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Update over beroepsmatige longpathologie

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Take home message

Inhalation of "non toxic" chemicals may lead to (severe) lung disease ...

Outline

- One recent case
- Some recent examples from the literature

Case

- September/October 2014
 - Male, 46 y, ex-smoker (stop 2 y ago, 2 PY)
 - Allergic rhinitis & asthma since adolescence, well-controlled
 - Mild obstructive sleep apnoea
 - Nasal septum correction; orthopaedic surgery (shoulder)
 - Since early 2014: shortness of breath, fatigue, productive cough, R/ antibiotics for bad "airway infection" (April 2014), no other systemic symptoms
 - Fine basal crepitations, no clubbing, no arthritis, no adenopathies; restrictive impairment + low diffusion; HRCT, bronchoscopy/BAL, surgical lung biopsy
- Referred to clinic of occupational disease UZ Leuven: etiology, management?

Pulmonary function

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    FVC 3.06 L 64% pred

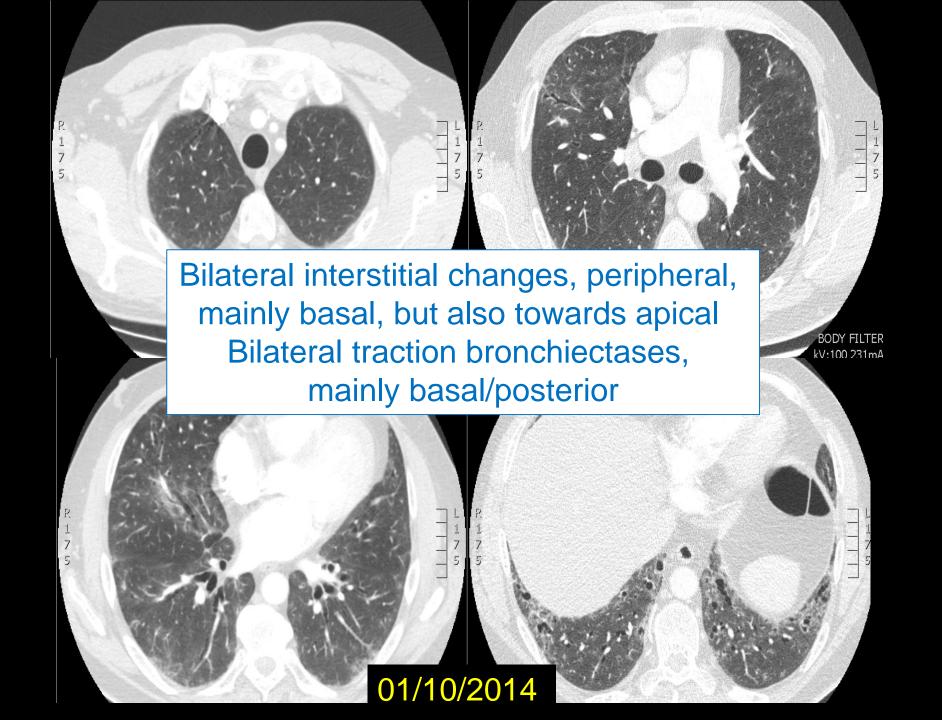
• FEV<sub>1</sub> 2.73 L 71% pred (unchanged after β2)
           restrictive impairment
• FE

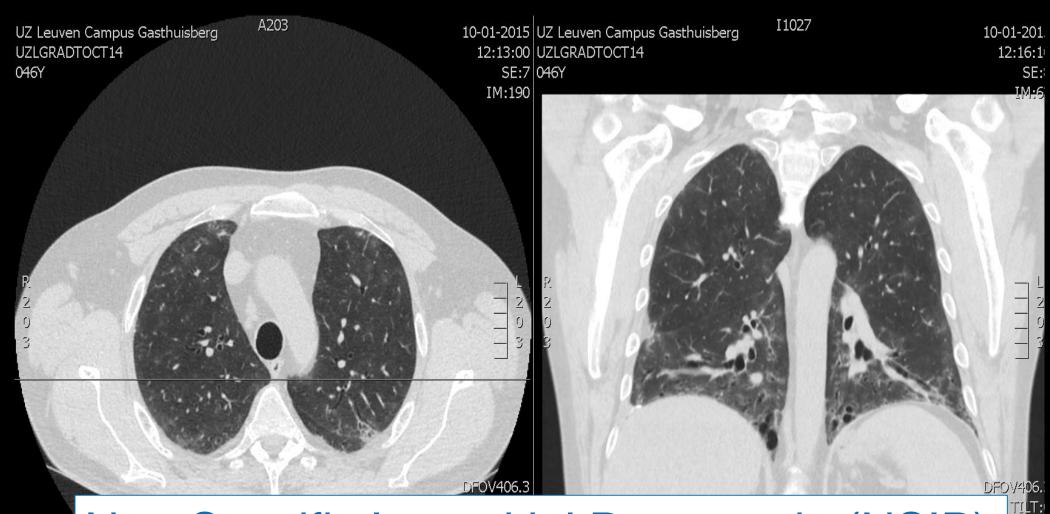
    PE with reduced diffusing capacity

• TLC 4.12 L
                  58% pred

    TLco 5.62 U 52% pred

    Kco 1.41 U 93% pred
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Non-Specific Interstitial Pneumonia (NSIP) (DD atypical UIP, HP)

