

# **Biological Consequences of Hyperthermia**

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# ***COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THERMAL BIOEFFECTS***

## **Medical Applications of Hyperthermia**

- **Hyperthermia literature is voluminous**
- **Diathermy widely used in treatment of soft tissue injury**
- **Both apply  $>100$  W/kg RF to patients without harm other than burns**

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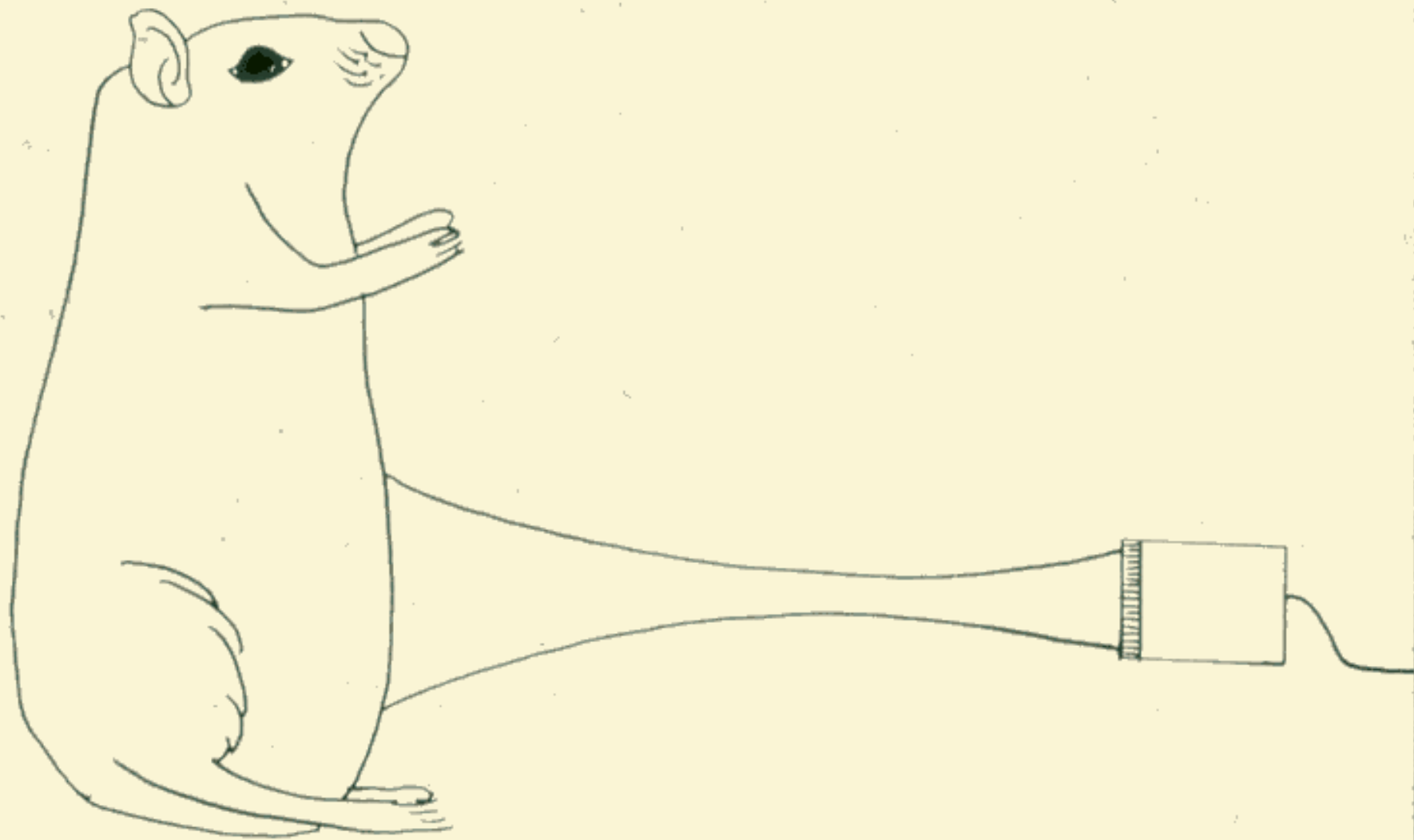
## **Thermal Bioeffects**

