

## **Effects of Benzene Exposure: Samples from Chinese Factory Workers**

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This protocol sought to discover any connection between Benzene exposure and chromosomal and cellular damage. To do this it collected samples of blood, semen, urine and information from 40+ workers who work with glues containing significant concentrations of benzene. A control group of 59 individuals were recruited from nearby factories which did not work with benzene and administered the same tests.

Payment was made for the samples and they were promised privacy in collection and confidentiality. ID information was only found on the contact form, enrollment log and consent form. ID numbers were used for all computer files. The forms were locked away and sent to the U.S. PI after recruitment was complete. Meanwhile they were locked in a drawer at an office in the town where they were obtained.

There were concerns about privacy, payment for samples (coercion?), and how informed consent was obtained.

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