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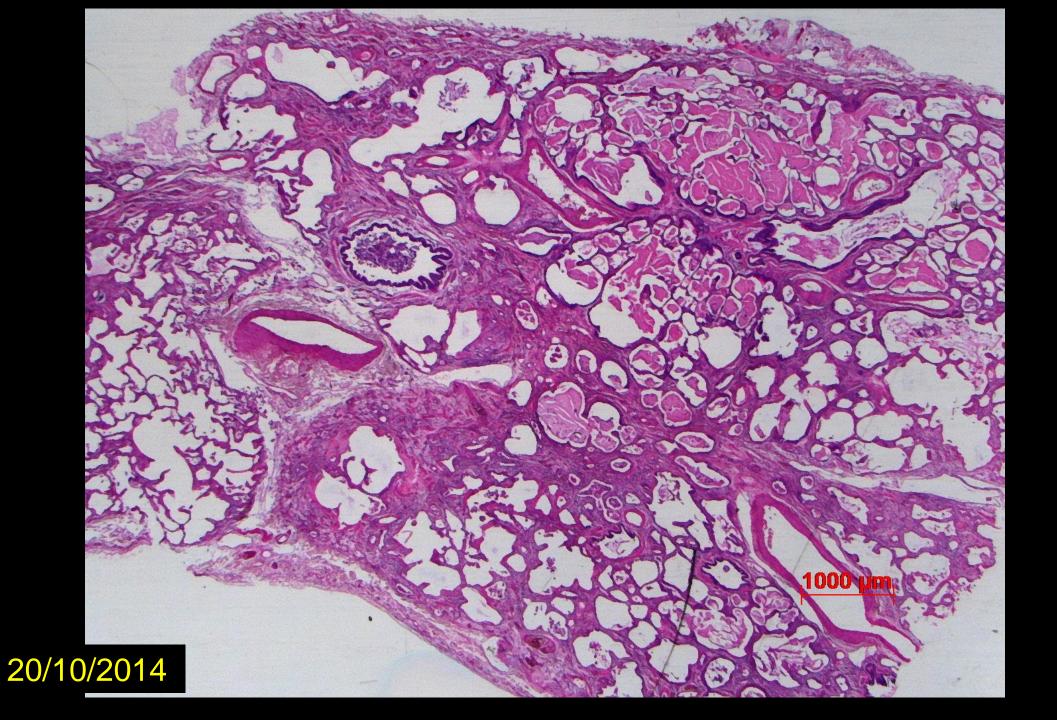
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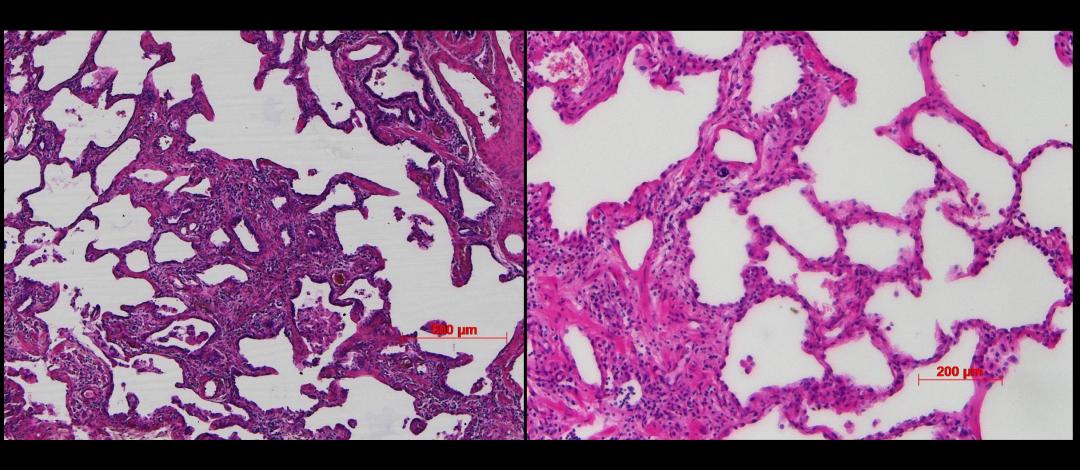
Laboratory + Bronchoscopy/BAL

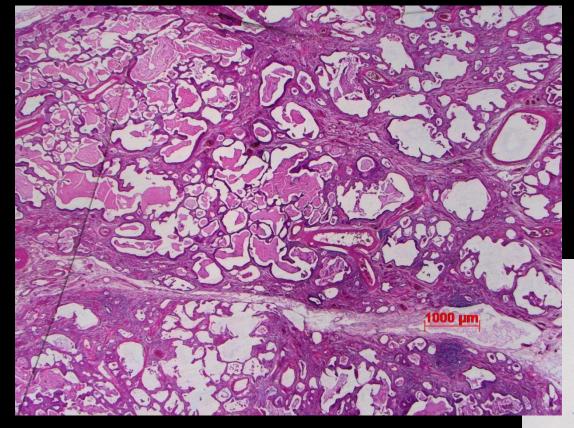
- Blood: no abnormalities, incl. auto-immune serology
- No endobronchial abnormalities
- BAL
 - 221 WBC/μL (low)
 - 84% macrophages
 - 7.5% lymphocytes
 - 4.5% neutrophils
 - microbiological investigations (bacteria, TB, viruses, fungi): all negative

