8/8	10
21	7	15/15	14/12	13
22	20/4	0	0	0

Skin test results are reported as millimeters of erythema over millimeters of induration. Immediate reactions of less than 15 mm are not reported.

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WORK UNIT NO. 004 Pathogenesis of Fungal Infections

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Biochemical Mechanisms of Pathogenesis in Fungal Skin Infections

Dermatophyte infections are prominent producers of medically-debilitating lesions in soldiers. The predominant etiologic agent for such infections in U.S. Army personnel in the Republic of Viet Nam has been identified as <u>Trichophyton mentagrophytes</u> var. <u>granulares</u>. Pathogenicity and the host's immunological response(s) have been correlated with the ability of this organism to produce exocellular enzymes. A defined medium for growth of the dermatophytes as well as cultural conditions for optimal elicitation of the exocellular enzymes have been developed. Development of enzyme isolation techniques and enzyme inhibition procedures are being pursued. Preliminary data indicate that development of delayed hypersensitivity reactions by the host, to the exocellular enzymes and an isolated subcellular glycoprotein fraction, can be correlated to clearing of experimental infections.

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WORK UNIT 004

STUDY NO. 1

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Biochemical Mechanisms of Pathogenesis in Fungal Skin Infection

PROBLEM:

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Among the many possible mechanisms of pathogenesis, the most probably (logically and scientifically) is for the organism(s) to produce exocellular enzymes capable of hydrolyzing substances found in normal intact human skin (i.e. keratin, lipids, etc.). Production of these enzymes would allow the organism to gain necessary nutrients for growth and colonization on the skin.

During the past year, it has been the objective of this work unit to address the question as to what properties of <u>T</u>. <u>mentagrophytes</u> var. <u>granulares</u> enables it to colonize and cause disease on intact human skin. Specific emphasis was placed on determining the role of the exocellular enzymes in pathogenesis and the host's immunological response(s) to these enzymes. These studies could provide information necessary for the development and implementation of novel therapeutic and immunological measures in preventing dermatophyte infections.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

When necessary laboratory Trichophyton strains (e.g. T. rubrum, T. ajelloi, T. asteroides and T. mentagrophytes) were used to infect guinea pigs, marked differences in pathogenicity, as measured by the intensity and duration of the infection, were obtained. The best inflammatory lesions were produced by T. mentagrophytes, and the least by T. ajelloi. Initial enzyme studies revealed that there was quantitatively less proteolytic and lipolytic exocellular enzyme activity produced by the organisms with the least ability to produce disease. For example, T. mentagrophytes produced more exocellular proteolytic and lipolytic activity than T. ajelloi. These preliminary data indicate that the exocellular enzyme production by these organisms might be correlated to pathogenicity as well as the host's immunological response(s). Pathogenesis of Fungal Infections (Cont)

These initial observations indicated to us the possible importance of the exocellular enzymes in dermatophytic infections and thus we developed a program to study these enzymes. In order to provide for an equal balance of basic as well as applied information with the least expenditure of time, the research work on the exocellular enzymes was divided into the following areas: (1) Levelopment of in vitro cultural procedures for optimal production of these exocellular enzymes and to insure that these procedures are an accurate model of in vivo activities. (2) Identify and isolate the exocellular enzymatic activities in a purified form. (3) Study various agents or methods which might inhibit these enzyme activities and develop these methods for possible use as therapeutic procedures. (4) Determine the involvement of these exocellular enzymes in the host immunological response and determine whether or not these enzymes could be used as sensitizing agents (vaccines). Research work, to date, has been primarily centered in the first two areas; however, some experimentation has been accomplished in all areas.

To develop and isolate exocellular enzyme activities, it was imperative to develop a chemically defined medium since complex media contain various macromolecules which would hamper isolation techniques. In a chemically defined medium, macromolecules obtained after growth of the organism can be attributed to being produced by the organism and not a component of the medium. A defined medium has been developed that will support the growth of most dermatophytes. The cultural and environmental conditions for optimal exocellular enzyme production have been determined. The use of isolated human stratum corneum or delipidated sheep's wool keratin as a sole source of carbon and nitrogen in a defined medium induced T. mentagrophytes to elicit optimal proteolytic and lipolytic activities when grown in a shake culture at 30° C for 10 days. Currently, these media are being used to produce crude enzyme material for use in enzyme isolation techniques. Also, the proteolytic and lipolytic activities are being characterized as to the substrate they will attack.

Implementation of procedures for the isolation of the potent proteolytic exocellular enzyme has been accomplished. Methods for isolation of the lipolytic enzyme(s) are now being actively pursued. Isolation of the enzymes responsible for these two major activities (proteolytic and lipolytic) should be accomplished within the next fiscal year.

Although inhibition studies described previously for research area (3) are in their infancy due to lack of enough isolated enzymic material, some work has been accomplished in the last area. An initial pilot experiment has shown that development of delayed

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hypersensitivity (immunity) reactions by the host, to the exocellular enzymes and an isolated subcellular glycoprotein fraction, have been correlated to clearing of experimental infections.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From preliminary data it appears that exocellular enzyme production by <u>T</u>. <u>mentagrophytes</u> can be correlated with the pathogenicity of the organism and the host's immunological response(s). Further investigations should confirm this relationship as well as provide possible novel therapeutic procedures and sensitizing agents (vaccines).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this work be carried to completion in order to accomplish the work unit's objective -- namely, to describe the mechanisms of pathogenesis of cutaneous fungal infections.

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WORK UNIT NO. 006

Experimental Fungus Infections in the Skin of Man: A Therapeutic Trial

The following studies have been carried out under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Trichophyton mentagrophyte infections in human volunteers.

STUDY NO. 2 Effect of the model infection on normal flora.

STUDY NO. 3 Quantitative dermatophyte infections in guinea pigs.

A dermatophyte infection in nine human volunteers is described. This experiment was undertaken for two reasons: To test the influence of antecedent Trichophyton antigens skin testing on an experimental infection and to test what happens to the bacterial flora during such an infection. All infections were induced using a method previously described. Scrapings were made for quantitative bacterial cultures of the infection site. A control site on the opposite arm was also cultured. This infection did not follow a typical cours: Possible reasons for this are outlined. Bacteriology of these lesions showed normal flora but penicillin resistence increased during the course of the infection.

A method is described for infecting guinea pigs quantitatively. This method has shown that immunity plays a protective role in re-infection. This immunity is not placentally transferred. A study on cytoxin caused some doubt on the traditional view that immunity to dermatophytes is solely of cell mediated type.

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WORK UNIT NO.

006

Experimental Fungus Infections in the Skin of Man: A Therapeutic Trial

STUDY NO. 1

Trichophyton Mentagrophytes Infections in Human Volunteers

PROBLEM:

Subjects experimentally infected with lrichcellyton mentagrophytes have always been screened first with trichophyton antigen. Possibly this skin testing has led to fallacious interpretation of the course of the induced infectious.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Nine volunteers were infected with either 6 or 300 spores. No volunteer followed the infection course predicted by previous studies. These subjects differed in the following ways, from all previously infected subjects; they had a younger average age, they were in a different environment, they had received no skin tests and they each had frequent scrapings taken from the lesion for bacterial culture. Since there were these other variables we could come to no conclusion about the influence of skin tests on fungal infections.

CONCLUSION:

None could be drawn from this experiment.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Because of the uncertainties of this last human infection, the difficulty in obtaining human subjects for infection and the similarity in course between normal humans and guinea pigs, we have changed much of our thrust to experimentation in guinea pigs.

PUBLICATIONS:

None

STUDY NO. 2

Effect of the Model Infection on Normal Flora

PROBLEM:

The role of the normal flora of the skin in the pathogenesis of dermatophytes has not been satisfactorily studied although clinical

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evidence suggests a more than passive nature. Because the artificial infection procedure, employs wet, occlusive dressings, one could expect an artifactual alteration in the normal flora which might influence the pathology. For a better understanding of the experimental fungues infection, the normal flora must be investigated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A means for the total and definitive quantitation of skin flora was achieved by replica-plating of isolated colonies upon appropriate biochemical and fermentation test agars. This resulted in a clarification of the kinetics of microbial growth and survival on the skin. The procedure was reproducible and yielded data equivalent to the more time and labor-consuming standard methods.

To determine the effect of the wet dressing, a sham infection using no fungal inoculum was conducted on six volunteers. An increase in flora of 10⁴ colony-forming units was detected in all subjects, but counts rapidly fell approximately 10² units once dressings were removed. Although similar types of bacteria were found on all subjects, the composition of each individual's flora during the recovery response appeared to be unique. <u>Enterobacteriaceae</u> were found on half the subjects with <u>Enterobacter</u> <u>aerogenes</u> being the most successful colonizer. Besides the expected presence of Baird-Parker Staphylococcus subgroup II, high numbers of subgroup IV and some colonies of subgroup III were also observed. Almost all cutaneous diphtheroids were lipophilic and lipolytic.

It must be emphasized that, although flora was partially reduced within two days after the removal of wet-occlusive dressings, the recovery had not stabilized and that ecological conditions were very fragile. Oscillations of decreasing amplitude regarding number and kinds of flora was the rule, and the skin probably had not returned to the normal degree of hydration by seven days.

Because the dressing was shown to produce a significant but artifactual alteration in the flora, sampling during the actual dermatophyte infection did not begin until the seven-day recovery period had passed. Nine volunteers participated in this study. There was no significant difference in total populations or in kinds of flora compared with untreated and positive skin-test control (opposite) forearms. The ratio of penicillin-resistant microorganisms, however, increased during the infection, the degree of which varied between individuals. All coccal groups were affected; resistant flora diminished when the fungus was no longer detected. Staphylococci were more frequently isolated than micrococci on infected areas, but <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u> was not found. Trends toward hierarchies in persistence and quantities Experimental Fungus Infections in the Skin of Man: A Therapeutic Trial (Cont)

were observed with Staphylococcus subgroups II and IV dominating the infected sites. On both areas almost all diphtheroids were non-fluorescent, lipophilic, and lipolytic. Whereas other investigators had implicated <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u> as a significant contributor to the severe clinical lesions of ringworm, our data demonstrated that this Staphylococcus was not required. The results also showed the extensive effect of dermatophytes upon the antibiotic sensitivity of accompanying flora, indicating that ringworm lesions might be an important reservoir for penicillin-resistant strains of pathogenic or opportunist staphylococci and micrococci.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that microbial interactions on the skin of healthy and infected soldiers be studied in detail. With respect to the therapeutic model, the microflora should be monitored during treatment of ringworm. As a long range goal, one could investigate the colonization on the skin of certain microorganisms which produce antifungal factors as a means of prophylaxis or therapy.

PUBLICATIONS:

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STUDY NO. 3

Quantitative Dermatophyte Infections in Guinea Pigs

PROBLEM:

Dermatophyte infections were amongst the most troublesome problem faced in the Republic of Viet Nam, with up to 59% of men infected during some periods. These infections were a prominent cause of the number of days lost from combat duty. In the Mekong Delta up to 70% of the days lost were due to skin disease, with a large percentage of these being related to fungal infections.

The role immunity played in these infections is unclear. Whether immunity can be bolstered to prevent these infections has been disputed. In the past we have developed a human dermatophyte infection model to study many of these questions. A quantitative guinea pig infection model has been developed to permit investigation of many of these immunologic questions. Experimental Fungus Infections in the Skin of Man: A Therapeutic Trial (Cont)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

A quantitative dormatophyte infection induction technique has been developed in guines pigs. This technique was patterned after the experimental human infection technique developed at LAIR. This procedure allows 80% predictable infections when a 100 spore inoculum is used. A large number of previously uninfected (inexperienced) guinea pigs have been followed through the course of an infection to determine the following parameters: lesion first noted, maximal erytherma, induration, scaling, crusting, size, duration of the clinical infection and the time that cultures stay positive. We have seen that guinea pigs re-exposed to 100 spore inoculums have a lower rate of re-infection, the infection covers less area and lasts a shorter period. Re-infection with 1000 spores gives a dermatitis that develops acutely and the duration is markedly decreased. Pregnant guarea pigs have been infected with 100 spores and their off-spring were infected in their first week of life. These new born guinea pigs had essentially the same course of infection as adults. Guinea pigs treated with cytoxin (20mg/kg/day) have had prolonged infections with marked spread of these infections.

CONCLUSION:

The following observations can be made: (1) A definite protective immunity develops during the first infection. (2) This immunity is relative and protects against infections with small inoculums and shortens, but does not prevent, infections with larger inoculums. (3) This immunity is not passed from mother to infant either transplacentally or through milk. New borns from infected and uninfected mothers have the same course as adult guinea pigs. (4) Cytoxin (a primarily B cell suppressor) inhibits the healing of these infections, and casts some doubt on the traditional view that immunity to dermatophytes is solely of cell mediated type.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With this infective procedure compounds that may bolster immunity, and prophylactic and therapeutic agents should be evaluated.

PUBLICATIONS:

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WORK UNIT NO.	074	Nutritional and Metabolic Aspects of Nutrition				

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY	NO.	l	Ascorbic Acid: Chemistry and Biological Functions
STUDY	NO.	4	Tissue and Blood Enzymes
STUDY	NO.	14	Riboflavin Metabolism in the Rat
STUDY	NO.	15	Vitamin Assays

Study No. 1 Studies were initiated on ascorbic acid metabolism in the monkey. The oral administration of ascorbic acid-2-SO₄-1- 14 C resulted in about 95% of the radioactivity being recovered in the breath. A number of metabolites were also observed in the urine.

Study No. 4 Weanling rats were placed on semipurified diets \pm pyridoxine. Erythrocyte GOT and GPT activity was determined with and without the addition of pyridoxal-PO₄ to the <u>in vitro</u> system using a revised spectrophotometric procedure. Very low GPT activity was found in erythrocytes of rats maintained on either diet, which precluded any accurate utility of this assay. However, GOT activity was substantially reduced and the stimulation co-efficent was significantly higher in deficient rats by the second week of feeding. These differences became more marked during the remainder of the study.

Study No. 14 Isolation of 14 C metabolites, some conjugated, from urine, feces and tissue homogenetes of rats fed 14 C-2-riboflavin demonstrate that riboflavin is metabolized. To further evaluate riboflavin metabolism new assay procedures must be established.

Study No. 15 Studies were conducted on new or improved microbiological and enzymatic procedures for the measurement of vitamin B_6 in serum and erythrocytes and on radioimmune assays (RIA) for the measurement of vitamin B_{12} and folic acid in plasma.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 074

Nutritional and Metabolic Aspects of Nutrients

STUDY NO. 1

Ascorbic Acid: Chemistry and Biological Functions

PROBLEM:

Ascorbate-2-sulfate possess anti-scorbutic properties for the rainbow trout. The objective of this study was to determine whether the compound has biological activity in mammals. For this purpose, the monkey was selected as the experimental animal.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

In a preliminary study, ascorbate-2-SO₄-1-¹⁴C was administered by intubation to a young adult monkey. The animal was placed in a metabolism cage and urine and feces collected and expired air monitored for radioactivity. Approximately 95% of the ingested radioactivity was lost through the breath. DE-32 ion exchange chromatography of the urine collections showed the presence of several radioactive compounds. Several of the compounds behaved in manner to suggest that they were neither ascorbate-2-SO₄ nor 6-carboxy-ascorbate-2-SO₄. Efforts are continuing on the identification of these compounds.

CONCLUSIONS:

Ascorbate-2-sulfate is actively metabolized by the monkey. Additional studies will be required using ascorbic acid and other ascorbate derivatives to evaluate the significance of these preliminary findings.

STUDY NO. 4

Tissue and Blood Enzymes

PROBLEM:

The need exists for an accurate, reproducible, and practical procedure to aid in the evaluation of vitamin B_6 nutriture. A number or enzymes are known to require $pyrido_{x}al-PO_4$ (P-PO₄) as the active vitamin B_6 cofactor, including the transaminase systems. The UV or spectrophotometric procedure appears to yield a more definitive determination of transaminase (GOT and GPT) activity than the colorimetric methods and warrants study. A priori, P-PO₄ is an obligatory cofactor of the GOT and GPT systems, hence a dietary deficiency in vitamin B_6 may well result in a reduced level of cofactor saturation of the transaminase enzymes. Therefore, GOT activity and GPT activity are assayed with and without the addition

of 50 micrograms $P-PO_4/ml$ of incubation volume and the stimulation coefficient (S.C. = + $P-PO_4$; + $-P-PO_4$) is calculated.

Since the S. C. is an index of cofactor presence, it should be less affected by alterations in protein metabolism than the enzyme activity itself. The transaminase activity of erythrocytes has been studied since their activity is higher than plasma and appears to be a more reliable index of somatic activity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A preliminary study was conducted with male weanling rats fed 20% vitamin-free casein, semi-purified diets \pm 6 mg/kg of pyridoxine. Five animals on each diet were sacrificed at weekly intervals at 2 to 6 weeks on trial. The erythrocyte GPT activity (EGPT) activity was significantly lower on the deficient diet at all weekly intervals, however, the very low activity on either diet (0.04 - 0.24 I.U./ml red blood cells) prevented the analytical precision necessary for practical usage. Further, the S. C.s were not markedly changed due to diet, ranging from 1.07-1.28 across diets. The erythrocyte GOT activity (EGOT) was considerably higher than EGPT. The EGOT results are summarized in the table below.

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	No. of Weeks on Diet					
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Activity (I.U./ml R	$BC)^{1}$					
-B ₆ Diet	0.720	0.631	0.384	0.414	0.328	
	±0.091	±0.043	±0.002	±0.018	±0.003	
+B ₆ Diet	1.669	1.678	1.533	1.921	1.673	
	±0.122	±0.112	±0.077	±0.027	20.077	
S.C. (+P-PO ₄ ÷ -P-P	0,)					
-B ₆ Diet	1.273	1.545	2.142	1.736	1.758	
	±0.013	±0.054	±0.208	±0.097	±0.112	
+B ₆ Diet	1.091	1.135	1.266	1.131	1.104	
	±0.004	±0.012	±0.017	±0.010	±0.025	

¹Values are means \pm S.E.M.

