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**(DERMAL STUDIES)**

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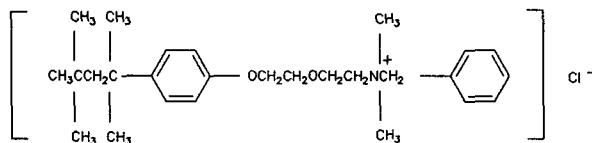
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## ABSTRACT



### BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE

CAS No. 121-54-0

Chemical Formula:  $C_{27}H_{42}NO_2 \cdot Cl$

Molecular Weight: 448.1

**Synonyms:** Benzyl dimethyl-*p*-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl) phenoxyethoxy-ethylammonium chloride; diisobutylphenoxyethoxy-ethyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride; *p*-tert-octylphenoxyethoxyethyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride

**Trade names:** Anti-germ 77, Antiseptol, BZT, Diapp, Disilyn, Hyamine, Hyamine 1622, Phemeride, Phemithyn, Polymine D, Quatrachlor, Solamine

Benzethonium chloride is used primarily in cosmetics for its antimicrobial and cationic surfactant properties. Benzethonium chloride was nominated by the National Cancer Institute to the NTP for study from a class study of chemicals used as biocides. The chemical was selected based on a suspicion of carcinogenicity and its known widespread human exposure. Male and female F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were topically administered benzethonium chloride (greater than 98% pure) for 16 days, 13 weeks, or 2 years. Genetic toxicology studies were conducted in *Salmonella typhimurium* and cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells.

#### 16-DAY STUDY IN RATS

Groups of five male and five female F344/N rats were topically administered 0, 6.3, 12.5, 25, 50, or 100 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight. Rats were administered a total of 12 doses in a fixed volume of 250  $\mu$ L ethanol. All rats survived to the end of the study. The final mean body weights and body weight gains of rats administered 50 or 100 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight were significantly less than those of the controls. Clinical findings at

autopsy included thickening or hardening of the skin at the site of application in all rats administered 50 or 100 mg/kg and in 25 mg/kg males. Lesions at the site of application appeared crusty or red-grey in color. Epithelial hyperplasia with or without inflammation occurred at the site of application in all groups of males and females administered benzethonium chloride.

#### 16-DAY STUDY IN MICE

Groups of five male and five female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were topically administered 0, 6.3, 12.5, 25, 50, or 100 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight. Mice were administered a total of 12 doses in a fixed volume of 100  $\mu$ L ethanol. One 100 mg/kg male mouse died on day 4 of the study. Final mean body weights of all groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls. Clinical findings included mild irritation at the site of application in 50 and 100 mg/kg males and females and in 25 mg/kg males. Epithelial hyperplasia with or without inflammation occurred at the site of application in all groups of males and females administered benzethonium chloride.

### 13-WEEK STUDY IN RATS

Groups of 10 male and 10 female F344/N rats were topically administered 0, 1.56, 3.13, 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight, 5 days per week for 13 weeks. Doses were administered in ethanol at a volume not exceeding 300  $\mu$ L. All rats survived to the end of the study. The final mean body weight and body weight gain of 25 mg/kg males were significantly lower than those of the controls. The final mean body weights of all other groups of males and of all groups of females were similar to those of the controls. Clinical findings included irritation at the site of application in groups administered 3.13 mg/kg or greater. There were no differences in absolute or relative organ weights considered to be related to chemical administration. Epithelial hyperplasia was observed at the site of application in all groups of males and females administered benzethonium chloride. Additionally, inflammation and ulceration were observed at the site of application in males and females administered 3.13 mg/kg or greater. Based on the lesions observed in the 13-week study, benzethonium chloride dose levels selected for the 2-year dermal study in male and female rats were 0.15, 0.5, and 1.5 mg/kg.

### 13-WEEK STUDY IN MICE

Groups of 10 male and 10 female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were topically administered 0, 1.56, 3.13, 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight, 5 days per week for 13 weeks. Doses were administered in ethanol at a volume not exceeding 100  $\mu$ L. All mice survived to the end of the study. The final mean body weights of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls; the mean body weight gain of 25 mg/kg males was significantly less than that of the controls. Males administered 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg/kg developed irritation, thickening of the skin, scales, and/or discoloration at the site of application, as did female mice administered 12.5 or 25 mg/kg. Increased incidences of epithelial hyperplasia and inflammation were observed at the site of application in all groups of males and females administered benzethonium chloride. Based on the lesions observed in the 13-week study, benzethonium chloride dose levels selected for the 2-year dermal study in mice were 0.15, 0.5, and 1.5 mg/kg.

### 2-YEAR STUDY IN RATS

Groups of 60 male and 60 female F344/N rats were topically administered 0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight 5 days per week for 103 weeks. Doses were administered in ethanol, and dose volumes were adjusted weekly according to the average body weights of the groups. As many as nine rats per group were evaluated after 15 months of chemical administration.

#### *Survival, Body Weights, and Clinical Findings*

Survival of dosed rats was similar to that of the controls throughout the study. Mean body weights of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls throughout the study. Reddening of the skin was observed at the site of application in all dosed groups of males and females. There were no other clinical findings considered to be related to chemical administration.

#### *Pathology Findings*

There were no increased incidences of neoplasms in dosed male or female rats that were attributed directly to the administration of benzethonium chloride. Increased incidences of epithelial hyperplasia, sebaceous gland hyperplasia, and ulcers were observed at the site of application in dosed females. The incidence of epithelial hyperplasia was increased in 0.5 and 1.5 mg/kg males.

### 2-YEAR STUDY IN MICE

Groups of 60 male and 60 female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were topically administered 0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight 5 days per week for 103 weeks. Doses were administered in ethanol, and dose volumes were adjusted weekly according to the average body weights of the groups. As many as 10 mice per group were evaluated after 15 months of chemical administration.

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application in all dosed groups of males and in 0.15 mg/kg females. There were no other clinical findings attributed to chemical administration.

### ***Pathology Findings***

There were no increased incidences of neoplasms in dosed males or females that were related to administration of benzethonium chloride. Increased incidences of epithelial hyperplasia were observed at the site of application in dosed males and females.

### **GENETIC TOXICOLOGY**

Benzethonium chloride was not mutagenic in *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, or TA1537 and did not induce sister chromatid exchanges or chromosomal aberrations in

cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells. All tests were conducted with and without S9 metabolic activation enzymes.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Under the conditions of these 2-year dermal studies, there was *no evidence of carcinogenic activity\** of benzethonium chloride in male or female F344/N rats receiving 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg. There was *no evidence of carcinogenic activity* in male or female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice receiving 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg.

Exposure of rats and mice to benzethonium chloride by dermal application in ethanol for 2 years resulted in epithelial hyperplasia in male and female rats and mice and sebaceous gland hyperplasia and ulcers in female rats at the site of application.

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**Summary of the 2-Year Carcinogenesis and Genetic Toxicology Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**


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	Male F344/N Rats	Female F344/N Rats	Male B6C3F <sub>1</sub> Mice	Female B6C3F <sub>1</sub> Mice
<b>Doses</b>	0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg in not more than 296 $\mu$ L of acetone	0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg in not more than 317 $\mu$ L of acetone	0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg in not more than 131 $\mu$ L of acetone	0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg in not more than 131 $\mu$ L of acetone
<b>Body weights</b>	Dosed groups similar to controls	Dosed groups similar to controls	Dosed groups similar to controls	Dosed groups similar to controls
<b>2-Year survival rates</b>	15/52, 11/52, 9/55, 16/56	24/51, 33/53, 26/51, 24/53	43/50, 38/50, 42/50, 39/50	38/52, 34/53, 31/48, 34/54
<b>Nonneoplastic effects</b>	<u>Skin (site of application):</u> epithelial hyperplasia (1/52, 0/52, 4/55, 12/56)	<u>Skin (site of application):</u> epithelial hyperplasia (2/51, 2/53, 6/51, 32/53); sebaceous gland hyperplasia (1/51, 2/53, 6/51, 30/53); ulcer (0/51, 1/53, 3/51, 19/53)	<u>Skin (site of application):</u> epithelial hyperplasia (2/50, 7/50, 16/50, 23/50)	<u>Skin (site of application):</u> epithelial hyperplasia (3/52, 7/53, 6/48, 22/54)
<b>Neoplastic effects</b>	None	None	None	None
<b>Level of evidence of carcinogenic activity</b>	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence	No evidence
<b>Genetic toxicology</b>				
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> gene mutations:		Negative in strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, and TA1537 with and without S9		
Sister chromatid exchanges				
Cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells <i>in vitro</i> :		Negative with and without S9		
Chromosomal aberrations				
Cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells <i>in vitro</i> :		Negative with and without S9		

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## EXPLANATION OF LEVELS OF EVIDENCE OF CARCINOGENIC ACTIVITY

The National Toxicology Program describes the results of individual experiments on a chemical agent and notes the strength of the evidence for conclusions regarding each study. Negative results, in which the study animals do not have a greater incidence of neoplasia than control animals, do not necessarily mean that a chemical is not a carcinogen, inasmuch as the experiments are conducted under a limited set of conditions. Positive results demonstrate that a chemical is carcinogenic for laboratory animals under the conditions of the study and indicate that exposure to the chemical has the potential for hazard to humans. Other organizations, such as the International Agency for Research on Cancer, assign a strength of evidence for conclusions based on an examination of all available evidence, including animal studies such as those conducted by the NTP, epidemiologic studies, and estimates of exposure. Thus, the actual determination of risk to humans from chemicals found to be carcinogenic in laboratory animals requires a wider analysis that extends beyond the purview of these studies.

Five categories of evidence of carcinogenic activity are used in the Technical Report series to summarize the strength of the evidence observed in each experiment: two categories for positive results (**clear evidence** and **some evidence**); one category for uncertain findings (**equivocal evidence**); one category for no observable effects (**no evidence**); and one category for experiments that cannot be evaluated because of major flaws (**inadequate study**). These categories of interpretative conclusions were first adopted in June 1983 and then revised in March 1986 for use in the Technical Report series to incorporate more specifically the concept of actual weight of evidence of carcinogenic activity. For each separate experiment (male rats, female rats, male mice, female mice), one of the following five categories is selected to describe the findings. These categories refer to the strength of the experimental evidence and not to potency or mechanism.

- **Clear evidence** of carcinogenic activity is demonstrated by studies that are interpreted as showing a dose-related (i) increase of malignant neoplasms, (ii) increase of a combination of malignant and benign neoplasms, or (iii) marked increase of benign neoplasms if there is an indication from this or other studies of the ability of such tumors to progress to malignancy.
- **Some evidence** of carcinogenic activity is demonstrated by studies that are interpreted as showing a chemical-related increased incidence of neoplasms (malignant, benign, or combined) in which the strength of the response is less than that required for clear evidence.
- **Equivocal evidence** of carcinogenic activity is demonstrated by studies that are interpreted as showing a marginal increase of neoplasms that may be chemical related.
- **No evidence** of carcinogenic activity is demonstrated by studies that are interpreted as showing no chemical-related increases in malignant or benign neoplasms.
- **Inadequate study** of carcinogenic activity is demonstrated by studies that, because of major qualitative or quantitative limitations, cannot be interpreted as valid for showing either the presence or absence of carcinogenic activity.

When a conclusion statement for a particular experiment is selected, consideration must be given to key factors that would extend the actual boundary of an individual category of evidence. Such consideration should allow for incorporation of scientific experience and current understanding of long-term carcinogenesis studies in laboratory animals, especially for those evaluations that may be on the borderline between two adjacent levels. These considerations should include:

- adequacy of the experimental design and conduct;
- occurrence of common versus uncommon neoplasia;
- progression (or lack thereof) from benign to malignant neoplasia as well as from preneoplastic to neoplastic lesions;
- some benign neoplasms have the capacity to regress but others (of the same morphologic type) progress. At present, it is impossible to identify the difference. Therefore, where progression is known to be a possibility, the most prudent course is to assume that benign neoplasms of those types have the potential to become malignant;
- combining benign and malignant tumor incidence known or thought to represent stages of progression in the same organ or tissue;
- latency in tumor induction;
- multiplicity in site-specific neoplasia;
- metastases;
- supporting information from proliferative lesions (hyperplasia) in the same site of neoplasia or in other experiments (same lesion in another sex or species);
- presence or absence of dose relationships;
- statistical significance of the observed tumor increase;
- concurrent control tumor incidence as well as the historical control rate and variability for a specific neoplasm;
- survival-adjusted analyses and false positive or false negative concerns;
- structure-activity correlations; and
- in some cases, genetic toxicology.

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The members of the Technical Reports Review Subcommittee who evaluated the draft NTP Technical Report on benzethonium chloride on June 21, 1994, are listed below. Subcommittee members serve as independent scientists, not as representatives of any institution, company, or governmental agency. In this capacity, subcommittee members have five major responsibilities in reviewing NTP studies:

- to ascertain that all relevant literature data have been adequately cited and interpreted,
- to determine if the design and conditions of the NTP studies were appropriate,
- to ensure that the Technical Report presents the experimental results and conclusions fully and clearly,
- to judge the significance of the experimental results by scientific criteria, and
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On June 21, 1994, the draft Technical Report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of benzethonium chloride received public review by the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors Technical Reports Review Subcommittee. The review meeting was held at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Dr. J.R. Bucher, NIEHS, introduced the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of benzethonium chloride by discussing the uses of the chemical and rationale for study, describing the experimental design, reporting on survival and body weight effects, and commenting on compound-related nonneoplastic lesions in rats and mice. The proposed conclusions were *no evidence of carcinogenic activity* of benzethonium chloride in male and female F344/N rats and in male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice. Dermal exposure of rats and mice to benzethonium chloride in ethanol for 2 years resulted in epithelial hyperplasia in male and female rats and mice and sebaceous gland hyperplasia and ulcers in female rats at the site of application.

Dr. Bailey, a principal reviewer, agreed with the proposed conclusions and believed the dose levels selected were adequate to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of the chemical in rats and mice.

Dr. Vodcnik, the second principal reviewer, also agreed with the proposed conclusions. She questioned part of the rationale for study of the chemical (i.e., "suspicion of carcinogenicity"). She said that the statement was based on results of a dated, isolated study in which commercial grade benzethonium chloride was administered subcutaneously to rats, and noted that the localized sarcomas observed in the study were typical of those resulting from repeated irritation. Dr. Vodcnik said sufficient rationale for study was the widespread human exposure and lack of adequate testing. Dr. Bucher noted that some human carcinogens (e.g., nickel compounds) are very difficult to show as being carcinogenic in animal studies by other than an injection route. He thought it an appropriate response by the NTP to do this study by the dermal route to clarify whether there was, in fact, any suspicion of carcinogenicity. Dr. Vodcnik added

that part of her concern had to do with the lack of characterization of the test material and impurities in the earlier study.

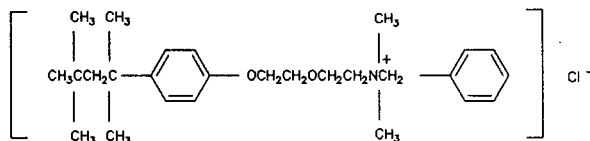
Dr. Reddy, the third principal reviewer, also agreed with the proposed conclusions, but believed the high dose administered to male rats and mice in the 2-year studies could have been greater. Dr. Bucher agreed. Dr. Reddy asked whether it would be appropriate to modify future dermal study protocols to examine the potential promoting effect of compounds such as benzethonium chloride. Dr. Bucher asked the subcommittee to comment on the value of promotion studies.

Dr. Ward said that he agreed with the rationale for study, adding that the results of the studies on benzethonium chloride provide more evidence that chronic irritation alone does not cause neoplasms. Dr. Ryan asked for clarification of a statement that sebaceous gland carcinomas in treated male rats were consistent with the spectrum of neoplasms found in adjacent control skin from treated and untreated animals. Dr. Bucher said that these lesions in treated animals were similar to those observed in control animals, suggesting that these neoplasms were not associated with chemical exposure. Dr. Klaassen asked why there was a tenfold difference between the lowest and highest doses administered in this study, adding that the difference is generally fourfold. Dr. D.S. Marsman, NIEHS, said that between the 16-day and 13-week studies, there appeared to be more lesions developing at lower dose levels; thus, a wider dose range in the 2-year studies could have allowed for continuance of this observation. Dr. Miller commented that in view of the widespread human exposure in skin products, it would be useful to relate the doses applied to typical concentrations in consumer products. Dr. Bucher agreed.

Dr. Bailey moved that the Technical Report on benzethonium chloride be accepted with the revisions discussed and with the conclusions as written for male and female rats and mice, *no evidence of carcinogenic activity*. Dr. Vodcnik seconded the motion, which was accepted unanimously with 11 votes.



## INTRODUCTION



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### CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Benzethonium chloride is a white to colorless, nearly odorless, bitter tasting crystalline substance. It is soluble in water, alcohols, glycols, acetone, benzene, and other organic solvents (*Merck Index*, 1976; CIR, 1985). Details of the synthesis of the compound are proprietary information. Commercial preparations typically contain numerous impurities including unreacted starting materials and side-reaction products. Impurities may include benzyl chloride, benzal chloride, benzyl alcohol, benzaldehyde, and benzylamine derivatives (CIR, 1982).

### PRODUCTION, USE, AND HUMAN EXPOSURE

Benzethonium chloride is used primarily in cosmetics for its antimicrobial and cationic surfactant properties. Concentrations below 1% (with most below 0.1%) are typically found in baby bath, eye makeup, personal hygiene, fragrance, hair, shaving, skin, and suntan preparations (CIR, 1982). The material is also widely used in disinfectants, cationic detergents, and preservatives, including uses in fabric softening, ore flotation, corrosion inhibition, paper processing,

and in pharmaceuticals and vaccines (CIR, 1982). Benzethonium chloride is used in a variety of over-the-counter drug products and is permitted at maximum concentrations of 0.01% in preparations for ophthalmic uses, and at 0.02% for other topical uses (FDA, 1980a). Mouth rinses containing benzethonium chloride at 0.075% to 0.1% have been shown to reduce plaque accumulation (Volpe *et al.*, 1969; Compton and Beagrie, 1975; Tanzer *et al.*, 1979; Gaffar *et al.*, 1980), but yellow-brown teeth and tongue discolorations are sometimes noted. Benzethonium chloride has also been incorporated into polymerized methyl methacrylate used in contact lenses (Mote *et al.*, 1969). Benzethonium chloride at 0.2% is spermicidal (Paniagua *et al.*, 1961). Assuming complete chloride absorption from a product containing 1% of the chemical by weight, the dose to a 70-kg human would be 0.14 mg/kg per gram of product used. This is similar to the lowest dose used in the present 2-year studies.

Approximately 29,000 people are potentially exposed occupationally to benzethonium chloride annually, and consumer exposure has been estimated to be approximately 3.8 million people per year in the United States (SRI, 1984).

Although quaternary ammonium compounds such as benzethonium chloride have been reported to have significant antimicrobial properties, their rather limited spectrum of action (primarily affecting gram-positive bacteria) and a tendency to be inactivated by a large number of substances have caused their antimicrobial effectiveness to be questioned (FDA, 1980b). The primary germicidal action of benzethonium chloride has been attributed to an ability to disrupt cell membrane permeability (AMA, 1980). Concentrations of benzethonium chloride required to effect germicidal activity are reported to range from 0.005% to 0.01% (Christensen, 1963). Benzethonium chloride also has been shown to inhibit a number of proteolytic enzymes, and this inhibition can occur at concentrations below that needed to produce significant losses in bacterial viability (Stedman *et al.*, 1957; CIR, 1982). The compound also shows some inhibitory action on acetylcholinesterase (Jackson and Aprison, 1966).

## ABSORPTION, DISPOSITION, METABOLISM, AND EXCRETION

### *Experimental Animals*

The extent and rate of absorption following single and repeated dermal doses and the pattern of tissue distribution and route of elimination of [<sup>14</sup>C]-benzethonium chloride were studied in Fischer 344/N rats (NTP, 1988). The kinetics of distribution and excretion following an intravenous administration were also determined. From intravenous studies, an elimination half-life of radiolabel from blood was 110 minutes, the volume of distribution was 5.5 L/kg body weight, and the total clearance was 14.8 mL per minute per kg body weight. Twenty-four hours after a single intravenous dose, approximately 50% of the radiolabel was found in feces, and 2% in urine. In dermal studies, after application of 0.15 or 1.5 mg/kg [<sup>14</sup>C]-labeled compound to the skin under a non-occlusive patch, peak elimination of the radiolabel in urine and feces was observed at 24 to 48 hours (urine) or 48 to 72 hours (feces). Total urinary excretion was 1% to 2% of the applied dose, and fecal excretion accounted for about 45% of the dose. Radiolabel was below the detection limit in blood and most tissues during the study, but low levels were measured in the liver, and some residual radiolabel could be accounted for in the epidermis at the site of application. This could not be washed away. When similar studies were performed with repeated daily

dermal dosing, the total amount of radiolabel excreted up to 10 days following the last dose was about 25%, suggesting some accumulation with repeated dermal administration. However, following these studies it was discovered that urinary excretion was likely underestimated due to adherence of benzethonium chloride to the glass walls of the metabolism cages (NTP, 1988).

### *Humans*

No information on the absorption, distribution, metabolism, or excretion of benzethonium chloride in humans was found in the literature.

## TOXICITY

### *Experimental Animals*

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> values for benzethonium chloride in rats (strain unspecified or Charles River CD) and in Charles River CD-1 mice range from 368 to 665 mg/kg (CIR, 1982). When benzethonium chloride was administered subcutaneously to Fischer 344/N rats, the LD<sub>50</sub> was reported as 119 mg/kg (Mason *et al.*, 1971), and intravenous administration resulted in LD<sub>50</sub> values of 19 mg/kg (rats) and 35 mg/kg (mice) in unspecified strains (CIR, 1982).

In a study designed to evaluate the ability of benzethonium chloride to inactivate influenza virus, co-administration of the virus with the chemical by intranasal instillation to mice was shown to reduce mortality due to the virus. Effective concentrations were in the range of 0.00625% to 0.0125%. Exposure of mice to 0.05 mL of 0.25% benzethonium chloride and greater doses was toxic, causing lobular consolidation, pneumonia, and death (Klein and Stevens, 1945).

Dermal administration of 0.1% benzethonium chloride to the clipped skin of rabbits caused no irritation or systemic toxicity over the course of a 4-week study in which a single daily dose was administered 5 days per week (Finnegan and Dienna, 1954). However, Homburger (1968) found severe local blistering and more moderate lesions at doses of 35 to 280 mg/kg benzethonium chloride (in tricapyrylin) following a single dermal application to the unshaved backs of C57BL/6 male mice. Benzethonium chloride is irritating to the rabbit eye at concentrations of 0.03% and greater (Finnegan and Dienna, 1954).



In studies of the primary irritancy and sensitization potential of benzethonium chloride in female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice, concentrations greater than 10% (in 95% ethanol) were found to be irritating and 20% was selected as the challenge concentration to be used in the sensitization test. For this study, sensitization doses of 1%, 3%, and 10% were applied to the shaved and dermabraded dorsal surface daily for 5 days. Mice were challenged 7 days following the last treatment by application of 20% benzethonium chloride to the left ear; no evidence of contact hypersensitivity was noted (NTP, 1989).

Benzethonium chloride was administered by gavage to pregnant rats (strain not specified) on days 6 through 15 of gestation. At the highest dose of 35.6 mg per kg body weight per day, maternal weight gain was decreased, and delayed ossification was seen in the fetuses. The fetal effects were attributed to maternal toxicity (Gilman and DeSalva, 1979).

### **Humans**

Benzethonium chloride has been extensively studied for dermal irritant and sensitizing properties both alone and in various commercial formulations. Most results of these studies were negative; however, case reports of contact sensitization have been described (CIR, 1982). Conjunctival reactions consisting of hyperemia, edema, capillary dilation, lacrimation, and desquamation of the conjunctival epithelium were frequently reported in tests of benzethonium chloride incorporated into ocular wetting solutions (Swan, 1944). Irritation is also a common reaction to vaginal aerosol foam contraceptives containing benzethonium chloride (CIR, 1982).

Benzethonium chloride is cytotoxic to human cells. Several cultured human cell lines were reported killed by 10  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  concentrations, and 1  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  inhibited their growth (Kuwahara *et al.*, 1976).

There are no other studies in the literature concerning the toxicity of benzethonium chloride in humans, nor is there any information concerning toxicity to the human immune, nervous, or reproductive systems.

## **CARCINOGENICITY**

### ***Experimental Animals***

Benzethonium chloride has been evaluated for carcinogenicity in several species and by several routes of administration. The studies have been generally deficient in length of exposure time or in number of animals tested to be considered an adequate assessment of the carcinogenic potential of benzethonium chloride.

No gross or microscopic lesions attributed to chemical administration were observed when nine dogs were exposed to 5, 100, or 500 ppm benzethonium chloride in Purina Dog Chow for 1 year (Finnegan and Dienna, 1954). Purina Dog Chow mixed with 0, 50, 200, 1,000, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm benzethonium chloride was given to groups of 10 male and 10 female rats (strain unspecified) for 2 years (Finnegan and Dienna, 1954). Mortality was increased at 5,000 ppm, and thinning of the cecal wall and cecal distension at the three highest concentrations were the only abnormalities found.

Benzethonium chloride was administered by subcutaneous injection at doses of 0, 0.1, 0.3, 1.0, and 3.0 mg/kg to groups of 60, 10, 20, 30, or 40 Fischer 344/N male and female rats, respectively. Doses were administered twice per week for 1 year. The rats were kept an additional 6 months without dosing. Body weights were reduced by as much as 20% in the highest dose groups. Twenty-six of the 200 rats receiving benzethonium chloride developed sarcomas at the site of injection; no control rats developed sarcomas at the site of injection. The incidences of sarcomas were dose related and were attributed to chemical administration. The neoplasms that were observed were described as typical fibrosarcomas arising from mesenchymal cells within an area of granulomatous reaction (Mason *et al.*, 1971).

Benzethonium chloride has been studied in a short-term mouse lung adenoma assay (Homburger, 1968). A single dose of 0.35 mg of the chemical was injected into the tail vein of 50 CF-1 and 50 A/Jax female mice. Twenty additional CF-1 female mice were administered monthly injections for 7 months, at

which time all mice were evaluated. No increase in the incidence of pulmonary adenomas was found.

### **Humans**

No information on the carcinogenicity of benzethonium chloride in humans was found in the literature.

### **GENETIC TOXICITY**

Genotoxicity data for benzethonium chloride are limited to bacterial mutation and DNA damage tests. The chemical was not mutagenic, with or without Aroclor-induced S9 metabolic activation enzymes, in any of several strains of *Salmonella typhimurium* (De Flora *et al.*, 1984a,b; Zeiger *et al.*, 1987). However, it was reported to induce DNA damage in several strains of repair-deficient *Escherichia coli* (De Flora *et al.*, 1984b).

### **STUDY RATIONALE**

Benzethonium chloride was nominated by the National Cancer Institute to the NTP for study from a class study of chemicals used as biocides (Johnson *et al.*, 1984). The chemical was selected based on a suspicion of carcinogenicity and its known widespread human exposure. The dermal route was recommended because of its predominant use in cosmetics and other topical products. The NTP has performed 16-day, 13-week, and 2-year studies in F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice by the dermal route (this report), and has studied the dermal absorption, distribution, and excretion of the chemical in the F344/N rat (NTP, 1988). Additional studies evaluated the potential irritant and contact hypersensitivity properties of benzethonium chloride in female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice (NTP, 1989), and the chemical's genetic toxicity in *Salmonella typhimurium* and cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### PROCUREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE

United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade benzethonium chloride was obtained from Rohm and Haas (Philadelphia, PA) in one lot (W0061), which was used throughout the 16-day, 13-week, and 2-year dermal studies. Identity, purity, and stability analyses were conducted by the analytical chemistry laboratory, Midwest Research Institute (Kansas City, MO). Reports on analyses performed in support of the benzethonium chloride studies are on file at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). The methods and results of these studies are detailed in Appendix G.

The chemical, a white powder, was identified as benzethonium chloride by infrared, ultraviolet/visible, and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. The purity of the chemical was determined by elemental analyses, Karl Fischer water analysis, functional group titration, thin-layer chromatography, and high-performance liquid chromatography. Elemental analyses for carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and chlorine were in agreement with the theoretical values for benzethonium chloride. Functional group titration indicated a purity of  $98.5\% \pm 0.5\%$ . Karl Fischer water analysis indicated  $0.6\% \pm 0.3\%$  water. Thin-layer chromatography indicated a major spot and a trace impurity. High-performance liquid chromatography detected a major peak and no impurities greater than or equal to 0.1% of the major peak area. The overall purity was determined to be greater than 98%.

The complete battery of USP analyses was performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory as a supplement to the chemical characterization of benzethonium chloride. This lot of benzethonium chloride met the specifications of all analyses required by the USP XX.

Stability studies were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using high-performance liquid

chromatography. These studies indicated that benzethonium chloride was stable as a bulk chemical for at least 2 weeks when stored protected from light at temperatures up to 60° C. At the study laboratory, the bulk chemical was stored at room temperature protected from light. The stability of the chemical was monitored periodically using high-performance liquid chromatography. No degradation of the bulk chemical was observed.

### PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF DOSE FORMULATIONS

Dose formulations were prepared once for the 16-day studies and every 2 weeks for the 13-week and 2-year studies by mixing benzethonium chloride and 95% ethanol (USP grade) to give the required concentrations (Table G1). Dose formulation stability studies were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using high-performance liquid chromatography. The stability of the benzethonium chloride dose formulation was confirmed for at least 3 weeks at room temperature when stored protected from light, and for at least 3 hours when exposed to light and air.

Periodic analyses of the dose formulations of benzethonium chloride sampled from the dose preparation laboratory as well as from the animal room were conducted by the study laboratory and the analytical chemistry laboratory using ultraviolet spectroscopy. During the 16-day studies, the dose formulations were analyzed once (Table G2); during the 13-week studies, the dose formulations were analyzed three times (Table G3); and during the 2-year studies, the dose formulations were analyzed approximately every 2 months (Table G4). All of the dose formulations from the 16-day and 13-week studies were found to be within 10% of the target concentrations. In the 2-year studies, 98% (159/163) of the dose formulations analyzed were within 10% of the target concentrations. Results of the periodic referee analyses performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory were in agreement with the results obtained by the study laboratory (Table G5).

## 16-DAY STUDIES

Male and female F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were obtained from Simonsen Laboratories, Inc. (Gilroy, CA). On receipt, the rats and mice were 25 to 31 days old. Animals were quarantined for 11 days (rats) or 12 days (mice). Groups of five male and five female rats and mice were topically administered 0, 6.3, 12.5, 25, 50, or 100 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight. Doses were administered in ethanol at fixed volumes of 250  $\mu$ L (rats) or 100  $\mu$ L (mice). Doses were applied 5 days per week to the dorsal interscapular areas of the animals; the site of application was clipped three times during the studies. Animals were administered a total of 12 doses; animals were dosed for 2 (rats) or 3 (mice) consecutive days prior to necropsy, and the last doses were applied less than 24 hours before necropsy. Feed and water were available *ad libitum*. Rats and mice were housed individually. Clinical findings were recorded on dosing days. The animals were weighed initially, on day 10, and at the end of the study. Details of the study design and animal maintenance are summarized in Table 1.

A necropsy was performed on all animals. The brain, heart, right kidney, liver, lung, right testis (rats), and thymus were weighed. For all animals, skin at the site of application and from undosed sites was examined histopathologically.

## 13-WEEK STUDIES

The 13-week studies were conducted to evaluate the cumulative toxic effects of repeated exposure to benzethonium chloride and to determine the appropriate doses to be used in the 2-year studies.

Male and female F344/N and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were obtained from Simonsen Laboratories, Inc. (Gilroy, CA). On receipt, the rats were 25 to 31 days old and mice were 31 days old. Animals were quarantined for 27 days (mice) or 28 days (rats) before chemical administration began. Before the start of the studies, five male and five female rats and mice were selected for parasite evaluation and gross observation for evidence of disease. At the end of the studies, serologic analyses were performed on five male and five female control rats and mice using the protocols of the NTP Sentinel Animal Program (Appendix I).

Groups of 10 male and 10 female rats and mice were topically administered 0, 1.56, 3.13, 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight. Doses were administered in ethanol and dose volumes were adjusted weekly according to the average body weights of the dosed groups. Dose volumes did not exceed 300  $\mu$ L for rats or 100  $\mu$ L for mice. Doses were applied 5 days per week to the dorsal interscapular areas of the animals; the site of application was clipped weekly during the studies. Feed and water were available *ad libitum*. Rats and mice were housed individually. Clinical findings were recorded weekly for rats and mice. The animals were weighed initially, weekly, and at the end of the studies. Details of the study design and animal maintenance are summarized in Table 1.

At the end of the 13-week studies, a necropsy was performed on all animals. The brain, heart, right kidney, liver, lung, right testis, and thymus were weighed. Tissues for microscopic examination were fixed and preserved in 10% neutral buffered formalin, processed and trimmed, imbedded in paraffin, sectioned to a thickness of 5 to 6  $\mu$ m, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin. A complete histopathologic evaluation was performed on all rats and mice in the control and 25 mg/kg groups. Table 1 lists the tissues and organs routinely examined. In addition, sections of treated and untreated skin from rats and mice in all dose groups were examined microscopically.

## 2-YEAR STUDIES

### Study Design

Groups of 60 male and 60 female rats and mice were topically administered 0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight. Doses were administered in ethanol, and dose volumes were adjusted weekly according to the average body weights of the dosed groups. Throughout the study, dose volumes ranged from 63 to 296  $\mu$ L (male rats), 95 to 317  $\mu$ L (female rats), or 50 to 131  $\mu$ L (mice). Doses were applied 5 days per week to the dorsal interscapular areas of the animals; the site of application was clipped approximately once per week during the studies. As many as 10 male and 10 female rats and mice were evaluated at 15 months for histopathology and organ weights.

### Source and Specification of Animals

Male and female F344/N and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were obtained from Taconic Farms, Inc. (Germantown, NY) for use in the 2-year studies. Rats and mice were quarantined for 11 days before the beginning of the studies. Six male and six female rats and six male and eight female mice were selected for parasite evaluation and gross observation of disease. Serology samples were selected for viral screening. Rats were approximately 45 days old and mice were approximately 40 days old at the beginning of the studies. The health of the animals was monitored during the studies according to the protocols of the NTP Sentinel Animal Program (Appendix I).

### Animal Maintenance

Rats and mice were housed individually. Feed and water were available *ad libitum*. Cages and racks were rotated every 2 weeks. Further details of animal maintenance are provided in Table 1. Information on feed composition and contaminants is provided in Appendix H.

### Clinical Examinations and Pathology

All animals were observed twice daily for moribundity and mortality. Clinical findings were recorded monthly and body weights were recorded weekly through week 10, once during week 12, and monthly thereafter.

A complete necropsy was performed on all rats and mice. At the 15-month interim evaluation, the left kidney, right kidney, and liver of rats and mice were weighed. At necropsy, all organs and tissues were examined for grossly visible lesions, and all major tissues were fixed and preserved in 10% neutral buffered formalin, processed and trimmed, embedded in paraffin, sectioned to a thickness of 5 to 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for microscopic examination. Complete histopathologic examinations were performed on skin from the site of application and control skin in all animals. Otherwise, complete histopathologic examinations were performed only on controls and 1.5 mg/kg animals. For all paired organs (i.e., adrenal gland, kidney, and ovary), samples from each organ are examined. Tissues examined microscopically are listed in Table 1.

