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Progress in the Past Year

Both students are presently conducting research efforts associated with our AFOSR grant entitled, "The Role of Substance P in a Model of Chronic JP-8 Jet Fuel Exposure". Ms. Hays is continuing work on her unique dynamic lung slice culture system that utilizes intact lung slices exposed to various concentrations of JP-8 jet fuel. This novel cell culture system allows us to determine the response(s) of all 40 cell types in the lungs to JP-8 jet fuel exposure. Juanita Hyde has undertaken the management of our JP-8 jet fuel lung proteomics research. She presented her initial project at the Experimental Biology 2001 meeting this past April in Orlando, Florida.

Research Publications

- (1) Hays AM, Wijeweera J, Lantz RC, Witten M: The effects of JP-8 jet fuel on ATP concentration in agar-filled precision cut rat lung slices in invitro culture. TOXICOLOGIC PATHOLOGY (in press).
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