The EGOT accivity is substantially reduced at 2 weeks and falls further during the rest of the trial. A significant rise in the S. C. is shown by the second week on the deficient diet (27% vs 9%) and remains highly elevated through the 6th week when compared to the control animals.

CONCLUSIONS:

Stimulation coefficients derived from ar improved spectrophotometric EGOT procedure of rats fed a vitamin B_6 deficient diet were found to increase substantially over controls. A diminished EGOT and EGPT activity was also associated with consumption of the vitamin B_6 deficient diet. Due to the extremely low EGPT activity observed in rats, efforts should be concentrated on the EGOT and other promising procedures. At present, the transaminase assays cannot be applied to a given situation without adequate controls. That is, until the effects of species, sex, diet and age are studied, and the influence of sample handling and storage are evaluated, no reported EGOT activity or S. C. can be regarded as a benchmark for the norm.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Studies should be continued with concentration on erythrocyte glutamic-oxalacetic transaminase (EGOT) as a possible aid in evaluation of vitamin B_6 deficiency. Comparative analyses for EGOT, P-PO₄ and total vitamin B_6 should be achieved. Additional investigations on the effects of species, sex, age, and other dietary influences upon EGOT should be explored. A detailed examination of sample handling and storage influences should also receive priority ettention.

STUDY NO. 14

Riboflavin Metabolism in the Rat

PROBLEM:

This laboratory has shown that lack of dietary riboflavin has adverse affects on the performance of young men. Further it has been shown that ^{14}C -2-riboflavin is metabolized by the rat. This investigation will provide techniques and procedures for the continued study of riboflavin metabolism.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Studies were continued to establish the catabolic fate of :iboflavin in rats fed 14C-2-riboflavin. A minimum of 10 14C-metabolites, some conjugated, were isolated from tissue homogenates, urine and

fec2s of rats. One compound containing 4 to 8% of the urinary 14C was identified as urea. Many of the 14C compounds did not fluoresce, thus routine assay procedures could not be used. At present the only assay to establish the pattern of the 14C-2riboflavin metabolites is thin layer chromatography (TLC) and scintillation counting of the TLC fractions. The rat tissue stores were repleted with ¹⁴C-2-riboflavin after an initial riboflavin depletion period. After repletion, the rats received a riboflavin free diet for 10 days. Throughout the second depletion period, the rat feces contained significant levels of 14° . The fecal 14° C would be from the metabolism of tissue bound riboflavin excreted in the bile into the intestines and/or from the constant replacement of the mucosa lining. Tissue 14 C compounds isolated by R-15 resin chromatography were different from the urinary 14C compounds. Further, extensive protease digestion was required to release the ¹⁴C activity from the tissues. Less than 37% of the total ¹⁴C activity in liver was acid solut

CONCLUSIONS:

14C-2-riboflavin is metabolized by the rat, thus a constant renewal of dietary riboflavin is required. Other metabolites will be isolated when uniformly labeled riboflavin is used. To further study riboflavin metabolism, new assays must be established as many 14C-riboflavin metabolites do not fluoresce.

STUDY NO. 15

Vitamin Assays

PROBLEM:

This laboratory has the ability to manually assay prepared samples for vitamin B_6 , folic acid, vitamin B_{12} , and other vitamins using modified microbiological methods developed earlier. Need continues for improved microbiological methods or alternate procedures to measure these nutrients in biological samples.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Some preliminary studies were conducted on the automation of the microbiological assay using <u>Saccharomyces uvarum</u> ATCC 9080 and <u>Lactobacillus casei</u> ATCC 7469 and 7469-a, both the normal and chloramphenicol resistant strains. The main problem in the automation appears to be the long incubation coil needed to obtain adequate growth. The organisms tend to settle out or wash into the next sample and the bubble pattern is difficult to maintain. A proposed solution would be to automate parts of the sample preparation procedures and the assay set up including the dilutions and aliquoting of standard and sample and the addition of inoculated media. Each inoculated sample would be fed into a tube or

sample cup or other stationary incubation system for the needed period of time. At the end of that incubation period the samples would be agitated and fed into the colorimeter. Using this approach, several portions of the procedure could be automated separately and then the system could be tied together in a continuous flow scheme. Although the automation of microbiological assays has various problems connected with each separate assay, a general scheme could be developed for one assay and modified to fit others. Automation of any part of the procedure from the sample preparation to the recording of results would save time and thus increase efficiency.

Both the vitamin B_{12} and folic acid radioimmune assay (RIA) kits have been tested on plasma samples. The vitamin B_{12} RIA kit was tested on tresh plasma samples and was found to be easy to use and reproducible. All values fell within the published normal range for both the microbiolog.cal and radioimmune assay. Preliminary work on stored plasma samples, both refrigerated and frozen, showed some decrease in activity, but it is not known whether this decrease was due to storage problems in the samples themselves or in the kit reagents. Since the amounts of vitamin B_{12} in blood samples are so very small, and the potential for error in the microbiological assay is great duc to the sample preparation procedure and the limitation of the instruments used in the assay, the RIA shows good potential for being used on a routine basis. The time required for the RIA is one-half to one-third the time required for the microbiological assay. With further testing on plasma samples as well as other types of samples, the limitations of the RIA can be better determined.

The folate RIA kit was tested on fresh plasma samples and on 140 frozen plasmas collected during the Ent AFB Nutrition Survey. The values of the fresh samples were within the normal range of the radioisotopic test, but in the frozen samples about 12% were deficient and 8% were borderline by the kit standards.

Since there is no published information on RIA folate kits tested on RBC samples, preliminary work was started using accepted RBC preparations for microbiological assays. There was binding under some conditions, but the values obtained were not within accepted microbiological ranges. Results varied with the RBC preparation, the buffer used, and the concentration of ascorbic acid added to the sample. RIA kits for folic acid tested on both plasma and RBC samples showed potential, but they are not ready to be used as a routine assay without further study and comparison to the microbiological methods.

The main effort in vitamin as ay work was on vitamin B_6 in various forms. Several small studies using published sample preparation procedures for plasma, RBC, and whole blood resulted in several modifications in the extraction procedure. Areas of change included acid strength, hydrolysis time, and use of a stronger deproteinizing agent such as heat for plasma and TCA for RBC and whole blood. The problem encountered with the whole blood was that the harsher treatment needed for maximum release of vitamin B_6 in the RBC fraction was too harsh for the plasma fraction. Thus, the plasma vitamin B_6 + RBC vitamin B_6 was always greater than analyzed whole blood vitamin B_6 . This indicates that either plasma or RBC analysis would give a more accurate indication of vitamin B_6 status than whole blood. Animal studies are in progress to investigate these aspects.

CONCLUSIONS:

Vitamin B_{12} and folic acid radioimmune assay (RIA) procedures have been tested on plasma samples and appear to have promise as a replacement or alternate procedure for the microbiological assay of these nutrients. Progress was made on new or improved methods for measuring vitamin B_6 in serum and erythrocytes.

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WORK UNIT NO. 076 Analytical Biochemistry

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Analytical Support and Services

STUDY NO. 2 Development of Analytical Biochemistry Procedures

Analytical service amounting to 17,262 individual analyses was rendered to 22 protocol studies in a year in which operational status was abbreviated by transfer of function. A sample preparation system for stable nitrogen isotopes was designed and fabricated for use with the isotope ratio mass spectrometer extending the ratio capability of the instrument to carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen.

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BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 076

Analytical Biochemistry

PROBLEM:

The Analytical Biochemistry Branch is called upon to support research projects requiring a broad spectrum of analytical services. This responsibility demands efficient laboratory function with assurance of accurate results.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Commencing with the first day of the fiscal year, the Branch lost trained, experienced personnel through retirements, resignations and one long term training program great. These losses were primarily due to refusals to accept the transfer of function offers augmented by the availability of alternatives such as other employment or early retirements resulting from the Department of Defense stress condition. Inspite of the fact that only two of ten staff members remained at the time of relocation, a large number of analyses were performed during the first three quarters of the fiscal year.

Support was provided to 22 protocols and addenda resulting in a total of 13.305 laboratory automated and manual analyses plus 3,957 analyses on field studies as outlined in the following table.

Anal	ytical Service	Number of Analyses
Blood Che (1)	•	4920
(2)	Semi-automated lipids, lactate and total iron binding capacity	3250
(3)	Manual GLC fatty acids, porphyrins and electrophoresis	1648
(4)	Field services for hemoglobin, hematocrit and serum protein	2074
Urine Che	mistry	
	Automated electrolytes, uric acid and other nitrogenous constituents	1403
(2)	Field services for screening specific gravity and osmolality	1883

Analytical Biochemistry (Cont)

Analytical Service

Number of Analyses

2084

Diets and Stools Manual proximate analyses, bomb calorimetry, GLC fatty acids and cholesterol

This record of performance was possible under the circumstances partly because of the efforts of two temporary personnel who, after training, performed admirably.

CONCLUSIONS:

Although minimum operational efficiency could not be mintained, service was rendered to the protocols on a priority basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Preliminary effort must be placed on staff replacement and subsequent training in the areas required (food or biochemical techniques) and orientation to the instruments used.

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STUDY NO. 2

Development of Analytical Biochemistry Procedures

PROBLEM:

Innovation and/or improvement of analytical methods must be artempted in response to supported protocol requirements for new determinations or increased accuracy of existent techniques. Simplification of procedures and automation whenever possible increase the laboratory operational efficiency.

Analytical Biochemistry (Cont)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The published TLC method for vitamin E quantitation proved unworkable with dist composites as presently collected in the studies being supported. Too great a quantity of non-saponifiable material which was not vitamin E resulted because a large amount of original sample had to be extracted to provided a quantity of vitamin E in the range of the method. This resulted in diffuse spreading on the plates and poor separation.

A sample preparation system for stable nitrogen isotopes was developed and fabricated for use with the isotope ratio mass spectrometer.

CONCLUSIONS:

The heavy per capita workload resulting from the attritional factors previously mentioned and the field studies conducted during the FY did not allow time for work on the vitamin E methodology problem, the use of the nitrogen isotope preparation system, or any of the carryover projects from the previous year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The primary effort should be in restaffing as mentioned under Study 1. After analytical efficiency is achieved, senior staff chemists should resume work on the above mentioned problems and the carry-over projects, i.e., miniaturization of certain methodologies and automation of manual processing.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO. 3A062110A822 Military Internal Medicine

WORK UNIT NO. 077 Nutritional Physiology

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit during the past year:

SIUDY NO. 7 Metabolic Effects of Starvation - Refeeding

STUDY NO. 16 Gluconeogenic Response to Mannoheptulose

Lysine incorporation into hepatic, muscle and kidney proteins was markedly increased during the first and second day of refeeding after a prolonged period of fasting. Thereafter, the rate of lysine incorporation was similar to that observed in normally fed controls. In contrast, protein synthesis in the adipose tissue remained elevated throughout the entire five-day refeeding period. Fasting or refeeding did not affect protein synthesis in the heart.

Administration of mannoheptulose enhances hepatic gluconeogenesis as indicated by increased activities of the key gluconeogenic enzymes. These effect are apparently mediated by glucagon and cyclic AMP.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 977

Nutritional Physiology

STUDY NO. 7

Metabolic Effects of Starvation - Refeeding

PROBLEM:

Results of the previous studies indicate a marked effect of fasting and subsequent refeeding on the metabolic rate of several amino acids. This apparently is the consequence of hormonal changes induced by the nutritional status of the animal. Since a prolonged period of fasting is associated with a rapid loss of cellular proteins from many of the tissues of the body, it appears that the relative hyperalimentation associated with refeeding would affect amino acid incocporation into newly synthesized tissue proteins. The present study was directed at this problem.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Male Holtzman rats ranging in weight from 200-220 gm were fed a complete casein-sucrose diet for ten days. After this period of dietary adjustment, the rats were randomly divided into three treatment groups. The first group continued on the ad libitum feeding schedule and the second and the third groups of animals were fasted for five days. Five animals each from the third group were subsequently refed for a period of one to five days. At the end of the fasting or refeeding periods, five animals from each dietary treatment groups were injected intraperitoneally with 2 μ Ci/100 gm body weight (BW) of L-U-¹⁴C-lysine. The animals were placed into the metabolism chambers and the expired ¹⁴CO₂ was collected for two hours. Thereafter, the animals were sacrificed and lysine incorporation into tissue proteins was determined.

Compared to the fed controls, lysine oxidation was markedly increased during fasting, and remained elevated even after the first day of refeeding. Thereafter, lysine was oxidized at the rate similar to that observed in the controls. Fasting decreased protein synthesis in the liver, kidney, muscle and the adipose tissue. Lysine incorporation into the heart proteins was not affected by either fasting or refeeding. Lysine incorporation into liver, kidney and muscle proteins was markedly increased during the first two days of refeeding, and returned to the control levels thereafter. In contrast, lysine incorporation into adipose tissue proteins remained elevated throughout the entire five-day refeeding period.

CONCLUSIONS:

The metabolic rate of lysine depends on the nutritional state of the experimental animal and on the target tissue studied. During refeeding

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the marked increased in food intake stimulates insulin secretion, which results in an increased uptake of amino acids in tissues and increased protein synthesis. Differences in the amino acid pool size possibly affect the results of this study. The plasma levels of free lysine, and probably tissue levels as well, would be higher in the fasted and refed animals than in the ad libitum fed controls.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Determine the size of the free lysine pool and the levels of RNA and DNA in the tissues studied and the molar ratios of plasma insulin to glucagon.

2. Further studies should be conducted to delineate the effects of refeeding on lysine metabolism in the adipose tissue.

STUDY NO. 16	Gluconeogenic Response to Manno-
	heptulose in the Rat

PROBLEM:

Ingestion or subcutaneous administration of mannoheptulose (MH), a seven-carbon sugar naturally occurring in avocado fruit, induces temporary hyperglycemia in man and in several animal species. The mechanism by which MH induces the transient diabetic state is believed to be partially an inhibition of insulin secletion from the pancreas and a direct stimulation of hepatic gluconeogenesis. Alternatively, these metabolic events could be the consequence of increased levels of plasma glucagon and hepatic cyclic AMP (cAMP) and of altered enzymatic activities in the gluconeogenic pathways. These possibilities, however, remain to be verified. Accordingly, we examined the effect of MH upon the activity of selected hepatic gluconeogenic enzymes, the level of hepatic cAMP, and the plasma levels of glucagon and alanine. In addition, incorporation of uniformly labeled ¹⁴C-alanine into plasma glucose and hepatic glycogen was determined.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Male Holtzman rats weighing from 250-280 gm were fed a complete caseinsucrose diet for ten days. After this period of dietary adjustment, a group of animals was injected intraperitoneally with a 20% solution of D-mannoheptulose in saline (200 mg/100 gm BW). The control animals were injected with a corresponding volume of saline. Three hours thereafter, the animals were sacrificed, blood was collected and livers were quickly excised. Activities of the following tissue enzymes were determined: glutamic-oxalacetic transaminase (GOT), glutamic-pyruvic transaminase (GPT), glucose-6-phosphatase (GPase), fructose-1,6Nutritional Physiology (Cont)

diphosphatase (FDPase), phosphoenol-pyruvate carboxykinase (PEPase), plus the concentration of cAMP.

Another group of control and MH-treated animals was injected with 3 μ Ci of uniformly labeled ¹⁴C-alanine. Thirty minutes thereafter, the animals were sacrificed and ¹⁴C incorporation into the plasma glucose and the hepatic glycogen was determined.

The results indicate that administration of MH stimulates gluconeogenesis by enhancing activities of hepatic CPase, FDPase and PEPase, and increases the concentration of hepatic cAMP, and the plasma levels of alanine and glucagon. In addition, MH stimulates glucose and glycogen synthesis trom alanine.

The elevated levels of plasma glucagon and alanine, as well as an increase in the concentration of cAMP in MH treated animals, lend support to the possibility that glucagon and cAMP mediate gluconeogenic effect of MH. Alanine, as the principal endogenous precursor of glucose, participates in the "glucose-alanine" cycle which has been propose as an important glucogenic system.

CONCLUSION:

Administration of MH produces a diabetic-like syndrome characterized by hyperglycemia and ketonemia. These effects are apparently brought about by insulin insufficiency, hyperglucagonemia and elevated levels of cAMP. This nucleotide, in turn, enhances the activity of the key gluconeogenic enzymes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The mechanisms by which MH inhibits insulin release and stimulates glucagon release should be investigated.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO. 3A062110A822 Military Internal Medicine

WORK UNIT NO. 078 Metabolic Response of Man to Nutrition or Disease

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

- STUDY NO. 1. The effect of diet, drugs and sex steroids and other hormones on gastrointestinal enzymes of the jejunal mucosa.
- STUDY NO. 7. The effect of testosterone on jejunal glycolyhic enzyme activities in male hypogonadism.
- STUDY NO. 15. Studies in acrodermatitis enteropathica.
- STUDY NO. 26. Studies of adaptive enzyme mechanisms in tissue incubated in vitro.

Study No. 1a. Insulin, glucagon and epinephrine cause rapid changes in rat hepatic formiminotransferase activity following intravenous administration. Intravenous glucagon and epinephrine produced rapid increases in activity, while insulin rapidly decreased formiminotransferase activity. Similar results occurred in the rat jejunum as well. The stimulatory effects of glucagon and epinephrine on hepatic formiminotransferase activity were mimicked by intravenous cyclic AMP. Preliminary data suggests a similar type of hormonal regulation in human jejunum and liver.

Study No. 1b. Oral administration of ethanol significantly decreased hepatic pyruvate carboxylase, fructosediphosphatase, fructosediphosphate aldolase and formiminotransferase activities. In each instance, the ethanol produced depression in enzyme activities was returned to normal levels by the addition of oral folic acid. Intravenous ethanol produced similar decreases in hepatic enzyme activities.

Study No. 1c. Preliminary data suggests that intravenous parathyroid hormone and calcitonin rapidly alter renal cortical pyruvate kinase and fructosediphosphatase activities, while fructosediphosphate aldolase activity is unchanged. Intravenous parathyroid hormone increased renal cortical fructosediphosphatase and decreased pyruvate kinase activities withip 10 minutes, while intravenous calcitonin produced reciprocal changes in the same enzyme activities.

