

RESULTS

Table (1): Physical characters and work duration of exposed and control groups of workers.

Groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50		t	p
Physical character						
	X	± SD	X	± SD		
Age /y	38.5	8.87	41.18	9.13	1.83	> 0.05
Height/cm	169.82	4.12	168.95	6.05	0.18	> 0.05
Weight/kg	79.05	16.3	78.9	15.05	0.5	> 0.05
Work D/y	17.9	11.19	17.89	10.24	0.005	> 0.05

This table shows that there is no statistically significant difference between exposed and control groups as regards physical characters and work duration.

Table (2): Physical characters and work duration in different exposed groups.

Groups	Body repair No = 49	Engine maint- No = 72	Painters No = 29	F	P
Physical character	X ± SD	X ± SD	X ± SD		
Age/y	37.67 9.24	39.13 9.30	40.35 8.36	1.313	> 0.05
Ht/cm	168.97 6.45	168.95 6.06	172.45 4.12	0.829	> 0.05
Wt/kg	76.91 6.40	77.01 6.40	78.99 6.4	2.235	> 0.05
Work D/y	17.69 9.48	18.35 9.62	17.20 9.52	0.573	> 0.05

This table illustrates that there is statistically insignificant difference between different exposed groups regarding physical characters and work duration.

Table (3): Distrbution exposed and control workers according to smoking habit.

Groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50	
Smoking habit	No	%	No	%
Smokers.	100	66.67	35	70
Non smokers.	48	32.00	13	26
Ex Smokers.	2	1.33	2	4
Total	150	100	50	100

$$X^2 = 1.84$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table clearly illustrates that there is statistically insignificant difference between both groups regarding smoking habit.

Table (4): Distribution of smoking habit in different exposed groups.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maintenane No = 72		Painters No = 29	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Smokers	31	63.27	48	66.66	21	72.41
Non smok.	18	36.73	22	30.55	8	27.59
Ex smok.	0	0	2	2.77	0	0
Total	49	100	72	100	29	100

$$X^2 = 0.67$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table shows that there is statistically insignificant difference between the three exposed groups regarding smoking habit.

Table (5): Type of smoking in exposed and control smokers.

Different groups	Exposed smokers No = 100		Control smokers No = 35	
Type of smoke.	No	%	No	%
Cigarette	67	67%	27	77.14
Goza	16	16%	6	17.14
Combined	17	17%	2	5.72
Total	100	100%	35	100%

$$\chi^2 = 3.86$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

In this table it is clear that there is statistically insignificant difference between both groups regarding smoking type.

Table (6): Distribution of exposed workers according to type of smoke.

Groups	Body repair No = 33		Engine maint- No = 53		Painters No = 14	
Smoke type	No	%	No	%	No	%
Cigarette	21	63.63	34	64.15	7	50
Goza	7	21.21	9	16.98	4	28.57
Combined	5	15.15	10	18.87	3	21.43
Total	33	100%	53	100%	14	100%

$$\chi^2 = 6.83$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table clears that there is no statistically significant difference in different exposed groups as regards the type of smoke.

Table (7): Distribution of exposed and control workers according to number of smoked cigarette per day.

Group	Exposed smokers No = 84		Control smokers No = 29	
	No	%	No	%
0-9	21	25	6	20.69
10-19	23	27.38	8	27.59
20 +	40	47.62	15	51.72
Total	84	100%	29	100%

$$\chi^2 = 0.921$$

$$P - > 0.05$$

This table shows that there is statistically insignificant difference between exposed and control groups according to number of smoked cigarettes per day.

Table (8): Distribution of exposed workers according to number of smoked cigarettes per day.

Groups	Body repair smokers No = 26		Engine maint- smokers No = 44		smokers Painters No = 14	
No. of cig/day	No	%	No	%	No	%
0-9	3	11.54	10	22.72	8	57.15
10-19	11	42.3	10	22.72	2	14.28
20 +	12	46.16	24	45.56	4	28.57
Total	26	100%	44	100%	14	100%

$$\chi^2 = 0.67$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that there is no statistically significant difference between different groups of exposed workers regarding the number of smoked cigarette per day.

Table (9): Distribution of exposed and control workers according to results of skin examination.

Groups	Exposed group N = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
Free	85	56.67	43	86
Irritation.	30	20	2	4
Tinea.	18	12	5	10
More than one	11	7.33	0	0
Others	6	4	0	0
Total disorders	65	43.33	7	14

$$\chi^2 = 16.86$$

$$P = < 0.05$$

* Others include vitiligo and hair loss.

