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The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Toxicology of 2, 4-Dinitrotoluene (2, 4-DNT)

The  $LD_{50}$  (median lethal dose) of 2-4 DNT required for male and female rats was determined to be 1427 and 987 mg/kg, respectively; the  $LD_{50}$ of 2,4-DNT for male and female mice was determined to be 1343 and 1080 mg/kg, respectively. Death typically occurred 3-5 days after dosing in rats, whereas death came generally within 24 hours of dosing mice. Fourteen-day feeding study dose levels were 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, and 3.5g 2,4-DNT per kg of feed. Feed intake and weight gain were inversely related to increased dose levels. Directly dose-related signs were eosinophilic absorption droplets in the epithelial cells of the proximal convoluted tubules in all groups and dose-related oligospermatogenesis in all male dose groups. Further analyses of data are in progress. WORK UNIT NO. 050

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Toxicology of 2,4-Dinitrotoluene (2,4-DNT)

#### PROBLEM

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command is responsible for evaluating potential health hazards of all military high explosives and explosive by-products. Exposure to such hazards may occur among workers employed in munitions plants or in civilian populations as a result of environmental contamination associated with munition manufacture and assembly. Major concerns at the present time the toxicologic effects of 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT) and are 1,3,5-trinitrohexahydro-1,3,5 triazine (RDX) and their by-products. These chemicals are discharged into the environment, without significant treatment of waste waters, from loading shells with TNT and RDX mixtures. The waste waters are referred to as LAP (load, assemble, and pack) water, which contains a 1.6:1 blend of TNT and RDX, and condensate water which contains a blend of some 30 compounds produced by solar irradiation of TNT/RDX. This project is concerned acute, subacute, and subchronic toxicology with the of 2,4-dinitrotoluene (2,4-DNT), a major component (43% relative concentration) of condensate water. Prior studies by different organizations have addressed the toxicity of this compound, but the results are inadequate to establish comprehensive environmental standards. Thus, there is a need for verifying earlier findings. An LD<sub>co</sub> study, using mice and rats and subsequent 14-day subacute and 90-day subchronic studies, will be conducted.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Initial efforts were directed toward determining acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> in male and female rats and mice. Dosing animals with 2,4-DNT proved difficult because the compound is not readily soluble in the commonly used solvents; it was soluble in sufficient concentration in Tween 80 when heated to 70  $\pm$  5C. The dosing solutions were maintained at 45  $\pm$  2C and the syringes and dosing tubes at 37  $\pm$  2C to prevent crystallization before dosing was completed. The LD<sub>1</sub>, LD<sub>50</sub>, and LD<sub>05</sub>, with the 95% confidence interval for LD<sub>50</sub>, are listed below for both sexes of rats and mice. Data are listed in mg/kg body weight based on calculated weight of 2,4-DNT dissolved in a measured volume of Tween 80; no allowance for volume change of dosing solution was made.

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Death in rats from 2,4-DNT occurred typically 3 to 5 days after dosage.

Before death, rats appeared to be extremely depressed; surviving animals appeared normal at the conclusion of the study, 14 days after dosing. Death in mice typically occurred within 24 hours; surviving animals appeared normal after 14 days.

Dose levels for the 14-day feeding study were 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, and 3.5 g 2,4-DNT per kg of feed. As dose levels increased, feed and weight gain decreased. The appearance of eosinophilic staining absorption droplets in the epithelial cells of the proximal convoluted tubules was dose-related and was seen in all treatment groups. Oligospermatogenesis in male treatment groups was also dose related. Analyses of additional collected data continues.

#### CONCLUSIONS

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Although data analyses are not complete, it is obvious that 2,4-DNT has significant adverse health effects at relatively high dose levels.

Toxicology of Explosives and Explosive By-Products (Continued)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Long-range studies using reduced levels should be conducted to provide baseline data for developing environmental exposure criteria.

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### ABSTRACT

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WORK UNIT NO. 053

Immediate Care of the Combat Wounded

Various concentrations of alginate, the hydrocolloid used for dental impressions, were tested. A 1:6 solution of alginate in normal saline produced a firm but heavy gel within two minutes. The same solution, when mixed with a surface tension agent, 1% Titron X-100, and stirred in a blender, produced a foamy but still heavy mass. If the alginate-Triton X-100 mixture was prepared with N2 gas bubbled through the liquid as it gelled, a light, foamy mass was produced. In our preliminary studies in rats, we found that this last preparative process with the alginate-Triton X-100 mixture could fill the abdomen fairly well. If studies along this line are continued, we are going to need a delivery system which is capable of coating the entire cavity consistently each time the procedure is performed.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 053

Immediate Care of the Combat Wounded

PILOT STUDY

Hemostasis in penetrating wounds of body cavities

#### PROBLEM

The combat medic on the battlefield is faced with a difficult situation when trying to stabilize the vital signs of a patient with a penetrating wound of the abdominal cavity. Although the medic has the capability of infusing blood replacement solutions to treat shock, he does not have the equipment and facilities to stem the flow of a major blood vessel bleeding into the abdomen. In this situation, all of his blood replacement solution may be, in fact, pouring through the damaged vessel into the abdomen. In future conflicts where air superiority may be lacking, evacuation of casualties may take longer than those of the Vietnam war. Those patients with major bleeding vessels of the abdominal cavity may never live to reach a definitive treatment facility.

Some method of temporary occlusion of major vessel bleeding in body cavities is needed. This method must be adaptable to a combat situation and not require sophisticated equipment.

If a liquid material could be infused into the abdominal cavity to fill all of the dead space, and if this liquid then could change its state to a gel, hemostasis might occur by virtue of the blood not having any place to flow. This material would have to be a thin liquid initially, and then become a gel very quickly without the generation of heat. In addition, medical personnel should be able to dissolve or remove the gel when definitive treatment becomes possible at a hospital center.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The irreversible hydrocolloid, alginate (Jeltrate, L.D. Caulk Co., Milford, DE), which is used to prepare dental impressions, was selected as the initial test material in this pilot study. Using normal saline solution as the diluent, we prepared varying concentrations of alginate (1:1-1:10). A 1:6 concentration of alginate powder in saline seemed to be most suitable. One excellent property of the material was its lack of heat production as it changed from a liquid to a solid state. It produced a firm rubbery gel within 2 minutes of mixing. When this material was instilled into the abdomen of two normal anesthetized rats, it filled the abdomen fairly well. It coated the viscera, producing a "mold" of the organs. When the animals were sacrificed, the gel could be peeled from the viscera easily.

#### Immediate Care of the Combat Wounded (continued)

The gel, if allowed to stand for 24 hours or more, began to lose water and to shrivel. When the entire mass had gelled in the abdominal cavity, the weight of the solid was noted. To be effective, such a mass would have to be much lighter to keep from compromising the venous circulation. Next, a surface tension agent, 1% isooctyl phenoxy polyethoxy ethanol (Triton X-100, Rohm & Hass Co., Philadelphia, PA), was combined with the saline/alginate. When mixed in a blender, a foamy gel was produced. However, with a similar water content as the first solution, this solution still produced a heavy gel. To lighten the mixture, nitrogen gas was bubbled through the alginate/Triton X-100 as it was stirred in a Waring blender. The result was a spongy light mass with an adequately firm consistency. This material was then infused into the abdomen of rats by using a perforated infant feeding tube to deliver the material. It gelled within 2 minutes. The animals were allowed to recover from anesthesia. All four animals died within 24 hours. On necropsy, the abdomen was partially filled with the gel. Some portions of the cavity did not have alginate present. The material held its texture well and could be peeled from the intestines, leaving a mold of the organs.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The basic hypothesis of this study needs further investigation. Better solutions and more effective delivery systems are necessary.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Triton X-100 may have itself been toxic to the animals. Solutions, such as dextrans or other materials should be evaluated in future experiments. In addition, a more effective method of delivery of the material while it is in its liquid state should be developed. A propellant-can arrangement would be ideal if the proper solution can be found. Because of other priorities of the principal investigator, this pilot study will not be continued at this time.

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#### ABSTRACT

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WORK UNIT NO.	054	Isolation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Long Term Cyropreservation

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Harvest Techniques

The development of radiation injury results in definable morbidity and mortality according to the degree of exposure. Acute radiation syndromes may require intensive prolonged medical support. The major treatable syndrome is due to bone marrow failure attributable to various degrees of injury to the hematopoietic stem cells (HSC). The ability to harvest, store, and engraft HSC would drastically affect morbidity, mortality and psychological states of irradiated soldiers. Attempts to harvest and store HSC conveniently are being investigated. Dogs are used to establish feasibility and techniques that can be applied to humans. Evaluation of HSC of bone marrow and circulating blood show they vary only in concentration. Although bone marrow has 20-fold greater stem cell content than blood, indications are that additional stem cells may be mobilized through prolonged pheresis or the addition of inert drugs. The feasibility of increasing yields in circulating blood is currently under investigation.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 054

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Isolation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Long Term Cryopreservation

STUDY NO.

Harvest techniques.

#### PROBLEM

The development of a way to store and engraft hematopoietic stem cells (HSC) should have significant impact on military medicine as well as a psychological impact for involvement in military conflicts with potential nuclear warfare.

The development of ratiation injury by a group of soldiers would result, according to the radiation exposure, in a definable morbidity and mortality. The resultant acute radiation syndrome beyond Level I severity would require medical support of the majority of those exposed (>200R whole body radiation). Individuals with higher exposure rates (>600R) would require medical attention immediately after exposure whereas those with intermediate exposures would recover from the acute prodome, then develop a severe illness after a latent period of 1 to 3 weeks with hematopoietic failure in over half those exposed (Levels II and III clinical stages). Although half those receiving Level II doses would survive, the chance of survival would be greatest in those receiving medical palliation. The main syndrome in Levels II and III is the hematopoietic one and death can be attributed to hematopoietic stem cell failure. The LD  $_{50/60}$  is estimated between 300 and 500 rads (50% deaths within 60 days) which characterizes the protracted nature of this syndrome as compared to the central nervous system syndrome  $(LD_{50/2})$  or the gastro-intestinal syndrome  $(LD_{50/8})$ . Modern hemotherary with red cells, platelets, and white blood cell transfusions along with isolation and antibitotics could support victims with the hematopoietic syndrome and could significantly alter current LD<sub>EO</sub> estimates. However, such intensive support is beyond current combat zone capabilities and would be logistically difficult even in CONUS hospitals presently offering specialized hemotherapy. If several victims required simultaneous treatment, support would be impossible in military and most civilian hospitals.

Hematopoietic stem cell transfusions would offer two distinct advantages: 1) HSC transfusions could be given early in the disease. Engraftment would then limit the clinical course to a period of days rather than weeks. This would result in earlier return of survivors to duty, as well as increased numbers of potential survivors. 2) Conceivably, HSC transfusions given during the prodromal syndrome could eliminate the main phase (hematopoietic syndrome), thereby minimizing medical support requirements. Isolation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Long Term Cryopreservation (continued)

The pyschological importance of this type of medical support is great. The agony of prolonged illness with a high probability of death has a great psychosocial impact on those associated with such experiences. The ability to treat and shorten the illness will lessen anomic behavior of associates who are otherwise well-bodied and capable. Hematopoietic stem cell transfusion cculd also be effective treatment for aplastic anemia due to toxic chemical exposure.

HSC transfusions require the development of technology to harvest and store HSC for future use. Bone marrow harvest and freezing for transplantation is one developing technology addressing the goals of HSC transfusion but is impractical for large scale military needs. The ability to harvest and isolate HSC from blood could provide the logistical technology for the military if harvest of a therapeutic dose can be obtained from a single donor.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Pheresis procedures have been developed for dogs. Two pheresis procedures have been compared. Continuous flow pheresis with the IBM 2997 has proved four times more efficient than batch processing with Model 30 Haemonetics. Animals tolerate these procedures, but prolonged cell harvest to increase yields has required the development of techniques to eliminate citrate toxicity. Mononuclear cell cohorts have been isolated and defined by isopyknic gradients. Cell densities studied (1.066 to 1.077) show granulocyte stem cell activity in the least dense fraction whereas lymphocyte stem cell appears in more dense fractions. Approximately 0.24 x 10<sup>5</sup> stem cell/kg can be harvested and concentrated 2000-fold. This dose is comparable to that needed for human marrow transplantation and shows that blood-derived stem cell harvest is feasible.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Through isopyknic gradient separations, stem cells may be isolated and harvested. In addition, lymphocyte stem cells, which cause hematopoietic stem cell graft failure, can be removed by gradient techniques. This latter procedure may eliminate the need for stem cell matching between donor and patient.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Further investigations should be aimed toward establishing a uniform, viable dose of stem cells. Prolonged pheresis on the use of non-toxic agents should be tested for stem cell enhancement. After establishing dose uniformity, transplantation studies using irradiated dogs should be done. Isolation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Long Term Cryopreservation (continued)

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#### ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.	3S 162772A 874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO.	102	The Effects of Sensory Denervation In the Care and Management of Traumatic Wounds

The following investigations have been done under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 3 Measurement of sensory-evoked potentials in the pig.

Measurements of sensory-evoked potentials in pigs were performed using a nerve stimulator and a signal average computer. Sciatic and tibial nerves were exposed surgically in anesthetized pigs, and evoked potentials were recorded along the proximal portion of the isolated nerves, at the dorsal spinal nerve roots, and along the lumbar and thoracic spine. The evoked potentials were measured both before and after severance of the dorsal nerve roots. The majority of evoked response was believed to be muscle contraction artifact. A conclusive method to determine sensory denervation is still under investigation.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT	NO.	102	The Effects of Sensory Denervation in the Care and Management of Traumatic Wounds
STUDY NO.		3	Measurement of sensory-evoked potentials in the pig

#### PROBLEM

The concept of pain, our ability to measure it, our ability to block it, and the effects of pain on wound healing are all crucial to these studies. If sensory innervation to a traumatized area could be blocked completely, would the physiology of wound metabolism be altered?

Pain response in animals is determined routinely with a standard neurologic evaluation. Unfortunately, pigs are not amenable to routine diagnostic neurological examinations as are other animals, such as dogs and cats. Pigs quickly become less cooperative and more aggressive toward handling and restraint unless they are tranquilized or sedated. A more reliable technique to evaluate pain might be the measurement of sensory-evoked potentials. This technique involves electrically stimulating a peripheral nerve and then recording the evoked response more centrally, i.e., on the spinal cord or brain. The sensory-evoked response can be produced in any peripheral nerve or anatomic structure supplied by a particular peripheral nerve with a sensory component. (This method should help in the evaluation of pain response with more certainty, but alone cannot provide absolute proof of sensory denervation.)

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Limited work was completed during the past year due to the PCS transfer of the principal investigator. Nine pigs underwent anesthesia and surgical exposure of the tibial and sciatic nerves in one hind leg, and stimulating electrodes were placed in these nerves. Recording electrodes were placed proximally in the isolated nerves at the level of the dorsal spinal nerve roots and at various levels along the lumbar and thoracic spine. Based on recommendations from a clinical veterinary neurologist at the University of California, Davis, recording electrodes were placed percutaneously near the lumbar spinal cord. Electrical stimulation was applied peripherally, before and after severance of the dorsal nerve roots, and the measured sensory-evoked potentials were compared for the two situations at each recording level. In some, but not all of the experiments, the evoked

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response was diminished after cutting the nerve roots. However, in nonc of the cases was the evoked response eliminated completely. Careful reevaluation of the sensory-evoked potentials from all previous studies suggests that most of what had been measured was muscle contraction artifact. Therefore, a conclusive method to determine sensory denervation has not been developed.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Further study is needed to develop more accurate methods of measuring sensory-evoked potentials. Complete sensory denervation of the hind limb has not yet been accomplished. Techniques used previously in this study will be reviewed, but different methods for sensory denervation and for evaluation of evoked response will be considered.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Investigation of surgical denervation of the pig hind limb should continue. Efforts also should continue to perfect measurement of sensory-evoked potentials from the spinal cord. New studies should be conducted to identify temporary regional neural blocking techniques. Consideration will be given to spinal catheters and administration of various chemical agents. In parallel to such studies, we believe that sensory denervation might best be measured through psychologic training techniques, i.e., classic conditioning. Consideration should also be given, not only to complete sensory denervation, but to certain other methods of pain control such as transcutaneous nerve stimulation.

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#### ABSTRACT

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#### In-house Laboratory Independent Research

WORK UNIT NO. 058

An Athymic Nude Mouse - Grafted Human Skin Model

The possible use of chemical weapons in future conflicts makes it imperative that the U.S. Armed Forces be prepared with prophylactic. decontamination, and therapeutic regimens to minimize the impact of such weapons on operations. In order to evaluate proposed treatment regimens, a clear understanding of the physiology of the skin and of dermal penetration is necessary. A model with extraordinary potential has been developed to explore basic skin physiology, the effects of chemical agents, and the efficacy of various treatment modalities. A breeding colony of athymic nude (nu/nu) mice which provides a sufficient number of experimental animals for ongoing studies has been established by the Division of Cutaneous Hazards, LAIR. Mechanisms have been established for the procurement of both human and pig skin samples. The techniques for successfully grafting these skin samples on the mice have been implemented. The grafted model allows the study of dermal physiology and of treatment strategies in living human skin without exposure of human subjects. It also allows the study of chemical agents and related materials whose nature would preclude study in humans. Studies comparing the penetration of substances with varying penetration characteristics have been conducted, and the data so collected using grafts of human and pig skin compared with previously obtained in vitro data. Histologic studies have been used to define and describe the development of grafts on the mice, the effects of various chemical agents on the skin, and the complex manner in which these agents interact with treatment regimens. Alternate methodologies to permit full- and partial-thickness grafts are being explored. Studies using radioisotope labelled materials will provide information on penetration, and on biochemical interactions occurring in the skin. This model will be used to explore the mechanisms by which chemical agents cause injury to the skin, and to evaluate a number of prophylactic, decontamination, and therapeutic regimens. Italso allows the study of such unrelated problems as laser burns and disease-bearing insect bites. The use of full- and partial-thickness grafts will allow for studies to determine the role of adnexal structures in the penetration rates of various compounds. The feasibility of establishing pedicle grafts is being examined.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 058

An Athymic Nude Mouse - Grafted Human Skin Model

#### PROBLEM

The probable use of unconventional weapons in future conflicts makes it imperative that U.S. Armed Forces be prepared with: (1) prophylactic, (2) decontamination, and (3) therapeutic regimens to minimize the impact of these weapons on operations. With regard to chemical agents, the nude mouse-human skin grafted model presents potential usefulness to explore all three categories above without the exposure of human subjects to any agent.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

An actively breeding colony of nude (nu/nu) and BALBC/nu mice have been established. Techniques for successfully grafting split-thickness human and pig skin have been acquired and refined. Full-thickness eyelid skin has been successfully grafted with retention of sebaceous glands. A continuing source for human surgical and autopsy skin has been established. Animals with pig and human grafts have been used to study dermal penetration of several compounds. Results of these studies are reported under Work Unit 301, Agency Accession No. DAOG 2348. Nine animals with established human grafts were sent to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense for evaluation of their response to vesicating agents. Histologic studies have been used to define and describe the development of grafts on mice. Preliminary experiments have been conducted on long-term freezing. Alternate methodologies to allow for the grafting of larger and full-thickness grafts are being undertaken. The use of full- and partial-thickness grafts will allow for studies to determine the role of adnexal structures in the penetration rates of various compounds. The feasibility of establishing pedicle grafts is being examined

#### CONCLUSION

This model can be used to evaluate dermal penetration of compounds. Grafts can be established which are histologically normal and contain some adnexal structures.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The colony will be useful to evaluate a broad range of dermatologic parameters. This model will be used to explore decontamination efficacy and toxicology. The evaluation of dermal lesions can be documented and described by histologic and electron micrographic studies in this model. Proposals are being made to use this model to Using Nude Mice with Human Skin Grafts (continued)

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#### **ABS'IRACT**

PROJECT NO. 3A161101A91C

In-House Laboratory Independent Research

WORK UNIT NO. 059

Improved Antidotes for Cyanide Poisoning

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Evaluation of exogenous methemoglobin for cyanide poisoning

Cyanide poisoning can be successfully treated with nitrite and thiosulfate, but the use of this approach, particularly when repeated doses are required, may lead to a dangerous lowering of cardiac output and tissue perfusion, as well as a pronounced decrease in blood-oxygen carrying capacity. Successful treatment, therefore, requires professional medical attention that is unlikely to be available in case of mass casualties or with isolated battlefield conditions. It is desirable, consequently, to improve the safety of antidotes used for cvanide poisoning when rapid, self-administration by inexperienced personnel is required. It is further desirable to provide a prophylaxis for protecting troops against the potential hazard of cyanide poisoning during hostilities. The present study seeks to evaluate the feasibility of providing exogenous pre-formed methemoglobin as a protective agent for cyanide poisoning, thus precluding the necessity of administering nitrite for producing methemoglobin from hemoglobin in vivo. Because exogenously provided methemoglobin will circulate in the plasma, it may provide a more efficient means of scavenging cyanide than does methemoglobin produced in circulating red cells from nitrate administration. Also, exogenous methemoglobin can dissociate into dimer and monomer states that can be excreted by the kidney and thus avoid the need for thiosulfate. Preliminary experiments to develop a rat model for cyanide poisoning have been completed and work to test the effects of exogenous methemoglobin has been initiated.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 059

Improved Antidotes for Cyanide Poisoning

#### PROBLEM

Although cyanide poisoning can be treated wih nitrite and thiosulfate, the use of this approach is not without some risks. Nitrites lower blood pressure, decrease heart rate, and reduce blood-oxygen carrying capacity. Effective release of cytochrome oxidase inhibition may require repeated doses of nitrite, leading to a dangerous lowering of cardiac output and tissue perfusion as well as a pronounced decrease in oxygen carrying capacity. In effect, the treatment substitutes one form of hypoxia (cytotoxic) with others (stagnant and anemic). Consequently, successful treatment requires a degree of judgment, experience and professional attention that is unlikely to be available under circumstances involving mass casualties or isolated battlefield conditions.

To overcome these deficiencies in the current therapeutic approach to cyanide poisoning, several alternatives have been suggested. For instance, cyanide can combine with the cobalt of vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. This latter substance has received limited use in the treatment of cyanide poisoning, particularly that resulting from nitroprusside administration. It is also theoretically possible that sufficient stimulation of the rhodanese mechanism (which converts cyanide to thiocyanate, the latter being non-toxic and easily excreted) would provide the capability of quickly metabolizing large amounts of cyanide through this widely occurring but normally slow-acting biologic process. Neither of these potential alternative approaches has been widely studied but they illustrate the continuing effort to improve upon the treatment of cyanide poisoning.

The present study is designed to test the idea that methemoglobin could be supplied exogenously as an effective treatment for cyanide poisoning, thus avoiding the necessity of producing this material endogenously through administration of nitrites.

Theoretically, exogenous methemoglobin should provide the same competitive binding site for cyanide attached to cytochrome oxidase as that provided by endogenous methemoglobin; the undesirable effects of nitrites, however, would be avoided. Existence of the material in plasma rather than within erythrocytes would isolate it from the effects of methemoglobin reductase, conceivably prolonging the detoxifying action of a Improved Antidotes for Cyanide Poisoning (Cont)

# CONCLUSIONS

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The model appears adequate for testing the efficacy of exogenous methemoglobin for cyanide exposure and those tests are presently underway.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The studies should be completed as originally planned.

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#### ABSTRACT

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WORK UNIT NO.	060	In Vitro Cell Toxicology

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

- PILOT STUDY Establishment and maintenance of hamster tracheal epithelium in vitro
- STUDY NO. 1 Development and evaluation of <u>in vitro</u> assays for toxic compounds using pulmonary alveolar assays

PILOT STUDY. To determine the usefulness of hamster tracheal organ cultures in toxicologic assay systems, multiple series of tracheal rings were harvested and then studied by light and electron microscopy. The results indicated that ciliary motility was a useful index of explant functional ability and that histologic and ultrastructural alterations were reliable markers of <u>in vitro</u> toxicity. Although additional studies on the optimization of culture media and morphologic characterization need to be performed, results suggest that hamster tracheal organ cultures have considerable potential as sensitive indicators of toxic conditions.

STUDY 1. <u>In vitro</u> screening procedures are needed to detect toxicologic effects of airborne chemicals. One potentially useful system involves assays of alveolar macrophage function. We have established assays of phagocytic and bactericidal capabilities using rabbit alveolar macrophages and RAW 264 CELLS, a macrophage cell line. Current efforts are directed toward optimizing the systems, gathering data on reproductibility, and investigating effects or known toxic agents.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 060

In Vitro Cell Toxicology

PILOT STUDY

Establishment and maintenance of hamster tracheal epithelium in vitro

#### PROBLEM

Occupational exposure to chemicals via inhalation occurs in military personnel in training and combat, and in civilian workers during manufacture of munitions and other military materials. Conventional inhalation toxicity testing using animal exposure is time-consuming, expensive, and technically difficult. Rapid, economical methods for the initial toxicity screening of inhaled materials and systems for defining biomolecular mechanisms by which chemicals exert their toxic effects are needed for developing effective antidotes, prophylactics, and chemotherapeutics.

An alternative to conventional animal testing methods is the use of tissue and organ culture techniques to assay the toxic potential of suspect agents. Culture systems are easily controlled and relatively inexpensive, but their usefulness in toxicology screening has not been well established. Therefore, it was the purpose of this pilot study to investigate the utility of one such system, hamster tracheal epithelium in organ culture.

This tissue was of interest because the mucociliary clearance mechanism of the tracheal epithelium is a principal defense system against inhalation of toxic materials. Any compromise of its functional abilities would have serious consequences for the organism as a whole. Therefore, we initiated studies on methods for harvesting, maintaining, and characterizing hamster tracheal organ cultures.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Tracheas from young adult Syrian hamsters were excised, sliced into thin rings, placed in various tissue culture media, and incubated at 37 C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for two to three weeks. Living cultures were regularly examined with an inverted light microscope for the continued presence of ciliary beating and periodically fixed with glutaraldehyde for light and electron microscopy. Preliminary data indicated that viable tracheal organ cultures could be maintained for at least one month and that ciliary motility could be observed readily and should serve as a useful index of the functional ability of the explant. The percentage of luminal cells that were ciliated could be

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ascertained easily by microscopic examination of 1 um plastic-embedded sections and appeared to be a sensitive indicator of non-optimal conditions of culture. With the culture media employed, however, normal columnar morphology of the epithelium could not be maintained for more than a few days, and stratified squamous metaplasia was routinely observed. Preliminary studies indicated that these degenerative changes could be forestalled by the presence of retinyl acetate or by reducing the percentage of serum in the culture medium.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Hamster tracheal organ cultures can be harvested readily but require special attention for maintenance of morphologic normality. Their sensitivity to non-optimal conditions of culture and their compatibility with morphologic studies suggest that they have considerable potential as indicators of toxicity in vitro.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Additional studies should be undertaken to optimize the culture medium and characterize explant morphology by scanning and transmission electron microscopy. A known toxin should then be added to the medium and assayed for its effect upon epithelial structure and function  $\underline{in}$ vitro.

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STUDY NO.

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Development and evaluation of in vitro assays for toxic compounds using pulmonary alveolar macrophages

## PROBLEM

Inhalation toxicology studies with animals are extremely expensive and time consuming. There is an urgent need for sensitive, reliable, in vitro screening procedures to detect toxicologic effects of airborne chemicals. The purpose of this study was to establish and standardize in vitro assays for phagocytic and microbicidal capabilities of alveolar macrophages. These assays will then be evaluated for their ability to predict toxic effects in vivo.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The first procedure to be examined was that of Simpson et al (J Immun In this assay, macrophages are challenged by 29:221, 1979). Saccharomyces cerevisiae in the presence of methylene blue. Phagocytosis is measured by counting microscopically the number of ingested organisms. The intracellular bactericidal rate is assessed by comparing the number of organisms that took up the dye (dead organisms) with the number that excluded it. We found the phagocytic capacity (#yeast engulfed/100 macrophages) of (rat) alveolar macrophages to be approximately 250 after 1-hour incubation. The killing rate was 10-15%. Although these results are similar to those reported by Simpson et al, we are not satisfied with this assay procedure. Accurate counts are technically difficult, especially in those macrophages that contain more than three yeast cells. In addition, we found that methylene blue caused a 40% loss in viability in the macrophages themselves. Because of these drawbacks, we have abandoned the above procedure as a potential assay for use in in vitro toxicity testing.

The second assay system was similar to that of Mandell (Infect Immun 8:337, 1974). In this procedure, macrophages are suspended in an appropriate medium and challenged with Staphylococcus epidermis. After incubation for specified intervals, macrophages and bacteria are separated by differential centrifugation. Phagocytosis and bactericidal capabilities are then assessed by standard pour-plate techniques. We have applied these techinques to both rabbit pulmonary alveolar macrophages and RAW 264 CELLS (a well-characterized murine lymphoma cell line). Under conditions where alveolar macrophages killed 50% of the bacterial challenge, the killing rate of the RAW 264 cells was 95%. The reason for the lower bactericidal capability of the aveolar macrophages in not known. Possible explanations include: 1) inherent differences between cell types; 2) nonhomogeneity of the alveolar macrophage population: and 3) additional (unknown) factors in the medium required by the alveolar macrophages.

# In Vitro Cell Toxicology (Continued)

# CONCLUSIONS

Assays for phagocytic and bactericidal capabilities of macrophages have been established using both pulmonary alveolar macrophages and an established macrophage cell line. They are now ready for further study as to their response to potential toxic agents.

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend that the above assays be explored further to gather data on their reproducibility and responses to known toxicants. Recommend also that the alveolar system be studied to determine if the in vitro bactericidal capability can be increased by changes in (optimization of) the assay medium.

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23. (U) New weapons systems, new options for combat casualty management, and alterations in battlefield evacuation times for casualties may alter the course and the hazards of battlefield infections. Studies are needed to assess the degrees of risk and types of infection likely to occur with different kinds of battlefield injuries or battlefield casualty management techniques and, where appropriate, to develop prophylatic measures to limit incidence and severity of those infections.

24. (U) Functional immune profiles will be used in animal models selected for each study on the basis of compatability of responses with those known to occur in humans. Animal models will be used to assess hazards of infections and efficacy of proposed preventive measures with major traumatic and minor wounds. Risk-benefit assess- its will be made considering the type of injury, treatment or intended prophylatic measures.

25. (U) These studies were intended to provide information to aid in risk-benefit analysis of new combat casualty management options being developed in other research divisions at LAIR. Since the support programs will not need this information very soon, and resources are now quite limited these studies are being halted temporarily. Also, it has been determined that support of this type when resumed will be more effective and responsive if the people required are assigned directly to the division having responsibility for the support program.

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## ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3M161102BS02	Mechanics of Recovery from Injury
WORK UNIT NO.	063	Prevention and Treatment of Battlefield Infections

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

- STUDY NO. 1 Establishment of the methods and baseline data required to conduct a normal host immune profile
  - EX-1 Establishment of the capability to perform a host immune profile in Sprague-Dawley rats
- STUDY NO. 2 Care and management of contaminated and infected wounds in the combat soldier
  - EX-1 Development of an animal model for study of wound contamination and infection

STUDY NO. 1, EX-1. Histologic specimens were collected from 10 normal rats. Chemotactic assays were performed on mononuclear cell preparations from 25 rats. Zymosan-treated rat sera, <u>Escherichia coli</u> culture filtrate and lipopolysaccharide failed to demonstrate significant chemotactic activity. Smears of the cell preparations demonstrated the presence of 83+7% lymphocytes and 17+7% monocytes. Nonspecific esterase stains failed to demonstrate esterase activity in any of the cell preparations.

STUDY NO. 2, EX-2. A teflon wound window was fabricated to provide a transparent access port to study growth of bacteria in experimental wounds. This window was implanted into 2 New Zealand White rabbits to see how the animals tolerated the device. One rabbit developed a spontaneous <u>Pseudomonas fluorescens</u> infection while the other developed a mixed infection following implantation of the device. Modification of the window in-house was not possible due to fiscal constraints and lack of manpower. The project was terminated in response to new mission guidelines.

## BODY OF REPORT

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## PROBLEM

The potential compromise of the soldier's immunity as a result of massive blood loss or resuscitation may increase short or long-term susceptibility to infection and may have major impact on patient management and the time required for soldiers to return to duty. Studies in animals may help identify those areas in which compromise of the immune system can be expected and may indicate management procedures or therapy to minimize the impact of such compromises. Efforts were undertaken to establish appropriate techniques for studying the immune cell functions in rats.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Histological specimens (liver, spleen, and thymus) were collected from ten rats and evaluated by a veterinary pathologist. All were assessed to be normal. Blood was collected from twenty-five rats and layered over Ficoll-hypaque. Mononuclear cells were collected from the Ficollhypaque-blood interface after centrifugation. The cells were suspended at 5 x  $10^{6}$ /ml and used in the chemotactic assay. Several substances were used as chemotactants: Zymosan-treated sera (from two separate pools of normal rat serum), filtrate from E. coli cultures, and Salmonella lipopolysaccharide. Smears were prepared and examined after staining with Wright's stain and with nonspecific esterase stain. No consistent increase in the number of mononuclear cells migrating in the presence of any of these substances was seen. Nonspecific esterase stains failed to show esterase activity ( $\alpha$ -naphthyl butyrate) in any of the cell populations tested. However, the Wright's stains demonstrated the presence of 17 + 7% monocytes in these preparations, and the hemotoxylin stains of the chemotactic filters clearly demonstrated the presence of sufficient numbers of monocytes. The remainder of the cells (83 + 7%) were lymphocytes. Large numbers of platelets were present in all preparations.

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# CONCLUSIONS

Lymphocytes and monocytes can be collected successfully from the blood of rats by layering over Ficoll-hypaque. Zymosan-treated rat sera, <u>E. coli</u> culture filtrate and Salmonella lipopolysaccharide are not good chemotactants for rat monocytes.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Dextran sedimentation of the blood before Ficoll-hypaque separation should lead to high harvests of monocytes. Other stimulants of chemotactic activity should be tried and lymphocyte function evaluated.

### PUBLICATIONS

None

STUDY NO.	.2	Care and management of contamina- ted and infected wounds in the combat soldier
EX-1		Development of an animal model for study of wound contamination and infection

## PROBLEM

An animal wound model is needed to develop improved methods for treatment in combat casualties. This model should have the following characteristics:

- The animal should respond to wound infection in a manner which would allow the information gathered to be applied to human wound in-fection.

- A standard wound should be easily created, require a minimum of surgical equipment, and not require prolonged anesthesia.

- The wound model should allow the formation of environments conducive to study both aerobic and anaerobic infections.

- The animal model should provide a wound in which other variables important in the course of wound infection may be studied. Some of the variables are presence or absence of necrotic tissue, clotted blood, and foreign materials.

- The model should allow ready assessment of surgical treatment procedures (debridement, lavage, etc.)

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- The wound should be accessible to direct visualization and sampling during the course of infection and treatment. (Other wound models currently in use are closed or covered after inoculation of organisms, are not visualized during the course of infection, and require necropsy for evaluation)

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In this study a wound window will be developed for the investigation of infections. Attempts will be made to create reproducible wound infections with species of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria usually associated with wound infections in man.

Due to the unique nature of battlefield environments which may be contaminated by biological, chemical, or radiological warfare agents, and because tactical conditions such as lack of air superiority or interdiction of evacuation routes may dictate excessive delays in delivery of definitive treatment to wounded soldiers, some of the new methods that must be considered may be suboptimal and determinations of efficacy will have to be made under conditions approximating those we may expect to encounter on future battlefields. These features make clinical studies unacceptable. As the amount of information that can be derived from in vitro experiments is limited, reproducible wound infection models in animals will be essential to determinations of feasibility, efficacy, and safety during development of new methods for combat casualty management.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

A 4 cm diameter teflon ring was fabricated. This ring had a wide rim to insert under the skin, and a clear top which could be screwed onto the ring. A second ring with teflon screws was available to slide over the first ring to maintain skin position. This ring was inserted into a male New Zealand White rabbit through a skin incision to the left of the dorsal midline behind the scapula. The window fit well and the animal recovered from the general anesthesia without complications.

The window was tolerated well for 3 days. On the 4th day a thickening of the fascia was noted and a creamy white exudate appeared. The reaction grew progressively worse and the animal was sacrificed on the eighth day after surgery. Microbiological culture of the exudate indicated that it contained a pure culture of Pseudomonas fluorescens.

A second rabbit was used to test the window. Within one week of insertion, an exudate developed, although it was not as severe as the one in the first animal.

We feel that the wound window is too heavy and rigid. Additional

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fabrication using other materials, such as silastic, in conjunction with testing of the modified devices on normal animals will be needed before any wound infection can be examined. Because LAIR's fabrication facilities are limited, any modification would have to be performed by a private manufacturer. This, coupled with the termination of the wound infection mission in the Division of Cutaneous Hazards, dictates termination of the project.

## CONCLUSIONS

Further work is needed to produce an inert wound window for study of wound infections.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

This project should be continued in a division at LAIR where investigation of infections can be defended as one of the major problems that must be considered in management of traumatic injuries.

