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DATA EVALUATION RECORD

1. Chemical: Cypermethrin
2. Test Material: Technical, 91.5% AI  
EC formulation, 37.2% AI
3. Study Type: Honey bee acute contact and oral LD<sub>50</sub>

Species Tested: Apis mellifera

4. Study ID: Bull, J.M., and W. Wilkinson. 1980. Cypermethrin: Laboratory determination of the acute oral and contact toxicity to honeybees of technical material and an emulsifiable concentrate (GFU 061). Submitted by ICI, Plant Protection Division. Reg. NO. 10182-65. ACC. NO. 260647.

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7. Conclusions:

This study is scientifically sound. Toxicity values for the technical material were as follows:

24-hr contact LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.037 ug/bee  
48-hr contact LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.023 ug/bee  
24-hr oral LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.181 ug/bee  
48-hr oral LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.172 ug/bee

Toxicity values for the formulation were as follows:

24-hr contact LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.180 ug a.i./bee  
48-hr contact LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.088 ug a.i./bee  
24-hr oral LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.130 ug a.i./bee  
48-hr oral LD<sub>50</sub> = 0.103 ug a.i./bee

On the basis of these figures, cypermethrin is considered "highly toxic" to honey bees. This study fulfills the guideline requirement for an acute contact toxicity determination on honey bees with the technical material.

8. Recommendations: N/A

9. Background: This study was submitted by ICI as part of a data call-in package.

10. Discussion of Individual Test: N/A

11. Materials and Methods

A. Test Animals were worker bees obtained from research colonies.

B. Test System: General: Bees were collected by sweeping them from the combs into a plastic bucket. Bees were anesthetized by feeding carbon dioxide gas into the bucket. They were then placed in cages and allowed to recover. During the test period, bees were kept in a controlled temperature room at 24-26°C and 60-65% R.H. Mortality was evaluated at 1, 2, 4, 24, and 48 hours after treatment.

Oral Tests: Stock suspensions were prepared in aqueous 20% sucrose solution containing acetone to improve stability. Serial dilutions were made from the stock. Each group of 10 bees was fed 0.2 ml of a given concentration. Control bees were fed 0.2 ml per cage of the diluent alone. When all the test material had been taken, bees were fed sucrose solution. Any test material not taken by 22 hrs. posttreatment was measured, and the mean dose per bee recalculated by assuming equal sharing of the amount taken.

Contact tests: Stock solutions were made up in acetone and serially diluted. After recovery from initial anesthetization, bees were reanesthetized, and a 1 ul drop of a given concentration was applied to the thorax of each bee with a microsyringe. Control bees were treated with acetone only.

C. Dose: Oral application through feeding tube in sucrose solution; acetone diluent. Contact application using microapplicator; acetone solvent.

D. Design: 30 bees per dose level and control, divided into 3 reps.; replicated 3 times over time. Six dose levels for contact tests (0.5, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.02, and 0.01 ug a.i. per bee). Six dose levels for oral test with technical (1.64, 0.87, 0.45, 0.2, 0.1, and 0.05 ug a.i. per bee). Seven dose levels for oral test with formulation (1.69, 0.88, 0.46, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, and 0.02 ug a.i per bee).

E. Statistics: Results were analyzed by plotting logit transformation on percentage kill against the log dose in ug of a.i. per bee. Data were adjusted for control mortality using Abbott's formula.

12. Reported Results: Reported LD<sub>50</sub> values are listed above under #7, "Conclusions."

13. Study Author's Conclusions/Q.A. Measures:

Reported LD<sub>50</sub> values are listed above under #7, "Conclusions."

Protocol and final report audits were conducted by ICI's Quality Assurance Unit.

14. Reviewer's Discussion and Interpretation of the Study

A. Test Procedures: Procedures were in accordance with protocols recommended in the guidelines. There were no problems in this regard.

B. Statistical Analysis: Results of the analyses were validated using Stephan's LD<sub>50</sub> program on the IBM-PC. Validation supports the results of the study author's analyses. Computer printouts are attached.

C. Discussion/Results: With acute LD<sub>50</sub> values in all cases (contact and oral, 24-hr and 48-hr values) less than 0.2 ug/bee, cypermethrin is "highly toxic" to honeybees.