This table clearly illustrate that the skin disorders are more prevalent in exposed than the control group of workers. The difference is statistically significant.

Table (10): Distribution of different exposed groups according to results of skin examination.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Free	31	63.2	40	55.55	14	48.3
Irritation	9	18.43	16	22.23	5	17.25
Tinea	6	12.22	10	13.92	2	6.9
More than one	1	2.05	5	6.9	5	17.25
Others	2	4.10	1	1.4	3	10.3
Total disorders	18	36.8	32	44.45	15	51.7

$$\chi^2 = 17.6$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table shows that painters have insignificantly higher percentage of skin disorders than other exposed groups

Table (11): Distribution of the exposed and control groups according to results of eye examination.

Groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
Free	111	74	47	94
Irritation	25	16.67	1	2
Lenses opacity	5	3.33	2	4
More then one	7	4.67	0	
Forg-bodies	2	1.33	0	
Total disorders	39	26	3	6

$$X^2 = 11.12$$

$$P = < 0.05$$

This table illustrates that the exposed workers have significantly heigher eye disorders than the control group workers.

Table (12): Distribution of different exposed groups according to the results of eye examination.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint. No = 72		Painters No = 29	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Free	30	61.22	58	80.55	23	79.31
Irritation	12	24.43	10	13.88	3	10.34
Lenses opacity	2	4.10	1	1.4	2	6.9
More than one	4	8.20	2	2.78	1	3.45
Forg.bodies	1	2.05	1	1.4	0	0
Total disorders	19	38.78	14	19.45	6	20.69

$$\chi^2 = 6.77$$

$$P = >0.05.$$

This table clearly illustrate that body repair workers have insignificantly higher eye disorders than other two exposed groups.

Table (13): Distribution of the exposed and control groups according to result of chest symptoms..

Groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
Free	56	37.34	28	56
More than one disorder	25	16.66	8	16
Cough	33	22.0	6	12
Expect.	27	18	5	10
Dyspnea	6	4	2	4
Wheeze	3	2	1	2
Total	94	62.66	22	44

$$\chi^2 = 3.86$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table shows that the exposed workers have insignificantly higher percentage of chest symptoms than the control workers.

Table(14):Distribution of different exposed groups according to chest symptoms .

Group	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29	
Chest symptoms	No	%	No	%	No	%
Free	22	44.89	25	34.72	9	31.03
More than one	10	20.41	10	13.88	5	17.24
Cough	8	16.33	16	22.22	9	31.03
Expect.	7	14.28	17	23.61	3	10.34
Dyspnea	1	2.04	3	4.16	2	6.89
Wheeze	1	2.04	1	1.39	1	3.45
Total symptoms	27	55.11	47	65.28	20	68.97

$$X^2 = 10.85$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that painters have insignificantly higher percentage of chest symptoms than the other two exposed groups.

Table (15): Distribution of the exposed and control groups according to heart symptoms and signs.

Group	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
Heart S & S				
Free	89	59.34	27	54
Chest pain	9	6	3	6
Palpitation	31	20.66	12	24
Low c.o.p. S & S	22	14.66	9	18
Congestion	20	13.34	11	22
Total S & S	61	40.66	23	46

$$\chi^2 = 3.785$$

$$P = > 0.05.$$

This table illustrates that the controls have insignificantly higher heart S & S than the exposed workers.

Table (16): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding to heart symptoms and signs.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29	
Heart S&S	No	%	No	%	No	%
Free	30	61.23	42	58.33	17	58.64
Chest pain	2	4.08	3	4.16	1	3.45
Palpatation	10	20.4	19	26.38	2	6.9
Low cop S &S	5	10.2	11	15.28	6	20.69
Congestion	6	12.24	11	15.28	3	10.34
Total S & S	19	38.77	30	41.67	12	41.38

$$X^2 = 2.66$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that there is statistically insignificant difference between the exposed groups regarding heart symptoms and signs.

Table (17): Distribution of exposed and control groups according to results of abdominal examination.

Groups	Exposed workers No = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
Abdominal examination				
Free	143	95.33	46	92
Enlarged liver & spleen	5	3.33	2	4
Gastritis	2	1.33	2	4

$$\chi^2 = 2.526$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table clearly illustrate that there is statistically insignificant difference between both groups regarding result of abdominal examination.

Table (18): Distribution of exposed and control groups according to results of locomotor examination.

Groups	Exposed workers No = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
Locomotor. examination.				
Free	132	88	48	96
Ms Pain	15	10.00	1	2
Joint pain	2	1.33	0	0
Bone pain	1	0.66	1	2
Total disorders	8	12	2	4

$$\chi^2 = 7.26$$

$$P > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that there is insignificantly higher locomotor disorders, in the exposed group than the controls.