Study No. 7. A marked increase in dietary adaptation of jejunal pyruvate kinase occurred with the administration of oral

testosterone to male patients with hypogonadism. This permissive effect of testosterone was specific for pyruvate kinase since dist-drug interaction could not be demonstrated for jejunal hexokinse, fructose-1-phosphate aldolase or fructosediphosphate aldolase.

Study No. 15. Further studies have been performed in a patient with acrodimatitis enteropathica. Enzymatic mechanisms related to fatty acids and to fatty acid peroxides will be evaluated.

Study No. 24. Patients previously considered to have "idiopathic" reactive hyperbolycenia were studied with regard to fructosediphosphatase deficiency. Abnormally low values of fructosediphosphatase were found in 8 out of 13 such patients. These patients had values ranging from 17.6 to 38.9 units. Normal values are 48.1 ± 4.2 . It may well be that a significant proportion of patients with "idiopathic" reactive hypoglycenia have mild types of fructosediphosphatase deficiency.

Study No. 26. Rabbit jejunal mucosa obtained by open biopsy was incubated in vitro and was found to be viable using a variety of index parameters for 24-hours. Such tissue responded to exposure to folic acid with a significant change in enzyme activities. Cholera toxin and ethanol increased cyclic-AMP levels in the jejunal tissue. Although enzyme activities changed as expected with exposure to cholera toxin such was not observed with ethanol. Instead enzyme activities were depressed by ethanol. This technique promises to be a powerful tool in studying the mechanism by which various agents may affect jejunal enzyme activities.

BODY OF KEPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 078Metabolic Response of Man to
Nutrition or DiseaseSTUDY NO. 1a.The effect of diet, drugs and sex
steroids and other hormones on
gastrointestinal enzymes of the
jejunal mucosa.

PROBLEM:

Previous studies have clearly documented the rapid regulation of jejunal and hepatic glycolytic enzymes by glucagon, insulin and epinephrine. Folic acid also produces an increase in these same enzymes, but the folate effect occurs within hours, not minutes. To further understand the interrelationships between hormonal and folic acid regulation of enzymes we determined the effects of these hormones on the enzymes involved in folic acid metabolism. Because of the key role played by formiminotransferase in folate metabolism, we investigated the effect of the above hormones on this folate metabolizing enzyme.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Glucagon, insulin and epinephrine produced rapid changes (within minutes) in hepatic and jejunal formiminotransferase activity in the rat. Limited evidence in human subjects and patients demonstrated that similar effects also occur in man.

Intravenous glucagon (0.0015-0.5 mg) and insulin (0.015-1.5 units/kg) produced rapid increases and decreases, respectively, in hepatic formiminotransferase activity which were unaltered by pretreatment of the rats with either actinomycin D or puromycin. Intravenous insulin and glucagon significantly decreased and increased, respectively, rat jejunal formiminotransferase activity, as well. Intravenous epinephrine $(1.0 - 2.0 \ \mu\text{g/min})$ also produced a rapid increase in hepatic formiminotransferase activity. The stimulatory effects of glucagon and epinephrine on hepatic formiminotransferase activity were mimicked by intravenous cyclic AMP suggesting that these hormonal responses may be mediated through increased cyclic AMP production.

In four children with fasting-induced hypoglycemia, intravenous glucagon (1 mg/min) significantly increased hepatic formiminotransferase activity within 2-3 min. In five normal human subjects, the administration of subcutaneous insulin (15 units) for three consecutive days significantly decreased jejunal formiminotransferase activity.

The results suggest that the rapid insulin, glucagon and epinephrine effects on formiminotransferase activity may be due to dephosphorylation-phosphorylation mechanisms analogous to that involved in the regulation of glycogen metabolism.

CONCLUSIONS:

It appears that the hormonal state of the rat plays a prominent role in the regulation of hepatic and extra-hepatic folate metabolism, just as it does in regulation of glycolysis and gluconeogenesis. In particular, glucagon and epinephrine, presumably mediated through increased cyclic AMP production, promoted rapid stimulation of formiminotransferase activity, while insulin exerted a reciprocal action on the same enzyme activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Glucagon, insulin and epinephrine rapidly alter hepatic folate metabolism as well as hepatic gluconeogenesis and glycolysis through effects on certain key regulatory enzymes in these pathways. Continued investigation is needed to further define these complex regulatory interactions so that the alterations in carbohydrate metabolism and the role that folic acid plays as a therapeutic agent can be understood. Particular emphasis will be focused on the biochemical basis of the gastrointestinal maladaptation syndrome and "idiopathic" hypoglycemic states.

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STUDY NO. 1b.	The effect of diet, drugs and sex
	steroids and other hormones on
	gastrointestinal enzymes of the
	jejunal mucosa.

PROBLEM:

Alcoholism is a common disorder affecting military personnel as well as the general population. Although many of the biochemical effects of ethanol are known, the overall mode of action of this drug is poorly understood. We have shown that ethanol affects adenyl cyclase. It is well-known that epinephrine and glucagon affect enzyme activities via the activation of adenyl cyclase and the generation of cyclic-AMP, hence it seemed reasonable to assume that ethanol may alter physiological functions by affecting various enzyme activities. Since we have shown that ethanol actions are antagonized by folic acid it seemed reasonable to assume that effects of ethanol on enzyme activities might be counteracted by folic acid. The present study was designed to determine if ethanol affected certain of the enzymes involved in gluconeogenesis which might thus serve to explain ethanol-induced hypoglycemia, and if so, whether this might be prevented by folic acid.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS.

Our initial studies in rats demonstrated that the oral administration of ethanol by intubation (3 ml per day of 95% ethanol over a two day period) significantly decreased plasma glucose and insulin levels and the activities of two key regulatory enzymes of gluconeogenesis, pyruvate carboxylase and fructosediphosphatase, and one glycolytic enzyme, fructosediphosphate aldolase. In each instance, the administration of 800 μ g daily of oral folate in conjunction with the ethanol prevented these alterations in carbohydrate metabolism. This is in contrast to oral folate alone which significantly increased plasma insulin levels and the activities of pyruvate kinase, fructosediphosphate aldolase, fructosediphosphatase and formiminotransferase. Folate failed to increase the activities of either pyruvate carboxylase or phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase.

The intravenous injection of ethanol into rats produced a rapid decrease (within 5 minutes) in the activities of hepatic phosphofructokinase, pyruvate kinase, fructosediphosphatase and fructosediphosphate aldolase. Intravenous ethanol significantly increased hepatic cyclic AMP concentations approximately 60% within 10 minutes, while oral ethanol did not alter hepatic cyclic AMP concentrations. Our data substantiate the known antagonism between ethanol and folic ucid.

The depression of two key regulatory enzymes of gluconeogenesis (pyruvate carboxylase and fructosediphosphatase) by oral ethanol helps explain why ethanol may produce hypoglycemia. Another possible contributing factor might be the increased sensitivity of the beta cell of the pancreas to glucagon in the ethanol-treated rats. At eight minutes post-glucagon injection, plasma insulin levels were increased approximately 170-fold in the ethanoltreated group, 27-fold in the ethanol plus folate treated group and only 5-fold in the control and folate-treated groups. This marked outpouring of insulin in response to glucagon could contribute to the production of a hypoglycemic state.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Our data suggest that oral folic acid might offer a protective effect against hypoglycemia in rats receiving alcohol. Additional studies are planned in humans (alcoholics) to determine whether chronic administration of oral folic acid has any beneficial effects.

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STUDY NO. lc.	The effect of diet, drugs and sex steroids and other hormones on gastrointestinal enzymes of the jejunal mucosa.
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PROBLEM:

The hormonal state of the experimental animal plays a fundamental

role in the regulation of both hepatic and intestinal metabolism. It is well known that parathyroid hormone and calcitonin are two hormones which are intimately involved in calcium metabolism and remain function. The purpose of these preliminary studies was to determine the effects, if any, of intravenous parathyroid hormone and calcitonin on remain cortical pyruvate kinase, fructosediphosphate aldolase and fructosediphosphatase activities in the rat.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Intravenous parathyroid hormones (25 and 50 μ g) significantly increased renal cortical fructosediphosphatase activity, decreased pyruvate kinase activity and had no effect on fructosediphosphate aldolase activity. The changes occurred within 5-10 minutes and persisted for at least 20 minutes. Intravenous calcitonin (25 and 50 μ g) produced changes exactly opposite to those seen with parathyroid hormone: pyruvate kinase activity increased and fructosediphosphatase activities decreased. The greatest changes occurred within 10 minutes with calcitonin.

CONCLUSIONS:

Intravenous parathyroid hormone and calcitonin produce rapid changes in renal cortical enzymes which persist for at least 20 minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Additional studies are needed to determine the interrelationships between the parathyroid hormone and calcitonin effects on renal cortical enzyme activities, to determine the mediators of these hormonal effects and to determine the significance of these initial findings.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

STUDY NO. 7.	The effect of testosterone on
	jejunal glycolytic enzyme
	activities in male hypogonadism.

PROBLEM:

Previous studies showed that the activities of certain jejunal glycolytic enzymes (pyruvate kinase, IK; fructose-1-phosphate aldolase, FIPA; fructosediphosphate aldolase, FDPA; hexokinase, HK) were reduced in hypogonadal male adults. Adaptive changes in enzyme activities after dietary manipulation were less than in

normal males. To learn whether this lack of adaptive changes was related to testosterone deficiency, we performed further studies in 5 hypogonadal males.

Jejunal biopsies were performed serially during isocaloric formula diets, divided into 7-day treatment periods: carbohydrate-free, 40% glucose, 40% fructose, carbohydrate-free, carbohydrate-free plus testosterone, glucose plus testosterone, and fructose plus testosterone. The dose of testosterone was 10 mg daily in propylene glycol. An isocaloric amount of fat was substituted for sugar in the carbohydrate-free diets. Samples of jejunal mucosa were assayed for glycolytic enzyme activities.

REBULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The results show that there were adaptive changes of all enzymes following dietary manipulation. A marked increase in dietary adaptation of PK occurred with administration of oral testosterone. This permissive effect of testosterone was specific for PK, since no diet-drug interaction could be demonstrated for jejunal HK, FLPA, or FDPA.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Further studies should be carried out in hypogonadal females. It is of interest that dietary maladaptaion has been noted in two patients with cachexia and hypogonadism, presumably due to anorexia nervosa. It is likely that the jejunal enzyme abnormalities were somehow related to their hypogonadal state.

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STUJY NO. 15.	Studies in acrodermatitis
·	enteropathica.

PROBLEM:

For background information see Annual Progress Report for FY 73, dated 30 June 1973. In the interim since the last annual report additional studies on this patient were performed. Tissue from the patient, and from her spontaneously aborted stillborn anencephalic fetus have been obtained and are being saved for future analysis.

It now seems clear that patients with acrodermatitis enteropathica (AE) have some defect in fatty acid metabolism. Whether this defect is related to an abnormality in prostaglandins, or to some other abnormality remains uncertain. It is also known that certain of the lipid classes are highly reactive and especially subject to peroxidation. These lipid peroxides are toxic, and could lead to cellular functional and structural defects, inflammatory changes, and potentially overt clinical manifestations. The metabolism of fatty acids is complex and incompletely understood. There are however, cellular mechanisms which operate to protect against peroxide formation. One such enzymatic mechanism is glutathione peroxidase, which serves to trap and destroy a variety of peroxides, including hydrogen peroxide and unsaturated fatty acid peroxides. Interestingly, this enzyme is present in skin and gut, while its exact function in these two organs remains unclear. It is postulated that a defect in glutathione peroxidase could lead to fatty acid abnormalities. Dysfunction in both skin and gut are the characteristics of acrodermatitis enteropathica.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The assay of glutathione peroxidase in RBC's and tissue was being instituted when the studies were terminated in anticipation of the move to San Francisco.

CONCLUSIONS:

An accurate and fairly rapid assay system for glutathione peroxidase has been instituted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

With resumption of work at LAIR, PSF, these studies should be completed. Tissue from the patient, her stillborn fetus, and one other unrelated child with acrodermatitis enteropathica are on hand, and can be analyzed with a minimum of effort. These studies are of potential significance not only in elucidating the pathogenetic mechanisms in acrodermatitis enteropathica, but in providing information as to the normal metabolism of fatty acids.

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STUDY NO. 24.

Hypoglycemia syndromes.

PROBLEM:

Previous work has shown these five patients had hypoglycemia related to a deficiency of hapatic and/or jejunal fructose diphosphatase, a disorder work responds, in some cases to the administration of folic acid. We hypothesized that if fructose diphosphatase deficiency causes an abnormality in gluconeogenesis, reactive hypoglycemia might occur in some patients in whom no other cause had been found.

Thirteen patients were selected who had been found on out-patient testing to have "idiopathic reactive hypoglycomia"; i.e., who had significant hypoglycemia (blood glucose below 45 mg/dl, accompanied by rise in plasma cortisol and growth hormone, and by symptoms of hypoglycemis/ occurring usually 3-1/2 to 4 hours after glucose ingestion. In addition, studies were carried out in a small group of randomly selected normal subjects. The studies included insulin stimulation, glycerol ingestion, alanine infusion, a 5-hr glucose tolerance test, and jejunal biopsies while on carbohydratefree feeding.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Only partial results of these studies are available. The most remarkable finding is that jejunal fructose diphosphatase deficiency was found in 8 of 13 patients with "idiopathic reactive hypoglycemia". The deficiency was not severe in any patient, but in the 8 deficient patients ranged from 17.6 to 38.9 units (normal = 48.1 ± 4.2 SEM). No abnormalities in response to oral glycerol, alamine infusion or insulin injection were found. The results of glucagon assays are not yet available in these patients or their respective controls.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A prospective study should be developed which would allow an evaluation of the use of folic acid in the treatment of these patients.

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STUDY NO. 26.	Studies of	ad	aptive	enzyme
	mechanisms	in	tissue	incubated
	<u>in vitro</u> .			

PROBLEM:

To date, the question of adaptive change of small bowel mucosal enzymes to a variety of stimuli has been approached in vivo using laboratory animals, patients and volunteer subjects. Now that a substantial body of data has been accumulated with respect to the <u>in vivo</u> situation, it is desired to see if <u>in vitro</u> experiments would be feasible. Advantages of this approach would include precise control of experimental conditions, convenience, reproducibility and ability to explore mechaniams not testable in the intact animal. A recently described <u>in vitro</u> organ culture technique for rabbit small bowel biopsies was utilized. The characterization of the system included light microscopic changes during the first 24 hours, stability of disaccharidases, protein determinations and the effect of folic acid on the soluble glucose metabolizing enzymes of the small bowel.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

It was determined that the technique was applicable and valid to determine enzyme changes. Exposure of rabbit jejunum to folic acid <u>in vitro</u> resulted in stimulation of enzyme activities and revealed striking correlation with <u>in vivo</u> data i.e. enzyme changes at 50 mcg/ml of culture media occurring at 4-6 hours and 50-100% increases in FDPase, FDPA and PK activities. Cholera toxin (choleragen, 10 mg/ml) caused a significant increase in the concentration of cyclic-AMP. There was a typical response to cyclic-AMP, i.e. no change in FDPA, a rise in FDPase and fall in PK. This was confirmed by using theophylline in 10⁻³ and 10⁻⁴M concentration. Data dealing with the direct effect of cyclic nucleotides is pending.

Ethanol, which has been described in this laboratory to be a potent stimulator of adenyl cylase in lysed cells, was examined as a stimulator of cyclic-AMP formation in intact tissue. Ethanol at a concentration of 7 gm% but not 0.7 gm%, stimulated cyclic-AMP formation which increased in less than 15 minutes and was noted to return to normal at about 4 hours. In contrast to the experiments

where cholera toxin stimulated cyclic-AMP and then had a reciprocal effect on the gut enzymes studied, ethanol uniformly depressed all enzymes (PK, FDPA, FDPase) regardless of the cAMP levels. Combined stimulation of cultured jejunum with cholera toxin and ethanol revealed both the early increase of cyclic-AMP levels noted with ethanol as well as the late changes due to cholera toxin. Data for the representative enzymes is pending.

CONCLUSIONS:

It is possible to use in <u>vitro</u> incubation techniques to study the effect of various agents on jejunal enzymes. This technique could well be applied to study of human jejunal tissue obtained by peroral biopsy to demonstrate biochemical abnormalities directly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

These studies should be continued using animal jejunal biopsies and should be extended to jejunal tissue obtained from suitable patients.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

Note: This work unit is being terminated. The on-going studies will be continued under new work units designed to address specific defined research areas.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A62110A822	Military Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	079	Radioisotope Support for Military Medical Research

Research investigators are currently being supported with radioisotope services, including procurement and storage of radioisotopes, radiation safety monitoring, decontamination of glassware, waste disposal, maintenance of appropriate logs and records, and maintenance of radiation detection instruments for investigator use.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 079

Radioisotope Support for Military Medical Research

PROBLEM:

The use of radioisotopes in nutritional and medical research has proven to be very useful. The Radioisotope Branch is responsible for support of such use by procurement and storage of radioisotopes, radiation safety monitoring, decontamination of glassware, radioactive waste disposal and maintenance of logs and records as required by AEC and Army regulations. Advice and counsel is given to investigators regarding the use of radioisotopes. Beta and gamma counting instruments are maintained for the use of investigators throughout the laboratory.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The above support functions were maintained in the current fiscal year. Current instrumentation includes 2 gamma counting instruments and 6 liquid scintillation counters. Disintegrations/minute and additional mathematical calculations are accomplished by computer with Radioisotope Division personnel providing the administrative support arrangements and Department of Information Sciences providing the computer programming and access support.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The use of radioisotopes is essential to the mission of the laboratory. It is recommended that the centralized support activity be maintained as the most economical and efficient means of making radioisotopes available to research investigators while maintaining adequate control of their use and thus protecting the health of laboratory personnel.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

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WORK UNIT NO.	082	Mathematical and Computer Support of Military Biomedical Research
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STUDY NO. 1	Computerized ations	Mathematical and Statistical Oper-
STUDY NO. 2	Math em atical Manual	and Statistical Analysis Training

Generalized statistical analysis routines are being assembled and documented for ready use by LAIR researchers. Additional programs to assist researchers in designing their experiments are being studied. A manual is being prepared to serve as a guide to the nature of statistics and ADP services that are available.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 082	Mathematical and Computer Support of Military Biomedical Research
STUDY NO. 1	Computerized Mathematical and Statistical Applications

PROBLEM:

This study is an ongoing one in that its purpose is to provide an ever expanding repertaire of computational routines to assist the LAIR researcher to evaluate and analyze his data.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The Generalized Research Analysis Statistical System (GRASS) has been expanded to include many rew routines which should facilitate data analysis. These include certain data manipulation routines, a number of transformation routines, and routines which automatically calculate probability levels associated with various statistics frequently used in analysis of data generated by investigators at LAIR. Also nonparametric statistical routine; have been added. Additional routines are being developed.