Microscopic evaluations were completed by the study laboratory pathologist, and the pathology data were entered into the Toxicology Data Management

System. The microscope slides, paraffin blocks, and residual wet tissues were sent to the NTP Archives for inventory, slide/block match, and wet tissue audit. The slides, individual animal data records, and pathology tables were evaluated by an independent quality assessment laboratory. The individual animal records and tables were compared for accuracy, the slide and tissue counts were verified, and the histo-technique was evaluated. For the 2-year studies, a quality assessment pathologist reviewed sections of treated and untreated skin.

The quality assessment report and slides were submitted to the NTP Pathology Working Group (PWG) chair, who reviewed the selected tissues and any other tissues for which a disagreement in diagnosis between the laboratory and quality assessment pathologists existed. Representative histopathology slides containing examples of skin lesions related to chemical administration, examples of disagreements in diagnoses between the laboratory and quality assessment pathologist, or lesions of general interest were presented by the chair to the PWG for review. The PWG consisted of the quality assessment pathologist and other pathologists experienced in rodent toxicologic pathology. This group examined the tissues without any knowledge of dose groups or previously rendered diagnoses. When the PWG consensus differed from the opinion of the laboratory pathologist, the diagnosis was changed. Thus, the final diagnoses represent a consensus of contractor pathologists and the PWG. Details of these review procedures have been described, in part, by Maronpot and Boorman (1982) and Boorman *et al.* (1985). For subsequent analyses of the pathology data, the diagnosed lesions for each tissue type were evaluated separately or combined according to the guidelines of McConnell *et al.* (1986).

### Statistical Methods

#### *Survival Analyses*

The probability of survival was estimated by the product-limit procedure of Kaplan and Meier (1958) and is presented in the form of graphs. Animals found dead of other than natural causes or missexed were censored from the survival analyses; animals dying from natural causes were not censored.

Statistical analyses for possible dose-related effects on survival used Cox's (1972) method for testing two groups for equality and Tarone's (1975) life table test

to identify dose-related trends. All reported P values for the survival analyses are two sided.

### *Calculation of Incidence*

The incidences of neoplasms or nonneoplastic lesions as presented in Tables A1, A4, B1, B4, C1, C4, D1, and D4 are given as the number of animals bearing such lesions at a specific anatomic site and the number of animals with that site examined microscopically. For calculation of statistical significance, the incidences of most neoplasms (Tables A3, B3, C3, and D3) and all nonneoplastic lesions are given as the numbers of animals affected at each site examined microscopically. However, when macroscopic examination was required to detect neoplasms in certain tissues (e.g., harderian gland, intestine, mammary gland, and skin) before microscopic evaluation, or when neoplasms had multiple potential sites of occurrence (e.g., leukemia or lymphoma), the denominators consist of the number of animals on which a necropsy was performed. Tables A3, B3, C3, and D3 also give the survival-adjusted neoplasm rate for each group and each site-specific neoplasm, i.e., the Kaplan-Meier estimate of the neoplasm incidence that would have been observed at the end of the study in the absence of mortality from all other competing risks (Kaplan and Meier, 1958).

### *Analysis of Neoplasm Incidences*

The majority of neoplasms in these studies were considered to be incidental to the cause of death or not rapidly lethal. Thus, the primary statistical method used was logistic regression analysis, which assumed that the diagnosed neoplasms were discovered as the result of death from an unrelated cause and thus did not affect the risk of death. In this approach, neoplasm prevalence was modeled as a logistic function of chemical exposure and time. Both linear and quadratic terms in time were incorporated initially, and the quadratic term was eliminated if the fit of the model was not significantly enhanced. The neoplasm incidences of exposed and control groups were compared on the basis of the likelihood score test for the regression coefficient of dose. This method of adjusting for intercurrent mortality is the prevalence analysis of Dinse and Lagakos (1983), further described and illustrated by Dinse and Haseman (1986). When neoplasms are incidental, this comparison of the time-specific

neoplasm prevalences also provides a comparison of the time-specific neoplasm incidences (McKnight and Crowley, 1984).

Other methods of statistical analysis were used, and the results of these tests are summarized in the appendixes. These methods include the life table test (Cox, 1972; Tarone, 1975), appropriate for rapidly lethal neoplasms, and the Fisher exact test and the Cochran-Armitage trend test (Armitage, 1971; Gart *et al.*, 1979), procedures based on the overall proportion of neoplasm-bearing animals.

Tests of significance included pairwise comparisons of each dosed group with controls and a test for an overall dose-related trend. Continuity-corrected tests were used in the analysis of neoplasm incidence, and reported P values are one sided. The procedures described in the preceding paragraphs were also used to evaluate selected nonneoplastic lesions. For further discussion of these statistical methods, refer to Haseman (1984).

### *Analysis of Nonneoplastic Lesion Incidences*

Because all nonneoplastic lesions in this study were considered to be incidental to the cause of death or not rapidly lethal, the primary statistical analysis used was a logistic regression analysis in which nonneoplastic lesion prevalence was modeled as a logistic function of chemical exposure and time. For lesions detected at the interim evaluation, the Fisher exact test was used, a procedure based on the overall proportion of affected animals.

### *Analysis of Continuous Variables*

Organ and body weight data, which have approximately normal distributions, were analyzed using the parametric multiple comparison procedures of Dunnett (1955) and Williams (1971, 1972). Jonckheere's test (Jonckheere, 1954) was used to assess the significance of the dose-related trends and to determine whether a trend-sensitive test (Williams' or Shirley's test) was more appropriate for pairwise comparisons than a test that does not assume a monotonic dose-related trend (Dunnett's or Dunn's test). Average severity values were analyzed for significance using the Mann-Whitney U test (Hollander and Wolfe, 1973).

### Quality Assurance Methods

The 13-week and 2-year studies were conducted in compliance with Food and Drug Administration Good Laboratory Practice Regulations (21 CFR, Part 58). In addition, as records from the 2-year studies were submitted to the NTP Archives, these studies were audited retrospectively by an independent quality assurance contractor. Separate audits covering completeness and accuracy of the pathology data, pathology specimens, final pathology tables, and a draft of this NTP Technical Report were conducted. Audit procedures and findings are presented in the reports and are on file at NIEHS. The audit findings were reviewed and assessed by NTP staff, so all comments had been resolved or were otherwise addressed during the preparation of this Technical Report.

### GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

The genetic toxicity of benzethonium chloride was assessed by testing the ability of the chemical to induce mutations in *Salmonella typhimurium* and sister chromatid exchanges and chromosomal aberrations in cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells. The protocols and results for these studies are given in Appendix E.

The genetic toxicity studies of benzethonium chloride are part of a larger effort by the NTP to develop a database that would permit the evaluation of carcinogenicity in experimental animals from the structure

and responses of the chemical in short-term *in vitro* and *in vivo* genetic toxicity tests. These genetic toxicity tests were originally developed to study mechanisms of chemically induced DNA damage and to predict carcinogenicity in animals, based on the electrophilic theory of chemical carcinogenesis and the somatic mutation theory (Miller and Miller, 1977; Straus, 1981; Crawford, 1985).

There is a strong correlation between a chemical's potential electrophilicity (structural alert to DNA reactivity), mutagenicity in *Salmonella*, and carcinogenicity in rodents. The combination of electrophilicity and *Salmonella* mutagenicity is highly correlated with the induction of carcinogenicity in rats and mice and/or at multiple tissue sites (Ashby and Tennant, 1991). Other *in vitro* genetic toxicity tests do not correlate well with rodent carcinogenicity (Tennant *et al.*, 1987; Zeiger *et al.*, 1990), although these other tests can provide information on the types of DNA and chromosome effects that can be induced by the chemical being investigated. Data from NTP studies show that a positive response in *Salmonella* is currently the most predictive *in vitro* test for rodent carcinogenicity (89% of the *Salmonella* mutagens were rodent carcinogens), and that there is no complementarity among the *in vitro* genetic toxicity tests. That is, no battery of tests that included the *Salmonella* test improved the predictivity of the *Salmonella* test alone. The predictivity for carcinogenicity of a positive response in bone marrow chromosome aberration or micronucleus tests is not yet defined.

**TABLE 1**  
**Experimental Design and Materials and Methods in the Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

16-Day Studies	13-Week Studies	2-Year Studies
<b>Study Laboratory</b> Battelle Columbus Laboratories (Columbus, OH)	Battelle Columbus Laboratories (Columbus, OH)	Battelle Columbus Laboratories (Columbus, OH)
<b>Strain and Species</b> Rats: F344/N Mice: B6C3F <sub>1</sub>	Rats: F344/N Mice: B6C3F <sub>1</sub>	Rats: F344/N Mice: B6C3F <sub>1</sub>
<b>Animal Source</b> Simonsen Laboratories, Inc. (Gilroy, CA)	Simonsen Laboratories, Inc. (Gilroy, CA)	Taconic Farms, Inc. (Germantown, NY)
<b>Time Held Before Studies</b> Rats: 11 days Mice: 12 days	Rats: 28 days Mice: 27 days	11 days
<b>Average Age When Studies Began</b> Rats: 36-42 days Mice: 37-43 days	Rats: 53-60 days Mice: 58 days	Rats: 45 days Mice: 40 days
<b>Date of First Dose</b> Rats: 17 December 1984 Mice: 18 December 1984	Rats: 2 or 3 May 1985 Mice: 1 May 1985	Rats: 15 June 1987 Mice: 22 June 1987
<b>Duration of Dosing</b> 16 days (5 days/week, excluding holidays)	91 days (5 days/week, excluding holidays)	103 weeks (5 days/week, excluding holidays)
<b>Date of Last Dose</b> Rats: 1 January 1985 Mice: 2 January 1985	Rats: 31 July or 1 August 1985 Mice: 29 or 30 July 1985	Rats: 2 June 1989 Mice: 9 June 1989
<b>Necropsy Dates</b> Rats: 2 January 1985 Mice: 3 January 1985	Rats: 1 or 2 August 1985 Mice: 30 or 31 July 1985	Rats: 12-14 June 1989 Mice: 19-23 June 1989
<b>Average Age at Necropsy</b> Rats: 53-59 days Mice: 54-60 days	Rats: 144-152 days Mice: 149 days	Rats: 111 weeks Mice: 110 weeks
<b>Size of Study Groups</b> 5 males and 5 females	10 males and 10 females	60 males and 60 females
<b>Method of Distribution</b> Animals randomized from weight classes using a computer-generated list of random numbers	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Animals per Cage</b> 1	1	1



**TABLE 1**  
**Experimental Design and Materials and Methods in the Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

16-Day Studies	13-Week Studies	2-Year Studies
<b>Method of Animal Identification</b>		
Toe clip	Rats: toe clip and cage card Mice: toe mark	Toe clip
<b>Diet</b>		
NIH-07 open formula pellet diet (Zeigler Brothers, Inc., Gardners, PA), available <i>ad libitum</i>	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Water Distribution</b>		
Tap water (Columbus municipal supply) via automatic watering system (Edstrom Industries, Waterford, WI), available <i>ad libitum</i>	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Cages</b>		
Polycarbonate (Lab Products, Inc., Garfield, NJ), changed once weekly	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Bedding</b>		
BetaChip heat-treated hardwood chips (Northeastern Products, Inc., Warrensburg, NY), changed once weekly	BetaChip heat-treated hardwood chips (Northeastern Products, Inc., Warrensburg, NY), changed twice weekly	BetaChip heat-treated hardwood chips (Northeastern Products, Inc., Warrensburg, NY) through the week of 22 May 1988; SaniChip hardwood bedding (P.J. Murphy Forest Products, Corp., Montville, NJ) from the week of 22 May 1988 until the end of the study; changed once weekly
<b>Cage Filters</b>		
Spun-bonded polyester (DuPont 2024) (Snow Filtration, Cincinnati, OH), changed once every 2 weeks	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Racks</b>		
Stainless steel (Lab Products, Inc., Garfield, NJ), changed once every 2 weeks	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Animal Room Environment</b>		
Temperature: 21°-24° C Relative humidity: 35%-65% Fluorescent light: 12 hours/day Room air: 15 changes/hour	Temperature: 21°-24° C Relative humidity: 35%-65% Fluorescent light: 12 hours/day Room air: 15 changes/hour	Temperature: 19°-24° C Relative humidity: 32%-74% Fluorescent light: 12 hours/day Room air: 10 changes/hour

**TABLE 1**  
**Experimental Design and Materials and Methods in the Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

16-Day Studies	13-Week Studies	2-Year Studies
<p><b>Doses</b>            Rats: 0, 6.3, 12.5, 25, 50, or 100 mg/kg in 250 <math>\mu</math>L of ethanol            Mice: 0, 6.3, 12.5, 25, 50, or 100 mg/kg in 100 <math>\mu</math>L of ethanol</p>	<p>Rats: 0, 1.56, 3.13, 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg/kg in not more than 300 <math>\mu</math>L of ethanol            Mice: 0, 1.56, 3.13, 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg/kg in not more than 100 <math>\mu</math>L of ethanol</p>	<p>Rats: 0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg in not more than 296 <math>\mu</math>L (males) or 317 <math>\mu</math>L (females) of ethanol            Mice: 0, 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg in not more than 131 <math>\mu</math>L of ethanol</p>
<p><b>Type and Frequency of Observation</b>            Observed twice daily; animals were weighed initially, on day 10, and at the end of the studies; clinical observations recorded on dosing days</p>	<p>Observed twice daily; body weights and clinical observations recorded weekly</p>	<p>Observed twice daily; body weights recorded weekly through week 10, once during week 12, and monthly thereafter; clinical observations recorded monthly</p>
<p><b>Method of Sacrifice</b>            CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation</p>	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation</p>	<p>CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation</p>
<p><b>Necropsy</b>            A necropsy was performed on all animals. Organs weighed were brain, heart, right kidney, liver, lung, right testis (rats), and thymus.</p>	<p>A necropsy was performed on all animals. Organs weighed were brain, heart, right kidney, liver, lung, right testis, and thymus.</p>	<p>A necropsy was performed on all animals. Organs weighed at the 15-month interim evaluation were left kidney, right kidney, and liver.</p>
<p><b>Histopathology</b>            Histopathology was performed on all rats and mice. In addition to gross lesions and tissue masses, skin samples from the site of application and other sites were examined</p>	<p>Complete histopathology was performed on all control and 25 mg/kg rats and mice. In addition to gross lesions and tissue masses, the tissues examined included: adrenal gland, brain, clitoral or preputial gland, esophagus, femur (including marrow), gallbladder (mice), heart, large intestine (cecum, colon, rectum), small intestine (duodenum, jejunum, and ileum), kidney, liver, lung, mammary gland, mandibular or mesenteric lymph node, nose, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid gland, pituitary gland, prostate gland, salivary gland, spinal cord and sciatic nerve, spleen, stomach, testis (with epididymis and seminal vesicle), thymus, thyroid gland, trachea, urinary bladder, and uterus. In addition, skin samples (from the site of application and from unexposed sites) from all dose groups were examined microscopically</p>	<p>Complete histopathology was performed on all control and 1.5 mg/kg rats and mice. In addition to gross lesions and tissue masses, the tissues examined included: adrenal gland, brain, clitoral or preputial gland, esophagus, femur (including marrow), gallbladder (mice), harderian gland (mice) heart, large intestine (cecum, colon, rectum), small intestine (duodenum, jejunum, and ileum), kidney, liver, lung, mammary gland, mandibular or mesenteric lymph node, nose, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid gland, pituitary gland, prostate gland, salivary gland, spinal cord and sciatic nerve, spleen, stomach, testis (with epididymis and seminal vesicle), thymus, thyroid gland, trachea, urinary bladder, and uterus. In addition, skin samples (from the site of application and from unexposed sites) from all dose groups were examined microscopically</p>

## RESULTS

### RATS

#### 16-DAY STUDY

All rats survived to the end of the study (Table 2). The final mean body weights and weight gains of males and females administered 50 or 100 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight were significantly less than those of the controls. At necropsy, thickening or hardening of the skin at the site of application was observed in all rats administered 50 or 100 mg/kg and in 25 mg/kg males. Lesions at the site of application appeared crusty or red-grey in color.

Organ weights appeared generally appropriate for body weight in the various dose groups of males and

females with the exception of thymus weights, both relative and absolute, which were decreased in 100 mg/kg males and females and in 50 mg/kg females (Table F1).

Histopathologic lesions of the skin varied from minimal epithelial hyperplasia to severe necrotizing, ulcerative lesions penetrating the epidermis to involve the underlying dermis and subcutaneous tissues. The proliferative lesions of the skin at the site of application are collectively referred to as epithelial hyperplasia. Epithelial hyperplasia consisted of a spectrum of epidermal proliferative lesions (in order of greater to lesser frequency): acanthosis, hyperkeratosis, basal cell hyperplasia, and/or increase

TABLE 2  
Survival and Body Weights of Rats in the 16-Day Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride

Dose (mg/kg)	Survival <sup>a</sup>	Mean Body Weight <sup>b</sup> (g)			Final Weight Relative to Controls (%)
		Initial	Final	Change	
<b>Male</b>					
0	5/5	97 ± 4	167 ± 7	70 ± 4	
6.3	5/5	96 ± 3	165 ± 5	69 ± 2	98
12.5	5/5	95 ± 3	162 ± 7	67 ± 4	97
25	5/5	94 ± 4	154 ± 4	59 ± 3*	92
50	5/5	93 ± 4	140 ± 6**	48 ± 3**	84
100	5/5	94 ± 4	127 ± 6**	33 ± 3**	76
<b>Female</b>					
0	5/5	86 ± 25	123 ± 3	37 ± 30	
6.3	5/5	85 ± 39	120 ± 3	35 ± 10	98
12.5	5/5	86 ± 37	124 ± 2	37 ± 16	101
25	5/5	83 ± 34	116 ± 3	33 ± 27	94
50	5/5	84 ± 37	109 ± 5*	26 ± 35**	89
100	5/5	83 ± 37	108 ± 6*	25 ± 33**	88

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test.

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals surviving at 16 days/number initially in group

<sup>b</sup> Weights and weight changes are given as mean ± standard error.

in the stratum granulosum. Often concomitant with epithelial hyperplasia, and in particular with increasing dose, was evidence of the following lesions: parakeratosis, sebaceous gland hyperplasia, chronic inflammation, necrosis, and/or ulceration. Sebaceous gland hyperplasia is often considered a component of epithelial hyperplasia but is described separately (along with inflammation, necrosis, and/or ulceration) for interpretive purposes. Sebaceous gland hyperplasia was defined to include both an apparent increase either in the number of cells within a gland or in the number of glands observed per unit area.

Ulcerative, necrotizing inflammation of the epidermis of marked severity was a consistent feature in 50 and 100 mg/kg males and females. Chronic inflammation of mild to moderate severity in the dermis and subcutaneous tissues was also generally present in these animals. Similar lesions of lesser severity were

also observed in 25 mg/kg male and female rats. In 6.3 and 12.5 mg/kg males and females, the predominant lesion consisted of minimal to mild epithelial hyperplasia (primarily hyperkeratosis) with minimal evidence of inflammation of the epidermis and/or dermis. Epithelial hyperplasia was observed in three males and two females administered 6.3 mg/kg and in four males and two females administered 12.5 mg/kg.

*Dose Selection Rationale:* The severity of the skin lesions and the lower body weights observed in 50 and 100 mg/kg males and females precluded the use of doses greater than 25 mg/kg. Adaptation of the skin may occur following chronic topical administration of an apparent irritant, and thus a high dose of 25 mg/kg was selected for the 13-week study in male and female rats.

### 13-WEEK STUDY

All rats survived to the end of the study (Table 3). The final mean body weight and weight gain of 25 mg/kg males were significantly lower than those of the controls. The final mean body weights of all other groups of males and of all groups of females were similar to those of the controls. Clinical findings included crusting, apparent thickening, and reddening of the skin (irritation) at the site of application in groups administered 3.13 mg/kg or greater.

The absolute and relative thymus weights of 25 mg/kg males were significantly less than those of the controls (Table F2); the absolute and relative right kidney weights of 25 mg/kg females were significantly greater than those of the controls.

In groups of rats receiving 6.25 mg/kg or greater, histopathologic lesions of the skin varied from epithelial hyperplasia and inflammation of mild to moderate severity to necrotizing, ulcerative lesions penetrating the epidermis to involve the underlying dermis and subcutaneous tissues (Table 4). Similar lesions of lesser (minimal) severity were observed in 3.13 mg/kg males and females. In 1.56 mg/kg males and females, minimal epithelial hyperplasia and chronic inflammation of the epidermis occurred in up to half of the animals.

In the bone marrow, hypercellularity of the myeloid fraction was noted in 25 mg/kg male and female rats. This observation was considered a secondary response, indicative of the extent and duration of the inflammation at 25 mg/kg, and was not evaluated at lower doses.

**TABLE 3**  
**Survival and Body Weights of Rats in the 13-Week Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

Dose (mg/kg)	Survival <sup>a</sup>	Mean Body Weight <sup>b</sup> (g)			Final Weight Relative to Controls (%)
		Initial	Final	Change	
<b>Male</b>					
0	10/10	177 ± 6	320 ± 6	143 ± 3	
1.56	10/10	178 ± 6	319 ± 6	141 ± 5	100
3.13	10/10	180 ± 5	327 ± 6	147 ± 4	102
6.25	10/10	176 ± 5	315 ± 6	139 ± 5	98
12.5	10/10	177 ± 5	312 ± 4	135 ± 4	97
25	10/10	176 ± 5	288 ± 6**	112 ± 3**	90
<b>Female</b>					
0	10/10	119 ± 2	180 ± 3	61 ± 3	
1.56	10/10	121 ± 2	181 ± 3	59 ± 2	100
3.13	10/10	119 ± 2	176 ± 2	57 ± 1	98
6.25	10/10	121 ± 2	177 ± 3	56 ± 2	98
12.5	10/10	120 ± 2	177 ± 3	57 ± 2	98
25	10/10	120 ± 2	176 ± 3	56 ± 2	98

\*\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.01$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test.

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals surviving at 13 weeks/number initially in group

<sup>b</sup> Weights and weight changes are given as mean ± standard error.

**TABLE 4**  
**Incidences of Nonneoplastic Lesions of the Skin in Rats in the 13-Week Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride**

Dose	Vehicle Control	1.56 mg/kg	3.13 mg/kg	6.25 mg/kg	12.5 mg/kg	25 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>						
Skin (Site of Application) <sup>a</sup>	10	10	10	10	10	10
Epithelial Hyperplasia <sup>b</sup>	0	4* (1.0) <sup>c</sup>	9** (1.1)	10** (1.7)	10** (2.6)	10** (3.0)
Inflammation, Chronic	0	2 (1.0)	7** (1.1)	9** (1.7)	10** (2.5)	10** (3.5)
Necrosis	0	0	1 (1.0)	2 (1.0)	6** (1.2)	9** (1.9)
Ulceration	0	0	2 (1.0)	4* (1.5)	8** (1.9)	10** (2.5)
<b>Female</b>						
Skin (Site of Application)	10	10	10	9	10	10
Epithelial Hyperplasia	0	5* (1.0)	9** (1.4)	9** (1.6)	10** (1.9)	10** (3.0)
Inflammation, Chronic	0	4* (1.0)	10** (1.5)	7** (1.6)	10** (1.7)	10** (3.2)
Necrosis	0	0	1 (1.0)	3 (1.3)	5* (1.0)	8** (1.4)
Ulceration	0	0	5* (1.8)	3 (1.7)	1 (1.0)	10** (2.0)

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Fisher exact test.

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals with skin examined microscopically

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with lesion

<sup>c</sup> Average severity grade of lesions in affected animals (1=minimal; 2=mild; 3=moderate; 4=marked)

**Dose Selection Rationale:** The frequency of epithelial hyperplasia, chronic inflammation, necrosis, and/or ulcerations in males and females administered 3.13 mg/kg or greater, combined with the apparent progression of skin lesions (rather than adaptation) between the 16-day and 13-week studies (more animals and lower dose groups were affected),

suggested 3.13 mg/kg may be excessive for a chronic study. Thus, a high dose of 1.5 mg/kg was selected for the 2-year study in male and female rats. Concern over the potential for progression of the skin lesions led to a larger than typical dose spacing. The doses selected covered a tenfold range from 0.15 to 1.5 mg/kg per day.

## 2-YEAR STUDY

### Survival

Estimates of 2-year survival probabilities for male and female rats are shown in Table 5 and in the Kaplan-Meier survival curves (Figure 1). Survival rates of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls.

### Body Weights and Clinical Findings

Mean body weights of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls

throughout the study (Figure 2, Tables 6 and 7), and the final mean body weights of all dosed groups of males and females were also similar to those of the controls. There were no significant differences in liver or kidney weights in males or females evaluated at 15 months (Table F3). Reddening of the skin was observed at the site of application in all dosed groups of males and females; crusts were observed in 0.5 mg/kg males and in 1.5 mg/kg females.

**TABLE 5**  
**Survival of Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
15-Month interim evaluation <sup>a</sup>	8	8	5	4
Accidental death <sup>a</sup>	0	0	1	0
Moribund	25	34	34	25
Natural deaths	12	7	11	15
Animals surviving to study termination	15	11	9 <sup>e</sup>	16
Percent probability of survival at end of study <sup>b</sup>	29	21	17	29
Mean survival (days) <sup>c</sup>	627	605	599	615
Survival analysis <sup>d</sup>	P=0.892N	P=0.286	P=0.129	P=0.802
<b>Female</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
15-Month interim evaluation <sup>a</sup>	9	7	9	7
Moribund	13	11	13	13
Natural deaths	14	9	12	16
Animals surviving to study termination	24	33	26	24
Percent probability of survival at end of study	47	63	51	46
Mean survival days	638	652	641	630
Survival analysis	P=0.256	P=0.232N	P=0.854N	P=0.728

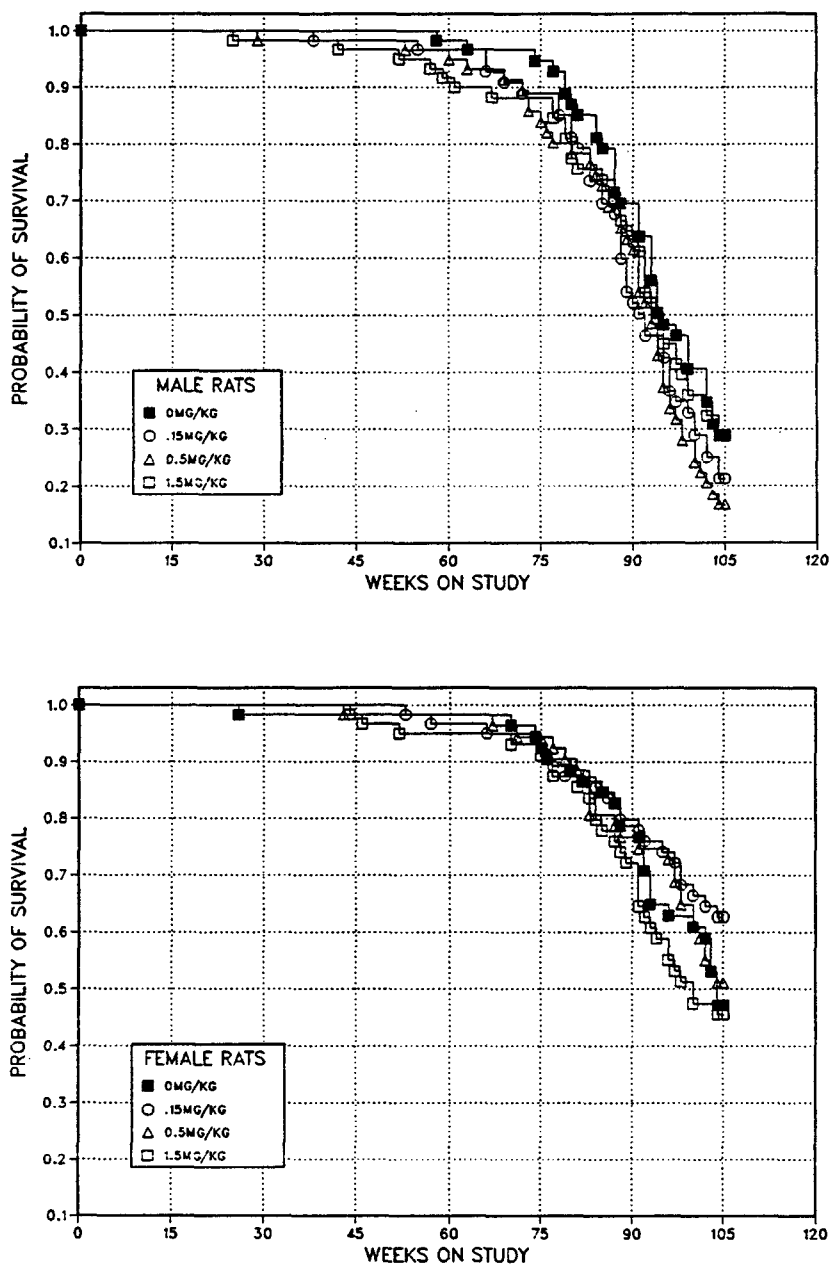
<sup>a</sup> Censored from survival analyses

<sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier determinations based on the number of animals alive on the first day of terminal sacrifice

<sup>c</sup> Mean of all deaths (uncensored, censored, and terminal sacrifice)

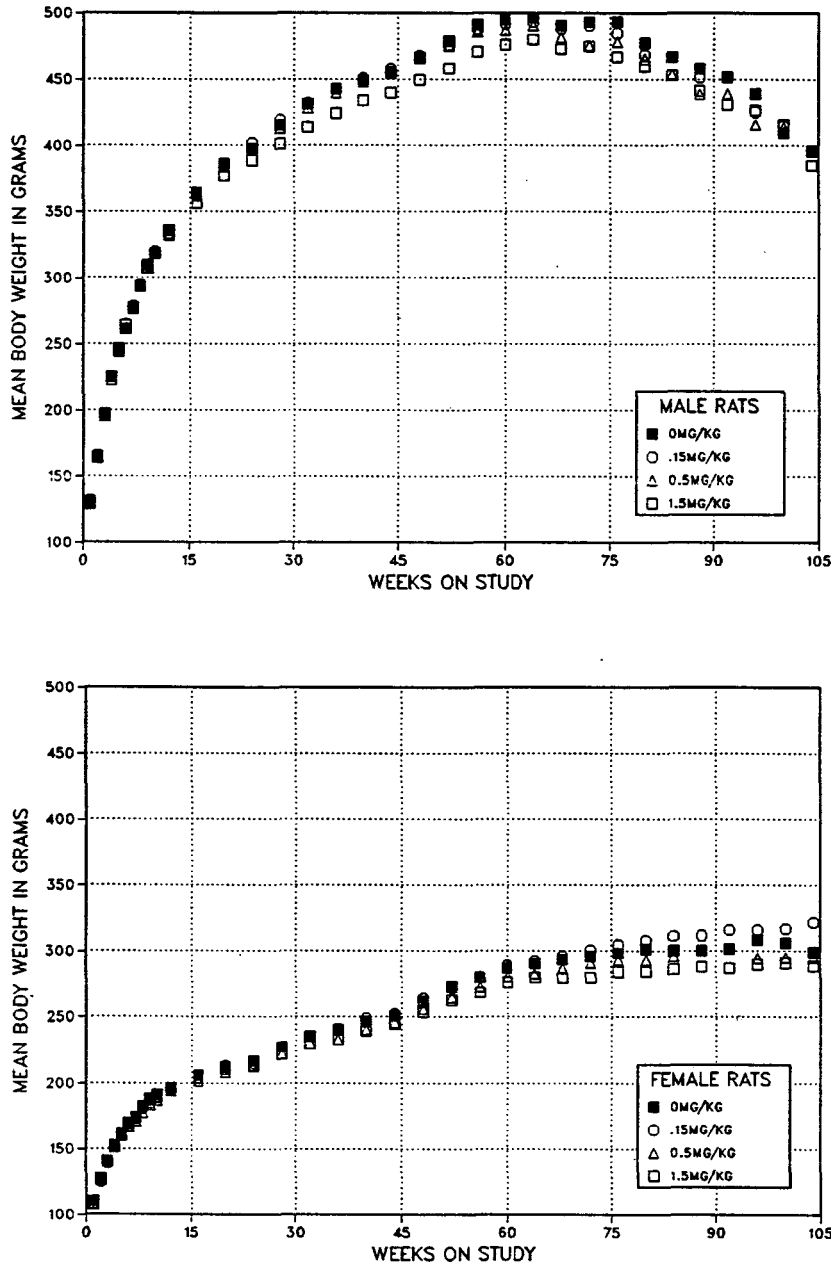
<sup>d</sup> The result of the life table trend test (Tarone, 1975) is in the control column, and the results of the life table pairwise comparisons (Cox, 1972) with the controls are in the dosed columns. A negative trend or a lower mortality in a dose group is indicated by N.

<sup>e</sup> Includes one animal that died during the last week of the study



**FIGURE 1**  
**Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves for Male and Female Rats**  
**Administered Benzethonium Chloride Topically for 2 Years**





**FIGURE 2**  
**Growth Curves for Male and Female Rats Administered Benzethonium Chloride Topically for 2 Years**

**TABLE 6**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

Weeks on Study	Vehicle Control		0.15 mg/kg			0.5 mg/kg			1.5 mg/kg		
	Av. Wt. (g)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors
1	131	60	132	101	60	129	98	60	130	100	60
2	165	60	166	100	60	164	99	60	165	100	60
3	197	60	197	100	60	196	99	60	197	100	60
4	225	60	225	100	60	223	99	60	225	100	60
5	245	60	246	100	60	244	100	59	247	101	60
6	261	60	265	101	60	262	100	59	264	101	60
7	278	60	279	100	60	277	100	59	277	100	60
8	294	60	295	100	60	294	100	59	293	100	60
9	309	60	310	100	60	308	100	59	307	99	60
10	318	60	320	101	60	318	100	59	318	100	60
12	336	60	336	100	60	333	99	59	334	99	60
16	364	60	363	100	60	362	99	59	357	98	60
20	386	60	387	100	60	384	99	59	377	98	60
24	398	60	402	101	60	398	100	59	389	98	60
28	415	60	419	101	60	413	100	59	401	97	59
32	431	60	432	100	60	428	99	58	414	96	59
36	443	60	443	100	60	440	99	58	424	96	59
40	449	60	451	100	59	448	100	58	434	97	59
44	456	60	458	100	59	455	100	58	440	96	58
48	466	60	467	100	59	466	100	58	450	96	58
52	479	60	475	99	59	475	99	58	458	96	58
56	491	60	487	99	58	486	99	57	471	96	57
60	495	59	492	99	58	487	98	57	476	96	55
64	497	58	493	99	58	490	99	55	480	97	54
68 <sup>a</sup>	490	50	488	100	48	482	98	50	473	96	49
72	493	50	491	100	47	476	97	49	475	96	49
76	494	49	485	98	46	478	97	44	467	95	49
80	478	46	468	98	44	465	98	43	460	96	45
84	467	44	466	100	38	454	97	41	453	97	42
88	458	37	451	99	35	439	96	37	441	96	39
92	452	33	452	100	25	439	97	29	431	95	34
96	439	25	425	97	22	416	95	20	427	97	25
100	410	21	415	101	17	414	101	15	416	102	20
104	396	16	396	100	13	396	100	10	385	97	18
<b>Mean for weeks</b>											
1-13	251		252	100		250	100		251	100	
14-52	429		430	100		427	100		414	97	
53-104	466		462	99		456	98		450	97	

<sup>a</sup> Interim evaluation occurred during week 66.

