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## SUMMARY

### Background

4-Methylimidazole is an ingredient in a variety of chemical products including pharmaceuticals, photographic chemicals, dyes and pigments, and rubber. We studied the effects of 4-methylimidazole on male and female rats and mice to identify potential toxic or carcinogenic hazards to humans.

### Methods

We gave feed containing 4-methylimidazole to groups of 50 animals for 2 years. Male and female rats received 625, 1,250, or 2,500 parts per million (ppm) 4-methylimidazole in their feed (the highest concentration corresponding to 0.25%). Male and female mice received feed containing 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm 4-methylimidazole. Groups of animals receiving untreated feed served as controls. Tissues from more than 40 sites were examined for every animal.

### Results

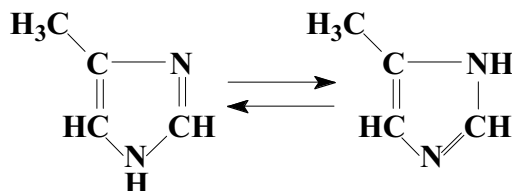
Survival by animals exposed to 4-methylimidazole was the same as for the controls, but animals exposed to the higher concentrations weighed less than the controls. Female rats receiving 4-methylimidazole had a slightly higher rate of leukemia than the controls. Male and female mice had increased rates of adenomas and carcinomas of the lung.

### Conclusions

We conclude that 4-methylimidazole caused lung cancer in male and female mice. 4-Methylimidazole may also have been associated with development of leukemia in female rats.



## ABSTRACT



### 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE

CAS No. 822-36-6

Chemical Formula:  $C_4H_6N_2$       Molecular Weight: 82.11

**Synonyms:** 1H-Imidazole, 4-methyl (9CI); imidazole, 4-methyl; 4(5)-methylglyoxaline; 4(5),4(5)-methylimidazole; 5-methylimidazole  
**Trade name:** 4-MeI

4-Methylimidazole is used in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, photographic chemicals, dyes and pigments, cleaning and agricultural chemicals, and rubber. It has been identified as a by-product of fermentation in foods and has been detected in mainstream and side-stream tobacco smoke. 4-Methylimidazole was nominated by the National Cancer Institute for a long-term study because of the high potential for human exposure. Male and female F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were exposed to 4-methylimidazole (99.5% pure) in feed for 2 years. Fifteen-day and 14-week toxicity studies of 4-methylimidazole in F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice are reported in NTP Toxicity Report No. 67. Genetic toxicology studies were conducted in *Salmonella typhimurium*, rat and mouse bone marrow cells, and mouse peripheral blood.

### 2-YEAR STUDY IN RATS

Groups of 50 male and 50 female rats were fed diets containing 0, 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm 4-methylimidazole (males) or 0, 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm 4-methylimidazole (females) (equivalent to average daily doses of approximately 30, 55, and 115 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg body weight to males and 60, 120, and 260 mg/kg to females) for 106 weeks. Survival of all exposed groups

of male and female rats was similar to that of the control groups. Mean body weights of males in the 1,250 and 2,500 ppm groups and females in the 2,500 and 5,000 ppm groups were less than those of the control groups throughout the study; mean body weights of 1,250 ppm females were less after week 41. Feed consumption by 5,000 ppm females was less than that by the controls. Clonic seizures, excitability, hyperactivity, and impaired gait were observed primarily in 2,500 and 5,000 ppm females.

The incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia in 5,000 ppm females was significantly greater than that in the controls, and the incidence exceeded the historical range in feed study controls. The incidences of hepatic histiocytosis, chronic inflammation, and focal fatty change were generally significantly increased in all exposed groups of male and female rats. The incidences of hepatocellular eosinophilic and mixed cell focus were significantly increased in 2,500 ppm males and 5,000 ppm females.