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#### ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	<b>3M161102BS02</b>	Basic Mechanisms of Recovery from Injury
WORK UNIT NO.	074	Long-Term Cryopreservation of Platelets for Immediate Field Use

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1	Cryopreservation strategies
STUDY NO. 2	In vitro viability function testing

STUDY NOS. 1 and 2. Severe injury to combat soldiers requires large volume fluid therapy to sustain life. In this setting, clotting factors and platelets are depleted through losses in shed blood, consumption, and dilution due to transfusion, all of which act in combination to impair hemostasis. The hemostatic defects can be corrected with transfusions of plasma (rich in coagulation factors) and platelet .oncentrates. Since platelets for transfusion must be frozen for longterm storage to meet military logistical requirements, this division addresses practical methods whereby platelets can be easily frozen, stored for long periods, thawed, and made ready for immediate or delayed use. This strategy places emphasis on preparing a one unit therapeutic dose that can be processed with minimal delay after it is thawed. Phase I clinical trials, in conjunction with Letterman Army Medical Center's Clinical Investigation Service, were performed with a freezing protocol (4% glycerol-5% glucose as the cryoprotectant) that fulfilled the military scrategy requirements. This evaluation revealed that although the protocol fulfilled logistical needs, the in vivo recoveries were inadequate to fulfill therapeutic needs. Techniques to evaluate platelet storage changes in vitro have been developed in this laboratory and are being correlated with in vivo viability. Transfused platelet recovery can be accurately predicted by these in vitro tests.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 074

Long-Term Cryopreservation of Platelets for Immediate Field Use STUDY NO. 1 Cryopreservation strategies

PROBLEM

Massive transfusion of stored blood or blood substitutes following severe combat injuries leads to impaired hemostasis. This defect aggravates bleeding, and leads to an inability to resuscitate the wounded soldier successfully. The defect is due to many factors: trauma, dilution of blood with resuscitation fluids, and the lack of platelets and coagulation factors in stored blood products. Platelets can be prepared and given in massive transfusion situations to prevent and treat bleeding due to thrombocytopenia. Blood and coagulation factors are relatively easy to obtain and store for massive transfusion needs but platelets stored in conventional liquid storage systems are too perishable (72 hr storage period) for field use. Current freezing schemas for storing platelets are cumbersome and time-consuming. The platelets require extensive washing after thawing to eliminate possible toxic cryopreservatives and the procedures are not field adaptable. This study is aimed at evaluating simple cryopreservation processes in terms of the field adaptability as well as storability for 72 or more hours after thawing.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

A cryopreservation protocol, based on the work of Drs. Pert and Dayian of Albany, New York, has been established. The cryoprotectant in this protocol is 4% glycerol and 5% glucose. Since these compounds are physiological in the final product (1% less than each glycercl and glucose), the procedure does not require extensive processing after the platelets are thawed, it requires only dilution of the platelets with acidified plasma. Tests in our laboratory show this procedure results in a product with acceptable in vitro recovery after freezing. In addition to in vitro studies, a protocol was established with Letterman Army Medical Center's Clinical Investigation Service to evaluate the product of the glycerol-glucose cryopreservation protocol in vivo. Normal volunteers (N=12) were given autologous s thawed platelets labelled with <sup>51</sup> chromium. Two freezing techniques for the platelets have been used: controlled rate (33 C/min) and static rate (liquid) nitrogen plunge). Those platelets frozen by controlled rate (donors N=5) had in vitro recoveries of 17+9% whereas those frozen by static rate (donors N=7) had in vitro recoveries of 72+9% with in vivo recoveries of 20+4%. Both groups had normal in vivo lifespans (7.2+1.1 versus 8.4+1.7 days). These results show that static rate freezing is better than controlled rate freezing because of higher in vitro recovery. Static rate techniques are simple and adaptable to military needs. Unfortunately, the in vivo recoveries are less than current

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cryopreservation strategies (using DMSO as the cryoprotectant, recoveries are reported in the literature at 35-40%). Function of previously frozen platelets is currently being evaluated in thrombocytopenic patients. At the present time two non-immunized patients, who have shown good response to previous platelet transfusions, have been given therapeutic doses ( <3.3x10<sup>11</sup>) of glycerol-glucose preserved frozen-thawed platelets. One patient developed a fever after transfusion (103 F) but did not have a rise in the platelet count or a shortened bleeding time. These results suggest the frozen platelets were not viable and may not be functional.

# CONCLUSIONS

Although the glycerol-glucose protocol fulfills military logistic needs, the in vivo studies do not support a conclusion that the procedure is adaptable for therapeutic needs for thrombocytopenic patients.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The glycerol-glucose procedure, as designed, is inadequate and, therefore, a revision should be made so that further studies address optimization of yields after freezing of the platelets. Unless in vivo yields are greater than 30%, this procedure will not become therapeutically useful. Further investigation into the use of simple platelet harvest from donors and commercially adaptable blood platelet plastic bags (e.g. polyvinyl chloride) will also be needed to optimize military adaptability of glycerol-glucose protocol.

#### PUBLICATIONS

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STUDY NO.

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In vitro viability, function testing

## PROBLEM

The development of frozen platelet protocols has had to rely on the ability to evaluate platelets by in vitro parameters. The tests currently available have not been reliable from laboratory to laboratory and have questionable value when the platelets are perturbed by the presence of cryoprotectants. Long-Term Cryopreservation of Platelets for Immediate Field Use (continued)

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Tests of platelet integrity and autologous function have been performed on platelets frozen, thawed then infused into the donor. Morphology score appears to be the best indicator of in vivo platelet recovery. Actual recovery, in vitro, does not correlate with in vivo results. Osmotic shock recovery was too insensitive a test to evaluate in vivo results. The in vivo recovery was measured by radiolabel techniques ( $^{51}Cr$ ) in which labelling was done after thawing the platelets. This procedure, as compared to labelling the platelets before freezing may bias the results so that in vivo correlations cannot be accurately made.

### CONCLUSIONS

Tests of platelets based on morphology are valid for predicting in vivo recovery.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Morphology tests should be used to evaluate cryopreserved platelets to determine the ability of these cells to tolerate freezing. Multiple variable analysis should be made on all tests to see if in vitro observations can be strengthened.

#### PUBLICATIONS

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PROJECT NO.	3M161102BS10	Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards
WORK UNIT NO.	241	Analytical Biochemistry Research

The purpose of this work unit is to provide analytical chemistry support for ongoing research projects. This involves setting up, refining, and automating published procedures as well as developing new techniques. Examples of new procedures developed during the past year are 1) formulation of nontoxic vehicles to deliver non-water-soluble test compounds to assay systems (SLRL mutagenicity assay and animal toxicity studies), 2) formulation of a medium to solubilize and stabilize organophosphinates, and 3) development of high performance liquid chromatographic assays for 2,4-dinitrotoluene and dimercaptopropane sulfonic acid.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.

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# Analytical Biochemistry Research

## PROBLEM

Ongoing research projects require analytical chemistry support. For maximum efficiency, analytical procedures must be simplified and automated. For accuracy and significance to the project, procedural quality with regard to target specificity and interferences must be defined and improved. Frequently, analytical procedures must be developed de novo.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The major research efforts of the Analytical Chemistry Services Group have been in response to problems arising in toxicology studies.

problem of incorporating several We were tasked with the non-water-soluble compounds into a suitable carrier medium so that they could be tested for mutagenicity by the drosophila sex-linked recessive lethal (SLRL) assay. First were several insect repellents. Although these amphiphilic compounds were easily incorporated into liposomes, this carrier was not suitable for the SLRL assay because of the low toxicity of the test compound. The doses became self-limiting because of caloric density resulting from the increasing level of The problem was ultimately resolved by incorporating phospholipids. the test compounds into a commercial lipid emulsion by sonication.

The next compounds examined were organophosphinates. Because of their highly nonpolar nature, attempts to incorporate them into liposomes or emulsions were unsuccessful. However, a satisfactory aqueous medium has now been devised which stabilizes these normally labile compounds and is nontoxic to drosophila. A system has also been devised to monitor the breakdown products. Current efforts are directed toward development and automation of assays for these organophosphinates.

An automated high performance liquid chromatographic (HPLC) procedure was developed for 2,4-dinitrotoluene. The capability includes assay of the compound in tissue and feed extracts. An HPLC method was also developed for dimercaptopropane sulfonic acid, a potential antidote for lewisite. Current efforts are directed toward recovery and analysis of this compound in tissue and body fluid extracts. Analytical Biochemistry Research (Continued)

Publications this year represent primarily work which was completed during the transition period when nutrition functions were transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

# CONCLUSIONS

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The formulations of non-toxic vehicles for non-water-soluble compounds are significant advancements. As a result, SLRL tests of insect repellents were successfully completed. The stabilized phosphinate preparations were particularly important and SLRL testing is now ongoing. The information gained concerning chemical properties of the phosphinates will provide a basis for formulation of dosages for animal studies.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend continued efforts to develop new relevant procedures and to automate existing assays.

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# ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO: 3M161102BS10

Research on Military Disease, Injury, and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO: 242

Aspects of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Blood flow during experimental cardiopulmonary resuscitation in pigs

STUDY NO. 2 Use of pharmacologic interventions to improve outcome in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

STUDY NO. 1. The radiomicrosphere technique was used to measure cardiac output (CO) and flow to the myocardium (MQ) and brain (BQ) during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in anesthetized pigs. Manual closed chest massage, performed at 60 compressions per minute and maintained for a third of the massage cycle (standard CPR), was compared with six variations: compression phase of the massage cycle doubled in length (PC), 20 mmHg increase in airway pressure (IAWP), abdominal binding (AB), massage rate doubled (MRD), intra-arterial infusion of Ringer's lactate (IAF), and epinephrine 1 mg IV (EP). Four flow measurements were made in each animal. The first measurement was made when the circulation was supported by the beating heart. Following the induction of cardiac arrest by fibrillation, successive measurements were made during standard CPR, variation CPR, and again during standard CPR. Flow data during standard CPR, expressed as the fraction of flow, found when the circulation was supported by the beating heart were: CO-0.27, MQ-0.40, BQ-0.28. Flows were increased by EP: MQ-1.13, BQ-0.66. IAWP, AB, MRD, and IAF had little effect on flow. PC decreased MQ to 0.19, suggesting that inadequate myocardial perfusion may be a consequence of prolonged chest wall compression during CPR.

STUDY NO. 2. A recently completed LAIR protocol (Study 1, Work Unit 242) investigated ways of increasing blood flow during cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It seems reasonable to assume that an increase in flow to critical organs during cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be associated with a more favorable outcome, but proof of this assumption is lacking. Study 2 is designed to determine whether, in fact, ease of resuscitation, restoration of central nervous system function, and short-term survival can be improved both by increasing blood flow and by pharmacologic interventions.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 242

Aspects of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

STUDY NO. 1

Blood flow during experimental cardiopulmonary resuscitation in pigs

# PROBLEM

Although cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) has saved many thousands of lives since its introduction in 1960, there is no reason to believe that present techniques are optimal and cannot be improved. In fact, there is presently much interest in trying to increase the effectiveness of closed chest cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Unfortunately, evaluation of the proposed modifications of CPR is based upon indirect indices of blood flow, such as blood pressure. Data do not exist in the literature demonstrating the magnitude of blood flow during CPR. The purpose of this study was to rectify this deficiency.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Table 1 presents blood flow determinants made during CPR. Standard massage, as recommended by the American Heart Association, was compared to a variety of modifications. Only administration of epinephrine was found to significantly increase blood flow to the heart and brain.

# CONCLUSIONS

Administration of epinephrine 1 mg IV should be standard practice during cardiopulmonary resuscitation performed on the battlefield.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The model should be appropriately modified so as to study the effect of putative therapeutic interventions on survival and function of critical organs, such as the heart and brain, post-resuscitation.

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Data are given as mean ± one standard deviation.

<sup>†</sup>Expressed as fraction of flow existing prior to cardiac arrest <sup>†</sup>The variation for open chest massage was occlusion of the descending aorta \*p<0.05, Student's t-test for paired measurements

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STUDY NO. 2

Use of pharmacologic interventions to improve outcome in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

# PROBLEM

Methods are required to optimize survival and to minimize neurologic deficit following battlefield cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The cardiac arrest model developed in Study 1 has been modified and will be used to evaluate the effects of several potentially useful pharmacologic interventions on the ease of resuscitation, restoration of brain function, and short-term survival. Drugs to be tested are epinephrine, naloxone, and fructose-1,6-diphosphate. Comparison of postresuscitation neurologic states will be made among three treatment groups and two control groups. One control group will be animals that will be monitored with instruments but who have not sustained cardiac arrest. The second control group will be monitored by instruments and will undergo a cardiac arrest.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Work on Study 2 has just begun. Only the first control group has been completed.

CONCLUSIONS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Completion of Study 2 is indicated.

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### ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.	3M16	1102BS10	Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards	
WORK UNIT NO.	245		Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects	
The following	inves	tigation has b	een conducted under this work unit:	
STUDY NO.	1	Effects of la	ser irradiation on visual function	
EX-1		Behavioral lo	w-level exposure	
EX-2		Morphologic/e	lectrophysiologic study - primate	
STUDY NO.	8	Laser flash effects on Rhesus visual function and performance		
EX-1			fects of single or repetitively exposure on Rhesus spatial vision	

The effects of laser exposure on vision and visual processes were assessed in this study unit. Two types of military situations are addressed by this research. The first involves potential hazards from low-level laser exposure in training situations; the second involves the potential hazard from moderate to low-level laser sources on the battlefield. Will exposure that produces marginal morphological retinal change alter critical visual functions such as acuity and contrast sensitivity? We have examined these questions with animal subjects, largely with Rhesus monkeys, although to investigate the effects of laser exposure on basic visual processes lower vertebrates were used. Behavioral and morphological changes (changes in the frequency of occurrence of macular pigment epithelial striated rootlets and basal bodies) in foveal/macular visual function have been found for low-level chronic visible (514 nm) laser exposure. These exposure levels were well below the maximum permissible levels for extended source criteria. Transient changes in acuity and contrast sensitivity to acute visible laser small spot exposure were obtained. These investigations are in continuation with regard to increase in number of animals exposed and variation in visual function measured in animal subjects as well as in more detailed analysis of the morphology of both chronic and acute laser exposure effects on visual function.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 245	Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects
STUDY NO. 1	Effects of laser irradiation on visual function

## PROBLEM

STUDY NOS. 1 & 8. The objective of this research is the evaluation of effects of low-level laser radiation on vision and ocular tissue. Research is conducted with specific military uses of lasers for both training and combat scenarios.

EX-1

Behavioral low-level exposure

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Two new behavioral animals were started in behavioral paradigm. These animals will be tested for spectral sensitivity with both stationary and moving acuity targets. In both animals, training has progressed to behavioral generalization.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue exposure of trained animals for both low-level chronic and acute exposure experiments. Measurements of acuity, spectral and contrast sensitivities, and dynamic acuity need further assessment with respect to exposure conditions presently employed to determine effects of low-level laser exposure on both battlefield and training scenarios.

Develop a personnel laser dosimeter to monitor cumulative laser exposure received by any individual. Such exposure history would dictate the necessity or schedule for individual laser ocular vision examinations or reexaminations. Supplemental AMRDC contract to evaluate effects of low-level prolonged laser exposure on wavelength discrimination should be established. These data will determine to what extent color vision is altered by low-level laser exposure.

EX-2

Morphologic/electrophysiologic study - primate

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In previous work in this project area, we showed that low-level visible laser radiation produced prolonged changes in spectral sensitivity of the Rhesus, using foveal acuity criteria. This year we have been able to correlate these earlier findings with actual structural alterations observed at the fovea in animals that were behaviorally naive but exposed to nearly identical exposure regimens as originally employed where behavioral changes were produced. Foveal changes consisted of an increase in striated rootlets and basal bodies of the pigment epithelium layer. The present observations have not shown changes elsewhere in the retina that are clearly different from eyes that were patched. However, the more peripheral retinal areas have not yet been evaluated for rootlet and basal body changes.

Vertebrate electrophysiologic measurements for single extracellular preparations have continued to support previous data in which changes to low-level laser exposure were obtained. Multiwavelength exposures (514 + 633 nm), compared to equal energy exposures of either 514 or 633 nm alone, have been found to be more effective. These latter findings support the notion that low-level effects are in fact mediated beyond the photoreceptor/photopigment system in the inner neural retinal layers.

# CONCLUSIONS

Changes in foveal spectral sensitivity measured behaviorally after low level laser radiation at 514 nm have been correlated with ultrastructural changes in the fovea after comparable low-level exposure. These data, therefore, indicate morphologic as well as previously suggested neural changes. At present it is impossible to indicate how neural and morphologic alterations are associated in producing behavioral change, but resolution of this problem will be a major objective in subsequent experiments.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue exposure of trained animals for both low-level chronic and acute exposure experiments. Measurements of acuity, spectral, and contrast sensitivities, and dynamic acuity need further assessment with respect to exposure conditions presently employed to determine effects of low-level laser exposure on both battlefield and training scenarios.

Develop several additional behavioral paradigms for future evaluation of laser operational exposure conditions. One such paradigm would involve Rhesus trained in a laser designator task. Preliminary work in this lab has been completed for such a task. Other important work might involve wavelength discrimination, dark adaptation, and increment spectral sensitivity. Such tasks may be useful in evaluating subtle change in visual function associated with low-level laser exposure. Develop a personnel laser dosimeter to monitor cumulative laser exposure received by any individual. Such exposure history would dictate the necessity for scheduling for individual laser ocular vision examinations or reexaminations.

STUDY NO. 8

Laser flash effects on Rhesus visual function and performance

EX-1

Behavioral effects of single or repetitively pulsed laser exposure on Rhesus spatial vision

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Behavioral techniques for measuring the effects of brief laser flash exposure on contrast sensitivity and visual acuity in Rhesus have been developed. For exposure levels at or near the  $ED_{50}$  for retinal burn criteria, measurements of contrast sensitivity and acuity have been made. The preliminary results of these experiments suggest that levels of exposure at  $ED_{50}$  can produce transient changes in acuity and contrast sensitivity. With present measures of achromatic (white light) acuity and contrast sensitivity testing, we have only occasionally obtained losses lasting longer than one session. In previous work, we reported that white light measurements were less sensitive in detecting residual retinal alterations (Zwick, Bedell, and Bloom, 1972; Robbins, Zwick, and Hanelin, 1978). It is our expectation that residual visual function losses in spectral function (color vision) may be detected when spectral stimuli are employed in evaluation of transient losses.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Brief laser flash exposure, as may be expected under battlefield conditions, has been found to produce transient change in visual acuity and contrast sensitivity. While such exposure leads to foveal opacities, little evidence of permanent change has been detected under present test conditions. However, it is expected that detection of residual change in visual function correlating with foveal lesions will be obtained when spectral test conditions are employed.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Develop several additional behavioral paradigms for future evaluation of laser operational exposure conditions. One such paradigm would involve Rhesus trained in a laser designator task. Preliminary work in this lab has been completed for such a task. Other important work might involve wavelength discrimination, dark adaptation, and increment spectral sensitivity. Such tasks may be useful in evaluating subtle change in visual function associated with low-level laser exposure.

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## ABSTRACT

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Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO. 245

Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 2 Completed field portable dark adaptometer

Preliminary analysis of the data involved in human volunteers tested with a solid state LAIR LED adaptometer indicated that the red and green LEDs can be used to separate rod and cone functions with a rapid and simple automated technique. Thresholds were obtained without fixation over a non-specified 20-degree retinal area every 1.25 minutes. Results are reproduced as log units of brightness of the specified LED. Basic shapes of these curves are dissimilar and are indicative of the ability of the eye to adapt successfully to less light while perceiving light in the red and the green areas of the spectrum. Spectral dark adaptation measurements in the red region should be more rapid and shallow than measurements obtained in the green area of the spectrum. These measurements are easily made with this adaptometer. The variability obtained with this dark adaptometer is similar to that obtained from conventional devices. Using this dark adaptometer to evaluate patients with known visual abnormalities, results were similar to those obtained with conventional test devices.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK	UNIT NO.	245	Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects
	STUDY NO.	2	Completed field portable dark adaptometer

#### PROBLEM

Many of the field exercises conducted within the Army involve extensive night maneuvers. Such maneuvers place large numbers of personnel and millions of dollars of sophisticated weaponry into a combat scenario. No accurate measurements exist to assess the ability of these troops to adapt to low-level light or perform in night operations.

It is estimated that 15% of the "normal" population has some difficulty in altering light sensitivity in darkness. If the military has within its ranks a similar percentage of adaptation problems, there can be any number of leaders who have minimum ability to adapt to low-level light environments. Without actual intent, these individuals may jeopardize the lives of other military and friendly personnel and destroy equipment because either the affected individuals are not aware of this deficiency or cannot compensate for it.

Quantitative measurement of the process of adaptation has traditionally been a complex problem. The technique involves various light sources, filters, optics, and graphic data reduction. The process is a two-step procedure: 1) the visual system must be brought to a standard level of adaptation, and 2) the temporal course of visual threshold in a dark-adapting eye can then be measured over a subsequent time period.

The development of LEDs that function in the long (red) and intermediate (green) spectral regions has made it possible to measure spectral adaptation in a simplified manner.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Dark adaptation functions for 19 human volunteers were obtained using red and green LEDs. Data were obtained without fixation over a nonspecific 20 degree retinal area. Average threshold values were calculated every 1.25 minutes for 20 minutes. Results were graphically displayed using log units of brightness of the LEDs. The basic shapes of these functions are dissimilar, indicative of the photoreceptors used during the adaptation period.

Results may be summarized as follows:

1. It is expected that dark adaptation measurements in the red region of the spectrum should be more shallow and rapid than measurements made in the green area. This is supported by our research with this device.

2. Traditional dark adaptometry in individuals with peripheral retinal disease reflects greater loss in rod than in cone adaptation. This is supported by mesurements with this device.

3. Variability of this device is similar to that obtained from conventional dark adaptometers.

## CONCLUSIONS

It appears that the most routine screening for military assignment requiring night-vision can detect those individuals with severe night vision deficiencies and underlying retinal diseases. Routine use of dark adaptometry has been hampered by the complexity of the procedure and the instrumentation associated with the simplest dark adaptometry mesurement. The field portable, spectrum dark adaptometer eliminates these problems, and the computer automatically displays the data and provides options for measurements.

The associated problem of selecting those individuals who may adapt most rapidly and achieve the lowest thresholds is best approached with this type of automated system. The complexity of determining which night vision functions are essential to night vision performance can best be assessed with a device that offers maximum complexity of visual measurement with maximum variability in experimental design.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

A field portable, spectrum adaptometer can greatly aid the applied visual scientist in resolving the present problems of night vision performance. Concurrently, it satisfies a need by the clinician for a device that can be rapidly and easily used to detect night vision deficiencies in the military population, and as a diagnostic tool in treating them.

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#### ABSTRACT

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Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO. 245

Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 5 Electrophysiologic evaluation of retinal alterations following laser irradiation

Preliminary analysis of the data from experiments involving determinations of spot size and intensity of laser exposure indicated that little or no measurable change occurred immediately after the foveal exposures when amplitude, latency, phase, and frequency components of the Visual Evoked Cortical Potential (VECPs) were examined and compared to pre-exposure criteria. Specifically, a series of laser exposures at the  $ED_{50}$  and at twice the  $ED_{50}$  for a 50 micron spot centered on the fovea produced no measurable changes in the VECP at either spatial frequency used. When the grating size was reduced to 1.8 cycles per degree, no immediate effects were seen following a single exposure at twice the  $ED_{50}$  with a 500 micron spot. Delayed effects were noted one minute after exposure. Amplitude was reduced and a large phase shift of the main frequency components was observed in the waveform.

The conclusions reached in this series of experiments are:

1. Flash effects of a Q-switched ruby laser aimed directly into the foveal area of the retina were not observed immediately after the exposures, using changes in the VECP as the response criterion.

2. Longer term perturbations in the visual system, as measured by changes in the VECP, occur at time intervals consistent with the development of edema in the retina, but not consistent with visual flash effects.

3. In the light-adapted eye, it may not be possible to measure temporarily impaired (flashblinded) vision involving only the fovea since either the system recovers too rapidly to measure or the effect is not present with discrete nanosecond pulses.

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STUDY NO. 5

Electrophysiologic evaluation of retinal alterations following laser irradiation

# PROBLEM

Laser rangefinders, ground locator-designators, and other devices capable of short, high intensity flashes of light have become operational and are currently being utilized by troops. The effects upon vision of these short (20 nanosecond), small retinal spot size flashes are currently being studied. In order to determine the effects upon vision and subsequent performance, it is necessary to study the physical parameters of the laser together with both the state of the visual system and the available methods for measuring it. Once these effects have been determined and the parameters specified for their production, protective devices or avoidance tactics can be developed.

The Visual Evoked Cortical Potential (VECP) is an electrical response of neural tissue measured at the occipital pole of the skull in response to stimuli presented to the visual system. This response generally reflects the state of the visual system, specifically the ability of neural elements (rods and cones) to transduce photochemical events into an electrical transient at the retina, and transmit these transients to the occipital cortex.

If the central visual area of the retinal macula (foveola and fovea) were affected by laser flashes, these disturbances should yield quantifiable changes in the VECP which could be related to the concept of flashblindness (the short-term, reversible change in visual function following sudden exposure to light at levels greater than the present light adaptional state of the eye).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The parameters that were studied were: Retinal spot size (50 and 500 microns); stimulus spot size (30 and 3.6 degrees); stimulus bar width (1.6 and 2.8 cycles per degree); and total intraocular energy (TIE) at either the  $ED_{50}$  (that amount of energy that produces an ophthalmoscopically visible lesion 50% of the time), or two times this amount ( $2ED_{50}$ ). A series of exposures was made at different combinations of these parameters. The stimulus consisted of an oscillating grating projected onto the retina, centered on the fovea and operating at seven revolutions per second. The grating size subtended 30 degrees on the retina. With the insertion of a circular aperture it could be reduced to a 3.6 degree field.

Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects (Cont)

Cynomologus monkeys were administered a paralytic agent and their respiration was monitored and controlled. A ruby laser, operating  $\epsilon=694.3~\mu\text{m}$ , provided a 20-nanosecond pulse directed to the center of the fovea.

The results are summarized as follows:

1. No immediate effects were quantifiable when the 30-degree stimulus field, 50-micron spot size at both the  $ED_{50}$  and  $2xED_{50}$  conditions were presented in a single 20-nanosecond flash.

2. A delayed effect was observed in one animal who received an exposure at  $2xED_{50}$  with a 500  $\mu$  spot size and the 2.8 cycles/degree oscillating grating with a full 30 degree field of view. This change in the potential occurred 60 seconds after the exposure and consisted of an abrupt phase shift with a decrease in the amplitude of the waveform.

3. In order to stimulate only the central area, an aperture was placed into the fundus camera which produced a 3.6 degree field centered in the fovea. The oscillating grating produced a reduced (50%) amplitude VECP but the phase remained stable. Under this condition, no immediate effects were quantifiable. However, delayed effects occurred in all four animals tested. A single 500  $\mu$  exposure at 2xED<sub>50</sub> caused large phase shifts with decreasing amplitude of the P1 wave component at 90 seconds after exposure and lasting 30 to 60 seconds. Following these perturbations, the visual system exhibited increased variability in both the amplitude and phase of the VECPs, and it continued until the experimental session was terminated (up to one hour exposure).

4. The 500  $\mu$  spot size, at the ED<sub>50</sub> for the 3.6 field condition, also showed the phase shift together with a decrease in the amplitude at 120 seconds post exposure. As before, the variability increased following these initial large changes in phase and amplitude.

5. Another Cynomologus was sham-exposed and the VECPs recorded exactly as in the exposure cases. Phase and amplitude remained constant over a 2-hour period.

Analysis of these data is continuing, especially in the 2- to 5second period immediately preceding and following the laser exposure. Transient changes apparently occurred immediately in response to the flash (within 2 seconds). However, with our present analytical techniques we are unable to quantify these observations. Auto- and cross-correlation techniques, as well as fast Fourier analyses, are being conducted to better isolate both the immediate and delayed effects. Physiologic Basis of Laser Effects (Cont)

### CONCLUSION

Based upon the observations to date, little immediate (within the first 2 to 5 seconds) quantifiable change occurred which could be directly attributed to laser flash effects. In those instances in which an observable lesion (at both  $ED_{50}$  and at  $2xED_{50}$ ) was produced, VECP changes were delayed. The changes are consistent with the production of edema within the affected area. Two explanations for these overall findings are offered. First, the Q-switched ruby laser operating at 20 ns does not produce flash blindness as we have defined this phenomenon, either because of the wavelength (red) or the shortness of pulse. Second, the measuring technique (the VECP) may not be sufficiently sensitive for detecting changes when, in fact, they do occur.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

A variety of approaches should be attempted to either produce the flash effect or to definitely determine that the effect cannot be induced with the short pulses from the ruby laser. First, the number of pulses should be increased such that a train of pulses can be directed into the fovea. The possibility is high that the effect can be produced and potentiated by more than one pulse in a 250 ns time period.

The second recommendation is to change wavelengths. The sensitivity of the visual system has been shown to increase as the wavelength is decreased from red (6943  $\mu$ m) to green or blue (argon or frequencydoubled neodymium wavelengths).

The third approach is to maximize the sensitivity of the VECP such that the acuity requirements analogous to the 2.6 cycles per degree condition is increased from 20/200 to approximately 20/20 (approximately 30 cycles per degree).

The fourth recommendation is to examine the VECP response to a stimulus that varies in luminance. To date the grating VECP has measured the response of the visual system to changes in the edges or structure of the stimulus. It is possible that the flash effects would become more apparent when the luminous efficiency of the retina was examined.

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# ABSTRACT

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Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO. 246

Effect of Blood-Oxygen Affinity During Experimental Hemorrhagic Shock and Hypoxemia .

Previous experimental results have indicated that increased hemoglobin-oxygen affinity (HOA) compensates in part for reduced ventilation after cholinesterase inhibition with di-isopropylperfluorophosphate (DFP) and significantly improves survival from doses of DFP that are 100 percent lethal in rats with normal HOA. These results have been extended and confirmed. Additional work has been performed to determine whether 2-PAM chloride would enhance the protective action of increased HOA in rats challenged with lethal doses of DFP. The 2-PAM chloride improved survival at 24 hours after lethal doses of DFP in rats with both normal and increased HOA. The improvement was most pronounced with the increased HOA group, 65 percent of whom survived a lethal challenge of DFP at 24 hours, compared to 25 percent without 2-PAM chloride. The results are preliminary and require additional testing for confirmation.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 246

Effect of Blood-Oxygen Affinity During Experimental Hemorrhagic Shock and Hypoxemia

# PROBLEM

Future armed conflicts pose the threat of widespread use of anti-cholinesterase poisons, exposure to which can cause respiratory failure and interrupt normal oxygen transport to tissues, producing a fulminating asphyxia and death. Optimum current therapy for this form of poisoning requires the application of assisted breathing and the use of supplemental oxygen as well as alleviation of persistent cholinergic hyperactivity. The latter is accomplished by the injection of atropine and oximes (2-pyridene aldoxime methyl chloride or 2 PAM-chloride). In a combat environment, particularly when confronted with mass casualties, the use of assisted breathing and supplemental oxygen presents obvious and formidable difficulties. Current plans for the medical management of exposure to organophosphorus poison rely upon the distribution of kits for self-injecting the antidote combination of atropine and 2-PAM-chloride. Judging by controlled laboratory experiments with animals, this antidote is expected to reduce the lethal consequences of organophosphorus exposure. However, for obvious reasons, there is no widely published practical experience relating to the efficacy and safety of this drug combination when self-administered by troops in combat. Furthermore, known side-effects, such as mydriasis, could be extremely incapacitating in a combat setting even without organophosphorus exposure. Given the requirement for rapid, self-administration of the antidote, the probability of accidental self-incapacitation is not entirely remote. The present study seeks to provide a better understanding of the pathophysiology of organophosphorus poisoning and to improve upon the medical management of this chemical hazard under combat conditions.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In the current reporting period, an expanded data base has been developed which conclusively indicates that increased hemoglobin-oxygen affinity (HOA) in rats provides increased tolerance to diisopropylperfluorophosphate (DFP). This result is apparently obtained because of the improved likelihood of saturating hemoglobin at the low alveolar oxygen tensions that are produced by DFP and other organophosphorus poisons. Cyanosis is therefore diminished and tissue oxygenation improved. The effect is generally the same as that produced by assisted ventilation and supplemental oxygen except that it has been accomplished at a different level of the oxygen transport process. To determine to what extent protection could be improved without the use of atropine, 2 PAM-chloride was administered 30 minutes after a lethal DFP challenge of rats having both normal and increased Effect of Blood-Oxygen Affinity During Experimental Hemorrhagic Shock and Hypoxemia (Cont)

HOA. Both groups demonstrated improved survival at 24 hours compared to untreated controls: 33 percent of rats with normal HOA survived; 65 percent of rats with increased HOA survived (survivals without 2-PAM chloride were 0 percent with normal HOA and 25 percent with increased HOA). These results are preliminary and require additional testing for confirmation. The degree of protection afforded by the relatively late administration of 2-PAM chloride without atropine, however, is of considerable practical interest. Future experiments will address the question of the timing of the 2-PAM chloride injections with regard to tolerance for DFP in rats with increased HOA. These results (and those of others) also imply that cellular energy levels may be a potent factor in modifying an organism's natural ability to combat organophosphorus poisoning. These implications will also be tested in future experiments.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

None at the present time.

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None. A manuscript describing these results is currently being prepared.

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# ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO: 3S162772A874

Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO: 247

The Response of Muscle to Injury

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO 1 Studies concerning the mechanism that controls the redox state of myoglobin

STUDY NO 2 The influence of cobalt on the mechanism that controls the redox state of hemoglobin and myoglobin.

STUDY NO. 1. Studies initiated in FY 79, in collaboration with MAJ E. Wayne Askew MS, were completed. In this, the last of these studies, the combined influences of iron deficiency and endurance exercise training were evaluated in rapidly growing rats. Male rats weighing approximately 130 gm (about 6 weeks of age) were randomly divided into a control or iron-deficient group. Each group underwent a training regimen which ranged from sedentary to a maximum work load on the treadmill (120 min/day, 5 days/wk, 8° incline, 29.5 meters/min); thus some underwent physical training during the induction of dietary iron-deficiency. The control diet contained about 50 mg iron/kg diet, and the iron-deficient diet contained about 6 mg iron/kg diet. Sedentary rats were kept in cages for the duration of the experiment. Trained rats underwent progressive running programs for 12 weeks. At the end of the 12 weeks, biochemical measurements were carried out. The iron-deficient animals had decreased serum iron, liver and muscle iron, and a diminished oxygen-carrying capacity despite normal hemoglobin levels. Skeletal muscle mitochondria demonstrated decreased capacity to oxidize fatty acids and carbohydrates. Iron deficiency decreased the activity of succinic dehydrogenase; the training regimen blunted this decrease. Iron deficiency decreased myoglobin levels in the soleus and red quadriceps, but not in the heart or gastrocnemius. Cytochrome c was decreased in the heart and gastrocnemius, in iron deficiency. Methemoglobin reductase activity was decreased in iron deficiency and was unaffected by the training regimen. The iron deficiency state reduced the physical performance capacity of the animals. The study demonstrates the preferential utilization of iron between and within tissues, the stability of certain iron pools and the lability of others, and the complex interactions of iron deficiency and endurance training. In this study, iron deficiency appeared more important than endurance training in the biochemical changes that were found.

STUDY NO. 2. There has been continued inte 3st in the therapeutic efficacy of cobalt salts in cyanide poisoning since the late 1800's. Despite a long history of use and widespread investigation, the precise antidotal mechanism of cobalt remains uncertain. Nearly 30 years ago

studies demonstrated the formation of methemoglobin in normal human blood incubated in the presence of cobaltous chloride, and it was concluded that cobalt inhibits the intracellular system that maintains hemoglobin iron in the ferrous state. Since that time, definitive studies in defined systems, using purified enzymes, have not been performed. We found that cobalt ions inhibit the enzymatic reduction of both methemoglobin and metmyoglobin in highly defined in vitro systems. Virtually total in vitro inhibition of the activity of purified methemoglobin and metmyoglobin reductase occurred with the addition of 2.5 mM cobalt acetate to the assay system. Both enzymes were inhibited by lower levels of cobalt in a dose-dependent manner. The similarity in susceptibility to cobalt inhibition is further evidence that the enzymes that reduce methemoglobin and metmyoglobin are functionally similar. The inhibition of methemoglobin reductase may be, in part, responsible for the therapeutic effectiveness of cobalt salts and chelates in cyanide poisoning.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO: 020

The Response of Muscle to Injury

STUDY NO: 1

Studies concerning the mechanism that controls the redox state of myoglobin

# PROBLEM

Muscle function is often impaired in injured soldiers either directly by the injury or indirectly by immobilization. To facilitate healing and reverse atrophy of muscle, it is necessary to understand the mechanisms involved in exercise-induced hypertrophy and immobilization-induced atrophy of muscle. Muscle is the only tissue that contains myoglobin, the presence of which subserves functions--the precise nature of which remain uncertain. Because myoglobin is a heme-protein, it is presumed that its function, in part, is related to oxygen transport/storage in the muscle cell. It is postulated that myoglobin may be centrally involved in the energy-dependent process of muscle via this function as an intracellular carrier of oxygen.

Myoglobin, like hemoglobin, undergoes freely reversible oxygenation in order to carry out its oxygen transport function. Myoglobin is nearly 20 times more easily oxidized than hemoglobin. The oxidized forms of nemoglobin and myoglobin (methemoglobin and metmyoglobin, respectively) are incapable of carrying the oxygen. The red blood cell possesses several enzymatic mechanisms which maintain hemoglobin in the functional reduced state. We have isolated, purified, and characterized an enzyme (NADH - metmyoglobin reductase) which actively reduces metmyoglobin in vitro.

In a previous study we found that growing rats that had undergone a strenuous 12-week training regimen had increased myoglobin and metmyoglobin reductase activity in selected muscles and a slight, but statistically significant, decrease in hemoglobin levels when compared to sedentary, pair-fed controls. These results indicated that endurance training may influence the patterns of iron utilization, leading to its preferential incorporation into muscle at the expense of the red cell mass. The purpose of the study reported herein was to more thoroughly evaluate the patterns of iron utilization during endurance training. The specific question addressed in the study was whether or not the exercise-induced increase in muscle myoglobin could be diminished or abolished by iron deficiency. These studies were initiated in 1979 in collaboration with MAJ E. Wayne Askew, MS, and the last of the analytical procedures completed during the FY covered by this report.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Male rats weighing approximately 130 gm (about 6 weeks of age) were randomly assigned to either a control, moderate, or severe iron deficiency diet group. This assignment determined which diet they would receive for the remainder of the study. At the time of assignment to one of the dietary groups, the physical training regimen was also initiated. The animals thus underwent a training regimen during the dietary induction of iron deficiency. The control diet contained about 50 mg of iron/kg diet and the iron deficient about 6 mg of iron/kg diet. The levels of iron intake chosen for this study were based on published estimated requirements for growing rats.

Untrained rats were maintained in a sedentary state in stainless steel cages for the duration of the 12-week experiment. Trained rats underwent a progressive treadmill running program 5 days a week for 12 weeks, at which time the control rats were running 120 min/day at 29.5 meters/min. This training regimen is similar to those that produced certain defined biochemical adaptations to exercise. In addition to pair feeding, the animals were pair exercised to allow the necessary testing of dietary and training effects within dietary groups. Rats were killed after 12 weeks of training. Blood samples were collected, heart, quadriceps, soleus, and gastrocnemius groups were removed, and the following determinations were performed: hemoglobin, hematocrit, blood oxygen affinity, myoglobin, cytochrome c, tissue and serum iron, serum total iron-binding capacity, metmyoglobin reductase, and mitochondrial respiration and P/O ratios with pyruvate-malate as substrates. In addition, several non-heme muscle enzymes were assayed to dissociate possible effects of iron deficiency on general protein synthesis.