**TABLE 7**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

Weeks on Study	Vehicle Control		0.15 mg/kg			0.5 mg/kg			1.5 mg/kg		
	Av. Wt. (g)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors
1	110	60	108	98	60	109	99	60	108	98	60
2	127	60	125	98	60	126	99	60	127	100	60
3	141	60	139	98	60	140	99	60	141	100	60
4	152	60	152	100	60	151	99	60	153	100	60
5	162	60	161	100	60	160	99	60	162	100	60
6	170	60	167	99	60	167	98	60	169	100	60
7	175	60	173	99	60	171	98	60	174	100	60
8	183	60	181	99	60	178	97	60	182	100	60
9	188	60	185	98	60	184	98	60	187	99	60
10	191	60	189	99	60	187	98	60	190	99	60
12	197	60	195	99	60	194	99	60	196	100	60
16	206	60	204	99	60	202	98	60	204	99	60
20	212	60	213	100	60	209	98	60	211	99	60
24	217	60	216	99	60	213	98	60	214	99	60
28	228	59	228	100	60	223	98	60	223	98	60
32	236	59	236	100	60	230	98	60	230	98	60
36	241	59	241	100	60	233	97	60	233	97	60
40	247	59	249	101	60	240	97	60	240	97	60
44	251	59	253	101	60	246	98	59	245	98	59
48	262	59	264	101	60	256	98	59	254	97	58
52	273	59	272	100	60	265	97	59	263	96	57
56	280	59	280	100	59	273	97	59	268	96	57
60	287	59	289	101	58	281	98	59	276	96	57
64	291	59	292	101	58	283	97	59	280	96	57
68 <sup>a</sup>	294	50	296	101	50	287	98	49	280	95	50
72	296	49	301	102	50	291	98	48	280	95	49
76	299	46	305	102	49	293	98	48	284	95	48
80	302	45	308	102	46	293	97	46	285	94	46
84	300	44	311	104	45	296	99	41	286	95	44
88	301	41	312	104	44	300	100	39	288	96	40
92	302	39	316	105	40	302	100	38	287	95	34
96	309	33	316	103	39	295	96	38	290	94	30
100	306	32	317	104	36	295	96	32	291	95	27
104	299	26	322	108	34	295	99	27	289	97	25
<b>Mean for weeks</b>											
1-13	163		161	99		161	99		163	100	
14-52	237		238	100		232	98		232	98	
53-104	297		305	103		291	98		283	95	

<sup>a</sup> Interim evaluation occurred during week 66.

### ***Pathology and Statistical Evaluation***

This section describes the statistically significant or biologically noteworthy changes in the incidences of neoplasms and nonneoplastic lesions in the skin. Summaries of the incidences of neoplasms and nonneoplastic lesions, individual animal tumor diagnoses, and statistical analyses of primary neoplasms that occurred with an incidence of at least 5% in at least one animal group are presented in Appendix A for male rats and Appendix B for female rats.

No neoplasms observed in male or female rats were considered to be chemical related. In particular, no skin-associated neoplasms were attributed to treatment with benzethonium chloride. Two incidences of keratoacanthoma and one of sebaceous gland carcinoma were observed in treated males (Table 8). These neoplasms were consistent with the spectrum of neoplasms found in adjacent control skin of treated and untreated animals (Table A1). No neoplasms were found in females at the site of application (Table B1).

Treatment-related nonneoplastic lesions were observed at the site of application and varied from minimal evidence of epithelial hyperplasia with or without evidence of sebaceous gland hyperplasia to more advanced cases of mild to moderate epithelial hyperplasia accompanied by evidence of ulceration. Sebaceous gland hyperplasia was commonly observed in 1.5 mg/kg females and to a lesser extent in 0.5 mg/kg females at both the 15-month interim evaluation and the end of the 2-year study. With rare exceptions, sebaceous gland hyperplasia was associated with cases of epithelial hyperplasia and generally was a coexistent finding with the more severely affected cases of epithelial hyperplasia involving inflammation and/or ulceration (Plates 1 and 2). Microscopic evidence of epidermal ulceration was observed in one 1.5 mg/kg male and in four 1.5 mg/kg females at the 15-month interim evaluation. While this lesion was not observed in males at the end of the study, epidermal ulceration was noted in females, particularly at 1.5 mg/kg (Table 8).

**TABLE 8**  
**Incidences of Skin Neoplasms and Nonneoplastic Lesions in Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

Dose	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>				
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
Skin (Site of Application) <sup>a</sup>	8	8	5	4
Epithelial Hyperplasia <sup>b,c</sup>	0	0	3* (1.3) <sup>d</sup>	4** (2.3)
Sebaceous Gland, Hyperplasia	0	0	2 (2.0)	2 (1.5)
Ulceration	0	0	0	1 (1.0)
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
Skin (Site of Application)	52	52	55	56
Epithelial Hyperplasia	1 (1.0)	0	4 (1.0)	12** (1.6)
Sebaceous Gland, Hyperplasia	0	0	2 (1.5)	2 (1.5)
Ulceration	0	0	0	0
Keratoacanthoma <sup>e</sup>	0	0	1	1
Sebaceous Gland, Carcinoma	0	0	1	0
<b>Female</b>				
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
Skin (Site of Application)	9	7	9	7
Epithelial Hyperplasia	0	1 (3.0)	2 (2.0)	6** (2.7)
Sebaceous Gland, Hyperplasia	0	1 (2.0)	1 (2.0)	6** (2.0)
Ulceration	0	1 (2.0)	1 (2.0)	4* (2.3)
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
Skin (Site of Application)	51	53	51	53
Epithelial Hyperplasia	2 (2.0)	2 (3.5)	6 (3.0)	32** (2.7)
Sebaceous Gland, Hyperplasia	1 (1.0)	2 (2.5)	6 (1.7)	30** (1.9)
Ulceration	0	1 (3.0)	3 (3.3)	19** (1.8)

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Fisher exact test (15-month interim evaluation) or the logistic regression test (2-year study).

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals with skin examined microscopically

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with lesion

<sup>c</sup> Epithelial hyperplasia was originally diagnosed as acanthosis and/or hyperkeratosis.

<sup>d</sup> Average severity grade of lesions in affected animals (1=minimal; 2=mild; 3=moderate; 4=marked)

<sup>e</sup> All neoplasms found at the site of application are included for completeness. The incidences of neoplasms were not statistically significant, nor were any neoplasms considered to be related to chemical treatment.

## MICE

### 16-DAY STUDY

One 100 mg/kg male mouse died on day 4 of the study; all other mice survived to the end of the study (Table 9). The mean body weight gains of males administered 25, 50, or 100 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight were significantly greater than that of the controls; final mean body weights of all groups of dosed males and females were similar to those of the controls. Mild crusting, scaling, and reddening of the skin at the site of application were observed in 50 and 100 mg/kg male and female groups and in 25 mg/kg males.

The absolute heart weights of 100 mg/kg males and females and the relative heart weight of 100 mg/kg females were significantly greater than those of the controls (Table F4). The absolute and relative thymus weights of 100 mg/kg females were significantly decreased.

Necrotizing inflammation of the epidermis (moderate to marked in males, and mild to moderate in females) with inflammatory involvement of the underlying dermis and subcutaneous tissues was a consistent feature in 100 mg/kg male and female mice. Although of lesser severity (minimal to mild), this spectrum of lesions of the dermis and epidermis was also observed in three 50 mg/kg males and two 50 mg/kg females. The predominant lesion in 12.5 and 25 mg/kg males and females and in 6.3 mg/kg females consisted of minimal to mild epithelial hyperplasia with minimal evidence of inflammatory involvement of the epidermis extending into the dermis in some animals. Minimal epithelial hyperplasia without evidence of inflammation was observed in 6.25 mg/kg male mice. Histopathologic lesions of the skin were not observed in control males; however, minimal epithelial hyperplasia was noted in two control females.

**TABLE 9**  
Survival and Body Weights of Mice in the 16-Day Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride

Dose (mg/kg)	Survival <sup>a</sup>	Mean Body Weight <sup>b</sup> (g)			Final Weight Relative to Controls (%)
		Initial	Final	Change	
<b>Male</b>					
0	5/5	23.9 ± 0.7	25.1 ± 0.4	1.2 ± 0.7	
6.3	5/5	24.1 ± 0.6	25.3 ± 0.6	1.2 ± 0.1	101
12.5	5/5	23.9 ± 0.5	25.9 ± 0.4	1.9 ± 0.2	103
25	5/5	23.4 ± 0.7	26.5 ± 0.5	3.0 ± 0.4*	105
50	5/5	23.9 ± 0.7	26.4 ± 0.7	2.5 ± 0.2*	105
100	4/5 <sup>c</sup>	23.7 ± 0.7	26.5 ± 0.5	2.4 ± 0.2*	105
<b>Female</b>					
0	5/5	18.0 ± 0.3	21.2 ± 0.5	3.2 ± 0.2	
6.3	5/5	18.0 ± 0.2	21.6 ± 0.4	3.5 ± 0.3	102
12.5	5/5	18.0 ± 0.3	21.0 ± 0.4	3.1 ± 0.4	99
25	5/5	18.1 ± 0.6	21.3 ± 0.3	3.2 ± 0.4	101
50	5/5	17.8 ± 0.3	21.1 ± 0.3	3.3 ± 0.0	99
100	5/5	17.8 ± 0.3	20.9 ± 0.5	3.1 ± 0.3	99

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test.

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals surviving at 16 days/number initially in group

<sup>b</sup> Weights and weight changes are given as mean ± standard error.

<sup>c</sup> Day of death: 4

**Dose Selection Rationale:** Because of the severity of the skin lesions in mice administered 50 mg/kg or

greater, 25 mg/kg was selected as the high dose for the 13-week study in male and female mice.

### 13-WEEK STUDY

All mice survived to the end of the study (Table 10). The final mean body weights of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls; the mean weight gain of 25 mg/kg males was significantly less than that of the controls. Males administered 6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg benzethonium chloride/kg body weight developed crusting, thickening of the skin, scales, and reddening of the skin at the site of application, as did female mice administered 12.5 or 25 mg/kg.

The absolute and relative right kidney and liver weights of 12.5 and 25 mg/kg males were slightly greater than those of the controls (Table F5).

Histopathologic lesions of the skin at the site of application varied from a minimal epithelial hyperplasia with chronic inflammation to mild epithelial hyperplasia with chronic inflammation of the epidermis and focal necrosis of the epithelium and involvement of the underlying dermis and subcutaneous tissues (Table 11). Chronic inflammation and necrosis of the epidermis of minimal to mild severity was observed in 25 mg/kg males. Necrosis was a feature of the spectrum of lesions observed in one 6.25 mg/kg male and in two 25 mg/kg females. All dosed groups of male and female mice exhibited evidence of chemical treatment; epithelial hyperplasia (with or without inflammation) was observed in nine males and nine females administered 1.56 mg/kg.

**TABLE 10**  
Survival and Body Weights of Mice in the 13-Week Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride

Dose (mg/kg)	Survival <sup>a</sup>	Mean Body Weight <sup>b</sup> (g)			Final Weight Relative to Controls (%)
		Initial	Final	Change	
<b>Male</b>					
0	10/10	23.9 ± 0.6	32.7 ± 1.1	8.9 ± 0.8	
1.56	10/10	23.8 ± 0.5	31.9 ± 0.8	8.1 ± 0.7	97
3.13	10/10	23.7 ± 0.5	32.2 ± 1.0	8.5 ± 0.6	98
6.25	10/10	23.8 ± 0.3	31.8 ± 0.5	7.9 ± 0.5	97
12.5	10/10	23.6 ± 0.4	31.3 ± 0.9	7.7 ± 0.5	96
25	10/10	24.0 ± 0.5	30.6 ± 0.7	6.6 ± 0.5*	93
<b>Female</b>					
0	10/10	18.8 ± 0.3	26.2 ± 0.8	7.4 ± 0.7	
1.56	10/10	18.7 ± 0.2	26.4 ± 0.6	7.7 ± 0.5	101
3.13	10/10	19.4 ± 0.4	27.0 ± 0.6	7.6 ± 0.4	103
6.25	10/10	18.9 ± 0.2	26.8 ± 0.6	7.9 ± 0.6	102
12.5	10/10	19.4 ± 0.4	25.8 ± 0.6	6.4 ± 0.4	98
25	10/10	19.4 ± 0.5	26.4 ± 0.9	7.0 ± 0.5	101

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test.

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals surviving at 13 weeks/number initially in group

<sup>b</sup> Weights and weight changes are given as mean ± standard error.

**TABLE 11**  
**Incidences of Nonneoplastic Lesions of the Skin in Mice in the 13-Week Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride**

Dose	Vehicle Control	1.56 mg/kg	3.12 mg/kg	6.25 mg/kg	12.5 mg/kg	25 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>						
Skin (Site of Application) <sup>a</sup>	10	10	10	10	10	10
Epithelial Hyperplasia <sup>b</sup>	0	9** (1.0) <sup>c</sup>	8** (1.0)	9** (1.1)	9** (1.6)	10** (2.2)
Inflammation, Chronic	0	2 (1.0)	3 (1.0)	6** (1.0)	9** (1.2)	10** (2.0)
Necrosis	0	0	0	1 (1.0)	1 (1.0)	5* (1.6)
<b>Female</b>						
Skin (Site of Application)	10	10	10	10	10	10
Epithelial Hyperplasia	0	9** (1.0)	10** (1.0)	10** (1.0)	10** (1.5)	10** (2.0)
Inflammation, Chronic	1 (1.0)	6* (1.0)	8** (1.0)	8** (1.1)	10** (1.6)	10** (1.9)
Necrosis	0	0	0	0	0	2 (1.0)

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Fisher exact test.

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals with skin examined microscopically

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with lesion

<sup>c</sup> Average severity grade of lesions in affected animals (1=minimal; 2=mild; 3=moderate; 4=marked)

**Dose Selection Rationale:** Although the skin lesions observed in mice were not as severe as those observed in the 13-week rat study, there was concern over the frequency of inflammatory involvement in male and particularly female mice at the lowest dose tested, 1.56 mg/kg. Inflammation at the site of

application and evidence of progression of lesions between the 16-day and 13-week studies (e.g., necrosis and inflammation observed in male and female mice in the lower dose groups) led to the selection of a high dose of 1.5 mg/kg for the 2-year study.



## 2-YEAR STUDY

### Survival

Estimates of 2-year survival probabilities for male and female mice are shown in Table 12 and in the Kaplan-Meier survival curves (Figure 3). Survival rates of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls.

### Body Weights and Clinical Findings

Mean body weights of all dosed groups of males and females were similar to those of the controls during

the study (Figure 4, Tables 13 and 14). Final mean body weights of all dosed male and female groups were also similar to those of the controls. There were no marked changes in liver or kidney weights of dosed mice at the 15-month interim evaluation (Table F6). Reddening of the skin was observed at the site of application in all dosed groups of males and in 0.15 mg/kg females; crusts were observed in 0.5 mg/kg females.

**TABLE 12**  
**Survival of Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

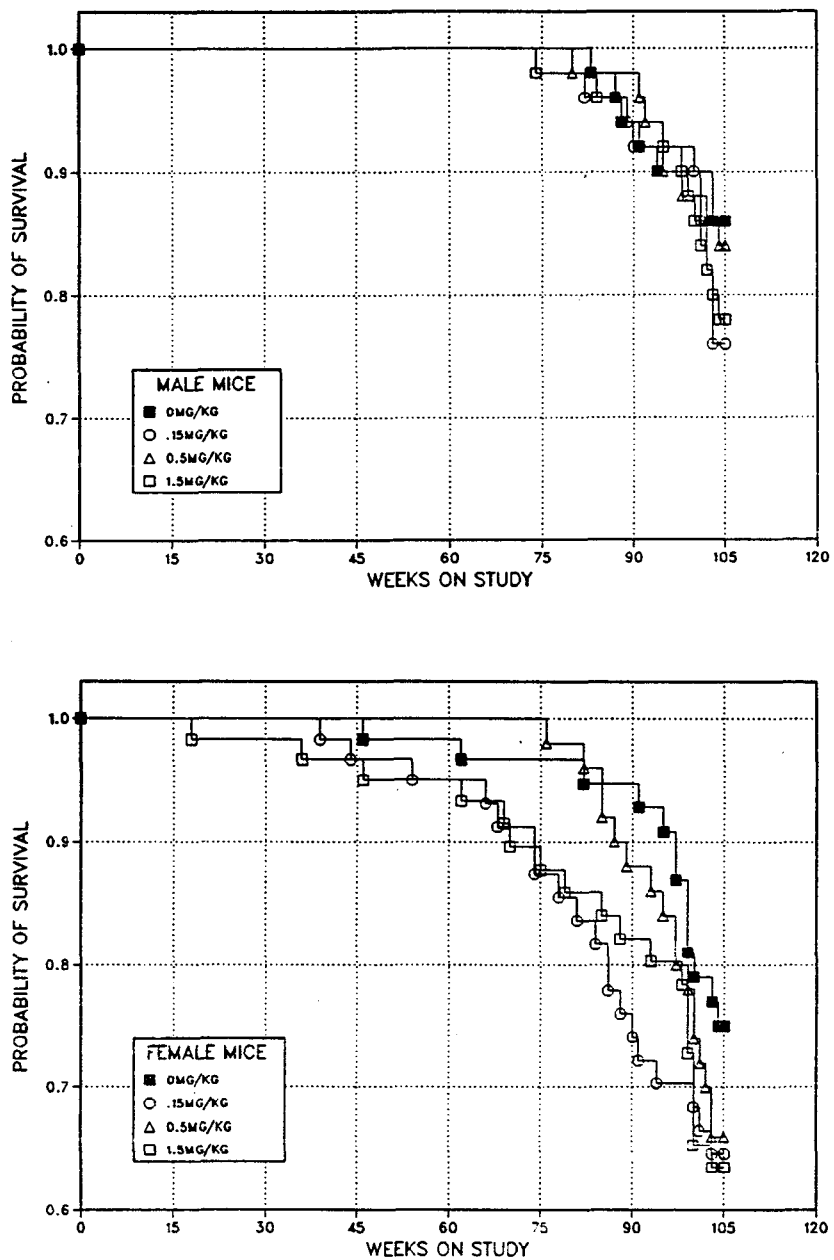
	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
15-Month interim evaluation <sup>a</sup>	10	9	9	10
Missexed <sup>a</sup>	0	1	1	0
Moribund	3	8	4	9
Natural deaths	4	4	4	2
Animals surviving to study termination	43	38	42	39
Percent probability of survival at end of study <sup>b</sup>	86	76	84	78
Mean survival (days) <sup>c</sup>	674	675	678	672
Survival analysis <sup>d</sup>	P=0.671	P=0.320	P=0.990	P=0.449
<b>Female</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
15-Month interim evaluation <sup>a</sup>	8	7	10	6
Accidental death <sup>a</sup>	1	0	0	0
Missexed <sup>a</sup>	0	0	2	0
Moribund	10	4	8	13
Natural deaths	3	15	9	7
Animals surviving to study termination	38	34	31	34
Percent probability of survival at end of study	75	65	65	64
Mean survival days	669	640	660	646
Survival analysis	P=0.406	P=0.222	P=0.373	P=0.226

<sup>a</sup> Censored from survival analyses

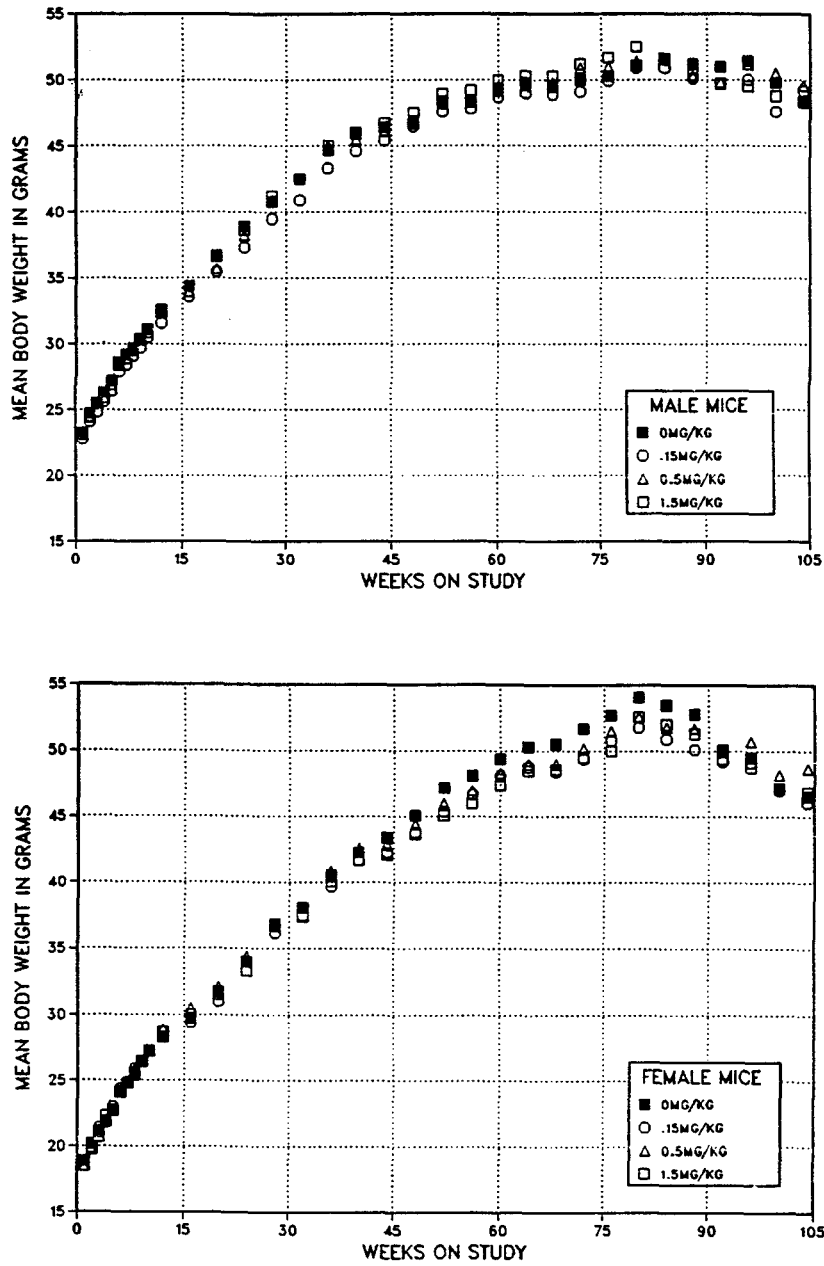
<sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier determinations based on the number of animals alive on the first day of terminal sacrifice

<sup>c</sup> Mean of all deaths (uncensored, censored, and terminal sacrifice)

<sup>d</sup> The result of the life table trend test (Tarone, 1975) is in the control column, and the results of the life table pairwise comparisons (Cox, 1972) with the controls are in the dosed columns.



**FIGURE 3**  
**Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves for Male and Female Mice**  
**Administered Benzethonium Chloride Topically for 2 Years**



**FIGURE 4**  
**Growth Curves for Male and Female Mice Administered Benzethonium Chloride Topically for 2 Years**

**TABLE 13**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

Weeks on Study	Vehicle Control		0.15 mg/kg			0.5 mg/kg			1.5 mg/kg		
	Av. Wt. (g)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors
1	23.1	60	22.8	99	60	23.3	101	60	23.2	100	60
2	24.7	60	24.1	98	60	24.5	99	60	24.4	99	60
3	25.5	60	24.8	97	60	25.5	100	60	25.5	100	60
4	26.3	60	25.6	97	60	25.9	99	60	25.9	99	60
5	27.2	60	26.4	97	60	26.9	99	60	26.9	99	60
6	28.4	60	27.9	98	60	28.5	100	60	28.6	101	60
7	29.2	60	28.4	97	60	28.9	99	60	28.9	99	60
8	29.6	60	29.1	98	60	29.5	100	60	29.7	100	60
9	30.3	60	29.7	98	60	30.3	100	60	30.4	100	60
10	31.1	60	30.5	98	60	31.1	100	60	30.9	99	60
12	32.4	60	31.6	98	60	32.5	100	60	32.6	101	60
16	34.4	60	33.6	98	60	34.0	99	60	34.4	100	60
20	36.6	60	35.5	97	60	35.7	98	60	36.7	100	60
24	38.9	60	37.3	96	60	38.2	98	60	38.6	99	60
28	40.8	60	39.5	97	60	40.9	100	60	41.2	101	60
32	42.5	60	40.9	96	60	42.5	100	60	42.5	100	60
36	44.7	60	43.3	97	60	45.0	101	60	45.0	101	60
40	46.0	60	44.6	97	60	45.5	99	60	46.0	100	60
44	46.4	60	45.4	98	60	46.1	99	60	46.7	101	60
48	46.9	60	46.5	99	60	46.7	100	60	47.5	101	60
52	48.4	60	47.6	98	60	48.2	100	60	48.9	101	60
56	48.4	60	47.8	99	60	48.3	100	60	49.2	102	60
60	49.4	60	48.7	99	60	49.2	100	60	50.0	101	60
64	49.8	60	49.0	98	60	49.6	100	60	50.3	101	60
68 <sup>a</sup>	49.5	50	49.0	99	51	49.8	101	51	50.3	102	50
72	50.0	50	49.1	98	51	50.9	102	51	51.2	102	50
76	50.3	50	49.9	99	50	51.0	101	51	51.7	103	49
80	51.1	50	50.9	100	50	51.4	101	51	52.5	103	49
84	51.5	49	50.9	99	49	51.5	100	50	51.6	100	49
88	51.2	48	50.1	98	49	50.3	98	50	50.4	98	48
92	51.0	46	49.7	98	47	49.8	98	48	49.7	98	47
96	51.4	45	50.0	97	47	51.2	100	46	49.5	96	46
100	49.8	45	47.6	96	47	50.5	101	45	48.8	98	43
104	48.3	43	49.2	102	39	49.6	103	44	48.5	100	40
<b>Mean for weeks</b>											
1-13	28.0		27.4	98		27.9	100		27.9	100	
14-52	42.6		41.4	97		42.3	99		42.8	100	
53-104	50.1		49.4	99		50.2	100		50.3	100	

<sup>a</sup> Interim evaluation occurred during week 66.

**TABLE 14**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

Weeks on Study	Vehicle Control		0.15 mg/kg			0.5 mg/kg			1.5 mg/kg		
	Av. Wt. (g)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors	Av. Wt. (g)	Wt. (% of controls)	No. of Survivors
1	18.9	60	18.5	98	60	18.5	98	60	18.5	98	60
2	20.2	60	19.9	99	60	19.8	98	60	19.9	99	60
3	21.2	60	21.4	101	60	21.0	99	60	20.7	98	60
4	21.9	60	21.8	100	60	22.0	101	60	22.3	102	60
5	22.8	60	23.0	101	60	22.7	100	60	22.8	100	60
6	24.1	60	24.4	101	60	24.1	100	60	24.2	100	60
7	24.8	60	24.9	100	60	24.9	100	60	24.8	100	60
8	25.4	60	25.9	102	60	25.9	102	60	25.6	101	60
9	26.5	60	26.4	100	60	26.4	100	60	26.4	100	60
10	27.2	60	27.3	100	60	27.3	100	60	27.3	100	60
12	28.3	60	28.7	101	60	28.9	102	60	28.7	101	60
16	29.7	60	29.4	99	60	30.5	103	60	30.0	101	60
20	31.7	60	31.0	98	60	32.1	101	60	31.5	99	59
24	34.0	60	34.0	100	60	34.4	101	60	33.3	98	59
28	36.9	60	36.2	98	60	36.9	100	60	36.7	100	59
32	38.1	60	37.5	98	60	38.2	100	60	37.4	98	59
36	40.6	60	39.7	98	60	40.9	101	60	40.1	99	59
40	42.3	60	41.7	99	59	42.6	101	60	41.7	99	58
44	43.4	60	42.3	98	59	42.9	99	60	42.1	97	58
48	45.1	59	43.8	97	58	44.4	98	60	43.7	97	57
52	47.2	59	45.4	96	58	46.0	98	60	45.1	96	57
56	48.1	59	46.7	97	57	47.0	98	60	46.0	96	57
60	49.4	59	48.1	97	57	48.3	98	60	47.4	96	57
64	50.3	58	48.8	97	57	49.0	97	60	48.5	96	56
68 <sup>a</sup>	50.5	50	48.4	96	48	49.0	97	50	48.6	96	50
72	51.7	50	49.4	96	48	50.2	97	50	49.5	96	48
76	52.7	50	50.8	96	46	51.5	98	49	50.0	95	47
80	54.1	50	51.8	96	45	52.6	97	49	52.6	97	46
84	53.5	49	50.9	95	44	51.8	97	48	52.0	97	46
88	52.8	49	50.1	95	41	51.7	98	45	51.3	97	45
92	50.1	47	49.2	98	38	50.1	100	44	49.4	99	44
96	49.5	46	49.1	99	37	50.7	102	42	48.8	99	43
100	47.2	41	47.0	100	37	48.2	102	39	47.2	100	38
104	46.6	38	46.1	99	34	48.7	105	33	46.9	101	34
<b>Mean for weeks</b>											
1-13	23.8		23.8	100		23.8	100		23.7	100	
14-52	38.9		38.1	98		38.9	100		38.2	98	
53-104	50.5		49.0	97		49.9	99		49.1	97	

<sup>a</sup> Interim evaluation occurred during week 66.

### ***Pathology and Statistical Evaluation***

This section describes the statistically significant or biologically noteworthy changes in the incidences of neoplasms and nonneoplastic lesions in the skin. Summaries of the incidences of neoplasms and nonneoplastic lesions, individual animal tumor diagnoses, and statistical analyses of primary neoplasms that occurred with an incidence of at least 5% in at least one animal group are presented in Appendix C for male mice and Appendix D for female mice.

No neoplasms were observed that were considered related to chemical treatment, including no significant increases in incidences of neoplasms at the site of application. Two subcutaneous neoplasms were found in control females at the site of application: a hemangioma and a sarcoma. In addition, one subcutaneous sarcoma was found in a 1.5 mg/kg female (Tables 15 and D1). No neoplasms were found in male mice at the site of application (Table C1), and the spectrum of neoplasms found in control skin of treated male and female mice was consistent with similar neoplasms found in vehicle controls.

The predominant treatment-related histopathologic nonneoplastic lesion observed at the site of application was epithelial hyperplasia of minimal to mild

severity (Tables 15, C4, and D4). Epithelial hyperplasia was commonly observed in 1.5 mg/kg male and female mice at the 15-month interim evaluation. Similarly at the end of the study, a dose-response increase in the incidence of epithelial hyperplasia was observed in male and female mice (Plates 3 and 4). Unlike the female rat, the progression of the skin lesion with development of ulceration was not observed in male or female mice in this study.

### **GENETIC TOXICOLOGY**

Benzethonium chloride (0.01 to 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{plate}$ ) was not mutagenic in *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, or TA1537 (Table E1). All tests were performed with a preincubation protocol, with and without Aroclor 1254-induced male Sprague-Dawley rat or Syrian hamster liver S9. In cytogenetic tests with cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells, benzethonium chloride did not induce sister chromatid exchanges (Table E2) or chromosomal aberrations (Table E3) with or without S9. Although increases in chromosomal aberrations were observed in each of the two trials conducted, the increases were not statistically significant or dose related. No cell cycle delay was observed in either cytogenetic test.

**TABLE 15**  
**Incidences of Skin Neoplasms and Nonneoplastic Lesions in Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride**

Dose	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>				
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
Skin (Site of Application) <sup>a</sup>	10	9	9	10
Epithelial Hyperplasia <sup>b,c</sup>	0	0	2 (1.0) <sup>d</sup>	10** (1.2)
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
Skin (Site of Application)	50	50	50	50
Epithelial Hyperplasia	2 (1.5)	7 (1.1)	16** (1.6)	23** (1.2)
Inflammation, Chronic	0	0	0	2 (1.5)
Sebaceous Gland, Hyperplasia	0	0	1 (1.0)	0
Ulceration	1 (2.0)	1 (2.0)	4 (2.5)	2 (2.0)
<b>Female</b>				
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
Skin (Site of Application)	8	7	10	6
Epithelial Hyperplasia	0	0	3 (1.0)	4* (1.3)
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
Skin (Site of Application)	52	52	48	53
Epithelial Hyperplasia	3 (1.3)	7 (1.3)	6 (2.2)	22** (1.3)
Inflammation, Chronic	1 (1.0)	2 (1.0)	0	0
Sebaceous Gland, Hyperplasia	0	0	1 (3.0)	0
Ulceration	0	0	2 (3.0)	0
Subcutaneous Tissue, Hemangioma <sup>e</sup>	1	0	0	0
Subcutaneous Tissue, Sarcoma	1	0	0	1

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Fisher exact test (15-month interim evaluation) or the logistic regression test (2-year study).

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals with skin examined microscopically

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with lesion

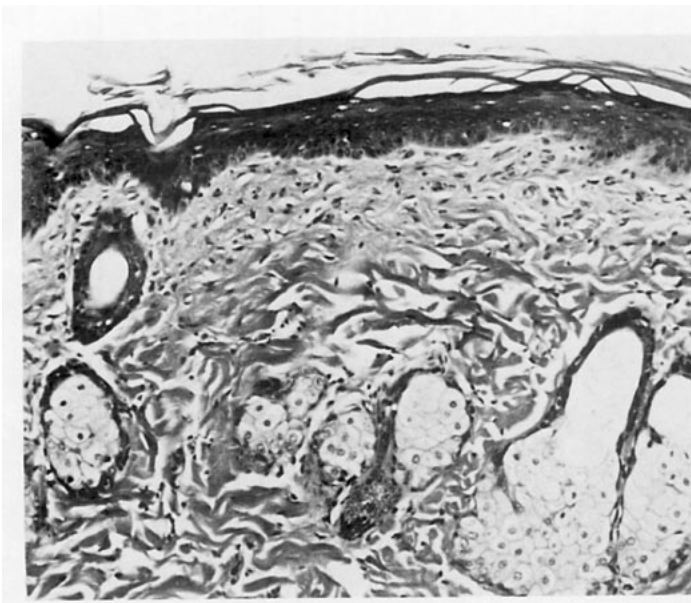
<sup>c</sup> Epithelial hyperplasia was originally diagnosed as acanthosis and/or hyperkeratosis.

<sup>d</sup> Average severity grade of lesions in affected animals (1=minimal; 2=mild; 3=moderate; 4=marked)

<sup>e</sup> All neoplasms found at the site of application are included for completeness. The incidences of neoplasms were not statistically significant, nor were any neoplasms considered to be related to chemical treatment.