### 2-YEAR STUDY IN MICE

Groups of 50 male and 50 female mice were fed diets containing 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm 4-methylimidazole

(equivalent to average daily doses of approximately 40, 80, and 170 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg body weight to males and females) for 106 weeks. Survival of all exposed groups of male and female mice was similar to that of the control groups. Mean body weights of males and females in the 1,250 ppm groups were less than those of the control groups after weeks 17 and 12, respectively. Mean body weights of 312 and 625 ppm females were less after weeks 85 and 65, respectively. Feed consumption by exposed groups of male and female mice was generally similar to that by the controls.

The incidences of alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma in all exposed groups of females, alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma in 1,250 ppm males, and alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma or carcinoma (combined) in 1,250 ppm males and 625 and 1,250 ppm females were significantly greater than those in the control groups. The incidence of alveolar epithelium hyperplasia was significantly increased in 1,250 ppm females.

## GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

4-Methylimidazole was not mutagenic in the *S. typhimurium* mutation assay when tested in strains TA97,

TA98, TA100, or TA1535, with and without hamster or rat liver metabolic activation enzymes. No consistent or significant increases in the frequencies of micronucleated erythrocytes were seen in the bone marrow of male rats or mice treated with 4-methylimidazole by intraperitoneal injection, or in peripheral blood samples from male and female mice administered the compound in dosed feed for 14 weeks.

## CONCLUSIONS

Under the conditions of these 2-year feed studies, there was *no evidence of carcinogenic activity*\* of 4-methylimidazole in male F344/N rats exposed to 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm. There was *equivocal evidence of carcinogenic activity* of 4-methylimidazole in female F344/N rats based on increased incidences of mononuclear cell leukemia. There was *clear evidence of carcinogenic activity* of 4-methylimidazole in male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice based on increased incidences of alveolar/bronchiolar neoplasms.

Exposure to 4-methylimidazole resulted in nonneoplastic lesions in the liver of male and female rats and the lung of female mice and in clinical findings of neurotoxicity in female rats.

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\* Explanation of Levels of Evidence of Carcinogenic Activity is on page 10. A summary of the Technical Reports Subcommittee comments and the public discussion on this Technical Report appears on page 12.

## Summary of the 2-Year Carcinogenesis and Genetic Toxicology Studies of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                   | Male<br>F344/N Rats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Female<br>F344/N Rats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Male<br>B6C3F <sub>1</sub> Mice                                                                                                                         | Female<br>B6C3F <sub>1</sub> Mice                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Concentrations in feed</b>                     | 0, 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0, 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm                                                                                                                               | 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Body weights</b>                               | 1,250 and 2,500 ppm groups less than the control group                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1,250, 2,500, and 5,000 ppm groups less than the control group                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1,250 ppm group less than the control group                                                                                                             | 625 and 1,250 ppm groups less than the control group                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Survival rates</b>                             | 31/50, 34/50, 33/50, 32/50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 43/50, 39/50, 34/50, 35/50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 45/50, 44/50, 42/50, 46/50                                                                                                                              | 43/50, 40/50, 43/50, 40/50                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Nonneoplastic effects</b>                      | <u>Liver</u> : histiocytosis (38/50, 45/50, 50/50, 50/50); chronic inflammation (18/50, 32/50, 31/50, 36/50); hepatocyte, focal fatty change (21/50, 24/50, 37/50, 33/50); eosinophilic focus (4/50, 3/50, 7/50, 12/50); mixed cell focus (5/50, 7/50, 11/50, 27/50) | <u>Liver</u> : histiocytosis (40/50, 50/50, 48/48, 50/50); chronic inflammation (17/50, 28/50, 34/48, 35/50); hepatocyte, focal fatty change (16/50, 29/50, 29/48, 32/50); eosinophilic focus (1/50, 2/50, 5/48, 11/50); mixed cell focus (10/50, 7/50, 6/48, 18/50) | None                                                                                                                                                    | <u>Lung</u> : alveolar epithelium hyperplasia (3/50, 2/50, 3/50, 11/50)                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Neoplastic effects</b>                         | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Lung</u> : alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma (2/50, 4/50, 4/50, 8/50); alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma or carcinoma (combined) (9/50, 13/50, 16/50, 22/50) | <u>Lung</u> : alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma (0/50, 8/50, 16/50, 8/50); alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma (3/50, 0/50, 2/50, 7/50); alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma or carcinoma (combined) (3/50, 8/50, 17/50, 14/50) |
| <b>Equivocal findings</b>                         | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Mononuclear cell leukemia</u> : (9/50, 7/50, 16/50, 20/50)                                                                                                                                                                                                        | None                                                                                                                                                    | None                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Level of evidence of carcinogenic activity</b> | No evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Equivocal evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Clear evidence                                                                                                                                          | Clear evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Genetic toxicology</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> gene mutations:     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Negative in strains TA97, TA98, TA100, and TA1535 with and without S9                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Micronucleated erythrocytes                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Rat bone marrow <i>in vivo</i> :                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Negative when administered by intraperitoneal injection                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mouse bone marrow <i>in vivo</i> :                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Negative when administered by intraperitoneal injection                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mouse peripheral blood <i>in vivo</i> :           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Negative in males and females                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## 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.