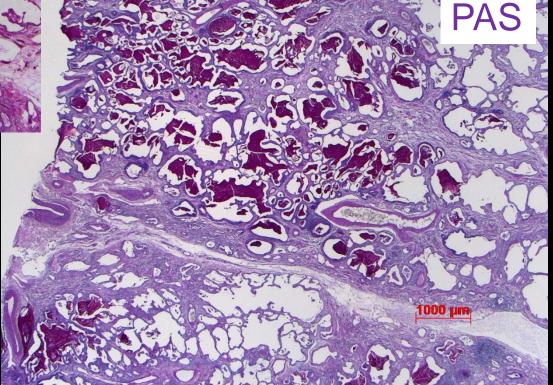
Surgical lung biopsy (Right Lower Lobe)

- Interstitial inflammation (lymphocytes + plasmocytes); some fibrosis; no granulomas
- Translobular and homogenous distribution across all lobules
- Hyaline material (PAS+) and cholesterol crystals + foamy macrophages in some alveoli
- No vasculitis
- Ziehl / Grocott –; no particles/fibres
 - Fibrosing NSIP (+ secondary alveolar proteinosis)









Other findings

- Laboratory:
 - Auto-immune screening: negative
 - GM-CSF antibodies: none detected
 - IgGs (fungi): not increased above normal
 - Serum LDH: minimally increased (266 U/L)
- Capillaroscopy: normal findings

Exposure history

- Electrician
- Various jobs in buildings
- Since age 24 y: work in theater, philharmonic orchestra, ...: operating various machines, stage décor, ...
- Past 8 y: work as light and sound technician in a busy cultural centre
- Home: no dampness
- Hobby: bass trombone (2 h/week) since 3 y, no sports

Light technician

- Use of "theatrical haze/fog"
- Since 2 y: new device "ANTARI fog machine", at least once a week (rehearsals and shows)
- Initial information: "harmless water-based product"

Onderwerp: HZ 500 vloeistof JB systems

Hallo,

Ik werk in CC en ben op zoek naar de samenstelling van boven vernoemde vloeistof.

Ik heb geprobeerd om antari zelf te mailen maar krijg daar geen reactie op.

Het zou kunnen dat ik daar allergisch voor ben en zit nu al van oktober thuis met een zware allergische reactie op mijn longen.

De bus die we hebben is dezelfde als die jullie verkopen, om de hazen vloeistof uit te sluiten zoek ik dus de samenstelling.

Deze vloeistof is zeker niet toxisch, ... maar dit wil niet zeggen dat jij er niet allergisch voor

kunt zijn.
Een kat is ook niet toxisch, maar er zijn er toch heel wat allergisch aan VANGEN 20 JAN 2015

Wat ik weet

- Dit is watergebaseerd, dus geen solventen, geen alcoholen
- Is op basis van diglycolen: is een verbinding die tussen vetten en alcohol ligt.
- Het kan bij inademing wel een olie achtige film nalaten, maar dit alleen bij langdurige en zeer geconcentreerde blootstelling.

Theatrical smoke and fog

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

- Smoke: pyrotechnic materials, smoke cartridges, incense, ...
- Low lying fog effect: liquid or solid CO₂ or N₂
- Fog machine: pumping glycol or glycol/water mixtures into heat exchanger → vapour cloud
- Haze machine: homogeneous cloud (fine mist) intended to reveal lighting beams
 - Glycol/water mixture
 - Mineral oil



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HAZE LIQUID HZL-5

HAZER LIQUID

This Haze Liquid is specially designed for Hazer. It contains high quality chemical liquid that can be dispersed into haze for entertainment use. It feaves no residue or contamination and increases the life span of your Hazer considerably. This Haze Liquid is coloriess, odorless, non-toxic, non inflammable, oil based liquid that can be dispersed into a long-lasting, non irritating haze with no health hazard

CAUTION

Keep out of reach of children. Non-edible. Do not drink it. Please do not mix it with any other Liquid.

HAZER-FLUID

Dieses Hazer-Fluid wurde speziell für Hazer-Nebelmaschinen entwickelt. Es besteht aus hochwertigen Chemikalien und kann zu Unterhaltungszwecken verdampft werden. Das Fluid hinterläßt keineriei Rückstände und erhöht die lehensdauer is

DIFFUSEUR-LIQUIDE

Ce liquide est spécialement développé pour les machines à diffusion de brouillard léger. Il contient une composante chimique de haute qualité diluée dans de l'eau distillée pour être utilisé à la formation de brouillard léger, presque invisible à des fins d'effets spéciqux pour spectacles et animations.

li ne contient aucune matière ou résidu ce qui permet une durée de vie extrême du diffuseur. Ce liquide est incolore, inodore, ininflammable, non toxique à base d'huile. Ce qui le rend non nocif pour la santé.

ATTENTION

Certaines précautions sont tout de même nécessaires, telles que garder hors de portée des enfants

A ne pas boire. Ne pas melanger avec d'autre liquid.

Made in Taiwan by Antari Lighting & Effects Ltd.