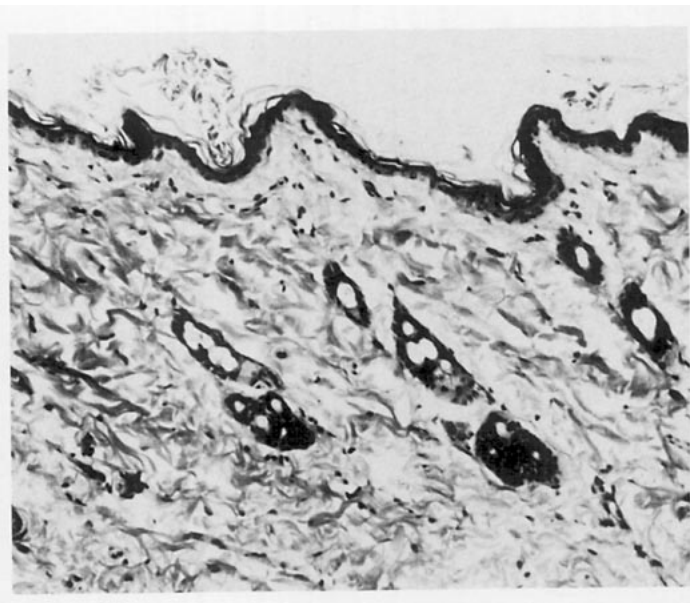






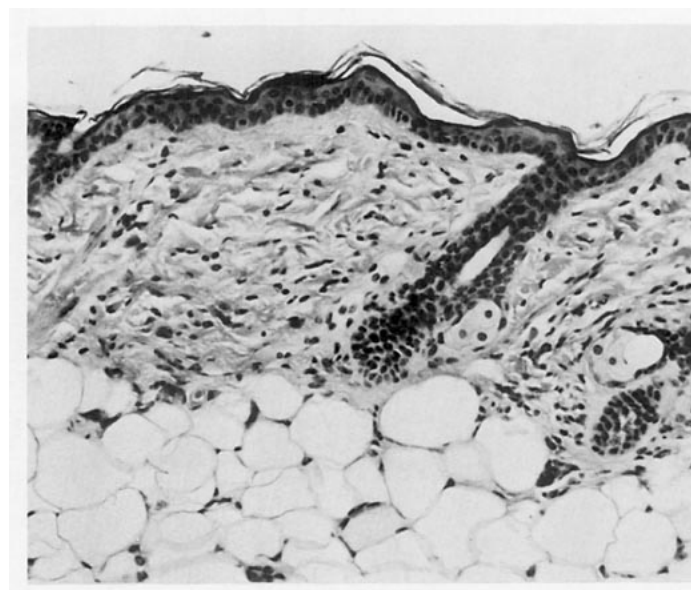
**PLATE 1**

Skin of a female F344/N rat administered 1.5 mg/kg benzethonium chloride for 2 years by dermal application. Note the mild to moderate degree of epithelial hyperplasia and sebaceous gland hyperplasia compared to the vehicle control in Plate 2. H&E; 40×



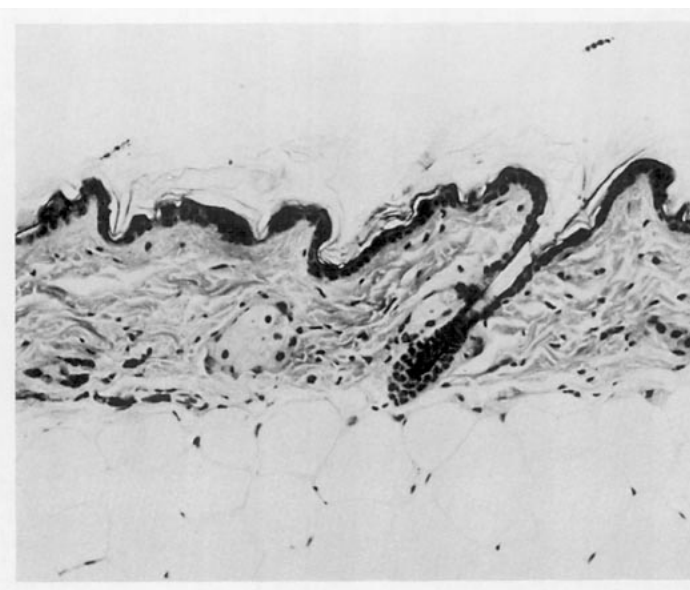
**PLATE 2**

Skin of a vehicle control (ethanol) female F344/N rat for comparison with skin of a treated rat shown in Plate 1. H&E; 40×



**PLATE 3**

Skin of a female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mouse administered 1.5 mg/kg benzethonium chloride for 2 years by dermal application. Note the minimal degree of epithelial hyperplasia compared to vehicle control in Plate 4. H&E; 50×



**PLATE 4**

Skin of a vehicle control (ethanol) female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mouse for comparison with skin of a treated mouse shown in Plate 3. H&E; 50×

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The toxicity and carcinogenicity studies described in this report were performed because benzethonium chloride is found in a variety of over-the-counter products resulting in widespread human exposure and because of a report of possible carcinogenicity of benzethonium chloride in mice receiving subcutaneous injections of the chemical (Mason *et al.*, 1971). Quaternary ammonium compounds such as benzethonium chloride have antimicrobial properties (CIR, 1982), and some have cholinergic agonist or antagonist actions (Hume and Holland, 1965; Strycker and Long, 1969).

Although these studies were performed using dermal exposure, the results of absorption and disposition studies (NTP, 1988) suggested uptake of at least half of 0.15 to 1.5 mg/kg [<sup>14</sup>C]-labeled doses of benzethonium chloride from the skin when applied under a nonocclusive patch. Thus, unless significant chemical breakdown occurs on the skin, systemic effects of a toxic or pharmacologic nature would be expected to be demonstrated in these studies.

In the 16-day studies, there were no clinical signs suggestive of systemic cholinergic effects; however, one male mouse receiving 100 mg/kg died after 4 days. There is no reported LD<sub>50</sub> in mice for dermally applied benzethonium chloride. Homberger (1968) administered as much as 280 mg/kg in a single application to unshaved backs of C57BL/6 male mice without lethal effects. The intravenous LD<sub>50</sub> for mice is reported to be from 20 to 35 mg/kg (CIR, 1982), so it is possible that repeated dermal application of 100 mg/kg could account for the one observed death. Body weight gains of treated rats were decreased at the higher doses, and this was probably related to the rather severe skin lesions produced at these dose levels.

There were no deaths or evidence of systemic toxicity in the 13-week studies. The high doses used in these studies were one fourth those used in the 16-day studies, and body weight gains were only decreased in high-dose male rats and mice. Again, this was likely secondary to the skin lesions produced by exposure to

benzethonium chloride during the studies. Hypercellularity of the bone marrow was diagnosed in 25 mg/kg rats. This was considered a secondary manifestation of the inflammation occurring at the site of application.

There was little histopathology attributed to exposure to benzethonium chloride in the short- or long-term studies in rats or mice other than a spectrum of skin lesions at the site of application. These lesions were characteristic of lesions observed with a variety of skin irritants and included components of epithelial hyperplasia and inflammation. The lesions were in general dependent on dose and, to a lesser extent, time. However, some skin healing and/or adaptation did occur, as illustrated by the fact that a larger percentage of the treated animals had epithelial hyperplasia at the end of the 13-week studies than at the end of the 2-year studies. In contrast to the results of the 2-year studies in male rats and male and female mice, skin lesions in treated female rats appeared to progress in severity during the 2-year study, with significant evidence of ulceration present in treated females from this study. This is an atypical finding in that the response of male and female rats and mice to skin irritants has been very similar in other NTP studies (NTP, 1993, 1995a,b).

There was no evidence of treatment-related increased incidences of neoplasms at any site in rats or mice. Skin neoplasms occurring at the site of application included keratoacanthomas in one 0.5 mg/kg male rat and in one 1.5 mg/kg male rat and one sebaceous gland carcinoma in one 0.5 mg/kg male rat. There was no evidence of an increased incidence of skin neoplasms in the treated groups when skin neoplasms that occurred at the site of application were combined with those occurring away from the site of application. In addition, the results of genetic toxicity studies indicated that benzethonium chloride is not mutagenic or otherwise genotoxic. Thus, there would appear to be little concern that repeated exposure to benzethonium chloride at these concentrations is carcinogenic.

As indicated previously, benzethonium chloride at doses of 3.125 mg/kg and greater in the rat caused dermatotoxicity in the 13-week study, as evidenced by epithelial hyperplasia, inflammatory infiltration, and ulceration of the epidermis. At higher doses, this ulceration and inflammation became more severe and involved the deeper dermal and subcutaneous tissues. The irritant property of benzethonium chloride has been observed previously in studies in which dilute solutions of the chemical were administered twice weekly into the subcutaneous tissue of rats (Mason *et al.*, 1971). At doses of 1 and 3 mg/kg, a high number of animals had severe granulomatous reactions at the injection site. By week 50, 8 of 60 rats administered 1 mg/kg and 16 of 80 rats administered 3 mg/kg developed locally invasive, non-metastatic sarcomas (primarily fibrosarcomas); none were present in the 50 controls. While clearly a treatment-related effect, it is difficult to evaluate the degree to which the marked inflammatory component may have contributed to the increase in the incidence of neoplasms. Full-thickness damage or "wounding" of the skin of mice has been shown to induce epithelial hyperplasia, inflammation of the dermis and epidermis, and the marked proliferation of granulation tissue. In long-term initiation/promotion studies the "wounding" has been shown to be a highly effective skin neoplasm promotion regimen (Argyris, 1989). 12-*O*-Tetradecanoyl-phorbol-13-acetate (TPA), often considered the positive control in skin neoplasm promotion studies, is known to induce a low incidence of skin neoplasms when administered alone at doses which also induce skin irritation (NTP, 1995b,c). Following initiation with dimethylbenz(a)anthracene (DMBA) the most effective doses of TPA for skin neoplasm promotion are also those doses that result in epithelial erosion, inflammation,

and regenerative epithelial hyperplasia (Argyris, 1989). Recent skin initiation/promotion studies with TPA have shown that the strains of mice most sensitive to neoplasm promotion were also those that were significantly more sensitive to the irritancy of the chemical, as evidenced by a marked inflammatory reaction (NTP, 1995c). Lower doses of TPA or lesser epidermal damage such as repeated mild abrasion of the skin surface with fine sandpaper, although adequate to induce some epithelial hyperplasia, were not shown to induce a deeper inflammatory component or to be sufficient to promote neoplasms following similar skin neoplasm initiation with DMBA (Argyris, 1989). Although epithelial hyperplasia was observed in male and female rats and mice in the present studies and ulcerative lesions were observed in female rats, it is unknown whether higher doses capable of inducing more severe, necrotizing inflammatory skin lesions as were observed in the study by Mason *et al.* (1971) may have resulted in increases in skin-associated neoplasia.

## CONCLUSIONS

Under the conditions of these 2-year dermal studies, there was *no evidence of carcinogenic activity\** of benzethonium chloride in male or female F344/N rats receiving 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg. There was *no evidence of carcinogenic activity* in male or female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice receiving 0.15, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg.

Exposure of rats and mice to benzethonium chloride by dermal application in ethanol for 2 years resulted in epithelial hyperplasia in male and female rats and mice and sebaceous gland hyperplasia and ulcers in female rats at the site of application.

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\* Explanation of Levels of Evidence of Carcinogenic Activity is on page 9. A summary of the Technical Reports Review Subcommittee comments and the public discussion on this Technical Report appears on page 11.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN MALE RATS**  
**IN THE 2-YEAR DERMAL STUDY**  
**OF BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE**

<b>TABLE A1</b>	<b>Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride .....</b>	<b>55</b>
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**TABLE A1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>	8	8	5	4
Early deaths				
Accidental death			1	
Moribund	25	34	34	25
Natural deaths	12	7	11	15
Survivors				
Died last week of study			1	
Terminal sacrifice	15	11	8	16
Animals examined microscopically	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Stomach, forestomach	(1)			
Squamous cell papilloma	1 (100%)			
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Pituitary gland	(8)			(4)
Pars distalis, adenoma	3 (38%)			2 (50%)
Thyroid gland	(8)			(4)
C-cell, adenoma				2 (50%)
<b>Genital System</b>				
Testes	(8)			(4)
Bilateral, interstitial cell, adenoma	1 (13%)			
Interstitial cell, adenoma	2 (25%)			
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(8)	(8)	(5)	(4)
Skin, site of application	(8)	(8)	(5)	(4)
<b>Systems Examined With No Neoplasms Observed</b>				
Cardiovascular System				
General Body System				
Hematopoietic System				
Musculoskeletal System				
Nervous System				
Respiratory System				
Special Senses System				
Urinary System				

**TABLE A1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine large, colon				(1)
Adenoma				1 (100%)
Intestine large, cecum	(1)			
Intestine small, duodenum				(3)
Intestine small, jejunum	(1)			(1)
Adenocarcinoma				1 (100%)
Adenoma	1 (100%)			
Liver	(52)			(56)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Mesentery	(8)			(8)
Lipoma	1 (13%)			
Fat, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (13%)			
Pancreas	(52)			(56)
Pharynx	(1)			
Palate, squamous cell papilloma	1 (100%)			
Salivary glands	(52)			(56)
Sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Tooth	(2)			
Gingiva, squamous cell carcinoma	1 (50%)			
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(51)			(56)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(28)			(24)
Adenoma	1 (4%)			
Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, lung				1 (4%)
Adrenal medulla	(27)			(29)
Pheochromocytoma malignant				1 (3%)
Pheochromocytoma benign	3 (11%)			4 (14%)
Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign	2 (7%)			3 (10%)
Islets, pancreatic	(52)			(56)
Adenoma	1 (2%)			3 (5%)
Parathyroid gland	(50)			(54)
Adenoma	1 (2%)			
Pituitary gland	(52)			(56)
Pars distalis, adenoma	31 (60%)			23 (41%)
Pars intermedia, adenoma	1 (2%)			
Thyroid gland	(51)			(56)
C-cell, adenoma	6 (12%)			7 (13%)
C-cell, adenoma, multiple	1 (2%)			
Follicular cell, adenoma	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				

**TABLE A1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Epididymis	(52)			(56)
Preputial gland	(52)			(56)
Adenoma				1 (2%)
Carcinoma	1 (2%)			
Bilateral, carcinoma	1 (2%)			
Prostate	(52)			(56)
Seminal vesicle	(52)			(56)
Testes	(52)			(56)
Bilateral, interstitial cell, adenoma	23 (44%)			30 (54%)
Interstitial cell, adenoma	19 (37%)			10 (18%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Bone marrow	(52)			(56)
Femoral, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Lymph node	(7)			(14)
Mediastinal, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (14%)			
Renal, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (14%)			
Thoracic, squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, lung				1 (7%)
Lymph node, mandibular	(13)			(17)
Hemangiosarcoma	1 (8%)			
Lymph node, mesenteric	(8)			(14)
Spleen	(52)			(56)
Hemangiosarcoma	1 (2%)			
Histiocytic sarcoma	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Thymus	(44)			(47)
Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, lung				1 (2%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(49)			(50)
Adenoma	1 (2%)			
Fibroadenoma	1 (2%)			3 (6%)
Fibroma	3 (6%)			1 (2%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Skin, control	(52)	(52)	(55)	(56)
Basal cell adenoma			1 (2%)	
Basosquamous tumor benign			1 (2%)	
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Keratoacanthoma	1 (2%)		3 (5%)	
Squamous cell papilloma	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Sebaceous gland, lip, carcinoma	1 (2%)			
Subcutaneous tissue, fibroma			1 (2%)	1 (2%)
Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosarcoma		1 (2%)		
Subcutaneous tissue, fibrous histiocytoma		1 (2%)		
Subcutaneous tissue, histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Subcutaneous tissue, neurofibroma	1 (2%)			
Skin, site of application-no mass	(52)	(52)	(55)	(56)
Subcutaneous tissue, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)	1 (2%)		1 (2%)

TABLE A1

Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study</b> (continued)				
<b>Integumentary System</b> (continued)				
Skin, site of application-mass	(5)		(3)	(4)
Keratoacanthoma			1 (33%)	1 (25%)
Sebaceous gland, carcinoma			1 (33%)	
Subcutaneous tissue, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (20%)		1 (33%)	
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
Bone	(52)			(56)
Maxilla, osteosarcoma	1 (2%)			
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(52)			(56)
Astrocytoma NOS				1 (2%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(51)			(56)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Squamous cell carcinoma				1 (2%)
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Ear	(3)			
Squamous cell papilloma	3 (100%)			
Zymbal's gland	(2)			
Carcinoma	2 (100%)			
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(52)			(56)
Transitional epithelium, carcinoma	1 (2%)			
Urinary bladder	(52)			(56)
Transitional epithelium, papilloma				1 (2%)
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>				
Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>	(52)	(52)	(55)	(56)
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	3 (5%)
Leukemia mononuclear	23 (44%)			30 (54%)
Mesothelioma benign				1 (2%)
Mesothelioma malignant	1 (2%)			1 (2%)

TABLE A1

Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Neoplasm Summary</b>				
Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup>				
15-Month interim evaluation	5			3
2-Year study	52	3	8	54
Total primary neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	7			4
2-Year study	142	3	9	131
Total animals with benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	5			3
2-Year study	50		7	51
Total benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	7			4
2-Year study	104		7	93
Total animals with malignant neoplasms				
2-Year study	30	3	2	33
Total malignant neoplasms				
2-Year study	38	3	2	37
Total animals with metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study				1
Total metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study				3
Total animals with uncertain neoplasms - benign or malignant				
2-Year study				1
Total uncertain neoplasms				
2-Year study				1

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with neoplasm

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with any tissue examined microscopically

<sup>c</sup> Primary neoplasms: all neoplasms except metastatic neoplasms

**TABLE A2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride:**  
**Vehicle Control**

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
	0 3 1 3 4 5 5 6 8 8 9 0 0 0 0 1 3 3 3 4 4 4 5 5 5
	6 7 3 3 9 1 6 4 3 5 2 3 6 6 6 2 2 4 5 7 7 8 0 3 3
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	0 0
	3 4 0 0 4 4 1 6 5 5 3 0 0 1 1 5 3 5 4 1 5 5 0 1 3
	2 6 6 4 1 9 8 0 6 4 6 5 9 3 6 0 4 3 8 9 8 5 2 1 1
<b>Alimentary System</b>	
Esophagus	+ + + + + M + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Intestine large, cecum	
Intestine small, jejunum	
Adenoma	
Liver	+ +
Histiocytic sarcoma	
Mesentery	
Lipoma	
Fat, histiocytic sarcoma	
Pancreas	+ +
Pharynx	
Palate, squamous cell papilloma	
Salivary glands	+ +
Sarcoma	
Stomach, forestomach	
Stomach, glandular	
Tongue	
Tooth	
Gingiva, squamous cell carcinoma	
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>	
Blood vessel	
Heart	+ + + + + M + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
<b>Endocrine System</b>	
Adrenal cortex	
Adenoma	
Adrenal medulla	
Pheochromocytoma benign	
Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign	
Islets, pancreatic	+ +
Adenoma	
Parathyroid gland	+ + + + + M + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Adenoma	
Pituitary gland	+ +
Pars distalis, adenoma	
Pars intermedia, adenoma	
Thyroid gland	+ + + + + M + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
C-cell, adenoma	
C-cell, adenoma, multiple	
Follicular cell, adenoma	
<b>General Body System</b>	
None	

+ : Tissue examined microscopically  
A : Autolysis precludes examination

M : Missing tissue  
I : Insufficient tissue

X : Lesion present  
Blank : Not examined















**TABLE A2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride: 0.15 mg/kg**  
 (continued)

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	
	3 3 3 5 5 6 7 7 7 9 9 9 1 1 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	
	2 8 9 9 9 8 0 1 5 1 8 8 0 2 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1	
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1	Total
	7 7 8 0 0 9 8 0 8 6 7 0 6 1 9 8 6 7 7 8 9 0 0 0 0 1 1	Tissues/
	8 5 0 6 8 9 3 4 9 9 3 2 8 6 5 6 4 1 2 1 8 1 3 5 7 1 3	Tumors
<b>Alimentary System</b>		
None		
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>		
None		
<b>Endocrine System</b>		
None		
<b>General Body System</b>		
None		
<b>Genital System</b>		
None		
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>		
None		
<b>Integumentary System</b>		
Skin, control	+ +	52
Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosarcoma		X 1
Subcutaneous tissue, fibrous histiocytoma		1
Skin, site of application-no mass	+ +	52
Subcutaneous tissue, histiocytic sarcoma		1
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>		
None		
<b>Nervous System</b>		
None		
<b>Respiratory System</b>		
None		
<b>Special Senses System</b>		
None		
<b>Urinary System</b>		
None		
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>		
Multiple organs	+ +	52
Histiocytic sarcoma		1



















**TABLE A3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Adrenal Medulla: Benign Pheochromocytoma</b>				
Overall rate <sup>a</sup>	5/52 (10%)	- <sup>e</sup>	-	7/56 (13%)
Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>	20.3%			28.7%
Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>	2/15 (13%)			3/16 (19%)
First incidence (days)	556			619
Life table test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.401
Logistic regression test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.387
Fisher exact test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.434
<b>Ear: Squamous Cell Papilloma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	0/56 (0%)
Adjusted rate	17.9%			0.0%
Terminal rate	2/15 (13%)			0/16 (0%)
First incidence (days)	714			- <sup>f</sup>
Life table test				P=0.117N
Logistic regression test				P=0.115N
Fisher exact test				P=0.108N
<b>Mammary Gland: Fibroma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	1/56 (2%)
Adjusted rate	16.1%			4.3%
Terminal rate	2/15 (13%)			0/16 (0%)
First incidence (days)	648			683
Life table test				P=0.302N
Logistic regression test				P=0.306N
Fisher exact test				P=0.281N
<b>Mammary Gland: Fibroadenoma</b>				
Overall rate	1/52 (2%)	-	-	3/56 (5%)
Adjusted rate	2.5%			17.4%
Terminal rate	0/15 (0%)			2/16 (13%)
First incidence (days)	606			722
Life table test				P=0.329
Logistic regression test				P=0.301
Fisher exact test				P=0.338
<b>Mammary Gland: Fibroma, Fibroadenoma, or Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	5/52 (10%)	-	-	4/56 (7%)
Adjusted rate	24.5%			21.0%
Terminal rate	3/15 (20%)			2/16 (13%)
First incidence (days)	606			683
Life table test				P=0.475N
Logistic regression test				P=0.505N
Fisher exact test				P=0.453N

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**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Pancreatic Islets: Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	1/52 (2%)	–	–	3/56 (5%)
Adjusted rate	2.9%			18.8%
Terminal rate	0/15 (0%)			3/16 (19%)
First incidence (days)	634			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.321
Logistic regression test				P=0.333
Fisher exact test				P=0.338
<b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis or Unspecified Site): Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	31/52 (60%)	–	–	23/56 (41%)
Adjusted rate	84.4%			65.0%
Terminal rate	10/15 (67%)			6/16 (38%)
First incidence (days)	406			408
Life table test				P=0.136N
Logistic regression test				P=0.085N
Fisher exact test				P=0.041N
<b>Skin: Keratoacanthoma</b>				
Overall rate	1/52 (2%)	0/52 (0%)	3/55 (5%)	0/56 (0%)
Adjusted rate	6.7%	0.0%	26.5%	0.0%
Terminal rate	1/15 (7%)	0/11 (0%)	2/9 (22%)	0/16 (0%)
First incidence (days)	729 (T)	–	676	–
Life table test	P=0.394N	P=0.562N	P=0.155	P=0.487N
Logistic regression test	P=0.416N	P=0.562N	P=0.187	P=0.487N
Cochran-Armitage test	P=0.425N			
Fisher exact test		P=0.500N	P=0.330	P=0.481N
<b>Testes: Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	42/52 (81%)	–	–	40/56 (71%)
Adjusted rate	100.0%			97.3%
Terminal rate	15/15 (100%)			15/16 (94%)
First incidence (days)	513			465
Life table test				P=0.389N
Logistic regression test				P=0.422N
Fisher exact test				P=0.182N
<b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	7/51 (14%)	–	–	7/56 (13%)
Adjusted rate	33.5%			31.2%
Terminal rate	4/15 (27%)			4/16 (25%)
First incidence (days)	585			465
Life table test				P=0.584N
Logistic regression test				P=0.584N
Fisher exact test				P=0.538N



TABLE A3

**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>All Organs: Histiocytic Sarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	3/56 (5%)
Adjusted rate	6.2%			10.9%
Terminal rate	0/15 (0%)			1/16 (6%)
First incidence (days)	513			557
Life table test				P=0.657
Logistic regression test				P=0.560N
Fisher exact test				P=0.625N
<b>All Organs: Mononuclear Cell Leukemia</b>				
Overall rate	23/52 (44%)	-	-	30/56 (54%)
Adjusted rate	61.7%			82.0%
Terminal rate	5/15 (33%)			11/16 (69%)
First incidence (days)	549			396
Life table test				P=0.214
Logistic regression test				P=0.209
Fisher exact test				P=0.218
<b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	50/52 (96%)	-	-	52/56 (93%)
Adjusted rate	100.0%			100.0%
Terminal rate	15/15 (100%)			16/16 (100%)
First incidence (days)	406			364
Life table test				P=0.501
Logistic regression test				P=0.649
Fisher exact test				P=0.375N
<b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	30/52 (58%)	-	-	33/56 (59%)
Adjusted rate	70.8%			83.4%
Terminal rate	6/15 (40%)			11/16 (69%)
First incidence (days)	437			396
Life table test				P=0.424
Logistic regression test				P=0.559
Fisher exact test				P=0.526

**TABLE A3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	52/52 (100%)	–	–	54/56 (96%)
Adjusted rate	100.0%			100.0%
Terminal rate	15/15 (100%)			16/16 (100%)
First incidence (days)	406			364
Life table test				P=0.501
Logistic regression test				– <sup>f</sup>
Fisher exact test				P=0.267N

(T)Terminal sacrifice

- <sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for adrenal gland, pancreatic islets, pituitary gland, skin, testes, and thyroid gland; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.
- <sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier estimated neoplasm incidence at the end of the study after adjustment for intercurrent mortality
- <sup>c</sup> Observed incidence at terminal kill
- <sup>d</sup> Beneath the dosed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that dosed group. The life table test regards neoplasms in animals dying prior to terminal kill as being (directly or indirectly) the cause of death. The logistic regression test regards these lesions as nonfatal. The Cochran-Armitage and Fisher exact tests compare directly the overall incidence rates. For all tests, a negative trend or a lower incidence in a dose group is indicated by N.
- <sup>e</sup> Organ was not examined at this dose level
- <sup>f</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group
- <sup>g</sup> Value of statistic cannot be computed.

**TABLE A4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>				
Early deaths	8	8	5	4
Accidental death			1	
Moribund	25	34	34	25
Natural deaths	12	7	11	15
Survivors				
Died last week of study			1	
Terminal sacrifice	15	11	8	16
Animals examined microscopically	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine small, jejunum	(1)			
Inflammation, chronic	1 (100%)			
Liver	(8)			(4)
Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule	3 (38%)			
Inflammation, chronic active	3 (38%)			2 (50%)
Bile duct, hyperplasia	3 (38%)			2 (50%)
Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic	5 (63%)			4 (100%)
Pancreas	(8)			(4)
Acinus, atrophy	5 (63%)			2 (50%)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(8)			(4)
Degeneration, chronic	8 (100%)			3 (75%)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(1)			
Hyperplasia	1 (100%)			
Pituitary gland	(8)			(4)
Pars distalis, cyst	1 (13%)			
Pars distalis, hyperplasia				1 (25%)
<b>Genital System</b>				
Epididymis	(8)			(4)
Aspermia				1 (25%)
Preputial gland	(8)			(4)
Inflammation, chronic active	5 (63%)			2 (50%)
Prostate	(8)			(4)
Inflammation, chronic active	4 (50%)			2 (50%)
Testes	(8)			(4)
Germinal epithelium, degeneration				1 (25%)
Interstitial cell, hyperplasia	8 (100%)			3 (75%)

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with lesion

**TABLE A4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation (continued)</b>				
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Lymph node	(1)			
Pancreatic, angiectasis	1 (100%)			
Lymph node, mesenteric	(1)			
Angiectasis	1 (100%)			
Spleen	(8)			(4)
Fibrosis	1 (13%)			
Thymus	(8)			(4)
Depletion lymphoid	8 (100%)			3 (75%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(6)			(3)
Hyperplasia, cystic	3 (50%)			1 (33%)
Skin, control	(8)	(8)	(5)	(4)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(8)	(8)	(5)	(4)
Epithelial hyperplasia			3 (60%)	4 (100%)
Ulcer				1 (25%)
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia			2 (40%)	2 (50%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(8)			(4)
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia	1 (13%)			
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia, focal	1 (13%)			
Nose	(8)			(4)
Submucosa, inflammation, acute	1 (13%)			
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(8)			(4)
Nephropathy, chronic	8 (100%)			4 (100%)
Cortex, cyst	1 (13%)			
Cortex, renal tubule, mineralization	1 (13%)			
<b>Systems Examined With No Lesions Observed</b>				
<b>General Body System</b>				
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine small, duodenum				(3)
Dysplasia				1 (33%)
Ulcer				1 (33%)

**TABLE A4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Alimentary System (continued)</b>				
Liver	(52)			(56)
Basophilic focus	6 (12%)			7 (13%)
Clear cell focus	3 (6%)			3 (5%)
Eosinophilic focus	4 (8%)			3 (5%)
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	1 (2%)			
Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule	3 (6%)			4 (7%)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
Inflammation, granulomatous	2 (4%)			3 (5%)
Bile duct, cyst				1 (2%)
Bile duct, hyperplasia	34 (65%)			36 (64%)
Hepatocyte, degeneration, cystic	4 (8%)			9 (16%)
Hepatocyte, hyperplasia				1 (2%)
Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic	17 (33%)			17 (30%)
Mesentery	(8)			(8)
Artery, inflammation, chronic active	1 (13%)			1 (13%)
Fat, hemorrhage	1 (13%)			
Fat, inflammation, chronic active	3 (38%)			6 (75%)
Pancreas	(52)			(56)
Acinus, atrophy	18 (35%)			24 (43%)
Artery, inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Stomach, forestomach	(9)			(13)
Acanthosis	4 (44%)			2 (15%)
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (11%)			2 (15%)
Mineralization	1 (11%)			2 (15%)
Ulcer	5 (56%)			8 (62%)
Stomach, glandular	(13)			(11)
Dysplasia	2 (15%)			
Hyperplasia				1 (9%)
Mineralization	5 (38%)			3 (27%)
Necrosis	1 (8%)			2 (18%)
Pigmentation, hemosiderin	1 (8%)			
Ulcer	4 (31%)			5 (45%)
Tongue	(1)			
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (100%)			
Tooth	(2)			
Peridental tissue, inflammation, chronic active	1 (50%)			
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Blood vessel	(1)			(1)
Aorta, mineralization	1 (100%)			1 (100%)
Heart	(51)			(56)
Degeneration, chronic	43 (84%)			47 (84%)
Mineralization	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Atrium, thrombosis	6 (12%)			4 (7%)

**TABLE A4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(28)			(24)
Hyperplasia	12 (43%)			6 (25%)
Hypertrophy	2 (7%)			
Vacuolization cytoplasmic	22 (79%)			20 (83%)
Adrenal medulla	(27)			(29)
Hyperplasia	24 (89%)			21 (72%)
Islets, pancreatic	(52)			(56)
Hyperplasia	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Parathyroid gland	(50)			(54)
Hyperplasia	37 (74%)			39 (72%)
Pituitary gland	(52)			(56)
Pars distalis, cyst	6 (12%)			
Pars distalis, hemorrhage				2 (4%)
Pars distalis, hyperplasia	13 (25%)			10 (18%)
Pars distalis, vacuolization cytoplasmic				2 (4%)
Thyroid gland	(51)			(56)
Ultimobranchial cyst				1 (2%)
C-cell, hyperplasia	12 (24%)			11 (20%)
Follicle, cyst				1 (2%)
Follicular cell, hyperplasia	1 (2%)			
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Epididymis	(52)			(56)
Aspermia				1 (2%)
Inflammation, granulomatous				1 (2%)
Preputial gland	(52)			(56)
Inflammation, chronic active	41 (79%)			36 (64%)
Duct, ectasia	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Prostate	(52)			(56)
Hyperplasia				1 (2%)
Inflammation, chronic active	26 (50%)			24 (43%)
Inflammation, granulomatous				1 (2%)
Epithelium, hyperplasia	1 (2%)			
Seminal vesicle	(52)			(56)
Atrophy				1 (2%)
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Mineralization	1 (2%)			
Testes	(52)			(56)
Cyst				1 (2%)
Germinal epithelium, degeneration	16 (31%)			16 (29%)
Interstitial cell, hyperplasia	9 (17%)			10 (18%)

**TABLE A4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Bone marrow	(52)			(56)
Femoral, myelofibrosis	4 (8%)			4 (7%)
Lymph node	(7)			(14)
Mediastinal, congestion				1 (7%)
Mediastinal, inflammation, chronic active				1 (7%)
Lymph node, mandibular	(13)			(17)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	1 (8%)			
Infiltration cellular, plasma cell				1 (6%)
Lymph node, mesenteric	(8)			(14)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid				1 (7%)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (7%)
Spleen	(52)			(56)
Fibrosis	13 (25%)			7 (13%)
Infarct				1 (2%)
Thrombosis				1 (2%)
Capsule, thrombosis				1 (2%)
Thymus	(44)			(47)
Depletion lymphoid	1 (2%)			4 (9%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(49)			(50)
Hyperplasia, cystic	47 (96%)			48 (96%)
Duct, cyst				1 (2%)
Skin, control	(52)	(52)	(55)	(56)
Cyst epithelial inclusion				1 (2%)
Dermis, inflammation, chronic		1 (2%)		
Epithelial hyperplasia	7 (13%)	5 (10%)	2 (4%)	3 (5%)
Hyperplasia, basal cell			1 (2%)	
Ulcer				1 (2%)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(52)	(52)	(55)	(56)
Cyst				1 (2%)
Epithelial hyperplasia	1 (2%)		4 (7%)	12 (21%)
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia			2 (4%)	2 (4%)
Skin, site of application-mass	(5)		(3)	(4)
Cyst epithelial inclusion	1 (20%)			2 (50%)
Dermis, fibrosis	3 (60%)			1 (25%)
Dermis, mineralization	2 (40%)			
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
Bone	(52)			(56)
Tarsal, fracture				1 (2%)
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(52)			(56)
Compression	14 (27%)			13 (23%)
Hemorrhage	1 (2%)			
Hydrocephalus	10 (19%)			6 (11%)

**TABLE A4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(51)			(56)
Inflammation, chronic active	3 (6%)			2 (4%)
Inflammation, granulomatous				1 (2%)
Inflammation, suppurative	1 (2%)			
Mineralization	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Nose	(52)			(55)
Lumen, hemorrhage				1 (2%)
Mucosa, inflammation, chronic active	6 (12%)			6 (11%)
Mucosa, ulcer				1 (2%)
Sinus, foreign body	6 (12%)			2 (4%)
Trachea	(51)			(56)
Submucosa, inflammation, chronic				1 (2%)
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Eye	(2)			(3)
Lens, cataract	2 (100%)			2 (67%)
Retina, atrophy	2 (100%)			2 (67%)
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(52)			(56)
Cyst				1 (2%)
Nephropathy, chronic	52 (100%)			56 (100%)
Urinary bladder	(52)			(56)
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			
Transitional epithelium, hyperplasia	1 (2%)			





**APPENDIX B**  
**SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN FEMALE RATS**  
**IN THE 2-YEAR DERMAL STUDY**  
**OF BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE**

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**TABLE B1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>	9	7	9	7
Early deaths				
Moribund	13	11	13	13
Natural deaths	14	9	12	16
Survivors				
Terminal sacrifice	24	33	26	24
Animals examined microscopically	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Mesentery	(1)			(1)
Fat, liposarcoma	1 (100%)			
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Pituitary gland	(9)			(7)
Pars distalis, adenoma	1 (11%)			1 (14%)
<b>Genital System</b>				
Clitoral gland	(9)			(7)
Adenoma	1 (11%)			
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(9)	(7)	(9)	(7)
Subcutaneous tissue, lipoma	1 (11%)			
Skin, site of application	(9)	(7)	(9)	(7)
<b>Systems Examined With No Neoplasms Observed</b>				
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
<b>General Body System</b>				
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
<b>Urinary System</b>				

**TABLE B1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine small, jejunum	(1)			
Liver	(51)			(53)
Pancreas	(51)			(53)
Salivary glands	(51)			(53)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
None				
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(19)			(21)
Adenoma				1 (5%)
Adrenal medulla	(10)			(2)
Pheochromocytoma benign	3 (30%)			
Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign				1 (50%)
Islets, pancreatic	(51)			(53)
Carcinoma				1 (2%)
Pituitary gland	(51)			(53)
Pars distalis, adenoma	27 (53%)			27 (51%)
Pars distalis, adenoma, multiple	1 (2%)			
Pars distalis, carcinoma	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Thyroid gland	(51)			(53)
Bilateral, C-cell, adenoma	1 (2%)			
C-cell, adenoma	10 (20%)			5 (9%)
C-cell, carcinoma	1 (2%)			
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Clitoral gland	(50)			(52)
Adenoma	3 (6%)			4 (8%)
Carcinoma				2 (4%)
Ovary	(51)			(53)
Uterus	(51)			(53)
Polyp stromal	3 (6%)			7 (13%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Bone marrow	(51)			(52)
Lymph node	(5)			(1)
Lymph node, mandibular	(7)			(3)
Osteosarcoma, metastatic, bone				1 (33%)
Lymph node, mesenteric	(5)			(3)
Spleen	(51)			(53)
Thymus	(46)			(50)

