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## Abstract

### Investigation of Occupational Dermatological Problem with Additives in Polypropylene Manufacturing Process

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**Objectives:** To investigate the causative agents for the dermatological problems associated with the polypropylene manufacturing process.

**Methods:** The study subjects consisted of 44 male workers involved in the polypropylene manufacturing process. Twenty-seven of them had been exposed to additives, and the remaining 17 had not. Among the 27 exposed, 10 had been exposed previously, and 17 are currently being exposed through their duties. Patch test were performed with three different concentrations, 0.1%, 1% and 10% of 10 different additives that was diluted with Vaseline.

**Results:** 18 subjects (41%) had positive reactions to the patch tests. Exposed group had a higher reaction rate (51.9%) than the control group (23.5%). When the positive reactions were further classified, 7, 6 and 5 were compatible with probably irritant, probably allergic, and multiple hypersensitivity reactions respectively. The most frequent reactions were from Ultranox-626 followed by Millad 3988, Armoslip-E and Songstab Sc-100.

**Conclusions:** When considering the significantly higher probability of an allergic reaction rate among the currently exposed group compared to non- or previously-exposed groups, the nature of dermatological problems in a polypropylene plant is probably allergic. Ultranox-626, Millad3988, Armoslip-E and Songstab Sc-100 were the main causatives agents found in the process.

**Key Words:** Patch Tests, Polypropylenes, Irritants, Hypersensitivity

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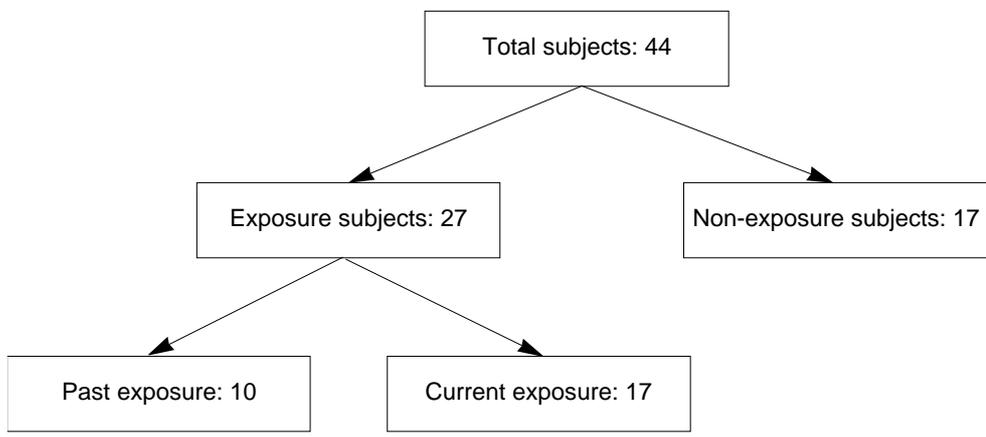
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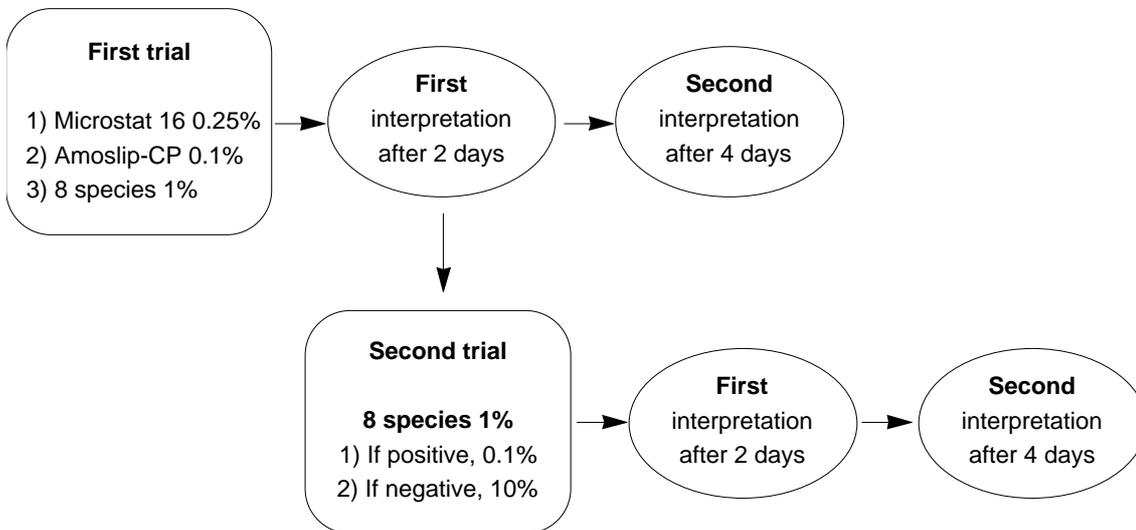