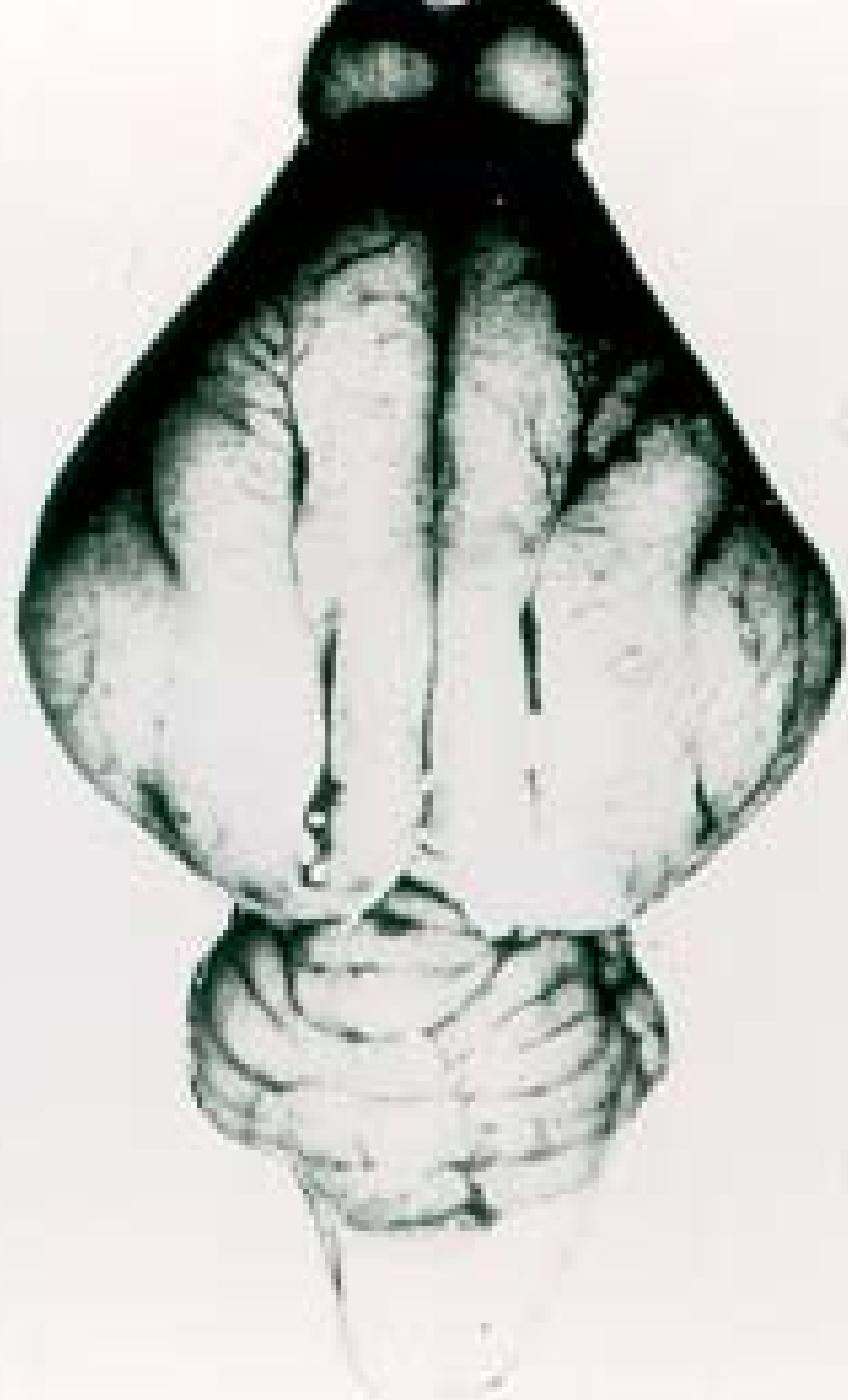
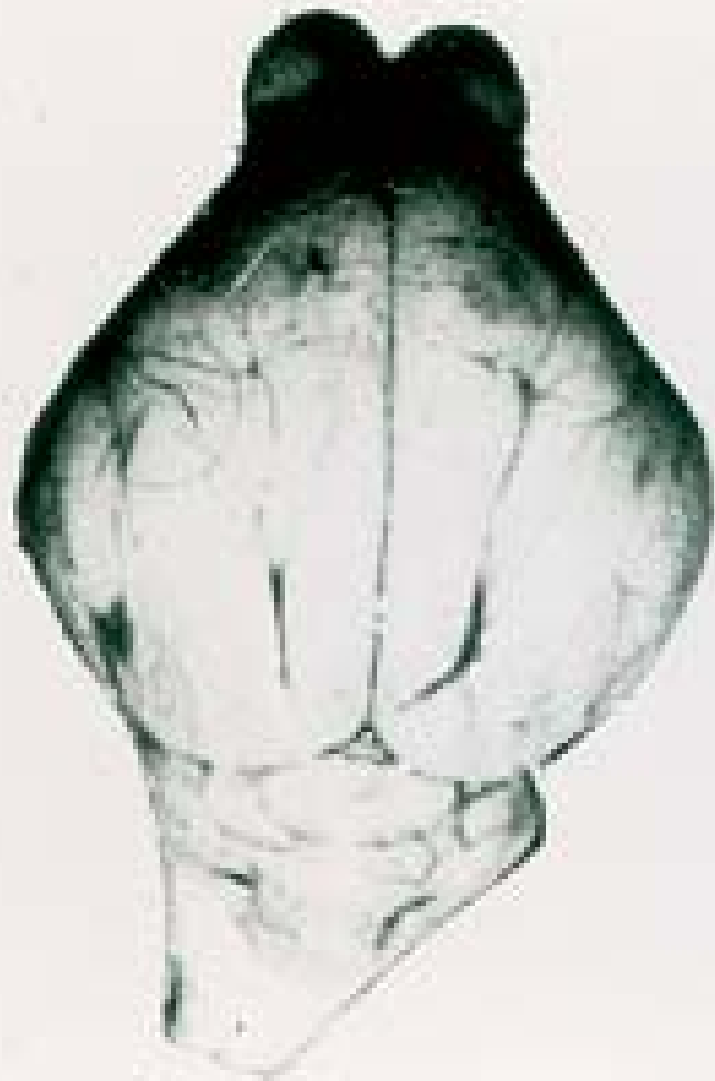
**Most sensitive and important irreversible effects occur in:**