**TABLE B1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(51)			(53)
Adenoma	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Adenoma, multiple	1 (2%)			
Carcinoma				1 (2%)
Fibroadenoma	14 (27%)			12 (23%)
Fibroadenoma, multiple	3 (6%)			5 (9%)
Fibroma				1 (2%)
Skin, control	(51)	(53)	(51)	(53)
Basosquamous tumor malignant				1 (2%)
Basosquamous tumor benign	1 (2%)			
Trichoepithelioma			1 (2%)	
Subcutaneous tissue, lipoma				1 (2%)
Subcutaneous tissue, neurofibrosarcoma			1 (2%)	
Skin, site of application-no mass	(51)	(53)	(51)	(53)
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
Bone	(51)			(53)
Mandible, osteosarcoma				1 (2%)
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(51)			(53)
Carcinoma, metastatic, pituitary gland	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(51)			(53)
Carcinoma, metastatic, thyroid gland	1 (2%)			
Nose	(51)			(53)
Nares, squamous cell papilloma	1 (2%)			
Vomeronasal organ, squamous cell carcinoma	1 (2%)			
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
None				
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(51)			(53)
Urinary bladder	(51)			(53)
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>				
Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>	(51)	(53)	(51)	(53)
Leukemia mononuclear	18 (35%)			18 (34%)

**TABLE B1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Neoplasm Summary</b>				
Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup>				
15-Month interim evaluation	3			1
2-Year study	43		2	49
Total primary neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	4			1
2-Year study	92		2	92
Total animals with benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	3			1
2-Year study	38		1	41
Total benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	3			1
2-Year study	70		1	66
Total animals with malignant neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	1			
2-Year study	22		1	21
Total malignant neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	1			
2-Year study	22		1	26
Total animals with metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study	3			3
Total metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study	3			3

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with neoplasm

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with any tissue examined microscopically

<sup>c</sup> Primary neoplasms: all neoplasms except metastatic neoplasms

**TABLE B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride:**  
**Vehicle Control**

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	1	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7		
	7	8	1	1	2	5	7	9	0	1	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	9	0	1	1	2	2		
	6	5	5	9	6	4	2	5	3	0	2	3	2	2	4	5	8	9	7	6	9	8	9	0	2		
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
	5	7	9	5	8	7	4	7	9	6	0	7	6	9	6	7	4	5	8	4	9	9	8	7	9		
	7	5	7	1	1	2	7	6	4	1	0	0	3	6	2	9	3	9	3	9	9	1	4	3	5		
<b>Alimentary System</b>																											
Esophagus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Intestine small, duodenum									+															+			
Intestine small, jejunum												+															
Liver	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Mesentery									+															+			
Pancreas	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Salivary glands	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Stomach, forestomach			+						+														+				
Stomach, glandular		+																									
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>																											
Heart	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
<b>Endocrine System</b>																											
Adrenal cortex		+						+		+								+	+			+	+	+	+		
Adrenal medulla																			+					+			
Pheochromocytoma benign																											
Islets, pancreatic	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Parathyroid gland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	M	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	M	+	+	+	M	+	+		
Pituitary gland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Pars distalis, adenoma																											
Pars distalis, adenoma, multiple																											
Pars distalis, carcinoma																											
Thyroid gland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Bilateral, C-cell, adenoma																											
C-cell, adenoma																											
C-cell, carcinoma																											
<b>General Body System</b>																											
None																											
<b>Genital System</b>																											
Clitoral gland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Adenoma																											
Ovary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Uterus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Polyp stromal																											
Vagina																											
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>																											
Blood																											
Bone marrow	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Lymph node																											
Lymph node, mandibular																											

+: Tissue examined microscopically  
 A: Autolysis precludes examination

M: Missing tissue  
 I: Insufficient tissue

X: Lesion present  
 Blank: Not examined



























**TABLE B3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Adrenal Medulla: Benign Pheochromocytoma</b>				
Overall rate <sup>a</sup>	3/51 (6%)	- <sup>e</sup>	-	1/53 (2%)
Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>	12.5%			2.7%
Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>	3/24 (13%)			0/24 (0%)
First incidence (days)	729 (T)			634
Life table test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.310N
Logistic regression test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.325N
Fisher exact test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.294N
<b>Clitoral Gland: Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/50 (6%)	-	-	4/52 (8%)
Adjusted rate	10.4%			16.7%
Terminal rate	2/24 (8%)			4/24 (17%)
First incidence (days)	572			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.500
Logistic regression test				P=0.529
Fisher exact test				P=0.522
<b>Clitoral Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/50 (6%)	-	-	6/52 (12%)
Adjusted rate	10.4%			25.0%
Terminal rate	2/24 (8%)			6/24 (25%)
First incidence (days)	572			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.237
Logistic regression test				P=0.257
Fisher exact test				P=0.264
<b>Mammary Gland: Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/51 (6%)	-	-	2/53 (4%)
Adjusted rate	10.5%			7.2%
Terminal rate	1/24 (4%)			1/24 (4%)
First incidence (days)	648			658
Life table test				P=0.518N
Logistic regression test				P=0.518N
Fisher exact test				P=0.482N
<b>Mammary Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/51 (6%)	-	-	3/53 (6%)
Adjusted rate	10.5%			11.2%
Terminal rate	1/24 (4%)			2/24 (8%)
First incidence (days)	648			658
Life table test				P=0.645
Logistic regression test				P=0.640
Fisher exact test				P=0.642N

TABLE B3

**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Mammary Gland: Fibroadenoma</b>				
Overall rate	17/51 (33%)	–	–	17/53 (32%)
Adjusted rate	53.6%			56.2%
Terminal rate	10/24 (42%)			12/24 (50%)
First incidence (days)	572			525
Life table test				P=0.545
Logistic regression test				P=0.517
Fisher exact test				P=0.529N
<b>Mammary Gland: Fibroma, Fibroadenoma, or Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	19/51 (37%)	–	–	19/53 (36%)
Adjusted rate	56.6%			61.1%
Terminal rate	10/24 (42%)			13/24 (54%)
First incidence (days)	572			525
Life table test				P=0.535
Logistic regression test				P=0.514
Fisher exact test				P=0.522N
<b>Mammary Gland: Fibroma, Fibroadenoma, Adenoma, or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	19/51 (37%)	–	–	20/53 (38%)
Adjusted rate	56.6%			64.7%
Terminal rate	10/24 (42%)			14/24 (58%)
First incidence (days)	572			525
Life table test				P=0.458
Logistic regression test				P=0.424
Fisher exact test				P=0.560
<b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	28/51 (55%)	–	–	27/53 (51%)
Adjusted rate	73.9%			65.5%
Terminal rate	15/24 (63%)			11/24 (46%)
First incidence (days)	515			486
Life table test				P=0.550N
Logistic regression test				P=0.533N
Fisher exact test				P=0.418N
<b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	30/51 (59%)	–	–	29/53 (55%)
Adjusted rate	77.8%			67.6%
Terminal rate	16/24 (67%)			11/24 (46%)
First incidence (days)	515			486
Life table test				P=0.552N
Logistic regression test				P=0.546N
Fisher exact test				P=0.411N

**TABLE B3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	11/51 (22%)	-	-	5/53 (9%)
Adjusted rate	35.1%			18.8%
Terminal rate	6/24 (25%)			4/24 (17%)
First incidence (days)	515			613
Life table test				P=0.099N
Logistic regression test				P=0.095N
Fisher exact test				P=0.074N
<b>Uterus: Stromal Polyp</b>				
Overall rate	3/51 (6%)	-	-	7/53 (13%)
Adjusted rate	10.2%			22.0%
Terminal rate	2/24 (8%)			4/24 (17%)
First incidence (days)	485			533
Life table test				P=0.166
Logistic regression test				P=0.181
Fisher exact test				P=0.176
<b>All Organs: Mononuclear Cell Leukemia</b>				
Overall rate	18/51 (35%)	-	-	18/53 (34%)
Adjusted rate	47.8%			53.8%
Terminal rate	6/24 (25%)			10/24 (42%)
First incidence (days)	485			303
Life table test				P=0.516
Logistic regression test				P=0.574N
Fisher exact test				P=0.525N
<b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	39/51 (76%)	-	-	42/53 (79%)
Adjusted rate	88.4%			93.0%
Terminal rate	19/24 (79%)			21/24 (88%)
First incidence (days)	485			486
Life table test				P=0.323
Logistic regression test				P=0.354
Fisher exact test				P=0.458
<b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	23/51 (45%)	-	-	21/53 (40%)
Adjusted rate	59.2%			59.5%
Terminal rate	9/24 (38%)			11/24 (46%)
First incidence (days)	485			303
Life table test				P=0.494N
Logistic regression test				P=0.413N
Fisher exact test				P=0.357N

**TABLE B3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	43/51 (84%)	–	–	49/53 (92%)
Adjusted rate	91.4%			98.0%
Terminal rate	20/24 (83%)			23/24 (96%)
First incidence (days)	485			303
Life table test				P=0.191
Logistic regression test				P=0.105
Fisher exact test				P=0.161

(T) Terminal sacrifice

- <sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for adrenal gland, clitoral gland, pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and uterus; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.
- <sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier estimated neoplasm incidence at the end of the study after adjustment for intercurrent mortality
- <sup>c</sup> Observed incidence at terminal kill
- <sup>d</sup> Beneath the dosed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that dosed group. The life table test regards neoplasms in animals dying prior to terminal kill as being (directly or indirectly) the cause of death. The logistic regression test regards these lesions as nonfatal. The Fisher exact test compares directly the overall incidence rates. For all tests, a lower incidence in a dose group is indicated by N.
- <sup>e</sup> Organ was not examined at this dose level

**TABLE B4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>				
Early deaths	9	7	9	7
Moribund	13	11	13	13
Natural deaths	14	9	12	16
Survivors				
Terminal sacrifice	24	33	26	24
Animals examined microscopically	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Liver	(9)			(7)
Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule	2 (22%)			3 (43%)
Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule, multiple	1 (11%)			
Inflammation, chronic active	2 (22%)			2 (29%)
Mesentery	(1)			(1)
Fat, inflammation, chronic active				1 (100%)
Pancreas	(9)			(7)
Acinus, atrophy				2 (29%)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(9)			(7)
Degeneration, chronic	1 (11%)			3 (43%)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Pituitary gland	(9)			(7)
Craniopharyngeal duct, pars distalis, cyst				1 (14%)
Pars distalis, cyst	4 (44%)			1 (14%)
Pars distalis, hyperplasia	3 (33%)			3 (43%)
Thyroid gland	(9)			(7)
Bilateral, ultimobranchial cyst				1 (14%)
C-cell, hyperplasia	1 (11%)			
<b>Genital System</b>				
Clitoral gland	(9)			(7)
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (11%)			
Duct, cyst	1 (11%)			
Ovary	(9)			(7)
Periovarian tissue, cyst	3 (33%)			3 (43%)
Uterus	(9)			(7)
Endometrium, hyperplasia, cystic, glandular				1 (14%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Thymus	(8)			(6)
Angiectasis				1 (17%)
Depletion lymphoid	8 (100%)			6 (100%)

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with lesion

**TABLE B4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride** (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b> (continued)				
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(9)			(7)
Hyperplasia, cystic	8 (89%)			5 (71%)
Skin, control	(9)	(7)	(9)	(7)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(9)	(7)	(9)	(7)
Epithelial hyperplasia		1 (14%)	2 (22%)	6 (86%)
Erosion, focal				1 (14%)
Ulcer		1 (14%)	1 (11%)	4 (57%)
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia		1 (14%)	1 (11%)	6 (86%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Nose	(9)			(7)
Submucosa, inflammation, chronic	1 (11%)			
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(9)			(7)
Mineralization	7 (78%)			7 (100%)
Nephropathy, chronic	3 (33%)			5 (71%)
<b>Systems Examined With No Lesions Observed</b>				
<b>General Body System</b>				
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine small, duodenum	(2)			
Ulcer	2 (100%)			
Liver	(51)			(53)
Angiectasis	2 (4%)			
Basophilic focus	26 (51%)			33 (62%)
Clear cell focus	2 (4%)			7 (13%)
Eosinophilic focus	13 (25%)			13 (25%)
Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule	7 (14%)			15 (28%)
Inflammation, granulomatous	8 (16%)			11 (21%)
Bile duct, hyperplasia	11 (22%)			13 (25%)
Hepatocyte, degeneration, cystic				2 (4%)
Hepatocyte, hypertrophy, focal				1 (2%)
Hepatocyte, necrosis	1 (2%)			
Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic	7 (14%)			8 (15%)
Mesentery	(3)			(3)
Fat, inflammation, chronic active	3 (100%)			3 (100%)
Pancreas	(51)			(53)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
Acinus, atrophy	15 (29%)			15 (28%)
Stomach, forestomach	(6)			(8)
Acanthosis				3 (38%)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (13%)
Mineralization				1 (13%)
Ulcer	6 (100%)			5 (63%)



**TABLE B4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Alimentary System (continued)</b>				
Stomach, glandular	(1)			
Necrosis	1 (100%)			
Tongue				(1)
Cyst				1 (100%)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(51)			(53)
Degeneration, chronic	28 (55%)			30 (57%)
Atrium, thrombosis	3 (6%)			3 (6%)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(19)			(21)
Degeneration, cystic	1 (5%)			1 (5%)
Hyperplasia	7 (37%)			12 (57%)
Adrenal cortex (continued)				
Hypertrophy				1 (5%)
Necrosis	2 (11%)			2 (10%)
Vacuolization cytoplasmic	8 (42%)			9 (43%)
Adrenal medulla	(10)			(2)
Hyperplasia	6 (60%)			1 (50%)
Parathyroid gland	(47)			(47)
Hyperplasia	32 (68%)			32 (68%)
Pituitary gland	(51)			(53)
Necrosis	1 (2%)			
Pars distalis, cyst	7 (14%)			11 (21%)
Pars distalis, hyperplasia	14 (27%)			17 (32%)
Thyroid gland	(51)			(53)
C-cell, hyperplasia	23 (45%)			17 (32%)
Follicular cell, hyperplasia				2 (4%)
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Clitoral gland	(50)			(52)
Hyperplasia	5 (10%)			4 (8%)
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Duct, ectasia	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Ovary	(51)			(53)
Follicle, cyst	4 (8%)			7 (13%)
Periovarian tissue, cyst	5 (10%)			10 (19%)
Uterus	(51)			(53)
Endometrium, hyperplasia, cystic, glandular	3 (6%)			2 (4%)
Vagina	(1)			
Lumen, hemorrhage	1 (100%)			

TABLE B4  
 Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study  
 of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Blood	(2)			
Erythrocyte, atypia cellular	1 (50%)			
Bone marrow	(51)			(52)
Femoral, myelofibrosis	1 (2%)			
Lymph node, mandibular	(7)			(3)
Thrombosis	1 (14%)			
Lymph node, mesenteric	(5)			(3)
Angiectasis				2 (67%)
Spleen	(51)			(53)
Fibrosis	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Thymus	(46)			(50)
Cyst				1 (2%)
Depletion lymphoid				3 (6%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(51)			(53)
Hyperplasia, cystic	50 (98%)			51 (96%)
Skin, control	(51)	(53)	(51)	(53)
Epithelial hyperplasia		3 (6%)	2 (4%)	
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia		1 (2%)	1 (2%)	
Skin, site of application-no mass	(51)	(53)	(51)	(53)
Epithelial hyperplasia	2 (4%)	2 (4%)	6 (12%)	32 (60%)
Ulcer		1 (2%)	3 (6%)	19 (36%)
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia	1 (2%)	2 (4%)	6 (12%)	30 (57%)
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
Bone	(51)			(53)
Femur, hyperostosis	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Femur, osteopetrosis				1 (2%)
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(51)			(53)
Compression	21 (41%)			17 (32%)
Hemorrhage	1 (2%)			
Hydrocephalus	8 (16%)			6 (11%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(51)			(53)
Inflammation, chronic active	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia				1 (2%)
Perivascular, inflammation, chronic	1 (2%)			
Nose	(51)			(53)
Mucosa, inflammation, chronic active	4 (8%)			5 (9%)
Sinus, foreign body	3 (6%)			5 (9%)

**TABLE B4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride** (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study</b> (continued)				
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Eye	(6)			(4)
Phthisis bulbi	1 (17%)			
Lens, cataract	5 (83%)			4 (100%)
Retina, atrophy	5 (83%)			4 (100%)
Harderian gland	(1)			(1)
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(51)			(53)
Cyst	1 (2%)			
Mineralization	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Nephropathy, chronic	45 (88%)			48 (91%)
Urinary bladder	(51)			(53)
Transitional epithelium, hyperplasia				1 (2%)

**APPENDIX C**  
**SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN MALE MICE**  
**IN THE 2-YEAR DERMAL STUDY**  
**OF BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE**

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**TABLE C1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>				
Early deaths		9	9	10
Moribund	3	8	4	9
Natural deaths	4	4	4	2
Survivors				
Terminal sacrifice	43	38	42	39
Missexed		1	1	
Animals examined microscopically	60	59	59	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Liver	(10)			(10)
Hepatocellular carcinoma	1 (10%)			2 (20%)
Hepatocellular carcinoma, multiple	1 (10%)			
Hepatocellular adenoma	4 (40%)			4 (40%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(10)	(9)	(9)	(10)
Skin, site of application	(10)	(9)	(9)	(10)
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Harderian gland				(1)
Adenoma				1 (100%)
<b>Systems Examined With No Neoplasms Observed</b>				
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
<b>General Body System</b>				
<b>Genital System</b>				
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
<b>Urinary System</b>				
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine large, cecum	(50)			(50)
Leiomyosarcoma				1 (2%)
Intestine small, duodenum	(50)			(50)
Adenoma				1 (2%)
Intestine small, jejunum	(50)			(50)

**TABLE C1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Alimentary System (continued)</b>				
Liver	(50)			(50)
Hemangioma				1 (2%)
Hemangiosarcoma	2 (4%)			
Hemangiosarcoma, multiple	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, skin	1 (2%)			
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				1 (2%)
Hepatoblastoma				1 (2%)
Hepatocellular carcinoma	9 (18%)			12 (24%)
Hepatocellular carcinoma, multiple	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Hepatocellular adenoma	11 (22%)			12 (24%)
Hepatocellular adenoma, multiple	13 (26%)			13 (26%)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Mesentery	(4)			(4)
Hemangioma	1 (25%)			1 (25%)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (25%)
Stomach, glandular	(50)			(50)
Carcinoid tumor malignant				1 (2%)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(50)			(50)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, liver	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(50)			(50)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Adrenal medulla	(50)			(50)
Pheochromocytoma benign	1 (2%)			
Islets, pancreatic	(49)			(50)
Adenoma	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Pituitary gland	(48)			(48)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Thyroid gland	(50)			(50)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				1 (2%)
Follicular cell, adenoma				1 (2%)
Follicular cell, carcinoma	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Epididymis	(50)			(49)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Testes	(50)			(50)
Interstitial cell, adenoma	1 (2%)			1 (2%)

**TABLE C1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Bone marrow	(50)			(50)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, liver	1 (2%)			
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, skin	1 (2%)			
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				1 (2%)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Lymph node	(3)			(2)
Lymph node, mandibular	(49)			(48)
Lymph node, mesenteric	(48)			(47)
Spleen	(50)			(50)
Hemangiosarcoma				3 (6%)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, liver	1 (2%)			
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Thymus	(31)			(39)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Melanoma benign				1 (2%)
Subcutaneous tissue, hemangioma	1 (2%)			
Subcutaneous tissue, hemangiosarcoma	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Subcutaneous tissue, hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				1 (2%)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
None				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(50)			(50)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(50)			(50)
Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma	11 (22%)			7 (14%)
Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma, multiple	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma	1 (2%)			
Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, multiple				2 (4%)
Carcinoma, metastatic, harderian gland	1 (2%)			
Carcinoma, metastatic, thyroid gland				1 (2%)
Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver	2 (4%)			5 (10%)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Nose	(50)			(50)
Glands, carcinoma				1 (2%)

**TABLE C1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Ear	(1)			(2)
Fibrosarcoma	1 (100%)			1 (50%)
Harderian gland	(43)			(37)
Adenoma	2 (5%)			2 (5%)
Carcinoma	1 (2%)			
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(50)			(50)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>				
Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Histiocytic sarcoma				1 (2%)
Lymphoma malignant lymphocytic	1 (2%)			
Lymphoma malignant mixed	1 (2%)			3 (6%)
Lymphoma malignant undifferentiated cell	1 (2%)			
<b>Neoplasm Summary</b>				
Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup>				
15-Month interim evaluation	5			4
2-Year study	43			40
Total primary neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	6			7
2-Year study	66			74
Total animals with benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	4			4
2-Year study	35			30
Total benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	4			4
2-Year study	45			42
Total animals with malignant neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	2			2
2-Year study	16			22
Total malignant neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	2			2
2-Year study	21			32
Total animals with metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study	4			8
Total metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study	8			11

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with neoplasm

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with any tissue examined microscopically

<sup>c</sup> Primary neoplasms: all neoplasms except metastatic neoplasms













**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride:**  
**Vehicle Control (continued)**

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	7 7	
	3 3	
	3 3	
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	0 0	Total
	2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 6	Tissues/
	8 0 1 2 4 5 6 7 0 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 0 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 0	Tumors
<b>Special Senses System</b>		
Ear		1
Fibrosarcoma		1
Eye		1
Harderian gland	+ + + + + + + + + + M + + + + + + + + + + + + +	43
Adenoma		2
Carcinoma		1
<b>Urinary System</b>		
Kidney	+ +	50
Urinary bladder	+ +	50
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>		
Multiple organs	+ +	50
Lymphoma malignant lymphocytic		1
Lymphoma malignant mixed		1
Lymphoma malignant undifferentiated cell type		1

























**TABLE C3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Harderian Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate <sup>a</sup>	3/50 (6%)	- <sup>e</sup>	-	2/50 (4%)
Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>	6.7%			4.9%
Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>	2/43 (5%)			1/39 (3%)
First incidence (days)	655			712
Life table test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.531N
Logistic regression test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.495N
Fisher exact test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.500N
<b>Liver: Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/50 (6%)	-	-	2/50 (4%)
Adjusted rate	6.4%			4.9%
Terminal rate	0/43 (0%)			1/39 (3%)
First incidence (days)	577			719
Life table test				P=0.531N
Logistic regression test				P=0.307N
Fisher exact test				P=0.500N
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	24/50 (48%)	-	-	25/50 (50%)
Adjusted rate	53.2%			55.2%
Terminal rate	22/43 (51%)			19/39 (49%)
First incidence (days)	603			584
Life table test				P=0.347
Logistic regression test				P=0.505
Fisher exact test				P=0.500
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	10/50 (20%)	-	-	14/50 (28%)
Adjusted rate	21.6%			32.4%
Terminal rate	7/43 (16%)			10/39 (26%)
First incidence (days)	603			684
Life table test				P=0.189
Logistic regression test				P=0.363
Fisher exact test				P=0.241
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma or Hepatocellular Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	29/50 (58%)	-	-	33/50 (66%)
Adjusted rate	63.0%			70.1%
Terminal rate	26/43 (60%)			25/39 (64%)
First incidence (days)	603			584
Life table test				P=0.153
Logistic regression test				P=0.331
Fisher exact test				P=0.268

**TABLE C3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Carcinoma or Hepatoblastoma</b>				
Overall rate	10/50 (20%)	-	-	14/50 (28%)
Adjusted rate	21.6%			32.4%
Terminal rate	7/43 (16%)			10/39 (26%)
First incidence (days)	603			684
Life table test				P=0.189
Logistic regression test				P=0.363
Fisher exact test				P=0.241
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma, Hepatocellular Carcinoma, or Hepatoblastoma</b>				
Overall rate	29/50 (58%)	-	-	33/50 (66%)
Adjusted rate	63.0%			70.1%
Terminal rate	26/43 (60%)			25/39 (64%)
First incidence (days)	603			584
Life table test				P=0.153
Logistic regression test				P=0.331
Fisher exact test				P=0.268
<b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	13/50 (26%)	-	-	8/50 (16%)
Adjusted rate	29.4%			19.3%
Terminal rate	12/43 (28%)			6/39 (15%)
First incidence (days)	637			687
Life table test				P=0.228N
Logistic regression test				P=0.181N
Fisher exact test				P=0.163N
<b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	14/50 (28%)	-	-	10/50 (20%)
Adjusted rate	31.7%			24.2%
Terminal rate	13/43 (30%)			8/39 (21%)
First incidence (days)	637			687
Life table test				P=0.327N
Logistic regression test				P=0.274N
Fisher exact test				P=0.241N
<b>Spleen: Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	0/50 (0%)	-	-	3/50 (6%)
Adjusted rate	0.0%			7.2%
Terminal rate	0/43 (0%)			2/39 (5%)
First incidence (days)	- <sup>f</sup>			687
Life table test				P=0.112
Logistic regression test				P=0.162
Fisher exact test				P=0.121

**TABLE C3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>All Organs: Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	4/50 (8%)	-	-	6/50 (12%)
Adjusted rate	8.5%			14.4%
Terminal rate	1/43 (2%)			4/39 (10%)
First incidence (days)	577			687
Life table test				P=0.330
Logistic regression test				P=0.382
Fisher exact test				P=0.370
<b>All Organs: Hemangioma or Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	6/50 (12%)	-	-	8/50 (16%)
Adjusted rate	12.9%			18.6%
Terminal rate	3/43 (7%)			5/39 (13%)
First incidence (days)	577			684
Life table test				P=0.340
Logistic regression test				P=0.396
Fisher exact test				P=0.387
<b>All Organs: Malignant Lymphoma (Lymphocytic, Mixed, or Undifferentiated Cell Type)</b>				
Overall rate	3/50 (6%)	-	-	3/50 (6%)
Adjusted rate	7.0%			6.9%
Terminal rate	3/43 (7%)			1/39 (3%)
First incidence (days)	729 (I)			659
Life table test				P=0.628
Logistic regression test				P=0.662N
Fisher exact test				P=0.661N
<b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	37/50 (74%)	-	-	31/50 (62%)
Adjusted rate	77.1%			65.8%
Terminal rate	32/43 (74%)			23/39 (59%)
First incidence (days)	603			584
Life table test				P=0.349N
Logistic regression test				P=0.149N
Fisher exact test				P=0.142N
<b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	18/50 (36%)	-	-	24/50 (48%)
Adjusted rate	38.1%			49.9%
Terminal rate	14/43 (33%)			15/39 (38%)
First incidence (days)	577			584
Life table test				P=0.121
Logistic regression test				P=0.164
Fisher exact test				P=0.156

**TABLE C3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	44/50 (88%)	-	-	41/50 (82%)
Adjusted rate	89.8%			83.7%
Terminal rate	38/43 (88%)			31/39 (79%)
First incidence (days)	577			584
Life table test				P=0.533
Logistic regression test				P=0.300N
Fisher exact test				P=0.288N

(T)Terminal sacrifice

- <sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for liver, lung, and spleen; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.
- <sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier estimated neoplasm incidence at the end of the study after adjustment for intercurrent mortality
- <sup>c</sup> Observed incidence at terminal kill
- <sup>d</sup> Beneath the dosed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that dosed group. The life table test regards neoplasms in animals dying prior to terminal kill as being (directly or indirectly) the cause of death. The logistic regression test regards these lesions as nonfatal. The Fisher exact test compares directly the overall incidence rates. For all tests, a lower incidence in a dose group is indicated by N.
- <sup>e</sup> Organ was not examined at this dose level
- <sup>f</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

**TABLE C4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>				
Early deaths	10	9	9	10
Moribund	3	8	4	9
Natural deaths	4	4	4	2
Survivors				
Terminal sacrifice	43	38	42	39
Missexed		1	1	
Animals examined microscopically	60	59	59	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Liver	(10)			(10)
Clear cell focus	2 (20%)			1 (10%)
Fatty change, focal				1 (10%)
Mesentery	(1)			(1)
Fat, necrosis	1 (100%)			1 (100%)
Pancreas	(10)			(10)
Atrophy	1 (10%)			
Cytoplasmic alteration	1 (10%)			
Salivary glands	(10)			(10)
Atrophy	1 (10%)			
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(10)			(10)
Hyperplasia				1 (10%)
Islets, pancreatic	(10)			(10)
Hyperplasia	1 (10%)			1 (10%)
Pituitary gland	(10)			(10)
Pars intermedia, hyperplasia	1 (10%)			
<b>Genital System</b>				
Preputial gland	(1)			(1)
Duct, ectasia	1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Spleen	(10)			(10)
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	1 (10%)			2 (20%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	1 (10%)			
Thymus	(10)			(10)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	1 (10%)			

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with lesion

**TABLE C4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation (continued)</b>				
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(10)	(9)	(9)	(10)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(10)	(9)	(9)	(10)
Epithelial hyperplasia			2 (22%)	10 (100%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(10)			(10)
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia	1 (10%)			
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(10)			(10)
Nephropathy	10 (100%)			9 (90%)
<b>Systems Examined With No Lesions Observed</b>				
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
<b>General Body System</b>				
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Intestine small, duodenum	(50)			(50)
Erosion	1 (2%)			
Intestine small, jejunum	(50)			(50)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
Liver	(50)			(50)
Basophilic focus	2 (4%)			5 (10%)
Clear cell focus	11 (22%)			11 (22%)
Eosinophilic focus	14 (28%)			16 (32%)
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	2 (4%)			
Infarct	1 (2%)			
Mixed cell focus	5 (10%)			4 (8%)
Necrosis	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Mesentery	(4)			(4)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (25%)
Fat, necrosis	3 (75%)			
Vein, thrombosis				1 (25%)
Pancreas	(50)			(50)
Atrophy	2 (4%)			4 (8%)
Atypia cellular	4 (8%)			2 (4%)
Concretion				1 (2%)
Necrosis				1 (2%)
Duct, cyst				1 (2%)

**TABLE C4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Alimentary System (continued)</b>				
Stomach, forestomach	(50)			(50)
Erosion				2 (4%)
Hyperplasia	1 (2%)			4 (8%)
Stomach, glandular	(50)			(50)
Erosion	1 (2%)			
Tooth	(1)			(2)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (50%)
Inflammation, suppurative	1 (100%)			1 (50%)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(50)			(50)
Inflammation, chronic active	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Artery, inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			
Valve, inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(50)			(50)
Accessory adrenal cortical nodule				1 (2%)
Hyperplasia	40 (80%)			32 (64%)
Capsule, hyperplasia, adenomatous	5 (10%)			9 (18%)
Islets, pancreatic	(49)			(50)
Hyperplasia	21 (43%)			18 (36%)
Parathyroid gland	(47)			(45)
Cyst	1 (2%)			
Pituitary gland	(48)			(48)
Cyst	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Pars distalis, hyperplasia				2 (4%)
Pars intermedia, hyperplasia	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Thyroid gland	(50)			(50)
Inflammation				1 (2%)
Ultimobranchial cyst	1 (2%)			
Follicle, cyst	3 (6%)			1 (2%)
Follicular cell, hyperplasia	10 (20%)			7 (14%)
<b>General Body System</b>				
Tissue NOS				(1)
Hemorrhage				1 (100%)
<b>Genital System</b>				
Epididymis	(50)			(49)
Inflammation	3 (6%)			5 (10%)
Preputial gland	(18)			(17)
Inflammation, chronic active	6 (33%)			3 (18%)
Duct, ectasia	18 (100%)			16 (94%)

**TABLE C4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Genital System (continued)</b>				
Prostate	(49)			(50)
Inflammation, suppurative	1 (2%)			
Artery, inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
Seminal vesicle	(50)			(50)
Inflammation	1 (2%)			
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Bone marrow	(50)			(50)
Erythroid cell, hyperplasia	4 (8%)			12 (24%)
Myeloid cell, hyperplasia	3 (6%)			4 (8%)
Lymph node, mandibular	(49)			(48)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid				1 (2%)
Lymph node, mesenteric	(48)			(47)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid				1 (2%)
Inflammation, granulomatous				1 (2%)
Spleen	(50)			(50)
Depletion lymphoid	3 (6%)			
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	11 (22%)			20 (40%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid				1 (2%)
Inflammation, granulomatous				1 (2%)
Pigmentation, hemosiderin	1 (2%)			
Thymus	(31)			(39)
Depletion lymphoid	4 (13%)			3 (8%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid				2 (5%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Epithelial hyperplasia	2 (4%)	7 (14%)	16 (32%)	23 (46%)
Inflammation, chronic				2 (4%)
Ulcer	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	4 (8%)	2 (4%)
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia			1 (2%)	
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
None				
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(50)			(50)
Neuron, necrosis	2 (4%)			



**TABLE C4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(50)			(50)
Thrombosis				2 (4%)
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia	5 (10%)			3 (6%)
Bronchiole, hyperplasia				1 (2%)
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Ear	(1)			(2)
Necrosis				1 (50%)
Eye	(1)			(1)
Cornea, inflammation	1 (100%)			1 (100%)
Harderian gland	(43)			(37)
Hyperplasia	2 (5%)			
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(50)			(50)
Cyst				1 (2%)
Hydronephrosis	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Nephropathy	48 (96%)			49 (98%)

**APPENDIX D**  
**SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN FEMALE MICE**  
**IN THE 2-YEAR DERMAL STUDY**  
**OF BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE**

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**TABLE D1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<i>15-Month interim evaluation</i>	8	7	10	6
Early deaths				
Accidental death	1			
Moribund	10	4	8	13
Natural deaths	3	15	9	7
Survivors				
Terminal sacrifice	38	34	31	34
Missexed			2	
Animals examined microscopically	60	60	58	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Liver	(8)			(6)
Hepatocellular adenoma	1 (13%)			1 (17%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(8)	(7)	(10)	(6)
Skin, site of application	(8)	(7)	(10)	(6)
<b>Systems Examined With No Neoplasms Observed</b>				
Cardiovascular System				
Endocrine System				
General Body System				
Genital System				
Hematopoietic System				
Musculoskeletal System				
Nervous System				
Respiratory System				
Special Senses System				
Urinary System				
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Gallbladder	(52)			(53)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Intestine large, rectum	(52)			(53)
Liposarcoma, metastatic, skeletal muscle				1 (2%)
Intestine large, cecum	(52)			(53)
Intestine small, jejunum	(52)			(52)
Carcinoma	1 (2%)			
Hemangiosarcoma	1 (2%)			

TABLE D1

Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride  
(continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study</b> (continued)				
<b>Alimentary System</b> (continued)				
Liver	(52)			(54)
Hemangioma				1 (2%)
Hemangiosarcoma	1 (2%)			
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
Hepatocellular carcinoma	7 (13%)			10 (19%)
Hepatocellular carcinoma, multiple	5 (10%)			1 (2%)
Hepatocellular adenoma	9 (17%)			12 (22%)
Hepatocellular adenoma, multiple	11 (21%)			6 (11%)
Hepatocholangiocarcinoma, multiple				1 (2%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)			
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
Mesentery	(10)			(9)
Hemangioma	1 (10%)			
Hepatocholangiocarcinoma, metastatic, liver				1 (11%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (10%)			
Myxosarcoma, metastatic, skin	1 (10%)			
Pancreas	(52)			(53)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Leiomyosarcoma, metastatic, uterus				1 (2%)
Salivary glands	(52)			(54)
Stomach, forestomach	(51)			(53)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(52)			(54)
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(52)			(54)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Pituitary gland	(52)			(50)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Pars distalis, adenoma	6 (12%)			5 (10%)
Thyroid gland	(52)			(54)
Follicular cell, adenoma	3 (6%)			1 (2%)
Follicular cell, carcinoma	1 (2%)			
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Ovary	(52)			(52)
Cystadenoma	3 (6%)			2 (4%)
Hemangioma				1 (2%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	2 (4%)			