Preliminary research has been conducted concerning the advisability and feasibility of developing a generalized experimental design package. Certain tasks necessary for such a package have been accomplished. A generalized experimental design package would be of great value to investigators in designing their experiments.

CONCLUSIONS:

There are now three statistical analysis program systems available to the LAIR investigator. They are GRASS, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), and the Biomedical Computer Program system (BMD). Between them, these three sytems offer a rather comprehensive collection of programs to statistically analyze data supplied in a variety of formats.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

As the availability of computational support increases, so do the number of investigators seeking the support. It is imperative that the statistical routines be designed and documented adequately so as to create minimal dependence of the investigator on the Department of Information Sciences. Documentation of the routines and training classes should be initiated in the coming fiscal year. Mathematical and Computer Support of Military Biomedical Research (Cont)

PUBLICATIONS:

None

STUDY NO.	2	Mathematical and Statistical
		Analysis Training Manual

PROBLEM:

Efficiency in data collection and analysis is gained by the careful planning of experiments. A certain familiarity with statistical principles is required to comprehend many of the problems of experimental design. For this reason, it is desirable for investigators to have some exposure to basic statistical principles and techniques. The purpose of this study is to provide the exposure.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A course covering basic statistical principles and techniques was developed with consideration of the particular problems faced by the investigators at LAIR. Topics covered include elementary probability, sampling theory, the normal distribution, formulation of hypotheses, significance levels and power associated with tests of hypotheses, tests of hypotheses about means and variances, and linear regression.

Part of the course was presented to investigators from the Bioenergetics Division. Presentation was terminated because of the transfer of facilities from Denver to San Francisco.

CONCLUSIONS:

Exposure to basic statistical principles should enhance investigators' ability to plan efficient experiments. The course developed includes the necessary topics and provides a medium for this exposure.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is difficult to arrange hours so that a number of investigators can attend an ongoing course. For this reason, and to avoid the necessity of giving the course repeatedly, a laboratory notebook is being prepared for Institute distribution. The laboratory notebook will include essentially the same material as the course. It may also include discussions of other statistical topics that LAIR's investigators should find helpful.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO. 3A062110A822 Military Internal Medicine

WORK UNIT NO. 083 Military Food Hygiene

The following investigations have been conducted in FY74 under this work unit:

- STUDY NO. 3 Comparative Studies of Selective Media, Direct Plating Techniques, and Enrichment-Confirmatory Techniques for Detection and Enumeration of Experimentally Inoculated <u>Staphylococcus</u> <u>aureus</u> in Military Freeze-Dehydrated Foods
- STUDY NO. 6 Comparison of Media for Enumerating Fungi in Precooked Frozen Convenience Foods
- STUDY NO. 10 Bacterial Pathogens in Dry Dog Food
- STUDY NO. 11 Reliability Between Individual Persons in Performing the Standard Plate Count for Fluid Milk

Study No. 3. Three analytical procedures and six commercially available solid selective staphylococcal mediums were compared for recovery of coagulase positive staphylococci from experimentally inoculated foods. The highest mean counts were obtained with the pre-enrichment Most Probable Number Procedures and tellurite polymixin egg yolk agar. A modified second study was conducted, although not yet completely analyzed, the results obtained were almost identical to those originally found.

Study No. 6. Sabouraud dextrose agar (SDA) was compared to potato dextrose agar (PDA) acidified to pH 3.5 and to SDA containing 10 mg Kanamycin/100 ml and chloramphenicol (SDA+) in enumerating fungi from precooked frozen convenience foods. SDA yielded significantly higher fungal count in most foods even though it allowed a high degree of bacterial growth. No significant difference was found between the fungal counts on PDA and SDA+.

Study No. 10. The microbiological quality of commercially available dry dog foods was examined. Ten samples of 13 brands were obtained from local retail markets. Analyses of coliforms, Escherichia coli, fecal strepococci, <u>Clostudium perfringens</u>, <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u>, Standard Plate Count, yeasts and molds, and salmonella were performed on each sample. Organisms of the type listed were found, with the exception of salmonella.

Study No. 11. Standard methods for the Examination of Dairy Products

list various criteria which technicians are required to meet in counting bacterial colonies when performing the Standard Plate Count. Unfortunately, these criteria do not appear to be based on valid reported research works and cannot be supported by proper references. In conjunction with the Chapter Chairman, Intersociety Council of The American Public Health Association, a study has been executed to statistically determine the limits of reliability of technicians performing Standard Plate Counts.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 083 STUDY NO. 3 Comparative Studies of Selective Media, Direct Plating Techniques, and Enrichment-Confirmatory Technique for Detection and Enumeration of Experimentally Inoculated Staphyloccus aureus in Military Freeze-Dehydrated Foods

PROBLEM:

Experiment No. 1. As reported in the Annual Progress Report for FY73. Illnesses due to the toxins elaborated by S. aureus have long been recognized. Statistics published by the National Center for Disease Control for the calendar year 1971 show that 28.8% of all outbreaks of food poisoning in the U.S. were caused by this organism. It is felt that such evidence indicates the continued importance of inspection-control measures and the need for standardized methods in the laboratory detection and enumeration of the organism. At the present time the laboratory method and media used to accomplish the latter varies from one worker to another, and is generally based on preference rather than specific merits of procedure and media. The purpose of the present study was to statistically compare three procedures and six commercially available media for their relative merits in the enumeration of S. aureus.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Experiment No. 2. Upon review of the data from Experiment No. 1, questions pertaining to the methodology were raised. These were (a) use of streaking technique in lieu of pour plates for the direct plating method and (b) use of a 48-hour incubation in lieu of 24 hours in the selective enrichment MPN method. These objections were corsidered, and experiment 1 repeated. Results from experiment 2 were essentially the same as those of experiment 1, thus confirming the conclusions reached in the first experiment.

CONCLUSIONS:

In a test of three analytical procedures and $s^4 \times commercially$ available solid selective medium, the method of choice for enumeration of <u>S</u>. aureus in food products was the pre-enrichment Most Probable Number procedure using tellurite polymixin egg youk agar for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 6

Comparison of Media for Enumerating Fungi in Precooked Frozen Convenience Foods

PROBLEM:

The discovery of mycotoxins and the changing technology of food preparation has resulted in a review and testing of procedures used to isolate and count fungi from foods. Acidification of the media has long been used as a means of selectively inhibiting bacter: while allowing fungal growth but the low pH can be inhibitory to a portion of the fungal population. The addition of specific antibiotics to the media, in an attempt to more selectively inhibit bacteria and allow better fungal growth, has been used with good success.

Investigations were made comparing the ability of an acidified medium (Potato dextrose agar acidified to pH 3.5)(PDA), an antibiotic-containing medium (Sabouraud dextrose agar with chloramphenicol and Kanamycin) and Sabouraud dextrose agar to quantitatively isolate fungi from precooked frozen convenience foods.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Mineteen (19) individual food items prepared specifically for military use and 17 commercial items were tested. Statistical analysis of the data (ANOVA) demonstrated that there was a significant difference between the media. Post-hoc Newman-Keuls comparisons showed that Sabouraud dextrose agar yielded significantly higher fungal and yeast counts than did potato dextrose agar or Sabouraud dextrose agar containing antibiotics (chloramphenicol and Kanamycin). Sabouraud dextrose agar allowed a higher number of bacterial colonies to develop on the media than did the other two media. However, this bacterial growth did not affect the efficiency of Sabouraud dextrose agar over the other two in enumerating fungi from the pre-cooked frozen meals tested.

CONCLUSIONS:

Fungal growth was not suppressed when bacterial growth was present, however the time and labor necessary to perform Gram staining for differentiation of bacteria and fungi points up the need for an innibitory medium more selective than SDA. Acidified PDA appeared much too acidic for fungal growth, while Kanamycin and/or chloramphenicol

did not prevent bacterial growth while allowing fungal growth. Further work with other bacterial inhibitory agents appears justified.

PUBLICATIONS:

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STUDY NO. 10

Microflora of Commercially Prepared Dog Food

PROBLEM:

The importance of dry dog food in perpetuating certain canine and human diseases has yet to be established. Salmonellae have been isolated from 26% of 11 different brands. E. coli is receiving much attention as a possible cause of gastrointestinal disease in adult humans, although its importance as a disease agent in mature dogs is not known. This study was undertaken on dry dog food to determine the numbers and types of bacterial pathogens which have been incriminated in food-borne illnesses of man and dogs.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The microbiological quality of 130 samples of commercially produced dry dog food (10 samples each of 13 different brands) was examined. In addition to the Standard Plate Count, coliform count, and yeast and mold count, each sample was tested for the presence of <u>E</u>. coli, fecal streptococci, <u>Cl</u>. perfringens, <u>S</u>. aureus, and Salmonella. There were no Salmonellae detected. The mean counts for the 130 samples tested were: Standard Plate Count - 14,000 org/gm; Coliform l org/gm; yeast and mold - 290 org/gm; fecal streptococci - 69 org/gm; E. coli, Cl. perfringens and <u>S</u>. aureus - <l org/gm.

Even though contamination with several pathogens was found, the basic question remains whether dry dog foods are a source of sporadic disease in dogs. Feeding trials with known quantities of selected pathogens appear to be necessary to adequately determine this question.

CUNCLUSIONS:

Further studies are necessary to determine the degree of risk to humans and dogs from pathogens in dry dog food.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PUBLICATIONS:

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STUDY NO. 11

Reliability Between Individual Persons in Performing the Standard Plate Count for Fluid Milk

PROBLEM:

Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products is the official publication of the American Public Health Association which is used in performing laboratory examinations in regulatory dairy microbiology. It is updated regularly; the next edition is scheduled to be issued in July 1975. Many of the reliability indices used for counting techniques in the Agar Plate Method appear to be based on empirical rather than scientific data. The Chapter Chairman, Agar Plate Method, requested that this laboratory participate in a series of studies designed to provide scientific data, based on carefully controlled laboratory procedures and statistical analyses to establish the validity of the tests for inclusion in the next edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

Five technicians were utilized in the study. Their experience with counting bacterial colonies ranged from several years to only a few months. Preliminary counting sessions were performed in order to establish similar reference points. The experiment was designed to statistically determine (1) reliability of technicians in preparing plates from identical samples; (2) reliability of technicians in counting their own and other technicians' plates from identical samples, and (3) long-term ard shortterm reliability in a given technician's counting of the same plates. In order to accomplish this, all plates were assigned blind numbers through a system of random numbers controlled by persons not performing the counting proce⁴ures.

The laboratory procedures in this study have been completed, however the statistical analyses have not been accomplished. It is anticipated that the results of this study will provide reliability data for the next edition of <u>Standard Methods</u> for the Examination of Dairy Products.

CONCLUSIONS:

None as yet since the statistical analyses have not been performed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A062110A822	Military Internal Medicine
WORK UNIT NO.	085	Nutritional Requirements of Military Personnel

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Vitamin C Metabolism and Requirement in Man

STUDY NO. 2 Vitamin A Requirement of the Adult Human

Study No. 1 Investigation of ascorbic acid-2-sulfate (AAS) metabolism has shown that AAS orally fed or injected intraperitoneally has little if any metabolic value in the rat. Chromatographic techniques have been established to isolate ascorbic acid, ascorbic acid sulfate and their metabolites; however, specific assays have yet to be established to assay the metabolites.

Study No. 2 A deficiency in vitamin A was induced experimentally in eight human volunteer subjects as evidenced by biochemical, clinical, ophthalmological. or isotopic labeling findings. The adult human appears to require a minimal intake of 600 μ g/day of retinol although an intake of 1200 μ g/day is desirable to insure modest body stores of the vitamin. A daily intake of approximately 1200 μ g of β -carotene will provide the minimal needs of the adult human for vitamin A. However, approximately 2400 μ g/day of β carotene appear necessary to ensure plasma vitamin A levels above 30 μ g/100 ml which are judged desirable.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 085	Nutritional Requirements of Military Personnel
STUDY NO. 1	Vitamin C Metabolism and Requirement in Man

PROBLEM:

Investigation of the metabolism of ascorbic acid in man was continued to establish its physiological role. ¹⁴C-ascorbic acid-2-sulfate (AAS) has been isolated from urine of man and the rat fed ¹⁴C-ascorbic acid (AA). Further, equal molar amounts of AAS were shown beneficial to the trout as a replacement of dietary AA. Investigation of AAS metabolism in the rat would further the understanding of AA metabolism and might establish procedures for AAS metabolism studies in man. However in the interpretations of the derived data consideration must be given to the fact that the rat synthesizes ascorbic acid while man is dependent upon external sources of the vitamin.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

AAS has been isolated from human and rat urine. It was of interest to investigate the metabolic rate of AAS orally ingested or injected intraperitoneally (IP). Chromatographic procedures were established for the separation of AAS, AA and their metabolites in urine and tissue extracts. Ninety percent of the 14 C or 35 S was excreted in the urine within 24 hours following the IP injection of 14 C or 35 S-AAS into the rat. The compound excreted was not AAS, however, studies indicated the 14 C and 35 S were in the same molecule. Eight to 13% of the total 14 C and/or 35 S was recovered as a yet unidentified compound collected from rats fed 14 C and/or 35 S-AAS orally. The amount of 14 C or 35 S in the feces varied with time. Fifty to 70\% of the 14 C from 14 C-AAS was recovered as 14 CO₂ in 24 hours. Microbial degradation may have been partially responsible for the 14 CO₂ release. Less than 0.1\% of the 14 C or 35 S was found in any tissue examined.

CONCLUSIONS:

Ascorbate-2-sulfate injected intraperitoneally or fed orally is probably of little if any beneficial value to the rat but the rat is not an AA dependent mammal. The ascorbate sulfate isolated from urine of man and rat can be considered an ascorbic acid metabolite. Nutritional Requirements of Military Personnel (Cont)

STUDY NO. 2

Vitamin A Requirement of the Adult Human

PROBLEM:

Although vitamin A is one of the most important nutrients for the maintenance of life, health, vision, and reproduction, limited information is available for the adult human as to its metabolites, mode of action or minimal daily requirement. In view of this dearth of information, an extensive study was undertaken to induce a deficiency of vitamin A in adult male human volunteers and study their requirement and metabolism of the vitamin.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

As was previously reported, eight human volunteers were maintained in a metabolic ward and placed on a vitamin A depletion and repletion regimen. Because of the magnitude of data obtained from the study, extensive evaluations were necessary before interpretations and conclusions would be presented. Although the analysis of the data is not entirely completed, certain conclusions are now possible.

A deficiency in vitamin A was induced in the volunteer subjects as evidenced by biochemical, clinical, ophthalmological, or isotopic labeling findings. The clinical and ophthalmological changes were associated with decreased body pools of vitamin A, reduced utiliztion rates, and lowered plasma levels of the vitamin. An intake of 150 μ g/day of retinol corrected the dark adaptation impairment but was inadequate to reverse the observed abnormal electroretinograms. An intake of 600 µg/day of retinol appeared to be marginal in correcting the electroretinogram changes present in two subjects. This level of retinol intake would probably result in a plasma retinol level of 20 μ g/100 ml or above, but a plasma level of 30 μ g/100 ml or above could not be ensured without an intake of $1200 \ \mu g/day$ of retinol. The amount of β -carotene necessary to meet the vitamin A requirement of adult men appeared to be approximately twice that of retinol although in some instances the amount required appeared to be less than double. Based on the radiometric findings of body pools of vitamin A and on vitamin A utilization rates, the maintenance of a plasma vitamin A level above 30 μ g/100 ml would be necessar, to ensure modest body stores of the vitamin. At this plasma vitamin A level, the utilization rate of vitamin A ranged from 570 to 1250 μ g/day.

CONCLUSIONS:

A deficiency in vitamin A was induced experimentally in eight human volunteer subjects as evidenced by clinical, ophthalmological, bio-

Nutritional Requirements of Military Personnel (Cont)

chemical, or isotopic labeling findings. The ophthalmological and clinical changes were associated with decreased body pools of vitamin A, reduced utilization rates, and lowered plasma levels of the vitamin. The adult human male appears to require at least $600 \ \mu g/day$ of retinol to prevent or cure eye changes and perhaps more to reverse cutaneous changes. The requirement for β -carotene is approximately 1200 $\mu g/day$. These levels of retinol and β carotene would not necessarily support optimal levels of plasma vitamin A. Intakes of 1200 $\mu g/day$ of retinol or 2400 $\mu g/day$ of β carotene appear necessary to ensure plasma vitamin A levels above 30 $\mu g/100$ ml which are judged desirable.

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3A762760A822	Military Internal Medicine
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WORK UNIT NO.	630	Nutrition Studies in Support of DOD Food Program

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Nutrition Surveys of Military Populations and Installations:

- a. Lowry AFB, CO, 13-21 Jul 71
- b. Ft. Lewis, WA, 11 Oct-5 Nov 71
- c. Ft. Myer, VA, 15-26 May 72
- d. ENT-Peterson AFB, CO, Oct-Nov 73
- STUDY NO. 2 Calculation of Nutrition Intake of American POWs from Recall Interviews
- STUDY NO. 3 Study of the Rangers During Training, Ft. Benning, GA

STUDY NO. 4 Military Nutrition Studies: Biochemical Support

Study No. 1. The nutrition survey studies have all been listed under Study No. 1 of this work unit. The reports of the nutrition survey conducted at Lowry AFB, Colorado; Ft. Myer, Virginia, and Ft. Lewis, Washington are being completed. A survey was completed at ENT-Peterson AFB, Colorado. The data have been coded and keypunched. Statistical analyses are in progress.