Table (19): Distribution of different exposed groups according to locomotor examination.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29	
Locomotor. examination.	No	%	No	%	No	%
Free	41	83.68	64	88.90	27	93.1%
MS pain	6	12.24	7	9.72	2	6.9%
Joint pain	1	2.04	1	1.38	0	0%
Bone pain	1	2.04	0	0	0	0%
Total disorders	8	16.32	8	11.1	2	6.9

$$X^2 = 3.362$$

$$P = > 0.05.$$

This table illustrates that body repair workers have the highest percentage of locomotor disorders followed by engine maintenance then the painters and the difference between the three groups is statistically insignificant.

Table (21): Distribution of different exposed groups according to results of stool analysis.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine main- No = 72		Painters No = 29	
S. analysis	No	%	No	%	No	%
Bilharziasis	5	10.20	7	9.72	3	10.34
Amoebiasis	2	4.08	3	4.17	1	3.45
Others	5	10.20	15	20.83	2	6.90
Total	10	20.4	21	29.16	6	20.67

$$\chi^2 = 0.08$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that the engine maintenance workers have the highest percentage of parasitic infestation while body repair and painters have the same percentage. The difference between the three groups is statistically insignificant.

Table (22): Distribution of the exposed and control groups regarding the results of blood investigations.

Groups	Exposed workers No = 50		Control workers No = 50			
investigations.	X	± SD	X	±SD	t	P
Blood lead $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ml}$	32.1	16	17.8	0.5	4.37	< 0.05
HB concentration/gm	10.81	1.33	11.57	0.9	3.78	< 0.05
RBCs count	3.643	0.478	3.984	0.696	3.86	< 0.05
WBCs count	7.681	2.122	7.75	2.145	0.199	> 0.05
Monocyte	2.85	1.783	3.08	1.915	1.011	> 0.05
Lymphocyte	35.3	13.45	36.66	8.792	0.269	> 0.05
Eosin.	6.53	4.23	6.76	3.52	0.452	> 0.05
Seg.	51.52	9.58	49.4	9.05	1.68	> 0.05
Staph.	3.87	2.89	4.1	2.909	0.95	> 0.05

This table illustrates that blood lead is significantly higher in exposed than control group while RBCs count and Hb concentration are significantly lower in exposed than control group. The total and differential leucocytic count are not significantly different between exposed and control groups.

Table (23): Distribution of different exposed workers according to results of blood investigations.

groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29			
investigations	X	±SD	X	±SD	X	±SD	F	p
Blood lead $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ml}$	30.1	15.9	32.3	20.8	35	20.4	0.755	> 0.05
HB concentr/gm.	10.92	1.45	10.92	1.31	10.36	1.11	2.12	> 0.05
RBCs count	3.69	0.5	3.72	0.49	3.52	0.38	2.17	> 0.05
WBCs count	7.21	1.83	7.78	2.22	8.08	2.32	1.35	> 0.05
Mono.	3.18	1.69	2.42	1.75	2.96	1.89	2.865	> 0.05
Lymph.	37.0	9.15	37.0	16.57	35.0	9.03	1.282	> 0.05
Eosin.	6.56	3.93	6.08	3.7	7.345	5.7	0.973	> 0.05
Seg.	49.14	8.33	52.0	9.97	54.0	9.9	2.813	> 0.05
Staph.	3.886	1.74	3.86	1.94	3.87	1.88	2.246	> 0.05

This table shows that painters have the highest insignificant blood lead and the lowest insignificant Hb concentration and RBCs counts. Regarding total and differential leucocytic count there is statistically insignificant difference between the three groups.

Table (24): Distribution of the exposed and control groups according to Pulmonary function parameters.

Groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50			
P.F parameter	X	±SD	X	±SD	t	P
FEV1	2.98	0.782	3.04	0.71	0.93	> 0.05
FVC	3.79	0.902	3.822	0.66	1.64	> 0.05
FVC pred.	4.821	0.676	4.75	0.911	0.59	> 0.05
FEV1/FVC %	78.61	10.1	80.62	7.4	1.22	> 0.05
FVC/FVC pred. %	78.39	15.95	80.53	10.57	0.881	> 0.05

This table illustrates that there is insignificantly lower pulmonary function parameters in exposed than control groups.