**TABLE D1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Genital System (continued)</b>				
Uterus	(52)			(53)
Carcinoma				1 (2%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)			1 (2%)
Leiomyosarcoma				1 (2%)
Polyp stromal	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Blood				(1)
Bone marrow	(52)			(53)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				3 (6%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	2 (4%)			
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
Lymph node	(7)			(2)
Lumbar, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (14%)			
Mediastinal, histiocytic sarcoma	1 (14%)			
Pancreatic, hepatocholangiocarcinoma, metastatic, liver				1 (50%)
Lymph node, mandibular	(52)			(54)
Hemangioma	1 (2%)			
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)			
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
Lymph node, mesenteric	(50)			(49)
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)			
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
Spleen	(52)			(53)
Hemangiosarcoma	1 (2%)			3 (6%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Plasma cell tumor malignant	1 (2%)			
Thymus	(41)			(45)
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(52)	(52)	(48)	(53)
Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosarcoma	2 (4%)			
Subcutaneous tissue, hemangiosarcoma			1 (2%)	
Subcutaneous tissue, sarcoma	1 (2%)			
Skin, site of application-no mass	(52)	(52)	(48)	(53)
Subcutaneous tissue, hemangioma	1 (2%)			
Skin, site of application-mass	(52)			(53)
Subcutaneous tissue, sarcoma	1 (2%)			1 (2%)

**TABLE D1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
Bone	(52)			(53)
Liposarcoma, metastatic, skeletal muscle				1 (2%)
Skeletal muscle				(4)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				1 (25%)
Leiomyosarcoma, metastatic, uterus				1 (25%)
Liposarcoma				1 (25%)
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Spinal cord				(2)
Hemangiosarcoma, metastatic, spleen				1 (50%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(52)			(54)
Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Carcinoma, metastatic, harderian gland	1 (2%)			
Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver	5 (10%)			3 (6%)
Hepatocholangiocarcinoma, metastatic, liver				1 (2%)
Histiocytic sarcoma	2 (4%)			
Liposarcoma, metastatic, skeletal muscle				1 (2%)
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Harderian gland	(44)			(35)
Adenoma	2 (5%)			2 (6%)
Carcinoma	2 (5%)			1 (3%)
Zymbal's gland				(1)
Carcinoma				1 (100%)
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(52)			(54)
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)			
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen	1 (2%)			
Urinary bladder	(50)			(53)
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>				
Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>	(52)	(53)	(48)	(54)
Histiocytic sarcoma	3 (6%)			1 (2%)
Leukemia lymphocytic				1 (2%)
Lymphoma malignant lymphocytic	1 (2%)	1 (2%)		2 (4%)
Lymphoma malignant mixed	5 (10%)			3 (6%)
Lymphoma malignant undifferentiated cell	1 (2%)			

**TABLE D1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Neoplasm Summary</b>				
Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup>				
15-Month interim evaluation	1			1
2-Year study	41	1	1	42
Total primary neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	1			1
2-Year study	74	1	1	62
Total animals with benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	1			1
2-Year study	28			28
Total benign neoplasms				
15-Month interim evaluation	1			1
2-Year study	39			33
Total animals with malignant neoplasms				
2-Year study	27	1	1	27
Total malignant neoplasms				
2-Year study	35	1	1	29
Total animals with metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study	9			8
Total metastatic neoplasms				
2-Year study	16			16

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with neoplasm

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with any tissue examined microscopically

<sup>c</sup> Primary neoplasms: all neoplasms except metastatic neoplasms









**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride:**  
**Vehicle Control (continued)**

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	7 7	
	3 3	
	3 3	
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	2 2	<b>Total</b>
	5 6 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9	<b>Tissues/</b>
	8 0 2 3 4 8 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 4 5 7 9 0 3 4 6 7 9	<b>Tumors</b>
<b>General Body System</b>		
None		
<b>Genital System</b>		
Ovary	+ +	52
Cystadenoma		3
Histiocytic sarcoma		2
Uterus	+ +	52
Histiocytic sarcoma		3
Polyp stromal		1
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>		
Bone marrow	+ +	52
Histiocytic sarcoma		2
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen		1
Lymph node	+ +	7
Lumbar, histiocytic sarcoma		1
Mediastinal, histiocytic sarcoma		1
Lymph node, mandibular	+ +	52
Hemangioma		1
Histiocytic sarcoma		3
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen		1
Lymph node, mesenteric	+ + + + + + + + + + M + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	50
Histiocytic sarcoma		3
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen		1
Spleen	+ +	52
Hemangiosarcoma		1
Histiocytic sarcoma		1
Plasma cell tumor malignant		1
Thymus	+ M + + M + + + M	41
Plasma cell tumor malignant, metastatic, spleen		1
<b>Integumentary System</b>		
Mammary gland	+ +	52
Skin, control	+ +	52
Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosarcoma		2
Subcutaneous tissue, sarcoma		1
Skin, site of application-no mass	+ +	52
Subcutaneous tissue, hemangioma		1





**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride: 0.15 mg/kg**

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	2 3 3 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
	6 0 7 5 7 1 1 4 6 8 9 9 1 2 3 5 9 0 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
	8 8 2 9 1 2 8 3 5 3 6 7 3 6 5 6 9 1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	3 3
	5 3 2 6 5 2 3 4 1 2 0 3 5 5 1 0 2 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	2 8 0 0 6 3 0 1 4 9 9 6 5 8 0 7 1 4 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 8
<b>Alimentary System</b>	
None	
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>	
None	
<b>Endocrine System</b>	
None	
<b>General Body System</b>	
None	
<b>Genital System</b>	
None	
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>	
None	
<b>Integumentary System</b>	
Skin, control	+ + + + + + + A + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Skin, site of application-no mass	+ +
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>	
None	
<b>Nervous System</b>	
None	
<b>Respiratory System</b>	
None	
<b>Special Senses System</b>	
None	
<b>Urinary System</b>	
None	
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>	
Multiple organs	+ +
Lymphoma malignant lymphocytic	X

**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride: 0.15 mg/kg**  
 (continued)

<b>Number of Days on Study</b>	7 7	
	3 3	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	
<b>Carcass ID Number</b>	3 3	Total
	1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5	Tissues/
	1 2 3 6 7 9 2 4 5 8 1 2 3 9 0 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 3 4 7 9	Tumors
<b>Alimentary System</b>		
None		
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>		
None		
<b>Endocrine System</b>		
None		
<b>General Body System</b>		
None		
<b>Genital System</b>		
None		
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>		
None		
<b>Integumentary System</b>		
Skin, control	+ +	52
Skin, site of application-no mass	+ +	52
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>		
None		
<b>Nervous System</b>		
None		
<b>Respiratory System</b>		
None		
<b>Special Senses System</b>		
None		
<b>Urinary System</b>		
None		
<b>Systemic Lesions</b>		
Multiple organs	+ +	52
Lymphoma malignant lymphocytic		1





















**TABLE D3**  
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	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Harderian Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate <sup>a</sup>	4/52 (8%)	- <sup>e</sup>	-	3/54 (6%)
Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>	10.1%			8.8%
Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>	3/38 (8%)			3/34 (9%)
First incidence (days)	698			729 (T)
Life table test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.558N
Logistic regression test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.550N
Fisher exact test <sup>d</sup>				P=0.479N
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	20/52 (38%)	-	-	18/54 (33%)
Adjusted rate	49.7%			51.1%
Terminal rate	18/38 (47%)			17/34 (50%)
First incidence (days)	674			589
Life table test				P=0.584
Logistic regression test				P=0.573N
Fisher exact test				P=0.364N
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	12/52 (23%)	-	-	11/54 (20%)
Adjusted rate	29.0%			26.2%
Terminal rate	9/38 (24%)			5/34 (15%)
First incidence (days)	677			485
Life table test				P=0.583
Logistic regression test				P=0.482N
Fisher exact test				P=0.459N
<b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	27/52 (52%)	-	-	25/54 (46%)
Adjusted rate	62.6%			60.2%
Terminal rate	22/38 (58%)			18/34 (53%)
First incidence (days)	674			485
Life table test				P=0.531
Logistic regression test				P=0.512N
Fisher exact test				P=0.350N
<b>Lung: Alveolar/Bronchiolar Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	2/52 (4%)	-	-	3/54 (6%)
Adjusted rate	5.3%			7.8%
Terminal rate	2/38 (5%)			2/34 (6%)
First incidence (days)	729 (T)			479
Life table test				P=0.460
Logistic regression test				P=0.571
Fisher exact test				P=0.518

**TABLE D3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Ovary: Cystadenoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	2/52 (4%)
Adjusted rate	7.9%			5.9%
Terminal rate	3/38 (8%)			2/34 (6%)
First incidence (days)	729 (T)			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.551N
Logistic regression test				P=0.551N
Fisher exact test				P=0.500N
<b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	6/52 (12%)	-	-	5/50 (10%)
Adjusted rate	15.8%			14.3%
Terminal rate	6/38 (16%)			4/34 (12%)
First incidence (days)	729 (T)			720
Life table test				P=0.578N
Logistic regression test				P=0.578N
Fisher exact test				P=0.528N
<b>Skin, Control (Subcutaneous Tissue): Fibrosarcoma or Sarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	0/53 (0%)	0/48 (0%)	1/54 (2%)
Adjusted rate	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%
Terminal rate	2/38 (5%)	0/34 (0%)	0/31 (0%)	0/34 (0%)
First incidence (days)	698	-	-	691
Life table test	P=0.461N	P=0.143N	P=0.156N	P=0.339N
Logistic regression test	P=0.452N	P=0.145N	P=0.141N	P=0.321N
Cochran-Armitage test	P=0.438N			
Fisher exact test		P=0.118N	P=0.137N	P=0.295N
<b>Spleen: Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	1/52 (2%)	-	-	3/53 (6%)
Adjusted rate	2.3%			7.5%
Terminal rate	0/38 (0%)			1/34 (3%)
First incidence (days)	689			589
Life table test				P=0.285
Logistic regression test				P=0.315
Fisher exact test				P=0.316
<b>Thyroid Gland (Follicular Cell): Adenoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	1/54 (2%)
Adjusted rate	7.3%			2.9%
Terminal rate	2/38 (5%)			1/34 (3%)
First incidence (days)	660			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.345N
Logistic regression test				P=0.327N
Fisher exact test				P=0.295N

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(continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Thyroid Gland (Follicular Cell): Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>				
Overall rate	4/52 (8%)	-	-	1/54 (2%)
Adjusted rate	9.9%			2.9%
Terminal rate	3/38 (8%)			1/34 (3%)
First incidence (days)	660			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.215N
Logistic regression test				P=0.202N
Fisher exact test				P=0.170N
<b>All Organs: Hemangioma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	2/54 (4%)
Adjusted rate	7.9%			4.4%
Terminal rate	3/38 (8%)			0/34 (0%)
First incidence (days)	729 (T)			316
Life table test				P=0.534N
Logistic regression test				P=0.419N
Fisher exact test				P=0.482N
<b>All Organs: Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	-	-	3/54 (6%)
Adjusted rate	6.5%			7.5%
Terminal rate	0/38 (0%)			1/34 (3%)
First incidence (days)	660			589
Life table test				P=0.626
Logistic regression test				P=0.632N
Fisher exact test				P=0.643N
<b>All Organs: Hemangioma or Hemangiosarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	6/52 (12%)	-	-	5/54 (9%)
Adjusted rate	13.9%			11.6%
Terminal rate	3/38 (8%)			1/34 (3%)
First incidence (days)	660			316
Life table test				P=0.549N
Logistic regression test				P=0.416N
Fisher exact test				P=0.473N
<b>All Organs: Malignant Lymphoma (Lymphocytic, Mixed, or Undifferentiated Cell Type)</b>				
Overall rate	7/52 (13%)	-	-	5/54 (9%)
Adjusted rate	16.9%			11.8%
Terminal rate	5/38 (13%)			2/34 (6%)
First incidence (days)	660			249
Life table test				P=0.444N
Logistic regression test				P=0.307N
Fisher exact test				P=0.354N

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**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride**  
 (continued)

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>All Organs: Histiocytic Sarcoma</b>				
Overall rate	3/52 (6%)	—	—	1/54 (2%)
Adjusted rate	7.0%			2.9%
Terminal rate	1/38 (3%)			1/34 (3%)
First incidence (days)	568			729 (T)
Life table test				P=0.347N
Logistic regression test				P=0.291N
Fisher exact test				P=0.295N
<b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	28/52 (54%)	—	—	29/54 (54%)
Adjusted rate	68.0%			71.9%
Terminal rate	25/38 (66%)			23/34 (68%)
First incidence (days)	660			316
Life table test				P=0.282
Logistic regression test				P=0.403
Fisher exact test				P=0.571N
<b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	27/52 (52%)	—	—	27/54 (50%)
Adjusted rate	56.2%			55.9%
Terminal rate	17/38 (45%)			13/34 (38%)
First incidence (days)	568			249
Life table test				P=0.413
Logistic regression test				P=0.545N
Fisher exact test				P=0.499N
<b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b>				
Overall rate	41/52 (79%)	—	—	43/54 (80%)
Adjusted rate	85.4%			84.3%
Terminal rate	31/38 (82%)			26/34 (76%)
First incidence (days)	568			249
Life table test				P=0.214
Logistic regression test				P=0.406
Fisher exact test				P=0.555

(T) Terminal sacrifice

<sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for liver, lung, ovary, pituitary gland, skin, spleen, and thyroid gland; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.

<sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier estimated neoplasm incidence at the end of the study after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

<sup>c</sup> Observed incidence at terminal kill

<sup>d</sup> Beneath the dosed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that dosed group. The life table test regards neoplasms in animals dying prior to terminal kill as being (directly or indirectly) the cause of death. The logistic regression test regards these lesions as nonfatal. The Cochran-Armitage and Fisher exact tests compare directly the overall incidence rates. For all tests, a negative trend or a lower incidence in a dose group is indicated by N.

<sup>e</sup> Organ was not examined at this dose level.

<sup>f</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasm in animal group

**TABLE D4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Disposition Summary</b>				
Animals initially in study	60	60	60	60
<b>15-Month interim evaluation</b>				
Early deaths	8	7	10	6
Accidental death	1			
Moribund	10	4	8	13
Natural deaths	3	15	9	7
Survivors				
Terminal sacrifice	38	34	31	34
Missexed			2	
Animals examined microscopically	60	60	58	60
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Liver	(8)			(6)
Basophilic focus				1 (17%)
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Pituitary gland	(8)			(5)
Pars distalis, hyperplasia	2 (25%)			1 (20%)
<b>Genital System</b>				
Ovary	(8)			(6)
Cyst	2 (25%)			1 (17%)
Uterus	(8)			(6)
Hyperplasia, cystic	7 (88%)			4 (67%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Lymph node				(1)
Pancreatic, hyperplasia				1 (100%)
Lymph node, mandibular	(8)			(6)
Hyperplasia				1 (17%)
Spleen	(8)			(6)
Hematopoietic cell proliferation				1 (17%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid				1 (17%)
Thymus	(8)			(6)
Depletion lymphoid				1 (17%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Skin, control	(8)	(7)	(10)	(6)
Skin, site of application-no mass	(8)	(7)	(10)	(6)
Epithelial hyperplasia			3 (30%)	4 (67%)

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals examined microscopically at the site and the number of animals with lesion

**TABLE D4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>15-Month Interim Evaluation (continued)</b>				
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(8)			(6)
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia	1 (13%)			1 (17%)
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(8)			(6)
Nephropathy	2 (25%)			1 (17%)
<b>Systems Examined With No Lesions Observed</b>				
Cardiovascular System				
General Body System				
Musculoskeletal System				
Nervous System				
Special Senses System				
<b>2-Year Study</b>				
<b>Alimentary System</b>				
Gallbladder	(52)			(53)
Ulcer				1 (2%)
Intestine large, rectum	(52)			(53)
Artery, inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
Intestine small, duodenum	(51)			(53)
Erosion	2 (4%)			
Intestine small, ileum	(52)			(52)
Inflammation, acute				1 (2%)
Liver	(52)			(54)
Angiectasis	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Basophilic focus	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Clear cell focus	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Developmental malformation	1 (2%)			
Eosinophilic focus	12 (23%)			17 (31%)
Fibrosis	1 (2%)			
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Hemorrhage				1 (2%)
Inflammation, chronic active	3 (6%)			
Mixed cell focus	2 (4%)			3 (6%)
Necrosis	5 (10%)			
Bile duct, cyst				1 (2%)
Centrilobular, fatty change	1 (2%)			
Hepatocyte, hyperplasia	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Mesentery	(10)			(9)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (11%)
Inflammation, suppurative	2 (20%)			1 (11%)
Fat, necrosis	6 (60%)			5 (56%)

**TABLE D4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Alimentary System (continued)</b>				
Pancreas	(52)			(53)
Atrophy	2 (4%)			5 (9%)
Atypia cellular	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Inflammation, chronic active				1 (2%)
Duct, cyst				3 (6%)
Stomach, forestomach	(51)			(53)
Erosion	1 (2%)			
Hyperplasia	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Stomach, glandular	(51)			(53)
Erosion	1 (2%)			
Inflammation, acute				1 (2%)
Mineralization				1 (2%)
<b>Cardiovascular System</b>				
Heart	(52)			(54)
Degeneration				1 (2%)
Inflammation, chronic active	3 (6%)			
Mineralization	1 (2%)			
Artery, inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			
<b>Endocrine System</b>				
Adrenal cortex	(52)			(54)
Accessory adrenal cortical nodule	4 (8%)			3 (6%)
Hyperplasia	3 (6%)			1 (2%)
Capsule, hyperplasia, adenomatous	1 (2%)			
Adrenal medulla	(51)			(54)
Hyperplasia	4 (8%)			2 (4%)
Islets, pancreatic	(52)			(52)
Hyperplasia	2 (4%)			3 (6%)
Pituitary gland	(52)			(50)
Angiectasis	2 (4%)			
Pars distalis, hyperplasia	25 (48%)			29 (58%)
Thyroid gland	(52)			(54)
Follicle, cyst	3 (6%)			
Follicular cell, hyperplasia	20 (38%)			21 (39%)
<b>General Body System</b>				
None				

**TABLE D4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Genital System</b>				
Clitoral gland				(1)
Duct, ectasia				1 (100%)
Ovary	(52)			(52)
Angiectasis				1 (2%)
Cyst	25 (48%)			16 (31%)
Cyst dermoid				1 (2%)
Inflammation, suppurative	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Interstitial, hyperplasia	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Uterus	(52)			(53)
Angiectasis	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Cyst	1 (2%)			
Hyperplasia, cystic	32 (62%)			39 (74%)
Infiltration cellular, histiocyte	1 (2%)			
Inflammation, chronic active	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
<b>Hematopoietic System</b>				
Bone marrow	(52)			(53)
Myelofibrosis	13 (25%)			13 (25%)
Erythroid cell, hyperplasia	9 (17%)			3 (6%)
Myeloid cell, hyperplasia	6 (12%)			4 (8%)
Lymph node	(7)			(2)
Mediastinal, necrosis	1 (14%)			
Lymph node, mandibular	(52)			(54)
Atrophy	1 (2%)			
Hematopoietic cell proliferation				1 (2%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	2 (4%)			1 (2%)
Lymph node, mesenteric	(50)			(49)
Atrophy	1 (2%)			
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	1 (2%)			2 (4%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	2 (4%)			
Spleen	(52)			(53)
Angiectasis	1 (2%)			
Depletion lymphoid	2 (4%)			
Hematopoietic cell proliferation	16 (31%)			23 (43%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	1 (2%)			
Hyperplasia, macrophage				1 (2%)
Thymus	(41)			(45)
Depletion lymphoid	5 (12%)			6 (13%)
Hyperplasia, lymphoid	3 (7%)			4 (9%)
<b>Integumentary System</b>				
Mammary gland	(52)			(52)
Hyperplasia	3 (6%)			2 (4%)
Skin, control	(52)	(52)	(48)	(53)
Epithelial hyperplasia			1 (2%)	
Inflammation, chronic		1 (2%)		



**TABLE D4**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>2-Year Study (continued)</b>				
<b>Integumentary System (continued)</b>				
Skin, site of application-no mass	(52)	(52)	(48)	(53)
Epithelial hyperlasia	3 (6%)	7 (13%)	6 (13%)	22 (42%)
Inflammation, chronic	1 (2%)	2 (4%)		
Ulcer			2 (4%)	
Sebaceous gland, hyperplasia			1 (2%)	
<b>Musculoskeletal System</b>				
Bone	(52)			(53)
Osteopetrosis	1 (2%)			
<b>Nervous System</b>				
Brain	(52)			(53)
Hemorrhage	1 (2%)			
Hydrocephalus				1 (2%)
Neuron, necrosis	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Peripheral nerve				(2)
Degeneration				2 (100%)
<b>Respiratory System</b>				
Lung	(52)			(54)
Hemorrhage				1 (2%)
Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Alveolus, pigmentation, hemosiderin	2 (4%)			2 (4%)
Pleura, infiltration cellular, lymphocyte	1 (2%)			
Pleura, inflammation	1 (2%)			
<b>Special Senses System</b>				
Eye	(4)			(2)
Degeneration	3 (75%)			
Cornea, inflammation	1 (25%)			1 (50%)
Harderian gland	(44)			(35)
Hyperplasia	1 (2%)			2 (6%)
<b>Urinary System</b>				
Kidney	(52)			(54)
Glomerulosclerosis	1 (2%)			1 (2%)
Nephropathy	31 (60%)			38 (70%)

## APPENDIX E

### GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

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## GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

### **SALMONELLA MUTAGENICITY TEST PROTOCOL**

Testing was performed as reported by Zeiger *et al.* (1987). Benzethonium chloride was sent to the laboratory as a coded aliquot from Radian Corporation (Austin, TX). It was incubated with the *Salmonella typhimurium* tester strains (TA98, TA100, TA1535, and TA1537) either in buffer or S9 mix (metabolic activation enzymes and cofactors from Aroclor 1254-induced male Sprague-Dawley rat or Syrian hamster liver) for 20 minutes at 37° C. Top agar supplemented with *l*-histidine and *d*-biotin was added, and the contents of the tubes were mixed and poured onto the surfaces of minimal glucose agar plates. Histidine-independent mutant colonies arising on these plates were counted following incubation for 2 days at 37° C.

Each trial consisted of triplicate plates of concurrent positive and negative controls and at least five doses of benzethonium chloride. The high dose was limited by toxicity. All negative trials were repeated.

In this assay, a positive response is defined as a reproducible, dose-related increase in histidine-independent (revertant) colonies in any one strain/activation combination. An equivocal response is defined as an increase in revertants that is not dose related, not reproducible, or is of insufficient magnitude to support a determination of mutagenicity. A negative response is obtained when no increase in revertant colonies is observed following chemical treatment. There was no minimum percentage or fold increase required for a chemical to be judged positive or weakly positive.

### **CHINESE HAMSTER OVARY CELL CYTOGENETICS PROTOCOLS**

Testing was performed as reported by Galloway *et al.* (1987). Benzethonium chloride was sent to the laboratory as a coded aliquot by Radian Corporation. It was tested in cultured Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells for induction of sister chromatid exchanges (SCEs) and chromosomal aberrations (Abs), both in the presence and absence of Aroclor 1254-induced male Sprague-Dawley rat liver S9 and cofactor mix. Cultures were handled under gold lights to prevent photolysis of bromodeoxyuridine-substituted DNA. Each test consisted of concurrent solvent and positive controls and of at least three doses of benzethonium chloride; the high dose was limited by toxicity. A single flask per dose was used.

**Sister Chromatid Exchange Test:** In the SCE test without S9, CHO cells were incubated for 26 hours with benzethonium chloride in McCoy's 5A medium supplemented with fetal bovine serum, *l*-glutamine, and antibiotics. Bromodeoxyuridine (BrdU) was added 2 hours after culture initiation. After 26 hours, the medium containing benzethonium chloride was removed and replaced with fresh medium plus BrdU and Colcemid, and incubation was continued for 2 hours. Cells were then harvested by mitotic shake-off, fixed, and stained with Hoechst 33258 and Giemsa. In the SCE test with S9, cells were incubated with benzethonium chloride, serum-free medium, and S9 for 2 hours. The medium was then removed and replaced with medium containing serum and BrdU and no benzethonium chloride and incubation proceeded for an additional 26 hours, with Colcemid present for the final 2 hours. Harvesting and staining were the same as for cells treated without S9. All slides were scored blind and those from a single test were read by the same person. Fifty second-division metaphase cells were scored for frequency of SCEs/cell from each dose level.

Statistical analyses were conducted on the slopes of the dose-response curves and the individual dose points (Galloway *et al.*, 1987). An SCE frequency 20% above the concurrent solvent control value was chosen as a statistically conservative positive response. The probability of this level of difference occurring by chance at one dose point is less than 0.01; the probability for such a chance occurrence at two dose points is less than 0.001. An increase of 20% or greater at any single dose was considered weak evidence of activity; increases at two or more doses resulted in a determination that the trial was positive. A statistically significant trend ( $P < 0.005$ ) in the absence of any responses reaching 20% above background led to a call of equivocal.

**Chromosomal Aberrations Test:** In the Abs test without S9, cells were incubated in McCoy's 5A medium with benzethonium chloride for 12 hours; Colcemid was added and incubation continued for 2 hours. The cells were then harvested by mitotic shake-off, fixed, and stained with Giemsa. For the Abs test with S9, cells were treated with benzethonium chloride and S9 for 2 hours, after which the treatment medium was removed and the cells were incubated for 12 hours in fresh medium, with Colcemid present for the final 2 hours. Cells were harvested in the same manner as for the treatment without S9.

Cells were selected for scoring on the basis of good morphology and completeness of karyotype ( $21 \pm 2$  chromosomes). All slides were scored blind and those from a single test were read by the same person. One hundred first-division metaphase cells were scored at each dose level. Classes of aberrations included simple (breaks and terminal deletions), complex (rearrangements and translocations), and other (pulverized cells, despiralized chromosomes, and cells containing 10 or more aberrations).

Chromosomal aberration data are presented as percentage of cells with aberrations. To arrive at a statistical call for a trial, analyses were conducted on both the dose response curve and individual dose points. For a single trial, a statistically significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) difference for one dose point and a significant trend ( $P \leq 0.015$ ) were considered weak evidence for a positive response; significant differences for two or more doses indicated the trial was positive. A positive trend test in the absence of a statistically significant increase at any one dose resulted in an equivocal call (Galloway *et al.*, 1987). Ultimately, the trial calls were based on a consideration of the statistical analyses as well as the biological information available to the reviewers.

## RESULTS

Benzethonium chloride (0.010 to 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{plate}$ ) was not mutagenic in *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, or TA1537 when tested with a preincubation protocol with or without Aroclor 1254-induced male Sprague-Dawley rat or Syrian hamster liver S9 (Zeiger *et al.*, 1987; Table E1). In cytogenetic tests with cultured CHO cells, benzethonium chloride did not induce SCEs (Table E2) or Abs (Table E3) with or without S9. Although an increase in Abs was observed in each of the two trials conducted, these increases were not statistically significant or dose related. No cell cycle delay was noted in either the SCE test or the Abs test.

**TABLE E1**  
**Mutagenicity of Benzethonium Chloride in *Salmonella typhimurium*<sup>a</sup>**

Strain	Dose ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{plate}$ )	Revertants/plate <sup>b</sup>					
		-S9		+10% hamster S9		+10% rat S9	
		Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 1	Trial 2
TA98	0	20 $\pm$ 1.8	14 $\pm$ 4.1	19 $\pm$ 2.5	28 $\pm$ 3.2	22 $\pm$ 3.0	21 $\pm$ 0.9
	0.01	21 $\pm$ 0.7	7 $\pm$ 1.2				
	0.03	18 $\pm$ 1.8	6 $\pm$ 0.7				
	0.1	19 $\pm$ 2.1	7 $\pm$ 0.3				
	0.3	18 $\pm$ 0.9	10 $\pm$ 1.8				
	1	22 $\pm$ 1.5	10 $\pm$ 4.2	15 $\pm$ 1.9	28 $\pm$ 4.1	21 $\pm$ 2.0	17 $\pm$ 1.9
	3.3			16 $\pm$ 2.9	20 $\pm$ 0.7	24 $\pm$ 3.2	20 $\pm$ 2.4
	10			16 $\pm$ 1.7	20 $\pm$ 1.3	24 $\pm$ 1.5	16 $\pm$ 1.8
	33			10 $\pm$ 2.1	19 $\pm$ 2.9	16 $\pm$ 0.7	24 $\pm$ 1.2
	100			7 $\pm$ 1.2	21 $\pm$ 0.9	18 $\pm$ 0.7	18 $\pm$ 3.5
	Trial summary		Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Positive control <sup>c</sup>		180 $\pm$ 63.8	123 $\pm$ 9.0	1,152 $\pm$ 40.1	719 $\pm$ 45.8	872 $\pm$ 70.4	1,150 $\pm$ 21.3
TA100	0	90 $\pm$ 1.8	101 $\pm$ 9.0	109 $\pm$ 7.1	152 $\pm$ 5.2	128 $\pm$ 9.3	142 $\pm$ 4.7
	0.01	87 $\pm$ 0.3	92 $\pm$ 3.8				
	0.03	85 $\pm$ 4.2	107 $\pm$ 0.3				
	0.1	82 $\pm$ 5.2	103 $\pm$ 5.3				
	0.3	94 $\pm$ 4.7	99 $\pm$ 4.3				
	1	92 $\pm$ 5.0	66 $\pm$ 1.7	105 $\pm$ 1.5	130 $\pm$ 5.9	109 $\pm$ 7.4	122 $\pm$ 8.0
	3.3			100 $\pm$ 3.2	133 $\pm$ 16.3	121 $\pm$ 6.1	132 $\pm$ 10.1
	10			94 $\pm$ 2.3	140 $\pm$ 14.2	118 $\pm$ 13.0	144 $\pm$ 6.9
	33			84 $\pm$ 4.1	144 $\pm$ 8.8	123 $\pm$ 8.7	141 $\pm$ 1.3
	100			34 $\pm$ 3.8	143 $\pm$ 15.2	128 $\pm$ 6.0	toxic
	Trial summary		Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Positive control		936 $\pm$ 11.1	1,024 $\pm$ 18.1	1,636 $\pm$ 125.5	1,021 $\pm$ 63.2	1,264 $\pm$ 205.4	2,105 $\pm$ 62.1
TA1535	0	18 $\pm$ 1.2	4 $\pm$ 1.5	17 $\pm$ 1.5	6 $\pm$ 0.0	25 $\pm$ 1.5	7 $\pm$ 1.7
	0.01	14 $\pm$ 1.9	4 $\pm$ 0.7				
	0.03	16 $\pm$ 3.7	4 $\pm$ 1.2				
	0.1	14 $\pm$ 3.2	5 $\pm$ 0.7				
	0.3	8 $\pm$ 1.5	2 $\pm$ 1.2				
	1	8 $\pm$ 0.6	2 $\pm$ 0.6	18 $\pm$ 3.3	4 $\pm$ 1.8	16 $\pm$ 0.9	5 $\pm$ 1.9
	3.3			26 $\pm$ 1.3	5 $\pm$ 1.5	20 $\pm$ 2.0	6 $\pm$ 2.5
	10			15 $\pm$ 4.2	3 $\pm$ 0.9	17 $\pm$ 1.5	5 $\pm$ 1.7
	33			9 $\pm$ 0.9	4 $\pm$ 0.7	8 $\pm$ 1.5	4 $\pm$ 0.7
	100			toxic	toxic	toxic	toxic
	Trial summary		Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Positive control		942 $\pm$ 36.6	446 $\pm$ 18.0	125 $\pm$ 10.7	97 $\pm$ 15.5	184 $\pm$ 15.0	60 $\pm$ 8.4

TABLE E1  
Mutagenicity of Benzethonium Chloride in *Salmonella typhimurium* (continued)

Strain	Dose ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{plate}$ )	Revertants/plate					
		-S9		+10% hamster S9		+10% rat S9	
		Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 1	Trial 2
TA1537	0	12 $\pm$ 1.5	10 $\pm$ 1.2	24 $\pm$ 2.4	15 $\pm$ 1.5	19 $\pm$ 0.3	12 $\pm$ 1.5
	0.01	9 $\pm$ 0.6	13 $\pm$ 0.7				
	0.03	10 $\pm$ 2.8	9 $\pm$ 1.5				
	0.1	14 $\pm$ 1.0	7 $\pm$ 0.9				
	0.3	16 $\pm$ 0.7	7 $\pm$ 2.3				
	1	11 $\pm$ 3.8	7 $\pm$ 1.2	22 $\pm$ 2.4	13 $\pm$ 1.0	23 $\pm$ 3.0	12 $\pm$ 1.5
	3.3			26 $\pm$ 4.3	10 $\pm$ 2.1	20 $\pm$ 3.4	15 $\pm$ 1.7
	10			14 $\pm$ 0.6	9 $\pm$ 2.4	13 $\pm$ 2.0	7 $\pm$ 2.1
	33			13 $\pm$ 1.2	15 $\pm$ 2.6	13 $\pm$ 2.5	12 $\pm$ 1.7
	100			1 $\pm$ 0.7	13 $\pm$ 2.5	toxic	toxic
Trial summary		Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Positive control		207 $\pm$ 94.2	177 $\pm$ 104.5	356 $\pm$ 21.3	197 $\pm$ 15.3	432 $\pm$ 29.1	122 $\pm$ 43.3

<sup>a</sup> The study was performed at Case Western Reserve University. The detailed protocol and these data are presented in Zeiger *et al.* (1987). The high dose was limited by toxicity; 0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{plate}$  dose is the solvent control.

<sup>b</sup> Revertants are presented as mean  $\pm$  standard error from three plates.

<sup>c</sup> The positive controls in the absence of metabolic activation were sodium azide (TA100 and TA1535), 9-aminoacridine (TA1537), and 4-nitro-*o*-phenylenediamine (TA98). The positive control for metabolic activation with all strains was 2-aminoanthracene.

**TABLE E2**  
**Induction of Sister Chromatid Exchanges in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells by Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

Compound	Dose ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ )	Total Cells	No. of Chromo- somes	No. of SCEs	SCEs/ Chromo- some	SCEs/ Cell	Hrs in BrdU	Relative Change of SCEs/ Chromosome <sup>b</sup> (%)
<b>-S9</b>								
Summary: Negative								
Distilled water		50	1,047	434	0.41	8.7	26.0	
Mitomycin-C	0.005	25	523	639	1.22	25.6	26.0	194.76
Benzethonium chloride	0.96	50	1,049	458	0.43	9.2	26.0	5.33
	3	50	1,050	457	0.43	9.1	26.0	5.00
	9.6	50	1,048	473	0.45	9.5	26.0	8.88
					P=0.115 <sup>c</sup>			
<b>+S9</b>								
Summary: Negative								
Distilled water		50	1,043	369	0.35	7.4	26.0	
Cyclophosphamide	1	50	1,045	790	0.75	15.8	26.0	113.69
Benzethonium chloride	3	50	1,048	347	0.33	6.9	26.0	-6.41
	9.6	50	1,050	359	0.34	7.2	26.0	-3.36
	30	50	1,047	367	0.35	7.3	26.0	-0.92
					P=0.495			

<sup>a</sup> Study performed at Columbia University. A detailed description of the protocol and these data are presented in Galloway *et al.* (1987). SCE=sister chromatid exchange; BrdU=bromodeoxyuridine.

