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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Atrazine, Dermal Absorption in Rats

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Compound; Amatrax Tox Chem #063 ID #: 080803
Registrant; Ciba-Geigy MRID 433143-02 DP Barcode; D206233

Action Requested

Review the following study;

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Citation

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Core Classification Acceptable

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Effects of this new data, if any, on the atrazine risk assessment will be considered separately.

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Data Evaluation Report

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Materials

Atrazine. ¹⁴C
vial 1, CL-XXII-45
specific activity 1.9 uCi/mg
radio purity 98.7%
vial 2 & 3, CL-XXII-47
specific activity 19.1 uCi/mg
radio purity 98.9%
from Geigy

4L blank No FL 901240
Reference 82047-3

Male Charles River CD rats 30-32 days of age
from Charles River Portage Michigan

Experimental Design

Four rats per dose and exposure duration were dosed at 0.1, 1 or 10 mg/rat according to the dosing schedule given below. The application site was washed at 10 or 24 hours on the animals designated as exposed for 10 or 24 hours and subsequently terminated at 34 to 96 hours.

| <u>Exposure Duration</u> (hours) | <u>Termination</u> (hours) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 10 | 10 |
| 24 | 24 |
| 10 | 34 |
| 10 | 58 |
| 10 | 82 |
| 24 | 48 |
| 24 | 72 |
| 24 | 96 |

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Dose preparation

"For the low dose formulation 10.4 mg of blank 4L formulant was added to Vial No 2 (containing ¹⁴C-Atrazine) followed by the addition of 4.0 ml of deionized water." The material was mixed, sonicated and maintained on a magnetic stirring plate.

"For the mid dose formulation 104 mg of blank 4L formulant was added to Vial No 3 (containing ¹⁴C-Atrazine) followed by the addition of 4.0 ml of deionized water." The material was mixed, sonicated and maintained on a magnetic stirring plate.

"For the high dose formulation 1.04 gm of blank 4L formulant was added to Vial No 1 (containing ¹⁴C-Atrazine) followed by the addition of 8.0 ml of deionized water." The material was mixed, sonicated and maintained on a magnetic stirring plate.

All dosing suspensions were analyzed on the day of preparation and on each day of dosing before administration. Radiochemical purity was determined for each dosing suspension.

Application of test material

The back of each rat was shaved 24 hour prior to dosing and the shaved area washed with acetone. "Before application of the test material, a small linked stainless steel jewelers chain was attached to shackle the rear legs of each rat to prevent scratching of the treated area. The skin of the dose area was defined and enclosed with a nonocclusive covering or "protective appliance", which consisted of a piece of Stomatohesive, filter paper and an aluminum bridge. The Stomatohesive was affixed to the skin with Skin-Bond® cement to form a "well" surrounding the area of skin to be treated.

The treated area was covered with filter paper elevated by a foil bridge to prevent contact with the applied dose. The application site, within the "well", was a 10.0 cm² area (2.5 cm X 4.0 cm)."

Test material was applied with a positive displacement pipette and spread with the tip. The pipette was washed with ethanol to determine residual material. Actual dose applied was determined by subtraction. The rat was placed in a Nalgene metabolism unit and urine and feces collected separately for the entire exposure period.

At the end of the exposure period, the filter paper and foil bridge was removed and the application site washed with Liquid Dove in water and rinsed with water. Animals scheduled for termination at 0.5 to 24 hours were euthanized with CO₂. The abdominal cavity was opened and a 5 to 7 ml sample of blood taken from the inferior vena cava. The Stomatohesive was removed and the application site skin and the skin under the Stomatohesive were collected separately. Residual bladder urine was collected and added to the last urine collection. The residual carcass was collected.

Animals scheduled to be terminated beyond 24 hours were returned to the original metabolism unit. At termination these rats were again washed and terminated as above.

Samples analyzed were as follows:

- Application device wash
- Skin wash
- Application site skin
- Blood
- Urine
- Feces
- Carcass

Results

Blood concentrations are presented in Table 3 and dose distribution in Tables 4, 5 and 6 from the report.

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