Definite, probable, or possible occupational exposure had occurred in 57 percent of the subjects. The primary asbestos production or manufacturing industry constituted the largest number of cases, followed by shipbuilding, repair and demolition, the building industry, and the railway locomotive construction and maintenance industry. The information seems to be comparable with many Asian countries.

In case of the Laborers of which 14% of them had a history of exposure to asbestos, the classification of the occupation was too broad to understand the working situation.

Background: Australia has one of the highest national incidences of mesothelioma in the world and the rate is still rising. Australia has been operating Mesothelioma Surveillance Program and registration system, which could provide reliable information for JEM.

Objective: An industry-occupation matrix analysis was conducted for the 858 mesothelioma cases that were reported to the Australian Mesothelioma Surveillance Program between 1980 and 1985.
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Annotation

Fact 1
- Annotation is not provided for this factsheet.

Fact 2

Fact 3

Fact 4

Fact 5

References