- ❖ Rapidly dividing cells**
- ❖ Fetal developmental abnormalities**



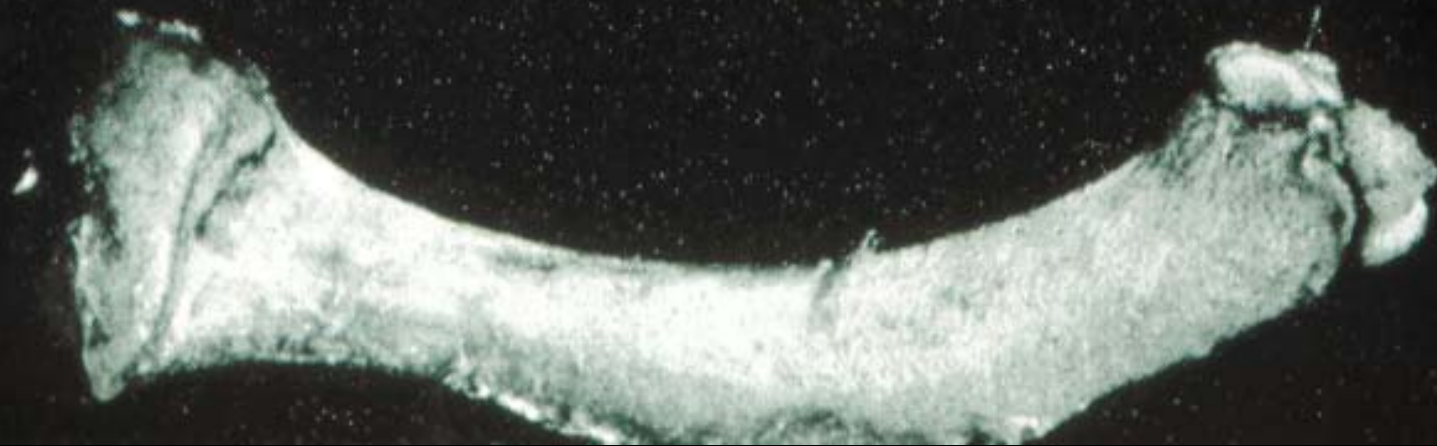




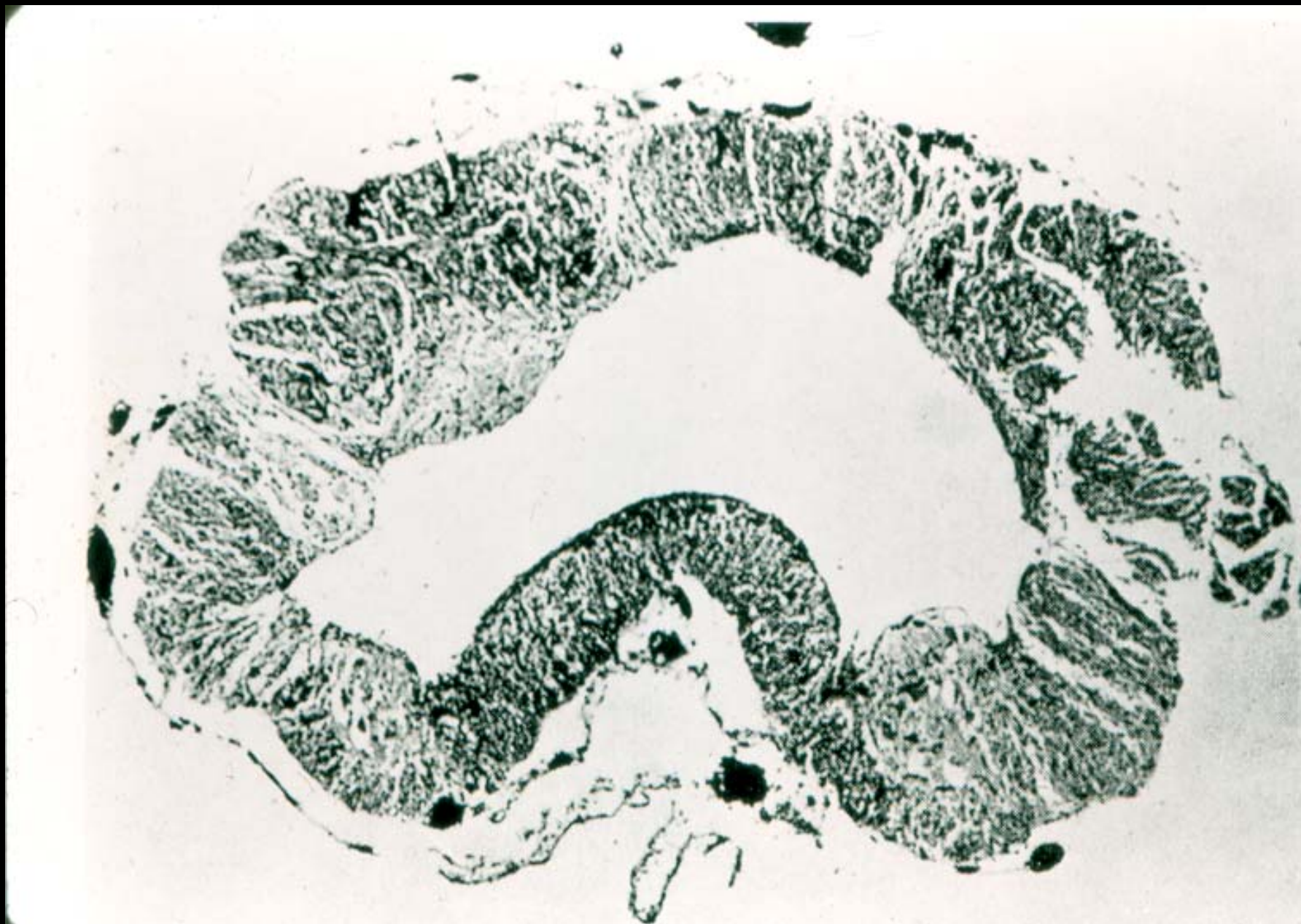


