

was the only antibody not significantly raised compared with blood bank controls in a group of asthmatic patients (BTTA, 1975). The raised IgM levels in these workers may imply that so far unknown immunological mechanisms are involved in workers exposed to colophony fumes.

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