D. Adequacy of Study:

1. Classification: Core
2. Rationale: Guidelines protocol
3. Reparability: N/A

15. Completion of One-Liner: N/A

16. CBI Appendix: N/A

Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee contact LD50 (Technical, 24-hr.)  
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CONC.	NUMBER EXPOSED	NUMBER DEAD	PERCENT DEAD	BINOMIAL PROB. (PERCENT)
.5	90	63	70	0
.2	90	73	81.11111	0
.1	90	65	72.22222	0
.05	90	51	56.66667	0
.02	90	46	51.11112	0
.01	90	15	16.66667	0

BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF ORGANISMS USED WAS SO LARGE, THE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE INTERVALS CALCULATED FROM THE BINOMIAL PROBABILITY ARE UNRELIABLE. USE THE INTERVALS CALCULATED BY THE OTHER TESTS.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS 1.959353E-02

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS
3	6.105566E-02	3.970448E-02	3.174646E-02
2.539636E-02			

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H	GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY
3	.8289704	7.30774	0

A PROBABILITY OF 0 MEANS THAT IT IS LESS THAN 0.001.

SINCE THE PROBABILITY IS LESS THAN 0.05, RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE USED.

SLOPE = .8396579  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 7.516771E-02 AND 1.604148

LC50 = 3.743089E-02  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 6.887538E-05 AND .1598425

LC10 = 1.150031E-03  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.447041E-21 AND 9.244459E-03

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NOTE: BECAUSE THERE WAS CONTROL MORTALITY, AND NONE OF THE LOWER CONCENTRATIONS PRODUCED ZERO MORTALITY, THE DATA HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO ABBOTT'S CORRECTION.

Vaughan Cypermethrin honeybee contact LD50 (Technical, 48-hr.)

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CONC.	NUMBER EXPOSED	NUMBER DEAD	PERCENT DEAD	BINOMIAL PROB. (PERCENT)
.5	84	79	94.0476	0
.2	84	84	100	0
.1	84	77	91.6667	0
.05	84	60	71.4286	0
.02	84	42	50	0
.01	84	15	17.8571	0

THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .02 AND .02 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS .02

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS
3	3.143355E-02	2.830822E-02	2.420538E-02
2.034118E-02			

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H	GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY
3	.4961499	8.78426	0

A PROBABILITY OF 0 MEANS THAT IT IS LESS THAN 0.001.

SINCE THE PROBABILITY IS LESS THAN 0.05, RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE USED.

SLOPE = 1.802394  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .5328254 AND 3.071962

LC50 = 2.364122E-02  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 4.527049E-03 AND 5.125151E-02

LC10 = 4.667146E-03  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.814436E-05 AND .0131581

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Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee contact LD50 (Formulation, 24-hr.)

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CONC.      NUMBER      NUMBER      PERCENT      BINOMIAL
          EXPOSED      DEAD        DEAD        PROB.(PERCENT)
.5         80         48.00001   60.00001    0
.2         80         51         63.75       0
.1         80         37         46.25       0
.05        80         14         17.5        0
.02        80         5.000001   6.25        0
.01        90         8          8.888889   0
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THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .1 AND .2 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS .1158548

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS	
3	.1126155	.1490988	.1112192	.2029691

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H
3	.3255352	4.237194

GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY  
1.97804E-03

SINCE THE PROBABILITY IS LESS THAN 0.05, RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE USED.

SLOPE = 1.204534  
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .5172787 AND 1.891789

LC50 = .1851058  
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 9.190557E-02 AND .741458

LC10 = 1.633317E-02  
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 1.325924E-03 AND 3.840888E-02

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Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee contact LD50 (Formulation, 48-hr.)

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CONC.	NUMBER EXPOSED	NUMBER DEAD	PERCENT DEAD	BINOMIAL PROB. (PERCENT)
.5	68	67	98.52939	0
.2	68	57	83.8235	0
.1	68	37	54.4118	0
.05	68	12	17.6471	0
.02	68	3.000001	4.4118	0
.01	90	17	18.88889	0

THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .05 AND .1 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

*Closest to study lab's LD50*

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS 9.254191E-02

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS
4	3.008724E-02		9.417432E-02
7.995928E-02		.1110773	

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H	
5	.6301673	12.33032	0

A PROBABILITY OF 0 MEANS THAT IT IS LESS THAN 0.001.

