

CJD IN AN INDIVIDUAL OCCUPATIONALLY EXPOSED TO BSE

1. Thank you for copying Bob Will's letter and letter to the Lancet. Having read the latter I don't think we should be too upset if it isn't published.
2. I presume that the letter has already been submitted to the Lancet and cannot now be amended. If amendment is still possible I think the letter would benefit from three changes:-
 - i. the CJD case should be dated, as the BSE case already is, to indicate the time interval which separated the two cases;
 - ii. on page 2 the sentence "He had drunk pooled milk from the herd which included that from the affected animal" will mislead the uninformed. It needs to be made clear that milk from a cow which is suspected to be affected with BSE cannot be drunk or added to the bulk milk produced by the rest of the herd.
 - iii. in the final paragraph I suggest that the phrase "and a causal link with BSE is at most conjectural" be deleted: the first part of the sentence would then stand as a clear statement that the CJD case was likely to have been a chance phenomenon.

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