There was a major problem with the experimental design of this study which became apparent only after the study was completed. Rats that are about 6 weeks old have accumulated substantial body stores of iron. It is difficult to disturb their iron metabolism despite the imposition of severe dietary iron deficiency. To further complicate the picture, their iron requirements continually fall as they reach maturity. The level of dietary iron intake may have been appropriate at the beginning of the study (i.e., iron intakes were correctly provided to create moderate and severe deficiency), but became increasingly more adequate as iron requirements decreased with age. Despite these confounding problems, enough data were gathered to clearly distinguish the effects of iron deficiency versus those of endurance training.

The iron deficient animals had significantly decreased levels of serum iron, liver iron, and muscle iron. Hemoglobin values and TIBC were not different in the control and iron deficient groups. Despite normal hemoglobin levels, oxygen-carrying capacity was significantly reduced

by the iron deficiency. Iron deficiency decreased myoglobin in the soleus and red quadriceps, but not in the heart or gastrocnemius. Cytochrome c was decreased in the heart and gastrocnemius in the iron deficient animals. Neither myoglobin nor cytochrome c demonstrated changes that could be attributed to the training regimen. In agreement with other studies, methemoglobin reductase activity was increased by iron deficiency.

Skeletal muscle mitochondria demonstrated both decreased fatty acid and carbohydrate oxidation in iron deficiency; however, the decrease was blunted significantly by the training regimen. Dietary iron deficiency severely curtailed the endurance performance of the experimental animals under the conditions of this study.

## CONCLUSIONS

There are complex relationships between the metabolism of iron and the age of the animal in which the study occurs. Iron metabolism in the weanling rat is different from iron metabolism in either the growing or adult rat. Such differences were not totally overcome under the conditions of this study and represent major obstacles in any effort to unravel the obscure aspects of iron metabolism. In general, the study demonstrated that iron deficiency and exercise training had variable effects on iron metabolism which underscored the specific hierarchical pattern of iron utilization in various organs and tissues. In general, training effects seemed to be less important than dietary iron deficiency as an explanation for the range of biochemical changes seen. The study clearly demonstrates decreased work performance in iron deficient animals despite the presence of normal hemoglobin values.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

This study, initiated in 1979, concludes the nutritional research initiated with the Division of Nutrition Technology. No further investigations along these lines have been initiated. If nutritional research becomes a future concern for the military, studies of iron metabolism versus endurance exercise tolerance may be warranted.

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STUDY NO. 2

The influence of cobalt on the mechanism that controls the redox state of hemoglobin and myoglobin

# PROBLEM

There has been continued interest in the therapeutic efficacy of cobalt salts in cyanide poisoning since 1894. Despite a long history of use and widespread investigation, the precise antidotal mechanism of cobalt remains uncertain. In 1954, Shen and co-workers (J Clin Invest 33:560, 1954) demonstrated the formation of methemoglobin in normal human blood incubated in the presence of cobaltous chloride, and concluded that cobalt inhibits the intracellular system that maintains hemoglobin iron in the ferrous state. These studies were performed before any of the putative methemoglobin reductases had been described. In more recent studies of suspensions of intact red blood cells, there was no evidence to suggest that cobalt is a specific inhibitor of methemoglobin reductase; however, specific assays of methemoglobin reductase activity were not performed. Until they are performed, any action or lack of action on methemoglobin reductase activity that is ascribed to cobalt must remain speculative, and it must be clearly distinguished from the evaluation of methemoglobin formation and reduction which occurs in intact red blood cells. Hegesh and Avron (Biochem Biophys Acta 146:91,397, 1967) described an active methemoglobin reductase in the erythrocyte which requires ferrocyanide for in vitro study. We have isolated from muscle a metmyoglobin reductase that actively reduces metmyoglobin in vitro. It is similar to the enzyme described by Hegesh and Avron in that it requires ferrocyanide for in vitro activation, but otherwise appears to be a distinct entity. The isolation of these two met-heme protein-reducing enzymes allows an evaluation of the effect of cobalt on both methemoglobin and metmyoglobin reductase activities. Therefore, we examined the effect of cobalt on the ferrocyanide activated methemoglobin and metmyoglobin reductases and found that cobalt inhibits the activities of these two enzymes in vitro.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Bovine methemoglobin and metmyoglobin substrates were prepared by methods routinely utilized in this laboratory. Bovine methemoglobin reductase and metmyoglobin reductase were each partially purified (approximately 10-fold) from red blood cells and cardiac muscle, respectively. A 0.1 <u>M</u> solution of cobalt acetate (pH 7.34) was used as the source of the cobalt ion. The enzymatically mediated reduction of methemoglobin and metmyoglobin was measured spectrophotometrically in a

well-defined in vitro system. The addition of cobalt acetate to the assay system decreased the activity of both methemoglobin and metmyoglobin reductase in a dose-dependent manner. Irrespective of the substrate, inhibition was apparent over a narrow range of cobalt concentrations, and was virtually complete when the concentration of cobalt reached 2.5 mM. Because of the small number of experimental observations, the statistical significance of the differences in the degree of inhibition of each of the enzymes against heme protein substrate could not be ascertained. Nevertheless, the responses of the enzymes to the inhibitory effects of cobalt were similar irrespective of whether methemoglobin or metmyoglobin was used as substrate.

Whatever other effects cobalt might exert, it is clear from the results that it does inhibit the enzymatic reduction of methemoglobin in vitro. Cobalt salts and chelates do ionize to variable degrees, and cobalt binds to red cell membranes and penetrates the red cell to bind to hemoglobin. Our data confirm the results of Shen et al demonstrating cobalt inhibition of methemoglobin reduction. It is possible, although unproven, that a level of cobalt sufficient to inhibit methemoglobin reductase activity in intact red cells might result from conventional therapeutic doses.

The physiology and biochemistry of cobalt have been the subjects of extensive investigation. The current understanding of the effects of cobalt includes effects on a number of enzyme systems as measured in vitro. The significance of these in vitro effects in intact organisms are not known, and are currently under investigation. While the significance of cobalt inhibition of methemoglobin and metmyoglobin reductase activity remains unknown, particularly in regard to cyanide poisoning, such inhibition should be added to the known in vitro effects of cobalt.

### CONCLUSIONS

Because cobalt compounds tend to form stable complexes, there has been continued interest in the use of the salts and chelates of cobalt in cyanide poisoning, and continued uncertainty about the precise nature of their protective effects. We have found that cobalt ions inhibit the enzymatic reduction of both methemoglobin and metmyoglobin. Virtually total inhibition of methemoglobin and metmyoglobin reductase activity occurred with the addition of 2.5 mM cobalt acetate to the assay system. Both enzymes were inhibited by lower levels of cobalt in a dose-dependent manner. The similarity in susceptibility to cobalt inhibition is further evidence that the enzymes that reduce methemoglobin and metmyoglobin are functionally comparable. The inhibition of methemoglobin reductase may be, in part, responsible for the therapeutic effectiveness of cobalt salts and chelates in cyanide poisoning.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The potentially beneficial effects of cobalt and other cyanide binding materials should continue to be evaluated. Ideally, the development of an agent that could be used prophylactically to prevent cyanide poisoning should be pursued.

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# ABSTRACT

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Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO: 248

Investigating a Circulating Shock Factor of Pancreatic Origin

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Hemodynamic characterization of a pancreatic shock factor (PSF)

STUDY NO. 2 Isolation and purification of PSF

STUDY NO. 1. The pancreas contains vasoactive substances that exacerbate hypotension after long periods of shock. A pancreatic shock factor (PSF) from the canine pancreas has previously been isolated and shown to be a potent vasodilator and probably a glandular kallikrein. Four vasodilating agents were hemodynamically compared with the vascular reaction of PSF. Glandular kallikrein and prostacyclin produced a vascular reaction similar to PSF but the reactions from trypsin and histamine were not similar. The blocking agents aprotinin and FOY were ineffective in blocking the vascular reaction to monkey or dog PSF when injected into the same species; however, these enzyme inhibitors were effective (aprotinin better than FOY) when crossing species lines (i.e., monkey PSF into the dog). The species variability to enzyme inhibitor blockade indicates that an effective blocker in the monkey against monkey PSF might have therapeutic possibilities in human shock.

STUDY NO. 2. The availability of canine pancreatic tissue was a limiting factor in this column chromatography study and we began using commercially available porcine pancreata. Kilogram quantities of porcine pancreatic tissue were processed and passed through filters, ultracentrifuged, and column chromatographed. Porcine PSF also proved to be a macromolecule. The data are still undergoing tabulation and analysis similar to canine PSF.

WORK UNIT NO. 248

Investigating a Circulating Shock Factor of Pancreatic Origin

STUDY NO. 1

Hemodynamic characterization of a pancreatic shock factor (PSF)

# PROBLEM

The pancreas contains vasoactive substances that can exacerbate shock after prolonged low blood flow to the tissues. When resuscitation is delayed in a combat injured soldier, these pancreatic shock factors may prevent salvage of the patient. As described in a previous progress report, we found that the pancreatic shock factor (PSF) was probably an activated glandular kallikrein. PSF acted primarily as a vas\_dilating substance without myocardial depression. The hypotension associated with the marked vasodilatation was prevented by aprotinin (a kallikrein-binding agent) in the pig, but not in the dog or monkey. Our objective in further studies was to determine if PSF from one animal species would be blocked with antienzyme compounds (aprotinin, FOY) in another animal species. If, for instance, monkey PSF could not be blocked with ap otinin in the monkey, could it be blocked in a pig or dog? The species variability of the blocker in various animals could have important identification, as well as therapeutic, implications. A further objective was to hemodynamically characterize known vasodilating agents and compare them to PSF.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Aprotinin proved to be a blocker of the PSF shock reaction when pig PSF was injected into the pig, dog, or monkey; when dog PSF was injected into the pig or monkey but not the dog, and when monkey PSF was injected into the pig or dog but not the monkey. These interesting results indicated that other proteins present in dog or monkey serum have a higher affinity for the aprotinin than dog or monkey PSF, respectively. The PSF is liberated from its enzyme-inhibitor complex and is free to be vascularly active.

FOY [ethyl-4-(6-guanidino-hexanoyloxy)-benzoate methanesulfonate], a known inhibitor of kallikrein, was an effective blocker of dog and pig PSF in the monkey only, but was ineffective in blocking monkey PSF in any animal. FOY will prove less useful in the primate model to prevent the shock reaction.

Glandular kallikrein (porcine), trypsin, prostacyclin (PGI<sub>2</sub>), and histamine were hemodynamically characterized. Glandular kallikrein and PGI<sub>2</sub> produced vascular reactions similar to PSF. Trypsin and histamine were dissimilar to PSF as they depressed cardiac output. Histamine also exhibited acute tolerance (tachyphylaxis). Investigating a Circulating Shock Factor of Pancreatic Origin (Cont)

# CONCLUSIONS

The pancreas contains a pancreatic shock factor (PSF) which is a glandular kallikrein that lowers systemic resistance in pigs, dogs, and monkeys. The blockade of this vascular reaction with enzyme inhibitors exhibits a species variability not therapeutically conducive in the monkey with aprotinin or FOY. The vascular reactions to trypsin and histamine are not like those produced by PSF. Glandular kallikrein and PGI<sub>2</sub> do have similar reactions, but only kallikrein is known to be blocked by aprotinin.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

An enzyme inhibitor should be found that blocks the vascular reaction of monkey PSF in the monkey. Therapeutic intervention in human shock with this inhibitor would then be logical. Other shock factors of pancreatic origin should be tested (hemorrhagic pancreatitis ascites fluid) and compared to PSF and other known hypotensive agents.

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## STUDY NO. 2

Isolation and purification of PSF

#### PROBLEM

A canine pancreatic shock factor (PSF) is present in the supernatant of collagenase (bacterial enzyme) digestion of minced pancreatic tissue. The objective of this study is to isolate, purify, and characterize porcine PSF because a commercial porcine source will provide larger quantitites of pancreas than possible with canine sources.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Porcine PSF was similar to canine PSF. Both canine and porcine PSF are hemodynamically active and are macromolecules, probably proteins. The range of porcine PSF size is between 20,000 and 40,000 Daltons. The agent is present in the supernatant of the homogenate as well as collagenase digested tissue. The enzymatic and physical properties indicated the proteinaceous nature. Investigating a Circulating Shock Factor of Pancreatic Origin (Cont)

# CONCLUSIONS

The pig and dog pancreatic shock factor is a protein between 20,000 and 40,000 Daltons.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The use of antiproteolytic inhibitors of pancreatic acinar cellular enzymes to block shock is indicated.

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23. (U) Better understanding of metabolic events in skin before and after injury is necessary for development of safe, effective and rational measures to protect soldiers against environmental hazards and for development of decontamination procedures for casualties incurred in a chemical warfare (CW) environment. The objectives of this line of research are: (1) to determine the mechanisms by which various chemical agents produce aberrations and subsequent tissue damage, and the mechanisms of action of drugs, hormones and other metabolites that may prevent injury, counteract toxic substances, or promote healing; (2) to determine the effects on penetration rates of the physical and chemical properties of the substance, its vehicle, and the skin; and, (3) to determine the events occurring in skin during and subsequent to decontamination.

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#### ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.		3M161102BS10	Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards					
WORK UNIT NO.		249	Physiology of Dermal Penetration					
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STUDY NO.	1	Effects of organophos supply systems in the	phate compounds on energy rat					
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Studies were conducted to evaluate selective aspects of diisopropylfluorophosphate (DFP), an organophosphate compound, on intermediary metabolism in the rat. DFP administration enhances biosynthesis of steroids and of some lipid components in the skin and other tissues, and reduces liver and muscle glycogen synthesis. In addition, DFP enhances oxidation and incorporation of two ine into muscle proteins. These changes in protein metabolism may we associated with changes in metabolic pools of tissue free lysine.

Brain acetylcholinesterase activity is stimulated by chronic administration of insulin. Insulin has no effect on enzymes in the skin, liver, muscle or in the serum. Glucagon, epinephrine or cortisone did not affect acetylcholinesterase activity.

The enzymatic hydrolysis of paraoxon, an inhibitor of acetylcholinesterase, has been studied in the pig skin and serum. Enzymatic activity in the skin is relatively low. In contrast, the serum enzyme has four different pH optima, ranging from 6.5 to 10.5 and suggesting that perhaps four different enzymes are capable of hydrolyzing organophosphates.

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## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 249

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STUDY NO.

Physiology of Dermal Penetration

Effects of organophosphate compounds on energy supply systems in the rat '

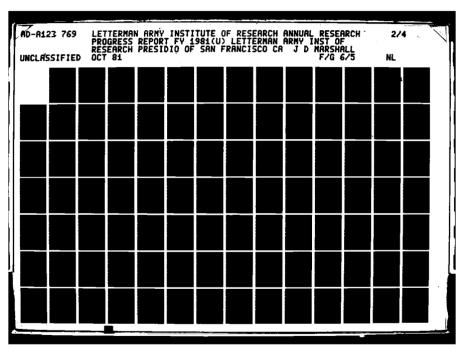
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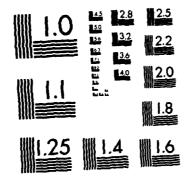
The nicotinic and muscarinic effects of organophosphate toxicity have been adequately described. However, metabolic alterations underlying the signs and symptoms of organophosphate poisoning are sketchy and remain to be defined. A perusal of the literature indicates that organophosphates bind with high affinity to liver microsomes and inhibit hepatic testosterone hydroxylases. These observations suggest that organophosphates are potential inhibitors of steroid metabolism in mammals. In cultured neuroblasts, organophosphate compounds depress the rate of protein synthesis that may be responsible for the degenerative syndrome. After administration of organophosphates, an increase in the activity of plasma beta-glucuronidase has been observed. The increase appears to be liver-dependent. It is evident from the foregoing observations that metabolic changes induced by organophosphates are not fully understood. There is a compelling need for more complete metabolic data relevant to the toxic effects of organophosphates as well as the metabolic factors involved in the protective reactions against such substances. A better understanding of metabolic derangements resulting from organophosphate toxicity will lead to the development of rational and effective protective measures against injurious effects of these compounds. Consequently, this study is concerned with the effects of diisopropylfluorophosphate (an organophosphate) on protein, lipid and carbohydrate metabolism in the rat.

# **RESULTS AND DICUSSION OF RESULTS**

Male rats weighing approximately 200 gm were used in all experiments. The rats were injected intraperitoneally with a solution of DFP (2mg/kg), followed by an injection of one of the metabolic precursors ( $C^{14}$ -acetate,  $C^{14}$ -glucose, or  $^{14}$ C-lysine). In some experiments, DFP solution was applied topically (7.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> skin). Both in vivo and in vitro oxidation rates and incorporation of the various precursors into tissue components were determined.

Compared to the controls, DFP enhanced incorporation of acetate into skin, adipose and hepatic steroids and fatty acids. Oxidation of acetate or incorporation into glycerol was not affected. DFP markedly decreased glucose incorporation into hepatic and muscle glycogen and stimulated lipid synthesis by hepatic and adipose tissue. DFP increased lysine oxidation and lysine incorporation into liver, kidney,





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heart and diaphragm proteins. In contrast, DFP decreased lysine incorporation into skeletal muscle proteins and had no effect on protein synthesis in the skin, spleen, brain, and adrenals.

### CONCLUSIONS

The data indicate that organophosphates, in addition to their known effects on acetylcholinesterase, induce marked alterations in intermediary metabolism. The results suggest that tissue glycogen is utilized to support accelerated oxidative processes in the muscle during the acute stages of poisoning. It also appears that amino acid oxidation in the muscle is enhanced in support of increased energy needs. Consequently, a decrease in the pool size of free amino acids results in a reduction in tissue, and in particular in muscle protein synthesis.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The mechanisms that underly these metabolic changes, and the effects of various organophosphate antidotes on these processes should be sought.

STUDY NO.

Effects of hormones on levels of acetylcholinesterase in the skin

#### PROBLEM

The toxic action of organophosphates is due to the inhibition of acetylcholinesterase, an enzyme vital for nerve function. Organophosphates react rapidly and covalently with the enzyme to produce an inactive enzyme. Reactivation of the inhibited enzyme proceeds very slowly. An increase in the enzyme activity in animals surviving from organophosphate poisoning has been largely attributed to increased rate of enzyme synthesis and new enzyme molecules. If synthesis of acetylcholinesterase could be stimulated, recovery from organophosphate toxicity should be faster or the toxicity should be alleviated. Since acetylcholinesterase is an allosteric protein, it is subject to metabolic control. Ultimately, an understanding of the mechanisms of acetylcholinesterase control would provide a rational guide for applied research in selecting specific antidotes or in developing preventive measures against the toxic effects of organophosphates. Since numerous metabolic events are regulated by hormones, this study was concerned with the effect of selected hormones on the activity of acetylcholinesterase in the skin and in other tissues.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

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Male rats weighing approximately 200 gm were used in all experiments. They were injected subcutaneously every 12 hours for 4 days with each of the following hormones: glucagon, epinephrine, insulin, or cortisone.

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Control rats received injections of either the vehicle or saline. Twelve hours after the last injection, acetylcholinesterase activity was determined in the skin, brain, liver, muscle, and serum. Compared to the controls, insulin increased the enzyme activity in the brain. No insulin effect in the other tissues was observed. Glucagon, epinephrine, or cortisone did not alter acetylcholinesterase activity.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The results indicate the complex nature of acetylcholinesterase and suggest that the brain enzyme may differ from the enzyme in other tissues. Hormone-induced conformational changes in acetylcholinesterase, variations in the isoenzyme components, or the catalytic sites may account for the differential response of acetylcholinesterase to insulin.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Further studies should be conducted to determine the metabolic controls of acetylcholinesterase.

PUBLICATIONS

None

STUDY NO.

Skin permeability based on chemical structure

Study has been approved but not initiated.

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STUDY NO. 4 Miliaria and Hypohidrosis

Study has been approved and transferred to Work Unit 255, Agency Accession No. DAOG 8396 - Miliaria and Hypohidrosis Prevention.

STUDY NO.	5	Effect of organophosphates on
		paraoxonase in the pig

#### PROBLEM

The ultimate purpose of this work is to develop more powerful and safe decontamination and preventative strategies for human skin against the effects of nerve gases and mustards. This requires a new predictive tool and a new animal model that do not depend on crude measurements such as LD50. To develop such a new decontamination system two aspects need to be considered: (1) a representative animal model must be used since initial tests cannot be made on human volunteers; (2) tests should be done with chemical warfare agents or realistic simulants that have similar biological and physical properties as chemical warfare

agents. Current decontamination systems such as the DS 2 or 258 kit or proposed systems such as the NBO/CTAC all operate at unphysiologic pH of about 10 or higher. Current systems also contain organic molecules such as methoxyethanol, phenol, or detergents, all of which damage the skin and/or facilitate penetration of chemical warfare agents. These organic molecules may also alter the natural defense mechanism by activating or deactivating enzymes in the skin that destroy chemical warfare agents. The knowledge of enzymatic activity in skin, vis a vis chemical warfare agents, is therefore important in the development of new decontamination strategies, but that information is not available.

In the past, much work on evaluation of the effects of chemical warfare agents was done with rats and rabbits. However, these two species have a very high density of hair compared to man. It can be calculated that in rats the area of the epidermis within the hair follicles actually exceeds the area of the exposed surface. Because of the protection by hair, rabbits and rats also have a very thin epidermis and stratum corneum compared to man. Because of the hair follicles, the dominant site of entry of the chemical warfare agent will be these hair follicles. For these and other reasons a more representative model is being developed. Despite many dissimilarities, the skin of domestic pigs has remarkable similarities to that of man. It is believed that the thickness of the epidermis of the pig is similar to man although very few measurements are available and the thickness of pig skin is clearly not uniform. Furthermore, in some areas of the pig skin there are serous glands which have cholinesterase-reactive nerve endings similar to ecrine glands of man, but no quantitative data are available. In other areas of the surface of the pig skin many short hairs and sebaceous glands are present and it is believed that these structures contain nonspecific esterases, acetylcholinesterase and other hydrolytic enzymes. Thus, some skin areas of the pig may be useful whereas other areas may be unsuitable for testing decontamination systems or barrier creams, however, the information is not available.

At this time, LAIR is not authorized to use chemical warCare agents. For this reason decontamination work needs to be done with biologically realistic simulants for chemical warfare agents. Besides chemical warfare agents, many pesticides and organophosphates such as paraoxon and DFP are hydrolized by poorly defined enzymes such as phosphatases (tabun), DFPase (DFP) or paraoxonase (paraoxon). Paraoxon appears to be a particularly useful simulant since the enzyme(s) that hydrolizes paraoxon also acts on DFP, tabun and sarin.

In this study paraoxon was used to measure the enzymatic activity of pig serum, human serum, and various skin regions. We also examined the morphologic structure and thickness of those skin areas. This is important since morphology and thickness have been shown to affect penetration of organophosphate pesticides.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Calibration of equipment and procedures have been completed. Our review of the literature indicates that virtually no information has been published on phosphatases, in pig skin or other pig tissues. contrast, there are a number of reports on the phosphatase activity in serum of various species and man, but not the pig. For this reason a spectrophotometric assay for the enzymatic hydrolysis of paraoxon has been developed and shows good accuracy and good day-to-day reproducibility with human and pig serum. Enzymatic activity in homogenates from pig skin so far is relatively low. It appears that the activity depends on many factors including the concentration of tissue. It appears that both enzyme activators as well as inhibitors are present and, depending on tissue concentration, may affect the enzymatic rate. Because of this, the activity of paroxonase was investigated in serum of pigs and humans in more detail. Since pH in relation to decontamination is important and since the literature suggested at least two enzymes in serum with optimal velocity at pH 7 and 10, we investigated the pH dependence of the hydrolysis of paraoxon in human and pig serum. The data suggest that phosphatase activity in human and pig serum is similar. Our results suggest, however, four different pH optima in the range from pH 6.5 to 10.5. This suggests that perhaps four different enzymes are capable of hydrolyzing organophosphates. The enzyme with the highest pH optimum has the highest rate of inactivating the organophosphate. At pH 7.5 the enzyme is significantly activated by phosphate ions and inhibited by Tris buffer and perhaps by diethyl malonic acid buffer. This suggests that specific ion effects may have significant effect on the hydrolysis of organophosphates. The enzyme activity varies widely from person to person but the activity level remains relatively stable for any particular person over a period of several weeks. In contrast, the enzyme activity in pigs does not seem to vary greatly from animal to animal. The enzyme activity in pig serum is also stable over a period of weeks. Detergents of various types, including bile salts and nondenaturing zwitterionic detergents, significantly decrease the activity of hydrolysis of the organophosphate both at pH 7.5 and 10.5. Since we are interested in comparing the enzymatic activity in various types of pig skin of various thicknesses and containing various appendages we excised 12 samples from each pig, i.e., three from the head region, five from the trunk (i.e., ventral side of the thorax and cervical region, dorsal thorax) three from the forelimb (axillary region, etc.) and one from the hind limb. Tissue samples from two pigs have been fixed, imbedded in paraffin and sections prepared. Photographs of the sections have been prepared and measurements are being taken of the thickness of the epidermis, hair follicles, and sebaceous glands. A method has been developed that allows for simple and controlled freezing and cryopreservation of the pig skin with apparently little loss in enzymatic activity. This is important in reducing animal numbers and costs, as well as simplifying logistics of experiments.

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### CONCLUSION

It is already apparent in developing new decontamination strategies and barrier protection systems for human skin that these formulations may alter the natural defense mechanism of the skin. Perhaps by changing the pH, the skin phosphatases may become more active towards hydrolyzing organophosphates. Conversely, organic molecules, such as detergents, may inactivate one or several of the natural phosphatases of the skin. Because of such factors, permeability as well as natural defense of skin may be significantly but unpredictably altered.

### RECOMMENDATION

This study should be continued in order to identify and characterize the level of skin phosphatases in various skin areas of the pig so that a realistic animal model for testing decontamination strategies can be developed and used. The information may also be needed in testing barrier creams.

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## ABSTRACT

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WORK UNIT NO.	250	Repellent Science Base
The following	investigations were	e conducted under this work unit.
STUDY NO.	1	Formulation and evaluation of repellents
STUDY NO.	2	Determination of the attractancy properties of seven standard repellents for <u>Anopheles albimanus</u> and Aedes aegypti

STUDY NOS. 1 and 2. The purpose of the research conducted under this work unit is to explore those areas of repellent science that may lead relatively quickly to significant advances in the technology of repellents and the ways in which they can best be exploited. The current effort is directed toward investigating evaporation and penetration processes on skin samples treated with candidate repellents and trial controlled-release formulations. The in vitro apparatus for measurement of repellent evaporation and percutaneous penetration was significantly upgraded during the report period, and the effect of temperature on the disposition of topically applied diethyl toluamide was determined. The percutaneous penetration of diethyl toluamide in the grafted athymic nude mouse system and the weanling pig was also determined. A study was initiated to verify or disprove reports that certain repellents, including diethyl toluamide, become attractive to mosquitoes at low release rates such as those that are presumed to occur on the skin when the material initially applied has dissipated.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 250

STUDY NO. 1

Repellent Science Base

Formulation and Evaluation of Repellents

## PROBLEM

The mosquito repellent most widely used by the U.S. military in the field is an ethanolic solution containing 75% by weight of N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (m-deet), the active ingredient. In laboratory tests this repellent can provide 5-10 hours of protection when applied to the dry skin of resting individuals. However, m-deet protects sweating subjects only 2 hours, even at larger doses. M-deet's effectiveness is further reduced by water immersion, abrasion, evaporation, and absorption through the skin. Elevated environmental temperatures and increased wind velocity rapidly reduce the protection time of a repellent.

Various approaches are being taken to develop better mosquito repellents. Chemical synthesis done elsewhere continues to search for compounds with higher intrinsic repellency. A second approach involves development of new concepts of repellency by investigating the mechanisms by which repellents work. These concepts could then be exploited to develop a better repellent. A third approach involves reformulation of m-deet to maintain repellent activity on the skin surface for longer periods. This approach requires knowledge of the ability of the outer layer of the skin to retain chemicals. Model systems are needed to measure loss of repellent from the skin surface by various modes (excessive evaporation, percutaneous penetration, abrasion, and removal by water).

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

During FY 81, effort centered on the development and improvement of model systems for determining loss of m-deet from the skin surface by evaporation and/or percutaneous penetration. The in vitro evaporation-penetration model has been improved to make it mechanically more reliable (see Work Unit FL OA). In addition, pig skin was employed in the model to insure a dependable supply of skin.

With this animal model, the percutaneous penetration of m-deet at a dose of  $0.32 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  was 18%, and 41% was found to evaporate. In studies with man, it has been reported that 50% of the applied dose of m-deet evaporates from the skin, in close agreement with findings. The percutaneous penetration is comparable to the value (8% at a skin dose of  $0.32 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) we reported in the hairless dog, which we have previously found to be a good animal model for prediction of repellent

Repellent Science Base (continued)

efficacy in man. Using this model, the effect of elevated air temperature on the disposition of m-deet (at a dose of  $0.32 \text{mg/cm}^2$ ) was determined. As the air temperature was increased from 24C to 32C, percutaneous penetration increased from 18% to 57% while evaporation actually decreased (from 41% to 23%). At the 24C temperature, 19% of the applied dose was found as a residue in the skin, while at the higher temperature, almost no residue was found in the skin. entry water a state of the second states

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The percutaneous penetration of m-deet has been determined in several new in vivo models (weanling pig and grafted athymic nude mouse) being developed in Work Unit FL OA. The compound was tested at a dose of 4  $ug/cm^2$  to allow comparison with human data at that dose. Table 1 summarizes these results and compares then to values previously

Table 1. Percutaneous penetration of radiolabeled N,N-diethylm-toluamide (m-deet) at a dose of 4 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>

	Mean Percent Penetration									
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<sup>2</sup>Data from Feldmann and Maibach

reported for the hairless dog and man. Values found in the nude mouse (ungrafted or with pig or human skin grafts) were considerably higher than those found in the pig, dog, and man. When m-deet (at a dose of  $0.32 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) was tested on excised ungrafted athymic nude mouse skin with the in vitro evaporation-penetration model, 74% of the applied dose to penetrated while only 3% evaporated.

## CONCLUSIONS

The in vitro skin evaporation-penetration model has been significantly

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upgraded in FY 81, so that skin disposition studies of repellents and formulations can proceed more expeditiously. Using this model, the percutaneous penetration of m-deet was found to almost double when the air temperature was increased from 24C to 32C. The percutaneous penetration was assessed in vivo in the weanling pig and grafted athymic nude mouse system for the first time. Penetration values found in the pig were comparable to those previously reported in the hairless dog and man, while the values found with grafted or ungrafted athymic nude mice were considerably higher.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The in vitro evaporation-penetration model should be used for assessment of the safety and efficacy of new formulations of m-deet being developed.

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STUDY NO. 2

Determination of the attractancy properties of seven standard repellents for <u>Anopheles</u> <u>albimanus</u> and <u>Aedes</u> <u>aegypti</u>

#### PROBLEM

Several poorly substantiated reports have been published to the effect that certain insect repellents, including diethyl toluamide, became attractive to mosquitoes at low release rates such as those presumed to occur on the skin when the material applied by the user has dissipated. This phenomenon, if true, would be additional reason to re-apply the repellent frequently and would help to explain apparent cases of repellent failure in the past.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

A study to confirm or disprove the attractancy of low doses of seven

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standard repellents to <u>Anopheles</u> <u>albimanus</u> and <u>Aedes</u> <u>aegypti</u> was initiated during the report period. Substantive data have not yet been obtained in the study.

## CONCLUSIONS

This study is still in its initial phases, and no conclusions can be drawn at this time.

## RECOMMENTATIONS

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# ABSTRACT

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To answer a recognized need in the Division of Combat Casualty Care for a laboratory to provide metabolic research expertise, a laboratory facility is being organized; the organization will be completed in FY 82. WORK UNIT NO. 100

Strategies for the Forvention and Treatment of Shock Fater Injury

#### PROBLEM

Confronted by large numbers of casualties and unable to provide timely evacuation or obtain adequate supplies of medical materiel needed for the conventional hospital management of shock, front line medical units need new approaches to prevent the increase in mortality and morbidity among casualties that would be expected under those conditions. Since the principal mechanisms of disease that produce death and disability after injury appear to involve metabolic deterioration of critical organs (e.g., myocardium, liver), it seems likely that new approaches to shock management are to be found in methods that can prevent, delay, or reverse the metabolic deterioration. Therefore, a need exists for a laboratory facility to investigate the metabolic events that surround injury, the metabolic effects of "non-metabolic" therapies, and to develop new therapies aimed at correcting metabolic problems.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In FY 81, the Division of Combat Casualty Care began to organize a laboratory to provide expertise in metabolic research for all relevant division protocols, as well as to originate its own investigations.

## CONCLUSIONS

None

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The organization of the laboratory was not completed by the close of FY 81. Work should continue to ensure the completion in FY 82.

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## ABSTRACT

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Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO. 252

Isolated Heart Model Development

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The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Biological viscometry of resuscitative solutions

STUDY NO. 1. A procedure for evaluating in vivo relative flow characteristics has been developed using the coronary circulation of the anesthetized pig. Continuous and step function inflow changes were employed utilizing cannulation flow probes and in-line pressure measurements. The resultant pressure-flow relations (PQRs) at the left coronary ostium were found to include a rectilinear segment above a flow of 80 ml min<sup>1</sup>. Oxygenated warmed (37C) blood of hematocrits (Hct) 4-60% (hemodilutions and concentrations in isologous plasma) was infused as well as several candidate resuscitative solutions including stroma-free hemoglobin (7.0 gm % SFH). The inverse slope of the PQR provided an, index of relative viscosities. For SFH a slope of 4.6 ml min<sup>-1</sup> mmHg<sup>-1</sup> was found to be 1.9 times that of blood at Hct 20%. In vitro viscometric data for the solutions was obtained using cone plate geometry. Viscosity of SFH solution demonstrated a slight shear dependence being 1.58 centipoise (versus 2.01 centipoise for Hct 20%) at 450 sec<sup>-1</sup>, increasing somewhat at lower rates. Comparison of PQR data with those obtained for blood provides a method for evaluating blood substitutes in low flow states such as would be encountered in clinical cardioplegia or hemorrhagic shock. The in vivo data describe flow characteristics that cannot be predicted by the shear rate relation seen in rotational viscometry.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 252

Isolated Heart Model Development

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STUDY NO. 1

# Biological viscometry of resuscitative solutions

## PROBLEM

In the treatment of combat casualties involving massive hemorrhage, compatible whole blood is often unavailable for transfusion therapy. For this reason the efficacy of blood substitutes, such as stroma-free hemoglobin or perfluorocarbons, has been investigated. The purpose of this protocol is to improve combat casualty care by providing information for the optimization of the flow properties of resuscitative solutions. A complete evaluation of any blood substitute centers on its ability to carry oxygen to the tissues, and this depends in part on its rheological properties; principal among these is the viscosity of the fluid. Consideration of the viscosity of blood substitutes has thus far been limited to in vitro measurements. As a result, knowledge of the in vivo flow properties of hemoglobin solutions and synthetic blood substitutes is lacking. This protocol represents an attempt to rectify this deficiency by developing a model to measure the biologic viscosity of resuscitative solutions. To this end, an in vivo  $(\eta_i)$  and in vitro  $(\eta_i)$  measurement system has been developed. One of the major obstacles encountered in shock or ischemia is the increased viscosity resulting from reduced flow and decreased plasma volume. The advocacy of stroma-free hemoglobin as a blood substitute in treating shock is based in part on the fact that hemoglobin solutions show a viscosity considerably lower than that of whole blood when measured in vitro. Also, hemoglobin solutions show no shear rate dependence, which by itself may alleviate some of the complicating factors in overcoming low-flow states. Conversely, reduced in vitro viscosity by stroma-free hemoglobin may be offset by diminution of the Fåhraes-Lindqvist effect in vivo. This reasoning is based on the fact that as hematocrit is reduced by addition of stroma-free hemoglobin solution, the pressure required to force solution through the microvasculature may increase to that predicted by the Poiseuille equation. The wide descrepancy between in vitro and in vivo values seen for blood may not be evident with hemoglobin solutions. The advantageous reduction in viscosity provided by hemodilution may thus theoretically be vitiated by the disappearance of the Fåhraes-Lindqvist effect. Only by in vivo viscometry can this possibility be examined.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

A perfusion system has been set up for the in situ measurement of pressure and flow in the porcine coronary bed. Known changes in flow were introduced through this system and the corresponding pressures

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measured. One or two intramyocardial pressures were also measured to determine the contractile state and its distributive effect on closing pressures. The surgical model is well-developed and has given much data for analysis. After induction, the animal was anesthetized with halothanc and a femoral artery and vein were cannulated. This allowed determination of blood gases, hematocrit, hemoglobin content, oxygen saturation, and fluid administration (Ringer's lactate), if necessary. Halothane was used exclusively for general anesthesia with small amounts of Anectine added to alleviate muscle contraction during medial sternotomy. After resecting the pericardium, the animal was heparinized, bilateral atriotomy was performed, an overdose of halothane administered, and the respirator turned off. Then the left coronary ostium was rapidly cannulated and total by-pass initiated, using a Shiley pediatric oxygenator primed with autologous warmed blood. In some experiments, both coronary ostia were perfused and the coronary sinus isolated via a cannulation flow probe. These cases have demonstrated marked arteriovenous oxygen-extraction capabilities of the empty myocardium for several hours.

When the electrophysiologic, pharmacological, and oxygen-extraction conditions were optimal, a test substance was administered via controlled infusion which generated one or more flow and pressure signals. These signals generated determinations of the n<sub>o</sub> of the perfusates. At the end of every experiment, all systems were recalibrated in situ and the data stored for analysis. Several successful experiments have been conducted, but all experimental design criteria have not yet been met, making statistically significant conclusions impossible at this point. The first few animals utilized in this study have, however, confirmed the utility of the porcine myocardium as an experimental model of the vascular bed. When empty and arrested, the heart performs as a biological viscometer for perfusates, while continuing to have an oxygen-extracting capability. Data concerning gases, pH, hematocrits, hemoglobin, total oxygen content, and in vitro viscosities ( $\eta_i$ ) are being analyzed.

Also being analyzed are pressure-flow data in response to continuous and step-function changes in flow velocity. Linear and volume flow calibrations are reliably correlated with inertial pressure drops outside the heart, intramyocardial pressures and contractile activities (both direct ventricular and cove-induced). Two batches of stroma-free hemoglobin have been used; both function curves and in vitro viscometry have been tabulated.

Since only small amounts of hemoglobin have thus far been available, only low flow rates have been used in developing these measurements. One batch of fortuitously available perflourocarbon emulsion has been prepared and used in a double oxygenator experiment. It supported the myocardium temporarily, but temperature control and other technical Isolated Heart Model Development (Cont)

details were not optimal. Subjectively,  $\eta_{0}$  was adequate and  $\eta_{1}$  was measured before and after perfusion.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The flow properties of resuscitative solutions are determinable with the present in situ system and can be compared with in vitro viscometry.