Material Safety Data Sheet



EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/15/2008

IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAMES: "HZL-1 Haze Liquid" and "HZL-5 Haze Liquid" Where data differs discretely by product (not over a range) it will be presented in the above product order.

FORMULA: Pure grade Lubricating Base Oil.

III. INGREDIENTS

These products are all "Oil-based" Mineral oil solutions. As such, toxicity is minimal. These products have been shipped internationally for more than 5 years under the Antari name, and are considered "nonhazardous" by most national health and safety regulatory bodies.

Tests conducted by independent laboratories have confirmed the non-hazardous nature of these liquids.

Material Safety Data Sheet

POG MACHINE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/15/2008

V. HEALTH HAZARD DATA

No exposure limits have been determined for these products, nor for any of the ingredients from which they are formulated.

Swallowing has no adverse effects in low doses. Higher doses may induce nausea and vomiting, but with no long-term toxicity. Inhalation produces no adverse effects when used according to standard practices. Continuous exposure to highly concentrated fog may lead to throat/respiratory tract irritation. Under such conditions, irritation should subside immediately upon moving to an area of low fog concentration. The fog produced by these products will be adequately filtered by any 10 - 20 micron filtration system. Contact with the liquid may cause minimal, temporary irritation to exposed skin areas. Eye contact with the liquid may also cause minimal, temporary irritation. In all cases of contact with the liquid, flushing of the exposed area with water is sufficient. No contra-indications may be determined, as the ingredients have no independently toxicological effects, even when considered combinatively with possible pre-existing physical conditions or dietary/medicinal regimens. Treatment of egregious overexposure may be determined by health personnel, with principal attention given to the control of symptoms and overall clinical status.

Area Percent Report

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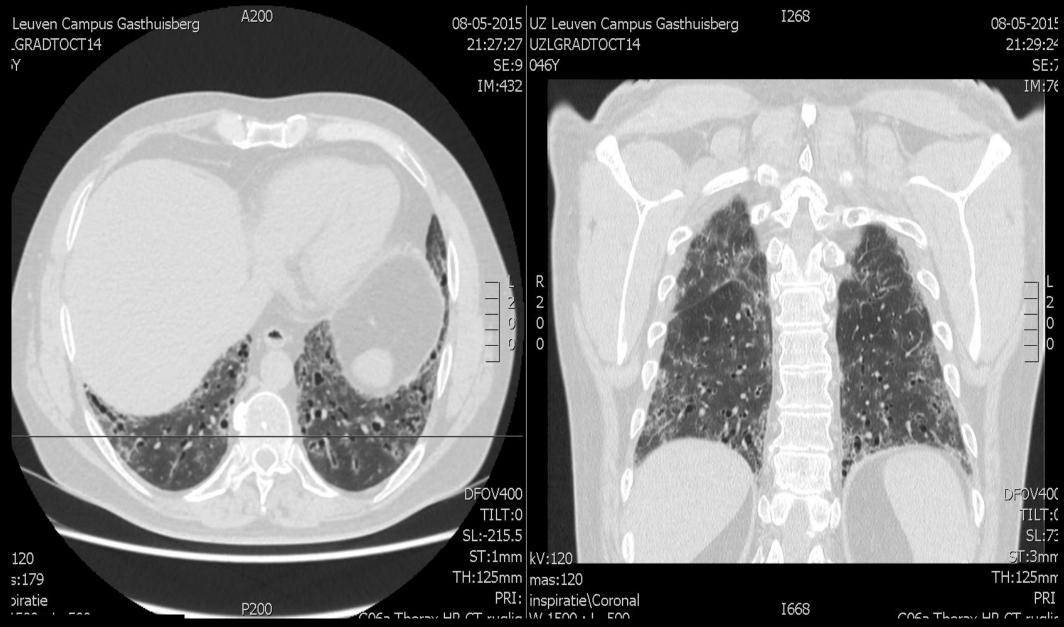
Final diagnosis & management

- Interstitial lung disease: NSIP
- Probably caused by chronic high (?)
 exposure to mineral oil (theatrical haze)

- > stop exposure
- > reported to FBZ

Follow-up

- Complete work stop
- No specific treatment (except asthma meds)
- Some clinical improvement; still cough +++
 (muscle pains) & dyspnoea on exercise
- No functional improvement
- No changes in HRCT (MAY 2015)
- BAL + transbronchial biopsies (MAY 2015): no PAP, "normal tissue"



Follow-up

(stop exposure; no specific treatment)

		2014		2015			
		OCT	JAN	APR/MAY	SEP		
FVC		64%	61%	60%	60%		
TLC		58%	55%	53%	52%		
TLCO		52%	54%	46%	44%		
Kco		93%	97%	92%	90%		
6MWT			82%				
SaO ₂			99%				
BAL	M	84%		86%			
	Ly	7.5%		2.0%			
	N	4.5%		9.5% 2.5%			
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Other cases?

- Possibly one other case of subacute lung injury in a job student exposed to haze (to be confirmed).
- No similar cases in literature.

