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## RISK FACTORS FOR LUNG CANCER

### ABSTRACT

The authors present the analysis of the main risk factors for lung cancer, such as smoking, including passive one, industrial pollution of environment, air pollution, ionizing radiation and et al. It has been shown that lung cancer should be referred to a socially significant morbidity, prevention and treatment problems of which are not settled yet.

**Keywords:** lung cancer, risk factors, malignant tumors.

In most countries lung cancer is a wide spread form of tumor and one of the most important medical and social-economic problems. About 1.6 mln new cases of the given morbidity are registered annually (about 1 mln men), 55% is in the developing countries. The largest number of patients is registered in Asia (54.3%), Europe (24.2%) and Northern America (14.7%) [37].

Lung cancer is in the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the MT morbidity structure. A proportion of the given pathology in developed countries is 13.0% (the 2<sup>nd</sup> place after colorectal cancer), in developing countries -12.4% (the 1<sup>st</sup> place). Lung cancer morbidity of women (8.5%) is less than men's morbidity (16.5%). Maximum proportion of men LC in European countries is (16.8%) and Northern America-(15.1%), women in Northern America (14.3) ,in Asia (9.4) [2].

One of the reasons of MT spread is population "ageing". Morbidity increase owing to demographic component will be-23.2% in developing countries, in developed ones it's lower-12.2% [42].

In the Russian Federation in 2010 81.4% of patients were men. 65.8% of patients were 60 and older. In 2010 women LC was in the 10<sup>th</sup> place, its proportion-3.8(in 1998-4.5%) "Rough" data (RD) of men and women morbidity was 40.2 o/oooo in 2010 (in 1998-44.2o/oooo). Standardized data (SD) of men morbidity (54.0o/oooo) is lower by 19.3% than in 1998. Maximum men morbidity is in the age group of 70-74, women-75 and more. The ratio of men and women morbidity at the age of 65-69 is 9.9. Middle age of morbidity is 64.4-men, 67.7-women [19].

The highest level of morbidity is found out in Siberia and Far East, men (307.4 and 291.4 o/oooo, women (218.6 and 214.2 o/oooo accordingly. The highest data of men morbidity are in Altai (104.9), in Magadan (104.4), women population-in Magadan (19.3), Zabaikalsk (14.6), Republic Tyba (12.1). Lung cancer risk in RF during a man life (0-74) is very high in 2010, it made up 6.85% (in 1989-9.86%), women risk is lower-0.86%.

According to (BO3) Committee data 90% of tumors are the result of outer reasons and 10% depends on genetic factors [35]. The main reason of lung cancer is smoking. Research data found out that 85-95% of men morbidity and 65-80% of women one etiologically are connected with smoking [48.56].

The first epidemiological works associating smoking with LC were published in Germany at the end of 1930 and in the 50s this fact was supported by some independent researches. Ten years later some serious activities were begun against this dangerous habit in Europe and the USA [57]. Tobacco smoke consists of nicotine and about 4000 chemical combinations out of which 438 ones promote LC: polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), benzopyrene, aromatic aminas (naphthylamine, aminobiphenyl), nitro-compounds, nitrosamine, vinyl chloride, benzol, formaldehyde, phenols, chromium, cadmium, polonium-210 free radical etc. [5].

Risk of men smoked some years ago increased 9-17 times depending on a number of smoked cigarettes a day. 10 cigarettes a day is equal to 8 morbidities with cancer, 10-19 cigarettes a day-19, 20-29 cigarettes-20, 30 cigarettes-35 [6.3].

In many countries a number of smoking women increased sharply and reached men's level [39]. LC of smoking women is equal to 12.7; 25-30 cigarettes a day increase morbidity to 20-30 [31,62]. Low data of women are the result of late starting to smoke. Carcinogen effect is the result of 20-25 latent period.

LC risk depends on duration of smoking [11,40]. Giving up smoking lowers a level of LC. Cumulative risk of men given up smoking at the age of 50-59 is equal to 7, at the age of 40-49-5, at the age of before 40 is equal to non-smokers [6].

Passive smoking influences non-smokers 1.7 times. Metaanalysis of epidemiological researches found out that risk of non-smoking women at home and work increases by 17-25%, men-36%, at work-28%. A longer smoke risk increases to 30% depending on a dose [27,61].

Industrial pollution of environment influences MT morbidity. Most occupational kinds of cancer are the result of carcinogen factors. A latent period lasts many years. A number of industrial LC is 6.7-15.0% [56,58,60].

Carcinogen substances (group 1, MAIR classification) increasing LC risk are asbestos, benzpyrenium, beryllium, chlormethyl-ether, mustard gas, cadmium and its derivatives, crystalline silicon, arsenic, nickel and its combinations, talk, 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin, formaldehyde vapour are coal-resin, chemical industry (rubber, soot, tar, pitch, mineral oils, strong, inorganic acids containing sulphuric acid vapour).

