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Table 9 Details of lymphoproliferative malignancies

| | Rheumatoid arthritis | Polymyalgia rheumatica |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|
| Total number | 14 | 4 |
| Lymphomas | 9 | 2 |
| Macroglobulinaemias | 2 | 2 |
| Leukaemias | 3 | 0 |
| Duration of disease preceding malignancy: mean and range in years | 9.2 (range 1-24) | 5.3 (range 3-9) |

received cytotoxic therapy and the malignancies seemed to be related to disease chronicity rather than its severity or treatment. Secondly, an attempt was made to detect an intermediate stage of restricted clone development in 9 patients with marked hyper-

gammaglobulinaemia. Bone marrow immunofluorescence studies were performed to determine whether abnormalities of the kappa-lambda ratio were present, but none were found in these cases of RA.

This study supports the concept that RA and other chronic immune disorders are associated with the development of LPM in some patients. The effect of other factors such as cytotoxic drugs on the incidence of LPM must be interpreted in the light of an apparent increased risk of LPM in RA alone.

Reference

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Notes

Fourth Alessandro Robecchi international prize

This prize, equivalent to 1.5 million lire, is intended to reward clinical, biological, and experimental researches in rheumatology. It will be confined to medical works published in the course of the last 4 years or accepted for publication, and will be delivered during the X Congress of the European League against Rheumatism at Moscow in June 1983. The work must be written in English, Italian, French, German, or Spanish. Seven copies of the work and summary should be sent before 1 December 1982 to Professor Vittorio Daneo, Direttore del Centro di Reumatologia, Ospedale Maggiore di San Giovanni Battista, Corso Bramante 88, 10126 Torino, Italy.

Ogryzlo International Fellowship

The fourth Ogryzlo fellowship will be for training in rheumatology at a Canadian Rheumatic Disease Unit for the 12 months commencing 1 July, 1983. Applications must be submitted to the Arthritis Society, 920 Yonge Street, Ste. 420, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 3J7, by 15 October, 1982. Application forms and regulations may be obtained from the society. Canadian citizens and landed immigrants to Canada are not eligible. The Ogryzlo fellowship carries a stipend of \$20 000 US per annum. It is a gift by members of the Canadian Rheumatism Association in memory of their late colleague, Dr Metro A. Ogryzlo.

Volvo awards

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South African Rheumatism and Arthritis Association

The Eighth Biennial Congress of the South African Rheumatism and Arthritis Association will be held in Durban on 20-22 September 1982, preceded by a one-day rheumatology teach-in on 18 September. Details from the Organising Committee, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, PO Box 17039, Congella 4013, South Africa.