SINCE THE PROBABILITY IS LESS THAN 0.05, RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE USED.

SLOPE = 1.762497  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .3633725 AND 3.161621

LC50 = 7.544199E-02  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 1.944337E-02 AND .4129889

LC10 = 1.435636E-02  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.569502E-05 AND 3.963985E-02

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Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee oral LD50 (~~Technical~~ <sup>Technical</sup>, 24-hr.)

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CONC.	NUMBER EXPOSED	NUMBER DEAD	PERCENT DEAD	BINOMIAL PROB. (PERCENT)
1.64	86	71	82.5581	0
.87	86	69	80.2326	0
.45	86	68	79.0698	0
.2	86	54	62.7907	0
.1	86	33	38.3721	0
.05	86	6	6.9767	0

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AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS .1390601

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS	
4		2.808105E-02	.1757647 .14728	.207734

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H
3	.3794768	6.330628

GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY

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SLOPE = 1.427236  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .5430346 AND 2.306437

LC50 = .1953675  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 6.648614E-02 AND .4146634

LC10 = 2.517794E-02  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .5.224738E-04 AND 7.150764E-02

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Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee oral LD50 (Technical, 48-hr.)

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CONC.      NUMBER      NUMBER      PERCENT      BINOMIAL
           EXPOSED      DEAD        DEAD        PROB. (PERCENT)
1.64      82              72          87.8049     0
.87       82              70          85.3659     0
.45       82              64          78.0488     0
.2        82              54          65.8537     0
.1        82              30          36.5854     0
.05       82              4.999999   6.0976      0
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THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .1 AND .2 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS .1372782

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

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SPAN      G      LC50      95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS
4          2.466242E-02      .1742073      .1476236      .203749
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RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

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ITERATIONS      G      H
GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY
4          .2760765      5.118893      0
A PROBABILITY OF 0 MEANS THAT IT IS LESS THAN 0.001.
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SINCE THE PROBABILITY IS LESS THAN 0.05, RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE USED.

SLOPE = 1.639701  
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .7781531 AND 2.501249

LC50 = .1856336  
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 8.388003E-02 AND .3381524

LC10 = 3.119789E-02  
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.822932E-03 AND .0728207

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Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee oral LD50 (Formulation, 24-hr.)

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CONC.      NUMBER      NUMBER      PERCENT      BINOMIAL
           EXPOSED     DEAD        DEAD         PROB.(PERCENT)
1.69      26              14          53.8462      0
.88       78              64          82.0513      0
.46       78              61          78.2051      0
.2        78              56          71.7949      0
.1        78              34.00001    43.5897      0
.05       78              18          23.0769      0
.02       52              4.00001     7.6923       0
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THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .1 AND .2 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS .1166311

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS	
5	2.992786E-02		.1332396	.1070805

.1640846

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H
4	.6327073	9.050471

GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY 0

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SLOPE = 1.146267  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = .2344931 AND 2.058041

LC50 = .1503364  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.281468E-02 AND .5952761

LC10 = .0117252  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.619412E-07 AND 4.805056E-02

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Vaughan Cypermethrin Honeybee oral LD50 (Formulation, 48-hr.)

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CONC.      NUMBER      NUMBER      PERCENT      BINOMIAL
           EXPOSED     DEAD        DEAD         PROB.(PERCENT)
1.69      24.66667      21.66667    87.8378      0
.88       74            66          89.1892      0
.46       74            60          81.0811      0
.2        74            55          74.3243      0
.1        74            34.00001    45.946       0
.05       74            19          25.6757      0
.02       49.33334      6.333333    12.8378      0
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THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .1 AND .2 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS .1100301

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

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SPAN      G      LC50      95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS
5         2.974246E-02      .1112774      8.839982E-02
.1371221
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RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

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ITERATIONS      G      H
GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY
4               3.268955E-02      1
.1724523
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SLOPE = 1.444022  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 1.182939 AND 1.705105

LC50 = .1138401  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 9.040253E-02 AND .1405582

LC10 = 1.502476E-02  
 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 8.571998E-03 AND 2.251832E-02

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