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ortho-toluidine

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Dear Dr. Rice:

Your letter of August 1 has been referred to me.
Please accept my apologies for an unavoidable delay in replying.

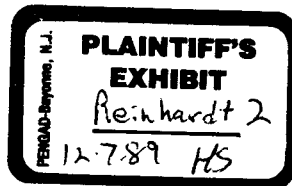
I know of no experience of our own with ortho-toluidine which would suggest that it is carcinogenic. However, on page 88 (item 371) of the publication "Survey of Compounds Which Have Been Tested for Carcinogenic Activity" compiled by Jonathan L. Hartwell, National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health, and published by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service in 1951, I find that ortho-toluidine has produced papillomata in experimental animals.

Apart from any human experience, I would suggest that this reported finding would make one hesitate to use ortho-toluidine in the cervical canal.

Yours sincerely,

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