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Unit 32

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Hopefully you have had a chance to look through this paper case in some detail. Charles' presentation is difficult to reduce to a single diagnosis. Some of his most troublesome and limiting symptoms are also among the most difficult to individualise (eg fatigue)

Identifying the 'centre of the case' is also problematic. Psychologically he seems remarkably functional, in view of the chronicity and severity of his symptoms.

There appears to be a real biological basis to his illness which has an overall variable / alternating course, with clear aggravations when he is challenged immunologically.

In spite of the fact that Charles describes several strange concomitant symptoms, these are difficult to repertorise. Analysis of this case almost always brings up *Lycopodium clavatum* as the highest scoring remedy and it is likely that he would obtain some benefit from this remedy were it to be used consistently at a low potency for a time.

However, there were no confirmatory Mind symptoms for *Lycopodium* and, I hope you agree, that the constitutional essence is wrong for *Lycopodium*.

The analysis overleaf has been undertaken - after the facts - to highlight indications for one of *Lycopodium*'s clinical relations, *Chelidonium majus*. This is not the analysis that was used in the clinic to decide the remedy at the time. The constructed analysis that is provided here, uses a number of combined rubrics: for example, where a head rubric appears to be incomplete and where various subrubrics need to be incorporated without untoward remedy duplication.

There are a number of apparent keynotes in the case which have not been included in the repertorisation, partly for the sake of clarity, because if they had been incorporated the overall argument for *Chelidonium* would slide down the analysis by 3 or 4 places. So if this case were repertorised on its entire clinical picture, it would fail to bring *Chelidonium* to pole position.

Part of the problem lies in the fact that remedies like *Lycopodium* have much higher levels of representation in the repertory as a whole and an expert system would need to be applied to adjust for the skewed probability of *Lycopodium* always turning up ahead of *Chelidonium*, if rubrics had simply been selected randomly.

This uneven representation presents us with the shortcoming of almost every repertory. Consequently, results should never be taken as a literal representation of the true hierarchy of remedy indication. The prescriber always needs to consider several remedies that 'cover' the key features in the case and make a selection, usually with reference to the materia medica.

Chelidonium majus does not have a well characterised mind 'essence' and this adds to the difficulty in finding a 'hook' in the mind picture on which to prescribe. Nevertheless, the remedy covers the main symptoms well, has known liver affinities and is associated empirically with *Lycopodium*. So *Chelidonium* 30, 30, 200 was given as three stat doses over 12 hours and the outcome video is now available for you to review.



Mr Charles W. - Exemplar Repertoriation

This analysis contains 539 remedies and 11 symptoms.
Intensity is considered

chel. lyc. nat-m. sulph. calc. nux-v. puls. ars. carb-v. merc. nit-ac. sep. thus-t. alum. caust. mag-m.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sum of symptoms (sort:deg)		11 22	10 22	9 20	9 20	9 19	9 17	9 15	8 16	8 15	8 15	8 15	8 13	8 12	8 11	8 11	
01. ABDOMEN - LIVER and region of liver; complaints of	1 221	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	3	1	2	1	3
02. GENERALS - WEARINESS	1 313	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	1
03. MIND - MILDNESS	1 108	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	-	-	2	2	3	1	1	1
04. FACE - DISCOLORATION - sallow	1 72	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	-
05. GENERALS - AFTERNOON - 15 h and/or 16h	1 58	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	1
06. NOSE - INFLAMMATION - Inside	1 51	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
07. MOUTH - CRACKED - Tongue fissured	1 105	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	3	-	3	-	-	2
08. ABDOMEN - LIVER combined rubrics- extending to - Backward and R scapula	1 19	3	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
09. FEVER - INTERMITTENT	1 213	1	3	3	3	3	1	2	3	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1
10. EXTREMITIES - PAIN - Feet - right	1 17	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. ABDOMEN - PAIN upper abdomen - extending across	1 39	3	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	1	2	-