Literature

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Exposures to Atmospheric Effects in the Entertainment Industry

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TABLE I. Summary of Area Inhalable Aerosol Concentrations

	All Fog Fluids	Glycol Only	Mineral Oil Only	Glycol and Mineral Oil	Dry Ice
All productions (n)	32	14	14	3	(1)
Minimum, mg/m ³	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.60	n/a
Maximum, mg/m ³	17.1	3.47	6.56	17.1	n/a
Arithmetic mean, mg/m ³	1.36	0.57	1.21	6.18	0.08
Arithmetic SD, mg/m ³	3.16	0.91	1.74	9.45	n/a
Geometric mean, mg/m ³	0.41	0.24	0.55	2.05	0.08
Geometric SD	4.21	3.37	3.71	6.32	n/a
Movie and TV productions (n)	16	6	9	1	(0)
Minimum, mg/m ³	0.05	0.11	0.05	n/a	
Maximum, mg/m ³	17.07	3.47	2.71	n/a	
Arithmetic mean, mg/m ³	1.86	0.76	0.90	17.09	
Arithmetic SD, mg/m ³	4.20	1.33	1.00	n/a	
Geometric mean, mg/m ³	0.47	0.30	0.43	17.09	
Geometric SD	4.90	3.71	3.96	n/a	
Theater, music, and other productions (n)	16	8	5	2	(1)
Minimum, mg/m ³	0.05	0.05	0.41	0.60	n/a
Maximum, mg/m ³	6.56	1.49	6.56	0.85	n/a
Arithmetic mean, mg/m ³	0.86	0.42	1.77	0.72	0.08
Arithmetic SD, mg/m ³	1.57	0.47	2.69	0.18	n/a
Geometric mean, mg/m ³	0.35	0.20	0.88	0.71	0.08
Geometric SD	3.68	3.32	3.24	1.28	n/a

Notes: Results for all productions and all fluid types in **bold**. Concentrations measured using the 7-hole sampler. SD = standard deviation; n/a = not applicable.

Effects of Theatrical Smokes and Fogs on Respiratory Health in the Entertainment Industry

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Background Theatrical fogs (glycol or mineral oil aerosols) are widely used in the entertainment industry to create special effects and make lighting visible.

Methods We studied 101 employees at 19 sites using fogs and measured personal fog exposures, across work shift lung function, and acute and chronic symptoms. Results were also compared to an external control population, studied previously.

Results Chronic work-related wheezing and chest tightness were significantly associated with increased cumulative exposure to fogs (mineral oil and glycols) over the previous 2 years. Acute cough and dry throat were associated with acute exposure to glycol-based fogs; increased acute upper airway symptoms were associated with increased fog aerosol overall. Lung function was significantly lower among those working closest to the fog

Conclusions *Mineral oil- and glycol-based fogs are associated with acute and chronic adverse effects on respiratory health among employees. Reducing exposure, through controls, substitution, and elimination where possible, is likely to reduce these effects.* Am. J. Ind. Med. 47:411–418, 2005. © 2005 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

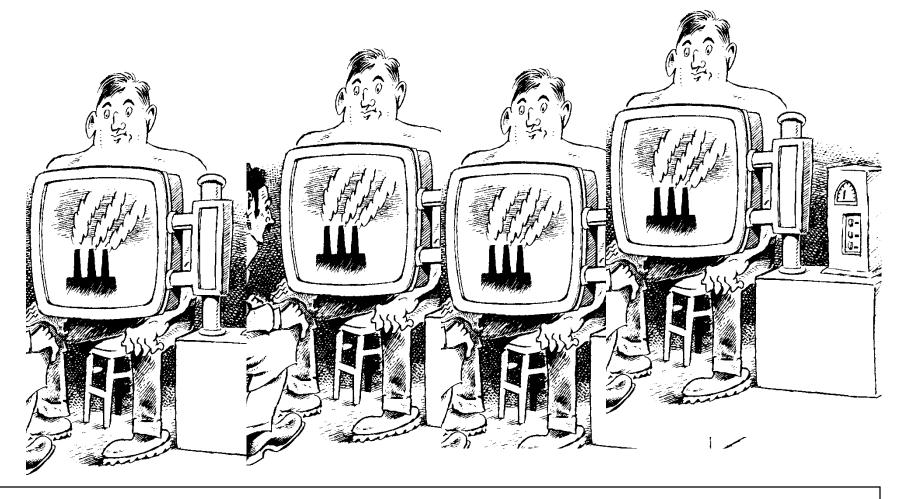
Theatrical smoke and fog

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Theatrical smoke and fog, also known as special effect smoke, fog or haze, is a category of atmospheric effects used in the entertainment industry. The use of fog can be found throughout motion picture and television productions, live theatre, concerts, at nightclubs and raves, amusement and theme parks and even in video arcades and similar venues. These atmospheric effects are used for creating special effects, to make lighting and lighting effects visible, and to create a specific sense of mood or atmosphere. If an individual is at an entertainment venue and beams of light are visible cutting across the room, that most likely means smoke or fog is being used. Theatrical smoke and fog are indispensable in creating visible mid-air laser effects to entertain audiences. Recently smaller, cheaper fog machines have become available to the general public, and fog effects are becoming more common in residential applications, from small house parties to Halloween and Christmas.

Theatrical fog and theatrical fog machines are also becoming more prevalent in industrial applications outside of the entertainment industry, due to their ease of use, inherent portability and ruggedness. Common popular applications for theatrical fog in include environmental testing, such as HVAC inspections, as well as emergency personnel and disaster response training exercises.

