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Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma: Paper by Vineis et al (2007) on "Exposure to Solvents and Risk of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma: Clues on Putative Mechanisms"

At the last meeting, members asked to see the attached paper which had been mentioned by Professor Vineis in the context of the discussion on possible chemical causation of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL). The paper reports findings from a population-based case-control study of NHL in Italy which finds a non statistically significant increase in NHL in individuals with both exposure to benzene and a history of autoimmune disease (OR 16.3; 95% CI 0.8-321). A statistically significant increase (OR 29.8; 95% CI 1.4-650.2), based on 9 exposed cases, was found among individuals with high-level exposure to benzene and with a positive family history of malignant haematologic neoplasms.

Do Members have any comments on this paper?

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