

- 28 Churg A. The distribution of amosite asbestos in the periphery of the normal human lung. *Br J Ind Med* 1990;47:677-81.
- 29 Churg A, Wiggs B. Accumulation of long asbestos in the peripheral upper lobe of patients with mesothelioma. *Am J Ind Med* 1987;9:143-52.
- 30 Morgan A, Evans JC, Holmes A. Deposition and clearance of inhaled fibrous minerals in the rat. Studies using radioactive tracer technique. In: Walton WH, McGovern B, eds. *Inhaled particles IV*, New York: Pergamon Press, 1977;259-74.
- 31 Becklake MR, Toyota B, Stewart M, *et al*. Lung structure as a risk factor in adverse pulmonary responses to asbestos exposure. *Am Rev Respir Dis* 1983;128:385-9.
- 32 Hessel PA, Knizdo E, Sluis-Cremer GK. Temporal patterns of silica dust exposure and lung dimensions in relation to silicosis. *Ann Occup Hyg* 1988;32(suppl 1):681-7.
- 33 Vedal S, Enarson DA, Chan-Yeung M. Airway size and the rate of pulmonary function decline in grain handlers. *Am Rev Respir Dis* 1988;138:1584-8.

Vancouver style

All manuscripts submitted to the *Br J Ind Med* should conform to the uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals (known as the Vancouver style).

The *Br J Ind Med*, together with many other international biomedical journals, has agreed to accept articles prepared in accordance with the Vancouver style. The style (described in full in *Br Med J*, 24 February 1979, p 532) is intended to standardise requirements for authors.

References should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text by Arabic numerals above the line on each occasion the reference is cited (Manson¹ confirmed other reports²⁻⁵ . . .). In future references to papers submitted to the *Br J Ind Med* should include: the

names of all authors if there are six or less or, if there are more, the first three followed by *et al*; the title of journal articles or book chapters; the titles of journals abbreviated according to the style of *Index Medicus*; and the first and final page numbers of the article or chapter.

Examples of common forms of references are:

- 1 International Steering Committee of Medical Editors. Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals. *Br Med J* 1979;1:532-5.
- 2 Soter NA, Wasserman SI, Austen KF. Cold urticaria: release into the circulation of histamine and eosino-phil chemotactic factor of anaphylaxis during cold challenge. *N Engl J Med* 1976;294:687-90.
- 3 Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathogenic properties of invading micro-organisms. In: Sodeman WA Jr, Sodeman WA, eds. *Pathologic physiology: mechanisms of disease*. Philadelphia: W B Saunders, 1974:457-72.

- 1 Šarić M, Gomzi M, Hrustić O, Pauković R, Rudan P. Respiratory impairment in the electrolytic extraction of aluminium. *Int Arch Occup Environ Health* 1979;42:217-21.
- 2 Šarić M, Žuškin E, Gomzi M. Bronchoconstriction in potroom workers. *Br J Ind Med* 1979;36:211-15.
- 3 Šarić M, Godnić-Cvar J, Gomzi M, Štilinović L. The role of atopy in potroom workers asthma. *Am J Ind Med* 1986;9:239-42.
- 4 Wergeland E, Lund E, Waage JE. Respiratory dysfunction after potroom asthma. *Am J Ind Med* 1987;11:627-36.
- 5 O'Donnell TV, Welford B, Coleman ED. Potroom asthma: New Zealand experience and follow-up. *Am J Ind Med* 1989;15:43-9.
- 6 Brooks SM, Weiss MA, Bernstein IL. Reactive airway dysfunction syndrome (RADS). *Chest* 1985;88:376-84.
- 7 Luo J-CJ, Nelsen KG, Fischbein A. Persistent reactive airway dysfunction syndrome after exposure to toluene diisocyanate. *Br J Ind Med* 1990;47:239-41.
- 8 Boushey HA, Holtzman MJ, Sheller JR, Nadel JA. Bronchial hyperreactivity: state of the art. *Am Rev Respir Dis* 1980;121:389-413.

Accepted 18 February 1991

Destruction of manuscripts

From 1 July 1985 articles submitted for publication will not be returned. Authors whose papers are rejected will be advised of the decision and the manuscripts will be kept under security for three months to deal with any inquiries and then destroyed.

- 3 Dossing M. Occupational toxic liver change. *J Hepatol* 1986;3:131-3.
- 4 Dossing M. Metabolic interaction between organic solvents and other chemicals. In: Riihimaki V, Ulfvarson U, eds. *Safety and health aspects of organic solvents*. New York: Alan R Liss 1986:97-105.
- 5 Wang JD. *Concepts and methods of epidemiologic research*. Taipei: National Taiwan University College of Medicine Academic Press, 1989:9-25. (In Chinese.)
- 6 Kurppa K, Husman K. Car painters' exposure to a mixture of organic solvents. Serum activities of liver enzymes. *Scand J Work Environ Health* 1982;8:137-40.
- 7 Lungberg I, Hakansson M. Normal serum activities of liver enzyme in Swedish paint industry workers with heavy exposure to organic solvents. *Br J Ind Med* 1985;42:596-600.
- 8 Kurppa K, Tola S, Hernberg S, et al. Industrial solvents and the liver. *Lancet* 1983;i:129.
- 9 Chen DS, Sung JL. Hepatitis B virus infection and chronic liver disease in Taiwan. *Acta Hepatogastroenterol* 1978;25:423-30.
- 10 Sung JL, Chen DS, Lai MY, et al. Epidemiology study on hepatitis B virus infection in Taiwan. *Chinese Journal of Gastroenterology* 1984;1:1-9.
- 11 American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. *Threshold limit values for chemical substances in the work environment adopted by ACGIH*. Cincinnati, Ohio: ACGIH Inc, 1988.
- 12 Mantel N. Chi-square tests with one degree of freedom: extension of Mantel-Haenszel procedure. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 1963;58:690-700.
- 13 Franco G, Fonte R, Tempini G, Candura F. Serum bile acid concentrations as a liver function test in workers occupationally exposed to organic solvents. *Int Arch Occup Environ Health* 1986;58:157-64.
- 14 Edling C, Tagesson C. Raised serum bile acid concentrations after occupational exposure to styrene: a possible sign of hepatotoxicity? *Br J Ind Med* 1984;41:257-9.
- 15 Anonymous. Serum bile acid in hepatobiliary disease. *Lancet* 1982;ii:137-40.
- 16 Sotaniemi EA, Sutinen S, Arranto AJ, et al. Liver injury in subjects occupationally exposed to chemicals in low dose. *Acta Med Scand* 1982;212:2007-215.
- 17 Dossing M, Arlien-Soborg P, Petersen LM, et al. Liver damage associated with occupational exposure to organic solvents in house painters. *Eur J Clin Invest* 1983;13:151-7.

Accepted 28 January 1991

Correspondence and editorials

The *British Journal of Industrial Medicine* welcomes correspondence relating to any of the material appearing in the journal. Results from preliminary or small scale studies may also be published in the correspondence column if this seems appropriate. Letters should be not more than 500 words in length and contain a minimum of references. Table and figures should be kept to an absolute minimum. Letters are accepted on the

understanding that they may be subject to editorial revision and shortening.

The journal now also publishes editorials which are normally specially commissioned. The Editor welcomes suggestions regarding suitable topics; those wishing to submit an editorial, however, should do so only after discussion with the Editor.