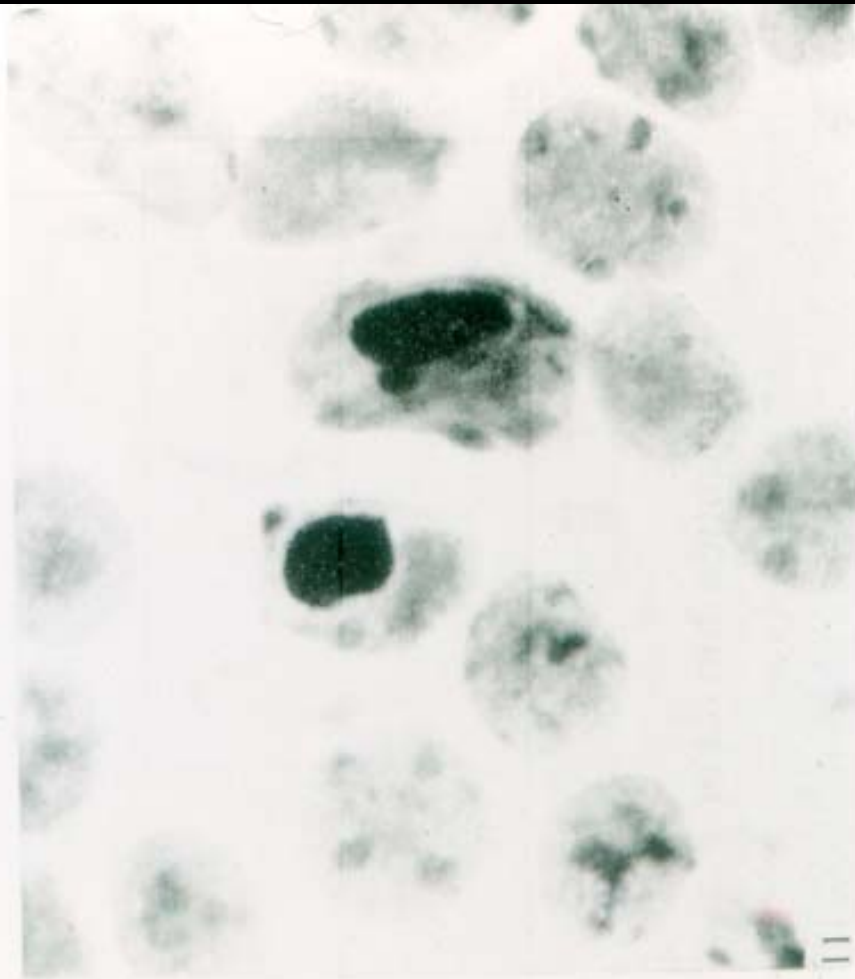
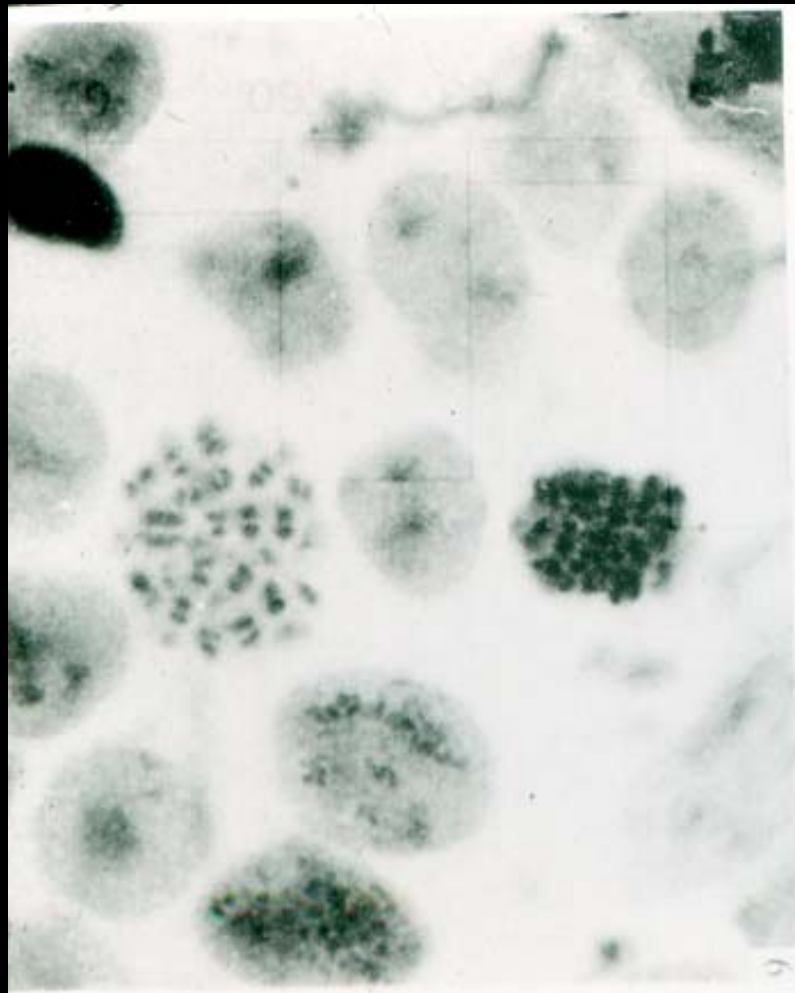