For studies showing multiple chemical-related neoplastic effects that if considered individually would be assigned to different levels of evidence categories, the following convention has been adopted to convey completely the study results. In a study with clear evidence of carcinogenic activity at some tissue sites, other responses that alone might be deemed some evidence are indicated as “were also related” to chemical exposure. In studies with clear or some evidence of carcinogenic activity, other responses that alone might be termed equivocal evidence are indicated as “may have been” related to chemical exposure.

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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## SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL REPORTS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

On September 28, 2005, the draft Technical Report on the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of 4-methylimidazole received public review by the National Toxicology Program's Board of Scientific Counselors' Technical Reports Review Subcommittee. The review meeting was held at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Research Triangle Park, NC.

Dr. P.C. Chan, NIEHS, described the nomination, design, and results of the toxicology and carcinogenesis studies of 4-methylimidazole. The proposed conclusions were *no evidence of carcinogenic activity* of 4-methylimidazole in male F344/N rats exposed to 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm, *equivocal evidence of carcinogenic activity* in female F344/N rats based on increased incidences of mononuclear cell leukemia, and *clear evidence of carcinogenic activity* in male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice based on increased incidences of alveolar/bronchiolar neoplasms.

Dr. Gasiewicz, the first principal reviewer, noted this was another study where the occurrence of mononuclear cell leukemia in female rats entered into the conclusions, and he urged explanation of how the incidences in other studies and the comparison with historical rates would ensure that conclusions were consistent. He agreed with all the other conclusions and appreciated the inclusion of toxicokinetics.

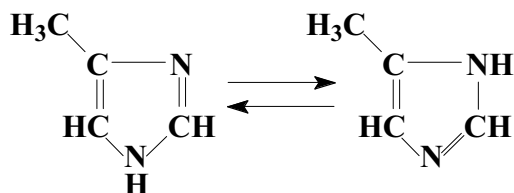
Dr. Roberts, the second reviewer, also called for consistency between studies in formulating conclusions. He felt the description of the kinetics was contradictory and thought the kinetics in rats were Michaelis-Menten rather than first-order. He found several problems with the toxicokinetic model, possibly related to assumptions made about elimination, saturation, and the time-course of absorption.

Dr. Chan explained that because the increased incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia in female rats was statistically significant but not strong, it was considered equivocal evidence. He noted also that there was an earlier onset in exposed females. Dr. Chan said there was a difference in metabolism between rats and ruminants and that metabolism may be limited in rats and absorption faster in gavage studies. Dr. J.R. Bucher, NIEHS, agreed this version of the model did not fit the data well and it would have to be revised. Dr. C.J. Portier, NIEHS, said the main discrepancy was with the chronic exposure plasma concentrations.

Dr. Crump noted this was the third study reviewed with rather similar increases in the incidences of mononuclear cell leukemia in female rats and suggested the conclusions should have been similar in all the cases, perhaps equivocal evidence. Dr. Soper agreed. Dr. Bucher explained that staff debated between some evidence and equivocal evidence and also that inhalation studies, which consistently have higher background rates for this leukemia, are considered somewhat differently from studies using other routes. Dr. Elwell said that he considered the pattern in this study at least as strong as any of the others reviewed and felt equivocal evidence was appropriate.