Study No. 2. Based on dietary recall, histories obtained by the dieticians ac participating US Army and US Navy hospitals, the dietary intakes of returning US prisoners of war have been calculated. Data on 241 POWs have been evaluated for various intervals of incarceration. Nutrient intakes for all men have been calculated for 1190 intake periods.

Study No. 3. A study was conducted to determine whether or not US Rangers in training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, require increased rations. Large body weight losses and significant decrements of work performance

were observed in the men during phases of the training. These changes appear to justify a 10 to 15% increase in daily calorie allowances.

Study No. 4. An optimized erythrocyte transaminase procedure was utilized on samples obtained from three military nutrition studies. Selected mineral analyses were performed with the use of atomic absorption techniques on serum samples obtained from ENT AFB, CO.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	086	Nutrition Studies in Support of DOD Food Program
STUDY NO.	1-a	Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado

PROBLEM:

The effort by all three services to make the service operated dining halls and the military subsistence more appealing to the young military member coincides with the incorporation of many new food items which have not been thoroughly studied for nutritional quality or nutrient content. In addition, the incorporation of new foods and feeding systems has stimulated various concerned elements of the established food production industry, nutritionists and food scientists to question the adequacy of the new feeding systems. To adequately respond to these criticisms more information is required which can be supplied through surveys of DOD units and DOD dining facilities.

The military nutritional standards are designed to provide adequate nutrition to military personnel under normal conditions and to provide energy in sufficient quantities to maintain body weight most conducive to their will-being and health. However, the standards also allow a margin of safety for variations in body size.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Study No. 1-a. The Lowry AFB survey was of limited scope and was designed to evaluate the acceptability and utilization of short order lines as compared to the standard serving line. The facility surveyed provided support to two training squadrons housed in the same building. The data (Table 1) indicate the "subsistence in kind" personnel (the trainees) utilized the facility as follows: 32% consumed only one meal a day; 42.9% eating two meals; and 25% consuming three meals. The overall utilization by the trainees was 63% for all days and up to 67.3% during the week days. This was a good dining facility and was used once a day by many individuals receiving a ration allowance. The inclusion of this group distorts the picture for the "entire population." An average of 888 total men were observed per day with an average of 7/8 of them receiving "subsistence in kind." The popularity and percentage of men utilizing various meal combinations throughout the day are depicted in Table 2. More than 45% of the personnel surveyed utilized the short order line for at least one meal during an average day and at least 16% received all their meals consumed in the dining facility from the short order lines. For the "subsistence in kind" group, the same two values are respectively 49% and 17%, which might indicate

that those persons expected to utilize the dining facilities more throughout the day are more ept to favor the short order line for some part of the day but it may more reflect the eating habits of the youthful students as compared to the cadre who were utilizing the facility as a convenience.

In general, foods such as fruits, fruit juices, soups, gravies, dairy products, jams, jellies, soft drinks, most entrees, cereals, etc. were highly acceptable as demonstrated by fairly low plate wastes. However, items such as assorted cakes, pies, assorted polatoes, breads and most salads and vegetables had fairly high wastes.

CONCLUSIONS:

The daily caloric intake for the students subsisted within this one dining facility was 2265 kcal/day but no information was available to indicate the amount consumed outside of the facility. Caloric intake of meals from the short order line was higher than observed at the regular meals.

STUDY NO. 1-b

Ft. Lewis, Washington (See USAMRNL Annual Progress Report, IY 72, for more details.)

PROBLEM:

The introduction of the short order and speciality houses in military dining halls was designed to provide military personnel the opportunity to obtain food items more in keeping with their previous cating practices and habits. At Ft. Lewis, the Centralized Army Feeding System (CAFE) was instituted to evaluate the economics of such a system and to determine the impact of the system upon food acceptability and meal attendance. The CAFE preparation area, a short order house; a specialty house, a conventional dining facility and a dining facility serving both short order and regular food items were surveyed along with a representative sample of the consumers. In addition basic trainees and the supporting dining facility were surveyed but the findings were reported previously.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The experimental feeding system involved a central food preparation, with distribution of frozen, precooked foods to satellite dining halls for reconstitution (heating) and serving. A centralized scullery for dishwashing was an integral part of the study.

The average man eating at Ft. Lewis CAFE consumed only 1.57 meals/day during the entire survey period, which represents a utilization rate of 52% based on a 3 meal/day authorization. The daily caloric intakes consumed in the dining facilities averaged 2475 kcal. Intakes of protein, calcium, vitamin A and vitamin C was adequate. See Annual Progress Report for FY 72.

The plate wastes calculated by food groups illustrated that the combination dining hall had, in most instances the highest wastes of any of the 4 dining halls. This could have been due to the great variety of foods served in that dining hall and limited effort at portion control of many items.

The combined waste for all dining halls showed 32 of the food items served had plate wastes above 20%. In all probability this was due to the heavily weighted waste data from the combination house.

CONCLUSIONS:

Despite the many innovations designed to increase dining hall utilization (availability of a large variety of foods for extended hours, remodeling the speciality and short order houses to resemble a restaurant and snack bar, including booths, tablecloths, juke boxes, etc., and serving short order items to order), the attendance dia not appear to be greater than that observed on other posts. The daily head counts of all the dining areas indicated that the men ate less than 2 meals/day within the military dining facilities. This may also reflect the fact hat even the majority of the enlisted personnel not authorized to draw quarters allowance were living away from the post under the, then new, liberalized pass policy.

STUDY NO. 1-c Ft. Myer, Virginia

PROBLEM:

The primary objective was to evaluate an all civilian catering service being utilized in the Tri-Service Dining Hall at Ft. Myer, VA, where the contractor was responsible for procurement, preparation, serving and clean-up (including waste disposal).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

This dining hall had an elaborate feeding system that was designed to feed up to 2200 individuals/meal period. Ten separate meals were possible. The overall dining hall attendance for the entire study

indicated that 64.3% ate only one meal/day; 25.4% ate 2 meals/day, and only 8.4% ate 3 meals/day (Table 3). A further breakdown of the data shows that only 1.29% of all individuals ate the three regular meals (breakfast, lunch and supper); 5.29% ate the main breakfast and main supper meals, and 3.07% ate the main breakfast and main supper meals, and 3.07% ate the main dinner and supper meal. (Table 4). The small attendance at these meals is due in part to the great variety of other meals being served during the day. However the major reason for low attendance was that the majority of personnel subsisted in this facility were assigned to duties throughout the District of Columbia and could not readily return for mid work-shift meals.

Although the regular breakfast, dinner and supper meals were most popular (Table 4), the attendance averaged only 32% of the total population for the main breakfast meal, 26% for the main lunch and 31% for the main supper. With the exception of the continental breakfast meal, the nutrient intakes based on the consumption of any three meals fulfilled the military allowances. (See Annual Progress Report FY 73.)

Milk intakes were low when compared to previous studies. The highest intakes for any three meals averaged 799 g/day. Although reported on a daily average, milk intake at Ft. Huachuca was 1119 g/day; Ft. Carson, 1150 g/day, and 1378 g/day - Ft. Benning Ranger study. In past studies, milk was readily available but not at Ft. Myer. The discrepancies could be related to the high consumption of carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks which were available at every meal.

The data suggest fairly poor acceptability of many food items which appeared to be related to the use of leftovers. Although the use of leftovers may have been the contractor's means of economizing, the resulting high plate waste suggesting low acceptability were common. Items with apparent low acceptability included salads, soups, cakes, pies, puddings and Jello.

Eaible plate wastes observed in this study were considerably higher than observed in past nutrition surveys at military installations. Frequently, food was prepared too far in advance for the dinner and supper meals and was usually stored in heated ovens and steamers for nours

The kitchen work appeared programmed to create shortages. In general, "backing up the line" (food replenishing) was slow and portions of the more acceptable food items were small which necessitated going through the serving line again for seconds. The necessity of the

individual consumer to sign the head count sheet a second time to receive seconds provided an additional source of revenue to the contractor, who was paid on the basis of the head counts.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. There is a major asset in utilizing a catering service to feed military personnel. Military personnel staffing to prepare meals and to support the dining facilities is drastically reduced.

2. In all recent surveys conducted the caloric intake from meals obtained in short order lines, a specialty house or a short order house has exceeded that normally consumed at a comparable conventional meal.

3. Recent surveys indicate that few military members will consume three meals a day within their military dining facility even when it is close by or when maximum effort is made to provide suitable meal hours.

STUDY NO. 1-d ENT-Peterson AFB, Colorado

PROBLEM:

The objective was to evaluate the nutritional status of the troops and to compare the nutrient intake from the dining halls and to determine the amount and type of food consumed from sources outside the military dining facilities. The utiliation of dining hall facilities was also evaluated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A nutrition survey was conducted of dining halls located at ENT AFB and Peterson Field, with particular attention given to the nutritional adequacy, quality, and selection of the foods served and the nutritional status of the individuals being served. Additional information was provided by 24-nour recall data and food diaries that indicated the food eaten away from the dining halls. Head counts and plate waste information were also gathered for evaluation. The head count data would provide information as to the number of meals consumed by each individual per day, and the type of meals consumed by these individuals (regular, short order, midnight supper, etc.).

Daily food intake and food waste data from the dining halls have been summarized and are now being evaluated. A sample of personnel receiving

subsistence-in-kind was selected at random from eight units. The men were interviewed on day 1 of the survey concerning food intake for the previous 24 hours and given diary cards for 7 days. On day 7, another interview verified and completed the food intake information for the seven days and a second set of diary cards was given to the subject which was verified on day 15. In this manner, 15 days of detailed food intake information were obtained for each man.

CONCLUSIONS:

The data from the ENT AFB and Peterson Field nutrition survey have been coded and verified for keypunching. The keypunching has been completed and computer files have been established and are being verified for accuracy. Descriptive statistics and statistical analyses are currently in progress but have been delayed due to problems in conversion of previously available programs to conform to the capabilities of the current computer hardware.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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ę	27.4	3.9	23.0	30.5	3.7	25.0
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Mean meals/ man/day	1.96	1.54	1.86	2.02	1.53	1.90
Average daily % utilization	y on 65.3	51.3	62.0	67.3	51.0	63.3

Dining Hall Utilization. Percent Colorado Nutrition Survey: LOWLY AFR. TAPLE 1

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Survey: Meal		All days	8		11.5	11.3	7.0		7.4	6.2	5.4	5.7	5.0	5.0	4.3		U.4		C.4		ی۔ د	2.4	2.4	2.0	1.7		1.9	1.6	1.2		1.1	each utilized
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Percentage eating	Weekdays 8	Weekend days 2	all days 10
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5 meals per day More than 5 meals	0.2 0.1	0.2	0.1
per day 1ean meals per man per day	1.42	1.39	1.42
Average daily % utilization	47.3	46.3	47.3

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* Includes individuals who had second helpings.

			Total for
	Weekdays	Weekend days	all days
Meals	8	2	10
Main breakfast	16.8	10.8	15.9
Main dinner	12.7	15.2	13.1
Main su pper	13.3	14.4	13.5
Late supper	9.2	5.8	9.7
Midnight supper	2.2	1.9	2.1
Continental breakfast	3.2	1.6	3.0
Short order lunch	2.2	7.3	3.0
Diet lunch**	1.6	-	-
Short order supper	3.7	4.4	3.8
Diet supper**	1.8	-	-
Main breakfast-dinner	2.1	0.7	1.9
Main breakfast-supper	5.9	1.8	5.3
Main breakfast-late supper	2.3	1.1	2.1
Main dinner-supper	2.6	5.8	3.1
Main supper-late supper	1.4	3.0	1.6
Main breakfast-dinner-supper	1.4	0.9	1.3

TABLE 4. Ft. Myer, Virginia Survey: Percent of Personnel Utilizing Various Meal Combinations*.

* All other 2-3 meal combinations showed percentage utilization to be below 1%.

** These meals only available weekdays.

STUDY NO. 2 Calculation of Nutrient Intake of American POWs from Recall Interviews

PROBLEM:

This unit was involved in the task of calculating estimates of nutrient intakes of repatriated American POWs (Project Homecoming). Information from recall dietary histories collected by dieticians at the various military hospitals was compiled and analyzed by computer techniques.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Dietary histories of 241 Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel were studied, calculated and coded for computer analysis. A total of 1190 dietary periods were evaluated and nutrient intake estimated. It became apparent that the time of capture was a major factor as the prisoners were in captivity for various periods. The longest period of captivity was more than 100 months and the least was only three months. A computer was utilized to break down each man's diet by one month periods with January 1965 as month one. The data in Table 1 show the number of individuals used in calculating the means and percentages of the various nutrient intakes.

In general, the daily diet consisted of two meals of a staple, either rice or bread, or both, a watery soup of vegetables and pork fat, and an occasional side dish. The side dishes were a mixture of vegetables, meat or fruit and many miscellaneous and exotic items. After 1969, a third meal was introduced and milk consumption increased.

Table 5 shows the average daily intake of several nutrients as they changed over time. Most of the increases reflect an increase in the quantity of food although the quality of food also improved during the later years. As can be seen in Table 5, the percent of POWs with diet deficiencies was quite low from 1969 through repatriation.

CONCLUSIONS:

There are many problems with interpretation of these data because many related factors are unknown. Such factors are diseases or gastrointestinal problems, parasite load, exercise or work load and nutrient losses in cooking. These factors plus the long recall period prohibit extensive interpretation of these data. In addition the data derived represent that obtained from the survivors of the callivity and may or may not represent that which would be pertinent

NUTRIENT 1965 1967 1969 1971	1965	1967	1969	1971	1973
Number of PWs included	3	57	173	196	247
Energy (kcal)	581	1473	1600	2054	2105
% of PWs consuming <1800 Cal/day	100	75	66	43	47
PROTEIN, gm	14	40	50	70	76
	23	14	15	24	29
k protein irom animal bource % of PWs consuming <30 gm/day	100	28	18	7	9
FAT, gm	16	33	32	42	109
% fat from animal source	91	78	61	62	
IRON, mg	4.7	14.5	13.5	15.9	15.1
% of PWs consuming <8 mg/day	56	19	23	13	16
VITAMIN A, IU	3458	9393	9327	11179	11163
% of PWs consuming <1500 IU/day	33	5	11	6	6
THIAMIN, mg	0.29	0.54	0.67	0.85	0.74
% of PWs consuming <0.5 mg/day	100	53	32	14	
RIBOFLAVIN, mg	0.25	0.63	0.71	1.08	1.24
Z cf PWs consuming <0.5 mg/day	100	47	27	10	9
NIACIN, mg	6.17	7.04	8.70	11.38	13.37
% of PWs consuming <4.4,mg/day	66		10	3	2
VITAMIN C, mg	43	105	92	109	1 06
% of PUs consuming <15 mg/day	33	4	8	2	3

to all prisoners. It appears, that after 1969 and except for the individual's post captive readjustment period, the group as a whole had no serious nutritional problems. However, there were individuals within the group who did have nutritional deficiencies and associated problems.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 3

Survey of the Rangers During Training, Ft. Benning, GA.

PROBLEM:

The primary objective of this study was to determine whether or not U.S. Rangers in training require increased rations. Body weight, heights, selected skinfolds and other anthropometric measurements, fasting bloods and urines were obtained from all men completing the Ranger training. Maximal performances on the treadmill were measured on 25 men prior to training, at the end of restriction and training (15 men) and after 3-4 days of rehabilitation on a normal ration.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS:

The study was conducted during the period of July-September, 1973. Body weights, skinfolds from 4 sites, 3 body circumferences and overnight fasting urinary specimens were obtained during control period, at the end of 19 days (or Ft. Benning phase), 37 days (or Mountain Training phase), 43 days (prior to 12 days (FTX) on reduced rations), and 55, 56,57, and 58 days (end of Florida jungle training until graduation). Average weights showed minimal decreases (0.4, 1.9, and 1.0 kg) from the initial weight on days 19, 37, and 43, respectively. All of the men lost 3 or more kilograms of weight during the 12-day FTX. By the end of the FTX, 43% of the men had lost over 10% of their initial weight, and 4% lost over 14% body weight. Freliminary observation suggests that body weight losses paralleled losses in skinfold thickness, suggesting that 50 to 60% of the weight loss was due to fat. The post training data are being filed into the computer for calculation and statistical evaluation.

Urinary specific gravities were significantly increased after the Ft. Benning phase and immediately after the restriction or jungle phase, suggesting dehydration or voluntary water restriction. Most blood values were essentially unchanged with the exception of significantly increased ascorbic acid levels and reduced serum protein levels but no changes diagnostic of dehydration.

Maximal oxygen uptakes were reduced immediately after the restriction or jungle phase, and although these values returned toward normal, they were still significantly reduced after 3 to 4 days, as were heart rates, pulmonary ventilation and oxygen uptakes in ml/kg/min, reflecting reduced work times (or lack of motivation).

CONCLUSION:

Large body weight losses and significant decrements of work performance (as measured by treadmill testing) were observed in the men during Ranger Training. These changes would justify a 10 to 15% increase in daily caloric allowances.

RECOMMENDATION:

Publish a laboratory report substantiating the recommendation for increased ration allowances during Ranger Training.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 4

Military Nutrition Surveys: Biochemical Support

PROBLEM:

To provide biochemical support to the military nutrition surveys. Additional studies were conducted as an aid in evaluating dietary adequacy of selected trace minerais (Mg++, Cu++, Zn++). Information will also be compiled with respect to erythrocyte GOT as analyzed by an improved spectrophotometric procedure.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Personnel and analytical support were provided the nutrition study conducted at Ft. Benning, Georgia (pre- and post Ranger Training study) and the nutrition survey conducted at Fnt Air Force Base, Colorado during FT 74.

Serum samples from 452 subjects at Ent AFB have been analyzed for magnesium and zinc. Reconstituted chemistry control serum was employed throughout analyses as a quality control. The mean serum magnesium level was 20.1 micrograms/ml with a range of 13.6 to 26.6. Zinc determinations are currently being compiled for computer evaluation, while copper analyses must await A.A.S. equipment reestablishment at LAIR, PSF.

