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## Incidence of Micronuclei in Lymphocytes of Pig in the High Background Radiation Area (Goesan-gun)

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Cytogenetic and hematological analysis was performed in peripheral blood of pig in the high background radiation area (HBRA) (Goesan-gun) and control area. The frequency of micronuclei (MN) in peripheral blood lymphocytes from pig was used as a biomarker of radiobiological effects resulting from exposure to environmental radiation. An estimated dose of radiation was calculated by a best fitting linear-quadratic model based on the radiation-induced MN formation from the swine lymphocytes exposed in vitro to radiation over the range from 0 Gy to 4 Gy. When analysed by linear-quadratic model the line of best fit was y = 0.0102D2 + 0.0250D + 0.011 [y = number of MN/cytokinesis-blocked (CB) cells and D = irradiation dose in Gy]. MN rates per 1,000 CB lymphocytes of pig from HBRA and control area were  $9.20 \pm 3.88$  and  $11.00 \pm 2.98$ , respectively. There were no significant differences in MN frequencies and hematological values in pig between HBRA and control area.

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