Militaries have historically used smoke and fog to mask troop movements in training and combat, and the techniques and technology used for generating smoke and fog in theatre and film are similar.



When you find one case of occupational disease, there are likely more around ...

In occupational medicine, n is nearly always >1

Other examples of ILD caused by "non toxic" agents

- Ardystil syndrome: spray paints used in textile industry (Spain, Algeria)
- Flock worker's lung: nylon flock (USA, Canada) + other polymers (Turkey, Spain)
- Popcorn worker's lung / Food flavourer's lung
- Korea: biocides used in domestic humidifiers

Novel materials

Popcorn worker's lung (Food flavourer's lung)



Popcorn worker's lung

- Kreiss et al. Clinical bronchiolitis obliterans in workers at a microwave-popcorn plant. N Engl J Med. 2002, 347, 330-8.
 - cause = "butter flavor" (GRAS)
 predominant compound:

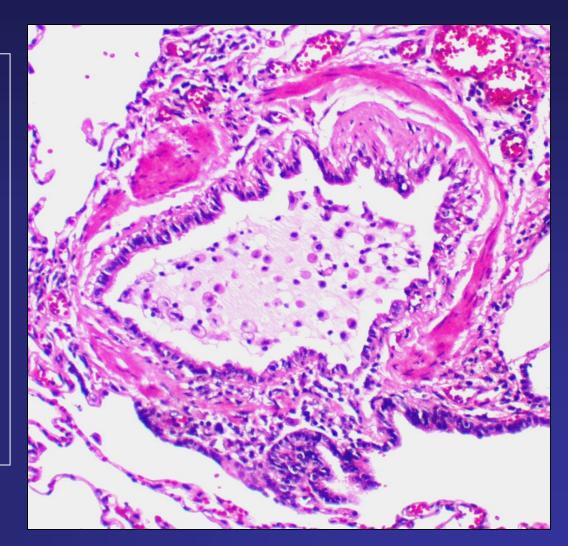
diacetyl = 2,3-butanedione
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$$CH_3 - C - C - CH_3$$

"POPCORN" LUNG

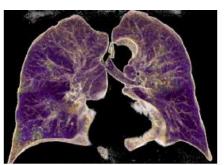
Proximity to the butter flavoring increased the risk of developing disease.

Histologic finding:
Constrictive bronchiolitis



Production of diacetyl

- van Rooy FBGJ *et al.* Bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome in chemical workers producing diacetyl for food flavourings. AJRCCM 2007,176, 498-504
- Retrospective study among 102 process operators in a Dutch chemical plant producing diacetyl (1960-2003)
- 3 (4) cases consistent with Bronchiolitis
 Obliterans







"Food flavourer's lung"

Hendrick D.J. "Popcorn worker's lung" in Britain in a man making potato crisp flavouring. *Thorax* 2008, 63, 267-8

- Man, 36 y, nonsmoker
- Exposed to diacetyl in factory producing food flavouring for potato crisps/chips
- Rapidly evolving fixed airways obstruction



April 26, 2013

Obliterative Bronchiolitis in Workers in a Coffee-Processing Facility — Texas, 2008–2012

- Two nonsmoking workers (W 34 y, M 39 y)
- Respiratory symptoms < 18 months of working in flavoring room
- Severe obstructive impairment (FEV₁ < 35% pred.)
- Diacetyl present in facility

More cases ? (ATS 2013)

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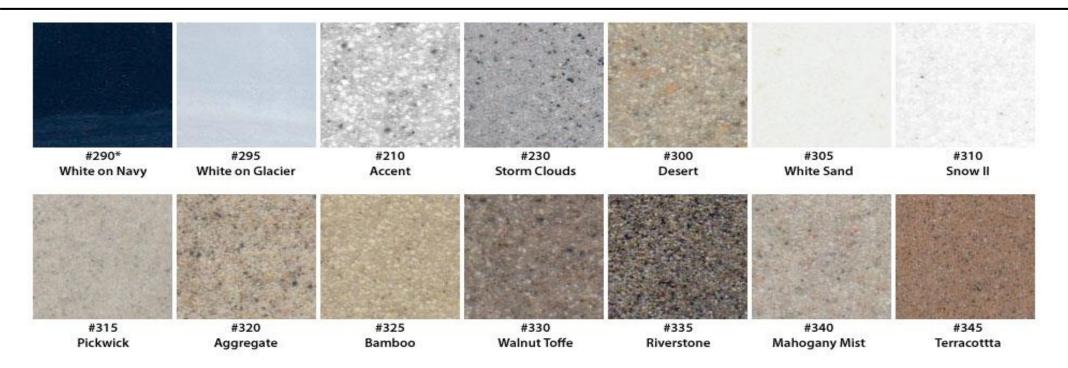
Respiratory Morbidity in a Coffee Processing Workplace With Sentinel Obliterative Bronchiolitis Cases

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- Bronchiolitis Obliterans in 5/13 former workers
- Possible Bronchiolitis Obliterans or Occupational Asthma in 11/75 current workers

SiO₂ in "novel" materials

"New materials" Kitchen and bathroom countertops, ...