**Fig. 1.** Subjects of study (unit: person)

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 finn chamber benzoate 0.25%(Nethercott et al, 1984)  
 , Amoslip-CP 9-Octadecenamamide  
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 (MSDS), 0.1%, 1%, 10%  
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**Table 1.** Additives and their chief components with potential dermatologic problems

Trade name	Chemical name
Microstat 16	Sodium benzoate
Amoslip-CP	9-Octadecenamamide
Songstab SC-110	Calcium stearate
Armoslip-E	13-Docosenamamide
BHT	2,6-di-tert-p-cresol
Millad 3988	3,4-dimethylbenzylidene sorbitol
Ultranox-626	Bis(2,4-di-t-butylphenyl) pentaerythritol di phosphate
Ethanox 330	1,3,5-trimethyl-2,4,6-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzyl) benzene
Acrawax-C	N,N-Ethylene distearylamine
Towrex AO-180T	Distearyl thiopropionate



**Fig. 2.** Process of patch test

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 , 1% , , ( ± )  
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 0.1% , , +2  
 10% (Fig. 2). , +3 finn chamber  
 (Table 2).  
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 tion) , 4  
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 (strong hypersensitivity reaction to mul-  
 tiple substances)  
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 Fisher ( Table 3).  
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 (Fregert, 1974).

**Table 2.** Interpretation of results

Results	Condition
Negative (-)	No reaction
Doubt ( ± )	Intermediate between positive and negative
Positive (+)	
+1 Weakly positive	Reddish eruption
+2 Strong positive	Blister change
+3 Very strong positive	beyond finn chamber

**Table 3.** Classification of irritant and allergen

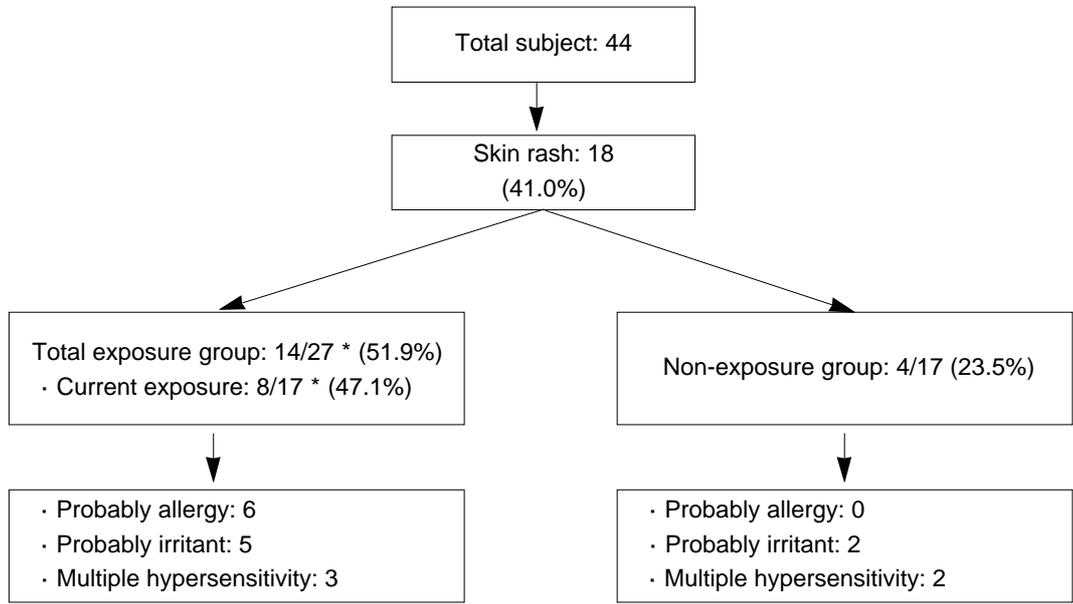
Results	Reaction after 2 days	Reaction after 4 days
Probably irritants	Positive	Negative
Probably allergens	Positive or Negative	Positive
Strong hypersensitivity reaction to multiple substances(6 or more)	Positive or Negative	Positive