2.  $\eta_{\rm i}$  and  $\eta_{\rm i}$  show expected deviation from Poiseuille behavior at various hematocrits.

3. Coronary hemodynamic data confirm the well-ordered system of control by vascular compression within the myocardium and preclude, for the present, the utility of returning to the hindlimb model.

4. Perfluorocarbon emulsion has been shown to perfuse the heart adequately in one experiment, but it is difficult to prepare and may not be blood compatible at higher hematocrits or longer perfusion times.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The utility of this approach can be achieved if more batches are bench tested and perfused in situ. The present candidates for emergency resuscitation all have viscometric advantages and drawbacks. Larger volumes of stroma-free hemoglobin at 7.5 and 14 g/dl should be obtained and tested so conclusions can be made at low flow states. Further work on perfluorocarbon emulsions should also be undertaken in a later study.

The present study should be continued using both stroma-free hemoglobin and hemoconcentrated (hematocrit 60) perfusates for comparison of biological viscosities. Automatic data processing should be added to support this protocol so that analysis of data can proceed apace with measurements before solutions expire.

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ABSTRACT

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Prevention of Military Disease Hazards

WORK UNIT NO. 202 Toxicology Support

One of 12 compounds was mutagenic in the Ames assay. Three of five compounds tested for dermal sensitivity potential were clearly negative.  $LD_{50}$  (median lethal dose) values were established for four repellents. Primary dermal irritation potential has been determined for six compound formulations being classed as mild irritants. Both compounds tested for ocular irritancy were mild irritants. Both compounds tested, using the <u>Drosophila</u> sex-linked recessive lethal test, were mutagenic. Two compounds tested for dermal toxicity showed no toxic effects at 2 g/kg body weight. Testing and data analysis will be conducted under the research work units supported.

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## BODY OF REPORT

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Toxicology Support

STUDY NO.

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#### PROBLEM

The insect repellent program is directed to the development of better insect repellents for protecting soldiers from insects and insect-borne diseases in the field. In the last several years, the Letterman Army Institute of Research (LAIR), Division of Cutaneous Hazards, has tested a large number of chemical compounds submitted by SRI International, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and private industry, against a variety of mosquitoes, sand flies, fleas. bugs, ticks, and mites in animals and in vitro test systems. Several of these materials have shown sufficient repellent activity and persistence on the skin of animals to warrant consideration for use in lieu of, or in conjunction with, the current troop-issue insect repellent, 71.25% N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (m-DEET) in ethanol. The Division of Cutaneous Hazards also evaluated a number of new formulations of m-DEET prepared at LAIR or submitted by private industry. Several of these new formulations have been more persistent than the current troop-issue repellent in tests on animals.

It is now planned to test the best of the new compounds and formulations on human volunteers to confirm the results obtained in vitro and in animal tests, and to evaluate their performance under conditions of actual use. Before this can be done, it is necessary to obtain certain toxicity data on each compound or formulation to ensure its safety for application to the skin. The toxicity tests required for registering a new insect repellent are prescribed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The basic toxicity tests required for experimental use of the new compounds and formulations on human volunteers are prescribed by the LAIR and USAMRDC Human Use Committees. If adverse toxicity data are obtained in these tests, the respective material(s) will be eliminated from consideration, and the prospective tests on human volunteers will not be carried out. The toxicity testing program thereby serves as both a safety factor and secondary screen in the development scheme of repellents.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The following compounds, with their codes, were tested:

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N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide	DEET
N(n-hexyl)-2-oxazolidine	CHR 1
N(n-octyl) glutarimide	CHR2
<u>N(n-hexyl)</u> glutarimide	CHR 3
(E)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6-methyl- 1-(2-methyl-1-oxo-2-butenyl) quinoline	CHR5
(E)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6-methyl-1- (3-methyl-1-oxo-2-butenyl) quinoline	CHR 6
3-(N-n-butyl-N-octyl) aminopropionic acid-ethyl-ester	CHR 7
Proprietary Compound RH-398	CHR8
Triethylene glycol monohexyl ether	CHR9
N,N-dipropylcyclohexanecarboxamide	CHR 10
1-(3-cycloh <b>exene-1-yl-carbonyl)</b> piperidine	CHR11
Formulation of 50% DEET, 25% Isopropanol 25% Dow Corning 200 Fluid	CHF 1
Troop Issue DEET, 71.25% DEET, 3.75% other diethyl toluamide and 25% ethanol	TID
Dow Corning 200 Fluid	DC200
Isopropanol	IS0

The Ames assay was conducted on CHR1, CHR2, CHR3, CHR5, CHR6, CHR7, CHR8, CHR9, CHR10, CHR11, CHF1, and DEET. CHR1 was found to be a weak mutagen.

The oral  $LD_{50}$  for four compounds can be found in Table 1.

## TABLE 1

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Oral  $LD_{50}$  in rats for candidate insect repellents (mg/kg body weight).

	Ma	les	Females					
Compound	LD <sub>50</sub>	95% CI**	LD <sub>50</sub>	95% CI				
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CHF1	4362	3374, 6359	2495	1905-3268				
CHR 1	2558	1940, 3373	1383 <b>*</b>	595 <b>-</b> 3209				
CHR2	***		6491	5022-8389				
CHR8	4737	4226, 5309	3101	2654-3622				

\*Approximate lethal dose; \*\*Testing discontinued - compound showed indication of neurotoxicity; \*\*\*CI - confidence interval.

The dermal sensitization potential was assessed for CHF1, CHR2, CHR3, CHR5, and CHR6. Compounds CHF1, CHR2, and CHR3 were clearly non-sensitizing. Results for CHR5 and CHR6 were inconclusive and will be repeated.

CHF1 and CHR2 were not acutely toxic at 2 g/kg when applied to the skin of rabbits. No further testing is required if 2 g/kg is not toxic.

Compounds CHF1, CHR2, DEET, and TID were found to be mild primary dermal irritants. ISO and CHF1 formulation carrier liquids were non-irritating.

DEET and CHF1 were found to be primary ocular irritants. Flooding the eye with water after exposure reduced the ocular irritation. CHR2 and CHR8 were found to be mutagenic by the <u>Drosophila</u> sex-linked recessive lethal (SLRL) test.

#### CONCLUSIONS

It is premature to make definite conclusions based on the limited number of tests many of these compounds have been subjected to. However, it is felt that CHR1, which showed signs of mutagenic potential and also neurotoxicity should be eliminated from the program. Consequently, CHR1 was removed from the list of candidate insect repellents. It is also apparent that some degree of ocular and dermal irritation must be accepted in this program.

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ABSTRACT

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Prevention of Military Disease Hazards

WORK UNIT NO.

Toxicological Screening of Potentially Hazardous Substances Using <u>Drosophila melanogaster</u>

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Mutagenicity testing using the <u>Drosophila</u> <u>melanogaster</u> sex-linked recessive lethal assay

The Armed Forces are often confronted with various toxicology problems associated with requirements for mission completion. Federal requirements must be met concerning human and environmental exposure to potentially hazardous substances. The Department of Defense does not possess in-house capability for compounds that must undergo toxicologic testing to meet federal legal requirements. Establishing an in-house capability for the toxicologic screening of potentially hazardous substances by using <u>Drosophila melanogaster</u> sex-linked recessive lethal test is part of the LAIR toxicology program designed to help meet these requirements. All testing will meet the Food and Drug Administration Good Laboratory Practices Regulation.

## STUDY NO. 2 Mutagenicity of tenebrionidae flour beetle secretions using <u>Drosophila</u> <u>melanogaster</u> sex-linked recessive lethal test

The 2-ethyl-1,4-benzoquinone and 2-methyl-1,4-benzoquinone are major secretory products of the Tribolium spp. beetle which commonly infest flours and other stored products. Both compounds were tested for mutagenic activity using the <u>Drosophila</u> <u>melanogaster</u> sex-linked recessive lethal assay and were found to be mutagenic after 72-hour feeding exposures of 1-2 mM.

STUDY NO.3 Analysis of the sex-linked recessive mutation frequency of <u>Drosophila melanogaster</u> when reared in glass vs. plastic vials

Due to cost analysis, plastic vials were considered a potential substitute for glass vials in the sex-linked recessive lethal testing program. Both glass and plastic vials were used concurrently to see what effect they would have upon this test system. The use of plastic vials resulted in a greater mutation frequency of <u>D. melanogaster</u> than the use of glass vials.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	203	Toxicological Screening of Potentially Hazardous Substances Using <u>Drosophila melanogaster</u>
STUDY NO.	1	Mutagenicity testing using the Drosophila melanogster sex-linked recessive lethal assay

#### PROBLEM

The <u>Drosophila</u> mutagenicity test is performed to detect substances that may cause genetic disorders. This test and other required tests are conducted so that such substances may be removed from consideration for human use. This work unit was initiated to determine the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an in-house capability for performing the sex-linked recessive lethal test using D. melanogaster to support Army requirements for toxicologic testing.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The major steps in establishing the sex-linked recessive  $\underline{D}$ . melanogaster test system have been completed and are now in operation.

## CONCLUSIONS

None

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 203

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Toxicological Screening of Potentially Hazardous Substances Using Drosophila melanogaster

STUDY NO.

Mutagenicity of Tenebrionid flour beetle secretions using the <u>Drosophila melanogaster</u> sex-linked recessive lethal test

## PROBLEM

There is concern that the secretory and excretory products released by insects into infested food products might be toxic. The Tenebrionid beetles (Tribolium spp.) are the most common insects to infest flours and other stored products. These insects DOSSESS glands that secrete а mixture of substituted short chain hydrocarbons p-benzoquinones and (2-ethyl-1,4-benzoquinone (EBQ), and 2-methyl-1,4-benzoquinone These two compounds are highly reactive, acutely toxic, (MBQ)).and perhaps carcinogenic to laboratory animals. This study was performed with two purposes: (1) to examine the mutagenicity of EBQ and MBQ using the Drosophila melanogaster sex-linked recessive lethal (SLRL) assay, and (2) to serve as a pilot study to insure in-house capability for toxicologic screening of that the potential mutagens is functioning.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The feeding concentrations of 1 mM EBQ and 2 mM MBQ in 1% sucrose fed to males (Canton S strain) resulted in 72-hour mortalities of 25.3% for EBQ and 38.5% for MBQ. The mortality for negative control males (Canton-S) fed on 1% sucrose was 2.5%, while that for positive control males (Canton-S) males fed 1 mM ethyl methane sulfonate in 1% sucrose was 2.3%. The mutation frequency of 1 mM EBQ was 0.15% (n = 100, 10 lethals in 6759 total tests; x-chromosomes), and for 2 mM MBQ was 0.13% (n = 100, 8 lethals in 6255 total tests; x-chromosomes). The concurrent negative control showed a spontaneous mutation frequency of 0.03% (n = 100, 4 lethals in 13,068 tests; x-chromosomes). All males fed EMS developed mutations during the test. The mutation frequencies for Toxicological Screening of Potentially Hazardous Substances Using Drosophila melanogaster (Continued)

flour-fed EBQ and MBQ were significantly greater (P = 0.005 and 0.015, respectively) than the spontaneous rate when analyzed by Fisher's exact test.

The mutation frequencies associated with a particular mating group (age of treated male after exposure) are related to the mutagen activity directly or indirectly upon the germ cells. Both EBQ and MBQ appear to be indirect mutagens.

## CONCLUSION

Based on this study, both chemical secretions from Tenebrionid beetles are capable of inducing mutations when tested using  $\underline{D}$ . <u>melanogaster</u> sex-linked recessive lethal assay. Because of the high level of food infestation attributed to the <u>Tribolium</u> spp. flour beetles, the secretion of potentially toxic, mutagenic, and carcinogenic quinones by these insects could represent a considerable toxicologic hazard. ż

#### RECOMMENDATION

Further analysis of this potential toxicologic hazard should be conducted using complementary toxicologic tests.

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#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	203	Toxicological screening of potentially hazardous substances using <u>Drosophila</u> <u>melanogaster</u>
STUDY NO.	3	Analysis of sex-linked recessive mutation frequency of <u>Drosophila melanogaster</u> when reared in glass vs. plastic vials

#### PROBLEM

Among the materials required in this test system are non-recyclable, disposable glass vials (9.5 cm in length, 2.4 cm in diameter). Due to the necessity for their use, but the increasing cost (23 cents per vial) and breakage problems, alternative vials were investigated. Flastic vials (6.5 cm in length, 2.2 cm in diameter) were disposable, cost three cents per vial, and were non-breakable. Before changes could be made in materials used in this test system, the sex-linked recessive lethal testing was conducted and the mutation frequency was compared between the insects reared in glass vials and those reared in plastic vials.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Each male was crossed with 3 virgin Basc females and the progeny were reared in glass vials while another group of males, each crossed with three virgin Basc females, and their progeny were reared in plastic vials. The frequency of sex-linked recessive lethal mutations were estimated by the Basc method. The mutation frequency of those reared in glass was 0.086% (n = 96, 8 lethals, 9221 total tests, x-chromosomes), while those reared in the concurrently tested plastic had a mutation frequency of 0.202% (n = 96, 18 lethals, 8860 total tests, x-chromosomes). Mutation frequencies of flies reared in plastic vials were significantly greater (P = 0.0194) than those reared in glass vials when analyzed by the Fisher's exact test. In concurrent positive controls, all males fed ethyl-methane sulfonate and reared in glass vials demonstrated their capability to produce mutations during the test. Toxicological Screening of Potentially Hazardous Substances Using Drosophila melanogaster (Continued)

## CONCLUSIONS

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It is believed the plastic affects the larvae in the vials and, thus, causes a significant increase in the mutation frequency of the offspring.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Further testing with vials made of other types of plastic is being planned.

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#### ABSTRACT

Medically Important Arthropods

PROJECT NO. 3M162770A871 Prevention of Military Disease Hazards. WORK UNIT NO. 201 Development of Repellents Against

Research under this work unit is directed toward the development of an improved arthropod and leech repellent for protecting troops in the field from biting insects, mites, ticks, and leeches and the diseases they transmit. The approach employed is to exploit the best available repellent compounds in conjunction with modern methods of controlled-release formulation to develop an end-product tailored to military requirements. Two methods were found to extend the period of effectiveness of the current Army repellent (diethyl toluamide) on the skin. Our method (reported last year) employs polymeric formulation additives, and the other is a microencapsulation process. Several commercial and experimental repellents have been identified which can be used in conjunction with diethyl toluamide to extend its spectrum of efficacy if toxicologic standards can be met. A draft Letter of Agreement (LOA) providing for the formulation studies, performance and safety testing, and other RDT&E activities needed in the advanced development of the improved repellent, was initiated in cooperation with the Materiel Division, Academy of Health Sciences, acting as Combat Developer. This draft LOA is currently being staffed with other interested agencies. Successful conclusion of the LOA effort will represent agreement that technical potential currently exists for advanced development of an improved topical arthropod and leech repellent.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.

201

Development of Repellents Against Medically Important Arthropods.

#### PROBLEM

Repellents supplement pesticides, vaccines, and drugs in limiting the impact of biting arthropods and the diseases they transmit on the ability of soldiers to function in the combat environment. However, the repellents currently issued by the Army (diethyl toluamide and ethyl hexanediol) are not effective against all species of insects and must be frequently re-applied in severe weather and extreme climates. Troop acceptance of the Army repellent is poor, and usage in Vietnam was not sufficient to prevent heavy losses from vector-borne diseases. Research under this work unit is directed toward developing improved formulations of diethyl toluamide to provide better performance and increased troop acceptance and toward the identification of other materials which can be used in conjunction with or in lieu of diethyl toluamide to meet the unique requirements of the Armed Forces.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Three microcapsular formulations of diethyl toluamide submitted by Bend Research Inc. and one microcapsular formulation of diethyl toluamide submitted by Eurand America Inc. were tested on white rabbits against the yellow fever mosquito, <u>Aedes aegypti</u>, and the malaria mosquito, <u>Anopheles albimanus</u>. The formulations submitted by Bend Research Inc. were more persistent than the unformulated control in every case. The formulation submitted by Eurand America Inc. was less persistent than its control. These tests demonstrate that microencapsulation is a valid approach to the problem of formulating repellents for improved persistence. The efficacy of certain film-forming polymers as additives to improve persistence was reported in last year's report. (Annual Research Progress Report, FY 80).

Two new repellent compounds submitted by Dr. N.R. Hansl of Creighton University were tested in vitro and on white mice against <u>Aedes</u> <u>aegypti</u>. Both materials were highly repellent to <u>Aedes aegypti</u> but less persistent than diethyl toluamide.

Two new repellents submitted by Cutter Laboratories Inc. (Rohm & Haas 398 and Merck 3535) were tested against nine species of mosqitoes, sand flies, fleas, bugs, ticks and chigger mites. Rohm and Haas 398 was more effective than diethyl toluamide for most of the species tested. Merck 3535 was approximately equivalent to diethyl toluamide overall, but it was ineffective against the bug <u>Rhodnius prolixus</u>. Both materials were as persistent as diethyl toluamide on the skin of test animals.

Five new repellents submitted by the Stanford Research Institute (SRI 434-58, SRI 835-19C and SRI 835-23A) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA AI3-36166 and USDA AI3-36178) were singled out as "promising" in last year's report, on the basis of tests against five species of mosquitoes. These compounds were tested against sand flies (<u>Lutzomyia longipalpis</u>), fleas (<u>Xenopsylla cheopis</u>) and bugs (<u>Rhodnius prolixus</u>) in FY 81. All were more effective than diethyl toluamide against the sand fly, and two (SRI 835-19C and SRI 835-23A) were more effective than diethyl toluamide against the flea. None were effective repellents against the bug. \_ \_

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Two new repellents currently being advanced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA AI3-35765 and USDA AI3-36326) were obtained on 18 August 1981, for testing and tests against mosquitoes, sand flies, fleas, bugs and chigger mites are now in progress. These two compounds are currently undergoing advanced toxicity testing at the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency by request of the Department of Agriculture.

The results of toxicity tests conducted at LAIR are given elsewhere in the Annual Research Progress Report, but it may be noted here that both Rohm & Haas 398 and SRI 835-23A have been found to be mutagenic in the <u>Drosophila melanogaster sex-linked recessive lethal test</u>. The significance of the findings, with regard to the possible use of these materials as insect repellents by the Army, has not yet been determined. In this connection, LAIR currently has an urgent requirement for bulk quantities of SRI 434-58, SRI 835-19C, USDA AI3-36166 and USDA AI3-36178 (approximately one liter each) for use in the toxicity testing program. HQ USAMRDC has been requested to arrange for synthesis of these materials through the existing drug synthesis contracts of WRAIR.

A Letter of Agreement (LOA) for advanced development of an improved topical arthropod and leech repellent was initiated in January 1981 in cooperation with the Materiel Division, Academy of Health Sciences, acting as the Combat Developer. This LOA is currently being staffed through other interested agencies by the Academy. It provides for the formulation studies and the performance and safety testing needed developing an improved repellent and for a number of additional RDT. activities that will be needed to produce an end-product suitable for military use. These additional activities include climatic tests, package development, odor testing, infrared spectral analysis, troop acceptance testing and tests for compatibility of the product with rubber and plastic items, uniform fabrics and finishes, topical

decontaminants, face paints, etc.

Several advances and improvements in repellent testing capabilities and methods were achieved during the year: (1) The first tests of repellents against Rhodnius prolixus and Leptotrombidium fletcheri were accomplished at LAIR in FY 81. These species are important vectors of Chagas' disease and scrub typhus, respectively. (2) It was demonstrated that the yellow fever mosquito, Aedes aegypti, is an exceptionally poor predictor for the responses of two important vectors of malaria (Anopheles stephensi and Anopheles albimanus) to repellents. Aedes aegypti has been the traditional standard test species in repellent screening programs. (3) The parallel-line bioassay technique was applied to tests of insect repellents for the first time. This type of test is much used in pharmacology, toxicology, and related fields. (4) An improved version of the arm test for mosquito repellents (Annual Research Progress Report, FY 79) was drafted on the basis of experience accumulated since its initial development. This method has been approved by the LAIR Protocol Review and Human Use Committees and is currently being considered by the USAMRDC Human Use Committee as a type protocol. The refined version has also been submitted to the American Society for Testing and Materials where it is being considered as an ASTM Standard. (5) An in vitro test based on dose-response principles was developed for testing repellents against chigger mites. (6) Techniques for using white rabbits in testing repellents (Annual Research Progress Report, FY 80) were improved and elaborated. These new techniques substantially reduce the need for tests on human subjects in the program.

## CONCLUSIONS

It has been demonstrated that the period of effectiveness of diethyl toluamide on the skin can be extended by both the microencapsulation technique (Bend Research Inc. formulations) and the polymer additive technique (LAIR formulations). It is reasonable to expect that other current problems with this material (user resistance, damage to rubber and plastic items, incompatibility with face paints, etc.) can be ameliorated or overcome by similar methods. This approach is likely to be more productive and less costly than that of screening new compounds for a material having ideal characteristics.

The problem of extending the spectrum of efficacy of the Army repellent can be approached by adding a second and, if needed, a third active ingredient to the formulation. This approach was shown to be valid during World War II. Both commercial repellents (Annual Research Progress Report, FY 80) and experimental repellents ("Results and

Discussion" above) can be considered for this role. Although most other repellents are not as persistent as diethyl toluamide, their period of effectiveness on the skin can be extended by formulation techniques or by including higher concentrations of the less persistent materials in the final product.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the draft LOA for an Improved Topical Arthropod and Leech Repellent be finalized and approved and that specific responsibilities for each required aspect of the RDT&E effort be assigned and the resources necessary for their completion be allocated.

Recommend that the thrust of the exploratory and advanced development programs should be toward re-formulation of diethyl toluamide to satisfy the "System Description" section of the LOA. The new formulation should if possible include one or more additional repellents to extend the spectrum of efficacy of the main ingredient.

Recommend that testing of new compounds for possible use in conjunction with or in lieu of diethyl toluamide be continued as a long-range development strategy.

Recommend command action to obtain adequate test quantities of SRI compounds 434-58 and 835-19C and USDA compounds AI3-36166 and AI3-36178.

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## ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.	3S162772A874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO.	084	CPDA-2 Clinical Trials

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. Platelet studies - CPDA-2 1 STUDY NO. 2 Red cell studies - CPDA-2

STUDY NOS. 1 and 2. Recent collaborative efforts with several laboratories, initiated and guided by the Division of Blood Research, LAIR, culminated in the development of a new blood preservative which was approved by the FDA. The new preservative, Citrate-Phosphate-Dextrose-Adenine-1 (CPDA-1) is a marked improvement over previously used preservatives since it extended the shelf life of blood by 67% (i.e., up to 35 days) and improved the quality of the preserved red blood cells. The CPDA-1 preservative is not optimal, and in vitro studies suggested that improved formulations might extend storage beyond 35 days even for packed red blood cells. Such an improved formulation with modified amounts of dextrose and adenine is now undergoing clinical trials to establish human utility and to comply with the requirements for approval. Clinical trials for both red blood cells and platelets have been performed. In vivo red cell survival studies showed that CPDA-2 is far superior to CPDA-1 at day 35 for preservation of whole blood and packed red blood cells (at hematocrits below and above 80%). These studies further demonstrated that CPDA-2 fulfilled all FDA criteria for red blood cell storage to 42 and, possibly, to 49 days. Further studies with CPDA-2 revealed that is has no adverse effects on platelets under storage conditions, and no adverse effects on plasma proteins. This approach has great importance for meeting military needs, since prolonging the storage life of blood will ease the logistical problems related to the provisions of blood for a combat zone. The better the preservative, the more universal will be its acceptance. The use of a militarily oriented blood preservative by the national civilian blood banking community will ensure that future military needs can be met from existing blood supplies.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	084	CPDA-2 Clinical Trials
STUDY NO.	1	Platelet studies - CPDA-2

PROBLEM

Before FDA approval of a new preservative, it must be documented that the solution will not adversely affect any usable component of blood, such as plasma proteins and platelets. Approval of CPDA-1 was delayed due to the lack of data concerning the effect of the preservative on platelets. CPDA-2, the new preservative, developed in part by the Division of Blood Research to optimize the concentrations of adenine and glucose for red cell storage, is now ready for clinical use. Concurrent with red cell storage, platelet studies should be performed to insure that the preservative is not injurious to this blood component.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Twelve normal volunteers were used to obtain in vivo data about platelets prepared and stored in CPDA-2 (treatment group, N=6) and CPD (control group, N=6). Whole blood collected into each preservative was held at ambient temperature for eight hours before processing platelet concentrates. These concentrates were stored in a conventional manner for 72 hr, then labeled with <sup>51</sup>Cr and transfused into the original volunteer. Platelet recovery and survival were then determined. CPDA-2 platelets had a mean recovery of 32.5% and survival of 6.1 days, whereas CPD platelet had a mean recovery of 39% and survival of 6.7 days. The differences between CPDA-2 and CPD were not statistically different.

### CONCLUSION

Platelet preservation is no different for CPDA-2 collected platelets compared to CPD collected platelets.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

These data should be used to support efforts to get Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for general blood banking use in the U.S. for CPDA-2.

#### PUBLICATIONS

One manuscript has been submitted. These data have also been submitted by Fenwal Laboratories to the Bureau of Biologics, FDA, for approval of CPDA-2 as a new preservative. CPDA-2 Clinical Trials (continued)

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### PROBLEM

Recent collaborative efforts by several laboratories, initiated and guided by the Division of Blood Research, LAIR, culminated in the development and FDA approval of a new preservative, CPDA-1. This preservative was a marked improvement over CPD and ACD. It extended shelf life from 21 to 35 days and improved the quality of red cells. CPDA-1 is not an optimal preservative, particularly for packed cells stored for 35 days. Studies in this laboratory suggest that adjustments in the concentration of adenine and additional glucose could result in greater than 35-day storage and an improvment in the quality of stored packed cells. This approach has marked impact for military needs since prolonging the shelf life of blood will improve logistic support for combat zone needs. The better the preservative, the more universal its acceptance. The use of a military-oriented preservative by civilian blood banks will ensure military needs are met from existing blood supplies.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

Intramural studies to evaluate red cell survival rates in whole blood and packed red cell units (each at 35, 42, 49, and 56 days of storage) and to determine the maximum acceptable length of storage have been completed. The results of studies performed at 35, 42, and 49 days are summarized below:

### CPDA-2 RED CELL SURVIVAL

(24-Hour Post-Transfusion Survival)

Days of Storage	Whole Blood	Packed Red Cells
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35	84.4 <u>+</u> 5.58 (N=5)	91.5 <u>+</u> 5.9 (N=4)
42	74.2 <u>+</u> 10 (N=5)	74.0 <u>+</u> 7.0 (N=16)
49	73.6 <u>+</u> 5.0 (N=4)	70.2 <u>+</u> 4.6 (N=5)

Four units of blood stored for 56 days had a mean survival of 66% (range 53-74%). In vitro biochemical studies performed on these units indicated changes associated with blood storage that are comparable with CPD and CPDA-1. Red cell samples from these studies were supplied to investigators at Stanford and UCSF medical centers to measure endocytosis and deformability (by ectocytometry),

## CPDA-2 Clinical Trials (continued)

respectively. No correlation was found between red cell survival and endocytosis; however, the correlation between survival and deformability was R=0.94 (N=12), and between survival and end % ATP, R=0.73 for N=42. The survival studies at 42 days of storage have been corroborated by extramural studies performed by Dr. E. Beutler, La Jolla, CA.

### CONCLUSIONS

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These studies have established that CPDA-2 is superior to CPDA-1 and is capable of successfully preserving whole blood or packed red cells for at least 42 days. Preliminary results (N=9) suggest that the maximum storage capacity may be extended to 49 days.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Fenwal Laboratories should be supported in their effort to get FDA listing of CPDA-2 to replace CPDA-1 and allow for 42 days of blood storage. A special military exclusion to use CPDA-2 for 49 days should be considered.

## PUBLICATIONS

Four manuscripts have been submitted. These data have also been submitted by Fenwal Laboratories to the Bureau of Biologics, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval of CPDA-2 as a new preservative.

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Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO. 087 Animal Models for Surgical Repair of Musculoskeletal Structures

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

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The ulnar nerve of the cynomolgus monkey was used as a model for repair of lacerated peripheral nerves. Sixteen monkeys underwent bilateral ulnar nerve transection and resection of 0, 1, 2, or 3 cm of the ulnar nerve in the mid-forearm to simulate combat-type segmental nerve defects. By using microsurgical techniques, standardized at LAIR, one side was repaired by an epineurial technique under tension and the contralateral side Was repaired by using multiple interfascicular sural nerve grafts. Five months after the neurorrhaphies, the animals were evaluated for return of function. counts, proximal and distal to the Evaluation included axon neurorrhaphies, as well as in the mid-graft segment on the grafted side and in the appropriate digital nerves in the hand. Additional evaluation included the weights of the reinnervated intrinsic muscles of the hand and histologic evaluations of the neuromas and reinnervated muscles. Clinically, all neurorrhaphies healed and there was evidence of reinnervation of the intrinsic muscles of the hand. The results indicate the amount of nerve tissue lost during the initial injury is more important than the type of repair in determining the end result after neurorrhaphy. Furthermore, the digital nerves were found to have a markedly decreased percentage of axon regrowth and much more fibrosis than the ulnar nerves just distal to the repair site. These findings suggest that methods must be found that will minimize fibrosis and scar formation so regenerating axons can successfully reach their end organs.

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Animal Models for Surgical Repair of Musculoskeletal Structures

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#### PROBLEM

Peripheral nerve injuries are common in both combat and noncombat military accidents. Many war injuries from the Vietnam conflict included severe damage to the peripheral nerves of the upper and lower extremities. During a 24-month period, 54% of all casualties in hospitals had such injuries. military Although our technical capabilities in the surgical repair of peripheral nerves have progressed greatly during the last several years, we still do not have a good method of managing segmental nerve defects. Tension at the repair site has been considered detrimental to nerve regeneration and Consequently, the use of a multiple nerve graft has been healing. advocated. Problems of repairing a nerve under tension (where joints be flexed, nerves must be mobilized, and vascularity is must diminished) are not completely overcome by the use of multiple nerve grafting procedures (in which an avascular unmatched segment is used to bridge the defect and relieve tension). Intrafascicular grafting not only results in the interposition of an avascular segment which loses all endoneurial elements and structure, but this technique also requires two separate neurorrhaphies which regenerating neurites must cross. This study objectively compares epineurial end-to-end repairs with tension to interfascicular grafts without tension following loss The injuries produced simulate combat-type of a nerve segment. segmental nerve defects.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

These results represent data from the continued analysis of specimens obtained from a study for peripheral nerve repair first reported in the previous progress report. Using the model we developed and have previously described, 16 cynomolgus monkeys underwent resections of 0, 1, 2, or 3 cm of both ulnar nerves in the mid-forearm. On one side, a repair was accomplished (using 8-0 nylon) by standard epineurial technique under varying amounts of tension as determined by the amount of defect. The contralateral nerve was repaired by using autogenous cutaneous sural nerve grafts which eliminated all tension at both suture lines; size 10-0 nylon was used to suture the grafts. A microsurgical technique, using appropriate magnification, was used for all nerve repairs. Five months after the nerve sutures, the monkeys were evaluated for return of function. Subjective evaluation included inspection of the neuromas and stimulation of the ulnar nerves proximal to the neurorrhaphies with evaluation of the amount of

contraction in the intrinsic muscles of the hand. Objective evaluation included weights of the ulnar innervated hypothenar intrinsic muscles in the hands, as well as the axon counts of myelinated nerve fibers proximal and distal to the neurorrhaphies and in the reinnervated digital nerves in the fourth and fifth fingers.

Objective evaluations have been completed, and no statistical differences were found between the two techniques. Extensive evaluation of the digital nerves, taken distal to the neurorrhaphy site in the ulnar neves, revealed a markedly decreased percentage of axon regrowth and much more fibrosis than that found just distal to the ulnar repair. Regardless of the repair technique, these adverse findings were consistent, and some digital nerve had as little as 50% axon regrowth and up to twice the amount of neural fibrosis when compared to their parent (ulnar) nerves. This phenomenon obviously leads to reduced return of function.

## CONCLUSIONS

We do not have a satisfactory answer to the management of segmental defects of peripheral nerves. Based on a comparison of this and earlier studies, nerves repaired without tension, compared to those with segmental defects, have a greater return of function. Consequently, the most important factor influencing the end result is not the surgical technique, but more likely the amount of nerve tissue lost at the time of injury. From this study it appears that other factors may be important in determining return of function. Certainly, these findings dictate that methods must be found that will minimize fibrosis and scar formation in the nerves at the level of the end organs. 

### RECOMMENDATIONS

From these studies it is apparent that other considerations such as biochemical and immunologic responses, the role of nerve growth factor, and further work on surgical technique, must be studied to gain more knowledge about the management of peripheral nerve injuries and to maximize ultimate return of function. This work unit will be combined with another work unit, Agency Accession DAOE 6309, "Studies in Combat Injuries to the Extremities."

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# ABSTRACT

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### BODY OF REPORT

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#### PROBLEM

It has long been evident that significant advantages can be gained by developing a resuscitating solution capable of transporting oxygen, maintaining oncotic pressure, and being readily available when massive clinical transfusions are required. Stringent requirements must be met by resuscitating solition. As a blood substitute, it must be capable of restoring vital functions, but not elicit permanent adverse effects when administered to mass casualty victims. Furthermore, it must be uniquely suited to fulfill the supply, storage, and transportation requirements for field use in combat situations. Plasma, dextran, albumin, and other preparations have been used, and although they appear to be effective as plasma expanders, they donot transport oxygen. As a resuscitating fluid, blood has a limited storage life, must be stored in bulky energy-requiring refrigerators, and requires typing and cross-matching before use.

In most civilian settings in this country, transfusion requirements associated with massive trauma can be met with conventionally stored blood and its components. However, military field requirements frequently demand massive fluid support in areas isolated from supply sources. The inability to predict when modest transfusion requirements may suddenly increase complicates fluid therapy logistics. The ability to stockpile a stable protein solution, capable of carrying and exchanging oxygen, would minimize many of these difficulties.

Hemoglobin is a protein that has such potential. A hemoglobin solution presents numerous advantages compared to other blood substitutes or plasma expanders. Hemoglobin is a component of normal blood, can be prepared from outdated human erythrocytes, does not require typing or cross-matching before use, is capable of transporting oxygen to the tissues, has oncotic activity, has low viscosity, does not cause microaggregates, and may not induce significant immunologic reaction. Furthermore, hemoglobin is highly soluble in physiologic solutions and can be stored for extended periods of time. Investigation of Cell-Free Resuscitation Solutions (continued)

The potential value of hemoglobin solution as an oxygen-carrying blood substitute has been recognized also in some special situations: (1) This solution could be used in the treatment of hemorrhagic shock when compatible blood is not available or when constriction of the capillary vessels in the microcirculation would dictate using a fluid with lower viscosity than blood for normovolemic hemodilution. (2) It could be helpful in the military field operating room when prolonged blood loss occurs, thus saving a large volume of donor blood which could be used later. (3) In open heart surgery, hemoglobin solution could be of great advantage in priming the pump and/or maintaining circulation during surgery, again saving the patient's blood intact, without mechanical stress, for better use at the end of surgery. (4) Hemoglobin solution car be used as a perfusate to preserve various organs for long periods of time in a normothermic environment, maintaining the normal oxygen tension and oncotic pressure necessary during preservation. (5) In metabolic studies, solutions of hemoglobin can be formulated with the required components and used in organ perfusion, allowing results that are unaffected by the background compounds present when blood is used.

However, if hemoglobin is used as a blood substitute, it is imperative that it be free of any stromal particles, stromal lipid, or other soluble and insoluble cell components which have been implicated in adverse effects on kidney function and coagulation factors. Hemoglobin has the potential of becoming an important blood substitute and providing the basis for an ideal resuscitating solution for the severely wounded soldier. Developing an effective blood substitute is pertinent not only to military combat casualties but also to civilian casualties.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

This work unit has been terminated because the initial objectives have been fulfilled. The development of hemoglobin solution as a resuscitation fluid and its evaluation in vivo in small animals have been met. A simple, reproducible method for preparing hemoglobin from outdated human red cells has been established. The in vitro characteristics of the hemoglobin solutions, thus prepared, have been studied and reported. Long-term storage conditions, with specific emphasis on non-refrigerated, non-liquid storage have also been developed and reported in scientific publications. In vivo evaluation of the hemoglobin solution, as prepared in our laboratory, has been pursued in small animal models, exchange-transfused with hemoglobin solution to different levels of blood replacement. Survival of animals, in vivo oxygen capacity, oncotic pressure, disposition and organ distribution of hemoglobin, oxygen transport and viscosity at different hemodilutions, Investigation of Cell-Free Resuscitation Solutions (continued)

morphologic effects on liver and kidney cells after massive transfusions with hemoglobin solution and several other physiologic, hematologic and biochemical aspects have been investigated. From these studies new insights have developed and further investigations have been directed at systematic improvement of the present product and evaluation efficacy and clinical use of hemoglobin solutions as resuscitation fluids. These new objectives have been incorporated in new protocols.

## CONCLUSIONS

The development and evaluation of hemoglobin solution as a resuscitation fluid for combat casualties was initiated in the Division of Blood Research at LAIR in 1975. Since that time the objectives of this work unit have been fulfilled. Many experiments in vitro and in vivo, using small animals, have demonstrated that hemoglobin solution can be prepared in the large quantities needed for massive fluid replacement therapy and can be effective in restoring and maintaining vital signs when used as a resuscitation solution. From these studies new objectives have evolved and these objectives have been incorporated into two more comprehensive and pertinent protocols entitled "Efficacy aspects and clinical evaluation of hemoglobin solutions as resuscitation fluids" and "Chemical modifications of hemoglobin for improved efficacy as cell-free resuscitating solution".

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Study on the efficacy and clinical evaluation of hemoglobin solution as a resuscitation fluid should be continued due to its potential application in humans. It is recommended that for these studies higher animals be used (pigs, primates) since they permit better monitoring of physiologic parameters.