CHEST

CHEST 2012; 142(2):419-424

Original Research

OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LUNG DISEASES

Artificial Stone Silicosis

Disease Resurgence Among Artificial Stone Workers

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- Israel, 1997-2010: retrospective analysis of 25 cases of silicosis referred for lung transplantation (n=10)
- Dry cutting of synthetic decorative stone "Caesarstone®" >85% quartz (+ resin + pigments) → kitchen & bathroom countertops

"Artificial marble"

Pascual *et al.* Prevalence of silicosis in a marble factory after exposure to quartz conglomerates. *Arch Bronconeumol.* 2011, 47, 50-1.

 Galdakao, Bizkaia, Spain: 6 cases of silicosis among 11 workers of family-run "marble" workshop ("innovative silica product" = quartz)

Pérez-Alonso *et al.* Outbreak of silicosis in Spanish quartz conglomerate workers. *Int J Occup Environ Health.* 2014, 20, 26-32.

 Cadiz, Spain, 2009-2012: 46 cases of silicosis in men making kitchen countertops (quartz countertops)

Friedman *et al.* Silicosis in a countertop fabricator – Texas, 2014. *MMWR* 2015, 64, 129-30

Silicosis and autoimmune disease

Straichman et al. Occup Med 2015, 65, 444-50

- Israel: institute for pulmonary transplantation
- "advanced silicosis databank" 9/40 patients with various autoimmune diseases [7.5 x expected] [3 with features of PAP]

Case	Symptoms	Physical findings	Relevant serologies	Clinical diagnosis
1	Raynaud's; Dysphagia	Sclerodactyly; Telangiectasia; Serositis	Anti-Scl-70 (+); SSA (anti-Ro) (+)	SSc
2	Raynaud's; Arthritis	Digital pitting; Arthritis; Serositis; Fever	ANA > 1:160; RNP (+); SSA (anti-Ro) (+)	MCD
3	Raynaud's; Dysphagia	Sclerodactyly; Digital pitting	ANCA (+)	SSc
4	Raynaud's	Digital pitting; Arthritis; Serositis	Anti-Scl-70 (+); RNP (+); SSA (anti-Ro) (+); SSB (anti-La) (+)	SSc
5	Arthritis, Xerostomia	Arthritis	ANA > 1:160; SSA (anti-Ro) (+)	Sjogren's syndrome
6	Arthritis	Arthritis; Fever; Rash	ANA 1:80; RNP (+); SSA (anti-Ro) (+)	MCD
7	Arthritis	Arthritis; Serositis	ANA > 1:160; RF (+)	RA
8	Arthritis	Arthritis	RF (+)	RA
9	Arthritis, Myalgia	Arthritis: Myositis	ANA (+); SSA (anti-Ro) (+); SSB (anti-La) (+); anti-JO-1 (+)	Polymyositis—anti- synthetase syndrome

Humidifier disinfectants and ILD

South Korea

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Pediatrics



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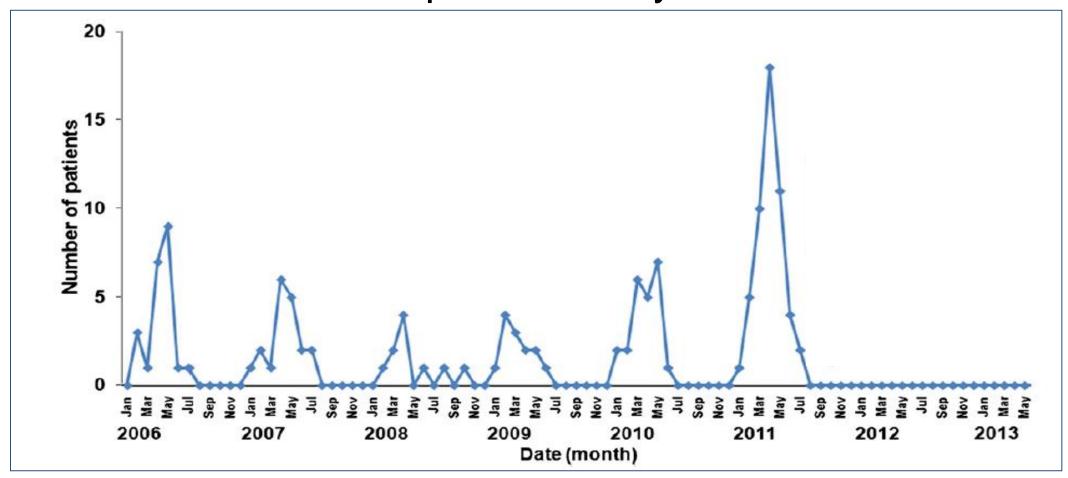
Toxic Inhalational Injury-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease in Children

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Interstitial lung disease in children (chILD) is a group of disorders characterized by lung inflammation and interstitial fibrosis. In the past recent years, we noted an outbreak of child in Korea, which is possibly associated with inhalation toxicity. Here, we report a series of cases involving toxic inhalational injury-associated chILD with bronchiolitis obliterans pattern in Korean children. This study included 16 pediatric patients confirmed by lung biopsy and chest computed tomography, between February 2006 and May 2011 at Asan Medical Center Children's Hospital. The most common presenting symptoms were cough

Kim K.W., Ahn K. et al. AJRCCM 2014, 189, 48-56

Nationwide retrospective study





Inhalation Toxicity of Humidifier Disinfectants as a Risk Factor of Children's Interstitial Lung Disease in Korea: A Case-Control Study

