

# DATA EVALUATION RECORD

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**METABOLITE OF MESOTRIONE  
(2-AMINO-4-METHYLSULFONYL BENZOIC ACID)**

**Study Type: §81-1, Acute Oral Toxicity**

**Work Assignment No. 2-01-52B (MRID 44505016)**

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MESOTRIONE (2-Amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid)

Acute Oral Study (§81-1)

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STUDY TYPE: Acute Oral Toxicity - Rat  
OPPTS Number: 870.1100

OPP Guideline Number: §81-1

DP BARCODE: D259369  
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TEST MATERIAL (PURITY): 2-Amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid (99% purity)

SYNONYMS: AMBA

CITATION: Lees, D. (1996) AMBA (2-amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid): acute oral toxicity to the rat. Central Toxicology Laboratory, Macclesfield, Cheshire, UK. Laboratory Report No. CTL/P/5282, Study No. AR6339. December 11, 1996. MRID 44505016. Unpublished.

SPONSOR: Zeneca AG Products, Wilmington, DE.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: In an acute oral toxicity study (MRID 44505016), five young adult (~ 8- to 12-wks. old) Alpk:AP,SD (Wistar-derived) rats/sex were given a single oral dose of 2-amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid (99% purity) at 5,000 mg/kg. The test substance was administered in corn oil, and the animals were observed for clinical signs of toxicity and mortality for up to 14 days postdosing.

**Oral LD<sub>50</sub> Males = >5,000 mg/kg (observed)**  
**Females = >5,000 mg/kg (observed)**

2-Amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid is classified as **TOXICITY CATEGORY IV** based on the observed LD<sub>50</sub> values for both sexes.

All animals survived and appeared normal during the 14-day study. No treatment-related effects on body weight were observed, and necropsy after 14 days revealed no treatment-related gross abnormalities.

This study is classified **acceptable (§81-1)** and satisfies the guideline requirement for an acute oral study in the rat on AMBA (a metabolite of mesotrione).

COMPLIANCE: Signed and dated GLP, Quality Assurance, and Data Confidentiality statements were provided.

## I. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### A. MATERIALS:

1. Test Material: 2-Amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid  
Description: Yellow solid  
Lot/Batch #: 16010-09-01  
Purity: 99% (w/w)  
CAS #: Not provided
2. Vehicle: Corn oil
3. Test animals: Species: Rat  
Strain: Alpk:AP<sub>1</sub>SD (Wistar-derived)  
Age: Young adult (approximately 8-12 weeks)  
Weight: 373-433 g males; 235-254 g females  
Source: Rodent Breeding Unit, Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, Alderley Park, Macclesfield, Cheshire, UK  
Acclimation period: ≥6 Days  
Diet: Diet (PCD) Special Diet Services Limited, Witham, Essex, UK, ad libitum  
Water: Tap water, ad libitum  
Housing: Five animals per cage, separated by sex, in multiple rat racks  
Environmental conditions:  
Temperature: 21±2 °C  
Humidity: 55±15%  
Air changes: Approximately 25-30 changes/hour  
Photoperiod: 12-Hour light/dark cycle

### B. STUDY DESIGN and METHODS:

1. In-life dates: September 3, 1996 - September 17, 1996
2. Animal assignment and treatment: Following an overnight fasting period, ten rats (5 males, 5 females) were given a single oral dose of 2-amino-4-methylsulfonyl benzoic acid at 5,000 mg/kg by gavage. The test material was administered in corn oil at a standard volume of 10 mL/kg. The animals were observed for signs of systemic toxicity within 2 hours of dosing, between 4 and 7 hours postdosing, and once daily thereafter for the remainder of the 14 day study. Body weights were recorded on days -1, 0 (immediately prior to dosing), 2, 3, 7, and 14. At 14 days, all animals were sacrificed, necropsied, and

examined for gross pathological changes.

3. Statistics: Not applicable to this study.

## II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

- A. Mortality: No mortalities occurred during the study.

Oral LD<sub>50</sub> Males = >5,000 mg/kg (observed)  
Females = >5,000 mg/kg (observed)

- B. Clinical observations: No treatment-related clinical signs were observed in any animals throughout the study.

- C. Body Weight: No treatment-related effects on body weight were observed. All animals gained weight during the study, with mean overall (days 0-14) increases of 25% in males and 15% in females.

- D. Necropsy: No treatment-related gross abnormalities were observed in any of the animals upon necropsy. However, in one male, prominent Peyer's patches were observed on the ileum; this finding was incidental and not related to treatment.

- E. Deficiencies: There were no deficiencies that affected the validity of the study results.