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ABSTRACT

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Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO: 093

Laser Acceleration of Soft Tissue Wound Healing

According to reports in the European literature, laser radiation accelerates the healing of soft tissue wounds. A rabbit model was developed at LAIR to investigate the effects of helium-neon laser radiation on healing. Circular full-thickness skin defects were exposed to the laser radiation at various energy levels and treatment periods. No difference was demonstrated in absolute wound area or rate of healing between the experimental and the control groups. Conversely, the breaking strength of sutured incisions in rats increased by 55% at 14 days postoperatively after having received 2.2 J/cm<sup>2</sup> twice daily. Nonsign ficant increases were observed at 28 days postoperatively. WORK UNIT NO. 093

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# PROBLEM

The Hungarian surgeon Janos Meister has reported that laser irradiation accelerates healing in a variety of wounds, including chronic decubiti in humans and freshly sutured incisions in rats (Panminerva Medica 17:229, 1975; Experientia 30:1296, 1974). The mechanisms by which the laser affects healing remains uncertain but may involve accelerated formation of cross-links between collagen fibrils secondary to increased concentration of superoxide radicals in the irradiated tissue. Finding ways of increasing the rate at which full-thickness tissue defects heal has military relevance because such wounds are common following debridement of high velocity through-and-through gunshot wounds. We attempted to reproduce certain portions of Dr. Meister's work. Full-thickness skin defects on the backs of rabbits were irradiated with a helium-neon laser at various treatment times and energy levels. Wound surface area was measured daily and compared with an untreated control. After healing, wounds were excised and the force required to cause disruption was measured. Wound breaking strength has also been measured in sutured incisions in rats, one group serving as a control and a second group being irradiated with a laser.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

This study examined the effects of low level helium-neon laser radiation on: 1) wounds that closed primarily by contraction, and 2) the breaking strength of straight line incisions. Circular full-thickness skin defects in rabbits received dosages of  $l_1 J/cm^2$ during a 30-minute exposure period every 3 days and 2.2  $J/cm^2$  during a 3-minute exposure period twice daily. Both groups of animals were irradiated until wound closure. No significant differences in healing were observed between laser-treated wounds and untreated controls. Conversely, rat skin incisions that received 2.2 J/cm<sup>2</sup> during 3-minute exposure periods twice daily for 14 days demonstrated a significant increase in breaking strength of 55% over the controls. At 28 days postoperative this difference in breaking strength diminished to a nonsignificant increase of 16% over the controls. Increasing the dosage to 4.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup> yielded a nonsignificant increase of 17% over the controls at 14 days postoperative. These increases, although initially impressive, may not be clinically significant as the wound has regained only 8% of its original strength at 14 days and about 38% at 28 days. The laser radiation would therefore increase these breaking strengths to only 12% and 44%, respectively. Laser treatment of incisions may be

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neither clinically nor economically beneficial when equipment cost, treatment time, and personnel costs are considered.

# CONCLUSIONS

We have been unable to show that laser irradiation of soft tissue wounds accelerates wound healing. Although it is not significant enough to apply at the clinical level, increases in wound breaking strength were demonstrated.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend termination of research due to lack of significant results.

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## ABSTRACT

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Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO. 099

Chemical Modifications of Hemoglobin for Improved Efficacy as a Cell-Free Resuscitating Solution

Modification of stroma-free hemoglobin at the cleft with intramolecular cross-linking agents has been attempted in order to prepare a suitable resuscitation fluid. Two chemical reactions are being investigated and show promise. Most of the tangible progress was made in procurement of improved unmodified stroma-free hemoglobin, preparation of cross-linking reagent, and in analytical systems for the modified hemoglobin product. Preliminary data suggest that the intramolecular cross-linked hemoglobin produced by modification with 3,5-dibromo-salicyl-bis-fumarate has the required properties for a resuscitation fluid.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 099

Chemical modifications of hemoglobin for improved efficacy as a cell-free resuscitating solution

## PROBLEM

Two intrinsic characteristics of unmodified hemoglobin solution, namely its increased oxygen affinity and rapid plasma clearance, impose distinct limitations on combat field use in the massively transfused soldier by requiring repeated infusions of a solution that has decreased oxygen delivery properties. The goals of molecular modification of hemoglobin have been to modify these characteristics to improve the solution for resuscitative purposes. Specific endpoints desired of modified hemoglobin are defined as a  $P_{50}$  between 25 and 40 torr (unmodified hemoglobin  $P_{50} = 13-17$  torr) and a plasma retention time of 12 to 24 hours (unmodified hemoglobin plasma retention time = 2-4 hours).

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

Most of the work in this laboratory has addressed the chemical modification of the " $\beta$  cleft" on the hemoglobin molecule with bifunctional reagents of effectively "staple" the molecule together. This particular area of the molecule has reactive, symmetrically placed amino acid side chains available for chemical modification. The " $\beta$  cleft" also contains the 2,3-Diphosphoglycerate (DPG) binding site, so that chemical modifiers related in size and charge to DPG will have an increased affinity for this area and enhance the specificity of the chemical modification.

By logical extension of the glycosylation of hemoglobin with glucose to yield hemoglobin  $A_{1,c}$  derivatives, now used clinically to follow long-term (week-to-week) diabetic control of blood glucose, other phosphorylated mono- and disaccharides were investigated to modify stroma-free hemoglobin. Investigation of different pentose and hexose phosphates under varying reaction conditions of pH, ionic strength, buffer species, temperature, concentration of sugar phosphate, concentration of hemoglobin, time of reaction and oxygen saturation were conducted. No reaction yielded a product with a yield of 25% or greater as judged by High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC). Furthermore, the oxygen affinity of the product mixture was always less than the control stroma-free hemoglobin.

After a review of the proposed reaction intermediates most likely to have been formed, our results confirmed the theory that the transition state energy was too large for the reaction to occur Chemical Modifications of Hemoglobin for Improved Efficacy as a Cell-Free Resuscitating Solution (continued)

rapidly and the change in free energy too low occur with a good yield.

Efforts were then directed to capitalize on the affinity of the sugar phosphates using a more reactive compound, energetically more favorable to increase reaction rate and yield. The reaction chosen was that of an aldehyde with a primary amine to form a reversible covalent bond which can be easily reduced to an irreversible covalent bond with borohydride. The compound selected was the dialdehyde formed from the reaction with sodium periodate and adenosine triphosphate (ATP), previously characterised by King and Carleson, abbreviated oATP.

oATP was chosen because it has a high affinity for the  $\beta$  cleft, the two aldehydes could react with the symmetrical lysines to yield the required molecular cross-link, and the phosphate moeities on the pentose could interact with the penultimate histidine to lower the oxygen affinity. In order to develop this reaction it has been necessary to reproduce the methodology to separate oATP,  $IO_{\overline{4}}$  and  $IO_{\overline{3}}$ , and to analyze each component using thin layer chromatography (TLC) and gel filtration.

Reaction conditions of oATP with stroma-free hemoglobin as function of temperature, pH, ionic strength, buffer composition, length of time, etc., have been monitored by following the oxygen affinity and the amount of dimer formation on sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) gel electrophoresis. The data show an increased  $P_{50}$  over control stroma-free hemoglobin, but only 10% dimer formation.

A two dimensional gel electrophoresis system is currently under development so that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  chains can be separated in one dimension and a monomer-dimer separation in the second dimension. This will allow detection of the partial reaction product where only one of the two aldehyde groups underwent reaction. If this occurred it would explain the increased P<sub>50</sub> data and the low level of cross-link. For example, if the reaction went to completion as anticipated then one would see only two spots on the gel, one for  $\beta$ -dimer and the other for  $\alpha$ -monomer. Using <sup>14</sup>C ATP, the label would be detected in the  $\beta$ -monomer area if the half reaction occurred.

Solving this chemical problem is important, together with the data already obtained, the exercise of model building with deoxy human hemoglobin would allow the design of a compound homologous to oATP which might have a more desirable distance between the two aldehyde groups, thus promoting the reaction probability. Chemical Modifications of Hemoglobin for Improved Efficacy as a Cell-Free Resuscitating Solution (continued)

Another class of reagents that show experimental promise are the 3,5-dibromo-salicyl-bis-fumarate esters. Work is in progress to synthesize this reagent and to begin its testing as a chemical cross-linking agent.

Significant progress has been made also in the isolation of high quality stroma-free hemoglobin. A method developed by Dr. Condie at the University of Minnesota yields a product with the lowest amount of stromal contamination, and of methemoglobin compared to other methods. It is also very simple and can be changed to industrial scale preparation needs.

### CONCLUSIONS

The reaction of affinity compounds in the cleft of stroma-free hemoglobin to increase vascular retention and decrease oxygen affinity continue to progress. Currently the reaction of oATP and 3,5-dibromo-salicyl-bis-fumarate esters are under study. Greater emphasis needs to be and will be placed on model building and X-ray coordinate data from crystallography to guide the selection of potential cross-linking agents.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that we 1) continue to study the reactions of both the dibromo aspirins and oATP, and 2) build molecular models conforming to the known crystallographic models to select compounds with the most advantageous size and stereo-centrifugation.

### PUBLICATIONS

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employed to develop human visual tests of dark adaptation and color vision. More conventional apparatus has been developed to measure contrast sensitivity, dynamic visual acuity and spectral sensitivity. Using a standardized ocular trauma model in the rabbit, treat vitreal hemorrhage using urokinase, steroids, and penicillamine systemically as well as intraocularly.

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- STUDY NO. 1 The role of superoxide in the posterior segment of the rabbit eye model
  - EX-3 The effect of superoxide inhibitors in preventing vitreal band formation after double penetrating wounds to the posterior segment of the rabbit eye

Traumatic ocular injury frequently results in the formation of vitreal bands as a direct result of a tract in the vitreous, into which blood, fibroblasts, and debris are deposited. This combination of necessary agents results in the fibroblasts initiating the process of procollagen tissues in the tract with subsequent maturation of the collagen. As the collagen matures, contraction of the tissues occurs. This process ultimately results in detachment of the retina.

Double perforating wounds were induced in rabbit eyes. The wound site of the test eye was injected with 5 mg triamcinolone with follow-up injections in a 0.15cc solution of saline at 24 hr intervals for two days. The control eye was injected with saline solution. In a second experiment, 1 mg of penicillamine was injected into the test eye while the animal continued to receive 5 mg penicillamine, intramuscularly for four days after trauma. A semi-quantitative scaling technique was established using indirect ophthalmoscopy (grades 1-4, based upon estimates of vitreal band formation).

There were no differences in vitreal band formation in the eyes treated with triamcinolone as compared to saline injected eyes. Penicillamine injected eyes showed an 80% reduction in vitreal band formation.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	083	Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury
STUDY NO.	1	The role of superoxide in the posterior segment of the rabbit eye model
EX-3		The effect of superoxide inhibitors in preventing vitreal band formation after double penetrating wounds to the posterior segment of the rabbit eye

### PROBLEM

Ocular trauma presents a difficult clinical problem. In many cases total loss of the eye may result. In other cases vitreal fibrosis and proliferation of collagenous bands obstruct vision and may lead to retinal detachments. The visual treatment of vitreal bands is currently complete vitreous replacement with saline or hyaluronic acid. Vitrectomy is a high-risk procedure and may result in retinal or lenticular detachment at the time of surgery. Such patients might be spared surgical intervention if a technique for preventing bands could be explored and perfected for clinical use.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION JF RESULTS

A well established method of producing double perforating wounds in the rabbit eye was employed. Immediately after injury the wound site was injected with 5 mg triamcinolone with followup injections in a 0.15cc solution of saline at 24 hr intervals for two days. The control eye was injected with saline solution. In a second experiment, 1 mg of penicillamine was injected into the test eyes while the animal continued to receive 5 mg penicillamine, intramuscularly for four days after trauma. A semi-quantitative scaling technique was established using indirect ophthalmoscopy (grades 1-4, based upon estimates of vitreal band formation).

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Each of three independent observers evaluated the eyes. Each medication was given in a "blind" fashion. That is, none of the investigators knew what was being administered.

### CONCLUSIONS

There were no differences in vitreal band formation in the eyes treated with triamcinolone as compared to saline injected eyes. Penicillamine injected eyes showed an 80% reduction in vitreal band formation. Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury (Cont)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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Further experiments should be conducted to test the side effects of penicillamine injected into normal rabbit eyes. A precise dose schedule for penicillamine, both intraocular and systemic, should be determined.

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# PUBLICATIONS

BELKIN M., and J. F. WEISS. Use of triamcinolone after ocular trauma. Letter to the Editor, Archives of Ophthalmology. September 1981

## <sup>±</sup> ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	351627728874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO.	083	Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 3 Ultrasonographic diagnosis and monitoring of laser-induced retinal edema

Subtle retinal injury, such as that resulting from acute laser exposure, may not be directly evident from a simple non-dilated ophthalmologic examination. The use of ultrasound has been improved by rapid increases in technology, providing the military ophthalmologist with a markedly improved testing technique with resolution on the order of 100-150 microns. With this new technology, the exact location and extent of retinal edema after laser injury may provide a suitable means of detecting laser injury and initiating early therapy.

Multiple single exposures to a Q-switched neodymium (20 ns) laser at 0.5 to 1mJ were placed in the eyes of Rhesus monkeys. Each exposure produced a large lesion (300 microns) with a swollen border. A & B mode ultrasonography was performed immediately, 1 hour, 24 hours, and 1 week after exposure. Applanation ultrasonography was the only methodology employed.

A and B mode ultrasonography failed to reveal the extent of swelling or retinal involement for any exposure condition.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 083 STUDY NO. 3 Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury Ultrasonographic diagnonis and monitoring of laser-induced retinal edema

### PROBLEM

Acute laser injury involving pulsed laser exposures from visible and near-infrared laser sources will be an increasing problem for the near term. The military ophthalmologist can be expected to see a series of combat casualties resulting from accidental or purposeful exposure to laser sources. These exposures are not characteristic of his experience with argon laser photocoagulation, as both the number of lesions and appearance of the retinal pathology may be variable. Subtle retinal alterations may consist of depigmented areas in the fovea and foveocular areas. High resolution ultrasonography may be able to provide clinical interpretation of the extent of retinal damage. - - -

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

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### CONCLUSIONS

A and B mode ultrasonography failed to reveal the extent of swelling or retinal involvement for any exposure condition.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution of A & B mode ultrasonography of the eye is increased by the use of the immediate probe technique. Further experiments at lower laser exposure levels should be tested with a 10 and 5 MHz pulse and the water bath technique.

#### PUBLICATIONS

None

#### ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	351627728874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO.	083	Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury

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The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

- STUDY NO. 4 Treatment of corneal, retinal, and vitreal effects of laser injury
  - EX-1 Use of urokinase in rapid absorption of vitreal hemorrhage
  - EX-2 Measurement of "acute" phase serum proteins in injured animals

EX-1. Following acute high level exposure to a single ultrashort pulse of neodymium, ruby, or frequency-flashed neodymium laser radiation at intraocular energies that exceed the  $ED_{50}$  for vitreal hemorrhage, large quantities of blood appear in the vitreous. This blood not only prevents the injured individual from seeing, but may lead to the development of vitreal bands and ultimately to retinal detachments. Rapid removal of the vitreal hemorrhage at present consists of total removal of the vitreous. Simpler measures developed in this research may be of immediate benefit to the ophthalmologist confronted with many cases of hemorrhage in the combat theater.

Urokinase is an exzyme system capable of breaking down blood (specifically erythrocytes) to permit rapid reabsorption by phagocytes present in the vitreous. Vitreal hemorrhage in rabbit eyes was induced by a Q-switched laser. In each case (a total of 50 eyes) one eye served as a control (saline injection) while the other eye was given 1500 Plough units of urokinase into the vitreous immediately after laser exposure. In these cases the urokinase increased the vitreal fibrosis. In a second experiment, the dose delivery schedule was modified and urokinase was increased to 2000 Plough units in 0.15cc saline solution but administered at 12 hrs post-laser. Treated eyes showed resolution of hemorrhage 16 hrs more rapidly than control eyes.

EX-2. Following a tenet that laser injury to the eye or skin: can produce serum protein alterations, a laser dosimeter was tested. Electrophoresis of serum proteins was performed in rats, rabbits, and primates that had received corneal and skin exposures to the carbon dioxide laser and ruby laser to the retina. Preliminary data showed acute-phase protein changes at doses that produced definite corneal Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury (Cont)

and cutaneous changes in rats after  $CO_2$  laser exposures at 10.6 um. Changes were more pronounced for the cutaneous exposures than for the single exposure to the cornea. Changes after retinal exposures were less definitive. Dose correlation to the acute-phase protein change is required in future experiments.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	083	Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury
STUDY NO.	4	Treatment of corneal, retinal, and vitreal effects of laser injury
EX-1		Use of urokinase in rapid absorption of vitreal hemorrhage

### PROBLEM

After penetration of the retina has occurred, large quantities of blood exude from the deep choriocapillaris into the vitreal space and into the vitreous itself. Vitreal bands may develop if the blood is not rapidly removed. Theoretically, specific enzyme systems are capable of breaking down blood (specifically erythrocytes) to permit rapid reabsorption by phagocytes present in the vitreous. Urokinase is such an enzyme system.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Using a Q-switched ruby laser operating on a TEM<sub>00</sub> mode, rabbit eyes were exposed to single 20-nanosecond pulses of laser radiation at energy levels to 1 millijoule. In each case (a total of 50 eyes) one eye served as a control (saline injection) while the other eye was given 1500 Plough units of urokinase into the vitreous immediately after laser exposure. In these cases the urokinase increased the vitreal fibrosis. In a second experiment, the dose delivery schedule was modified and urokinase was increased to 2000 Plough units in 0.15cc saline solution but administered at 12 hrs post-laser. Treated eyes showed resolution of hemorrhage 16 hrs more rapidly than control eyes.

### CONCLUSIONS

Modification of the dose delivery and dose of urokinase results in rapid reabsorption of vitreal blood. Effects of urokinase alone injected into normal eyes must be evaluated to determine the absence of possible "toxic" effects on retinal function.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Further studies on complications of urokinase should be conducted. Techniques involving combination of urokinase and cryoprecipitate macrophages are required to provide necessary factors in vitreal hemorrhage reabsorption.

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None

EX-2

Measurement of "acute" phase serum proteins in injured animals

### PROBLEM

The problem is to determine if detectable acute-phase protein change was evident in the serum of animals exposed to laser radiation. The potential exists for using these techniques as a biologic dosimeter. If the acute-phase protein change has a unique signature for laser exposure, this would provide a valuable assessment capability.

In this pilot study, white rats were exposed to  $CO_2$  laser radiation and Rhesus monkeys were exposed to a ruby laser. Blood was taken from the subjects 24 hours before and 1 hour and 24 hours after exposure. Exposure doses were near and above those required to produce a change, e.g., cornea lesion (rat), cutaneous burn (rat), and retinal burn (rat).

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Acute-phase protein changes were observed for the cutaneous exposures in the rat. Corneal exposure produced less change, probably due to involvement of smaller surface area. Retinal lesions produced minimal change which requires further evaluation to assure validity.

### CONCLUSIONS

Preliminary data indicate some minimal degree of acute serum protein acuity as a result of  $CO_2$  laser radiation. The data are non-specific, that is there may be a relationship between laser injury and acute protein response. More definitive studies should be explored.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Further detailed experiments should be designed with limited scope to evaluate dose dependence of the acute-phase protein changes to verify preliminary data.

#### PUBLICATIONS

None

# ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.	351627728874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO.	083	Diagnosis and Treatment of Laser Injury

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 6 Ocular ballistic injury

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Ocular trauma due to penetration of the globe by metallic or nonmetallic fragments results in an immediate ophthalmologic emergency. Such fragments frequently occur in combat under conditions of "buttoning up" inside a tank or armored personnel carriers. These fragments are generally metallic, traveling at relatively low velocities (100-200 ft/sec) and may produce sufficient tracts and openings in the cornea or sclera to produce ocular hypotony. A method of producing such injuries in vitro would provide location of fragments for removal and treatment by the combat ophthalmologist.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 083

Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Laser Injury

STUDY NO.

Ocular ballistic injury

PROBLEM

Those who wear glasses (ammetropes) as well as those who require no corrective eyewear (emmetropes) are exposed to ocular injury from penetration of the eye by a wide variety of combat weapons. When glass lenses are struck by fragments, the wearer may be presented with a complicated pattern of glass and metal fragments in the anterior chamber, posterior compartment, or retina.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS OF RESULTS

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In three separate experiments, metallic spheres (0.25 gr.) were projected into freshly enucleated porcine eyes imbedded in 20% gelatin (a simulator of the orbital muscle and tissue wall). Initial data, from velocities of 300-500 ft/sec, produced through penetration of the entire globe. In a second experiment, velocities were reduced to 200 ft/sec but new reproducible terminal velocities were recorded. It was necessary to contract a sealed mini-gun system consisting of a compressed air valve, a magnetic breach, and glass tube barrel to obtain successful velocity and trajectory measures for the in vitro ocular ballistic studies.

## CONCLUSIONS

From initial experiments, only eight eyes were exposed in the most successful model weapon. It was possible to penetrate the porcine cornea and ultrasonographically demonstrate fragments in the enterior chamber or retina.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

A mini range must be completed in which exact velocity measurements, using a helium neon laser and photodiodes or chronograph, can be tested before further experiments can be conducted.

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# ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO. 3S162772A874

Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO. 085

Development of a Rapid System for Assessing Blood Anticoagulant-Nutrient Preservatives

Earlier theoretical and in vitro experimental work has indicated that storage of erythrocytes at a temperature of 1C rather than 4-6C, 6C being the upper limit of the permissible range, would significantly improve the quality of transfused red cells and possibly permit an extension of the storage periods based on enhanced in vivo survivability. Because of the departure of the medical officer collaborating on the in vivo human studies needed to confirm these expectations, however, it has not been possible to complete this phase of the study. It is currently planned to pursue this objective using an animal model being developed by a newly appointed investigator in the Division of Blood Research.

WORK UNIT NO. 085

Development of a Rapid System for Assessing Blood Anticoagulant-Nutrient Preservatives

### PROBLEM

Earlier theoretical and experimental work within this work unit has indicated that the storagability of erythrocytes would be affected to a significant extent by changes of storage temperature in the range of 1-6C. For instance, reduction in ATP concentration during storage at oC was estimated to proceed twice as rapidly as it does at 1C. ATP has been thought to be related to post-transfusion red cell survivability and considerable experimental effort is devoted to devising chemical and physical preservation schemes to enhance the level of this constituent during storage. A similar effect of temperature was found for DPG; H+ ion, on the other hand, accumulates much more rapidly at 6C than at 1C. Blood is commonly stored at "about" 4C, although a range of 1-6C has been generally accepted as permissible. Few references, however, can be found in the published literature regarding the determination of the optimum red cell storage temperature. This last objective is within the scope of work planned under this work unit and a considerable amount of in vitro work supporting this technical goal has been completed. A decisive phase of the work was planned to include actual in vivo red cell survival studies using humans and transfused blood stored in this acceptable 1 to 6C temperature range. The medical officer who was to collaborate on this phase of the work, however, has separated from the service, and support for the effort has not been available. Current plans call for coordinating and continuing this work with the Division of Blood Research and using an animal model being developed by a newly appointed investigator for the in vivo testing of various blood products.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

None

CONCLUSIONS

None

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The optimum temperature for storage of erythrocytes should be determined. The resources required to accomplish this objective are not large and the impact on blood preservation technology could be significant.

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### ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3M161102BS10	Research on Military Disease, Injury and Health Hazards					
WORK UNIT NO.	253	Swine Model for Evaluation of Therapeutic Modalities for the Combat Injured Soldier					

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

- STUDY NO. 2 The effect of variation in the oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve on left ventricular function in swine
- STUDY NO. 3 Anesthetic agents and their effect on left ventricular function during normoxia and hypoxia
- STUDY NO. 4 The effect of stroma-free hemoglobin solution on myocardial function in a nonshock, subtotal exchange model
- STUDY NO. 5 The effects of naloxone on myocardial function
- STUDY NO. 6 The effects of hemodilution in conjunction with hypotension, hypoxia, or hypothermia on myocardial function

STUDY NO. 2. The relationships between preservation of myocardial performance and the oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve of priming solutions have been investigated in the isolated swine heart preparation described previously. These studies have been designed to determine whether or not the  $P_{50}$  of resuscitation fluids, including whole blood, is a significant determinant of recovery from hemorrhagic shock secondary to massive combat wounds. Animal studies have been completed indicating that variations of  $P_{50}$  have a significant effect on left ventricular functions at normal oxygen tensions and hemoglobin concentrations. Further studies examining the role of  $P_{co}$  variation during anemia have been completed, and analysis of these data shows that anemia does not heighten the effects of a change in  $P_{50}$  on left ventricular function, but increased affinity does result in decreased coronary sinus PO, values and decreased myocardial tissue PO, values. Further work is underway to determine whether or not the oxyfemoglobin dissociation curve has an important part in determining myocardial performance during hypoxia and limited coronary artery blood flow. This additional work is being done under Study No. 6 and all of the animal work and preliminary analysis under Study No. 2 have essentially been completed.

STUDY NO. 3. The myocardial effects of the major anesthetic agents have been studied in our swine heart model in an attempt to evaluate these agents under conditions analogous to combat-induced stress. Previous studies completed under this work unit have substantiated that halothane decreases left ventricular function during normoxia and especially during hypoxia, whereas morphine sulfate had a minimal effect. Further analysis of this depression has revealed that the decrease in function was due more to a decrease in myocardial compliance rather than a decrease in contractility. All animal work contemplated in Study No. 3 has been completed and additional work in this area is contemplated through extramural contract studies.

STUDY NO. 4. Work has continued to progress in the evaluation of stroma-free hemoglobin solutions on myocardial performance. In initial studies with the in situ swine heart model, we evaluated a subtotal exchange transfusion comparing stroma-free crystalline hemoglobin solution with a 7% bovine albumin solution to produce a hematocrit level of 5%. These studies show that while myocardial performance is decreased by approximately 50% with stroma-free hemoglobin solution, the animals were able to maintain this level of cardiac performance, whereas animals exchanged with the albumin solution were unable to sustain any degree of myocardial work. Animals with a hematocrit of 10% exchanged with albumin were also unable to sustain significant cardiac work. All animal studies in Study No. 4 have been completed and no further experiments with stroma-free hemoglobin solution are being contemplated for inclusion under Study No. 4. There is, however, a provision for investigation of these solutions under the general topic of Study No. 6.

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STUDY NO. 5. The effects of naloxone on myocardial function: The right heart bypass model continues to be used for this study, evaluating the effects of the beta-endorphin antagonist naloxone to favorably affect left ventricular function. Most of the animal experiments in the initial group (n=10) have been completed and a preliminary analysis supports the conclusion that naloxone appears to have no effect in animals stressed with a period of hypotensive cardiopulmonary bypass, but that there may be a modest favorable effect on those animals given naloxone following a normotensive cardiopulmonary bypass stress. We are currently obtaining the beta-endorphin lovels on the samples, and we plan to submit an abstract outlining our initial findings. Porcine and human beta-endorphin have been measured in plasma samples with and without intervention. The assay techniques have been refined to give greater than 80% recovery. Interassay variability is a problem, but continuing technical refinements in sample handling are minimizing these sources of error. During total heart bypass, endorphin levels appear to correlate ircersely with duration. This may be a result of non-specific protease

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release. True decrease in secretion of beta-endorphin from pituitary shutdown is another possibility. In cases where naloxone reversibility has been demonstrated, endorphin levels are analyzed concomitantly with cases where no effect of naloxone was seen. Data analysis is in progress. Neuroendocrine response in conscious animals and during anesthesia are being investigated. :

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STUDY NO. 6. The effects of hemodilution in conjunction with hypotension, hypoxia, or hypothermia on myocardial function: This study has just been initiated, as was the case with Study No. 5, but only two animals have been studied. The right heart bypass swine model has again been used, and it appears that it will be possible to document the effects of hemodilution at three different blood pressures in a single animal. Preliminary analysis of the data from these two animals seems to imply that, even in the range of blood pressure of 45-65 torr, coronary blood flow is quite dependent upon blood pressure. WORK UNIT NO. 253

Swine Model for Evaluation of Therapeutic Modalities for the Combat Injured Soldier

STUDY NO. 2

The effects of variation in the oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve on left ventricular function in swine

## PROBLEM

Recently, with the understanding that the oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve is affected by concentrations of 2,3-diphosphoglycerate (2,3-DPG) and that stored blood has a low 2,3-DPG level, there has been concern that massive transfusions with blood stored for prolonged periods may have a detrimental effect on oxygen delivery to critical tissues. Myocardial function is intimately tied to adequate oxygen transport which, if less than optimal, may depress heart performance in the combat-injured soldier. Some studies have suggested that there is a relationship between  $P_{50}$  and left ventricular performance. If an adequate  $P_{50}$  is crucial to preserving heart performance during periods of combat injury, then aged blood with a low  $P_{50}$  and low 2,3-DPG may have limited usefulness, and fresh blood or blood with enriched 2,3-DPG must be made available. If  $P_{50}$  is not a major determinant of left ventricular function, aged blood could be employed, especially during combat situations which would require massive transfusions and maximal utilization of blood bank resources.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Our in situ perfused swine heart model has been used for this study. As previously outlined, left ventricular function and metabolic responses have been directly evaluated.

Currently, in this study, we have evaluated myocardial function following exchange transfusions with blood having various  $P_{50}$  characteristics and hematocrit levels. As reported previously, our initial study with this preparation, examining the situation at a normal hematocrit level, showed that left ventricular performance is affected adversely when animals are subjected to blood having a lowered  $P_{50}$ . This change in performance was accompanied by documented and statistically significant changes in the  $P_{50}$ , n-value, and coronary sinus gas values for the animals. The group of animals subjected to exchange with high  $P_{50}$  blood had preservation of myocardial performance but did not show an improved performance compared to that with blood having a normal  $P_{50}$  value. A second phase of this study has examined the effect of altered  $P_{50}$  on the left ventricular function in an animal exchanged with blood at a lowered hematocrit level. These animal

studies have been completed. They reveal that increased oxygen-hemoglobin affinity during anemia does not result in decreased left ventricular function when compared to exchange transfusion of blood having a decreased oxyhemoglobin affinity. Increased affinity did result in a lowered tissue and coronary sinus PO<sub>2</sub> value. This finding indicates a lower level of oxygen availability in the tissues of the working myocardium being perfused with low  $P_{50}$  blood.

# CONCLUSIONS

Our conclusion is that  $P_{50}$  is an important determinant of left ventricular function; the question of its clinical importance remains to be answered. Further studies under Study No. 6 will examine the situation in animals stressed at a lower pressure, temperature, and oxygen tension.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The findings in this study have helped answer the question of how vital a role  $P_{50}$ -changes play in myocardial performance. Additional work is needed to weigh adequately the role in a clinical situation analogous to that experienced by soldiers in the combat field. The problem of evaluating the role of  $P_{50}$  in myocardial performance is being assessed with an in situ swine model being done at Letterman Army Institute of Research (Study 6) and in other extramural laboratories. These laboratories currently involve facilities at the University of California at San Diego and the VA Medical Center at San Diego, both under the direction of the principal investigator. We recommend continued work examining this question as mentioned under Study No. 6, and with appropriate collaboration of those extramural programs mentioned above.

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STUDY NO. 3

Anesthetic agents and their effect on left ventricular function during normoxia and hypoxia

### PROBLEM

The effects of anesthetic agents on myocardial function have been well worked out for the normal situation encountered in civilian operating room practice where the patient is at an optimum oxygenation level. Unfortunately, during combat situations patients may have to be anesthetized during conditions of decreased oxygen tension. The ultimate survival of these patients is closely connected with their myocardial performance. Safe anesthesia would require optimization of myocardial performance even during conditions of hypoxia. This information becomes crucial if the field anesthesiologist is to select the optimal available anesthetic agent during these combat stress situations. In the past, this particular problem has been addressed in Work Unit O21 (DAOE 6079), "Anesthetic Management and Perioperative Care of the Acutely Wounded Soldier." During this last year, work has been conducted under this work unit and is reported here.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The perfused swine heart model has been used and animal studies examining the response of halothane, morphine, and infiltration anesthetic regimens have been conducted. The techniques for accurately measuring anesthetic concentrations with a mass spectrometer and for accurately adjusting the animal's oxygen tension to a level of 50 torr have been perfected. With these technical refinements, it has been possible to complete the evaluation of a series of animals at normoxia and at the hypoxic level of 40 torr. The initial results from this study have shown that halothane, as expected, decreased myocardial performance during normoxia. This drop in performance is accompanied by a decrease in myocardial oxygen consumption. The new finding during hypoxia was that halothane anesthesia not only decreases myocardial performance significantly more during hypoxia, but also that this decrease in performance is not accompanied by a corresponding reduction in oxygen consumption. The experiments performed with morphine anesthesia substantiated that, under conditions of normoxia, morphine has no appreciable depressive effects on myocardial performance and that its depressive effects during hypoxia are relatively less than with halothane (approximately 25% versus 66%). This depressed function is not accompanied by an increase in myocardial oxygen consumption. The results from the animals examined under infiltration anesthesia were similar to those with the animals examined under morphine anesthesia. These data have been analyzed to determine the mechanism for the change in myocardial performance seen with halothane.

## CONCLUSIONS

Our conclusion is that halothane may be an appropriate anesthetic agent to use during normoxic conditions since the depression of myocardial performance is accompanied by a decrease in myocardial oxygen consumption. The amount of oxygen consumed per unit of cardiac work is not increased which prevents ischemic damage to the myocardium. During hypoxia, halothane is not a good anesthetic since the depression of myocardial function is enhanced and this depression is accompanied by an increased oxygen consumption, thereby subjecting the myocardium to a greater risk of ischemic damage.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Additional work is needed to examine the anesthetic agents during periods of hypoxia and other situations of deranged physiology such as hypotension and anemia that are encountered in a combat injury situation. The question of an appropriate choice of an anesthetic agent during situations of combat stress needs to be answered by additional studies examining various anesthetic agents during anemia and hypotension in a controlled swine heart model. The major thrust of studies attempting to answer these important questions is currently being undertaken with an extramural contract grant under the direction of Dr. Richard B. Weiskopf. No further animal studies are presently contemplated in this study; however, the principal investigator continues to perform studies examining this question in the perfused swine heart model at the laboratory facilities at the University of California in San Diego and the VA Medical Center in San Diego.

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STUDY NO. 4

The effect of stroma-free hemoglobin solution on myocardial function in a nonshock, subtotal exchange model

### PROBLEM

Resuscitation of the combat injured soldier may require the use of various artificial blood substitutes as well as whole blood. These solutions must the adequately evaluated in terms of their effects con myocardial function. Several studies examining stroma-free hemoglobin solutions have been accomplished in a shock model. However, it is appropriate to examine the effects of these resuscitation techniques in an animal model which allows evaluation of myocardial function in a nonshock situation as might be encountered during recovery and convalescence from combat injury. This study should help determine if casualties should be transfused with hemoglobin solution or an artificial blood substitute that carries oxygen, or if a nonoxygen-carrying blood substitute, such as albumin solution, would be adequate.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

During the last year, the in situ perfused swine heart model has been used to evaluate the effects of an exchange transfusion of stroma-free hemoglobin solution on left ventricular function. The standard parameters of myocardial performance (stroke volume, etc.) have been examined under conditions of controlled pre-load, after-load, and rate and an index of myocardial metabolism and oxygen utilization has been used. These studies have been done with hemoglobin solution that has been exchanged in a pig animal model so that the subsequent hematocrit was 5%. Experiments comparing stroma-free hemoglobin solution with albumin solution to produce a hematocrit level of 5% has revealed that animals transfused with the stroma-free hemoglobin solution were able to maintain a work performance at approximately 50% of their control value and were able to sustain this level of work performance for the standard work trial period. The animals exchanged with the albumin solution to produce a similar hematocrit level were initially able to support the same level of cardiac performance but, within minutes of the work trial period, these animals were no longer able to perform any useful cardiac work. Those animals perfused with stroma-free hemoglobin solution showed signs of inadequate oxygen delivery, such as high lactate levels. However, the hearts were able to work with the stroma-free hemoglobin solution. Albumin exchanged to produce a hematocrit of 10% did not allow myocardial work to be sustained.

## CONCLUSIONS

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Stroma-free hemoglobin solution is promising in terms of supporting useful cardiac work under conditions of severe anemia. Support of cardiac function occurred even though the present form of hemoglobin solution has a depressed  $\rm P_{50}$  with a left-shifted oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Additional work is necessary to define the role of stroma-free hemoglobin in those situations where the hematocrit level is not severely depressed. Continued work should be done to improve the solution so that cardiac performance can be maintained without causing anaerobic metabolism. We are evaluating stroma-free hemoglobin solution perfusion at hematocrit levels greater than 5%. We are also evaluating improved solutions which have a more normal oxyhemoglobin dissociation curve and better in vivo retention.

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STUDY NO. 5

The effects of naloxone on myocardial function

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# PROBLEM

There has been heightened interest inspired by the work of Fadden and Holaday about the possibility that naloxone may significantly increase survival in hemorrhagic shock. The basic hypothesis is that beta-endorphins have a disadvantageous effect on myocardial function and may well be the myocardial depressant factor seen in shock-like states. Naloxone is a specific beta-endorphin antagonist and might be expected to be useful in dealing with the myocardial function that follows shock states. The treatment of shock, both hemorrhagic and septic, continues to be a subject of great concern in military medicine. Shock states manifested by hypotension and myocardial depression must be effectively treated if adequate resuscitation is to occur. Previous studies examining the effects of naloxone have not been done in an animal model with carefully controlled pre-load, after-load and heart rate. It would seem appropriate to evaluate this potentially beneficial agent in the swine model.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Initial protocol attempts to determine the effectiveness of naloxone in treating depression after a shock period have revolved around examination of myocardial function after a period of cardiopulmonary bypass and after administration of naloxone. Two groups of animals have almost been completed, examining first a normotensive period of cardiopulmonary bypass and second a hypotensive period of cardiopulmonary bypass. Beta endorphin levels are to be examined during various periods within each animal experiment. Although some of these samples have been analyzed, the majority are not yet completed and any final conclusions would have to await completion of these determinations. Animals subjected to a normotensive period of cardiopulmonary bypass did have a modest drop in left ventricular function. When naloxone was administered, there was no dramatic change in any of the cardiovascular parameters. However, repeat left ventricular function curve measurements were, on several occasions, consistent with some improvement in left ventricular function. Those animals subjected to a hypotensive period of cardiopulmonary bypass with a mean arterial blood pressure of 40 torr had a much greater depression in their myocardial function, as measured by a controlled left ventricular function curve. Naloxone was given to these animals, and again there was no appreciable beneficial effect seen immediately, nor could any improvement in left ventricular function be discerned through the systemic left ventricular function curve measurement. These results, which must await completion of the beta-endorphin

analyses, may lead us to the conclusion that naloxone may have a role in mild depression of the myocardium following a cardiopulmonary bypass stress, but it does not appear to have a direct role in a major depression situation.

