

**T**he theory of vaccination has never been successfully tested. And right now there is a hotly growing debate over whether vaccinations are linked to the increased incidence of lung, brain and bone cancers seen in children and adults.

The controversy began when a simian (monkey) virus called SV-40 was discovered in some of these tumors. How did it get there?

According to doctors Reinhardt and Roberts in a research paper published in a 1997 issue of the *Journal of Medical Hypothesis*, "the attenuated polio virus was cultured on the African green monkey kidney tissue to be used for mass vaccination purposes in North America and Zaire."

## Vaccine/Cancer Connection

by OJ Ressel, DC

Along with the polio virus, an unknown simian virus was also grown. In the early 60s it was found that the polio vaccine was contaminated with this simian virus and could pose a health risk to humans. Dr Reinhardt stated that by the late 60s more than 50 different simian viruses were reported in so-called normal cultures.

"As technological methods to detect simian viruses are improved, fewer and fewer lots of vaccines will be called SV-free. Since testing for the exclusion of such organisms might have significantly increased the cost of vaccine production, it was deemed impractical to free the polio virus pool from contamination."

### Contaminated Vaccines

Millions of North Americans are affected by these contaminated polio vaccines.

John Martin, MD, PhD, head of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Pathology Laboratories at the

University of Southern California, has been culturing these viral contaminants for the past eight years. He refers to "hidden" simian viruses as "stealth" viruses, the main one being labeled as SV-40. They belong to a novel class of atypical cytopathic viruses (capable of causing pathological changes in cells).

The name "stealth" was given because these viruses have the ability to evade detection by the body's cellular defense mechanisms and don't produce the inflammation that's common of most infections. These stealth viruses can remain dormant in an infected individual throughout life and may not produce any symptoms for decades.

Steve Marini, MSC, DC, PhD, a chiropractor and immunologist for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, said he is very concerned because "when you introduce unstable animal viruses into man, there is a high risk of new recombinant (formation of new combination of genes) events occurring which can produce new kinds of diseases."

SV-40 can act as a catalyst for different types of cancer in people who have received the contaminated polio vaccine as well as their children. It apparently turns a cell cancerous by switching off a protein tag which protects cells from becoming malignant. This means that SV-40-infected individuals could be predisposed to develop certain kinds of cancer.

Along with the potential cancer-causing SV-40 virus, microbiologist Howard Urnovitz, PhD, founder of the Chronic Illness Research Foundation, presented a well documented theory which has since been supported by Leonard Horowitz (*alive* #182) in his book *Emerging Viruses: AIDS and Ebola—Nature, Accident or Intentional?* These researchers contend that the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV-1) is a monkey-human hybrid that was created by injection of a human population with the SV-contaminated oral polio vaccine, including the simian immuno-deficiency virus (SIV) and

the SV-40 virus. They believe it is highly probable that a monkey virus introduced into the human gene pool via contaminated polio vaccines is playing a major role in the current epidemic of immune and neurological diseases in the baby boomer generation and their children.

### Children Endangered

In November of 1996, *New York Magazine* carried an article entitled "A Shot in the Dark" after the work of Barbara Loe-Fisher, who published a book of the same title exposing the dangers of the DPT vaccine. The article described how researchers inside and outside of government and pharmaceutical companies have known for nearly four decades that batches of polio vaccine, especially between 1955 and 1963, were riddled with SV-40 contamination. The disturbing revelation was that SV-40 was recently identified in the tumors of adults who were vaccinated with the contaminated polio vaccine as children and who are now dying from brain, lung and bone cancers.

In December of 1996, *Money Magazine* ran an 11-page article entitled "The Lethal Dangers of the Billion Dollar Vaccine Business."

Writer Andrea Rock followed the well known journalistic tradition of "follow the money." The money trail led to the conclusion that there have been severe violations of public trust by federal regulatory agencies: health officials publicly downplay the lethal risk of a vaccine; medical experts with financial ties have endangered the health of immunized kids while enhancing the bottom line of drug companies; manufacturers put profits ahead of vaccine safety—with impunity.

### Brain Cancer

The October 1996 issue of *Cancer Research* holds the crux of the controversy. It reported a 30 per cent increase of brain tumors in the United States over the past 20 years, as well as the "mysterious" rise of lung and brain cancers. The journal also reported that SV-40 is now being spread sexually between adults and from mother to child *in utero* in much the same way AIDS is spread.