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2013

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Yang H.-J., Kim H.-J. *et al.* Inhalation toxicity of humidifier disinfectants as a risk factor of children's interstitial lung disease in Korea: a case-control study. *PLOS One* 2013, 8(6), e64430

- 16 pediatric patients matched 1:3 with controls (lobar pneumonia, asthma, healthy)
- Questionnaire (with photographs) on humidifiers + many other indoor & outdoor environmental factors
- ➤ use of humidifier disinfectants only significant risk factor (16/16 *vs* 11/47)



Yang H.-J., Kim H.-J. *et al. PLOS One* 2013, 8(6), e64430

- Humidifier disinfectants
 - PGH = oligo [2-(2-ethoxy) ethoxyethyl] guanidinium chloride
 - PHMG = polyhexamethyleneguanidine
 - DDAC = didecyldimethylammonium chloride
- widely used biocides for water systems and consumer products
- "non toxic" by oral or dermal route
- little or no data on toxicity by inhalation!

ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Humidifier Disinfectant-associated Children's Interstitial Lung Disease

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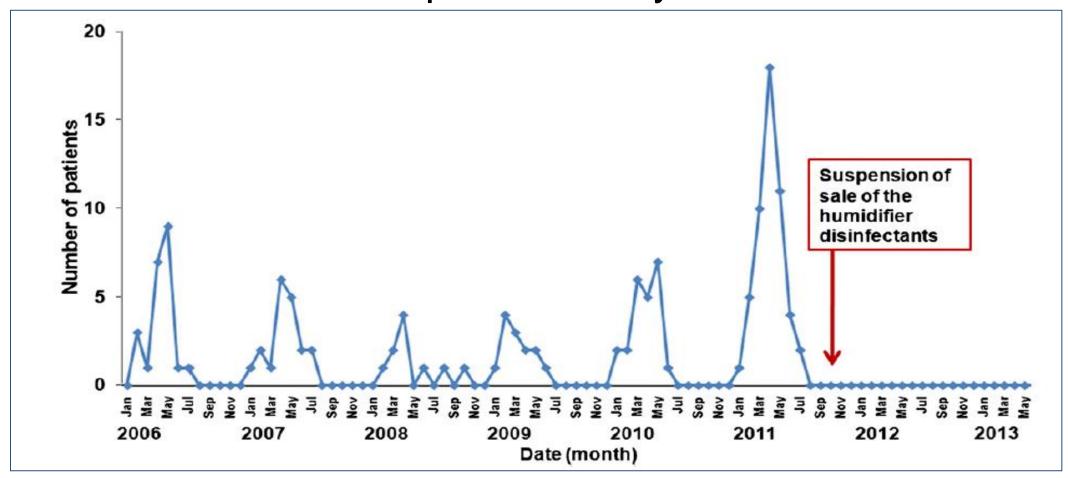
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- Nationwide retrospective study
- 138 children with chILD; 80 (58%) died
- some household clustering

 epidemic stopped after suspension of sale of humidifier disinfectants in 2011

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Nationwide retrospective study



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A cluster of lung injury associated with home humidifier use: clinical, radiological and pathological description of a new syndrome

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- 2011 (spring)
- 17 adults, 28-49 y, 15 women
- 6 pregnant, 4 delivery < 2 weeks
- 13/17 admitted to hospital
- 10/13 severe respiratory distress → ICU
- 5 deaths, 5 lung transplants
- Viral infection (avian flu, SARS, ...)?
- Yellow dust?
- Some familial clustering
- Humidifier disinfectants

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- 2004-2011 (spring)
- Detailed environmental questionnaire of 18/28 confirmed cases (15 women / 3 men) vs 121 matched controls
- Significantly more use of humidifier disinfectants (detergents) in cases (17/18) than controls (32/121): aOR = 53 [6-444]
- Majority (~80%) used PHMG
- Inhalation of PHMG (100 nm) caused acute pulmonary injury in experimental animals

Polyhexamethyleneguanidine (phosphate, hydrochloride)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} H & H \\ NH & \times HCI \end{array} \right\}_{r}$$



Material Safety Data Sheet

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IX. TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION ACUTE/CHRONIC TOXICITY TEST DATA

- oral LD50 (rat): 857mg/kg
- dermal LD₅₀ (rat) : 2000mg/kg
- eye irritation (rabbit): Mild irritation to the eyes
- skin irritation (rabbit): No Irritation
- skin sensitization (Guinea-Pig): No Sensitization

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PHMG (Polyhexamethylene guanidine)

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Take home message

Inhalation of "non toxic" chemicals may lead to (severe) lung disease ...

Thank you for your attention

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Obliterative bronchiolitis in fibreglass workers: a new occupational disease?

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- 6 workers [1987-2007, UK & Taiwan]
 - preparing fibreglass-reinforced plastic (5 boatbuilders)
 - 34 y (25-51y); onset of symptoms < 12 months
- · obliterative (constrictive) bronchiolitis
 - well documented, severe (1 death, 2 lung Tx)
- exact cause?
 - styrene-based resin

Chen et al. OEM Sept 2013 + 2 patients (MEKPO?)

- accelerator (methylethylketoneperoxide, dimethylphthalate)
- other chemicals, solvents