Erythrocyte glutamic-oxalacetic transaminase (EGOT) measurements derived from a revised spectrophotometric procedure were performed on 257 subjects prior to, and 127 subjects upon completion of Ranger

Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and 451 subjects at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado. The EGOT procedure was performed with and without the addition of pyridox 1-PO₄ (P-PO₄) to the assay medium, so that the stimulation coefficient (S.C. = +1 -PO₄) could be calculated as a probable index of vitamin B₆ cofactor enzyme saturation. The results are summarized in the table below.

SUMMARY OF EGOT MEASUREMENTS Ft. Benning, GA Rangers					
Measurement	Before Training	After Training	ENT AFB, CO Personnel		
Stimulation Coefficient:					
	1.992	1.746	1.674		
	(1.491-2.367)*	(1.521-2.352)	(1.368-2.188)		
EGOT Activity	(I.U./ml Erythro	ocytes):			
	1.214	1.333	1.050		
	(1.298-3.705)*	(0.857-2.169)	(0.503-2.099)		

*Mean values with range indicated in parenthesis.

The data are currently being correlated with the information obtained f om other vitamin B_6 measurements performed on blood and urine samples collected on the same subjects, to evaluate the possible relationships among the various assays. Summarized below are the findings on the vitamin B_6 content of plasma and red blood cells collected during the military nutrition studies conducted at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Ent AFB, Colorado.

VITAMIN B ₆ CONTENT OF PLASMA AND RED BLOOD CELLS Ft. Benning, GA Rangers						
Vitamin B ₆ Content (ng/ml)*	Before Training	After Training	ENT AFB, CO Personnel			
Plasma	15.1	19.4	18.5			
	(132)*	(134)	(459)			
RBC	13.3	22.9	24.5			
	(132)*	(124)	(462)			

*Total vitamin B, content as determined by Sacch. uvarum assay. Numbers in parenthesis indicate number of subjects studied.

Due to the large number of samples processed, storage time became an unavoidable and disconcerting variable in the vitamin B_6 assays. The need exists for a the ough examination of storage conditions, sample handling, and dietary interrelationship influences upor the various vitamin B_6 assay determinations before any direct conclusions can be drawn from a given set of results. A detailed investigation involving a controlled human vitamin B_6 deficiency-repletion study is essential for a proper evaluation of current vitamin B_6 assays, including EGOT.

CONCLUSIONS:

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Analytical support and personnel were provided the military nutrition studies conducted at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Ent AFB, Colorado. Biochemical data derived from these surveys are tabulated by computer for storage and detailed evaluation.

PUBLICATIONS:

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ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO. 3A762760A822

TASK NO. 00

WORK UNIT NO. 155 More Effective Topical Repellents Against Malaric Bearing Mosquitoes

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Field trials of candidate mosquito repellents.

STUDY NO. 2 Normal distribution of repellent protection time against mosquitoes.

- STUDY NO. 3 Moen-Chase guinea pigs as model hosts for mosquito repellent screening.
- STUDY NO. 4 Confirmation of validity of four-site repellent screening method.

Field trials of three candidate repellents showed that laboratory screening methods could predict the relative efficacy of repellents in the field. Laboratory screening of N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) has indicated that DEET dry protection time (DPT) could be described by a reproducible normal distribution. Moen-Chase guinea pigs, which are also normally distributed in terms of DPT, have been shown to be a valid model host with DPT's longer than human DPT's. Guinea pigs were found to be difficult to handle in repellent screening tests.

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BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT 155	More Effective Topical Repellents Against Malaria Bearing Mosquitoes
STUDY NO. 1	Field Trial of Candidate Mosquito Repellents

PROBLEM:

To determine if our laboratory results would predict a repellent's relative protection time under actual field conditions, a field study was undertaken to compare three repellents (cyclohexamethylene-carbamide, n-butanehexamethyleneimine-sulfonamide and tryethylene glycol ether (SRI-6) to the standard military repellent, DEET.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Preliminary testing was done to determine the feasibility of a field trial method which was found to be satisfactory. Actual field testing at Camp Lejeune, NC, using a four-site technique produced the same relative comparison to DEET as was determined in laboratory tests (Table 1).

CONCLUSIONS:

Carbamide and sulfonamide gave significantly longer protection time than DEET in the laboratory and significantly less bites than DEET under field conditions, while SRI-6 offered protection which was not significantly different from DEET. For the mosquito species and field conditions encountered, the laboratory screening procedure appears to have predicted the field results.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The four-site and repellent testing technique should be instituted as a screening method which makes more efficient use of manpower.

PUBLICATIONS:

Shimmin RK, Bayles SF, Spencer TS, Akers WA, Grothaus RH: Four-site Nethod for Mosquito Repellent Field Trials. Presented at the National Meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association, Anaheim, CA, February, 1974. (To be published in the proceedings.)

Table 1

Ranking of Repellents: Lab and Field

	LAIR	Camp Le	jeune
	X Hrs Protection	Total Bites/Hr 6,7 Aug (0700) ¹	Total Bites/Hr 8 Aug ²
Carbamide	17.4 ± 5.1*	0*	3*
Sulfonamide	14.3 ± 5.6*	2*	8*
SRI-6	7.8 ± 4.9	15	50
DEET	6.6 ± 1.7	21	66
Application rates	0.31 mg/cm ²	0.48 mg/cm ²	0.31 mg/cm ²
Number of volunteers	8-28	12	12

*Significantly different from DEET at 95% level.

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STUDY NO. 2

Normal Distribution of Repellent Protection Time Against Mosquitoes

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PROBLEM:

To determine how repellent efficacy is affected by individual variability, dry protection times against mosquitoes were determined for a closed group of subjects. Information on relative ranking of individuals within the group was necessary for comparison with other physical attributes.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Two groups of 32 volunteers were tested in February and October of 1973 using DEET at 0.31 mg/cm². Test results in each case delineated a normal distribution of repellent dry protection times (DPT), the typical biological distribution expected from a normal population. Mean DPT's were 6.8 ± 1.9 hours for DEET applied at 0.31 mg/cm² in February and 7.1 ± 1.8 hours in October. Furthermore, relative ranks within the profile were the same for volunteers who participated in both tests, and the linear correlation was significant at the 5% level (r = 0.559, N = 14).

In a year of testing using the four-site method, the one-year mean average DPT afforded by DEET applied at 0.31 mg/cm^2 has been 6.7 hours, which is consistent with the profile tests.

CONCLUSIONS:

As a result of the consistency between the annual DPT average and both profile tests, DEET should be an adequate control test standard in the search for a repellent better than DEET.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Test subjects should be randomly selected from a volunteer population which exhibits a normal distribution. Test results can then be evaluated more precisely since individual DPT's in a given test can be compared to the position in a known population profile.

PUBLICATIONS:

Spencer TS, Bayles SF, Shimmin RK, Gabel ML, Akers WA: Interactions between mosquito repellents and human skin. Proceedings of the Ninth Army Science Conference, West Point, NY, 1974. STUDY NO. 3

Moen-Chase Guinea Pigs as Model Hosts for Mosquito Repellent Screening

PROBLEM:

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To develop an animal host for mosquito repellent screening, the relationship between repellent efficacy on guinea pigs and man had to be determined.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A testing procedure has been developed which permitted a direct comparison of repellent dry protection times (DPT) for guinea pigs and men. Using this method, we established a direct relationship between DPT's on guinea pigs and humans for the standard Army repellent, DEET.

The repellent used in each of the 5 replicates was DEET (N,N-diethyl-mtoluamide) applied at 0.08 mg/cm² dose rate. This concentration provided enough sensitivity in the test to allow differences to be easily observed. Test subjects, both human and animal, were randomly selected from normal populations. Repellent sites were tested each hour until two bites were received.

Dry protection time (DPT) afforded by DEET to guinea pigs was compared to men in 8 replications over one year. Each replication was on a different day and against a different population of mosquitoes (Table 2).

Standard deviations of mean DPT for 8 populations of guinea pigs appeared to be about twice as great as those for corresponding populations of humans. By pairing results from one replication on men which were tested against the same population of mosquitoes, an F ratio was determined (Table 2). F ratios for any of the 8 comparisons were significant at the 5% level indicating that populations of guinea pigs had the same degree of variation as human populations. Thus, the techniques used on the guinea pigs and men are similar statistically and may be compared directly to one another. A least squares plot of the differences between the mean DPT's for guinea pigs and the mean DPT's for humans versus the mean DPT's for the guinea pigs had an r-correlation of 0.94 which is significant at the 0.1% level.

CONCLUSIONS:

A standardized testing technique has been developed which permits comparing the DPT of a repellent on a guinea pig to the same repellent used on men. It is possible to estimate the mean DPT for DEET at 0.08 mg/cm^2 for a randomly selected sample of Moen-Chase guinea pigs.

Table 2

Guinea Pig and Human

Dry Protection Times in Hours

Replicate	Guinea Pig	Human	Differences
1	5.1 ± 6.3	2.8 ± 3.4	2.4
2	2.5 ± 3.0	1.3 ± 1.6	1.2
3	4.5 ± 4.5	1.5 ± 1.8	3.0
4	4.1 ± 5.0	1.7 ± 2.1	2.4
5	2.9 ± 2.6	1.9 ± 2.3	1.0
6	5.2 ± 1.0	1.9 ± 0.6	3.3
7	5.7 ± 2.3	2.2 ± 1.2	3.5
8	6.0 ± 1.4	2.2 ± 0.8	3.8

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Correlations between human dry protection times against mosquitoes and protection afforded other potential animal models should be carried out to extend the range of available model hosts.

PUBLICATIONS:

Bayles SF, Shimmin RK, Spencer TS, Akers WA: Moen-Chase guinea pigs as model hosts for mosquito repellent screening. Report No. 20, Task Force on Insect Transmitted Disease of the National Program for Dermatology, Department of Dermatology Research, Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129, 1974.

STUDY NO. 4

Confirmation of Validity of Four-Site Repellent Screening Technique Contraction of the second second

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The significance of possible sources of variation in the four-site screening test method needed to be evaluated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A series of tests were carried out to identify sources of variation in the four-site repellent screening test method. (1) Cyclical rhythm of testing was investigated over a 60-hour interval. (2) The size of the test site on an individual's forearm was studied as a function of the area exposed to mosquitoes. (3) The effect of differing photoperiods on the test mosquitoes was studied.

Results show no cyclical effect was observed over a 60-hour period on the dry protection time afforded by DEET. Moreover, variation of the test site area exposed to mosquitoes did not affect repellent protection times determined in the four-site test technique.

Finally, changing the photoperiod of test mosquitoes from 24 hours of light to 8 hours of light and 16 of dark had little effect on test results. The 8/16-light/dark period, however, terminated the experiment at eight hours and prevented differentiation among repellents.

CONCLUSIONS:

The four-site test method for screening repellents has been shown to be effective and economical in terms of the number of man-hours necessary to carry out a screening test. Individual variability in repellent screening has been eliminated as a major factor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The four-site screening method for mosquito repellent formulations should be used as a standard method in the search for a better mosquito repellent.

PUBLICATIONS:

Brodel CF, Spencer TS, Akers WA: Evaluation of three mosquito repellent screening methods. Report No. 18, Department of Dermatology Research, Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, CA, 1974.

Spencer TS, Shimmin RK, Bayles SF, Akers WA: Consideration of repellent screening standards. Report No. 20, Task Force on Insect Transmitted Disease of the National Program for Dermatology, Department of Dermatology Research, Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, CA, 1974.

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ABSTRACT

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WORK UNIT NO. 157

Studies on Blistering Produced by Mechanical, Thermal and Chemical Agents

In seeking ways to prevent friction blisters on the soldier's hands and feet and finding better treatment methods when they occur, we conducted studies on friction blisters in volunteers using twist and linear rubbing machines. With the basic studies completed, we are ready to search for friction reducing materials for boots, socks, and man's skin, but we need accurate measurements of the forces involved. Progress has been halted because our consultants have not been successful in incorporating a 4 mm strain gauge in the rubbing head of our machine that was capable of measuring up to 3500 g/cm of torque.

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Friction blisters, often considered crivial, produce significant man-days lost from pain and secondary infection especially among recruits in training, and even in experienced soldiers who must march several miles during hot weather. We have developed machines to produce friction blisters on the heels and palms of volunteers and have published results on ascertaining frictional blistering thresholds, effect of moisture, blister fluid chemistry, histopathology, healing, treatment, and some physiological studies of blisters in man.

Our next effort concerns a search for footwear materials to reduce friction against the skin of men's feet. This requires accurate mensuration of the shear and torque forces involved. Our Mark VII friction blister machine can not be calibrated dynamically to provide data accurate enough for statistical analysis. Moving only 0.5 cm on a man's heel presents a different skin with its own unique frictional characteristics. We have demonstrated differences between similar sites on the right and left heels. Over the past 2 years, our consultants and their contractors have failed to produce a strain gauge to permit calibration of the head of our friction blister machine where it rubs against the skin. Several other calibration devices including a torque arm and a pony orake failed to give a reproducible calibration. The rubbing machine has a constant speed rotary motor with a crank to produce a to-and-fro motion to simulate the forces against the skin on walking.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

We aided U.S. Air Force dermatologists in the conduct of a retrospective and prospective study on the incidence and morbidity from blisters during Air Force recruit training. Preliminary data from the retrospective study revealed of each 100 recruits, 9 had to be recycled in their training and one hospitalized from inability to perform training or because of infection of friction blisters on the feet.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Our consultant believes he can fabricate the necessary small strain gauge 4 mm in length to measure up to 3500 g/cm of torque.

Studies on Blistering Produced by Mechanical, Thermal and Chemical Agents (Cont)

PUBLICATIONS:

Brown RN, Blase GL, Akers WA, Griffin TB: Studies on experimental friction blister, II. A device to produce and measure friction blistering, Report No. 22, Letterman Army Institute of Research, Presidio of San Francisco, 21 June 1974.

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WORK UNIT NO. 160

Clinical Evaluation of alpha Cyanoacrylates and Treatment of Friction Blisters

A bandage to be used by the soldier in the field for raw blister bases, abrasions, and scratches to lessen pain and the chances of infection is being sought. Isoamyl cyanoacrylate, a liquid plastic material, has performed well in the laboratory and 2 small field studies. A definitive clinical trial is planned.

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PROBLEM:

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We are seeking a field treatment for blisters and minor skin injuries on the feet of soldiers. The present antibiotic ointment-bandage treatment method is not carried to the field by soldiers and must be applied several times a day. The liquid tissue adhesive, isoamyl cyanoacrylate, upon one application to the raw blister base leaves a thin plastic film that reduces pain, permits walking, adheres for 4 to 6 days, and apparently reduces the chance of infection in laboratory and 2 small field trials. We are planning a collaborative study with the U.S. Air Force at the Lackland Air Force Base recruit training center to compare the present treatment of blister to isoamyl cyanoacrylate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

To determine the population sample size necessary to compare the two treatments a survey of foot blisters and their complications was accomplished by 2 Air Force dermatologists from Wilford Hall Air Force Hospital under our guidance and advice. The results will be reported by them.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

When a date for the treatment study is determined the formal request to conduct the study will be made to the Army Investigational Drug Review Board, and appropriate Army and Air Force offices.

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WORK UNIT NO. 162

Studies on the Effects of Heat and Humidity upon the Human Skin with Particular Emphasis on Prickly Heat and Consequent Disabling Dermatoses 道を読得るこ

No investigator has been available to assign to this project. Prickly heat rash (miliaria) produces severe pruritis hypohidrosis lasting 3 weeks and which interferes markedly with body cooling especially in tropical climates. Miliaria is produced by placing an occlusive, pliable plastic film intimately against the skin for 48 hours. No effective therapy has been found to restore sweating rapidly, and prophylactic agents that work would be impractical or unacceptable to troops.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 162

Studies on the E-fect of Heat and Humidity upon the Human Skin with Particular Emphasis on Prickly Heat and Consequent Disabling Dermatoses

PROBLEM:

Besides robbing a soldier of sleep from incessant itching, prickly heat rash (miliaria) produces a profound hypohidrosis that persists for 2 to 3 weeks after the rash has disappeared. Experimentally induced miliaria involving as little as 20% of the body surface causes severe heat retention problems in soldiers performing in a tropical environment. We have found no effective treatment to restore normal sweating in less than 7 days. The only preventive measures are dehumidification and topical anhydrous lanolin, 2 of its constituents, chloramphenicol, and neomycin. Maintaining the acid pH of the skin by various substances lessens the severity and the consequent hypohidrosis of the individual miliaria.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

We have reached an impasse in finding prophylactic and therapeutic agents. Hopefully, work on the physical chemistry of stratum corneum (Work Unit No. 164) will provide new leads. We have not had an investigator to assign to the miliaria project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We expect to have an investigator assigned in August 1975 to work on the project.

PUBLICATIONS:

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WORK UNIT NO. 163

Role of Skin Lipids in Prevention and Control of Infectious Disease in Military Personnel.

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Computer Calculations of Lipid Concentrations From Integrated Band Intensities in the Infrared.

STUDY NO. 2 High Performance Liquid Chromatography of Lipids.

STUDY NO. 3 Precision Flow Rate Measurement in Liquid Chromatography.

STUDY NO. 4 Improvement and Automation of Solvent Changing in High Performance Liquid Chromatography.

Gains in productivity through semi-automation or automation of laboratory procedures is important by itself but especially so in this laboratory because of the high turnover rate of personnel. Improvements in the analysis of complex skin lipids are proceeding in several directions but all with the goal of better separations and smaller sample sizes. This is essential for the study of the role of skin lipids in prevention and control of infectious disease in military personnel. Analysis of skin lipids collected during previous fungal studies has begun.

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Novel Data Acquisition and Computer Calculations of Lipid Concentrations from Integrated Band Intensities in the Infrared.

PROBLEM:

Quantitation of lipids by infrared analysis, especially quantitation of impure lipids, can be performed more accurately with more selectivity and with smaller quantities than is now possible with microgravimetric techniques. Calculations are very time consuming if the primary data obtained from the spectrometer have to be used.