### CONCLUSIONS

Our preliminary conclusion at this stage is that naloxone does not appear to be a dramatic positive ionotropic agent capable of providing functional recovery after a major stress, but that it may have a mild ionotropic type of action, possibly mediated through beta-endorphin antagonism, in a mild stress state.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The treatment of shock states is a crucial item for the military and it is recommended that any investigations allowing one to treat these conditions in an effective fashion should continue to be pursued. Our preliminary findings seem to indicate that one may have to use very sensitive indicators to discern an effect from naloxone. It is hoped that continued studies in this area will help elucidate those situations in which beta-endorphin antagonism has real value during a standard postshock resuscitation effort.

### PUBLICATIONS

None.

STUDY NO. 6

The effects of hemodilution in conjunction with hypotension, hypoxia, or hypothermia on myocardial function

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### PROBLEM

Hemodilution is universally employed in almost any resuscitation attempt where a hypovolemic situation is being countered. There currently is a modest amount of literature examining the question of a normal animal's response to hemodilution and decreased availability of oxygen. Unfortunately, most combat resuscitation efforts in the field will be carried out under less than optimum conditions and might well involve the simultaneous treatment of shock, hypoxia, and hypothermia. It becomes imperative, therefore, to investigate the effects of hemodilution not only during normal physiologic situations, but during physiologic situations that are analogous to those encountered in a combat injury situation. This study attempts, therefore, to examine

various levels of hemodilution and to determine which level is appropriate if one must attempt resuscitation under the adverse conditions of hypotension, hypoxia, or hypothermia.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Only two animals have been studied. As mentioned in the abstract section of this annual report, most of the present investigator's efforts have been spent in Study No. 5, examining the effects of naloxone. The two animals that were studied were helpful in establishing the feasibility of this protocol. Specifically, the animals could be subjected to left ventricular function curves at three separate blood pressures (05 torr, 55 torr, and 45 torr) during a control normal hematocrit perfusion. The animals could subsequently be exchange transfused to a level of hemodilution of approximately 50% and the three left ventricular function curves again repeated. The animal preparation appeared to be stable for the completion of all of these experiments. There are insignificant data for any meaningful discussion; however, examination of the data obtained thus far appears to substantiate the fact that coronary blood flow is dependent upon mean aortic perfusion pressure even when that pressure is varied over a relatively modest range of 20 torr.

#### CONCLUSIONS

No substantive conclusions can be reached at this time due to the recent initiation of this study and small number of observations.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

This study is feasible and will be carried out as specified. We plan to examine the effects of hemodilution on myocardial function during periods of hypotension. 

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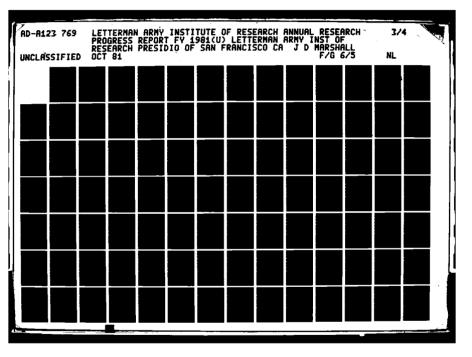
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# ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO:	35162772A874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO:	086	Corticoid Protection of Cerebral

Gold thioglucose (GTG), administered intraperitoneally, causes lesions in the ventromedial hypothalamus (VMH). This hypothalamic response to GTG is ameliorated by stress or corticoid injections. Ultrastructural experiments were undertaken to determine if corticoid pretreatment completely abolishes GTG edema and necrosis in the VMH. A hydrocortisone injection and GTG challenge in mice showed no sign of edema or pathology in the VMH. This altered VMH response to GTG in animals with high blood corticoid levels suggests that corticoid protection of the VMH may be important in maintaining hypothalamic function and reducing cerebral edema during stress or shock.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 086

Corticoid Protection of Cerebral Edema Induced by Gold Thioglucose

## PROBLEM

Since Guilleman and Schally won the Nobel prize for discovering hypothalamic-releasing factors, the hypothalamus can be considered the "master gland" for the control of endocrine homeostasis. The ventromedial hypothalamic area (VMH) is sensitive to the anti-arthritic drug, gold thioglucose (GTG). The lesions produced in the VMH when GTG is injected intraperitoneally in mice are the manifestation of cerebral edema. GTG does not cause the edema or lesions in the VMH by destroying microvasculature; ultrastructural observations have shown that only neural tissue damage is seen initially following the GTG challenge. Recently it has been demonstrated that corticoid pretreatment prevented GTG lesion formation. Food deprivation and cold stress also eliminate GTG necrosis. Increases in blood glucocorticoid levels are a common response to shock or stress. Thus, it appears that the corticoid alteration of the VMH in response to GTG may be a protective mechanism for the hypothalamus during stress or shock. То determine if the corticoid treatment prevented GTG-induced lesion formation in the VMH completely, electron microscopic observations were undertaken.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Mice were injected with hydrocortisone and subsequently challenged with GTG. The brains were perfused with 5% glutaraldehyde and phosphate buffer. The hypothalamic area was removed from the brain and processed by standard techniques for electron microscopy. Control animals displayed the typical VMH pathology associated with necrosis: dissolution of the neuropil and extensive edema. Conversely, hydrocortisone-treated and GTG-injected animals showed no signs of pathology in the VMH and could not be distinguished from normal untreated animals. This result suggests that conditions that elevate blood corticoid levels, such as stress or shock, alter the normal response of the VMH to a GTG challenge and prevent edema. This corticoid protection of the hypothalamus from GTG edema and necrosis may be important in maintaining body function during stress or shock.

### CONCLUSIONS

Corticoid pretreatment protects the hypothalamus against development of edema and GTG lesions. The same result is seen in stressed animals. Because shock is a stress phenomenon and corticoid levels are elevated, the same results would be expected. Perhaps even more significant is the fact that hypothalamic function is altered during corticoid treatment and probably during stress, shock, and trauma. Corticoid Protection of Cerebral Edema Induced by GTG (Cont)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The effect of shock on hypothalamic function using GTG as a probe should be investigated. In addition, alterations of the hypothalamus before shock or trauma may ensure survivability. GTG can be used as a model compound to produce changes in the hypothalamus.

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## ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.

3S162772A874 Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO. 088 Studies in Combat Injuries to the Extremities

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 3 Evaluation of repair techniques in treating avulsion fractures and injuries of the anterior cruciate ligament

Bony and ligamentous injuries to the extremities due to combat-type trauma result in the expenditure of large amounts of medical resources, and often lead to permanent disability. Many factors can affect bone and ligament healing, and specifically we are attempting to accelerate such healing through various mechanical, biochemical, and immunological alterations. Using the ligamentous injury model previously developed under this work unit, the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) was transected in one knee joint in each of 12 dogs. The ACLs were repaired in a conventional manner and then reinforced with a completely biodegradable ligament made of braided polyglycolic acid (PGA) suture. Five weeks after repair, initial healing had firmly attached the repaired ACL to the femoral condyle, and the PGA ligament had resorbed completely without inflammatory or fibrotic Inspection and testing of the repaired ACLs at 4 months response. revealed that all had healed and already had attained a strength of up to 50% of the controls. This degree of healing permitted satisfactory return of function in all the operated knees. Another study now in progress to reinforce repaired ligaments with a braided material is 80% biodegradable and 20% nonabsorbable. This material is promising because it may allow adequate fibrous ingrowth for neoligament formation.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	088	Studies in Combat Injuries to the Extremities
STUDY NO.	3	Evaluation of repair techniques in treating avulsion fractures and injuries of the anterior cruciate

ligament

### PROBLEM

Injury to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and the resulting rotatory instability of the knee is a militarily devastating handicap. A significant percentage of soldiers who sustain ACL injuries in training or combat develop knee instability and require medical separation regardless of methods of treatment. Although excellent functional, anatomical, and biomechanical studies of the ACL have been reported, there is still considerable disagreement as to whether or not a ruptured or avulsed ACL should be repaired, discarded, replaced, or ignored. Based on the results of our previous studies under this work unit, this current study evaluated the results of primary repairs of anterior cruciate ligament reinforced with biodegradable synthetic material. Results can be transferred to the management of most ligamentous injuries of the extremities.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The anterior cruciate ligament was transected at the femoral origin in one knee joint in each of 12 dogs. The ACLs were repaired in a conventional manner and reinforced with a synthetic ligament made of braided polyglycolic acid (PGA) suture. At 2 weeks, the PGA ligament was still providing excellent support for the healing ACL, and there was no synovitis within the knee joint. After 5 weeks, initial healing had firmly attached the repaired ACL to the femoral condyle, and the PGA ligament had resorbed without inflammatory or fibrotic response. All repaired and reinforced ligaments healed clinically and provided functional stability to the knee joints. Biomechanical testing of the repaired ACLs at 4 months produced a maximum strength of 54.18  $\pm$  6.29 kg, about 50% of the strength of the controls. At the same time, sulfur<sup>35</sup> uptake studies revealed viable active collagen\_producing cells in the repaired ACLs. Thus, the biodegradable PGA ligament successfully reinforced the repaired ACLs to allow satisfactory functional healing in all the animals in this study.

Because the biodegradable ligament is completely resorbed by 5 weeks, we believe that an effort should be made to prolong its protective effects. Consequently another study, currently in its early stages, Studies in Combat Injuries to the Extremities (Continued)

will evaluate as an integrated splint a braided material that is 80% biodegradable and 20% nonabsorbable. Using our experimental model for ligamentous injuries, this material will be used to reinforce and internally splint ACLs repaired in a conventional manner. However, no external immobilization will be used so that the animals may start immediate postoperative weight-bearing. This material is promising because its strength may obviate the need for long-term external casts or splints. The internal splinting might allow the combat injured soldier to return to some degree of function in a short time. Furthermore, we believe that as the biodegradable portion is resorbed, fibrous ingrowth will occur in and around the nonabsorbable portion, thus leading to formation of neoligament. If neoligament does form, this material would be extremely useful in treating combat injuries in which there is segmental loss of ligament or tendon tissue.

Working with the Audio-Visual Production Officer, we have been able to record with high speed photography the mechanism by which the anterior cruciate ligament fails. Film speeds of 1000 frames per second have documented the sequence of events that occur when the ACL is loaded to the point of failure. We now better understand the biomechanics, and this information will aid us in planning future studies.

We have worked in cooperation with the Department of Biology at the University of San Francisco by having one of their undergraduate students spend time with us. This program seems mutually rewarding. The student currently assigned has been helpful in determining the biomechanical properties of the synthetic ligaments with which we are working. We have provided consultation and assisted investigators from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital on a study involving combat fracture healing. The study is still under evaluation and results are not yet available.

We have collaborated with investigators from the School of Medicine, University of San Francisco, on a study to evaluate the effects of preservation on bone-ligament-bone preparations. Fresh specimens were compared with those frozen by different methods. At least one freezing technique has been identified in which the biomechanical properties and cell viability of the preserved specimens were equal to those of fresh specimens. Further investigation might be warranted for preservation of tissue destined for homogenous transfer.

### CONCLUSIONS

The polyglycolic acid material appears to be quite satisfactory for use as a biodegradable ligament. The results obtained in this current study are encouraging because the technique is not complicated, and it avoids use of autogenous tissue to achieve healing of repaired

# Studies in Combat Injuries to the Extremities (Continued)

anterior cruciate ligaments. This PGA ligament also has potential use for any situation where temporary internal splinting or reinforcement of repaired ligaments is indicated. We recognize that the main drawback is the rapid rate of resorption and the consequent need for postoperative protection with external splints or casts. Therefore, we are extremely encouraged by our w study with the material, which is 80% biodegradable and 20% nonabsorbable, possibly eliminating the need for postoperative external immobilization.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Further studies are necessary to evaluate internal splints for repaired tendons and ligaments. We should examine additional materials that are partially or completely biodegradable, and we will consider techniques that will lessen the devastating effects of combat-type injuries to ligaments and tendons. Also, consideration should be given to studies that examine the biochemical and immunological factors that might accelerate healing of bony and ligamentous injuries to the extremities from combat trauma. Another work unit, Agency Accession DAOE 6108, "Animal Models for Surgical Repair of Musculoskeletal Structures," will be combined with this work unit.

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### ABSTRACT

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WORK UNIT NO.	089	Development of Optimal Red Blood Cell Products

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

Study No.	1	In vitro development of optimal
		formulations

Studies have continued in the development of an Optional Additive System (OAS) containing saline, adenine, glucose and ascorbate-2-phosphate (AsP). The 25 C solution stability of this OAS has been confirmed for periods of at least 1 year. Using computer-generated experimental designs, this OAS formulation is now being optimized. Discussions are in progress with Cutter Laboratories for toxicity testing and clinical trials of the optimal OAS which are scheduled to start during FY 82.

Limited studies have been done on ADSOL and saline-adenine-glucose (SAG) systems; these do not contain AsP, but may contain mannitol to retard hemolysis. These in vitro studies indicate that both ADSOL and SAG are similar to CPDA-2 in their ability to preserve red cells and, with mannitol, exhibit reduced hemolysis. Neither solution can maintain red cell function in storage, as can the OAS solution with AsP. ADSOL has excessive amounts of glucose and mannitol which may prove toxic to neonates and diabetic subjects.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 089

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Development of Optimal Red Blood Cell Products

STUDY NO.

In vitro development of optimal formulations

### PROBLEM

Military blood banking differs from its civilian counterpart because of unique logistical limitations imposed in combat situations. In a civilian setting blood is drawn, stored under "ideal" conditions, and used in a geographically-contained community at a relatively predictable rate. Under these conditions blood shortages are minimal, and loss due to outdating is less than 10%. The wartime use of blood in the Army may be illustrated by the Vietnam experience, which is probably a best-case example. The blood used in Vietnam was drawn in CONUS and had CPD anticoagulant added; it had a 21-day dating period. The time required to process and ship this blood to field medical units was 7 to 14 days leaving only 7 to 14 days of shelf life. Due to limited shelf life and the fluctuation in casualty rate, outdating was possibly as high as 50%. leaving inventories dangerously low in many instances. These problems could have been aleviated if the shelf life of blood had been 35 to 42 days. In future conflicts, the U.S. may not have air superiority, thus logistical problems will be compounded in all areas of supply, including fresh blood and blood products. To support the wounded soldier with available blood products, it will be imperative to store blood for extended periods of time. In addition, it is essential that stored blood maintain its functional qualities. These ends can be met by the development of new systems for blood storage that extend the shelf life (viability) and improve the oxygen-delivering quality of red cells. A significant step in this direction was taken with the development of CPDA-1 anticoagulant which allows for 35-day storage of whole blood or packed cells of hematocrit not over 80. New efforts are underway to extend blood storage beyond 35 days, and also to improve the quality of long-term stored blood. At this time, specific studies are underway to develop an Optional Additive System (OAS). The development of CPDA-1, while offering a significant improvement in blood storage does not achieve the results in red cell storage that are attainable with a glucose-adenine mixture.

CPDA-2 was shown to be a significantly superior product, based on clinical trials (work unit JLO3) and in vitro tests, compared to CPDA-1. Red cells could be stored in CPDA-2 for up to 49 or 56 days. The best approach to extended quality storage of red blood cells is by use of specific solution for addition to packed red cells. This approach is termed an Optional Additive System.

### Development of Optimal Red Blood Cell Products (continued)

Solutions are being developed and tested (in vitro) which allow for extended storage of packed red cells, and at the same time improve the functional quality of these cells by maintaining the concentrationn of red cell 2,3-DPG. The development of these systems will provide military blood banking with the capability to a) store red blood cells to extended periods of time beyond 35 days, b) improve the functional qualities of these cells (i.e., their oxygen off-loading characteristics) by maintaining normal P<sub>50</sub>, and c) make available for separate use, fresh plasma components in maximum quantities, free of adenine or other additives.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

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Studies have continued with the development of OAS solution using ascorbate-2-phosphate (AsP) to maintain red cell 0, delivery function. AsP solutions in saline and SAG were stored as individual samples in 50 ml transfer packs, each scaled and heat processed (to prevent mold) in 1/2 pint canning jars. These solutions are being assayed over a 3-year period. After 12 months, no loss of stability is seen in the AsP at room temperature. Similar studies were being planned to reevaluate the solution stability of DHA, but were cancelled when the company holding the patent on using DHA terminated the manufacture of blood bags. Final studies are in progress to obtain the optimal formulation of an OAS solution containing saline, adenine, glucose and AsP. Those studies were designed with the aid of a computer program entitled "Computer Optimized Experimental Design" (COED). The copyrighted COED program is available on a time-leased basis from CompuServe Corp., Columbus, OH. We evaluated COED, decided it would be a powerful tool to minimize gathering of experimental data while maximizing the knowledge gained, and leased access to the program through FY 1982. When the COED-generated experiments are completed they will be analyzed and optimized by the companion program to COED entitled "Response Surface Methodology-3".

Studies were also done on two OAS systems containing saline, adenine and glucose <u>+</u> mannitol. These solutions were commercially prepared by Fenwal Laboratories (ADSOL) and Cutter Laboratories (SAG), respectively. The purpose of these solutions is to provide a more controlled alternative to long-term packed cell storage than the use of CPDA-2. Our in vitro studies indicate that both solutions are effective in maintaining red cell ATP for 42 days of 4 C storage. Addition of mannitol to either solution retards hemolysis up to 90% and also causes a slight improvement in ATP maintenance. The ADSOL solution contains an excessive amount of glucose (i.e., 600 mg/dl after 42 days of storage) and mannitol which may prove clinically hazardous in certain patients. Development of Optimal Red Blood Cell Products (continued)

Joint studies between our laboratory and Cutter Laboratories are being planned in FY 1982 for clinical trials of the saline, adenine, glucose, AsP solution. Further advances in this project during 'FY 81 were limited by requirements of the technical personnel to heavily support the hemoglobin solution safety project (JL07).

# CONCLUSIONS

The best choice for an OAS solution to both extend red cell storage and improve red cell function appears to be solution of saline, adenine, glucose, and AsP. Modern computer-assisted techniques are being used to optimize this formulation. SAG-type systems are similar in performance to CPDA-2 for extended red cell storage but do not aid in red cell function as so the OAS systems. In SAG is put on the commercial market it will probably be quickly replaced by the OAS system containing AsP.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Studies should be completed to optimize the OAS solution containing AsP. Cooperation should be continued between LAIR and Cutter Labs to do toxicology and Clinical Studies for FDA "approval" of this solution. Continued evaluation of the COED-RSM3 computer package should be done with the idea of expanding its use to a LAIR-wide resource.

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### ABSTRACT

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A Porcine Model for Studies in Combat-Related Trauma

The following investigations were conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Normal physiologic and biochemical values for the domestic pig (Sus scrofa)

STUDY NO. 2 Physiologic aspects of porcine hemorrhage

STUDY NO. 1. During the past year all work on two experiments was completed. These were concerned with determining the feasibility of establishing steady-state ventilatory conditions in the anesthetized domestic pig such that arterial Po, and pH approximated values observed in humans and, under such conditions, to determine the porcine population characteristics for arterial electrolytes and the blood gas and acid-base status of both arterial and venous blood. Mean arterial electrolyte values (mEq/l) were: sodium, 139; potassium, 4.8; calcium 4.8; magnesium 1.8; chloride, 100; bicarbonate, 27.7; phosphate, 4.3; albuninate, 7.1; globulinate, 6.2; and lactate 1.8. Mean arterial blood gas and acid-base values were: Po<sub>2</sub> 97 torr; S<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 94%; C<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 15.4 ml/dl; pH, 7.399; Pco, 47 torr; and base excess 2.8 mEq/1. Venous values from seven väscular sites differed significantly from arterial values and from each other. A third, uncompleted study, concerned the arterial blood gas and acid-base status of conscious, unrestrained pigs under near-basal conditions. To date, 40 pigs have been evaluated. These animals had higher pH, bicarbonate, and base excess values but lower Po, values than those observed in humans under basal conditions. Pigs, névertheless, are similar enough to humans to be an attractive animal model when the above variables are to be altered experimentally.

STUDY NO. 2. During the past year all work on three experiments was completed. These concerned the hemodynamic alterations, blood-gas and acid-base status, and plasma metabolite, electrolyte, and enzyme changes wrought by moderate (30%) and severe (50%) blood volume loss in the conscious animal. Severe blood loss led to symptoms similar to those reported for humans, yet all animals spontaneously recovered without blood replacement or other interventions. Arterial pressure (mean, systolic, and diastolic) alterations during and following hemorrhage also were remarkably similar to those reported for comparably hemorrhaged humans. Severe blood loss led to metabolic acidosis that was largely compensated. Immediately after hemorrhage these pigs had a mean arterial pressure of 46 torr, Pco<sub>2</sub> of 28.4 torr, bicarbonate of 21 mEq/1, and base excess of 1.3 mEq/1; all of these

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were substantially lower than control values. Arterial pH was lowered only slightly and transiently, while  $Po_2$  increased. Pigs subjected to 30% hemorrhage showed far fewer, and less marked, changes in all of the above variables. Both 30% and 50% blood loss led to substantial fluid shifts from the extra- to the intravascular compartments during spontaneous recovery. A fourth experiment currently being completed showed that conscious animals subjected to 50%, and to a much lesser extent 30%, blood loss exhibited transient hyperglycemia and lactacidosis. They also showed transient increases in plasma creatinine and magnesium, and transient decreases in potassium. Plasma urea concentration increased progressively following hemorrhage, and the concentrations of several plasma enzymes were reduced. Most of the hemodynamic, blood gas, acid-base, metabolite, and electrolyte changes are remarkably similar to those reported for similarly hemorrhaged humans.

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STUDY NO. 1

Normal physiological and biochemical values for the domestic pig (Sus scrofa)

### PROBLEM

In the past, and at the present time, mongrel dogs have served as the predominant large animal species for medically oriented research on problems of combat-related trauma. Such usage is largely attributable to tradition and to the availability of dogs at local pounds and animal shelters. In recent years, however, the use of dogs in medical research has come under increasing criticism by scientists because they exhibit functional characteristics that are not seen in humans. The domestic pig, consequently, is becoming an attractive alternative to the dog as a large animal model for human-oriented research. Pigs are readily available in all parts of the country and can be acquired in a variety of ages, sizes, and genetic backgrounds. Between-animal functional variances, therefore, are usually far less than those seen in mongrel dogs. But more important than these considerations, available information shows the pig to be far superior to the dog in terms of his physiologic and biochemical similarities to man. In many research situations these similarities should allow substitution of pigs for nonhuman primates, hence conserving an expensive and rapidly diminishing laboratory animal resource. A major impediment to more extensive use of pigs in combat injury and other medical research projects is a lack of detailed knowledge about the population characteristics for certain key aspects of normal porcine physiology and biochemistry. Without this knowledge, rational experimental work involving pigs cannot be designed, nor can meaningful information about the functional changes associated with simulated combat injuries be obtained. It is to these problems that the experiments conducted under this study are directed.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

During the past year all work on two experiments was completed, a third was continued, and a fourth was initiated. The two completed experiments concerned the feasibility of regulating and eventually stabilizing the ventilation of anesthetized pigs such that arterial pH and  $Po_2$  values approximated those seen in humans during thoracic surgical procedures. Fifteen young domestic pigs were thus anesthetized with nitrous oxide, and mechanical ventilation and inspired oxygen tension were regulated to achieve an arterial pH of approximately 7.40 and  $Po_2$  of approximately 100 torr. Once established, it was possible to maintain steady-state values for at

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least a half hour without further adjustments of ventilation or inspired Po<sub>2</sub>. Under these stabilized conditions, the following population characteristics for arterial cation concentrations (mean mEq/1 + S.D.) were obtained: sodium, 139 + 2.40; potassium, 4.8 + 0.58; calcium, 4.8 + 0.29; magnesium, 1.8 + 0.20; and total cations, 150.3 + 2.71. Anion concentrations (mean mEq/1 + S.D.) were: chloride, 100 + 2.50; bicarbonate, 27.7 + 1.93; phosphate, 4.3 + 1.22; albuminate, 7.1 + 0.92; globulinate, 6.2 + 0.41; lactate, 1.8 + 0.60; and total anions 147.1 + 6.21. Population characteristics for arterial blood gas and acid-base status were: Po<sub>2</sub>, 97 + 8.6 torr, S O<sub>2</sub>, 94 + 1.4%, C O<sub>2</sub>, 15.4 + 0.90 ml/dl; pH, 7.399 + 0.0117; Pco<sub>2</sub>, 47<sup>a</sup> + 3.5 torr; and base excess  $2.8 \pm 1.80$  mEq/1. Characteristics for pulmonary artery mixed venous blood were: Po<sub>2</sub>,  $36 \pm 4.2$  torr, S<sub>0</sub>,  $51 \pm 7.9\%$ ; C<sub>0</sub>, 8.5 ± 1.46 ml/dl; pH, 7.335 ± 0.0259; Pco<sub>2</sub>, 57 ± 5.8 torr; HCO<sub>3</sub>, <sup>a</sup>29.6 ± 2.31 mEq/1; and base excess 3.9 + 2.14 mEq/1. Comparisons of Venous values obtained from various vascular sites (pulmonary artery, anterior vena cava, posterior vena cava, internal jugular vein, femoral vein, and coronary sinus) revealed numerous between-vessel differences in blood gas and acid-base status. Anesthesia with mechanical ventilation appeared to produce defects in alveolar-arterial gas exchange similar to those reported for other species.

The third experiment conducted, but not completed, during the past year was concerned with determining the arterial blood gas and acid-base status of young domestic pigs, measured under near-basal conditions. The animals received surgically implanted carotid catheters and blood samples were taken 7-10 days postsurgery, while the animal was in an awake, well-rested, unrestrained, recumbent position subsequent to an overnight fast. To date 40 pigs have been so evaluated, and the following arterial values (mean + S.D.) were obtained: pH, 7.502 + 0.0160; Pco<sub>2</sub>, 41.0 + 2.53 torr;  $\overline{Po}_2$ , 79.1 + 4.05 torr; HCO<sub>3</sub>, 31.0 + 2.40 mEq/1; and base excess 8.2 + 2.21 mEq71. In addition, a group of 6 similarly treated pigs was evaluated at hourly intervals for six hours. The arterial blood gas and acid-base values obtained from these animals were essentially the same as those indicated above. The only significant diurnal changes were a 6.6 torr decrease in Po<sub>2</sub> and a 0.9 mEq/l decrease in base excess, both occurring midway through the experimental period. Completion of this experiment requires construction of a Siggaard-Anderson nomogram that is applicable to porcine blood. This effort is currently in progress.

The fourth experiment was concerned with setting up procedures for measuring the total erythrocyte and plasma volumes of chronically-catheterized, conscious, unrestrained pigs using <sup>51</sup>Cr and <sup>125</sup>I-labelled albumin as indicators, and to determine the erythrocyte storage characteristics of the porcine spleen. Six intact and six splenectomized animals have been studied to date, and the data are currently being evaluated.

### CONCLUSIONS

The foregoing experiments have shown that the arterial pH and  $Po_2$  values of anesthetized pigs can be stabilized at values that closely approximate those characteristics of humans. Under such circumstances, however, arterial values for  $Pco_2$ ,  $HCO_3$ , phosphate, and base excess values tend to be higher while  $S_2O_2$  and  $C_2O_2$  values tend to be lower than those characteristic of humans. In conscious unrestrained pigs studied under near basal conditions, arterial pH,  $HCO_3$ , and base excess values are distinctly higher than those of humans measured under similar conditions. The conscious domestic pig, nevertheless, is an attractive large animal model for studies of combat-related injuries.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

To properly evaluate the blood gas and acid base status of pigs, a Siggaard-Anderson nomogram applicable to porcine blood needs to be constructed. The erythrocyte storage role of the porcine spleen should be evaluated by studies of splenectomized animals and animals in which splenic discharge of erythrocytes is elicited with epinephrine injections. Studies of arterial oxygen transport, hemodynamic characteristics, and the regional distribution of blood flow should be conducted in conscious unrestrained pigs.

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STUDY NO. 2

Physiologic aspects of porcine hemorrhage

## PROBLEM

Virtually all previous studies of the physiology and biochemistry of hemorrhage and resultant hypovolemic shock have been conducted in anesthetized animals. Rarely does one see investigations utilizing conscious animals. In addition, the majority of large animal studies have been conducted with canine models. These studies, in general, suffer from two major deficiencies: First, combat injuries rarely, if ever, occur in anesthetized soldiers and it is well-established that anesthetic agents seriously modify many of the normal physiologic and biochemical responses to severe injury and blood loss. Second, in terms of many highly pertinent functional variables, the dog is not a good model for characterizing responses to severe hemorrhage so often seen on the battlefield. The applicability of such experimental information to the combat-injured soldier is critical to the rational development of effective medical treatment procedures at front line positions.

The domestic pig, in terms of its known functional characteristics, appears superior to the dog as an animal model for physiologic and biochemical studies which are relevant to humans injured in combat. The pig, furthermore, can be readily studied under conscious unencumbered conditions in the laboratory. But, it is only in recent years that medical researchers have started to use the pig for studies of hemorrhage and shock, and even in these few instances virtually no experimental work has involved conscious animals. The present study, therefore, was designed to develop surgical procedures for monitoring the functional characteristics of conscious pigs over extended periods of time and to collect data on physiologic and biochemical responses to severe blood loss.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

During the past year all work on three experiments was completed and a fourth experiment is currently in the final stages of completion.

In the first experiment, a porcine animal model designed to simulate physiologic characteristics of the combat casualty was used to assess the effects of severe blood loss on heart rate and arterial pressures in the absence of anesthesia or other interventions. Chronic catheters were placed surgically in the aorta, via the carotid artery, of 8 young domestic pigs. Seven to 9 days after surgery each animal was brought into the laboratory and the catheter was connected to a three-way stopcock and a pressure transducer for blood removal and pressure recording. After 30 minutes of unrestrained and uninterrupted supine

rest, control measurements were made. Thereafter, 50% of the estimated blood volume was removed progressively over a one-hour period. No physiologic changes were seen until blood loss exceeded 10%. A transient increase in heart rate occurred at 20% loss, but subsequent rates were no different from control values. Systolic, diastolic, and mean arterial pressures decreased progressively between 20 and 50% blood loss; the respective values at 50% blood loss were 84 + 3.2, 31 + 3.2, and 49 + 2.8 torr. Signs displayed during hemorrhagic hypotension were similar to those reported for similarly hemorrhaged humans; i.e., lethargy, dizziness, nausea, and vomiting. The pigs spontaneously and successfully compensated for 50% blood loss without blood replacement or other interventions, as judged by 24-hour survival beyond the hemorrhage episode.

In the second experiment, young domestic swine, six animals per group, were subjected to 30 and 50% hemorrhage of their estimated blood volume over a one-hour period while in a conscious recumbent state. Before and for five hours after hemorrhage, hemodynamic functions were measured to assess the characteristics of spontaneous recovery from hemorrhagic hypotension. Six additional pigs, treated similarly except for hemorrhage, served as controls. Immediately after 30% hemorrhage, arterial mean, systolic and diastolic blood pressures were 79, 104, and 59 torr, respectively. During the 5-hour recovery period, these pressures reverted to 105, 129, and 81 torr, nearly the same as pre-hemorrhage values. Heart rates were unaltered by hemorrhage but increased slightly during recovery. Pulse pressure was not significantly affected by hemorrhage or recovery, while hematocrits declined during and following blood loss. After 50% hemorrhage. arterial mean, systolic, and diastolic pressures were 46, 79, and 26 torr, respectively. During the recovery period these pressures rose to 81, 104, and 62 torr; all remained significantly below pre-hemorrhage levels. Pulse pressure increased significantly during the recovery period, while hematocrits decreased to an even greater degree than those in the 30% group. Heart rates were not significantly changed after 50% hemorrhage, but rose markedly during the first 4 hours of the recovery period. In both hemorrhage groups, spontaneous recovery was associated with a progressive decrease in hematocrit which reflected a transfer of interstitial fluid to the circulation.

The third experiment was conducted simultaneously with the second. It concerned the blood gas and acid-base changes associated with hemorrhage and subsequent spontaneous recovery in the conscious animal.

This experiment showed that 50% blood loss led to a metabolic acidosis that was largely compensated. Accordingly, the group mean for arterial pH decreased slightly, from 7.500 to 7.464,  $Pco_2$  from 41.0 to 28.4 torr, [HCO<sub>2</sub>] from 31.0 to 21.0 mEq/1, and base excess from 8.1 to -1.3 mEq/1, while arterial Po<sub>2</sub> rose from 79.7 to 98.8 torr. During the

five-hour period of spontaneous recovery, all the foregoing changes reverted to and eventually exceeded values recorded in the initial control period or in the control group measured at the same time point of recovery. Except for arterial Po<sub>2</sub>, which remained at control levels, the acid-base values of pigs subjected to 30% hemorrhage also rose and eventually exceeded control levels as the period of spontaneous recovery progressed. On the basis of linear regression and correlation analysis, it appeared that arterial chemoreceptor drive for ventilation became inoperative during and for 5 hours after hemorrhage. These analyses also indicated that baroreceptor drive of heart rate was eliminated during hemorrhage but returned during spontaneous recovery.

The fourth experiment concerned the metabolic, electrolyte, and enzyme changes in arterial plasma taken from the pigs used in the above two experiments. Fifty percent hemorrhage, and to a much lesser extent 30% hemorrhage, led to prompt hyperglycemia and lactacidosis; mean glucose level following 50% blood loss rose from 4.84 to 9.40 mmoles/liter, lactic acid from 1.13 to 11.36 mmoles/liter. Plasma creatinine and magnesium concentrations also were elevated immediately after 50% (but not 30%) hemorrhage; creatinine increased from 79 to 119 umoles/liter, and magnesium increased from 1.15 to 1.56 mEq/liter. In contrast, 50% blood loss was associated with a decrease in potassium concentration from 4.5 to 3.7 mEq/1. All of the foregoing changes were transient and the concentrations reverted to near normal levels over a 5-hour period of spontaneous recovery. Plasma urea concentration was unaltered immediately after 30 or 50% blood loss. Over the period of spontaneous recovery, however, the values in pigs subjected to 50% hemorrhage increased from 2.64 to 4.79 mmoles/liter. Hemorrhage had no immediate effect on the concentrations of several plasma enzymes, but during the recovery period decreased concentrations of alanine transaminase, lactic dehydrogenase, creatine kinase, and alkaline phosphatase were observed. These effects were similar in both hemorrhage groups and appeared attributable to fluid shifts from the extra- to the intravascular compartments.

### CONCLUSIONS

The heart rate and arterial pressure changes associated with severe hemorrhage in conscious swine are remarkably similar to those reported for conscious humans. The pig may tolerate a somewhat greater blood loss than man without fatal consequences, but this has yet to be established.

As evidenced by 24-hour survival, conscious young domestic pigs can successfully compensate for 30 and 50% losses of estimated blood volume. This is attributable to rapid transfer of fluid from the interstitial to the intravascular space. Such transfer replenishes blood volume and returns arterial pressures toward prehemorrhage

values. Estimates of the magnitude of this transfer over a 5-hour posthemorrhage period indicate nearly complete recovery in pigs subjected to 30% blood volume loss and about one-half recovery in pigs subjected to a 50% blood volume loss.

On the basis of results reported in the literature, anesthetic agents seriously modify the physiologic responses to hemorrhage. Equivalent blood loss causes a far greater decrease in arterial pressure in the anesthetized animal as compared to the conscious animal. The conscious pig survives much greater blood losses than the anesthetized pig.

The pig would appear to be superior to the dog for human-oriented studies of physiologic compensations to severe blood loss. The large erythrocyte storage capacity of the canine spleen plays a major compensatory role in the restoration of blood volume following hemorrhage--a role not nearly so important in the human and pig.

In view of the similarities in human and porcine conpensations to hemorrhage, it would appear likely that humans can successfully survive moderately severe blood loss without resuscitative intervention. If this can be firmly established, it would have a major impact on the management of certain combat casualties, i.e., those in which blood loss does not exceed limits compatible with spontaneous recovery.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Spontaneous compensations of the conscious pig to severe hemorrhage should be described in terms of changes in tissue blood flow and the kinetic characteristics of fluid transfer from the interstitial and intracellular space to the vasculature.

Alterations in metabolic status as reflected by oxygen transport characteristics and blood chemical changes should be delineated during and after hemorrhage in the conscious pig.

The critical physiologic and biochemical factors leading to fatalities following massive hemorrhage of the conscious pig should be described.

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ABSTRACT

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Care of the Combat Casualty

WORK UNIT NO: 092

Pharmacologic Stabilization of the Combat Casualty

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Antishock drugs

STUDY NO. 2 Drug therapy in exsanguination

STUDY NO. 1. A hemorrhagic shock model using conscious rats was developed to investigate a number of potential antishock drugs. In brief, rats were anesthetized and silastic catheters inserted in the right external jugular vein and carotid artery. The catheters were tunneled dorsally and pocketed subcutaneously between the animal's scapulae. Patency was maintained by filling the catheter with 1:1000 dilution heparin. The following day the catheters were exteriorized and the rats bled 50% of their estimated blood volume for one hour. Survival was assessed at 6 hours. A radioiodinated serum albumin study was performed to test the validity for calculating rat blood volume as a percent of body weight. The rats used in this study (males weighing 325-400 g), were found to have an average of 6.1 ml blood per 100 g body weight.

STUDY NO. 2. This study examined the possibility of using pharmacological agents to increase survival of conscious rats, which were bled to 50% of total blood volume. Twenty-four hours before exsanguination, the rats were anesthetized and catheters placed in the carotid artery and jugular vein. The next day the animals were bled to 50% of their calculated blood volume for one hour. The agents to be tested were administered intravenously starting 15 minutes after the beginning of hemorrhage. Survival was assessed at 6 hours. The following drugs were tested against a series of concurrent controls: diphenhydramine hydrochloride 1 mg/kg(D), fructose-1,6-diphosphate 500 mg/kg (FDP), naloxone 1 or 2 mg/kg(N), indomethacin 1 or 10 mg/kg (I), imidazole 30 mg/kg (IM), captopril 1 mg/kg (C). Ringer's lactate equal to two times the volume of shed blood (RL), and 7.5% NaCl equal to 10% shed blood (NaCl) were also studied: Proportion of animals surviving six hours (\*p<0.05 compared to control) CONTROL D FDP N\* Ι IΜ С RL NaC1\* % Surviving 0.20 0.05 0.41 0.10 0.38 0.62 0.77 0.20 0.07 (98) (15) (19) (34) (23) (25) (13) (21) (13)

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Altering histamine and prostaglandin metabolism does not appear to affect survival in the fixed-volume-withdrawal-hemorrhage model. These data suggest that naloxone and 7.5% NaCl may be useful as temporizing measures when standard treatment of hemorrhage is not possible.

