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DATA EVALUATION REPORT

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STUDY TYPE:	Intraperitoneal Safety Test-Mice
MRID NO:	418266-09
CASWELL NO:	066
TEST MATERIAL:	Bacillus thuringiensis
SYNONYMS:	BMP 123 - Technical Powder liquid concentrate
PROJECT NO:	S3102
SPONSOR:	Becker Microbial Products, Inc.
TESTING FACILITY:	Cosmopolitan Safety Evaluation, Inc., Branchville, N.J.
TITLE OF REPORT:	Intraperitoneal Safety Test in Mice.
AUTHOR(S):	Geoffrey Robbins, M.R.C.V.S., Dip. ABT
STUDY COMPLETED:	20 January 1991
CONCLUSION:	An 80% mortality rate was found in animals dosed with 10^8 spores of BMP 123 - Technical Powder liquid concentrate.
CLASSIFICATION:	ACCEPTABLE

I. STUDY DESIGN

Test Material: The microbial pest control agent (MPCA) is BMP - lizuid concentrate. The concentration was determined to be 2 x 10^9 spores/gram by the supplier. Each mouse recieved a dose of either 10^6, 10^7 or 10^8 spores in a 1 ml intraperitoneal dose.

Test Animals: Fifteen male and fifteen female young adult Swiss-Webster albino mice were obtained from Camm Research Lab Animals, Wayne, New Jersey. The male mice weighed between 20.4 and 22.6 grams and the female mice weight ranged from 18.4 to 20.2 grams at the beginning of the study.

Methods: Five animals of each sex were dosed with either 10^6, 10^7, or 10^8 Bacillus thuringiensis spores by intraperitoneal injection. The animals were weighed prior to treatment and on day 7. Clinical signs were noted at 1, 3 and 5 hours post dosing and daily thereafter. A gross necropsy was conducted on the animals that died during the study.

II. RESULTS

A. Body Weights:

No abnormalities in body weight or body weight gains were noted in the lower dosed (10^6 and 10^7) animals. At a dose range of 10^8, body weights could not be evaluated due to the high death rate.

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B. Clinical Observations:

10^6 spores:	No clinical observations noted.
10^7 spores:	No clinical observations noted.
10^8 spores:	Following a period of decreased locomotor activity and prostration, which began at 5 hours post dosing, four female and four male mice died by day 3.

C. Necropsy Observations:

One male and one female mouse exhibited signs of autolysis upon necropsy.

III. SACB DISCUSSION:

Overall, an 80% mortality rate was found in animals treated with 10^8 spores of *Bacillus thuringiensis.*