Band intensities, so far, have been obtained by well known methods such as those of Wilson and Wells or Ramsay. A modified Ramsay method is useful but depends on certain assumptions. For instance, the absorption curve is assumed to follow a Lorentz curve. Because of manpower limitations, much of the tedium and much work can be saved if modern data acquisition methods and computer calculations are used. This is especially true if infrared spectra of crude lipids are analyzed because corrections due to interfering compounds can then easily be made.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The following new equipment and procedures were developed:

a. A scale expansion for modifying the secondary analog output from the existing infrared spectrometer was installed. This addition enables us to modify the sensitivity of the intensity of the difference spectrum at will over a wide range.

b. The analog signal was then modified by an integrating analog to digital conversion technique and the digital output from the intercoupler transmitted to an ASR 33 teletypewriter. The intercoupler allows recording of three-digit line numbers for series identification. The time interval between successive multiple readings can be chosen and optimized to the scanning speed of the spectrometer. Additional external signal controls including the formating for number of observations per line number were installed. Digital data were recorded on paper tape during the scanning of an infrared spectrum. With proper calibration tapes for known lipids, spectra of unknown lipids were recorded and processed off-line with our Hewlett-Packard 9820 system. The data collection system is fully operational. The data acquisition system was built around commercially available components and the design is such that it can be useful for data acquisition of almost any analog signal such as that from a pH meter.

c. Transmittance values of each individual data point recorded were formulated and corrected since deviation from Lambert-Beers law were observed. Corrections were made using convential polynomial curve fitting techniques. Subroutines for corrections of transmittance values due to interference from non-lipid components were written and the necessary subroutines incorporated into the overall computer program.

d. Several troublesome but minor problems in sample handling were overcome and new and more resistant cells to chemical attack are now routinely used.

CONCLUSIONS:

Our current infrared techniques for quantitation of lipid samples have been greatly simplified, made more efficient and analysis can be done with less highly trained personnel. The results are calculated automatically in off-line mode using our minicomputer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Spectra of a number of skin lipid samples, collected during previous fungal studies, were recorded on paper tape. A number of these paper tapes await computer evaluation. Many samples previously collected await analysis. Use of the system for lipid studies of the Dermatology program should continue and a number of publications written.

PUBLICATIONS:

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STUDY NO. 2

ligh Performance Liquid Chromatography of Lipids.

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PROBLEM:

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Spectacular advances in fundamental understanding of the chromatographic processes have been made during the past five years in many laboratories including our own. Improvements are proceeding in several directions but all with the goals of better resolution, faster analysis, smaller sample sizes and separation of mixtures now considered "impossible." In this study, improved separations of very small amounts of exceedingly complex skin lipids are investigated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

We have recognized the importance and usefulness of microparticle liquid chromatography columns and have prepared adsorbents and ion-exchange resins for a number of years. It becomes increasingly clear that not only the adsorbents and ion-exchange resins but the packing of the column influences reproducibility of retention time and resolution of the separations. Within the last 18 months, several resins and adsorbents as well as packed columns have become commerically available. No reports on use in lipid analysis were available. Several of these packings were tested and found not to be superior to our currently used agents and columns.

In order to reduce analysis and quantitate the goodness of resolution, several improvements in our computer programs were made.

CONCLUSIONS:

A limited number of experiments did not conclusively prove that expensive commercial column packings for high performance liquid chromatography were superior to our presently used packings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Improvement of high speed, high performance chromatography is very important, not only for the studies of the dermatology program, but for medical research. This work should continue and chromatography of lipids already collected in a number of fungal studies initiated.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 3

Precision Flow Rate Measurement in Liquid Chromatography.

PROBLEM:

Knowledge of the flow rate of a liquid during high performance liquid

chromatography is very important. Changes in flow rate very markedly affect retention time and resolution in the chromatography of complex biological samples. In the past, flow rates were measured by simple, unsophisticated techniques on an intermittent basis. Nevertheless, this required full time use of a technician and valuable material was lost during the procedure.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A new, low-cost detector was purchased. It is easy to use, has digital read-out and can be used on-line during chromatography. Although its accuracy and reliability was well proven in other laboratories, the instrument did not work well in our laboratory, but worked well at the manufacturer's plant. In consultation with our electronics consultant, it was finally established that high frequency noise due to line transients, electric ground, and people tending the equipment were the probable source.

Since similar difficulties had been experienced with other laboratory equipment, the problem needed to be investigated. At the suggestion of our electronic consultant, various voltage regulators, frequency filters and constant voltage transformers were tried to eliminate the problem. These devices proved satisfactory at times but not consistently. We have purchased a novel type of ultra-isolator which has been proven successful in computer installations plagued by similar problems. Installation is pending.

CONCLUSIONS:

A well proven, reliable instrument did not work in our institute because of transients injected over the Λ C-lines, personnel, etc. We are confident that the problem can be corrected shortly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

N.A.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 4

Improvement and Automation of Solvent Changing in High Performance Liquid Chromatography.

PROBLEM:

Competent operation of our high speed liquid chromatography system required two technicians in the past. One technician was needed to control manually sequential solvent changes and other functions. A competent electronic control system should be able to perform these functions automatically, more reproducibly, and more reliably and eliminate the need of one technician.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Our continuous market analysis of new trends in instrumentation and techniques for biomedical research suggested that the sequential timer made by HLS Industries, Sunnyvale, CA, was, on a cost-effectiveness basis, the most desirable system. The control system consists of a master timer and a series of timer modules which can be extended as needed. Each timer module can control four independent functions.

The exceptional flexibility suggested that the system will not become obsolete if requirements change. HLS, the electronics consultant at LAIR, and the principle investigator, together designed interfacing of the new system with the current manual system. After time consuming minor changes, the system became operational in late fall of 1973.

CONCLUSIONS:

A novel, automated sequential timing system has been successfully interfaced with the older timer system. Because of time limitations and other priorities, work was temporarily suspended.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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PUBLICATIONS:

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WORK UNIT NO. 164 Physical Chemical Characteristics of Human Stratum Corneum

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Temperature dependence of water content of human stratum corneum in vitro.

STUDY NO. 2 Transepidermal water loss and repellent protection time.

STUDY NO. 3 Spectroscopic study of stratum corneum.

Water content of human stratum corneum has been measured gravimetrically in vitro in relation to relative humidity (R.H.) and temperature. Stratum corneum water content decreased 50% when temperature was lowered from 35° C to 20° C at R.H. below 60%. Temperature dependence decreased with increasing R.H. until there was no detectable temperature dependence at 90% R.H. It was proposed that temperature changes could significantly affect water content and hence, pliability of skin at R.H. below 60%.

When transepidermal water loss from the forearm was measured using stale air hygrometry, an inverse correlation was found between repellent protection time and transepidermal water loss. The correlation was interpreted as an increase in permeability of the skin to the repellent or an increase in repellent evaporation with increasing transepidermal water loss.

Total ultraviolet emission spectra of hydrated and dry stratum corneur have been studied. The spectra have been shown to result from tryptophan residues in stratum corneum. Phosphorescence lifetime studies of tryptophan in various solvepts at 77° I have been measured.

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 WORK UNIT NO.
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 Physical Chemical Characteristics of Human Stratum Corneum.

 STUDY NO. 1
 Temperature Dependence of Water Content of Human Stratum Corneum In Vitro.

PROBLEM:

Previous work has indicated the importance of the water content of the skin in protecting the body from environmental assaults such as water, ultraviolet exposure, and chemical irritants. We have studied the relationship between water content of stratum corneum and changes in temperature and observed a previously undescribed dependence f water content on temperature.

A Cahn RG Electrobalance was used to monitor weight gain within a chamber kept at constant relative humidity and controlled temperature. Weight gain of the samples was measured in percent weight gain or mg water per 100 mg of dry stratum corneum. The experiment was so designed that four samples from the same source were monitored at each relative humidity at specified temperatures over the range 5-35° C. Eydration was monitored for ascending and descending temperature changes to eliminate one-way temperature and sensor hysteresis as variables.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The mean water content of stratum corneum increases in an exponential type curve as relative humidity (R.H.) increases (Figure 1). For lower R.H., weight gain may also increase as absolute humidity increases: however, at higher relative humidities there is practically no increase in weight gain although absolute humidity increases exponentially. Since absolute humidity is a function of temperature, it is more appropriate to investigate the effect of temperature on weight increases. Below 90% relative humidity, increases in water content were observed with increases in temperature. As R.H. approaches 90%, the observed tendency becomes less prevalent.

At relative humidities below 60%, stratum corneum rapidly loses its ability to retain water with decreases in temperature. Heats of reaction show that greater energy is necessary for hydrating stratum corneum below 60% R.H. than at higher R.H. (Figure 2). This indicates that breaking of stronger bonds by water molecules is involved in hydration at low R.H. At high R.H., i.e., above 90%, relatively little energy is required for hydration which would indicate weaker bonds are involved in hydration. The first type of bond corresponds to 10% water molecules hydrating strong bonds between protein molecules of dry stratum corneum to give skin its pliability. The level of hydration observed experimentally at 60% relative humidity and normal skin temperature is approximately 10%. As R.H. is increased, hydration above 10% involves water molecules which are bound less tightly. This additional hydration at R.H. above 60%, however, is not necessary for normal pliability of skin.

In considering chapping and dry skin conditions, we are concerned with the ability of skin to retain water necessary for pliability and extensibility. At 60% R.H. and below, temperature decreases have a significant effect on this 10% water content. At 60% R.H. and 30° C water content of stratum corneum is only slightly above 10% (Figure 1). For the same R.E. a decrease in skin temperature to 20° C reduces water content to about one-half this value. Thus, lower water content might be significant in the increase of chapping and dry skin conditions during colder months. Lower temperatures and relative humidity during those months decrease the ability of the stratum corneum to retain water and cause significant loss in water content, thereby reducing pliability and extensibility of the skin.

CONCLUSIONS:

The significance of temperature change on dry skin and chapping has been neglected previously, even though it may be an important consideration in understanding these skin conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Further work on hydration characteristics should be carried out to define how the membrane breaks down under environmental stress in disabling dermatological conditions.

PUBLICATIONS:

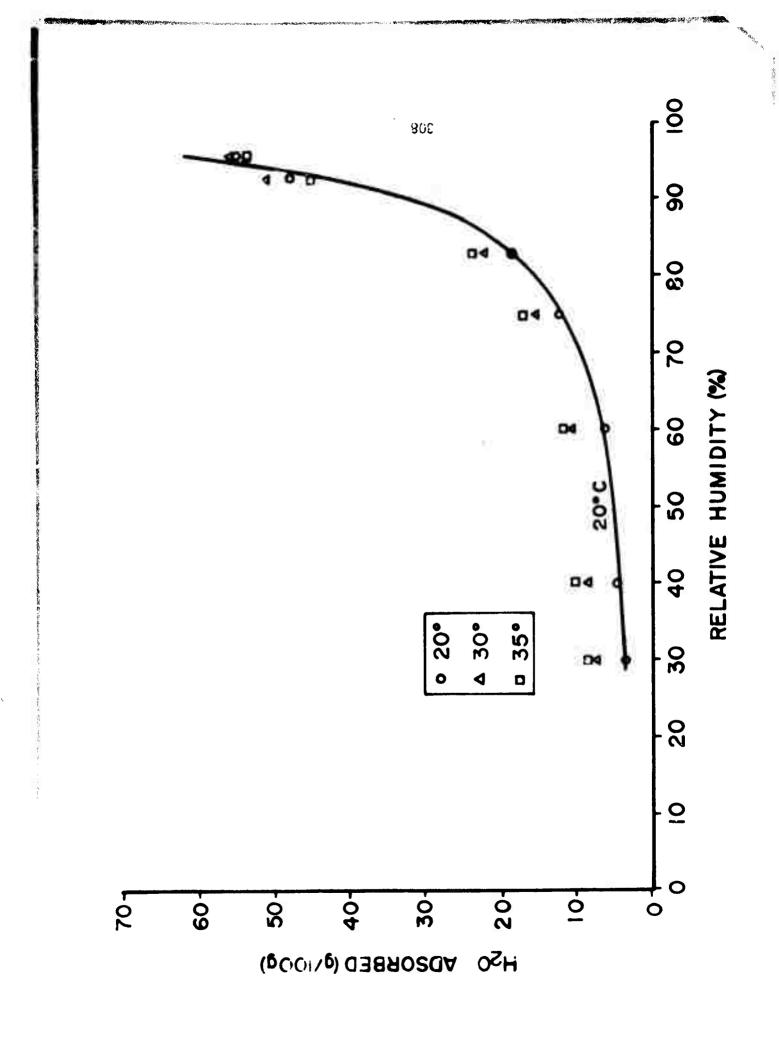
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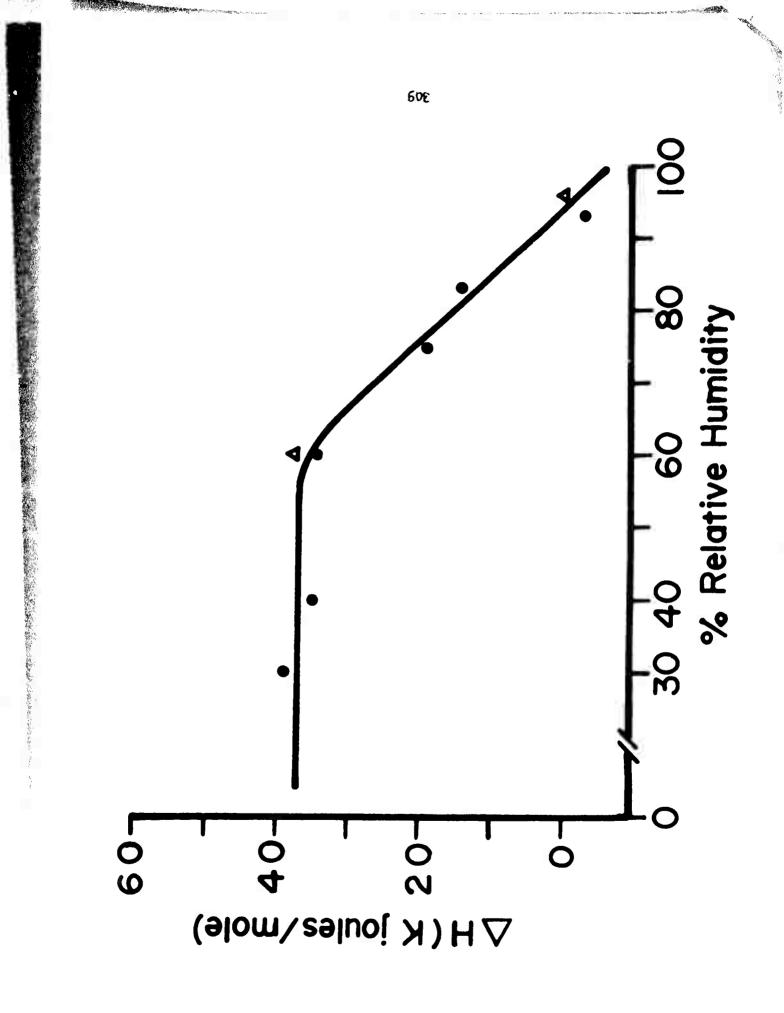
STUDY NO. 2

Transepidermal water loss and mosquito repellent dry protection time.

PROBLEM:

Hydrated skin is known to be more permeable to many compounds. Thus, individuals with higher transepidermal water loss (TML) could conceivably have greater stratum corneum permeability, thereby affecting repellent dry protection time against mosquitoes. TWL was measured by stale air hygrometry, monitoring humidity in a plexiglass box of known volume placed on a subject's skin for approximately 10 minutes. The box contained a wide range humidity sensing element and thermistor both connected to a strip chart recorder. Knowing the area of skin under the hygrometer, the initial and final temperature and relative humidity, TWL was calculated. This flux rate is expressed as mg cm⁻² hr⁻¹. Skin temperature was monitored simultaneously by attaching a thermistor to the adjacent skin with micropore tape. Following this, TWL was measured using an Aminco water analyzer.





RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

TWL's of 16 individuals showed an inverse correlation with repellent protection times determined for those same individuals tested on the same day (5% level of significance, r = 0.583).

Since individuals were under ambient conditions of 25-26° C during most of the DPT test, sweating was not considered to be a major factor in TWL measurement. Two possible explanations were proposed to explain the inverse correlation between TWL and DPT. First, increased TWL might have increased evaporation of repellent because of a steam distillation effect. Alternately, increased TWL might have indicated a higher water content of stratum corneum and higher permeability to repellent. Increased repellent loss by higher evaporation or penetration would have shortened repellent protection.

CONCLUSIONS:

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Previous attempts to correlate individual moscuito attractancy to dry protection time afforded by a repellent have been unsuccessful. This TWL study showed one of the several factors which affect the protection afforded by a repellent, aiding in the search for a more effective repellent. In addition, variability of permeability of stratum corneum among individuals could in part be attributed to the TWL of water content of that individual's skin.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Repellent formulations which are non-occlusive should be developed since occlusive formulations would tend to increase repellent loss due to penetration.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 3

A spectroscopic study of stratum corneum.

PROBLEM:

The spectroscopic study of stratum corneum emission has centered around the identification and characterization of its luminescent centers. Experimental techniques have been established to study ultra violet emission and excitation spectra and excited state lifetimes of stratum corneum.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Spectra were recorded at room temperature and at 77° K. Room temperature fluorescence showed a maximum at 335 nm and some small shoulders at 405 nm and 438 nm, all characteristic of tryptophan emission in a protein molecule. Low temperature emission showed a similar fluorescence and a more intense, well-resolved phosphorescence at 410 nm and 435 nm. These are characteristic

of tryptophan in the protein and in the matrix of stratum corneum solution. Triplet lifetimes of stratum corneum and tryptophan in various solvents are in good agreement with literature values (Table 1).

CONCLUSIONS:

The chromophore responsible for stratum corneum emission has been identified as tryptophan. Little or no contribution was attributed to tyrosine or phenlyalanine. The fact that tryptophan in stratum corneum may be centered within the protein matrix and not in the cell membranes or lipid matrix makes it a unique and potentially powerful intrinsic environmental probe.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We should develop the technique of using tryptophan as an intrinsic emission probe for stratum corneum.

PUBLICATIONS:

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EPA	6.0	0.4

*Spectra at 77° K, excitation 290 nm, emission 440 nm.