## BODY OF REPORT

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WORK UNIT NO. 092

Pharmacologic Stabilization of the Combat Casualty

STUDY NO.

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Antishock Drugs

## PROBLEM

The most important factor in survival of the combat casualty is rapid evacuation to facilities providing definitive surgical care. The low in-hospital mortality rate in Vietnam (2% in 1969) documents the effectiveness of rapid evacuation of the combat casualty. A delay in evacuation of the wounded would result in an increased death rate for those casualties whose wounds were not quickly treated. Some casualties would experience moderate to severe blood loss, and would be expected to experience prolonged hypotension and inadequate blood flow to the vital organs. It is our intention to develop interventions that can be used by the field medic to prolong survival in the combat casualty.

A rat hemorrhagic shock model has been developed that simulates blood loss due to battlefield trauma. Possible treatment modalities will be tested using this model. Some of the treatment modalities that were tested in this conscious fixed-volume withdrawal model were: 1) benadryl (1 mg/kg i.v.), an antihistamine which increases venous return; 2) Ringer's lactate (2 parts to 1 part shed blood over 1 hour, i.v.), the standard battlefield crystalloid fluid replacement; 3) naloxone (1 and 2 mg/kg, i.v.), a beta-endorphin blocker; and 4) fructose-1,6-diphosphate (200 mg given over 3 hours, i.v.), a glycolytic intermediate.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Twenty percent of the untreated control animals in the study survived. Benadryl 1 mg/kg decreased survival to 7%. Naloxone 1 and 2 mg/kg increased survival (41%) when compared to untreated controls. Ringer's lactate increased survival (62%) when compared to controls, and fructose-1,6-diphosphate from a U.S. manufacturing source caused adverse effects in the rats; pyrogens are suspected in this batch of FDP.

### CONCLUSIONS

In this study we have shown that, given appropriate treatment, the survival rate of rats experiencing hemorrhagic shock can be significantly increased. Naloxone shows promise as an antishock agent. Other proposed therapies should be studied. Study 1 has essentially been completed. Pharmacologic Stabilization of the Combat Casualty (Cont)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The fructose-1,6-diphosphate study should be repeated using a pure, pyrogen-free preparation. Several additional drugs should be tested, as well as combinations of therapeutic agents with Ringer's lactate as volume replacement. Please refer to Study 2 for a continuation of this work.

STUDY NO. 2

Drug therapy in exsanguination

#### PROBLEM

For optimal management of combat casualties, a rapid and effective evacuation is necessary to treatment facilities that can provide surgical care. However, rapid evacuation in a future war may not be possible. It is necessary to develop interventions which can be used in the field by a combat medic to improve or prolong survival of the combat casualty. Many publications in recent years have shown that drug therapy increased survival in a variety of animal shock models. Some of these proposed antishock drugs are: naloxone (blockade of beta-endorphin opiate receptors), indomethacin (interference with the formation of vasoactive prostaglandins), captopril (inhibition of angiotensin-converting enzyme), 7.5% sodium chloride (mechanism under study), verapamil (calcium channel blockade), thyrotropin-releasing hormone (mechanism under study), and prostacycline (mechanism under study). These published data often show dramatic improvements in survival rates (for example, survival increases from 0 to 90% when dogs are given 7.5% sodium chloride after having been subjected to hemorrhage). The relevance of many of these shock models to the treatment of the bleeding soldier is questionable. This study is being performed to investigate the effectiveness of various proposed antishock drugs, using a model designed to simulate blood loss due to battlefield trauma.

A fixed-volume withdrawal hemorrhagic shock model has been developed using conscious rats. Catheters are placed in the jugular vein and carotid artery of anesthetized 325-375 g rats. The next day, the conscious instrumented rats are bled 50% of their estimated blood volume for one hour; at 15% loss, the rat is given the "antishock drug" under study. Hematocrit and respiratory rates are measured throughout the study. Survival is assessed at 6 hours and at 6 days.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Twenty percent of the untreated control animals survived. Diphenhydramine hydrochloride (1 mg/kg), fructose-1,6-diphosphate (200 mg), naloxone (1, 2, and 5 mg/kg), indomethacin (1 and 10 mg/kg),

## Pharmacologic Stabilization of the Combat Casualty (Cont)

imidazole (30 mg/kg), captopril (1 mg/kg), morphine (0.7 and 0.07 mg/kg), Ringer's lactate (one part to each part shed blood), 7.5% sodium chloride (equal to 10% shed blood volume), verapamil (0.75 mg/kg), atropine (0.5 mg/kg), and a combination of lactated Ringer's solution and naloxone have been studied. The following agents increase the survival rate when compared to the untreated control group: naloxone (1 mg/kg), captopril (1 mg/kg), 7.5% sodium chloride (volume equal to 10% shed blood volume), and atropine (0.5 mg/kg i.p.). The other drugs tested either failed to significantly increase survival in the fixed-volume withdrawal rat model, or they had a detrimental effect when combined with hemorrhage. The indomethacin data may be incorrect because we were using an impure preparation. The pharmaceutical company has supplied us with a pure sample so we can repeat the experiment.

Sixty-two percent of the exsanguinated rats survived when treated with Ringer's lactate. The combination of Ringer's lactate and 1 mg/kg naloxone did not significantly improve survival when compared to the Ringer's lactate group.

Uncontrolled arterial hemorrhage studies were also performed. Rats pretreated with either naloxone or captopril were allowed to exsanguinate from their carotid arteries. Rats pretreated with naloxone (5 mg/kg) showed a greater rate of bleeding than an untreated control group.

### CONCLUSIONS

These data are meaningful in the context of our small-animal shock models. Care must be taken in extrapolating these data to the bleeding soldier. Unless the bleeding can be controlled, pharmacologic agents that have a pressor effect may actually be detrimental to the survival of the combat casualty. It is necessary to repeat studies of the more promising "antishock drugs" such as 7.5% sodium chloride, in a more realistic mammalian model.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Several additional drugs should be investigated. These include thyrotropin-releasing hormone, prostacycline, pure indomethacin, and 2-PAM chloride. In addition, we will be conducting studies using bongkrekic acid in the fixed-volume withdrawal shock model. For the promising therapeutic agents, such as naloxone, 7.5% sodium chloride, and captopril, we recommend studying their actions in a more relevant, realistic large animal model. Combinations of successful agents need to be tested. Pharmacologic Stabilization of the Combat Casualty (Cont)

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## ABSTRACT

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Experiments were conducted to determine the efficacy of using phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) for the in vivo and in vitro amplification and rejuvenation of fresh and stored blood. The first experiment determined the ability of PEP to reverse functional defects of blood subjected to long-term storage. The second experiment was done to determine the effect of pre-treating blood with PEP before long-term liquid storage. The third experiment compared the effect of PEP on red blood cells from a number of animal species whose hemoglobins differ in their sensitivity to 2,3-DPG. The fourth experiment tested in vivo efficacy of using high  $P_{50}$  red blood cell suspensions to rescue rats from hemorrhagic shock. The results of these studies indicate that: 1) PEP has no direct interaction with hemoglobin, and 2) incubation of stored blood with PEP results in a dramatic rise in 2,3-DPG and ATP, and 3) treated red blood cells maintain their high intracellular-metabolite concentration and high  $P_{50}$  at least 24 hours after transfusion.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 094

Pharmacologic and Metabolic Amplification of Fresh and Stored Blood

### PROBLEM

The basic pathophysiologic defect of hemorrhagic shock is impaired oxygen delivery. Oxygen transport is dependent on hemoglobin concentration and hemoglobin oxygen affinity (conventionally expressed as  $P_{50}$ , the tension at which hemoglobin is 50% saturated). The conventional approach to the study of resuscitation from shock has focused on determining the most efficacious means of increasing flow (usually by increased volume) and by increasing hemoglobin concentration by transfusing red blood cells. The third variable that is the  $P_{50}$ , has received little attention from investigators interested in shock. Various strategies designed to alter the  $P_{50}$  favorably have been explored.

The higher the intraerythrocytic 2,3-DPG level, the higher the  $P_{50}$ ; functionally, this means greater oxygen-delivering capacity of the blood. Liquid storage causes rapid depletion of 2,3-DPG and a subsequent decrease in the oxygen transport capacity of stored blood. Because of 2,3-DPG cannot cross the red cell membrane, it is not possible to simply provide 2,3-DPG, either as a blood preservative additive or directly to the shocked individual, to raise intraerythrocytic 2,3-DPG levels. We examined phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) as a metabolic intermediate which raises the intracellular 2,3-DPG to levels previously unattainable. We have also used a small animal shock model to determine the in vivo effect of using these high  $P_{50}$  red cells for resuscitation purposes.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

The first experiments were conducted to evaluate the effects of PEP incubation on human blood stored in CPD. In the first experiment, blood was collected and stored at 4 C. At weekly intervals aliquots were removed, and incubated with PEP for up to four hours. In the second experiment, blood was treated with PEP prior to storage at 4 C. Even after 42 days of storage, treatment of blood with PEP resulted in 2,3-DPG levels three times normal, and the ATP levels returned to normal. Morphology was also improved. Blood up to 100 days old has been treated with PEP and 2,3-DPG, and ATP levels were increased significantly. Unlike other techniques that have been used for red blood cell rejuvenation, incubation with PEP results in a dramatic increase of 2,3-DPG without depletion of ATP. This technique may have significant potential as an adjunct to conventional blood preservation systems. Pharmacologic and Metabolic Amplification of Stored and Fresh Blood (continued)

The third experiment was conducted to identify the laboratory animals whose red cells respond to incubation with PEP in a matter analogous to human cells. Blood from rats, dogs, sheep, cows, monkeys, rabbits, and pigs was tested for its response to incubation with PEP. Rat, rabbit, monkey and dog erythrocytes demonstrate a rise in P<sub>50</sub> which correlates with the increase of 2,3-DPG. There is no effect on P<sub>50</sub> in red cells from sheep or cows, species whose hemoglobin is not sensitive to 2,3-DPG. PEP was transported across the membrane of all species examined except the pig, and it appears that rats, dogs, rabbits and monkeys are appropriate models for in vitro and in vivo evaluation of the effects of PEP treatment of red blood in the therapeutic manipulation of the oxygen dissociation curve.

The final experiment was done to evaluate the effect of using PEP-treated red blood cells to resuscitate rats from shock. Rats were bled 50% of their estimated blood volume and reinfused 20 minutes later with normal or PEP-treated (high P<sub>50</sub>) red blocd cell suspensions. It was shown that the high 2,3-DPG levels and consequent high P<sub>50</sub> of the treated cells was maintained at least 24 hours after transfusion. Although the rate of survival from shock was apparently improved, due to the design of the experiment, it is not possible to attribute the effect to improved oxygen delivery. In addition, although treatment with PEP improves the morphology of human cells, rat red cells are more sensitive to PEP incubation, and hemolysis became a significant problem. Isolated organ profusion, using human red cells treated with PEP, must be done to determine the the effect of using high P<sub>50</sub> red cells on oxygen delivery to hypoxic tissues.

### CONCLUSIONS

Treatment or pretreatment of stored blood with PEP results in a dramatic increase in both intraerythrocytic 2,3-DPG and  $P_{50}$ . This effect is maintained through subsequent storage and blood transfusion. Use of red cells with an abnormally high  $P_{50}$  for resuscitation may be useful; it is difficult to examine this use of PEP-treated cells in a small animal shock model.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Alternative methods of raising P must be found. Use of the isolated perfused organ model for measurement of oxygen consumption is providing the definitive answer to the question of the effect of  $P_{50}$  on tissue oxygen extraction from blood.

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## ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO: 3S162772A874

WORK UNIT NO: 095

Care of the Combat Casualty

Metabolic Support Following Combat Injury

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

- STUDY NO. 1 Effect of isotonic dextrose and amino acids on body composition and protein synthesis during hemorrhagic shock.
- STUDY NO. 2 Effect of metabolic support on reticuloendothelial system (RES) function during shock

STUDY NO. 1. Studies were conducted to investigate the interaction of hemorrhagic shock and nutritional status on survival and plasma protein synthesis. Rats were fed one of four diets for four days. At the end of the feeding period, shock was induced in half the rats from each diet group by removing 35% of their calculated blood volume. Plasma protein synthesis was then estimated by following the incorporation of C<sup>14</sup> valine into protein. Shocked rats had a lower rate of plasma protein synthesis than controls. There was no discernable effect of dietary pretreatment on control rate of protein synthesis or amino acid oxidation rate.

STUDY NO. 2. Studies were designed to test the effect of metabolic support strategies and shock on fibronectin status. Fibronectin is a circulating plasma protein which correlates closely with both survival and the capability of liver, spleen, and lung to phagocytize foreign circulating material, nonviable erythrocytes, fibrin degradation products, and other waste material. Animals were pretreated for four days with one of four diets, at which time half the animals from each treatment were subjected to hemorrhagic shock. Purified fibronectin, iodinated with  $I^{120}$  was injected intravenously, and the clearance from the circulation and uptake by individual organs was measured. In starving animals, shock resulted in a prolonged fibronectin half-life compared with non-shocked animals. There was no difference in the rate of clearance in fed animals, whether in shock or not.

WORK UNIT NO. 095

Metabolic Support Following Combat Injury

STUDY NO. 1

Effect of isotonic dextrose and amino acids on body composition and protein synthesis during hemorrhagic shock

## PROBLEM

The effect of hemorrhagic shock on plasma protein synthesis is unknown. Previously it was assumed that the metabolic response to shock was similar to the metabolic response to trauma. Recently it has become evident that many dissimilarities exist. In addition, although the importance of prior nutritional status and intake on the response to injury or surgery seems relatively clear, the interaction between nutrient intake and the response to shock has remained unexplored.

It has been suggested that provision of amino acids in the postinjury period promotes greater protein flux and is responsible for increased rates of synthesis of important plasma proteins. Pretreatment with amino acids has also been shown to cause this effect. Protein synthesis, however, is an energy-consuming process and may, in part, be responsible for the increased post-traumatic metabolic rate. Shock produces a period of decreased oxygen availability and consumption and decreased metabolic rate. Thus, we were interested in the effect that different nutritional measurements might have on plasma protein synthesis following hemorrhagic shock.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Male Sprague-Dawley rats (350-550 g) were fed one of four diets for four days: 1) glucose plus amino acids, 20 Kcal/100 g body weight/day; 2) amino acids, 4 Kcal/100 g body weight/day; 3) glucose, 4 Kcal/100 g body weight/day, or 4) starvation. On the fourth day, animals to be shocked (n=6/diet) were bled 35% of their calculated blood volume. Control animals (n=6/diet) were cannulated but not bled. A pulse of  $U^{++}C-L$ -valine (10 uCi/rat) was injected via the jugular vein and the appearance of  $1^{++}C$  in plasma protein and expired CO<sub>2</sub> was monitored for 10 hours. There was no difference in the rate of  $2^{++}CO_2$  expiration among any of the treatments. Shocked rats exhibited a significantly lower rate of incorporation of  $1^{++}C$ -valine into protein at 1, 3, and 5 hours. These data indicate the effect of uncomplicated hemorrhagic shock on protein synthesis is dissimilar to the effect of trauma, with and without associated hemorrhage. Observations made when both assaults (shock and trauma) occur simultaneously may result from the combined effects of distinctly different mechanisms. Metabolic Support Following Combat Injury (Cont)

## CONCLUSIONS

Although hemorrhagic shock is underiably a stress characterized by increased catecholamine release and other responses, there appear to be important differences in the animal's response to shock when compared to other forms of stress, such as fear, pain, cold, surgical injury, or trauma. In addition, anesthesia plays a significant role in determining both survival and the metabolic response to shock, particularly in the rat. It is important to identify the effect each of these variables plays in determining the whole animal response to hemorrhagic shock.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Similar experiments should be performed examining the effects of alternate metabolic support strategies on protein synthesis in the post-shock period.

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STUDY NO. 2

Effect of metabolic support on reticuloendothelial system (RES) function during shock

### PROBLEM

It has been shown that the circulating levels of fibronectin are responsible for modulating activities of the hepatic and splenic clearing mechanisms. RES blockade, which increases susceptibility to sepsis, shock, and trauma, is associated with depletion of this protein. Administering this protein to rats prevented decreased RES function usually found after surgical trauma or hemorrhage. Despite its apparent importance in the response to injury and shock, factors that regulate circulating levels of fibronectin are unknown. Consumptive depletion and simple loss due to hemorrhage are two factors, but possible determinants of the rates of synthesis,

## Metabolic Support Following Combat Injury (Cont)

secretion, and degradation require careful and controlled examination to identify.

Strikingly elevated rates of mortality, morbidity, and infection are observed following injury of the chronically or acutely malnourished. In spite of the accumulation of an enormous body of literature describing effects of postinjury metabolic support strategies, there are as yet no acceptable methods for quantitating the efficacy of a specific therapy. The effects of metabolic support regimens on fibronectin, a component of the RES known to correlate with mortality and morbidity, have not been investigated. This protocol was designed and conducted to provide a systematic and careful examination of the effects of shock and resuscitative and metabolic support systems on fibronectin status.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In these experiments, fibronectin degradation was not influenced by hemorrhagic shock alone. In fact, starvation in conjunction with shock resulted in a prolonged half-life of plasma fibronectin when compared to non-shocked starving animals. We have not been able to complete the measurements of fibronectin synthesis; thus, no statement can be made concerning fibronectin turnover following shock.

We have found that simple starvation results in a highly significant decrease in circulating fibronectin levels in fasting people. The depression is reversed by refeeding, and levels are normal by the fifth postfast day. Studies are in progress to determine if intravenous hyperalimentation following surgery and trauma results in increased circulating fibronectin.

## CONCLUSIONS

Starvation has a significant deleterious effect on fibronectin status, both in man and laboratory animals. Although endoxotic, hemorrhagic, and traumatic shock are reported to both reduce circulating levels of fibronectin and depress RES function, there is no difference in the rate of fibronectin degradation after hemorrhagic shock in the anesthetized rat. We are currently examining the interaction of shock and metabolic support on rates of fibronectin synthesis in rats. Current studies are designed to determine the in vivo phagocytic capacity of the animal in shock as influenced by nutritional status.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

We will continue to explore the effect of pre- and post-shock metabolic support on fibronectin turnover in rats.

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## ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO.	3S162772A874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO.	096	Safety aspects of acellular hemoglobin solution as a resuscitation fluid

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1

Hemostatic aspects of acellular hemoglobin

Investigations on the safety of hemoglobin solutions have been started with the aim of satisfying requirements for an Investigational New Drug (IND) approval so that clinical trials in humans could be projected in the future. Standard operating procedures have been established and quality controls have been implemented to comply with regulations and ensure integrity of data generated in these studies. A simple, fast assessment of possible thrombogenic properties of hemoglobin solutions has been done by using the Wessler rabbit model. The results indicate that several hemoglobin preparations tested do not show thrombogenic activity. Potential procoagulant agents such as lipids and fatty acids are not present in the hemoglobin solutions tested. In vivo experiments in the dog have been started to determine if infusion of hemoglobin solution can activate the clotting mechanism. The results obtained from the first group of animals are being analyzed.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 096

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Safety aspects of acellular hemoglobin solution as a resuscitation fluid

STUDY NO.

Hemostatic aspects of acellular hemoglobin

### PROBLEM

Development and evaluation of hemoglobin solution as a resuscitation fluid for combat casualties was initiated in the Division of Blood Research at LAIR in 1975. Considerable progress has been made and many of the initial objectives have been fulfilled. A simple, reproducible method for preparing hemoglobin from outdated human red blood cells has been established. The in vitro characteristics of the hemoglobin solutions, thus prepared, have been studied and reported. Long-term storage conditions, with specific emphasis on non-refrigerated, non-liquid storage, have also been developed and reported in scientific publications. In vivo evaluation of the hemoglobin solution, as prepared in our laboratory has been pursued in various animal models exchange-transfused with hemoglobin solution to different levels of blood replacement. Survival of animals, in vivo oxygen capacity, oncotic pressure, disposition and organ distribution of hemoglobin, oxygen transport and viscosity at different hemodilutions, morphologic effects on liver and kidney cells after massive transfusions with hemoglobin solution and several other physiologic, hematologic, and biochemical aspects have been investigated. The experience acquired during these past years has enabled us and other investigators to study the potential application of hemoglobin solution in a far less ambiguous manner than was previously possible. The studies done in our laboratory have produced a clear picture of the limitations of the current products and an insight into approaches for systematic improvement. Although investigations are being continued on the improvements of the present product, the hemoglobin solution, as presently prepared by the crystallization procedure, could be useful in several applications, provided that its in vivo safety aspects could be demonstrated. Some of the potential applications of the present hemoglobin solutions are: 1) transfusion in patients who cannot receive immediate medical assistance, but could be cared for with blood transfusion after a few hours; 2) transfusion in patients who will receive definitive medical assistance after a prolonged period of time, provided hemoglobin and blood volume losses could be restored by periodic or continuous infusion of hemoglobin solution; 3) open heart surgery; 4) organ perfusion; 5) uncontrolled bleeding; 6) poison clearance (e.g., cyanide removal of methemoglobin).

In most civilian settings in this country, transfusion requirements associated with massive trauma can be met with conventionally stored blood and its components. However, military requirements frequently demand massive fluid support in areas remote from the supply source, presenting uniquely difficult storage and transportation problems. The inability to accurately predict when modest transfusion requirements suddenly become great further complicates fluid therapy logistics. The ability to stockpile a stable protein capable of carrying oxygen avoids many of these difficulties.

A goal of the Division of Blood Research at LAIR is to obtain an Investigational New Drug (IND) approval for the hemoglobin solution so that clinical studies in humans could be projected for the future. Determination of safety features have been stressed in order to obtain the IND approval. The objectives of these studies are to investigate safety aspects of acellular hemoglobin solutions presently available and also of those modified hemoglobin solutions which show promise as resuscitation fluids.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In order to comply with federal regulations we have established standard operating procedures for every assay, method, and determination used in these investigations. Also we have implemented quality controls, set up specifications, and implemented a system for maintaining the quality and integrity of data generated in these studies.

A study has been performed to establish a simple, fast assessment of thrombogenic properties of hemoglobin solutions. For this purpose, a Wessler rabbit model has been used to determine if a substance is thrombogenic or can amplify thrombosis using xenotypic biologic material. Rabbits were anesthetized and segments of the two jugular veins were exposed. Control solutions (plasma or isotonic saline for negative control, serum for positive control) or hemoglobin solutions were injected into a marginal ear vein. At 10 seconds after injection the segment from each of the two exposed jugular veins were ligated. After 10 minutes the segments from the veins were isolated and opened to see if a clot had formed. Results have shown that a clot forms when serum (positive control) is injected in the ear vein of the rabbits; no clot is observed when plasma or isotonic saline solutions (negative control) are used. When hemoglobin solutions from different preparations were tested, a clot did not form, indicating that these solutions do not possess thrombogenic properties.

Extensive studies were done to define possible lipid or phospholipid contaminiation of hemoglobin solutions. Three assay systems were developed for this purpose. A four-pass thin layer chromatography system was established which detects all major lipid classes after the first solvent pass, and which classifies all the phospholipids after the fourth pass. Minimum detectability in this system was 0.05-0.20 µg of individual phospholipid. A second, two-dimensional, thin layer procedure was also developed to separate phospholipids into classes to verify the results of the first procedure, and to allow for extraction of the separated phospholipids for subsequent fluorometric quantitation. Analysis of many lots of hemoglobin solution, prepared by crystallization, revealed some phospholipid contamination in several early lots. However, reinforced strict adherence to the preparative standard operating procedure eliminated evidence of phospholipids from all subsequent lots. A trace amount of triglyceride remains in these preparations. Analysis of hemoglobin solutions prepared by Dr. Condie, University of Minnesota, also confirmed the absence of phospholipids but demonstrated the presence of triglycerides.

Investigation into possible contamination of hemoglobin solutions by free fatty acids was undertaken. A gas chromatographic procedure was developed utilizing flame ionization detection and a 12-ft glass column packed with SP2330. Following selective extraction of free fatty acids from hemoglobin solution with a chloroform:heptane: methanol mixture the fatty acids were derivatized with BF<sub>2</sub>/methanol, then chromatographed as the methyl esters. The sensitivity of this method for individual fatty acids was approximately 3 ug/ml hemoglobin solution or less, depending on which compound was measured. Identification of the individual fatty acid was made by comparing the unknown peak retention time to that of a known standard. The fatty acids of concern in this study were saturated and unsaturated compounds containing 14 to 24 carbons. Using this procedure, samples of hemoglobin solutions prepared by crystallization and by the Minnesota process were analyzed, and no measurable fatty acids were found in either group of samples.

The hemostatic effects of hemoglobin solution in vivo was evaluated in mongrel dogs. Phospholipid and fatty acid-free hemoglobin solution was bolus infused intravenously at approximately 60 ml/min to a total dose of 15 ml/kg. Blood was drawn before infusion, at 5, 15, 60, and 240 min after infusion. Ten dogs were evaluated with hemoglobin and eight dogs were evaluated with albumin (controls). Hematologic parameters tested were CBC, platelet count, thrombin time (PT), activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT), prothrombin time (PTT), Kaoline coagulation time (KCT), fibrinogen degradation products (FDP), fibrogen, protamine sulfate precipitation, platelet

aggregation and plasma complement  $(C_3)$ . No differences were seen in the treatment and control animals for platelet aggregation, plasma complement, PT, CBC, and fibrinogen. The aPTT, PTT, and KCT were slightly prolonged in the hemoglobin dogs compared to controls (142%). Platelet counts were depressed at 5 min (40% of starting values) compared to controls (80% of starting values) suggesting a transient thrombocytopenia.

### CONCLUSIONS

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> Investigation on the safety aspects of hemoglobin solutions have been started recently with the aim of satisfying the requirements for an Investigational New Drug approval so that clinical trials in humans could be projected in the future. Standard operating procedures have been established and quality controls have been implemented in order to comply with regulations and ensure integrity of data generated in these studies. A simple, fast assessment of possible thrombogenic properties of hemoglobin solutions has been done by using the Wessler rabbit model. The results indicated that several hemoglobin preparations tested do not show thrombogenic activity. Analyses of lipid and fatty acid contents have demonstrated that these possible coagulant agents are not present in the hemoglobin solutions tested. In vivo experiments in the dog to determine if infusion of hemoglobin solution can activate clotting mechanisms have been analyzed. The transient effect of hemoglobin on platelet equestration may affect hemostasis in casualty situations.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Significant advances can be gained by the use of resuscitation solution capable of transporting oxygen and being readily available when massive transfusions are required. Stringent requirements must be met by a resuscitation solution in order to be effective. As a blood substitute, this solution not only must be capable of restoring vital functions, but also must not elicit adverse effects when administered to mass casualty victims. It is, therefore, recommended that the safety aspects of hemoglobin solutions be investigated in full, not only in vitro but also in vivo, simulating conditions which occur in battlefield situations. Furthermore, by establishing methodologies and procedures for these investigations it is recommended that they be used not only for hemoglobin solutions presently available but also for any resuscitation solution, including modified hemoglobin solution, which may be developed in the future and which may show a promising potential as a blood substitute. Further evaluation of hemoglobin's effect on hemostasis is needed. Organ sequestration, phenomena in animals other than dog, large dose infusions are now being investigated.

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## ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO:	381627728874	Care of the Combat Casualty
WORK UNIT NO:	097	Mechanisms of Wound Healing Enhancement

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Evaluation of amniotic wound dressings

STUDY NO. 1. Amnion is widely used as a biological dressing for thermal injuries. Its use in full-thickness skin wounds, which might result from combat injuries such as mines, shrapnel, or bullets, has not been explored. Using a wound-healing rabbit model developed at LAIR, we recently started research on its reported ability to accelerate healing and suppress bacterial populations. Initial results indicate that amnion may significantly increase the rate of healing of full-thickness skin defects. These preliminary data do not support results that amnion suppresses bacterial populations.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 097

Mechanisms of Wound Healing Enhancement

STUDY NO. 1

Evaluation of amniotic wound dressings

## PROBLEM

Amnion is widely used as a biological dressing for thermal injuries. Experimental data suggest the presence of biochemical compounds that suppress bacterial growth and increase vascularization at the wound site. Its use in full-thickness skin wounds, which might result from combat injuries such as mines, shrapnel, or bullets, has not been explored. It is necessary to determine if amnion can significantly accelerate healing of wounds of this nature, thereby saving thousands of man-days during the convalescence of soldiers. Using a rabbit wound healing model developed at LAIR, we will create full-thickness skin defects and compare the rate of healing between amnion-treated wounds and those covered with a conventional dressing. Wound sites will be sampled for bacterial growth. Work on this project has just been initiated.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Initial data suggest amnion may significantly increase the rate of healing of full-thickness skin defects. These preliminary data do not support the reports that amnion suppresses bacterial populations.

## CONCLUSIONS

At this early stage of investigation no conclusions can be formulated.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Continuation of this project, with the addition of another group of animals, to compare the healing of a wound covered with an occlusive dressing to amnion and the control is recommended.

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(U) If chemical warfare agents are used on the modern battlefield, effective decon-23. taminants and decontamination systems are needed. Decontamination should be harmless, or the extent of danger associated with decontamination should be known. The M258 Decontamination Kit will be evaluated from a safety standpoint using various modifications of the standard dermal irritation test.

24. (U) Studies will be conducted to identify the level of irritation caused by the kit when used as directed, with modified use, and with various modified decontamination materials.

25. (U) New work unit.

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PROJECT NO.	3M162734A875	Medical Systems in Chemical Defense
WORK UNIT NO.	307	Toxicologic Assessment of Decontamination Materials

The Following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

GLP STUDY NOS.	81011, 81018,	Evaluation of the M258A-1
	81019, 81020,	Decontamination Kit for
	81021, 81023,	dermal irritation and
	81024, and 81026	injury

The modified Draize method was used for the evaluation of the primary dermal irritation potential of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit. The effect of occlusion, condition of the skin, age of components, and immediate rinsing were explored.

The components present a dermal irritation hazard to the user which is minimized by immediate rinsing.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO.	307	Toxicologic Assessment of Decontamination Materials
STUDY NOS.	81011, 81018, 81019, 81020, 81021, 81023, 81024, and 81206	Evaluation of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit for dermal irritation and injury

## PROBLEM

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Insufficient data are available to assess the health hazard of the components of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit when applied directly to the skin of man.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Eight studies were conducted in compliance with the Food and Drug Administration Good Laboratory Practices Regulations. These studies consisted of evaluations of the primary dermal irritancy of the components of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit by modifications of the method of Draize. Evaluation was made of the effect of fresh versus old components, occlusion versus non-occlusion of exposed sites, abraded versus unabraded skin, and the impact of immediate rinsing. The components of the kit were categorized as mild to severe primary dermal irritants under various conditions. The irritancy was reduced by the immediate rinsing of the application site with saline.

### CONCLUSIONS

Provisions should be made for the user to rinse away the components of the decontaminaion kit immediately after they are used, as directed. Further evaluations must be made to determine the impact of these substances on the functional integrity of the skin.

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23. (U) On the modern battlefield, both conventional and chemical (CW) casualties may have sublethal amounts of agent on their skin, Decontaminants and decontamination systems are needed to protect patients from further insult and to protect medical personnel from secondary exposure while treating them. Methodologies to measure sublethal levels of agents and standardized model systems that can be used instead of humans are needed for assessing degrees of contamination and efficacy of decontamination.

24. (U) Models will be developed and standardized to provide human-relevant data for skin decontamination studies. Quantitative and qualitative methods will be developed for determining which patients require decontamination and for assessing the efficacy of decontamination. Risks associated with CW agent exposure and decontamination will be assessed to aid in triage and treatment.

25. (U) 80 10 - 81 09. A collaborative study was conducted between LAIR and the US Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD., to compare diethylmalonate to soman in shower decontamination trials of skin. The LAIR in vitro evaporation-penetration apparatus has undergone significant upgrading to allow for general use. Using this model the effects of skin storage time and temperature, air temperature, and permeation fluid on skin penetration have been determined. Studies have been initiated for human validation of several in vivo penetration models To include the hairless dog, weanling pig, and grafted athymic nude mouse.

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WORK UNIT	301	Skin Decontamination Technology
The following invo	estigations have	been conducted under this work unit
STUDY NO. 2		Shower decontamination efficacy - in vitro determination
STUDY NO. 3		Skin permeability values in model systems and in man
PILOT STUDY		Establishment of a model

STUDY NO. 2 The use of simulants for hazardous chemicals such as nerve agents, permits studies to be done without the necessity of elaborate surety requirements which can cause considerable delay. Diethyl malonate and thickened diethyl malonate have been used as nontoxic simulants for the nerve agents soman and thickened soman in an in vitro study to determine the efficacy of shower removal of these chemicals from the skin surface. To validate the simulant, a study was conducted at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in collaboration with the Institute of Chemical Defense. Although differences were found in the disposition of soman and diethyl malonate applied to in vitro skin targets, decontamination efficacy of the two chemicals was not significantly different.

STUDY NO. 3 One of the goals of work unit is the development of a matrix of interrelated in vitro and in vivo models of skin penetration for use in developing substances to either protect or decontaminate the skin. This study compares the permeability of the skin of various animals to that of man, and compares in vitro and in vivo permeability values, as it is unlikely that a single species will be adequate for all needs. Therefore, several compounds with reported values for percutaneous penetration in man have been tested on the pig, hairless dog, grafted athymic nude mouse and in an in vitro system. Common laboratory animals such as conventional mice, rats, conventional dogs, guinea pigs and rabbits have very permeable skin, relative to man, and are not suitable as animal models.

PILOT STUDY. Higher priority research requirements prevented significant progress on the pilot study to establish a mouse model with a chronic subclinical <u>Toxoplasma gondii</u> infection. The model was to be used in a proposed study to assess recrudescence of disease resulting from percutaneous exposure to vesicants. This research has been discontinued to allow concentration of resources on more immediate requirements in skin decontamination models and methods and skin protection substances.

### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT	NO.	301	Skin Decontamination Technology
STUDY NO.	2		Shower decontamination efficacy - in vitro determination

### PROBLEM

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The Armed Forces need to decontaminate non-ambulatory chemically contaminated casualties before they receive medical treatment for wounds. One purpose of decontamination is to protect medical personnel against exposure to detrimental levels of chemical agents. It is not yet possible for medical personnel in CBR protective clothing to provide necessary medical treatment to patients. Consequently, medical personnel must operate in a shirt sleeve environment.

Designers do not have sufficient information on non-ambulatory casualty decontamination to construct a prototype device for deployment and installation in fixed USAF facilities.

To obtain the necessary information, a decontamination bench model has been used to assess quantitatively the importance of several variables (water pressure and temperature, Triton X-100 concentration, nozzle type and shower time) on decontamination of the nontoxic agent simulants diethyl malonate and thickened diethyl malonate from pig skin in vitro. Diethyl malonate was chosen on the basis of similar physical properties to soman. Results of the initial decontamination studies indicated mean percutaneous penetration of simulant increased with showering. However, standard deviations were quite large and the ability of diethyl malonate to simulate the percutaneous penetration of soman was unknown. Therefore a s, cond study was conducted to compare the percutaneous penetration of radiolabeled diethyl malonate to radiolabeled soman in shower decontamination trials of pig skin in vitro.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Soman and diethyl malonate were applied to pig skin in vitro at a chemical dose of 0.1mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Percutaneous penetration was measured by the appearance of radioactivity in Ringer's lactate solution on the visceral side of the skin. During a fifteen minute period immediately after application, the amounts of evaporation of diethyl malonate and soman, as measured by the amount of radioactivity recovered from vapor traps, were not significantly different. At the end of 15 minutes, levels of radioactivity on the skin surface and within the skin were higher after application of radiolabeled diethyl malonate than after application of radiolabeled soman. However, showering removed a

correspondingly larger amount of diethyl malonate than soman so that residues left on the skin surface (2.1% vs 1.1% of the applied radioactive dose, respectively) were similar. Furthermore decontamination efficiencies, calculated as the percentage of the skin residue that was removed by showering, were not significantly different between soman (69+14%) and diethyl malonate (75+7%).

During the 15 minute period immediately following application the percutaneous penetration of diethyl malonate was significantly greater than that of soman. However, both were less than 0.1% of the applied dose. Analysis of variance revealed no significant influence of showering or thickener on the percutaneous penetration of diethyl malonate or soman. Using an enzymatic analysis, the majority of soman removed by showering or scrubbing the skin was found to be inactivated. Any soman that had penetrated through the skin was below the detection limit of the enzymatic analysis.

### CONCLUSIONS

During the fifteen minute period immediately following application, the percutaneous penetration of diethyl malonate was significantly greater than that of soman. However, both were less than 0.1% of the applied dose. Analysis of variance revealed no significant influence of showering or thickener on the percutaneous penetration of diethyl malonate or soman. Using an enzymatic analysis, the majority of soman removed by showering or scrubbing the skin was found to be inactivated. Any soman that had penetrated through the skin was below the detection limit of the enzymatic analysis. Decontamination efficiencies, calculated as the percentage of the skin residue that was removed by showering, were not significantly different between soman and diethyl malonate.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

The decontamination efficiency for other chemical agents by showering should be determined.

#### PUBLICATIONS

None

STUDY NO. 3

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Skin permeability values in model systems and in man

#### PROBLEM

Various in vitro and animal models for determining percutaneous penetration have been developed at LAIR and elsewhere. Many of these models were developed for specific projects. As a result, some models with limited capacity have been developed for predicting human skin permeability. No general validated model exists for predicting the skin permeability or metabolic fate of harmful chemicals that people may encounter. Systematic development of models for the study of percutaneous absorption is needed. Research on the barrier function of skin and mechanisms of percutaneous penetration has been meager. The effects of a number of factors (skin hydration, ambient temperature, solvent effects, structure and physical properties of the penetrant, etc) on skin penetration need further study. This technology is a critical requirement in developing products to protect or decontaminate the skin.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Various in vitro and animal models for determining percutaneous penetration have been developed in recent years at LAIR. The in vitro models employ excised skin and offer greater control of experimental variables than can be achieved in vivo. The animal models allow investigation of the dynamic processes that depend on a living dermis. Thus, for experiments where enzymes are to be studied or where a dynamic microcirculation is of interest, a living model is required.

