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Ametryne Technical: Caswell

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Active Ingredient:
Ametryne ................. 97%

Inert Ingredients ........... 3%

Background:
Acute Oral, Acute Dermal, Acute Inhalation, Eye and Skin
Irritation studies were submitted in support of the conditional
registration of this product. These studies were conducted by
Consultox Laboratories Ltd. of London, England, and Hazleton
Laboratories America, Inc. of Vienna, Virginia. The data are
under Accession No. 232507. "Site-All" is the method of support.

Recommendations:

1. The Acute Oral, Acute Inhalation and Skin Irritation studies
   are adequate and acceptable for the conditional registration
   of this product.

2. The Acute Dermal Study is classified as Core Supplementary
   Data. There were no abraded skin sites and the use of rats
   instead of rabbits was not justified. A copy of the
   Proposed Guidelines for Human Health Evaluation has been
   enclosed for the convenience of the registrant. Section
   61.83-1 outlines acceptable testing and reporting
   procedures for the Acute Dermal study.

3. The formulation of the test material must be further
   identified for the Acute Eye Irritation Study in Rabbits.
(#915-118, 16 March 1976). A written statement that the test material was identical to 33660-I will suffice if applicable.

4. The Eye Irritation studies are Core Supplementary Data and as such are not adequate or acceptable for the conditional registration of this product. Under the "cite-all" method of support, these studies need not be repeated at this time. Section 163.81-4 of the Proposed Guidelines for Human Hazard Evaluation outlines acceptable testing and reporting procedures for the Eye Irritation studies.

5. FHB/TSS would have no objection, on the basis of hazard to humans and domestic animals, to the conditional registration of this product provided that the labeling revision noted below is made.

6. The signal word CAUTION as appropriate as proposed by the applicant.

Labeling:

The statement "For eyes: Get medical attention if irritation persists" should be added to the "Statement of Practical Treatment."

Comments:

1. All animals in the Acute Oral, Acute Dermal and Acute Inhalation studies should be examined for gross pathological alterations at the termination of the study.

2. LD50's for males and females should be reported separately for the Acute Oral study.

3. The atmospheric concentration should be determined in the Acute Inhalation study. Also males and females should be tested in these studies. For an outline of an acceptable test method, please consult Section 163.81-3 of the Proposed Guidelines for Human Health Evaluation.

Review:


Procedure: Groups of 5 M, F Wistar rats (230 +/- 2g) received oral dosages at levels of 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 mg/kg of the test material, Ametryne, suspended in 0.5% aqueous Tween 80. Animals were observed for 14 days post-treatment.
Results: At 500 mg/kg, no mortalities. At 1000 mg/kg, 1/10 died. At 2000 mg/kg, 6/10 died. At 3000 mg/kg, 9/10 died. At 4000 mg/kg, 10/10 died. Symptoms included lethargy, excessive salivation, chromodacryorrhea, semicomatose condition. Signs of toxicity occurred 30 minutes post-treatment. All survivors were asymptomatic after day 4. LD50 is 1750 mg/kg with a 95% confidence range of 1266-2538 mg/kg.

Study Classification: Core Minimum Data. No necropsies reported. M, F scores not reported separately.

Toxicity Category: III - CAUTION

2. Percutaneous Toxicity Determination; Consultox Laboratories Ltd.; April 1974.

Procedure: 5M, 5F Wistar rats (skin intact) received an application of 2000 mg/kg of Aematrime suspended in 0.5% aqueous Tween 80. Exposure was for 24 hours under occlusive wrap. Animals were observed for 14 days post-treatment.

Results: No mortalities. 2/10 showed slight chromodacryorrhea day 2-4. All asymptomatic after day 4. LD50 is greater than 2g/kg.

Study Classification: Core Supplementary Data. Rats, not rabbits, were used without justification. No abraded skin sites.

3. Acute Inhalation Toxicity Study in Rats; Hazleton Project # M915-103; April 10, 1975.

Procedure: 10M albino rats (243-280g) were confined to an enclosed chamber for one hour and exposed to the dust of the test material, Aematrime Tecnica. The concentration was 200.4 mg/l of air. Animals were observed for 14 days post-treatment. At termination of study, survivors were sacrificed and all animals were subjected to gross pathological examinations.

Results: No mortalities. Animals were hypoactive then hyperactive. Discharge from eyes, nose and mouth observed in animals during exposure. Slight to moderate red exudate from muzzle and eyes observed after exposure. Day 1 post-treatment red discolored areas under muzzle and on forelegs. Discoloration around eyes and urogenital area. All appeared normal days 2-14.
Study Classification: Core Minimum Data. Only
4 males subjects used. Atmospheric concentration not determined.
Since all males survived a nominal concentration of 200.4
mg/1, it is dubious that females would be 10x as susceptible,
particularly as oral LD50's between the sexes were similar.
Additionally, applicant has proposed the toxicity Category
III statement "Avoid breathing dust." In lieu of a study on
females, it is probably appropriate to retain this statement.

Toxicity Category: III - CAUTION

4. Acute Eye Irritation Potential Study in Rabbits -
Ametrina Tecnica; Hazelton Project No. 915-104; April 1,
1975.

Procedure: 38 mg of test material, Ametrina Tecnica, was
applied into one eye of each of 6 New Zealand white rabbits;
all eyes unirised. Scoring at 24, 48 and 72 hours.

Results: No corneal, iris irritation noted. At 24 hours
5/6 showed slight conjunctival redness, 2/6 at 48 hours; all
normal by 72 hours.

Study Classification: Core Supplementary Data.

Dose is too small to determine appropriate toxicity category.

5. Acute Eye Irritation Study in Rabbits - Ametryne; Hazelton
Project No. 915-118; April 13, 1975.

Procedure: 0.1 ml (150 mg) of test material, Ametryne,
was applied into one eye of each of 3 New Zealand white
rabbits. Treated eyes were washed with 200 ml of tap water
20 seconds post-treatment. Scoring at 24, 48 and 72 hours.

Results: No corneal, iris irritation noted. At 24 hours
3/3 showed conjunctival redness (score = 1). All scores
were zero by 48 hours.

Study Classification: Core Supplementary Data.

The "Ametryne" formulation is not specified. Once
identified, we could consider upgrading the classification
to Core Minimum Data.

6. Primary Skin Irritation Study in Rabbits - Ametrina
Tecnica; Hazelton Project No. 915-105; April 1, 1975.
Procedure: 0.5 g of Aetridia Tencica moistened with distilled water was applied to each of 2 sites (1 abraded, 1 intact) on each of 5 New Zealand white rabbits. Exposure was under occlusive wrap for 24 hours. Draize scoring at 24 and 72 hours.

Results: All scores were zero.

Study Classification: Core Minimum Data.

Toxicity Category: IV
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