Table (25): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding pulmonary function parameters.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29		F	P
	X	± SD	X	± SD	X	± SD		
P.F parameter								
FEV1	2.956	0.241	2.954	0.292	3.016	0.299	0.327	> 0.05
FVC	3.75	0.353	3.77	0.321	3.817	0.301	0.425	> 0.05
FVC pred.	4.84	0.463	4.777	0.404	4.85	0.304	0.524	> 0.05
FEV1/FVC %	78.81	9.946	78.33	11.30	78.99	10.58	0.051	> 0.05
FVC/FVC pred. %	77.96	19.91	78.89	14.176	78.73	12.721	0.125	> 0.05

This table illustrates that there is insignificantly lower FVC/FVC pred. % in body repair than other two exposed groups while there is insignificant lower FEV1/FVC % in engine maintenance than other two exposed groups. The parameters although showing insignificant difference between the three exposed groups but still lower than that of the control group.

Table (26): Distribution of the exposed and control groups according to pulmonary function interpretation.

Groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50	
	No	%	No	%
P.F. interpretation				
Normal	133	88.67	47	94
Obst.	5	3.34	1	2
Rest.	8	5.33	1	2
Combined Obst. Rest.	4	2.66	1	2
Total	17	11.33	3	6

$$X^2 = 0.67$$

$$P = > 0.05.$$

This table illustrates that 11.33% of the exposed workers have pulmonary function impairment while only 6% of the control workers have impairment, the difference is statistically insignificant.

Table (27): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding pulmonary function interpretation.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Normal	45	91.83	63	87.5	25	86.2
Obst.	0	0%	3	4.16	2	6.89
Rest.	2	4.085	4	5.56	2	6.89
Combined	2	4.085	2	2.78	0	0%

$$X^2 = 4.402$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table shows that the painters have the highest percentage of impairment in the interpretation (13.8%), while engine maintenance (12.5%), and the body repair (8.17). The difference is statistically insignificant.

Table (28): Distribution of the exposed and control groups regarding ECG interpretation.

Group	Exposed group No= 150		Control group No= 50	
	No	%	No	%
ECG				
Free	96	64	28	56
Arrhythmia	31	20.66	17	34
Cardiac	43	28.66	26	52
Strain				
Total disorders	54	36	22	44

$$X^2 = 1.33$$

$$P = > 0.05.$$

This table illustrates that there was insignificantly lower ECG abnormalities in the exposed workers than the control group.

Table (29): Distribution of different exposed groups according to ECG interpretation.

Group	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint No = 72		Painters No = 29	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Free	31	63.26	44	61.11	21	72.41
Arrhyth.	10	20.4	19	26.38	2	6.9
Car.strain	16	32.68	20	27.78	7	24.1
Total disorders	18	36.74	28	38.89	8	27.59

$$X^2 = 2.462$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that the engine maintenance workers had insignificantly higher ECG abnormalitis than other two exposed groups.

Table (30): Distribution of the exposed and control groups regarding hearing threshold levels (dB).

groups	Exposed group No = 150		Control group No = 50		t	P
Hearing thresh.	X	± SD	X	± SD		
Rt ear air cond. thr.	35.277	13.166	29.925	7.988	2.71	< 0.05
Bone cond. thr.	28.661	13.317	24.825	7.258	1.937	> 0.05
Lt ear air cond. thr.	34.702	12.581	30.05	7.214	2.479	< 0.05
Bone cond. thr.	29.9052	12.67	25.525	6.051	1.892	> 0.05

This table illustrates that the air conduction thresholds of right & left ears in exposed workers are significantly higher than that of the control workers while bone conduction thresholds, in exposed workers right and left ears are insignificantly higher than that of the control workers.

Table (31): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding hearing threshold levels (dB) right ear.

Groups		Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painters No = 29		F	P
Frequ.		X	± SD	X	± SD	X	± SD		
air	500	38.87	12.72	39.45	12.82	35.69	10.67	0.981	> 0.05
	1000	35.71	13.23	36.59	13.75	32.58	9.41	1.012	> 0.05
	2000	36.02	15.64	34.72	14.91	27.41	11.07	3.523	< 0.05
	4000	35.41	16.26	33.89	17.78	28.27	13.64	1.775	> 0.05
Bone	500	28.11	14.69	28.06	14.17	26.48	11.75	0.151	> 0.05
	1000	27.11	15.54	27.61	15.10	26.03	12.20	0.153	> 0.05
	2000	28.62	13.45	28.90	13.4	28.21	12.76	0.289	> 0.05
	4000	32.34	13.99	32.5	13.96	28.45	12.68	1.11	> 0.05

Table (32): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding hearing threshold levels (dB) left ear.