(p=0.06). 1)  
 Table 4 . Ultranox-626 Millad 3988 Subtotal indicates sum of number of proba-  
 가 bly irritants and probably allergens 2) Total  
 ( ) Ultranox-626 13 indicates number of subjects except negative  
 , Millad 3988 Armoslip- $\Xi$  11 , reaction in patch test 8  
 Songstab Sc-100 10 (Table 4). (47.1%), 6 (60.0%)  
 ( ) 1 16 6.6 .  
 18 (41.0%) . 14 (51.9%) 4 2 가 2  
 4 (23.5%) (Fig. 3).  
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**Table 4.** Results of each additives

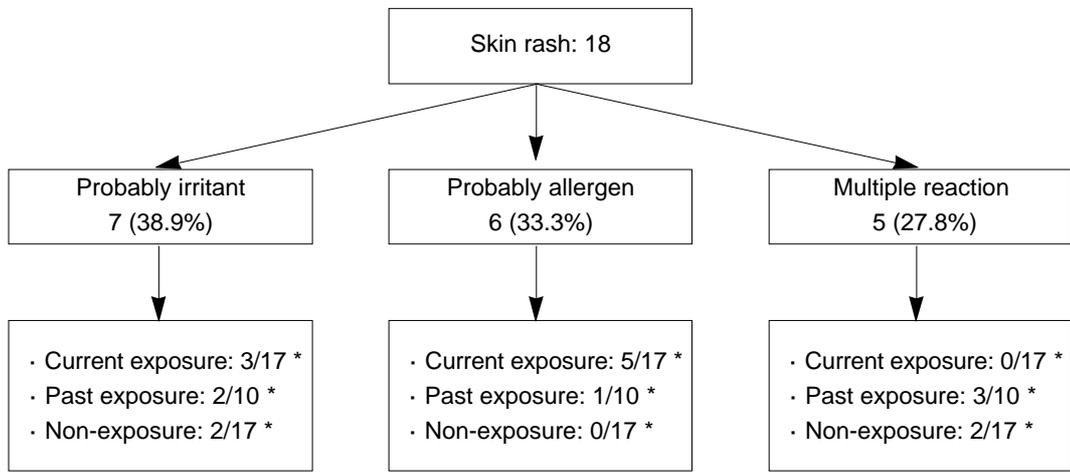
Additives	concentration (%)	Probably irritants N (%)	Probably allergens N (%)	Subtotal <sup>1)</sup> N (%)	Total <sup>2)</sup> N (%)
Microstat 16	0.25	4 (10.5)	2 (5.3)	6 (15.8)	6 (13.6)
Amoslip-CP	0.1	5 (13.2)	2 (5.3)	7 (18.4)	7 (15.9)
Songstab SC-110	1	3 (7.1)	2 (4.8)	5 (14.3)	10 (22.7)
	10	3 (7.9)	3 (7.9)	6 (15.8)	
	0.1	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	1 (2.6)	
Armoslip-E	1	3 (7.1)	2 (4.8)	5 (11.9)	11 (25)
	10	2 (5.3)	1 (2.6)	3 (7.9)	
	0.1	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
BHT	1	1 (2.4)	3 (7.1)	4 (9.5)	8 (18.2)
	10	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
	0.1	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
Millad 3988	1	3 (7.1)	1 (2.4)	4 (9.5)	11 (25.0)
	10	6 (15.8)	4 (10.5)	10 (26.3)	
	0.1	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
Ultranox-626	1	1 (2.4)	2 (4.8)	3 (7.1)	13 (29.5)
	10	6 (15.8)	6 (15.8)	12 (31.6)	
	0.1	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
Ethanox 330	1	3 (7.1)	3 (7.1)	6 (14.3)	8 (18.2)
	10	2 (5.3)	2 (5.3)	4 (10.5)	
	0.1	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
Acrawax-C	1	2 (4.8)	3 (7.1)	5 (11.9)	7 (15.9)
	10	1 (2.6)	2 (5.3)	3 (7.9)	
	0.1	1 (2.6)	0 (0)	1 (2.6)	
Towrex AO-180T	1	0 (0)	2 (4.8)	2 (4.8)	8 (18.2)
	10	2 (5.3)	2 (5.3)	4 (10.5)	
	0.1	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	

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7 (38.9%) , 5 가 1 , 0  
6 (33.3%) 가 (p=0.04).  
5 (27.8%) 가  
3 , 2 가  
2 가 3 , 2 가  
(p=0.88). 가 (p=0.05)(Fig. 4).



\* Number of subjects of positive finding/number of total subjects

**Fig. 3.** Distribution of skin rash about patch test (unit: person)



\* Number of subjects of positive finding/number of total subjects

**Fig. 4.** Classification according to skin reaction of patch test (unit: person)



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