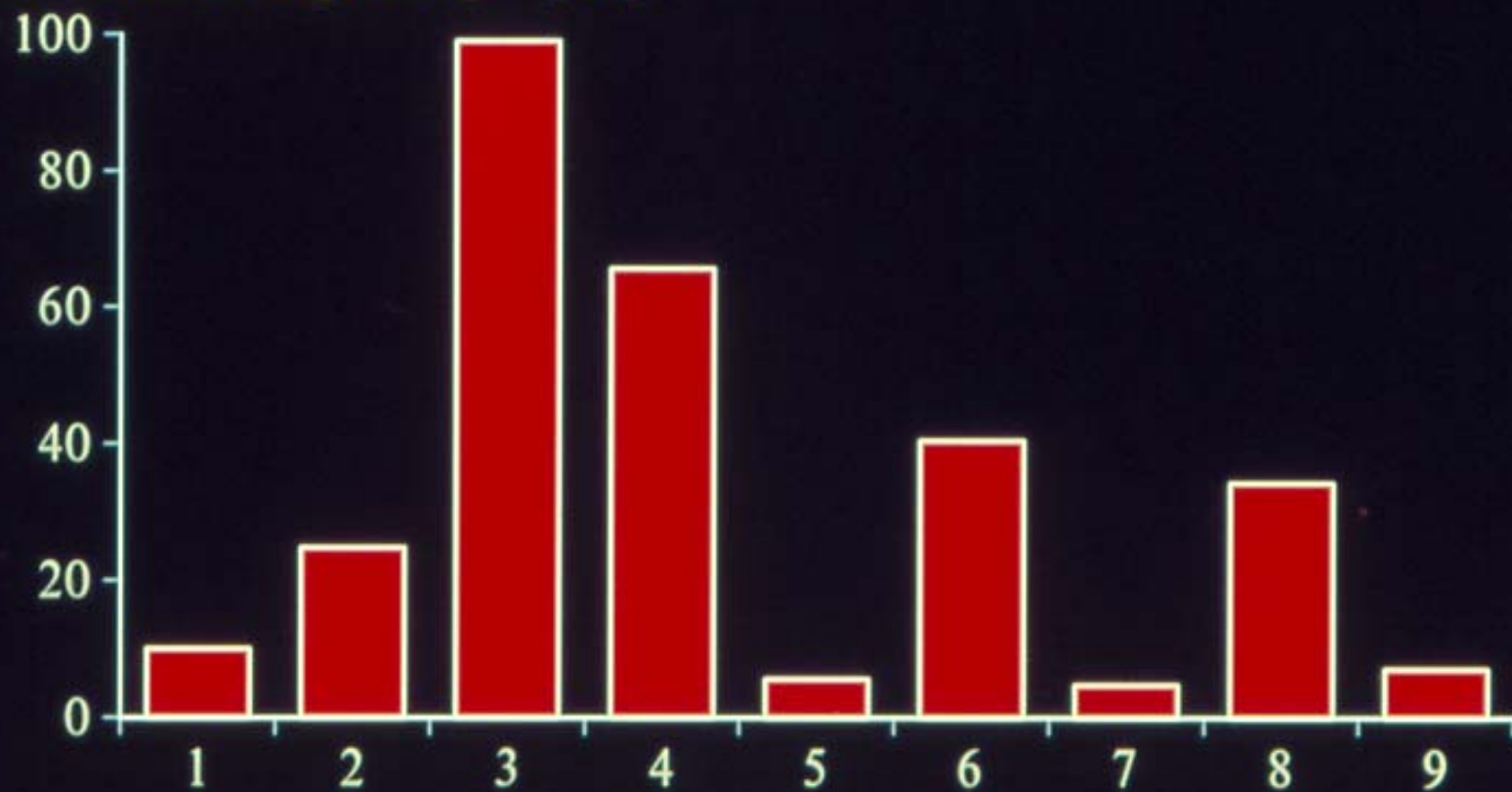








## Micrencephaly (%)

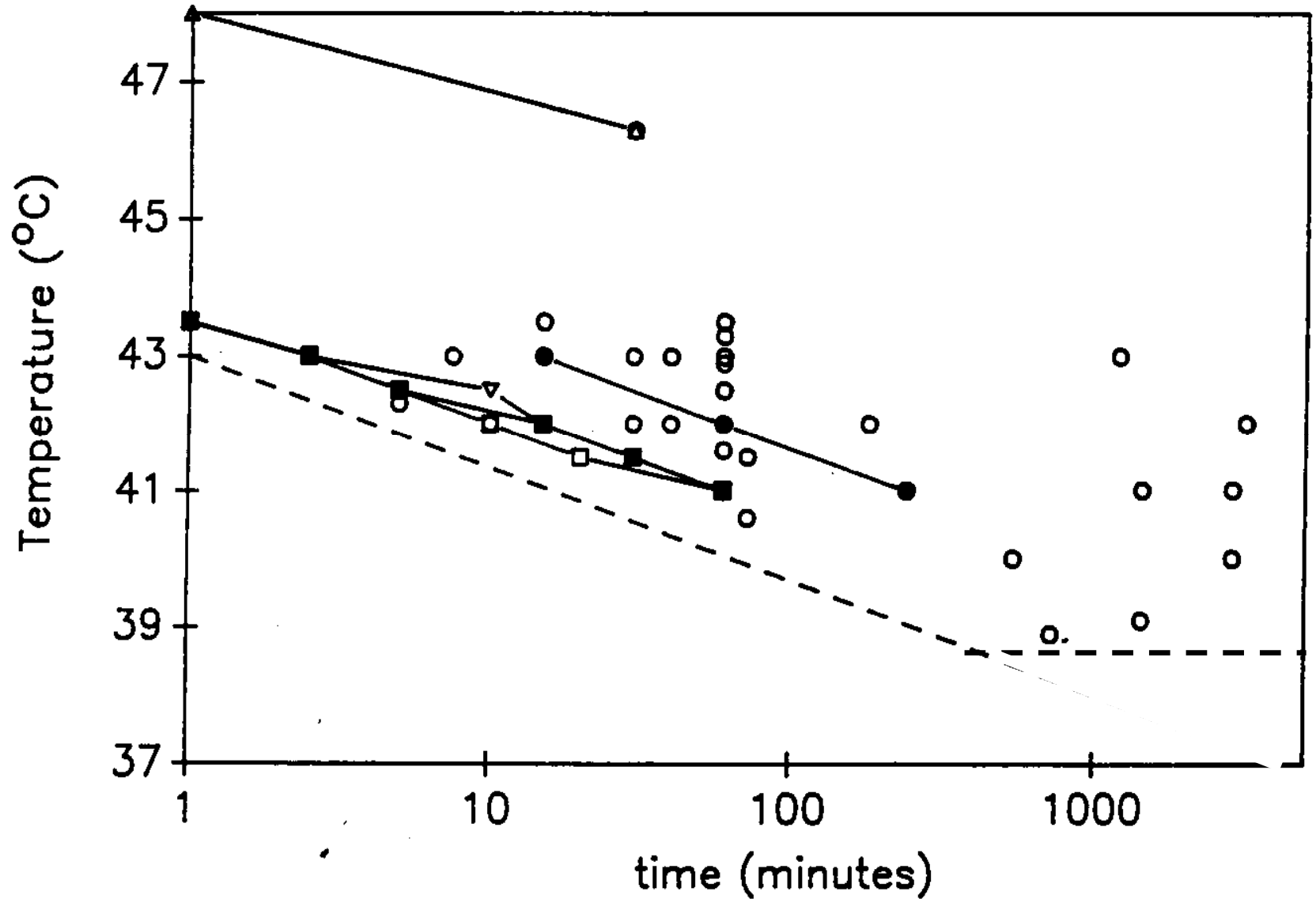


Age at Time of Exposure (week of gest.)

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Thermal effects	Temp (°C)	Exposure duration (min)	$t_{43}^{\dagger}$ (min)	Species	Reference
Abnormal closure of anterior neuropore	43.0	7.5	7.5	Rat	Walsh (1985b)
Abortion	40.6	72	2.6	Monkey	Hendrickx et al. (1979)
Absence of optical vesicles	43.0	7.5	7.5	Rat	Walsh (1985b)
Absent cerebral cortical plate	43.0	60	60.0	Guinea Pig	Upfold et al. (1986)
Agenesis	43.3	60	90.9	Guinea Pig	Edwards (1971)
Agnathia	43.0	60	60.0	Mouse	Pennycuik (1965)
Anencephaly	43.0	40	40.0	Rat	Edwards (1968)
Anophthalmia	40.6	72	2.6	Monkey	Hendrickx (1979)
Arthrogryposis	42.9	60	52.2	Guinea Pig	Edwards (1971)
Beak defects	41.0	1440	90.0	Chicken	Nielsen (1969)
Behavioral abnormalities	41.5	60	7.5	Marmoset	Poswillo et al. (1974)
Blebbing of cell membrane	43.0	180	180.0	Chin. Hamster	Bass et al. (1978)
Brain cavitation	40.0	540	8.4	Sheep	Hartley et al. (1974)
Brain growth retardation	40.0	2880	45.0	Rat	Cockcroft and New