The *Cancer Research* article also pointed out the dismal fact that SV-40 was detected from 1992 in brain tumors of children who were born after 1965 and who did not receive the original polio vaccine containing SV-40. The virus was detected in 25 per cent of the blood and semen of healthy study subjects.

In answer to the growing evidence of a "governmental cover-up," Dr Robert Pless, a vaccine expert at Health Canada Division of Immunization, confirmed that the tainted polio vaccine was used in Canada. Dr Pless told Leslie Papp, a reporter for the *Toronto Star*, that he was "willing to provide details, but couldn't do it without receiving clearance from the department's public relations section."

Why would Health Canada's Immunization Division need a public relations department?

Pless also stated that "there may be absolutely no long-term implications and it would require a massive record search to find out how many Canadians were exposed. It wasn't done."

Dr Ronald Gold, is the former head of the Infectious Disease Division at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and now a vaccine research consultant with Connaught Laboratories. He said that millions of Canadians were exposed but that the occurrence rate for the rare tumors linked to the SV-40 haven't shown an increase.

"If something were to happen, it should have happened by now," Gold said, "especially since these tumors mostly occur in children. The final answer is not in, but there is certainly nothing to panic about." (Why don't I feel better already?)

### Cover Up Continues

In an American Medical Association (AMA) press release of January 28, 1998, Dr Howard Strickler of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) reported that "our study failed to detect any significant increases in the risk of cancers reported to contain SV-40 DNA among the birth cohorts exposed to the SV-40 contaminated vaccine. No relation exists between exposure to SV-40 contaminated vac-

cines and the development of cancer."

The National Vaccine Information Centre (NVIC), a vaccine safety consumer group, responded to the AMA press release.

"It is an attempt by government officials with conflicts of interest to dismiss the role of the polio vaccine contaminated with SV-40 in human bone, lung and brain cancers."

NVIC points out that there is a conflict of interest when government

researchers, regulate and promote for universal use. According to Barbara Lo Fisher, Strickler's conclusions ignore the fact that:

- SV-40 is being detected in cancers of children born during the past five years. This suggests that government scientists do not know how SV-40 is being transmitted, or whether the SV-40 is a monkey-human hybrid virus capable of being passed from parent to child.

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- The development of cancer is never caused by one factor. Strickler's analysis dismisses the fact that SV-40 and asbestos could be co-factors in the development of lung cancer. These were unheard of before 1950 when the polio vaccine was first introduced and asbestos was first used in commercial buildings.
- In addition to children, millions of adult North Americans received the contaminated polio vaccine in the 50s and 60s and thousands of North Americans today suffer from lung cancer compared to very rare cases of this cancer in 1960.
- Lung cancer rates increase with age and therefore children who received this polio vaccine in 1955 would be over 50 years old in 1997 and would not yet have reached the high-risk age of lung cancer.

As well, Strickler's analysis depended heavily on cancer statistics provided by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) which only began collecting data in 1973.

Children who received the contaminated polio vaccine and who died of cancer prior to 1973 were excluded from the data used in the study. Furthermore, NCI statistics reflect less than 10 per cent of the US population and are not a complete reflection of the cancer rates in the entire United States.

Dr Howard Urnovitz calls Strickler's analysis "a misuse of statistics that disregards important published scientific data by independent scientists contraindicating the government's conclusions."

Dr Urnovitz maintains that SIV recombined with normal human genes and created a monkey-human hybrid retrovirus now known as HIV-1. He has stated that the AIDS vaccine would not work because it would be "built against a normal human gene." We would be vaccinating against ourselves!

Nowhere on the face of the planet is a theory made and put into practise on an unsuspecting population, except in the case of vaccination. It should be the reverse.

Let's propose a theory, study the effects and the implications, discuss its research conclusions with independent researchers all over the world, and if it has merit, let's use it. This type of protocol is sound science. Today, vaccination is viewed with religious fervor and zeal, not scientific scrutiny.

According to Dr Christopher Kent of Paradigm Partners, a world renowned lecture and research group, "it's time we inoculate physicians with a little common sense."

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**Recommended Reading:**

**A Shot in the Dark**

*H Coulter 246 pp (sc) \$13.95*

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