Groups	Body repair No = 49		Engine maint- No = 72		Painter No = 29		F	P
Frequ.	X	±SD	X	± SD	X	± SD		
air 500	38.67	12.28	37.56	13.19	36.72	10.63	0.241	> 0.05
1000	35.40	11.89	34.51	12.70	32.24	11.15	0.628	> 0.05
2000	33.76	14.09	33.19	14.92	29.31	10.58	0.905	> 0.05
4000	35.20	15.87	34.45	15.86	32.069	12.06	0.401	> 0.05
bone 500	27.71	13.15	29.93	13.43	26.43	9.41	0.912	> 0.05
1000	28.06	14.53	29.58	14.74	25.69	11.47	0.801	> 0.05
2000	30.30	13.59	30.41	15.0	27.76	9.87	0.427	> 0.05
4000	31.02	15.03	31.816	14.80	29.31	9.70	0.326	> 0.05

Table 31 & 32 clearly illustrate that body repair and engine maintenance have insignificantly higher hearing threshold levels than that of the painters & this is clear at all frequencies.

Table (33): Distribution of the exposed and control groups regarding results of Audiometry.

Groups			Exposed group		Control group		X ²	P
Hearing			No = 150		No = 50			
Rt air	Normal		110	73.33	44	88	4.555	< 0.05
	impaired		40	26.67	6	12		
Rt bone	Normal		118	78.67	50	100	12.698	< 0.05
	impaired		32	21.33	0	0		
Lt air	Normal		113	75.33	45	90	4.86	< 0.05
	impaired		37	24.67	5	10		
Lt bone	Normal		119	79.33	50	100	12.229	< 0.05
	impaired		31	20.67	0	0		

This table illustrates that the number of workers having hearing impairment were significantly higher in exposed than the control group workers.

Table (34): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding results of Audiometry.

Groups		Body repair		Engine Maint.		Painters		X ²	P
		No = 49		No = 72		No = 29			
Hearing		N	%	N	%	N	%		
Rt air	Nor.	31	63.27	55	76.39	24	82.76		
impaired		18	36.73	17	23.61	5	17.24	4.201	> 0.05
Rt bone	Nor.	39	79.59	55	76.39	24	82.76		
impaired		10	20.41	17	23.61	5	17.24	0.537	> 0.05
Lt. air	Nor.	33	67.35	56	77.78	24	82.76		
impaired		16	32.65	16	22.22	5	17.24	2.774	> 0.05
Lt. bone	Nor.	37	75.51	57	79.17	25	86.21		
impaired		12	24.49	15	20.83	4	13.79	1.274	> 0.05

This table clearly illustrates that the number of workers having hearing impairment were insignificantly higher in the body repair and engine maintenance workers than the painters.

Table (35): Distribution of the exposed and control groups regarding results of Audiogram.

Deafness	Conductive deafness		Mixed deafness (Cond & Precep)	
groups	N	%	N	%
Exp. Rt ear	40	26.68	32	21.33
Lt . ear	37	24.66	31	20.66
Control Rt ear	5	10	0	0
Lt.ear	4	8	0	0

This table shows that, (26.68%) & (24.66%) of exposed workers have conductive deafness in contrast to (10%) & (8%) in the control group in Rt and Left ears respectively. Mixed (conductive and perceptive) deafness in exposed workers was (21.33%) and (20.66) for Rt and Lt ears respectively, and control group workers have not.

Table (36): Distribution of different exposed groups regarding results of Audiogram.

Deafness	Conduct. deafness		Mixed deafness .	
Groups	N	%	N	%
Body repair Rt ear	18	36.73	10	24.40
Lt ear	16	32.65	12	24.48
Engine ment. Rt ear	17	23.61	17	23.61
Lt ear	16	22.22	15	20.38
Painters Rt ear	6	20.69	5	17.24
Lt ear.	5	17.24	4	13.79

$$\chi^2 = 2.89$$

$$P = > 0.05$$

This table illustrates that body repair workers have insignificantly higher conductive and mixed deafness than other two exposed groups, followed by engine maintenance and lastly the painters.

Table (37): Results of environmental measurements

Pollution	Level of pollution			Noise level	Pb ₂₀ $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^3$
Site	dust mg/m^3	SO ₂ ppm	CO ppm	in dB	
Body repair	19.8	0.18	59	96	15.9
Engine maint.	24.2	0.095	51	88	24.6
Painting	29	0.1	26	76	31.8
General Environ.	16.7	0.05	18.7	69	11.2
TLVs	20 mg/m^3	2ppm	50ppm		50 $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^3$

This table illustrates that the body repair, engine maintenance and painting department had higher levels of pollution (dust, lead, gases (SO₂ & CO), and Noise) than the general environment.