To industries having LC risk can be referred: aluminium and foundry industry, gasification and coal-coke, coal resin, chemical industry (rubber production, isopropyl alcohol, painting). LC risk is high for workers dealing with asbestos production, textile industry, ship-yards and cement production [59]. LC statistics is high for the following occupations: mining and quarry workers, wood production for women [24,25,33,34,36,47]. In RF state epidemics supervision registered 328 occupational kinds of cancer, out of it 159- LC [3].

One of the main factors influencing a man risk to fall ill with LC is air pollution. People living in highly developed industrial cities, especially heavy, chemical, oil-chemical, oil-refining industries, suffer from LC than cities of light and food industry [2]. Non-smokers living on territories of high air pollution run the risk to die from LC. It's by 20% higher than people living on "clean" territories [43].

Benzpyrenium (BP) is taken as an air pollution indicator. Long influence of BP increases the frequency of LC, it makes up 1.5-1.75 NG/M, it exceeds (.....) 1.5-2 times. Carbuettor and dizel engines throw out 20 MCG/M of BP. A city inhabitant can inhale about 0.6 MCG of BP of car waste. 50 cigarettes have the same number of BP.

Epidemiological research comes to the conclusion that after smoke risk LC connected with the air pollution makes up 1.4-1.5. It's noticed in cities of Siberia and Far East [14,15]. Death risk from MT in polluted regions is 2.5 times, among men-2 times higher than in the planned region [10]. Not only big energetic plants but also waste of small boiler-houses and stoves can be a LC risk factor.

Ionizing radiation is a proved factor of MT. LC risk is very high for the people experienced atom bombing, irradiated for diagnosing and treating aims etc. [22,30]. LC risk is connected with breast R-ray in Russia and other countries of Eastern and Central Europe. People who had 11-20 X-ray examinations their risk was 1.33; 21-30 examinations- 1.49; 31-40 examinations- 1.52. Maximum risk was 2.15 of people who had more than 40 X-ray examinations [26].

In the USA 28347 workers of two atom enterprises got average dose 10m3v. A statistic tie between a dose, radiation and death is .....=17). Workers of radiochemical and plutonium 6,6m3v in their lungs. But in some epidemiological researches a high LC risk in atom enterprises is not proved [1,6,12].

Radon is an inert, heavy, invisible gas without smell made up from radium as a result of uranium dissociation and it's a natural source of ionizing radiation. Radon concentration in the atmosphere changes depending on a location, time, altitude and meteo conditions. It causes active influence on man inner organs (bronchils and lung epithelial). Researches carried out in Sweden, the USA, China, Moscow found out LC

risk increase by 3-14% due to a high level of radon in dwelling houses [6,8]. Radon is the second main factor after smoking causing LC. Carried out meta-analysis proved that radon caused 10% of all deaths and 30% of deaths from LC of non-smokers. The main source of radon and its product decay are building materials [17,19]. Concentration of radium in a stone, concrete, brick, gyps is about 40 BQ/KG (1.....) [13]. Wood is ecologically pure, specific radio-activity is lower 1BQ/KG.

Risk factors of LC are alcohol, overweight and passive physical activity [46,48,49,53]. Chronic inflammatory changes of bronchial membrane cause LC of most patients.

Research results confirm that one of the reasons causing cancer morbidities is concentration of free radicals in the organism. It can be protected by antioxidants of ferment and non-ferment nature. Under the influence of radiation, pollution and other factors free radicals are worked out. Redundancy of it and lack of antioxidants in the organism hurt nucleic acids, proteins and other macromolecule cells. People eating a large amount of fruit or vegetables, especially tomatoes [28,32] and a group of cruciferates [45 lower LC risk (21,38,44). A group of cruciferates contains glucocynalates which of II phase detoxification (GST) [51].

Flavonoids contain antioxidants and anti-inflammation characteristics. Strawberries, green and black tea (katechin), Brussels sprout, apples, beans and onions (quercetin) contain flavonoids and protect organism from LC blockading angiogenesis and throwing out apoptosis. Flavonoids also work against tobacco toxin protecting DNA [54].

Analysis of vitamin A is contradictory [44,52]. But its rich in vitamins reacts to chemical carcinogens and inhibits cell differentiation. Beta-carotene and vitamin E (alpha-tocopherol) are strong antioxidants, their role is to stop a process of carcinogen [5,7]. Deficit of vitamins B12, B6, 7, folic acid, zinc and iron causes two-chained DNA break similar to ionizing radiation [23,41].

Level of air pollution is high enough in towns of the Republic Sakha (Yakutia) as the town air is full of benzopyrene and formaldehyde, its average annual level exceeds the norm 2-3 times. Maximum concentration is reached: weighed substances-formaldehyde-2-2.5 ....., hydrogen sulphide- 1.3 ....., Average month concentration of benzopyrene exceeds the norm more than 7 times. The main reasons of the air pollution are transport overload in the town streets, lack of modern gas cleaning and dust-catching settings in the industrial units, waste of plants and factories, a low quality of roads, not enough green plantations, unsatisfactory situation of housing and communal services [4].

Thus, lung cancer should be referred to a socially significant morbidity, problems of which are not settled yet. Most oncologists are of the opinion that modern prophylaxis, high consciousness, self-control, perfection of early clinical diagnosis will play a great role in lowering death from oncology.

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