This study compares the permeability of the skin of various animals to that of man, and compares in vitro and in vivo skin permeability values, as it is unlikely that a single species will be adequate for all needs. Therefore several compounds with reported values for percutaneous penetration in man are being tested on the weanling pig, hairless dog, grafted (human skin) athymic nude mouse, and in vitro. The usual laboratory animals (mice, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs) are characterized by a dense hair coat and thin epidermis and their skin is much more permeable than that of man. The preliminary results for three compounds tested in the various in vivo models is given in Table 1. Prior to the availability of human skin for grafting to the nude mouse, pigskin was used to develop procedures. The percutaneous penetration of the three compounds on the pigskin-grafted nude mice and on ungrafted skin of the nude mouse are included in the results given in Table 1. Except for the ungrafted skin of the nude mouse, all in vivo systems show promise of ranking the permeablity of compounds in the same order as in man. Similar results were obtained with the pig and human skin grafts on the nude mouse (Table 1). Additional compounds must be tested to complete the validation of promising in vivo models.

Table	1.	Percutaneous penetration following topical application of
		radiolabeled malation, N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide and benzoic
		acid in various model systems and in man

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	ungrafted	pig graft	human graft	pig	dog	man
malathion	79	27	27	_2	_2	8.2 <sup>3</sup>
m-deet	38	31	31	9.5	13	16 <sup>3</sup>
benzoic acid	67	44	44	27	27	43 <sup>3</sup>

Mean Percent Penetration<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Mean percent penetration. Values are corrected for incompleteness of urinary excretion

<sup>2</sup>Data not yet available

<sup>3</sup>Data from Feldmann and Maibach

Several improvements in the LAIR in vitro evaporation-penetration model have been made to allow more general use. These include incorporation of commercially available Franz chambers which were modified to allow a flow-through penetration chamber, automation of penetration sample collection, replacement of piston pumps with more reliable cassette-type pumps, and installation of additional condensers for better control of ambient temperature. Using this upgraded model, the effects of skin storage time and temperature on skin premeability have been determined. Several permeation fluids (Ringer's lactate, Tyrodes solution and calf serum) have been tested for their effect on percutaneous penetration. Finally, the effect of variation of air temperature on percutaneous penetration has been determined. Studies have begun to validate this model using the same chemicals that are being tested in the in vivo models.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the preliminary results, the pig, dog and human- and pigskin-grafted athymic nude mouse show promise of ranking the permeability of compounds in the same order as in man. Similar results were obtained with the pig and human skin grafts on the nude mouse. The LAIR in vitro evaporation-penetration model has undergone significant upgrading and is now ready for general use.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Additional compounds must be tested for their permeation in the promising in vivo animal models and the in vitro evaporation-penetration model to complete the validation process.

### PUBLICATIONS

None

PILOT STUDY

Establishment of a model

### PROBLEM

Mustard agents are known to depress the immune system but little work has been done to determine if percutaneous exposure to sublethal doses of these agents will seriously impair immune functions. This pilot study was initiated to establish an animal model with a chronic subclinical <u>Toxoplasma gondii</u> infection. It would be used to test the hypothesis that exposure to sublethal doses of mustard agents would be sufficient to disrupt premunition immunity, causing recrudescence of unexpected clinical infections among patients convalescing from mustard injuries.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

None. This investigation was discontinued before significant progress had been made.

### CONCLUSIONS

None

### RECOMMENDATIONS

This line of investigation is lower in priority than the acute agent injury and skin protection studies that require immediate attention. It does, however, address questions that have not been adequately answered. These problems should be reconsidered for investigation under contract or in-house when resources are available. This type of study would also be appropriate for assessing risk of recrudescent disease in conventional combat casualties.

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PROJECT NO.	3M162734A875	Medical Systems in Chemical Defense
WORK UNIT NO.	302	Good Laboratory Practice Training
The following	investigations have	been conducted under this work unit:
STUDY NO.	1	Toxicology Group Training Protocol
EX-2	Acute dermal tox	icity study and data collection
EX-3	Primary eye irri	tation study and data collection
EX-4	Primary dermal i	rritation study and data collection
EX-5	Dermal sensitiza	tion study and data collection.

STUDY 1. The capability to conduct acute dermal toxicity, primary eye and dermal irritation, and dermal sensitization studies in compliance with Federal Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Regulations was developed under this study. In addition, the necessary Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) were prepared. Data collection forms and procedures were developed and a substantial number of them have been provided to other MRDC laboratories.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 302

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Good Laboratory Practice Training

Toxicology group training protocol

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STUDY NO.

PROBLEM

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command has recognized a requirement for in-house capability to conduct toxicologic studies on an immediately responsive basis and on substances for which there is little or no interest from commercial or government testing facilities. The LAIR Toxicology Group was established to perform this mission. A toxicology testing program, conducted in compliance with proposed or existing Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Regulations, requires considerable training, procedural development, quality control, and quality assurance. This work unit was established to train technicians and investigators in standard test procedures, to develop data collection and control procedures and necessary standard operating procedures (SOP), and to become familiar with the operation and use of the TOXSYS data collection and data collection and reporting system. The required test capabilities include acute, subacute, and chronic oral and dermal studies, primary eye and dermal irritation studies, and mutagenicity and teratogenicity studies.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

Training technicians and investigators to conduct acute oral and acute dermal toxicity, acute dermal and ocular irritation, and dermal sensitization studies has been completed. Data collection forms and data management procedures were developed. In conjunction with these studies, 170 SOPs were developed to comply with proposed and existing FDA and EPA regulations. Progress was made in collecting data with the TOXSYS<sup>R</sup> system and in generating reports. Although TOXSYS<sup>R</sup> performance has improved greatly, they are still collected manually to preclude data loss due to TOXSYS<sup>R</sup> malfunction.

### CONCLUSIONS

The capability to conduct selected short- and intermediate-term toxicity testing has been developed in compliance with FDA and EPA Regulations.

Good Laboratory Practice Training (Continued)

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

Efforts to develop additional toxicology testing capabilities should be continued.

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PROJECT NO.	3M162734A875	Medical Systems in Chemical Defense
WORK UNIT NO.	303	Toxicologic Assessment of Decontamination Materials

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Evaluation of the solutions contained in the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit for dermal and overt systemic toxicity S.

Eight collaborative GLP studies were conducted with the Toxicology Group under this work unit. The primary dermal irritation potential of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit was evaluated by the Draize method. The impacts of occlusion, condition of the skin, age of the components, and immediate rinsing were explored.

The components present a dermal irritation hazard to the user, but is minimized by immediate rinsing. The data must be viewed with consideration for the primary purpose of the kit. Further evaluations must be made to assess whether or not the functional integrity of the skin is compromised and evaluate any systemic toxicity.

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 303

Toxicologic Assessment of Decontamination Material

STUDY NO. 1

Evaluation of the solutions contained in the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit for dermal and and overt systemic toxicity

# PROBLEM

The components of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit present an unassessed hazard to the user.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Eight studies were conducted in compliance with the requirements of the Good Laboratory Practices Act. These studies consisted of evaluations of the primary dermal irritancy of the components of the M258A-1 Decontamination Kit by modifications of the method of Draize. Evaluation was made of the impact of fresh versus old components, occlusion versus nonocclusion of exposed sites, abraded versus unabraded skin, and the impact of immediate rinsing. The components of the kit were categorized as mild to severe primary dermal irritants under various conditions.

The irritancy was reduced by immediately rinsing the application site with saline.

## CONCLUSIONS

The components of the M258A-1 Kit present a hazard to the user which may be minimized by rinsing the site of application with saline.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Provision should be made for the user to rinse away the components of the decontamination kit immediately after they are used as directed. Further evaluations must be made to determine the impact of these substances on the functional integrity of the skin.

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PROJECT NO.	3M1627734875	Medical Systems in Chemical Defense
WORK UNIT NO.	304	Toxicity Testing of Phosphinate

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

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STUDY NO. 1 The Ames Salmonella/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity test of phosphinate compounds (GLP Study Nos. 80012, 81002, 81012, 81013, 81014, and 81015)

Study No. 1. Twenty-six compounds were tested for mutagenic potential (Ames Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity test). All compounds were tested with microsome activation tester strains TA 98, TA 100, TA 1535, TA 1537, and TA 1538, on triplicate plates. It was determined that some of the tested substances were mutagenic.

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STUDY NO.

Toxicity Testing of Phosphinate Compounds

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The Ames Salmonella/Microsome Mutagenicity test of phosphinate compounds (GLP Study Nos. 80012, 81002, 81012, 81013, 81014, and 18015)

### PROBLEM

The defense against chemical warfare agents (CWA) is directed toward a number of specific elements which include early detection, physical barriers, post-exposure treatment, and pre-exposure protection of individuals with specific drugs.

Phosphinate compounds have demonstrated efficacy in reversing the action of those CWA that act as anticholinesterases. Two possible mechanisms of this action have been presented: initial blocking of CWA and cholinesterase bonding, or subsequent reactivation and bond breaking of the cholinesterase after bonding. Knowledge of any toxicologic, mutagenic, or other potential of these compounds is essential for evaluating their use in man. Initial studies should be aimed at determining the level of hazard associated with the compounds and to accumulate a data base for a drug clearance petition later.

The Ames test is an inexpensive, relatively reliable test to predict mutagenicity. There is a high correlation between mutagenic activity and carcinogenicity. The Ames test is routinely included in the initial battery of toxicity tests applied to therapeutic agents.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

Compounds were tested using the Ames Salmonella/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity test at the concentrations indicated. All compounds were tested with and without microbial activation using tester strains TA 98, TA 100, TA 1535, TA 1537, and TA 1538, using triplicate plates at the concentrations indicated below:

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Substance	Chemical Code <u>No.</u>	Levels Tested
4-nitrophenyl methyl phenyl phosphinate	37	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl diphenyl phosphinate	73-A	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl dimethyl phosphinate	83	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-chlorophenyl methyl phenyl phosphinate	53	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-chlorphenyl diphenyl phosphinate	91	3.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> - 10 <sup>-2</sup> mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl isopropyl (phenyl)phosphinate	103B	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl ethyl (phenyl) phosphinate	113	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
phenyl 4-nitrophenyl (methyl)phosphinate	103 <b>A</b>	$3.2 \times 10^{-4} - 1 \text{ mg/plate}$
4-nitrophenyl 2- methoxy phenyl (methyl) phosphinate	36	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 4-nitrophenyl (methyl)phosphinate	21	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl bis (2-thienyl)phosphinate	41	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 2-furyl (methyl)phosphinate	72	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-cyanophenyl bis (2-furyl)phosphinate	82	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl bis (2-furyl)phosphinate	87	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate

3-nitrophenyl dimethylphosphinate	111	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 4- methoxyphenyl (methyl) phosphinate	47A	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 4- methylphenyl (methyl) phosphinate	73BM	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl di- n-butyl phosphinothioate	107	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 4- chlorophenyl (methyl) phosphinate	47B	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl bis (chloro- methyl) phosphinate	16	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl phenyl (trichloromethyl) phosphinate	51	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl dinitrophenyl dichloromethyl(phenyl) phosphinate	77	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 4-trifluoro- methylphenyl(methyl) phosphinate	86	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-nitrophenyl 3-trifluoro- methylphenyl(methyl) phosphinate	4	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-fluorophenyl methyl (phenyl)phosphinate	44	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate
4-methylsulfinylphenyl methyl(phenyl) phosphinate	96	3.2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> - 1 mg/plate

More than twice the spontaneous reversion rate, coupled with a dose-response, was the criteria for classifying a compound as mutagenic. None of the 26 phosphinates tested demonstrated mutagenic potential.

# CONCLUSIONS

We concluded that the phosphinates tested did not demonstrate mutagenic activity.

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend these compounds be considered for further toxicologic and efficacy testing.

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Medical Systems in Chemical Defense

WORK UNIT NO. 305

# Applied Skin Protection Technology

The following investigations have been conducted under this work unit:

PILOT STUDY Substances to enhance organophosphate neutralization

Chemicals are being screened as to their ability to neutralize organophosphates. DFP is being used as the substrate. Of the chemicals tested, imidazole has shown the highest activity. Among the compounds which showed no activity are nucleotides, nucleosides, sugars and starches. The neutralization rate was monitored by a fluoride specific ionanalyzer or by pH stat titration. The development of the assay systems is vital to this and future studies in the area.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 305

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Applied Skin Protection Technology

PILOT STUDY

Substances to enhance organophosphate neutralization

## PROBLEM

On the integrated battlefield the use of chemical agents may be rampant. Among the greatest chemical threats are the nerve agents. Any method that can neutralize the agent, either during or after exposure, is of high potential value. Possible uses are as prophylactics and decontaminants.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

A variety of chemicals have been screened for their efficacy in catalyzing (mechanism undetermined) the neutralization of a fluorophosphate (DFP) by heterolytic cleavage of the phosphorus-fluorine bond. Imidazole was the only compound shown to have activity at biological pH. Amino acids, nucleotides, nucleosides, sugars, and carbohydrates all uniformly showed no activity. The in-house development of the ability to assay for organophosphate neutralization was achieved by both fluoride measurement with specific ion electrodes and acid production with a pH stat titrator.

#### CONCLUSIONS

None

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Further work in the area is necessary. A more comprehensive study protocol is indicated and is being prepared.

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PROJECT NO. 3E612777A878

Health Effects of Military Lasers

WORKUNITNO. 161

Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Acute offects of laser exposure: ocular effects at 1.732 Lm

Corneal dose-response relationances were determined by exposing Rhesus monkeys to erbium laser ratiation at 1.732  $\mu$ m. The ED<sub>50</sub>s (the effective dose required to produce a corneal lesion, as observed with the slit lamp biomicroscope, and of the time) were determined for three irradiance diameters with the orbitm laser operating in the long pulse mode. The emission duraties was 200 as Full-Width-Half-Maximum (FWHM). The ED<sub>LOS</sub> (expressed to beak radiant exposure) were 34, 26, and 22 J/cm<sup>2</sup> for irradiance diameters (1/e intensity points) of 475, 750, and 920  $\mu$ m, respectively. The ED<sub>50</sub> for the production of an acute corneal lesion is dependent on the corneal irradiance diameter for exposure conditions in this range. Corneal lesions produced by this laser involved the full corneal thickness. The nature of the response and the dose required to produce the minimal response correlate with the relative absorption properties of the ocular medium. These data, when combined with others, support inclusion of a wavelength dependence for permissible exposure limits in this spectral region.

#### BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 161

Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

STUDY NO. 1

Ocular effects at 1.732 :m

# PROBLEM

Current and proposed military laser systems operate in the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum beyond 1.4 mm. In the spectral region from 1.0 to 3.0 mm, the absorption coefficients of the outer ocular media (cornea, aqueous, lens, and vitreous) vary over three orders of magnitude. Although limited data are available for specific exposure conditions, the wavelength dependence of the dose-response relationships relevant to Army systems has not been adequately defined. Permissible exposure limits have been defined in TB MED 279; however, bioeffects data for exposure conditions in this spectral region may warrant change in permissible exposure limits and impact on the design and employment of military systems.

The erbium laser, yttrium lithium flouride (Er in YLF), operating at 1.732 um is being considered for use in an "eye safe" laser rangefinder. A 1.732 um erbium laser rangefinder is currently being developed by a private contractor for the U.S. Army Night Vision and Electro-Optics Laboratory, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The system is being developed for use as a training device that would preclude operational restrictions in the training environment. A major consideration in its conception and design was that it would be an "eye safe" system. For wavelengths greater than 1.4 um, the transmission is near a minimum at 1.732 um. The ocular effects at this wavelength were evaluated to expand the data base for laser safety considerations.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

An erbium laser operating at 1.732 µm was fabricated in this laboratory. The 0.25 by 3.0 inch rod was inserted into an elliptical cavity and was pumped by an EGG FX-42C3 flash lamp.

Energy input to the lamp was approximately 425 joules (C = 262 uf and V = 1800 volts). The total energy out was approximately 200 mJ. The laser emission duration was 200 usec (FWHM). Rhesus monkey eyes were used to docermine the dose-response relationships as a function of corneal irradiance diameter. The  $ED_{50}$ s (the effective dose required to produce a corneal lesion 50% of the time as observed by slit lamp biomicroscope) were determined for three corneal irradiance diameters and estimated for the fourth. Four lenses were used to obtain a range of corneal irradiance diameters. The corneal plane was located in the

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experimentally determined focal plane, a distance  $f_p$  from the lens. The intensity profile at the corneal plane was approximately gaussian and the beam diameters given  $(d_{1/e})$  are at the 1/e intensity points. The reported radiant exposure is the peak radiant exposure obtained by dividing the total incident energy by the area defined by the 1/e diameter. A summary of the experimental data obtained is given in the Table.

# CORNEAL EFFECTS AT 1.732 um

		El	<sup>D</sup> 50
F <sub>p</sub> (cm)	d <sub>1/e</sub> (cm)	TIE*(mJ)	$H_{e}(J/cm^{2})$
14.3	475	60	34
18.2	750	115	26
22.2	920	145	22
30.5	1200	175	16

### \*TIE = Total Incident Energy

No corneal lesions were produced for the 1200 µm beam diameter; therefore, the  $ED_{50}$  is indicated as a "greater than." No lenticular effects were observed for these exposure conditions and subjects have been evaluated two months after exposure. No corneal lesions were observed at 24 or 48 hours that were not observed at one hour. Some lesions near the  $ED_{50}$  were observed only at one hour and not at 24 or 48 hours after the exposure. Lesions produced at doses 1.5 to 2.0 times the  $ED_{50}$  resulted in a stromal scar which extended throughout the entire corneal thickness. Two months after exposure the stromal scar was less dense but still visible.

### CONCLUSIONS

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For the exposure conditions evaluated to date, the doses required to produce an acute ocular effect at 1.732  $\mu$ m are well above the maximum permissible exposure (10 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>). The ED<sub>50</sub> for the production of an acute corneal lesion is dependent on the corneal irradiance diameter for diameters ranging from 500 to 1200  $\mu$ m. This work supports a previously drawn conclusion that the doses required to produce a biomicroscopically visible corneal lesion for laser radiation in the 1.0 to 3.0  $\mu$ m region of the electromagnetic spectrum exhibit a wavelength dependence which correlates with the relative absorption properties of the cornea. Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects (Cont)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Although additional experimental data are needed for long exposure durations and larger corneal irradiance diameters for infrared laser exposures from 1.4 to 3.0  $\mu$ m, a generalized wavelength correction to current permissible exposures appears necessary based upon the relative absorption properties of the ocular media.

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Several portions of the protocol addressing the ccular effects at 1.732  $\mu$ m remain to be completed. These include: a) determine if a retinal effect can be produced with a collimated beam, b) evaluate and describe the histology of selected corneal lesions and retinal lesions (if produced), c) evaluate potential corneal and lenticular effects for repeated exposures of a collimated beam, and d) determine ED<sub>50</sub> for single and repeated Q-Switched exposures. These areas are currently being investigated and it is recommended they be completed.

The relationship between the  $ED_{50}$  for corneal injury and the corneal irradiance diameter should be determined at other infrared wavelengths for both short (nanosecond) and long (second) exposure durations.

## PUBLICATIONS

None

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PROJECTNO.	3E612777A878	Health Effects of Military Lasers
WORK UNIT NO.	161	Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

Th. following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 1 Ocular and dermal effects of infrared laser radiation

This study was withdrawn and replaced by the master protocol titled, "Acute Effects of Laser Exposure," Study No. 1, "Ocular Effects at 1.732  $\mu$ m."

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# PROBLEM

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

None

CONCLUSIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

PUBLICATIONS

None

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WORK UNIT NO. 161

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The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 2 Project MILES

This study was withdrawn and replaced by the master protocol titled, "Acute Effects of Laser Exposure," Study No. 1, "Retinal Effects From 800 to 900 nm."

# BODY OF REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 161

Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

STUDY NO. 2

Project MILES

# PROBLEM

Laser devices are widely deployed within the Army. Use of these devices exposes personnel to laser radiation. It is essential that the ocular and dermal hazards of these lasers be completely understood and that adequate bioeffects data base be available upon which to formulate the standards for safe use of the lasers.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

None

CONCLUSIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

PUBLICATIONS

None

## ABSTRACT

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PROJECT NO.	3E612777A878	Health Effects of Military Lasers
WORK UNIT NO.	161	Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

The following investigation has been conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 2 Acute effects of laser exposure: retinal effects from 800 to 900 nm

Retinal dose-response relationships were determined for ocular exposure in the Rhesus monkey to repetitive pulse frequency doubled neodymium laser irradiation (532 nm). The duration of each pulse was 170 ns, and the pulse repetition rate was 10 Hz. The  $ED_{50}$ s (total intraocular energy/pulse) were: 1 pulse, 2.8 µj/pulse; 10 pulses, 1.6 µJ/pulse; 100 pulses, 1.1 µJ/pulse.

The  $ED_{50}$  for retinal damage in the Rhesus monkey was determined for exposure to radiation from a dye laser operating at a wavelength of 912 nm. The pulse duration was 20 ns. For a single pulse exposure the  $ED_{50}$  was 5.5 µJ total intraocular energy.

## BODY OF REPORT

WORK	UNIT NO.	161	Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects
	STUDY NO.	-	Acute effects of laser exposure: retinal effects from 800-900 nm

## PROBLEM

Laser devices are widely deployed within the Army. Use of these devices exposes personnel to laser radiation. It is essential that the ocular hazard of these lasers be completely understood and that an adequate bioeffects data base be available upon which to formulate standards for safe use.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

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Dose response data were obtained for exposure to repetitive pulse trains from a frequency-doubled neodymium laser, emitting 170 ns duration pulses at a wavelength of 532 nm. The laser was a continuously pumped, acousto-optically Q-Switched neodymium device with an intracavity frequency-doubling crystal. The pulse repetition frequency of the laser was 10 Hz. Dose response relationships were also determined for a pulsed dye laser emitting at a wavelength of 912 The dye laser was pumped by the 532 nm beam of a frequencynm. doubled neodymium laser. The dye used in this experiment was IR140 dissolved in DMSO. The pulse duration was 20 ns. A dichroic beamsplitter, having high reflectivity at the laser wavelength and high visual transmittance, directed the laser beam into the eye of the monkey while permitting continuous viewing of the retinal exposure site via fundus camera. The mirror and fundus camera were aligned so that the laser beam passed through the center of the ocular pupil and coincided with the crosshairs at the retina, facilitating selection of the exposure site. A constant proportion of the beam energy was diverted into a reference detector for assimetry. The energy at this detector was correlated to the energy at the eye by placing a calibrated radiometer at the eye position and determining the ratio of the energy received by the two detectors. The exposure duration was controlled by an electronic shutter, and neutral density filters were used to attenuate the beam energy to the desired exposure level.

The animals used in these experiments were Rhesus monkeys. The animals were anesthetized and the pupils dilated for exposure. The eye was held open by a lid speculum during the exposure, and corneal clarity was maintained by periodic irrigation with a normal saline solution.

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Thirty exposures were placed in a rectangular array in the extramacular retina at doses that varied from the level required to produce an immediately visible lesion to 3 log-units below that level. The exposure sites were examined via ophthalmoscope one hour after exposure. The criterion for damage was the observation of a lesion at this examination. The data were evaluated by probit analysis to determine the  $ED_{50}$  for each exposure condition.

The  $ED_{50}$  and associated 95% confidence limits were determined for exposure to pulse trains from the frequency-doubled neodymium laser of 1, 10, and 100 pulses. These data are tabulated. The following definitions apply:

PRF	<pre>= pulse repetition frequency</pre>
t	= duration of each pulse in the train
T	<pre>= total exposure duration</pre>
N	= number of pulse per exposure (N = PRF x T)
ED <sub>50</sub>	= ED <sub>50</sub> expressed as total energy per exposure
ED <sub>50</sub> /pulse	= ED <sub>50</sub> expréssed as energy per pulse
ED <sub>50</sub> /pulse	= ED <sub>50</sub> /N
95% limits	= 95% confidence limits for the ED <sub>50</sub> /pulse

## TABLE

Frequency-doubled neodymium laser - wavelength 532 nm

	PR	$\mathbf{F} = 10 \ \mathrm{Hz}$	t = 170  ns	
Т	N	ED <sub>50</sub> (µJ)	ED <sub>50</sub> /pulse (µJ)	95% limits (µJ)
140 ns	1	2.8	2.8	2.5-3.2
1 s	10	16	1.6	1.3-2.0
10 s	100	107	1.1	0.8-1.7

The  $ED_{50}$  for exposure to a single pulse from the dye laser emitting at 912 nm was 5.5 µJ. The 95% confidence limits were 4.6-6.7 µJ.

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Previous work in this laboratory has led to the derivation of an empirical relationship equating the  $ED_{50}$ /pulse of a pulse train to the  $ED_{50}$  for a single pulse and the number of pulses (N) in the pulse train. The relationship  $ED_{50}$ /pulse =  $KN^{-1/4}$ , where K is the  $ED_{50}$  for a single pulse, was valid for the near infrared wavelengths previously reported. The data for the frequency doubled neodymium laser also reflects that relationship.

Little data exist giving the  $ED_{50}$  for wavelengths between 694.2 nm (ruby) and 1064 nm (Nd). As a result, the  $ED_{50}$ s in the wavelength region have commonly been estimated by interpolation between the  $ED_{50}$  at 694.3 and 1064 nm. The  $ED_{50}$  for 912 nm reported here is almost an order of magnitude lower than that obtained by the interpolation.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Repetitive pulse lasers pose a significantly greater ocular hazard than do continuous wave or single pulse lasers. The energy per pulse required to produce ocular damage is inversely proportional to the fourth root of the number of pulses. This relationship holds for visible, as well as near infrared, laser radiation. The  $ED_{50}$  for ocular damage by lasers operating near 900 nm is significantly lower than the value obtained by interpolation between the  $ED_{50}$ s at 694.3 and 1064 nm.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the provisions of the Army laser safety standards as applied to repetitive pulse lasers be changed to more accurately reflect the bioeffects data setting  $C_p$  equal to  $N^{-1/4}$ . It is recommended that more bioeffects research be performed to determine the wavelength dependence of  $ED_{50}$  between the wavelengths of 694.3 and 1064 nm.

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### ABSTRACT

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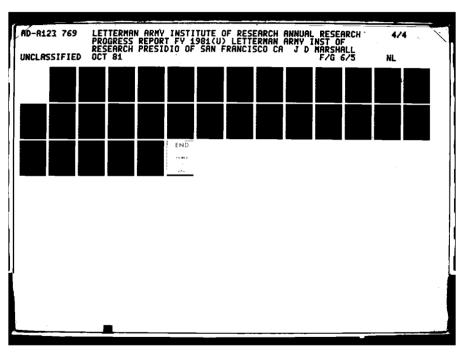
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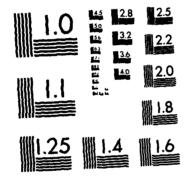
The following investigation is being conducted under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 6 Antipersonnel optical countermeasures

EX-1 The effects of repetitive, small spot incoherent flashes on pursuit tracking performance under simulated field conditions

Lasers represent a significant new light hazard in the combat environment. Directed laser light in the visible spectrum may produce flash blindness or retinal damage to soldiers engaged in visual tasks who may be intentionally exposed to high intensity light which would disrupt the performance of those tasks. Infrared high energy laser radiation may vaporize the surface of optics, while visible and near infrared laser sources may produce retinal burns. These effects can be simulated in a laboratory scenario using non-laser white light flashes. Ten trained volunteers used a viscous-damped mount optical tracking device to track targets at a constant angular velocity of 5 mrad/sec under low ambient light and bright light conditions. Pursuit tracking performance data were collected under simulated field conditions, which included scale model targets and terrain, and a full-size bunker which houses a simulated laser designator optical tracking device. The preliminary findings suggest that the deleterious effects of the small spot flash on training performance, were reduced compared with earlier work where a full field flash was used.





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## BODY OF REPORT

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WORK UNIT NO. 161

Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

STUDY NO. 6

Antipersonnel optical countermeasures

## PROBLEM

Optical countermeasures may be designed to take advantage of weaknesses in optical tracking systems. Actions may also be taken to incapacitate the operators of these systems. It is important that the U.S. Army understand the physiologic and behavioral effects of countermeasures directed against soldiers in the field. Guidelines that will maximize the likelihood of a successful mission should be based on information that has considered the type of countermeasure, the specific military tasks, environmental conditions, and individual differences among soldiers. This information should be obtained under environmental conditions that are representative of those expected during combat. These data can be used to develop methods of protecting troops against optical countermeasures.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Lasers represent a significant new light hazard in the combat environment. Directed laser light in the visible spectrum may produce flash blindness or retinal damage to soldiers engaged in visual tasks (who may be intentionally exposed to high intensity light, which would disrupt the performance of those tasks). Infrared high energy laser radiation may vaporize the surfaces of optical devices. The resulting reradiation from the optical surface will also produce flash effects. This study evaluated the surface of multiple, small, retinal image diameter (100  $\mu$ ), white light or chromatic flashes on pursuit tracking performance. Ten trained volunteers used a viscous-damped mount optical tracking device to track targets at a constant angular velocity of 5 mrad/sec under low ambient light and bright light conditions. Pursuit tracking performance data were collected under simulated field conditions, which included scale model targets and terrain, and a full size bunker which houses a simulated laser designator optical tracking device. The collection of these data has just been completed. The preliminary findings suggest that the deleterious effects of the small spot flash on training performance, relative to earlier work where a full field flash was used, was reduced. Upon completion of the data analysis a more exact comparison between the two studies can be made.

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# CONCLUSION

Preliminary evaluation of small spot flash data indicate considerably reduced effects on tracking performance as compared to earlier studies of large retinal area flash effects.

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

None can be made until the data analysis is completed.

# PUBLICATIONS

None

#### ABSTRACT

PROJECT NO. 3E162777A878

Health Effects of Military Lasers

WORK UNIT NO. 161 Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects

The following investigation has been initia (d under this work unit:

STUDY NO. 6 Antipersonnel optical countermeasures

EX-2 Field evaluation of the Hughes aircraft optical jamming simulator

Preliminary data have been collected on three male volunteers in a study designed to examine flash effects upon pursuit tracking performance utilizing a modified ground TOW anti-armor weapon system. The modifications to the TOW include the addition of an Optical Jamming Simulator. This device consists of hardware (and software) which are attached to the TOW launcher and permit the operator to be exposed to optical countermeasures (flashes) while he is tracking targets under actual field conditions. The operator's response, in terms of degraded tracking performance, is directly monitored by an infrared sensor in the TOW optical sight and by an attached silicon vidicon CCTV camera. The initial studies were conducted at Camp Parks, CA, under cloudy and sunny-bright lighting conditions (1100-1500 hrs). The volunteers tracked a jeep-mounted, one-meter square target at distances of 300-600 meters. The target moved from left-toright at speeds of 10-20 mph. On several trials, randomly chosen, the subjects were presented with a series of five 3-microsecond white light flashes, at a frequency of 20 Hz. The flashes were produced by a Xenon short-arc flashlamp, which when focused via the system's optics resulted in a 500  $\mu$  spot on the retina. Initial results indicated that flashes produced brief (2-3 sec) disruptions in tracking performance during which time the center of the target was reportedly obscured by both the flash and its afterimage. These results, in many respects, parallel those of our laboratory simulations utilizing the BLASER (GLLD-type) simulator. The retinal flashes utilized in this study were an order of magnitude below permissible safe exposure levels, and much lower than levels produced by military laser devices. Brief disruptions were produced even though target size was relatively large and its movements predictable. The effects of manipulating target size, speed, ambient lighting conditions, area of retinal illumination, wavelength, or locus of retinal exposure are not yet known.

## BODY OR REPORT

WORK UNIT NO. 161	Laser Technology - Ocular Bioeffects
STUDY NO. 6	Antipersonnel optical countermeasures
EX-2	Field evaluation of the Hughes aircraft optical jamming simulator

## PROBLEM

Operators of visual tracking devices may be exposed to optical countermeasures intended to disrupt their performance. Previous work from this laboratory, utilizing the BLASER simulator, indicate disruptions in tracking performance following the presentation of brief, large and small spot flashes. For the U.S. Army to assess the physiologic and behavioral effects of countermeasures that could be directed against soldiers in the field, data should be obtained under environmental conditions and with weapons systems similar to those used in combat. Information obtained under these conditions would serve to validate and expand our laboratory findings and serve as a baseline with which to pursue methods of providing protection for troops against the threat of optical countermeasures.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS**

Preliminary data have been collected on three male volunteers in a study designed to examine flash effects upon pursuit tracking performance utilizing a modified ground-TOW anti-armor system. The modifications to the TOW include the addition of an Optical Jamming This device consists of hardware (and software) attached Simulator. to the TOW launcher that permit the operator to be exposed to optical countermeasures (flashes) while he is tracking targets under actual field conditions. The operator's response, in terms of degraded tracking performance, is directly monitored by an infrared sensor in the TOW optical sight and by an attached silicon vidicon CCTV camera. The initial studies were conducted at Camp Parks, CA, under cloudybright and sunny-bright lighting conditions (1100-1500 hrs). The volunteers tracked a jeep-mounted, one-meter square target at distances of 300-600 meters. The target moved from left-to-right at speeds of 10-20 mph. On several trials, randomly chosen, the subjects were presented with a series of five 3-microsecond white light flashes at a frequency of 20 Hz. The flashes were produced by a Xenon shortarc flashlamp which when focused via the system's optics resulted in a 500 u spot on the retina. Initial results indicate that flashes produced brief (2-3 sec) disruptions in tracking performance during which time the center of the target was reportedly obscured by both theflash and its afterimage. These results, in many respects,

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#### CONCLUSIONS

This study used brief, small-spot flashes that were an order of magnitude below permissible safe exposure levels and considerably lower than levels typically produced by military laser devices. The flashes produced brief disruptions in pursuit tracking performance under bright ambient lighting conditions and with predictable target behavior utilizing a modified TOW launcher. The effects of manipulating target size, target movement predictability, ambient lighting, area of retinal illumination, flash wavelength, and retinal exposure locus are not yet known.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

This study should be expanded to include a greater number of subjects to determine flash effects upon operator performance for a pursuit tracking task utilizing the TOW weapons system. Furthermore, the effects of manipulating target size, target movement predictability, ambient lighting, area of retinal illumination, wavelength, and retinal exposure locus should be investigated.

## PUBLICATIONS

None

# ABSTRACT

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The following in	nvestigation is b	eing conducted under this work unit:
STUDY NO.	6 Biomedical f operator per	actors affecting laser designator formance
<b>EX-</b> 5		of the effects of four different practice tracking schedules on

laser designator operator performance

In previous studies using the BLASER simulator it has taken four training days before the trackers' performance stabilized so that the experimental variables could be studied. In the future BLASER studies, considerable time and money could be saved if the training period could be reduced. To date, 30 male volunteers from various units at the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Ord have been trained under five different training schedules. Except for the usual fourday training schedule, the remaining schedules are variations of massed (a relatively large number of trials in a short period of time) or distributed (a relatively small number of trials spaced over time) which require only two days of training. The results thus far show both between-and within-group variability. However, before final comparisons among the four compressed training schedules can be made, 10 additional soldiers must be trained.

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#### PROBLEM

With the increased use of laser rangefinder/designators in the battlefield, knowledge regarding biomedical factors that can affect the operators' performance is needed. The BLASER simulator at LAIR can provide valuable information to assist in preparing soldiers who will operate these devices. Considerable time is spent in training volunteers to operate the BLASER tracking device under the current distributed practice schedule. If this training period could be shortened, the time saved would allow for more efficient use of volunteer/experimenter time and permit more rapid assessment of the experimental variables of interest. These data will also be useful to commanders responsible for training laser designator operators.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Thus far 30 male volunteers from various units at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA, have been trained using five different training schedules:

- 1) Distributed Practice 30, 15 sec trials/day for 4 days
- 2) Massed Practice 2 days of 15, (1-min trial) 1 min trials/day
- 3) Massed Practice 2 days of 30, (30 sec trial)
   30 sec trials/day
- 4) Mass Distributed 22, 1-min trials on the first (1-min trial) day followed by 32, 15 sec trials on the second day
- 5) Mass Distributed 45, 30 sec trials of the first (30 sec) followed by 30, 15 sec trials on the second day.

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The results thus far show both within-group and between-group differences. However, before statistical comparisons can be made among the groups, 10 additional soldiers will have to be trained.

# CONCLUSION

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## ABSTRACT

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Research on Military Disease, Injury, and Health Hazards

WORK UNIT NO. 243

Ballistic Injuries

The wound ballistics of ultrahigh velocity missiles was demonstrated in anesthetized pigs and gelatin blocks. One-gram steel rods were shot at velocities of up to 2 km/sec. These missiles create very distinctive wounds of entrance which are rather similar in appearance to the wound of exit of high velocity military assault rifle rounds.

#### BODY OF REPORT

#### WORK UNIT NO. 243

Ballistic Injuries

#### PROBLEM

Certain newly fielded weapon systems depend upon ultrahigh velocity projectiles for their destructive potential. Work done by Charters and Charters several years ago suggests that whenever the velocity of a projectile exceeds wave speed in the target, the site at which the missile impacts will be characterized by a huge defect. The wound ballistics of ultrahigh velocity missiles is not known and, on the basis of Charter and Charter's work, might be expected to be quite different from wounds created by ordinary high velocity military assault rifle rounds. Thus, it is possible that established standards for wound management will have to be modified to adequately treat casualties with these wounds.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

During the fiscal year, a wound ballistics laboratory was constructed in the basement of LAIR. A devise designed to fire ultrahigh velocity missiles was obtained. Briefly, this consists of a 30-caliber barrel with a 50-caliber receiver. Steel rods 1 gram in mass and 5.54 mm in diameter (22 caliber) are mounted within a discard sabot. The powder charge is on the order of 240 grains. Impact velocities ranged between 5800-6200 ft/sec (1.8 to 1.9 km/sec). Several experiments were carried out (under the auspices of an approved pilot protocol) at the end of the fiscal year in which anesthetized swine were shot in various anatomical locations with this device. When the target is in fleshy tissue, such as the buttock, an enormous wound of entrance is created. The permanent wound track is much less prominent and frequently the missile does not have a wound of exit. When the target is located in tissue overlying bone, such as the skull, the wound of entrance is much smaller. However, destruction deep to the wound of entrance is truly fearsome. In one experiment in which the missile struck rib initially and then hit the heart, the left ventricle was disintegrated. Gelatin blocks have also been used as targets, but here the results are much less impressive. It is probably that the very large wound of entrance seen with ultrahigh velocity missiles results from the formation of an unusually powerful temporary cavity at the site of impact. Much energy is deposited into the tissue at this point because the missile is supersonic in the initial portion of its trajectory. The drag coefficient of a supersonic projectile is, of course, much greater than for a subsonic projectile.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Ultrahigh velocity missiles create distinctive wounds of entrance.

# Ballistic Injuries (Cont)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Work must continue until it can be determined whether or not the SOP for soft tissue wound management needs to be altered when one deal with ultrahigh velocity missile wounds. For this to be accomplished, it will be necessary to develop a chronic model for wound ballistic research.

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