# Fetal Developmental Abnormality Thresholds



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## Temperature – Duration Relationship

$$t_{43} = t \times R^{(43 - T)}$$

where,

t = Time in minutes

T = Temperature

$t_{43}$  = Time to produce same effect at 43 degrees

R = 0.25 if Temp < 43 degrees

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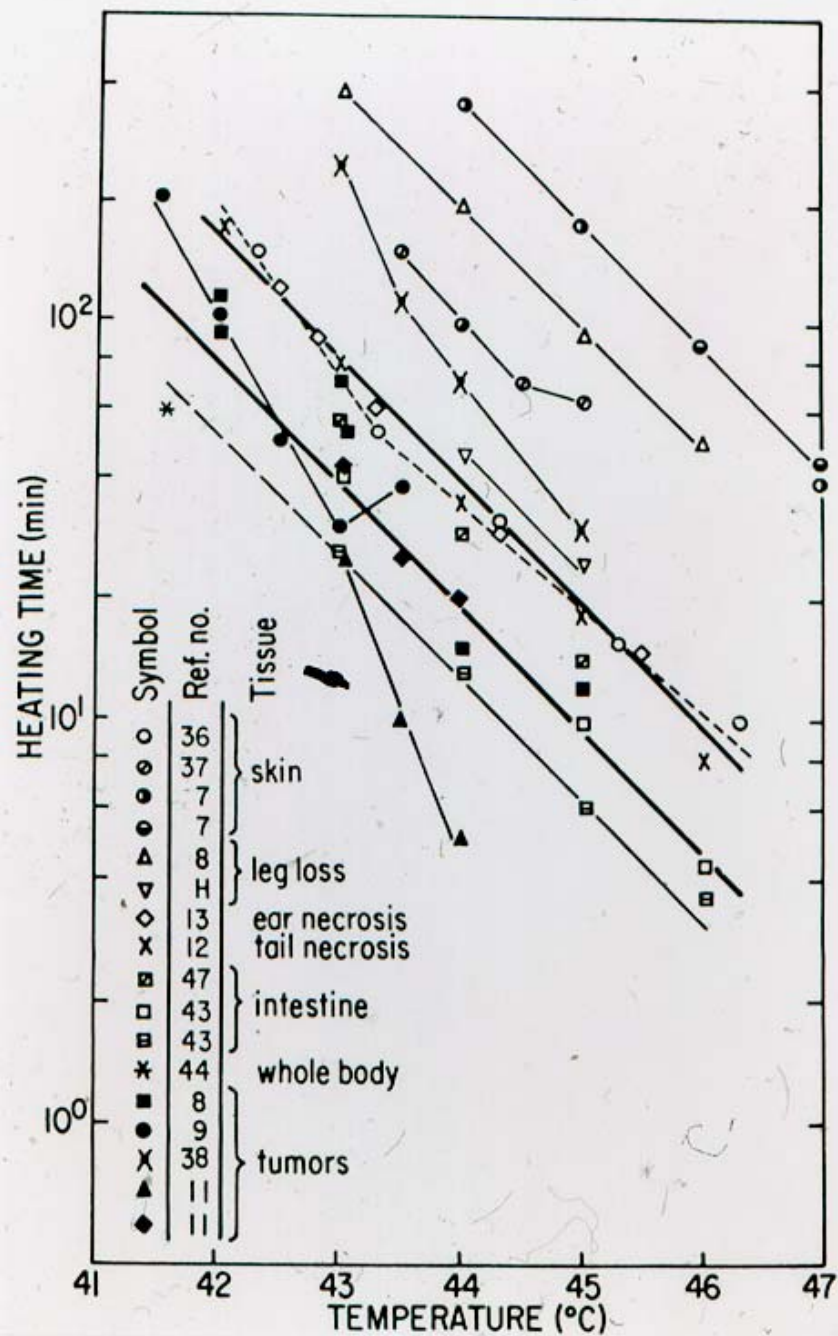
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## SAFE TEMPERATURES

Temperature	Minutes
43	1
42	4
41	16
40	64
39	$\infty$



## ***COMMENTS RELATIVE TO MEDICAL OPINION***

### **Medical reasonableness of C95.1**

- very conservative
- Some concerns will never be completely eliminated

## ***COMMENTS RELATIVE TO MEDICAL OPINION***

### **Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity**

- ❖ No level low enough
- ❖ Bergqvist study

## ***COMMENTS RELATIVE TO MEDICAL OPINION***

Acquainted with many overexposures:

- Severe overexposures cause relatively minimal damage
- Burning is the damage
- Pain is helpful in protecting from damage

## ***COMMENTS RELATIVE TO MEDICAL OPINION***

We live in a dangerous world

- We attempt to minimize or eliminate risks
- Risks from RF fields under C95.1-2005 limits are *de minimus*
- Normal diurnal temperature variation exceeds what can occur under C95.1-2005

**The End**