Tryptophan in various solvents at 1 x 10^{-3} M.

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WORK UNIT NO. 167 Skin Diseases Among Soldiers

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This study was an attempt to get at prevalence data for dermatologic diseases amongst military personnel. Data cards were filled out for each dermatological patient seen at Walter Reed, Brooke, Fitzsimons and Letterman Army Medical Center. These cards were keypunched and the information was stored in a computer. The data gave a great amount of information about patients who come to dermatology clinics. It also helped gather patients for clinical studies but it did not give us true epidemiologic information on dermatologic diseases.

STUDY NO. 2 Biochemical Measurements on the Skin Surface with Particular Emphasis on Disabling Dermatoses in Soldiers

The following investigations have been conducted under this study:

Experiment No. 1 Skin Surface Thermometry
Experiment No. 2 Specific Ion Concentration at the Skin Surface
Experiment No. 3 Safeguarding Biological Specimens During Field Studies
Experiment No. 4 Anthropometric Studies on the Feet
Experiment No. 5 Hydration at the Skin Surface

In a pragmatic sense, the five experiments demonstrate and test modern systems and techniques useful for field studies of the Dermatology Research Program relevant to current and potential needs of the Armed Forces.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 167

Skin Diseases Among Soldiers

STUDY NO. 1

Skin Diseases Among Soldiers

PROBLEM:

Little information has been gathered on the frequency of skin diseases in military and civilian populations seen in dermatology clinics.

Dermatologists recognize the varying skin diseases they see but there is little data pertaining to morbidity and time lost due to these diseases. Also a disease in one soldier with a certain MOS may not cause him to miss duty, whereas the same disease in a soldier with a different MOS may cause extensive hardship.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Over the last two years information on diseases seen in the dermatology clinics at Walter Reed, Brooke, Fitzsimmons and Letterman Army Medical Center has been tabulated and stored in a computer. This represents 140,000 patient visits. Figures derived from these numbers tell us a great deal about the frequency with which diseases are seen in army dermatology clinics at class II hospitals. They do little to tell us the incidence, prevalence and morbidity of disease in a general military population.

From cur first two years of data we have learned the following. The data collection system would best be bolstered by a survey of a military population for all dermatologic conditions, so a true prevalence can be figured. Possibly a more true picture of dermatologic disease experienced by military personnel may be obtained by using our data collection system at isolated class I hospitals. Most diseases seen in Dermatology Clinics cause minimal loss of duty and the main loss of duty is in the time taken for diagnosis and treatment of the condition.

Over these two years we have helped the participating hospitals to a great degree. By keeping a record of patients, by diagnosis we have supplied information for 16 different studies, many of which will generate publications of significant nature. This data bank has become invaluable to army residency programs and we have also supplied information to the National Program for Dermatology.

CONCLUSIONS:

As the Army data collection system was originally adapted it has been of great benefit for clinical research. Thus far it has not

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led us to the prevalence of dermatologic diseases in the military population or to the loss of duty from these diseases.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

These are threefold. First we feel it may be of more value to take our dermatologic data collection to dermatology clinics at isolated class I hospitals. Secondly, a dermatologic survey on a valid statistical population sample at some of these same posts will then give us prevalence figures. Comparing actual prevalence to the number of cases seen in the dermatology clinic will give us an idea of discomfort or worry caused by the disease. Thirdly, a new data card to include a morbidity rating will be used. This will give us data on MOS related disease and amount of work lost because of specific disease.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 2

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EXPERIMENT NO. 1

Skin Surface Thermometry

PROBLEM:

Previous work in this laboratory suggested that skin temperature, moisture content of the skin surface and microbial organisms are related and may result in diverse skin diseases in soldiers. In order to further clarify some of these parameters, a new temperature measurement system was designed and tested.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Until recently, surface thermometry depended on slowly responding temperature probes connected to low precision needle-type meters. As a result of a commercial market survey, new temperature probes were found that are highly accurate, highly reproducible, and with very fast response times. Interfacing problems to a standard digital volt-Ohm meter were solved using advanced state of the art techniques. Cost of the new instrumentation is several times lower than that of commercially available thermometers. In order to prevent bias of the results in field studies, the digital read-out was chosen in Ohms rather than degrees centigrade. Computer programs for the H.P. 9820 system were written to process primary data and derived information. The system was successfully tested in the laboratory and used in field trials in Alaska, during which time several hundred measurements were made.

Preliminary analysis of the field data indicated differences in temperature in various areas of the foot between the garrison population and the troops returning from a field exercise in the arctic winter.

CONCLUSIONS:

A highly sensitive temperature measuring system has been successfully field tested in Alaska.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Analysis of data from Alaska should be completed and the system used in future field studies.

EXPERIMENT NO. 2

Specific Ion Concentration at the Skin Surface

PROBLEM:

Almost no data on pH and chloride of the skin surface of the foot are available for normal populations or for those with skin diseases. It was decided to initiate a program to measure pH at various anatomical sites such as the fibular plantar surface, toe webs, etc.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A commercially available system was assembled which permits consecutive measurements of the pH and chloride concentration of the skin surface with ion-specific electrodes. Because of projected use of the system in the arctic winter, problems related to winterization were recognized. The influence of temperature and other parameters on the system and electrodes were investigated to safeguard interpretation of collected results.

The system was altered in such a way that untrained personnel could make measurements and check instruments and electrodes under double-blind conditions.

Data collection and retrieval systems were designed so that calculations and correction of data could be performed by computer (after the return of equipment and performance testing) at LAIR. The system was used in Alaska to determine pH and chloride concentrations on the skin surface of feet of soldiers. At this time, statistical analysis has not been completed.

CONCLUSIONS:

A mobile instrument package to measure skin pH and skin chloride concentration has been successfully field tested in Alaska.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Analysis of data from Alaska should be completed. Preliminary analysis of data suggest a number of <u>in vitro</u> and controlled <u>in vivo</u> tests to further the understanding of the biochemistry and ecology of the skin surface of soldiers. Baseline studies in moderate climates should be initiated. Other ion-specific electrodes may prove very advantageous and their potential use should be investigated.

EXPERIMENT NO. 3

Safeguarding Biological Specimens During Field Studies.

PROBLEM:

In field studies, the Department of Dermatology Research and a contractor have found that transportation of biological specimens is a major problem. Specially insulated containers may alleviate some of the problems of excreme temperatures. In the past, maximum-minimum thermometers were used to record extreme temperatures; however, these measurements are inadequate since they do not indicate the duration or profile of the temperature stress. Significant alteration of the viability of biological specimens during transport may not be detected. As a consequence, data obtained from transported specimens may be misleading. In view of the cost and effort of these studies, an accurate record is essential.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

An extensive market survey for a miniature temperature recorder was initiated. An inexpensive recorder was found and tested. It is of the clock-type and does not require batteries or ink pens. The temperature range is from -40° F to $+150^{\circ}$ F and records over a period of at least 7 days without any maintenance. Time resolution and temperature response were tested under strenuous laboratory conditions and performance was found to be excellent.

CONCLUSIONS:

A very small and inexpensive temperature recorder was purchased and tested for use in containers that are transported to and from field studies. The recorder works well.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To improve cost effectiveness, temperature recorders should be used whenever biological specimens are transported in future field studies.

EXPERIMENT NO. 4	Anthropometric Studies on the Feet
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Foot disease in troops was a major problem during the Vietnam war. At that time, it was felt that anthropometric measurements of feet might correlate with certain clinical findings. A Berkemann Imprinter was used in previous field studies and a large number of foot imprints collected. However, no attempt was made to derive qualitative or quantitative information from these records.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

The Berkemann Imprinter was used to prepare imprints of model surfaces and feet under carefully controlled conditions. Numerous parameters such as applied pressure, amount of ink, etc, were investigated. Reproducibility, sensitivity and definition of area were evaluated.

CONCLUSIONS:

Experiments with the Berkemann Imprincer and foot imprints derived thereof suggest that previously obtained records can be analyzed, but accuracy of data derived from such analysis is questionable. In its present form, good anthropometric data cannot be obtained with the Berkemann Imprinter. Future analysis of data already collected may not be warranted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In order to salvage data already obtained in previous studies, a small amount of additional work should be done to decide if the study should be continued or terminated.

EXPERIMENT NO. 5

Hydration at the Skin Surface

PROBLEM:

Most of the knowledge on hydration of the skin surface is of two types. In vitro work is based mostly on gravimetric techniques and in in vivo work, outdated hygrometry techniques are used. Both types of measurement are inadequate to obtain new information on the biochemical properties and ecology of the living human skin.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

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A new collection system using a new type of micro-container was developed and tested in the laboratory. The containers were used to collect micro samples of superficial skin scrapings from various regions of the foot. Gravimetric techniques were used to assess the state of hydration of the surface layers and lipid content was also measured. An ANY MARKAN CARRY

Computer programs for efficient data calculation were written and tested.

The collection system was tested in field trials in Alaska and over 600 samples returned to LAIR. Hydration data have been obtained and calculations made; nowever, statistical evaluation has not been completed.

CONCLUSIONS:

Preliminary analysis suggests that meaningful data on surface hydration of skin can be obtained with very small quantities of skin samples that can be removed without trauma to human populations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Analysis of data should be completed. It appears that the basic system is working but some minor improvements may be needed. After possible modification, future field studies should be initiated to look at potential or real skin problems in military populations subjected to a variety of climates and stresses.

PUBLICATIONS FOR STUDY NO. 2:

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WORK UNIT NO. 168

The Effects of Prolonged Water Exposure on Human Skin 54 AU

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The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Continuous Exposure of Skin to Water

STUDY NO. 2 Model Immersion Foot Injury

STUDY NO. 3 Skin Conditions in the Arctic

Continuous exposure of human skin to water in small plastic cups produced a mild, transient dermatitis that was slightly greater at 144 than at 72 hours. The experimental injury did not resemble that of tropical immersion foot or other naturally occurring immersion injuries.

Warm water immersion foot (WWIF) was induced in volunteers by affixing a water-filled plastic intravenous fluid bag to the distal half of the foot for 19-43 hours. This method of inducing WWIF offers significant advantages over previously existing methods, including convenience and greater control over the cutaneous environment.

A survey was conducted of soldiers in the arctic winter to determine whether vapor barrier clothing produced measurable adverse effects on the skin of the feet and other susceptible body areas. No cases of "soggy foot" or other potentially disabling skin conditions were seen in troops who had just completed a 7-day field exercise.

BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	168	The Effects of Prolonged Water Exposure on Human Skin
STUDY NO. 1		Continuous Exposure of Skin to Water

PROBLEM:

Previous work suggested that a successful model for tropical immersion foot injury could be produced in volunteers by application of waterfilled plastic cups to the skin of the back. In order to clarify certain points, the present investigators conducted pilot studies using the same cups in a slightly different manner. When no immersion injury appeared, it was decided to repeat the previous experiments in order to see if the results were replicable.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Small, water-filled plastic cups were applied to the skin of the backs of 14 healthy young white men and left on continuously for 144 hours (6 days). One half of each man's back had been washed daily with Ivory soap for 14 days prior to application of the cups. Six cups were applied to each subject: two were filled with sterile water, two with water buffered to pH 3.5, and two with water buffered to pH 7.5. A balanced, randomized experimental design was used so that water at each pH was applied to both the Ivory and non-Ivory-washed sides of the back, and each part of the back received water of each pH an equal number of times. The cups were removed for one hour at the end of 72 hours (3 days), during which time the previously immersed area was assigned a clinical score; then the cups were reapplied for 72 hours more (total 144 hours).

Three different clinical scoring systems were used: (1) a 0 to 3+ global assessment system used by the previous investigators, (2) a 0 to 3+ system devised by the present investigators, which graded the severity of each of five clinical signs, and (3) a rank-order system.

Only 4 (5%) of the total of 84 immersed sites had lesions of greater than minimal severity at the end of 144 hours, as defined under grading system number one, and 44 (52%) had no lesions. Typical lesions consisted of slight, nonconfluent erythema and minimal edema.

No consistent relationships between production of lesions or lesion severity and pH or Ivory washing was detected using any of the three grading systems. On average, lesions were slightly more severe at 144 than at 72 hours, but this did not pertain to every subject.

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Hairs were thickly coated with waxy yellowish material at one site in 2 of 14 subjects.

No signs of dermatitis remained 24 hours after removal of the cups.

These results differ substantially from those described by the previous investigator, who stated that "striking inflammation" occurred under virtually identical conditions of water immersion. In this experiment, no subject developed marked inflammation similar to that of tropical immersion foot (TIF), and therefore the use of the water-cup technique to induce model TIF was not validated.

In contrast to the previous description, coating of hairs with waxy yellowish material (clumps of bacteria) was rare rather than common. Also, an apparent association between pH and lesion severity was not confirmed.

CONCLUSIONS:

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The use of water-filled cups to induce dermatitis on the skin of the back does not produce a valid model of tropical immersion foot injury. There appears to be no consistent relationship between variations in water pH and Ivory soap washing on the one hand, and rate of induction of lesions or lesion intensity on the other.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Use of the water-cup system as a model for immersion injury should be withheld at this time.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

STUDY NO. 2

Model Immersion Foot Injury

PROBLEM:

An exact replicate of Warm Water Immersion Foot (WWIF) is inducible by immersing the feet of volunteers in swamp or swimming pool water for one to two days during the warm months of the year. Although successful, this method is inconvenient, inordinately time consuming, and restricted as to season. Moreover, it is difficult if not impossible to vary the content of the water in accord with an experimental protocol. A more convenient and easily variable method of inducing WWIF would facilitate controlled studies of this condition.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

A flexible, water-tight environmental chamber for the distal half of the foot was devised by cutting the end off of a 1000 ml plastic intravenous fluid bag and putting the bag on the foot like a sock. A water-tight seal was achieved using medical adhesive spray and plastic tape. Tap water was inserted into the inlet tube using a needle and syringe, and air was removed in the same manner. All of the foot's surface enclosed by the bag was in continuous contact with water.

Using this new method, water content could be sampled or varied via the inlet tube, while temperature and other measurements of the skin surface could be obtained via a larger, resealable tube running parallel to the inlet tube. A bag filled with 50 ml of water could be worn inside a standard men's shoe, and paired-foot studies could be conducted with an ambulatory subject.

Five young men wore a water-filled bag continuously on one foot until the soles became painful on walking. Pain developed in from 19 to 43 hours following immersion. At that time the soles had the pale, deeply furrowed appearance typical of WWIF. There were changes in the diameter of the first and second toes and in the temperature of the planter surfaces before and after immersion, but the changes were small and inconsistent. Relief of pain was experienced in from two to six hours after the bags were removed, and the signs disappeared shortly thereafter.

This convenient new method for inducing WWIF removes the time and place restrictions that formerly existed when investigators wished to study this form of immersion injury. It therefore clears the way for further studies concerning pathogenesis and prevention. Among the variables which may be tested using this method are pH, salt content, and microbial flora. With refinements of technique, it may be possible to provide a definitive answer to the question: Is WWIF due simply to hyperhidration of the plantar stratum corneum, or is there change in the deeper tissues as well?

CONCLUSIONS:

A convenient new method for experimentally inducing WWIF has been devised. Use of this method in further studies could provide valuable information concerning the pathogenesis and prevention of this form of warm-climate immersion injury.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This method should replace previously existing methods for studying experimentally induced WWIF under controlled conditions.

PUBLICATIONS:

None.

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STUDY NO. 3

Skin Conditions in the Arctic

PROBLEM:

The standard uniform for field use in the arctic includes a vapor barrier boot. Although this boot provides good protection from the cold, it has the disadvantage of creating an excessively warm and humid environment for the feet. This tropical microenvironment rapidly makes the feet feel itchy and uncomfortable, and it is conceivable that discomfort could increase to the point of disability if the boot is worn continuously for more than a few days. Little information exists about this potential source of disability in soldiers, and experimental studies cannot adequately duplicate the stresses of arctic field conditions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS:

Skin disease surveys of soldiers were conducted at Fort winwright (Fairbanks) Alaska in late February and early March 1974. Included were 79 infantrymen who had just completed a 7-day field training exercise and 100 support troops in garrison (total 179). A total-body clinical examination of the skin was performed. Physical measurements (temperature, pH and chloride), specimens for fungal and bacterial cultures, and stratum corneum specimens for water and lipid analysis were obtained from the skin of the feet.

Little was found which would implicate the vapor barrier boot in the production of potentially disabling "soggy foot" problems in infantrymen operating in the arctic winter. However, it was found that none of the men in the field exercise had worn their boots continuously for more than 24 hours, and that each man changed his socks daily. Consequently, it is doubtful whether this constituted an adequate test of the potential for disability. Commanders and troops uniformly denied the existence of disabling skin conditions other than frostbite.

Dry skin, especially of the upper arms, torso, thighs and ankles, was a common complaint in support troops as well as infantrymen, and approximately 20 percent of the men examined had dry skin conditions of minimal severity. Five soldiers (3%) had mild ringworm infections of the groin. Dermato-phytes were recovered from 23 men (13%), of whom nine (39%) had lesions in the groin or toeweb. Of the 26 isolates, 7 (27%) were <u>Trichophyton</u> <u>mentagrophytes</u>; the rest were <u>T. rubrum</u>. There was no evidence of significant colonization of the toewebs by gram-negative bacteria.

The physical measurement data and the stratum corneum specimens have not yet been completely analyzed.

Only one study similar to this has been conducted among U.S. troops in the arctic and the results were similar. The significance of this information lies not in its arresting qualities, but in the fact that it is possibly the first and only information of its kind. A valid test of the vapor barrier boot's ability to induce severe and highly prevalent "soggy foot" conditions will not occur until men are subjected to far more rigorous stresses than those prevalent in these surveys.

CONCLUSIONS:

Latent fungal infections of the feet may become exacerbated under the tropical environmental conditions created by wearing vapor barrier boots; however, these could probably be adequately con-rolled by use of existing antifungal medications. Disabling "soggy foot" conditions appear to be nonexistent among troops wearing the vapor barrier boot in the arctic.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If there are verified reports of significant disability resulting from skin conditions attributable to vapor barrier clothing, further studies of cutaneous diseases in the arctic would be warranted. Based on our current observations, such a study does not appear to be warranted.

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