<sup>b</sup> SCEs/chromosome in treated cells versus SCEs/chromosome in solvent control cells.

<sup>c</sup> Significance of relative SCEs/chromosome tested by the linear regression trend test vs. log of the dose

**TABLE E3**  
**Induction of Chromosomal Aberrations in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells by Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

-S9					+S9				
Dose ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Total Cells	No. of Abs	Abs/ Cell	Cells with Abs (%)	Dose ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Total Cells	No. of Abs	Abs/ Cell	Cells with Abs (%)
Harvest time: 14.0 hours Summary: Negative					Harvest time: 14.0 hours Summary: Negative				
Distilled water					Distilled water				
	100	4	0.04	4.0		100	3	0.03	3.0
Mitomycin-C					Cyclophosphamide				
0.15	50	34	0.68	42.0	15	50	16	0.32	28.0
Benzethonium chloride					Benzethonium chloride				
0.96	100	11	0.11	10.0	3	100	5	0.05	5.0
3	100	10	0.10	10.0	9.6	100	6	0.06	5.0
9.6	100	8	0.08	8.0	30	100	6	0.06	6.0
P=0.162 <sup>b</sup>					P=0.172				

<sup>a</sup> Study performed at Columbia University. The detailed protocol and these data are presented in Galloway *et al.* (1987).  
 Abs=aberrations.

<sup>b</sup> Significance of percent cells with aberrations tested by the linear regression trend test vs. log of the dose





## APPENDIX F ORGAN WEIGHTS AND ORGAN-WEIGHT-TO-BODY-WEIGHT RATIOS

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**TABLE F1**  
**Organ Weights and Organ-Weight-to-Body-Weight Ratios for Rats in the 16-Day Dermal Study**  
**of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	6.3 mg/kg	12.5 mg/kg	25 mg/kg	50 mg/kg	100 mg/kg
n	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Male</b>						
Necropsy body wt	167 ± 7	165 ± 5	162 ± 7	154 ± 4	140 ± 6**	127 ± 6**
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	1.710 ± 0.008	1.685 ± 0.028	1.701 ± 0.017	1.671 ± 0.023	1.663 ± 0.012	1.647 ± 0.010*
Relative	10.30 ± 0.44	10.25 ± 0.18	10.57 ± 0.37	10.90 ± 0.32	11.93 ± 0.46*	13.11 ± 0.70**
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.686 ± 0.022	0.647 ± 0.016	0.637 ± 0.014	0.651 ± 0.016	0.631 ± 0.028	0.592 ± 0.014**
Relative	4.12 ± 0.14	3.93 ± 0.06	3.95 ± 0.11	4.24 ± 0.13	4.50 ± 0.11	4.72 ± 0.28*
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.935 ± 0.034	0.916 ± 0.028	0.882 ± 0.030	0.817 ± 0.020**	0.806 ± 0.024**	0.780 ± 0.025**
Relative	5.60 ± 0.11	5.56 ± 0.06	5.46 ± 0.13	5.32 ± 0.10	5.77 ± 0.21	6.18 ± 0.25
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	10.880 ± 0.433	9.896 ± 0.421	9.485 ± 0.390*	9.093 ± 0.379**	8.794 ± 0.434**	7.881 ± 0.190**
Relative	65.14 ± 1.59	60.06 ± 1.18	58.67 ± 1.33	59.11 ± 1.38	62.65 ± 1.12	62.62 ± 3.04
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	1.516 ± 0.131	1.301 ± 0.111	1.181 ± 0.026	1.518 ± 0.145	1.108 ± 0.064**	1.065 ± 0.028**
Relative	9.26 ± 1.20	7.85 ± 0.45	7.33 ± 0.24	9.98 ± 1.14	7.90 ± 0.35	8.45 ± 0.34
<b>R. Testis</b>						
Absolute	1.022 ± 0.023	0.956 ± 0.022	0.949 ± 0.018	0.907 ± 0.020	0.868 ± 0.075*	0.887 ± 0.066*
Relative	6.13 ± 0.16	5.82 ± 0.10	5.89 ± 0.20	5.92 ± 0.20	6.15 ± 0.37	6.97 ± 0.32*
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.457 ± 0.018	0.410 ± 0.006	0.391 ± 0.032*	0.378 ± 0.024*	0.373 ± 0.015**	0.267 ± 0.017**
Relative	2.74 ± 0.08	2.50 ± 0.08	2.44 ± 0.24	2.48 ± 0.19	2.67 ± 0.13	2.12 ± 0.16*
<b>Female</b>						
Necropsy body wt	123 ± 3	120 ± 3	124 ± 2	116 ± 3	109 ± 5*	108 ± 6*
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	1.617 ± 0.029	1.611 ± 0.008	1.582 ± 0.029	1.570 ± 0.025	1.564 ± 0.033	1.543 ± 0.025
Relative	13.22 ± 0.17	13.45 ± 0.30	12.80 ± 0.18	13.61 ± 0.23	14.37 ± 0.42*	14.42 ± 0.56*
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.578 ± 0.009	0.567 ± 0.015	0.549 ± 0.013	0.549 ± 0.012	0.516 ± 0.018**	0.521 ± 0.007**
Relative	4.73 ± 0.12	4.74 ± 0.18	4.44 ± 0.13	4.76 ± 0.10	4.73 ± 0.06	4.88 ± 0.21
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.677 ± 0.014	0.705 ± 0.013	0.690 ± 0.014	0.694 ± 0.027	0.691 ± 0.022	0.672 ± 0.026
Relative	5.53 ± 0.09	5.88 ± 0.09	5.58 ± 0.12	6.01 ± 0.09**	6.34 ± 0.15**	6.25 ± 0.13**
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	6.251 ± 0.234	6.532 ± 0.170	6.388 ± 0.195	6.463 ± 0.264	6.112 ± 0.212	5.964 ± 0.245
Relative	51.06 ± 1.47	54.42 ± 0.89	51.64 ± 1.28	55.99 ± 1.87*	56.06 ± 1.49*	55.45 ± 1.06*
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	1.023 ± 0.035	1.062 ± 0.038	0.941 ± 0.038	0.958 ± 0.054	0.863 ± 0.077*	0.863 ± 0.058*
Relative	8.35 ± 0.18	8.87 ± 0.40	7.62 ± 0.32	8.28 ± 0.32	7.88 ± 0.57	7.99 ± 0.32
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.358 ± 0.012	0.366 ± 0.019	0.374 ± 0.018	0.308 ± 0.016	0.273 ± 0.017**	0.249 ± 0.017**
Relative	2.93 ± 0.07	3.05 ± 0.13	3.02 ± 0.14	2.66 ± 0.10	2.49 ± 0.04**	2.30 ± 0.07**

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Organ weights and body weights are given in grams; organ-weight-to-body-weight ratios are given as mg organ weight/g body weight (mean ± standard error).

**TABLE F2**  
**Organ Weights and Organ-Weight-to-Body-Weight Ratios for Rats in the 13-Week Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	1.56 mg/kg	3.13 mg/kg	6.25 mg/kg	12.5 mg/kg	25 mg/kg
n	10	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Male</b>						
Necropsy body wt	327 ± 6	326 ± 6	333 ± 6	323 ± 6	319 ± 5	287 ± 7**
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	1.900 ± 0.019	1.902 ± 0.021	1.952 ± 0.022	1.928 ± 0.017	1.933 ± 0.024	1.947 ± 0.019
Relative	5.82 ± 0.07	5.84 ± 0.06	5.87 ± 0.10	5.98 ± 0.09	6.07 ± 0.05	6.81 ± 0.15**
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	1.009 ± 0.022	1.014 ± 0.023	1.054 ± 0.023	1.029 ± 0.025	1.045 ± 0.019	1.048 ± 0.029
Relative	3.09 ± 0.03	3.11 ± 0.05	3.17 ± 0.06	3.18 ± 0.07	3.28 ± 0.07	3.67 ± 0.15**
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	1.339 ± 0.033	1.318 ± 0.033	1.355 ± 0.026	1.309 ± 0.038	1.341 ± 0.023	1.353 ± 0.035
Relative	4.10 ± 0.05	4.04 ± 0.07	4.07 ± 0.06	4.05 ± 0.07	4.21 ± 0.09	4.72 ± 0.12**
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	16.102 ± 0.503	15.648 ± 0.660	16.669 ± 0.362	15.628 ± 0.424	15.629 ± 0.250	14.451 ± 0.400*
Relative	49.22 ± 1.02	47.86 ± 1.53	50.07 ± 0.80	48.29 ± 0.64	49.10 ± 0.98	50.39 ± 1.21
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	2.030 ± 0.075	1.952 ± 0.069	2.058 ± 0.096	1.988 ± 0.055	1.914 ± 0.080	1.876 ± 0.034
Relative	6.20 ± 0.17	5.98 ± 0.17	6.17 ± 0.22	6.16 ± 0.17	6.00 ± 0.24	6.55 ± 0.15
<b>R. Testis</b>						
Absolute	1.452 ± 0.038	1.408 ± 0.022 <sup>b</sup>	1.486 ± 0.029	1.455 ± 0.016	1.485 ± 0.015	1.440 ± 0.032
Relative	4.45 ± 0.12	4.35 ± 0.09 <sup>b</sup>	4.47 ± 0.08	4.51 ± 0.06	4.66 ± 0.07	5.04 ± 0.16**
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.301 ± 0.010	0.298 ± 0.013	0.301 ± 0.013	0.287 ± 0.016	0.275 ± 0.013	0.230 ± 0.008** <sup>b</sup>
Relative	0.92 ± 0.03	0.91 ± 0.03	0.91 ± 0.04	0.89 ± 0.04	0.86 ± 0.04	0.79 ± 0.03 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Female</b>						
Necropsy body wt	185 ± 3	186 ± 3	182 ± 2	183 ± 3	183 ± 2	181 ± 3
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	1.754 ± 0.019	1.771 ± 0.012	1.750 ± 0.018	1.736 ± 0.023	1.765 ± 0.021	1.733 ± 0.019
Relative	9.51 ± 0.18	9.55 ± 0.16	9.62 ± 0.11	9.51 ± 0.15	9.68 ± 0.16	9.59 ± 0.14
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.680 ± 0.010	0.722 ± 0.025	0.676 ± 0.007	0.674 ± 0.013	0.702 ± 0.009 <sup>b</sup>	0.687 ± 0.016
Relative	3.68 ± 0.05	3.87 ± 0.08	3.72 ± 0.03	3.69 ± 0.07	3.84 ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>	3.80 ± 0.07
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.770 ± 0.016	0.780 ± 0.018	0.783 ± 0.012	0.781 ± 0.015	0.785 ± 0.016	0.818 ± 0.013*
Relative	4.17 ± 0.05	4.19 ± 0.06	4.31 ± 0.06	4.27 ± 0.05	4.30 ± 0.07	4.52 ± 0.06**
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	7.212 ± 0.150	8.001 ± 0.217*	7.767 ± 0.218	7.434 ± 0.179	7.859 ± 0.219	7.660 ± 0.254
Relative	39.03 ± 0.67	43.00 ± 0.80*	42.75 ± 1.33	40.73 ± 1.04	43.03 ± 1.10*	42.33 ± 1.23
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	1.346 ± 0.035	1.490 ± 0.072	1.346 ± 0.041	1.386 ± 0.052	1.401 ± 0.109	1.306 ± 0.039
Relative	7.29 ± 0.21	8.02 ± 0.39	7.39 ± 0.18	7.59 ± 0.28	7.70 ± 0.65	7.21 ± 0.16
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.242 ± 0.007	0.242 ± 0.006	0.222 ± 0.011	0.228 ± 0.007	0.240 ± 0.007	0.232 ± 0.011
Relative	1.31 ± 0.04	1.30 ± 0.04	1.22 ± 0.05	1.25 ± 0.05	1.31 ± 0.04	1.29 ± 0.07

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Organ weights and body weights are given in grams; organ-weight-to-body-weight ratios are given as mg organ weight/g body weight (mean ± standard error).

<sup>b</sup>  $n=9$

**TABLE F3**  
**Organ Weights and Organ-Weight-to-Body-Weight Ratios for Rats at the 15-Month Interim Evaluation**  
**in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>				
n	8	8	5	4
Necropsy body wt	498 ± 10	496 ± 18	520 ± 30	486 ± 12
<b>L. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	1.833 ± 0.032	1.929 ± 0.063	2.042 ± 0.139	1.835 ± 0.069
Relative	3.69 ± 0.09	3.90 ± 0.06	3.93 ± 0.13	3.78 ± 0.15
<b>R. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	1.823 ± 0.031	1.946 ± 0.061	2.017 ± 0.091	1.811 ± 0.070
Relative	3.67 ± 0.09	3.93 ± 0.07	3.90 ± 0.14	3.73 ± 0.11
<b>Liver</b>				
Absolute	19.236 ± 0.723	20.325 ± 1.167	21.970 ± 1.425	19.519 ± 0.510
Relative	38.73 ± 1.57	40.84 ± 1.28	42.31 ± 1.87	40.21 ± 0.73
<b>Female</b>				
n	9	7	9	7
Necropsy body wt	289 ± 8	289 ± 6	295 ± 9	285 ± 9
<b>L. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	1.158 ± 0.039	1.129 ± 0.033	1.215 ± 0.026	1.168 ± 0.045
Relative	4.01 ± 0.13	3.91 ± 0.11	4.14 ± 0.10	4.10 ± 0.15
<b>R. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	1.137 ± 0.034	1.142 ± 0.039	1.229 ± 0.034	1.139 ± 0.045
Relative	3.95 ± 0.13	3.95 ± 0.13	4.18 ± 0.06	4.01 ± 0.16
<b>Liver</b>				
Absolute	10.579 ± 0.324	10.849 ± 0.304	11.651 ± 0.581	10.434 ± 0.300
Relative	36.74 ± 1.32	37.54 ± 0.83	39.49 ± 1.27	36.64 ± 0.72

<sup>a</sup> Organ weights and body weights are given in grams; organ-weight-to-body-weight ratios are given as mg organ weight/g body weight (mean ± standard error).

TABLE F4  
Organ Weights and Organ-Weight-to-Body-Weight Ratios for Mice in the 16-Day Dermal Study  
of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>

	Vehicle Control	6.3 mg/kg	12.5 mg/kg	25 mg/kg	50 mg/kg	100 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>						
<i>n</i>	5	5	5	5	5	4
Necropsy body wt	25.1 ± 0.4	25.3 ± 0.6	25.9 ± 0.4	26.5 ± 0.5	26.4 ± 0.7	26.5 ± 0.5
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	0.472 ± 0.012	0.470 ± 0.004	0.475 ± 0.007	0.446 ± 0.014	0.455 ± 0.012	0.454 ± 0.007
Relative	18.83 ± 0.68	18.63 ± 0.45	18.37 ± 0.48	16.85 ± 0.55*	17.29 ± 0.74*	17.17 ± 0.23
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.154 ± 0.009	0.155 ± 0.010	0.154 ± 0.009	0.167 ± 0.006	0.155 ± 0.005	0.188 ± 0.017*
Relative	6.14 ± 0.39	6.16 ± 0.46	5.97 ± 0.46	6.31 ± 0.17	5.89 ± 0.23	7.06 ± 0.53
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.285 ± 0.008	0.283 ± 0.005	0.273 ± 0.014	0.273 ± 0.008	0.262 ± 0.015	0.303 ± 0.003
Relative	11.34 ± 0.28	11.20 ± 0.23	10.55 ± 0.44	10.32 ± 0.32	9.94 ± 0.63	11.45 ± 0.25
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	1.663 ± 0.017	1.615 ± 0.047	1.689 ± 0.017	1.737 ± 0.062	1.687 ± 0.074	1.857 ± 0.035*
Relative	66.28 ± 1.32	63.99 ± 1.98	65.30 ± 0.60	65.57 ± 1.17	63.75 ± 1.46	70.21 ± 2.02
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	0.241 ± 0.014 <sup>b</sup>	0.207 ± 0.006	0.230 ± 0.016	0.206 ± 0.003	0.222 ± 0.009	0.226 ± 0.019
Relative	9.64 ± 0.49 <sup>b</sup>	8.21 ± 0.27	8.88 ± 0.63	7.81 ± 0.18*	8.39 ± 0.24	8.50 ± 0.60
<b>R. Testis</b>						
Absolute	0.112 ± 0.005	0.115 ± 0.003	0.109 ± 0.005	0.106 ± 0.004	0.108 ± 0.005	0.112 ± 0.005
Relative	4.44 ± 0.17	4.55 ± 0.21	4.20 ± 0.15	4.00 ± 0.11	4.08 ± 0.13	4.21 ± 0.12
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.052 ± 0.004	0.052 ± 0.003	0.051 ± 0.003	0.052 ± 0.004	0.041 ± 0.004	0.046 ± 0.001
Relative	2.07 ± 0.16	2.05 ± 0.14	1.96 ± 0.13	1.97 ± 0.17	1.54 ± 0.16*	1.72 ± 0.07
<b>Female</b>						
<i>n</i>	5	5	5	5	5	5
Necropsy body wt	21.2 ± 0.5	21.6 ± 0.4	21.0 ± 0.4	21.3 ± 0.3	21.1 ± 0.3	20.9 ± 0.5
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	0.460 ± 0.012	0.472 ± 0.007	0.455 ± 0.009	0.457 ± 0.004	0.440 ± 0.006	0.450 ± 0.005
Relative	21.71 ± 0.45	21.95 ± 0.62	21.69 ± 0.66	21.46 ± 0.18	20.87 ± 0.29	21.60 ± 0.44
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.119 ± 0.007	0.126 ± 0.004	0.123 ± 0.004	0.124 ± 0.002	0.125 ± 0.005	0.136 ± 0.006*
Relative	5.60 ± 0.23	5.85 ± 0.19	5.87 ± 0.25	5.84 ± 0.13	5.91 ± 0.22	6.54 ± 0.38*
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.200 ± 0.008	0.190 ± 0.004	0.193 ± 0.003	0.193 ± 0.006	0.191 ± 0.006	0.206 ± 0.008
Relative	9.44 ± 0.25	8.83 ± 0.23	9.18 ± 0.22	9.06 ± 0.25	9.06 ± 0.22	9.87 ± 0.22
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	1.325 ± 0.016	1.334 ± 0.044	1.393 ± 0.048	1.347 ± 0.016	1.392 ± 0.028	1.401 ± 0.067
Relative	62.67 ± 1.30	61.81 ± 0.98	66.15 ± 1.49	63.36 ± 1.56	66.00 ± 0.73	66.97 ± 1.74*
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	0.184 ± 0.007	0.213 ± 0.012	0.189 ± 0.006	0.196 ± 0.013	0.184 ± 0.004	0.186 ± 0.008
Relative	8.70 ± 0.21	9.88 ± 0.56	8.97 ± 0.21	9.23 ± 0.61	8.75 ± 0.27	8.87 ± 0.17
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.069 ± 0.005	0.072 ± 0.003	0.066 ± 0.003	0.061 ± 0.005	0.061 ± 0.004	0.054 ± 0.006*
Relative	3.23 ± 0.19	3.32 ± 0.09	3.11 ± 0.10	2.88 ± 0.23	2.90 ± 0.18	2.59 ± 0.24*

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test

<sup>a</sup> Organ weights and body weights are given in grams; organ-weight-to-body-weight ratios are given as mg organ weight/g body weight

<sup>b</sup>  $n = 4$

**TABLE F5**  
**Organ Weights and Organ-Weight-to-Body-Weight Ratios for Mice in the 13-Week Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	1.56 mg/kg	3.13 mg/kg	6.25 mg/kg	12.5 mg/kg	25 mg/kg
n	10	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Male</b>						
Necropsy body wt	33.5 ± 1.0	32.6 ± 0.7	32.5 ± 1.0	32.4 ± 0.5	32.2 ± 0.8	31.4 ± 0.7
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	0.466 ± 0.007	0.454 ± 0.007	0.453 ± 0.009	0.472 ± 0.005	0.486 ± 0.007	0.465 ± 0.005
Relative	14.01 ± 0.46	13.98 ± 0.32	14.05 ± 0.41	14.61 ± 0.21	15.18 ± 0.31*	14.86 ± 0.23*
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.176 ± 0.005	0.176 ± 0.006	0.173 ± 0.007 <sup>b</sup>	0.183 ± 0.004	0.183 ± 0.007	0.180 ± 0.006
Relative	5.26 ± 0.18	5.40 ± 0.15	5.26 ± 0.13 <sup>b</sup>	5.68 ± 0.19	5.68 ± 0.13	5.77 ± 0.20*
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.329 ± 0.011	0.323 ± 0.008	0.338 ± 0.012	0.339 ± 0.013	0.349 ± 0.007	0.346 ± 0.008
Relative	9.82 ± 0.24	9.95 ± 0.30	10.42 ± 0.28	10.46 ± 0.33	10.89 ± 0.21**	11.03 ± 0.17**
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	1.753 ± 0.054	1.684 ± 0.032	1.754 ± 0.058	1.764 ± 0.036	1.821 ± 0.052	1.786 ± 0.032
Relative	52.38 ± 1.23	51.86 ± 1.11	54.04 ± 1.00	54.50 ± 0.82	56.62 ± 0.61**	57.07 ± 0.99**
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	0.283 ± 0.011	0.289 ± 0.017	0.281 ± 0.013	0.295 ± 0.010	0.273 ± 0.018	0.260 ± 0.016
Relative	8.53 ± 0.44	8.85 ± 0.40	8.62 ± 0.26	9.15 ± 0.40	8.43 ± 0.39	8.23 ± 0.41
<b>R. Testis</b>						
Absolute	0.117 ± 0.003	0.118 ± 0.003	0.116 ± 0.003	0.118 ± 0.002	0.114 ± 0.003	0.117 ± 0.002
Relative	3.48 ± 0.08	3.64 ± 0.08	3.56 ± 0.07	3.65 ± 0.09	3.55 ± 0.06	3.75 ± 0.03*
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.042 ± 0.003	0.036 ± 0.002	0.038 ± 0.002	0.037 ± 0.002	0.038 ± 0.002	0.042 ± 0.001
Relative	1.27 ± 0.09	1.12 ± 0.06	1.16 ± 0.06	1.15 ± 0.06	1.17 ± 0.04	1.33 ± 0.05
<b>Female</b>						
Necropsy body wt	27.5 ± 0.8	27.5 ± 0.6	27.9 ± 0.6	27.8 ± 0.7	27.3 ± 0.7	27.8 ± 1.0
<b>Brain</b>						
Absolute	0.482 ± 0.007	0.464 ± 0.008	0.465 ± 0.009	0.473 ± 0.005	0.471 ± 0.008	0.484 ± 0.007
Relative	17.61 ± 0.42	16.96 ± 0.46	16.67 ± 0.32	17.08 ± 0.35	17.32 ± 0.48	17.57 ± 0.52
<b>Heart</b>						
Absolute	0.149 ± 0.007	0.144 ± 0.004	0.159 ± 0.008	0.169 ± 0.008	0.150 ± 0.006	0.155 ± 0.006
Relative	5.46 ± 0.28	5.25 ± 0.17	5.72 ± 0.31	6.08 ± 0.25	5.52 ± 0.21	5.62 ± 0.26
<b>R. Kidney</b>						
Absolute	0.217 ± 0.008	0.230 ± 0.006	0.227 ± 0.008	0.229 ± 0.005	0.219 ± 0.006	0.233 ± 0.006
Relative	7.92 ± 0.29	8.39 ± 0.26	8.13 ± 0.25	8.25 ± 0.19	8.03 ± 0.13	8.42 ± 0.14
<b>Liver</b>						
Absolute	1.491 ± 0.064	1.460 ± 0.048	1.510 ± 0.050	1.527 ± 0.039	1.522 ± 0.051	1.635 ± 0.050
Relative	54.32 ± 2.10	53.25 ± 1.82	54.00 ± 1.08	55.05 ± 1.30	55.75 ± 1.44	59.16 ± 1.84
<b>Lungs</b>						
Absolute	0.256 ± 0.012	0.250 ± 0.010	0.273 ± 0.016	0.261 ± 0.013	0.255 ± 0.009	0.250 ± 0.009
Relative	9.36 ± 0.46	9.10 ± 0.36	9.82 ± 0.64	9.37 ± 0.42	9.36 ± 0.33	9.07 ± 0.39
<b>Thymus</b>						
Absolute	0.051 ± 0.002	0.049 ± 0.002	0.048 ± 0.003	0.049 ± 0.003	0.050 ± 0.002	0.050 ± 0.003
Relative	1.85 ± 0.05	1.77 ± 0.07	1.72 ± 0.08	1.77 ± 0.07	1.81 ± 0.06	1.81 ± 0.07

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Organ weights and body weights are given in grams; organ-weight-to-body-weight ratios are given as mg organ weight/g body weight (mean ± standard error).

<sup>b</sup> n=9

**TABLE F6**  
**Organ Weights and Organ-Weight-to-Body-Weight Ratios for Mice at the 15-Month Interim Evaluation in the 2-Year Dermal Study of Benzethonium Chloride<sup>a</sup>**

	Vehicle Control	0.15 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
<b>Male</b>				
n	10	9	9	10
Necropsy body wt	51.2 ± 1.2	52.0 ± 1.4	49.6 ± 1.7	50.2 ± 0.8
<b>L. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	0.466 ± 0.014	0.436 ± 0.013	0.433 ± 0.010	0.453 ± 0.010
Relative	9.12 ± 0.31	8.40 ± 0.21	8.78 ± 0.23	9.05 ± 0.26
<b>R. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	0.485 ± 0.015	0.462 ± 0.011	0.450 ± 0.008	0.489 ± 0.010
Relative	9.48 ± 0.29	8.92 ± 0.20	9.11 ± 0.22	9.78 ± 0.26
<b>Liver</b>				
Absolute	3.296 ± 0.362	2.591 ± 0.142	2.978 ± 0.338	3.082 ± 0.358
Relative	65.51 ± 8.61	49.95 ± 2.65	61.70 ± 9.23	61.60 ± 7.37
<b>Female</b>				
n	8	7	10	6
Necropsy body wt	50.5 ± 1.5	52.3 ± 0.9	51.5 ± 2.5	51.1 ± 3.0
<b>L. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	0.280 ± 0.007	0.303 ± 0.016	0.296 ± 0.008	0.307 ± 0.013
Relative	5.55 ± 0.06	5.77 ± 0.24	5.82 ± 0.19	6.04 ± 0.17
<b>R. Kidney</b>				
Absolute	0.297 ± 0.009	0.320 ± 0.012	0.308 ± 0.009	0.322 ± 0.015
Relative	5.89 ± 0.10	6.12 ± 0.18	6.06 ± 0.25	6.35 ± 0.23
<b>Liver</b>				
Absolute	1.959 ± 0.074	2.061 ± 0.068 <sup>b</sup>	2.224 ± 0.090 <sup>*c</sup>	2.184 ± 0.102
Relative	38.82 ± 1.01	39.82 ± 0.85 <sup>b</sup>	42.09 ± 0.75 <sup>*c</sup>	42.95 ± 0.89 <sup>**</sup>

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by Williams' or Dunnett's test

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Organ weights and body weights are given in grams; organ-weight-to-body-weight ratios are given as mg organ weight/g body weight (mean ± standard error).

<sup>b</sup> n=6

<sup>c</sup> n=9





## APPENDIX G

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## PROCUREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF BENZETHONIUM CHLORIDE

United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade benzethonium chloride was obtained from Rohm and Haas (Philadelphia, PA) in one lot (W0061), which was used throughout the 16-day, 13-week, and 2-year dermal studies. Identity, purity, and stability analyses were conducted by the analytical chemistry laboratory, Midwest Research Institute (Kansas City, MO). Reports on analyses performed in support of the benzethonium chloride studies are on file at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The chemical, a white powder, was identified as benzethonium chloride by infrared, ultraviolet/visible, and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. All spectra were consistent with the literature spectra (*Sadtler Standard Spectra, Aldrich Library*) of benzethonium chloride (Figures G1 and G2).

The purity was determined by elemental analyses, Karl Fischer water analysis, functional group titration, thin-layer chromatography (TLC), and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). For functional group titration, samples were dissolved in 20 mL glacial acetic acid and 10 mL 2% mercury (II) acetate. The sample solutions were then titrated with 0.1 N perchloric acid and monitored potentiometrically using a combination pH/mV electrode filled with 3 M aqueous potassium chloride. TLC was performed on Silica Gel 60 F-254 plates using two solvent systems: A) *n*-butanol:water:glacial acetic acid (66:17:17), and B) acetone:concentrated ammonium hydroxide (90:10). Nicotinamide was used as a reference standard. Plates were examined under shortwave (254 nm) ultraviolet light and a spray of iodoplatinate reagent. HPLC was performed using a Waters  $\mu$ Bondapak C<sub>18</sub> column using ultraviolet detection (280 nm) and a solvent system of 0.1 M methanesulfonic acid in water adjusted to pH 2.0 with 10 N sodium hydroxide: 0.1 M methanesulfonic acid, or 0.1 M methanesulfonic acid in methanol adjusted to pH 2.0 with 10 N sodium hydroxide (20:80). The flow rate was 1.0 mL/minute.

Elemental analyses for carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and chlorine were in agreement with the theoretical values for benzethonium chloride. Karl Fischer water analysis indicated 0.6%  $\pm$  0.3% water. Functional group titration indicated a purity of 98.5%  $\pm$  0.5%. Thin-layer chromatography by system A indicated a major spot and a trace impurity near the origin; system B indicated a major spot and a minor impurity near the origin. HPLC detected a major peak and no impurities greater than or equal to 0.1% of the major peak area. The overall purity was determined to be greater than 98%.

The analytical chemistry laboratory analyzed the chemical to determine if it met USP purity requirements. The complete battery of USP analyses was performed as a supplement to the chemical characterization of benzethonium chloride. The USP tests included a test for chloride, reaction with nitric acid and mercuric chloride, as well as reaction with sodium nitrite. Further tests included determination of melting point range, weight loss on drying, residue on ignition, and containment of ammonium compounds. The assay was a titration with sodium tetraphenylboron and a bromophenol blue indicator. The melting point range was 161.2° to 161.4° C, and the test for weight loss on drying yielded a value of 0.4%  $\pm$  0.3% water. These values conform to the USP requirements for both analyses. The sample met USP specifications for the residue on ignition (0.007%  $\pm$  0.002%) and ammonium compounds (no perceptible ammonium odor) tests. The titrimetric assay indicated that the sample contained 99.7%  $\pm$  0.05% benzethonium chloride, which met USP requirements for purity.

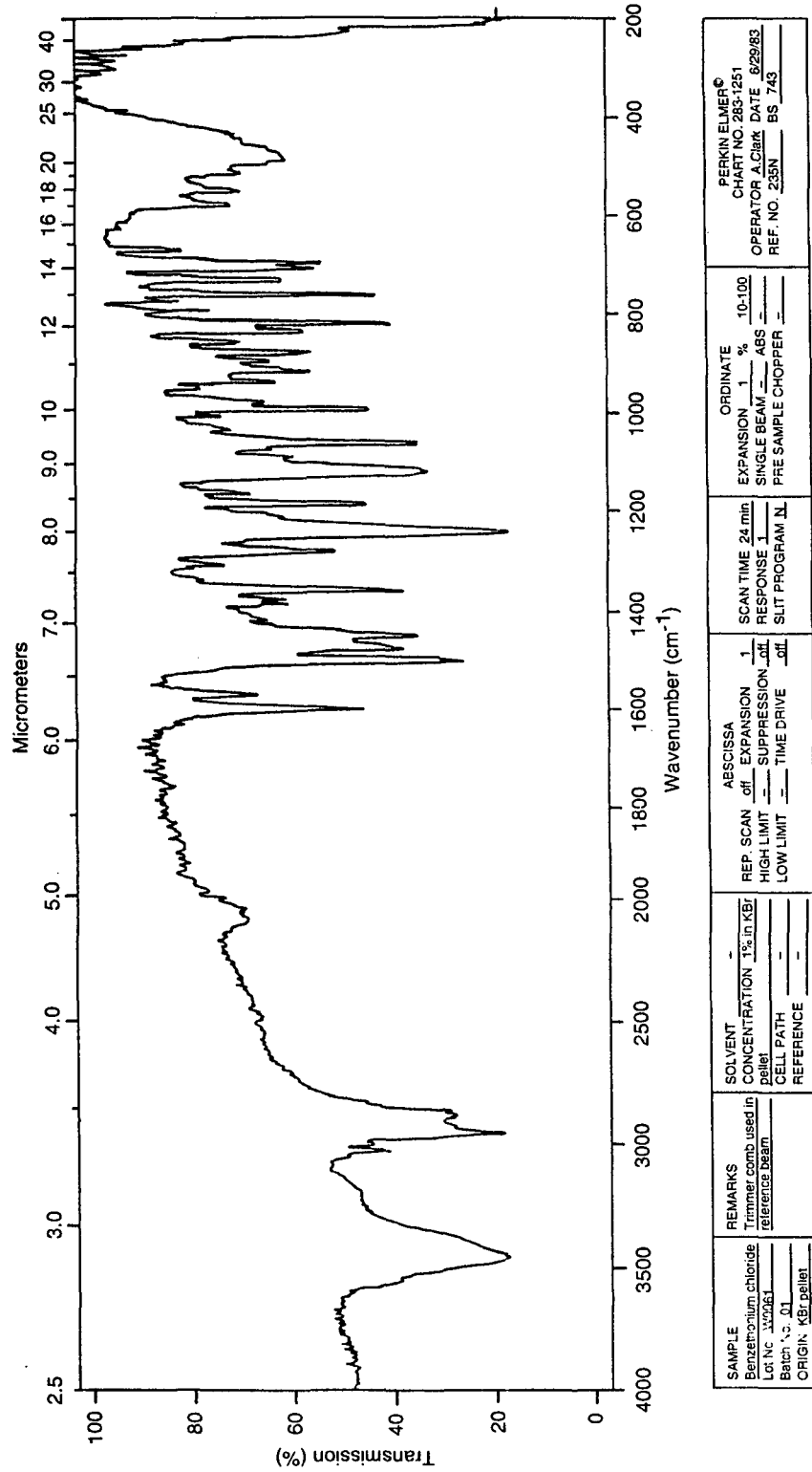
Stability studies were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using the HPLC system previously described. These studies indicated that benzethonium chloride was stable as a bulk chemical for at least 2 weeks when stored protected from light at temperatures up to 60° C. The bulk chemical was stored at room temperature protected from light. The stability of the chemical was monitored periodically using HPLC methods similar to those previously described. No degradation of the bulk chemical was observed.

## PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF DOSE FORMULATIONS

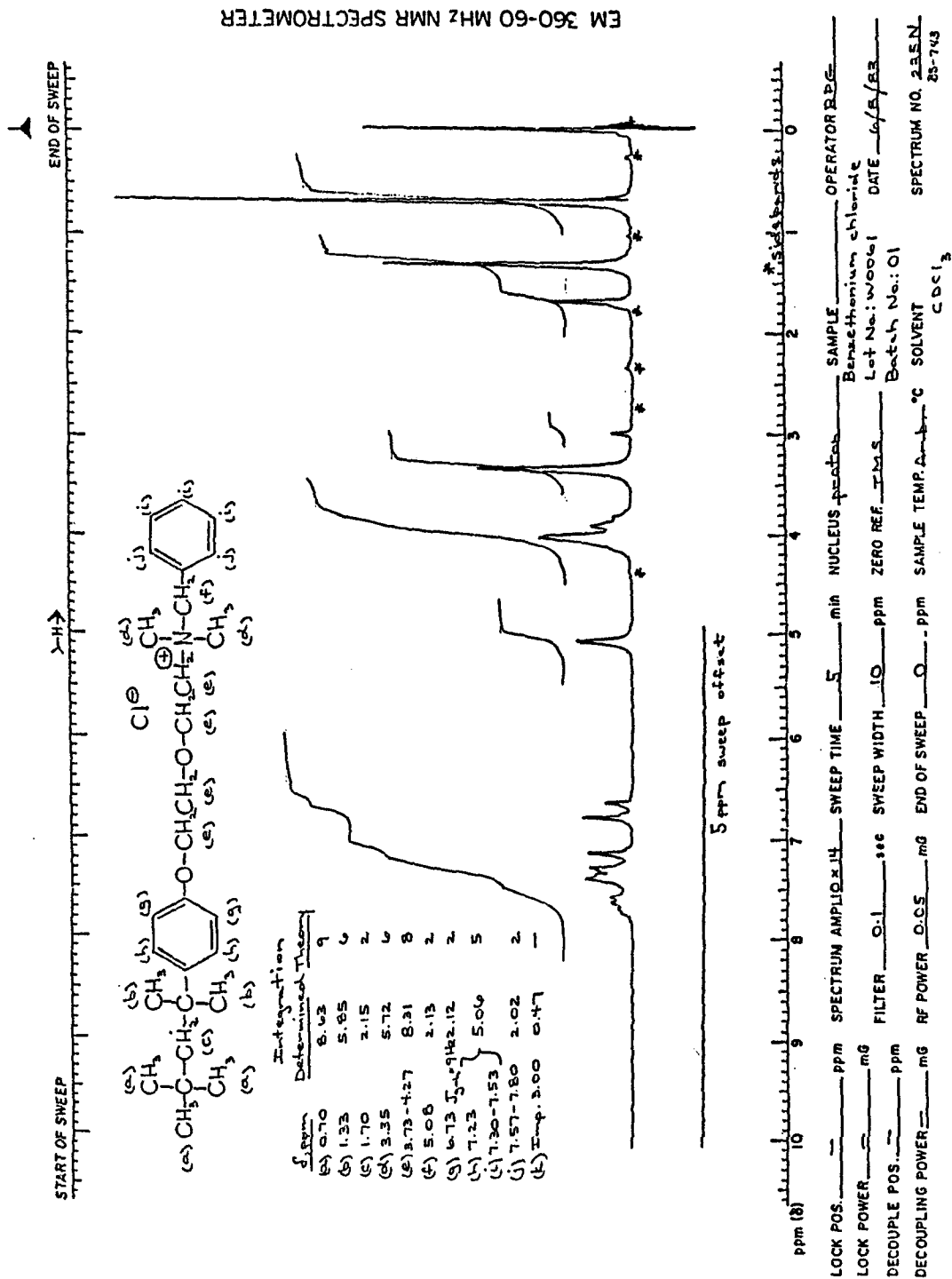
Dose formulation solutions were prepared by mixing benzethonium chloride and 95% ethanol (USP grade) to give the required concentrations (Table G1). The dose formulations were prepared once for the 16-day studies and every 2 weeks for the 13-week and 2-year studies and were stored protected from light in sealed glass vials at room temperature. Dose formulations were discarded 3 weeks after the date of preparation.

Dose formulation stability studies were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory. Aliquots of the 0.03 mg/mL formulation of benzethonium chloride were evaporated under nitrogen and redissolved in 5 mL of internal standard solution (octanophenone, 0.1 mg/mL in acetonitrile). HPLC was performed using a Chromanetics Licrosorb RP-2 column with a flow rate of 2.0 mL/minute, a mobile phase of water:acetonitrile:glacial acetic acid (30:69:1), octanophenone as an internal standard, and ultraviolet detection at 280 nm. The stability of the benzethonium chloride dose formulation was confirmed for at least 3 weeks at room temperature when stored protected from light, and for 3 hours when exposed to light and air.

Periodic analyses of the dose formulations of benzethonium chloride were conducted by the study laboratory and the analytical chemistry laboratory using ethanol dilutions and subsequent determination of absorbance at 227 nm. The study laboratory analyzed the dose formulations once during the 16-day studies (Table G2), three times during the 13-week studies (Table G3), and approximately every 2 months during the 2-year studies (Table G4). All of the dose formulations from the 16-day and 13-week studies were found to be within 10% of the target concentrations. In the 2-year study, 98% (159/163) of the dose formulations analyzed were within 10% of the target concentrations. Results of the periodic referee analyses performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory were in agreement with the results obtained by the study laboratory (Table G5).



**FIGURE G1**  
**Infrared Absorption Spectrum of Benzethonium Chloride**



**FIGURE G2**  
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrum of Benzethonium Chloride

**TABLE G1**  
**Preparation and Storage of Dose Formulations in the Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

16-Day Studies	13-Week Studies	2-Year Studies
<b>Preparation</b> Benzethonium chloride was weighed and transferred to a graduated cylinder, and 95% ethanol was added to obtain the desired volume.	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Chemical Lot Number</b> W0061	W0061	W0061
<b>Maximum Storage Time</b> 3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
<b>Storage Conditions</b> Stored at room temperature in sealed vials, protected from light	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Study Laboratory</b> Battelle Columbus Laboratories (Columbus, OH)	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies
<b>Referee Laboratory</b> Midwest Research Institute (Kansas City, MO)	Same as 16-day studies	Same as 16-day studies

**TABLE G2**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 16-Day Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL) <sup>a</sup>	Determined Concentration (mg/mL) <sup>b</sup>	% Difference from Target
<b>Rats</b>				
<b>Male</b>				
12 December 1984	13 December 1984	6.0	5.93	-1
		12.0	11.9	-1
		24.0	23.6	-2
		48.0	47.0	-2
		96.0	94.8	-1
	27 December 1984 <sup>c</sup>	6.0	6.44	+7
		12.0	12.7	+6
		24.0	25.0	+4
		48.0	49.6	+3
		96.0	97.7	+2
<b>Female</b>				
12 December 1984	13 December 1984	4.0	4.07	+2
		8.0	8.07	+1
		16.0	15.9	-1
		32.0	30.6	-4
		64.0	63.1	-1
	27 December 1984 <sup>c</sup>	4.0	4.37	+9
		8.0	8.77	+10
		16.0	16.9	+6
		32.0	33.7	+5
		64.0	66.4	+4
<b>Mice</b>				
12 December 1984	13 December 1984	1.5	1.55	+3
		3.0	3.05	+2
		6.0	6.06	+1
		12.0	12.1	+1
		24.0	23.6	-2
	27 December 1984 <sup>c</sup>	1.5	1.57	+5
		3.0	3.20	+7
		6.0	6.57	+10
		12.0	12.7	+6
		24.0	25.0	+4

<sup>a</sup> Dosing volume = 250  $\mu$ L (rats) or 100  $\mu$ L (mice). For male rats, 6.0 mg/mL=6.3 mg/kg; 12.0 mg/mL=12.5 mg/kg; 24.0 mg/mL=25 mg/kg; 48.0 mg/mL=50 mg/kg; 96.0 mg/mL=100 mg/kg. For female rats, 4.0 mg/mL=6.3 mg/kg; 8.0 mg/mL=12.5 mg/kg; 16.0 mg/mL=25 mg/kg; 32.0 mg/mL=50 mg/kg; 64.0 mg/mL=100 mg/kg. For mice, 1.5 mg/mL=6.3 mg/kg; 3.0 mg/mL=12.5 mg/kg; 6.0 mg/mL=25 mg/kg; 12.0 mg/mL=50 mg/kg; 24.0 mg/mL=100 mg/kg.

<sup>b</sup> Results of duplicate analyses

<sup>c</sup> Animal room samples



**TABLE G3**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 13-Week Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL) <sup>a</sup>	Determined Concentration (mg/mL) <sup>b</sup>	% Difference from Target
<b>Rats</b>				
25 April 1985	29 April 1985	1.56	1.58	+1
		3.18	3.04	-4
		6.25	6.41	+3
		12.5	12.7	+2
		25.0	26.0	+4
	14 May 1985 <sup>c</sup>	1.56	1.60	+2
		3.18	3.13	-2
		6.25	6.39	+2
		12.5	12.9	+3
		25.0	25.6	+2
6 June 1985	7 June 1985	1.56	1.59	+2
		3.13	3.10	-1
		6.25	6.38	+2
		12.5	13.0	+4
		25.0	25.9	+4
	26 June 1985 <sup>c</sup>	1.56	1.60	+2
		3.13	3.24	+4
		6.25	6.47	+4
		12.5	13.1	+5
		25.0	26.6	+6
18 July 1985	19 July 1985	1.56	1.55	-1
		3.13	3.03	-3
		6.25	6.12	-2
		12.5	12.2	-2
		25.0	24.5	-2
	5 August 1985 <sup>c</sup>	50.0	50.4	+1
		1.56	1.60	+2
		3.18	3.24	+2
		6.25	6.27	0
		12.5	12.6	+1
		25.0	25.7	+3

**TABLE G3**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 13-Week Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL)	Determined Concentration (mg/mL)	% Difference from Target
<b>Mice</b>				
25 April 1985	29 April 1985	0.5	0.52	+4
		1.0	0.96	-4
		2.0	2.02	+1
		4.0	4.00	0
		8.0	8.05	+1
	14 May 1985 <sup>c</sup>	0.5	0.52	+4
		1.0	1.00	0
		2.0	1.99	-1
		4.0	4.03	+1
		8.0	8.05	+1
6 June 1985	7 June 1985	4.0	4.33	+8
	10 June 1985	8.0	8.35	+4
	26 June 1985 <sup>c</sup>	4.0	4.38 <sup>d</sup>	+10
		8.0	8.28	+4
10 June 1985 <sup>e</sup>	10 June 1985	0.5	0.49	-3
		1.0	1.03	+3
		2.0	1.94	-3
	26 June 1985	0.5	0.50	0
		1.0	1.04	+4
		2.0	2.06	+3
18 July 1985	19 July 1985	0.5	0.48	-4
		1.0	0.97	-3
		2.0	2.00	0
		4.0	3.93	-2
		8.0	7.93	-1
		16.0	15.9	-1
	5 August 1985 <sup>c</sup>	0.5	0.49	-3
		1.0	1.01	+1
		2.0	2.00	0
		4.0	4.22	+6
		8.0	8.16	+2
		16.0	16.1	+1

<sup>a</sup> The dosing volume was adjusted weekly following mean body weight measurements, but did not exceed 300  $\mu$ L for rats or 100  $\mu$ L for mice. For rats and mice, the doses were 1.56 mg/kg, 3.13 mg/kg, 6.25 mg/kg, 12.5 mg/kg, or 25 mg/kg.

<sup>b</sup> Results of duplicate analyses

<sup>c</sup> Animal room samples

<sup>d</sup> Result is average of analysis of three samples

<sup>e</sup> Because of an interfering static charge on the preparation balance, samples originally mixed on 6 June 1985 were remixed and reanalyzed on 10 June 1985.

**TABLE G4**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL) <sup>a</sup>	Determined Concentration (mg/mL) <sup>b</sup>	% Difference from Target	
<b>Rats</b>					
9 June 1987	11 June 1987	0.15	0.149 <sup>c</sup>	-1	
		0.25	0.249 <sup>c</sup>	0	
		0.5	0.497	-1	
		0.83	0.829	0	
		1.5	1.52	+1	
		2.5	2.51	0	
	23 June 1987 <sup>d</sup>	0.15	0.170 <sup>c</sup>	+13	
		0.25	0.256 <sup>c</sup>	+2	
		0.5	0.510	+2	
		0.83	0.842	+1	
		1.5	1.53	+2	
	24 June 1987 <sup>d</sup>	0.15	0.154 <sup>c</sup>	+3	
		0.25	0.248 <sup>c</sup>	-1	
		0.5	0.507	+1	
		0.83	0.834	0	
1.5		1.55	+3		
5 August 1987	6 August 1987	2.5	2.54	+2	
		0.15	0.149 <sup>c</sup>	-1	
		0.25	0.248 <sup>c</sup>	-1	
		0.5	0.507	+1	
		0.83	0.834	0	
30 September 1987	1 October 1987	1.5	1.55	+3	
		2.5	2.54	+2	
		0.5	0.489	-2	
		0.83	0.819	-1	
	7 October 1987	1.5	1.52	+1	
		2.5	2.50	0	
	0.15	0.141	-6		
		0.25	0.238	-5	
	9 December 1987	10 December 1987	0.15	0.145	-3
			0.25	0.246	-2
0.5			0.497	-1	
0.83			0.817	-2	
1.5			1.49	-1	
2.5			2.49	0	
4 January 1988 <sup>d</sup>		0.15	0.166	+11	
		0.25	0.277	+11	
		0.5	0.537	+7	
		0.83	0.870	+5	
		1.5	1.59	+6	
		2.5	2.66	+6	

**TABLE G4**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL)	Determined Concentration (mg/mL)	% Difference from Target		
<b>Rats (continued)</b>						
20 January 1988	21 January 1988	0.15	0.146	-3		
		0.25	0.246	-2		
		0.5	0.502	0		
		0.83	0.827	0		
		1.5	1.52	+1		
		2.5	2.51	0		
16 March 1988	17 March 1988	0.15	0.146	-3		
		0.25	0.250	0		
		0.5	0.489	-2		
		0.83	0.837	+1		
		1.5	1.53	+2		
		2.5	2.53	+1		
11 May 1988	12 May 1988	0.15	0.150	0		
		0.25	0.249	0		
		0.5	0.499	0		
		0.83	0.837	+1		
		1.5	1.54	+3		
		2.5	2.60	+4		
	26 May 1988 <sup>d</sup>	0.15	0.155	+3		
		0.25	0.255	+2		
		0.5	0.502	0		
		0.83	0.857	+3		
		1.5	1.52	+1		
		2.5	2.54	+2		
		5 July 1988	6 July 1988	0.15	0.146	-3
				0.25	0.243	-3
0.5	0.487			-3		
0.83	0.807			-3		
1.5	1.47			-2		
2.5	2.44			-2		
30 August 1988	31 August 1988	0.15	0.148	-1		
		0.25	0.246	-2		
		0.5	0.490	-2		
		0.83	0.815	-2		
		1.5	1.49	-1		
		2.5	2.47	-1		

**TABLE G4**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL)	Determined Concentration (mg/mL)	% Difference from Target	
<b>Rats (continued)</b>					
26 October 1988	28 October 1988	0.15	0.149	-1	
		0.25	0.251	0	
		0.5	0.500	0	
		0.83	0.825	-1	
		1.5	1.54	+3	
		2.5	2.52	+1	
	14 November 1988 <sup>d</sup>	0.15	0.161	+7	
		0.25	0.261	+4	
		0.5	0.509	+2	
		0.83	0.850	+2	
		1.5	1.55	+3	
		2.5	2.54	+2	
	27 December 1988	29 December 1988	0.15	0.148	-1
			0.25	0.246	-2
0.5			0.504	+1	
0.83			0.823	-1	
1.5			1.50	0	
2.5			2.48	-1	
22 February 1989	23 February 1989	0.15	0.157	+5	
		0.25	0.267	+7	
		0.5	0.525	+5	
		0.83	0.877	+6	
		1.5	1.52	+1	
		2.5	2.71	+8	
19 April 1989	20 April 1989	0.15	0.149	-1	
		0.25	0.246	-2	
		0.5	0.493	-1	
		0.83	0.820	-1	
		1.5	1.49	-1	
		2.5	2.47	-1	
	2 May 1989 <sup>d</sup>	0.15	0.157	+5	
		0.25	0.249	0	
		0.5	0.505	+1	
		0.83	0.837	+1	
		1.5	1.51	+1	
		2.5	2.49	0	

**TABLE G4**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL)	Determined Concentration (mg/mL)	% Difference from Target
<b>Mice</b>				
15 June 1987	15 June 1987	0.06	0.060 <sup>c</sup>	0
		0.2	0.196 <sup>c</sup>	-2
		0.6	0.595	-1
	29 June 1987 <sup>d</sup>	0.06	0.066	+10
		0.2	0.204	+2
		0.6	0.613	+2
5 August 1987	6 August 1987	0.06	0.057 <sup>c</sup>	-4
		0.2	0.198 <sup>c</sup>	-1
		0.6	0.604	+1
30 September 1987	1 October 1987	0.06	0.056	-6
		0.2	0.195	-2
		0.6	0.603	+1
9 December 1987	10 December 1987	0.06	0.055	-8
		0.2	0.198	-1
		0.6	0.589	-2
	4 January 1988 <sup>d</sup>	0.06	0.056	-7
		0.2	0.211	+6
		0.6	0.627	+5
20 January 1988	21 January 1988	0.06	0.058	-3
		0.2	0.198	-1
		0.6	0.594	-1
16 March 1988	17 March 1988	0.06	0.058	-3
		0.2	0.193	-3
		0.6	0.582	+3
11 May 1988	12 May 1988	0.06	0.059	-2
		0.2	0.201	+1
		0.6	0.599	0
	26 May 1988 <sup>d</sup>	0.06	0.059	-2
		0.2	0.204	+2
		0.6	0.616	+3
5 July 1988	6 July 1988	0.06	0.058	-3
		0.2	0.194	-3
		0.6	0.585	-2

**TABLE G4**  
**Results of Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride (continued)**

Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Target Concentration (mg/mL)	Determined Concentration (mg/mL)	% Difference from Target
<b>Mice (continued)</b>				
30 August 1988	31 August 1988	0.06	0.061	+2
		0.2	0.197	-1
		0.6	0.585	-2
26 October 1988	28 October 1988	0.06	0.063	+5
		0.2	0.201	+1
		0.6	0.597	0
	14 November 1988 <sup>d</sup>	0.06	0.063	+5
		0.2	0.203	+2
		0.6	0.605	+1
27 December 1988	29 December 1988	0.06	0.059	-2
		0.2	0.196	-2
		0.6	0.590	-2
22 February 1989	23 February 1989	0.06	0.062	+3
		0.2	0.210	+5
		0.6	0.623	+4
19 April 1989	20 April 1989	0.06	0.058	-3
		0.2	0.198	-1
		0.6	0.585	-2
	2 May 1989 <sup>d</sup>	0.06	0.073	+22
		0.2	0.206	+3
		0.6	0.619	+3

<sup>a</sup> The dosing volume was based on mean body weight measurements and ranged from 63 to 296  $\mu$ L for male rats, from 95 to 317  $\mu$ L for female rats, and from 50 to 131  $\mu$ L for male and female mice. For male rats, 0.25 mg/mL=0.15 mg/kg, 0.83 mg/mL=0.5 mg/kg, 2.5 mg/mL=1.5 mg/kg. For female rats, 0.15 mg/mL=0.15 mg/kg, 0.5 mg/mL=0.5 mg/kg, 1.5 mg/mL=1.5 mg/kg. For mice, 0.06 mg/mL=0.15 mg/kg, 0.2 mg/mL=0.5 mg/kg, 0.6 mg/mL=1.5 mg/kg.

<sup>b</sup> Results of duplicate analyses

<sup>c</sup> Results of single analysis

<sup>d</sup> Animal room sample

**TABLE G5**  
**Results of Referee Analysis of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 13-Week and 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

Date Mixed	Target Concentration (mg/mL)	Determined Concentration (mg/mL)	
		Study Laboratory <sup>a</sup>	Referee Laboratory <sup>b</sup>
<b>13-Week Studies</b>			
Mice			
25 April 1985	1.0	0.96	1.04 ± 0.01
18 July 1985	8.0	7.93	7.99 ± 0.01
<b>2-Year Studies</b>			
Rats			
9 June 1987	0.25	0.249	1.12 ± 0.0 <sup>c</sup>
	0.83	0.829	0.830 ± 0.002
11 May 1988	2.5	2.60	2.51 ± 0.01
19 April 1989	0.83	0.820	0.922 ± 0.003
Mice			
9 December 1987	0.2	0.198	0.193 ± 0.008
26 October 1988	0.06	0.063	0.0583 ± 0.0002

<sup>a</sup> Results of duplicate analyses

<sup>b</sup> Results of triplicate analyses

<sup>c</sup> No explanation for this discrepancy was identified.





**APPENDIX H**  
**INGREDIENTS, NUTRIENT COMPOSITION,**  
**AND CONTAMINANT LEVELS**  
**IN NIH-07 RAT AND MOUSE RATION**

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**TABLE H1**  
**Ingredients of NIH-07 Rat and Mouse Ration<sup>a</sup>**

Ingredients <sup>b</sup>	Percent by Weight
Ground #2 yellow shelled corn	24.50
Ground hard winter wheat	23.00
Soybean meal (49% protein)	12.00
Fish meal (60% protein)	10.00
Wheat middlings	10.00
Dried skim milk	5.00
Alfalfa meal (dehydrated, 17% protein)	4.00
Corn gluten meal (60% protein)	3.00
Soy oil	2.50
Dried brewer's yeast	2.00
Dry molasses	1.50
Dicalcium phosphate	1.25
Ground limestone	0.50
Salt	0.50
Premixes (vitamin and mineral)	0.25

<sup>a</sup> NCI, 1976; NIH, 1978

<sup>b</sup> Ingredients were ground to pass through a U.S. Standard Screen No. 16 before being mixed.

**TABLE H2**  
**Vitamins and Minerals in NIH-07 Rat and Mouse Ration<sup>a</sup>**

	Amount	Source
<b>Vitamins</b>		
A	5,500,000 IU	Stabilized vitamin A palmitate or acetate
D <sub>3</sub>	4,600,000 IU	D-activated animal sterol
K <sub>3</sub>	2.8 g	Menadione
<i>d</i> - $\alpha$ -Tocopheryl acetate	20,000 IU	
Choline	560.0 g	Choline chloride
Folic acid	2.2 g	
Niacin	30.0 g	
<i>d</i> -Pantothenic acid	18.0 g	<i>d</i> -Calcium pantothenate
Riboflavin	3.4 g	
Thiamine	10.0 g	Thiamine mononitrate
B <sub>12</sub>	4,000 $\mu$ g	
Pyridoxine	1.7 g	Pyridoxine hydrochloride
Biotin	140.0 mg	<i>d</i> -Biotin
<b>Minerals</b>		
Iron	120.0 g	Iron sulfate
Manganese	60.0 g	Manganous oxide
Zinc	16.0 g	Zinc oxide
Copper	4.0 g	Copper sulfate
Iodine	1.4 g	Calcium iodate
Cobalt	0.4 g	Cobalt carbonate

<sup>a</sup> Per ton (2,000 lb) of finished product

**TABLE H3**  
**Nutrient Composition of NIH-07 Rat and Mouse Ration**

Nutrient	Mean $\pm$ Standard Deviation	Range	Number of Samples
Protein (% by weight)	22.76 $\pm$ 0.79	21.70 – 24.20	25
Crude fat (% by weight)	5.39 $\pm$ 0.37	4.60 – 5.90	25
Crude fiber (% by weight)	3.52 $\pm$ 0.31	2.80 – 4.20	25
Ash (% by weight)	6.81 $\pm$ 0.25	6.26 – 7.30	25
<b>Amino Acids (% of total diet)</b>			
Arginine	1.287 $\pm$ 0.084	1.100 – 1.390	10
Cystine	0.306 $\pm$ 0.075	0.181 – 0.400	10
Glycine	1.160 $\pm$ 0.050	1.060 – 1.220	10
Histidine	0.580 $\pm$ 0.024	0.531 – 0.608	10
Isoleucine	0.917 $\pm$ 0.034	0.867 – 0.965	10
Leucine	1.972 $\pm$ 0.052	1.850 – 2.040	10
Lysine	1.273 $\pm$ 0.051	1.200 – 1.370	10
Methionine	0.437 $\pm$ 0.115	0.306 – 0.699	10
Phenylalanine	0.994 $\pm$ 0.125	0.665 – 1.110	10
Threonine	0.896 $\pm$ 0.055	0.824 – 0.985	10
Tryptophan	0.223 $\pm$ 0.160	0.107 – 0.671	10
Tyrosine	0.677 $\pm$ 0.105	0.564 – 0.794	10
Valine	1.089 $\pm$ 0.057	0.962 – 1.170	10
<b>Essential Fatty Acids (% of total diet)</b>			
Linoleic	2.389 $\pm$ 0.233	1.830 – 2.570	9
Linolenic	0.277 $\pm$ 0.036	0.210 – 0.320	9
<b>Vitamins</b>			
Vitamin A (IU/kg)	6,750 $\pm$ 1,439	4,430 – 10,860	25
Vitamin D (IU/kg)	4,450 $\pm$ 1,382	3,000 – 6,300	4
$\alpha$ -Tocopherol (ppm)	36.92 $\pm$ 9.32	22.5 – 48.9	9
Thiamine (ppm)	18.64 $\pm$ 2.12	14.0 – 23.0	25
Riboflavin (ppm)	7.92 $\pm$ 0.93	6.10 – 9.00	10
Niacin (ppm)	100.95 $\pm$ 25.92	65.0 – 150.0	9
Pantothenic acid (ppm)	30.30 $\pm$ 3.60	23.0 – 34.6	10
Pyridoxine (ppm)	9.25 $\pm$ 2.62	5.60 – 14.0	10
Folic acid (ppm)	2.51 $\pm$ 0.64	1.80 – 3.70	10
Biotin (ppm)	0.267 $\pm$ 0.049	0.19 – 0.35	10
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> (ppb)	40.14 $\pm$ 20.04	10.6 – 65.0	10
Choline (ppm)	3,068 $\pm$ 314	2,400 – 3,430	9
<b>Minerals</b>			
Calcium (%)	1.29 $\pm$ 0.12	1.00 – 1.54	25
Phosphorus (%)	0.95 $\pm$ 0.04	0.86 – 1.00	25
Potassium (%)	0.887 $\pm$ 0.067	0.772 – 0.971	8
Chloride (%)	0.526 $\pm$ 0.092	0.380 – 0.635	8
Sodium (%)	0.315 $\pm$ 0.344	0.258 – 0.370	10
Magnesium (%)	0.168 $\pm$ 0.008	0.151 – 0.180	10
Sulfur (%)	0.274 $\pm$ 0.063	0.208 – 0.420	10
Iron (ppm)	356.2 $\pm$ 90.0	255.0 – 523.0	10
Manganese (ppm)	92.24 $\pm$ 5.35	81.70 – 99.40	10
Zinc (ppm)	58.14 $\pm$ 9.91	46.10 – 81.60	10
Copper (ppm)	11.50 $\pm$ 2.40	8.090 – 15.39	10
Iodine (ppm)	3.70 $\pm$ 1.14	1.52 – 5.83	10
Chromium (ppm)	1.71 $\pm$ 0.45	0.85 – 2.09	9
Cobalt (ppm)	0.797 $\pm$ 0.23	0.490 – 1.150	6

TABLE H4  
Contaminant Levels in NIH-07 Rat and Mouse Ration

	Mean $\pm$ Standard Deviation <sup>a</sup>	Range	Number of Samples
<b>Contaminants</b>			
Arsenic (ppm)	0.18 $\pm$ 0.12	0.05 – 0.55	25
Cadmium (ppm)	0.10 $\pm$ 0.02	<0.10 – 0.20	25
Lead (ppm)	0.32 $\pm$ 0.26	0.05 – 1.00	25
Mercury (ppm)	0.05 $\pm$ 0.01	0.05 – 0.11	25
Selenium (ppm) <sup>b</sup>	0.39 $\pm$ 0.20	0.16 – 1.21	25
Aflatoxins (ppb)	<5.0		25
Nitrate nitrogen (ppm) <sup>c</sup>	20.04 $\pm$ 7.55	9.90 – 39.0	25
Nitrite nitrogen (ppm) <sup>c</sup>	0.19 $\pm$ 0.14	<0.10 – 0.60	25
BHA (ppm) <sup>d</sup>	1.88 $\pm$ 0.51	<0.10 – 3.00	25
BHT (ppm) <sup>d</sup>	1.12 $\pm$ 0.52	<0.10 – 3.00	25
Aerobic plate count (CFU/g) <sup>e,f</sup>	132,320 $\pm$ 192,307	13,000 – 940,000	25
Coliform (MPN/g) <sup>g</sup>	55.60 $\pm$ 219.57	3.00 – 11.0	25
<i>E. coli</i> (MPN/g)	3.04 $\pm$ 0.20	3.00 – 4.00	25
<i>Salmonella</i> (MPN/g)	Negative		25
Total nitrosoamines (ppb) <sup>h</sup>	10.65 $\pm$ 4.99	3.60 – 20.00	25
<i>N</i> -Nitrosodimethylamine (ppb)	8.30 $\pm$ 4.62	2.60 – 19.00	25
<i>N</i> -Nitrosopyrrolidine (ppb)	2.36 $\pm$ 1.43	0.90 – 5.40	25
<b>Pesticides (ppm)</b>			
$\alpha$ -BHC <sup>i</sup>	<0.01		25
$\beta$ -BHC	<0.02		25
$\gamma$ -BHC	<0.01		25
$\delta$ -BHC	<0.01		25
Heptachlor	<0.01		25
Aldrin	<0.01		25
Heptachlor epoxide	<0.01		25
DDE	<0.01		25
DDD	<0.01		25
DDT	<0.01		25
HCB	<0.01		25
Mirex	<0.01		25
Methoxychlor	<0.05		25
Dieldrin	<0.01		25
Endrin	<0.01		25
Telodrin	<0.01		25
Chlordane	<0.05		25
Toxaphene	<0.1		25
Estimated PCBs	<0.2		25
Ronnel	<0.01		25
Ethion	<0.02		25
Trithion	<0.05		25
Diazinon	<0.1		25
Methyl parathion	<0.02		25
Ethyl parathion	<0.02		25
Malathion	0.19 $\pm$ 0.17	<0.05 – 0.60	25
Endosulfan I	<0.01		25
Endosulfan II	<0.01		25
Endosulfan sulfate	<0.03		25

**TABLE H4**  
**Contaminant Levels in NIH-07 Rat and Mouse Ration (continued)**

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- <sup>a</sup> For values less than the limit of detection, the detection limit is given as the mean.
- <sup>b</sup> One lot milled on 2 March 1989 contained more than 0.65 ppm. All other lots measured less than or equal to the detection limit.
- <sup>c</sup> Sources of contamination: alfalfa, grains, and fish meal
- <sup>d</sup> Sources of contamination: soy oil and fish meal
- <sup>e</sup> CFU = colony forming unit
- <sup>f</sup> One lot milled on 5 November 1987 contained more than 600,000 CFU/g.
- <sup>g</sup> MPN = most probable number
- <sup>h</sup> All values were corrected for percent recovery.
- <sup>i</sup> BHC is hexachlorocyclohexane or benzene hexachloride



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# SENTINEL ANIMAL PROGRAM

## METHODS

Rodents used in the Carcinogenesis Program of the National Toxicology Program are produced in optimally clean facilities to eliminate potential pathogens that may affect study results. The Sentinel Animal Program is part of the periodic monitoring of animal health that occurs during the toxicologic evaluation of chemical compounds. Under this program, the disease state of the rodents is monitored via serology on sera from extra (sentinel) animals in the study rooms. These animals and the study animals are subject to identical environmental conditions. The sentinel animals come from the same production source and weanling groups as the animals used for the studies of chemical compounds.

### Rats

At the end of the 13-week study, samples for viral screening were collected from five male and five female vehicle control rats. These samples were processed appropriately and submitted to Microbiological Associates, Inc. (Bethesda, MD), for viral titer screening. The following tests were performed on the sera:

<u>Method of Analysis</u>	<u>Time of Analysis</u>
ELISA	
<i>Mycoplasma arthritis</i>	Study termination
<i>Mycoplasma pulmonis</i>	Study termination
PVM (pneumonia virus of mice)	Study termination
RCV/SDA (rat coronavirus/sialodacryoadenitis virus)	Study termination
Sendai	Study termination
Hemagglutination Inhibition	
H-1 (Toolan's H-1 virus)	Study termination
KRV (Kilham rat virus)	Study termination

Prior to the beginning of the 2-year study, blood was collected once (during one quarantine screening) from five male and five female rats. Serum samples were also collected from as many as five male and five female rats at 6, 12, and 18 months into the study and from as many as five male and five female high-dose rats at the end of the study (24 months). Blood from each collection was processed appropriately, shipped to Microbiological Associates, Inc., and screened for the following:

<u>Method of Analysis</u>	<u>Time of Analysis</u>
ELISA	
<i>M. arthritis</i>	24 months
<i>M. pulmonis</i>	24 months
PVM	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, and 24 months
RCV/SDA	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, and 24 months
Sendai	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, and 24 months
Hemagglutination Inhibition	
H-1	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, and 24 months
KRV	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, and 24 months

## Mice

At the end of the 13-week study, samples for viral screening were collected from five male and five female vehicle control mice. These samples were processed appropriately and submitted to Microbiological Associates, Inc., for viral titer screening. The following tests were performed on the sera:

<u>Method of Analysis</u>	<u>Time of Analysis</u>
Complement Fixation	
LCM (lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus)	Study termination
ELISA	
Ectromelia virus	Study termination
GDVII (mouse encephalomyelitis virus)	Study termination
Mouse adenoma virus	Study termination
MHV (mouse hepatitis virus)	Study termination
<i>M. arthritidis</i>	Study termination
<i>M. pulmonis</i>	Study termination
PVM	Study termination
Reovirus 3	Study termination
Sendai	Study termination
Hemagglutination Inhibition	
K (papovavirus)	Study termination
MVM (minute virus of mice)	Study termination
Polyoma virus	Study termination
Immunofluorescence Assay	
EDIM (epizootic diarrhea of infant mice)	Study termination

Prior to the beginning of the 2-year study, blood was collected once (during one quarantine screening) from five male and five female mice. Serum samples were also collected from as many as five males and five females at 6, 12, and 18 months into the study and from five male and five female high-dose mice at the end of the study (24 months). In addition, an unscheduled screening was conducted on five male and five female vehicle control mice at about 22 months into the study. Blood from each collection was processed appropriately, shipped to Microbiological Associates, Inc., and screened for the following:

<u>Method of Analysis</u>	<u>Time of Analysis</u>
ELISA	
Ectromelia virus	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
GDVII	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
LCM	Quarantine, 6, and 12 months
MVM	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
Mouse adenoma virus	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
MHV	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
<i>M. arthritidis</i>	24 months
<i>M. pulmonis</i>	24 months
PVM	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
Reovirus 3	Quarantine, 6, 18, 22, and 24 months
Sendai	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
Hemagglutination Inhibition	
K	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months
Polyoma virus	Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months

**Mice** (continued)Method of AnalysisTime of Analysis

## Immunofluorescence Assay

EDIM

LCM

Reovirus 3

Quarantine, 6, 12, 18, 22, and 24 months

18, 22, and 24 months

12 months

Serology results are presented in Table I1.

**TABLE I1**  
**Murine Virus Antibody Determinations for Rats and Mice in the 13-Week and 2-Year Dermal Studies of Benzethonium Chloride**

Interval	Incidence of Antibody in Sentinel Animals	Positive Serologic Reaction for
<b>13-Week Studies</b>		
<b>Rats</b>		
Study termination	1/10	<i>M. arthritidis</i> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mice</b>		
Study termination	0/10	None positive
<b>2-Year Studies</b>		
<b>Rats</b>		
Quarantine screening	0/10	None positive
6 months	0/9	None positive
12 months	0/10	None positive
18 months	0/8	None positive
24 months	2/10	<i>M. arthritidis</i> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mice</b>		
Quarantine screening	0/10	None positive
6 months	0/10	None positive
12 months	0/10	None positive
18 months	0/8	None positive
22 months	7/10	Mouse hepatitis virus
24 months	8/10	Mouse hepatitis virus

<sup>a</sup> Further evaluation of samples positive for *M. arthritidis* by immunoblot and Western blot procedures indicated that the positive titers may be due to cross reaction with antibodies of nonpathogenic *Mycoplasma* or other agents. Only sporadic samples were positive, and there were no clinical signs or histopathologic changes of *M. arthritidis* infection in rats with positive titers. Accordingly, *M. arthritidis*-positive titers were considered to be false positives.

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