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To: Martin Hugh-Jones: (504) 346-3331

Dear Martin,


Yes, 4"x6" color prints of the Romanov and Sannikov grave markers would be much appreciated. Thanks.

Unfortunately, I have only the self-descriptions you already know regarding the locations of cutaneous anthrax lesions.

Regarding LD₅₀ values, I believe I am aware of all that is published. For now, let me just say that I am trying to make sense of the wide and interesting variations in the literature. As I wrote earlier, I intend to cite diverse values if they are well-based and can be referenced.

You mention the sorting out of which patients should be excluded on the basis of pathoanatomy. All of the pathoanatomical work which the present paper cites is either published and properly referenced or, in the case of five patients diagnosed as doubtful or negative for anthrax, cited as personal communications. Four of these are from the Abramova-Grinberg list of 96 sent by Lev from Ekaterinburg in December 1992. This warrants a reference to Lev and Abramova, but not co-authorship. The fifth, Spirina, is an emendation of the published diagnosis. I sent the MS to Lev, Jerry, and David and asked Jerry and David if their names should be added to the personal communication citations. Lev approved the citations and the rest of the MS, Jerry said not to trouble, and I have no answer from David. The important and excellent work of David, and of course Abramova and Grinberg, is already published and appropriately referenced in the present paper. But it would be counter to my understanding of the standards of scientific reporting to give the impression that this paper is their work.

Sincerely,



Matthew

cc: Alexis