Dr. Gasiewicz moved, and Dr. Roberts seconded, that the conclusions be accepted as written with the addition of the word "marginally" added before the increased incidences of mononuclear cell leukemia. Dr. Crump suggested that word may not have been appropriate. Drs. Gasiewicz and Roberts agreed that the response itself was not marginal, but the basis of the equivocal conclusion seemed more about the highly variable background frequency of this lesion. Dr. Roberts moved, and Dr. Vore seconded, to remove the word marginal. The vote to accept the conclusions as originally drafted was approved unanimously with five votes.

## INTRODUCTION



### 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE

CAS No. 822-36-6

Chemical Formula:  $C_4H_6N_2$       Molecular Weight: 82.11

**Synonyms:** 1H-Imidazole, 4-methyl (9CI); imidazole, 4-methyl; 4(5)-methylglyoxaline; 4(5),4(5)-methylimidazole; 5-methylimidazole  
**Trade name:** 4-MeI

### CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

4-Methylimidazole is a light yellow, crystalline solid that is soluble in water and alcohol. It has a melting point range from 46° to 48° C and a boiling point of 263° C (MSDS, 1996).

### PRODUCTION, USE, AND HUMAN EXPOSURE

Preparation of 4-methylimidazole involves cyclocondensation of an aldehyde and ammonia with methylglyoxal. Variations include the use of ammonium carbonate or ammonium oxalate as the ammonia source and cyclocondensation of ammonia and formamide with hydroxyacetone. Another method to synthesize the compound is by catalytic dehydrogenation of imidazoline derivatives. 4-Methylimidazole may be synthesized from propanol and formamide, by catalytic cyclization of bisformamidipropene, or by photolysis of alkenyltetrazole derived from alkenes by sequential epoxidation, ring opening, and dehydration. Production figures for the compound are not available (Chemical Dynamics, Corp., 1989; NCI, 1991).

4-Methylimidazole is used as a chemical intermediate, starting material, or component in the manufacture of

pharmaceuticals, photographic and photothermographic chemicals, dyes and pigments, agricultural chemicals, and rubber. In addition, 4-methylimidazole has been investigated for use as a starting material in the synthesis of cardiovascular stimulants, epoxy resin anticholestereemics, neurotransmitter antagonists, disinfectants/antiprotozoal antiseptic agents, and aromatase inhibitors. The chemical is also used as a component in imidazole-phenoxyalkanol oven cleaners, a crosslinking agent for epoxy resin hardeners, a corrosion inhibitor for cooling water in heat exchange apparatus, a component of absorbent to remove acid gases from hydrocarbon or synthesis gas, and a starting material for inks and paper dyes (Chemical Dynamics, Corp., 1989; NCI, 1991).

4-Methylimidazole, formed by interaction of ammonia with reducing sugars, has been identified as a toxic by-product of fermentation in ammoniated hay forage for livestock animals (Ray *et al.*, 1984). Ammoniation of carbohydrate-containing material including hay to increase nonprotein nitrogen content is a common farm practice. Ammonia treatment also increases digestibility of fiber components (Waagepetersen and Vestergaard, 1977). Neurologic signs had been reported in sheep and calves of nursing cows fed ammoniated hay (Weiss *et al.*, 1986; Motoi *et al.*, 1997). The disorder included febrile, hyperexcitability, abnormal circling behavior,

and epileptoid seizures. The compound responsible for causing abnormal neurologic behavior in calves was identified as 4-methylimidazole (Motoi *et al.*, 1997).

Humans may be exposed to low levels of 4-methylimidazole in food and tobacco smoke. Muller *et al.* (1998a,b) reported alkylimidazoles including 4-methylimidazole in milk, plasma, and urine in sheep and cattle fed ammoniated forage. 4-Methylimidazole has also been identified as an undesirable by-product of fermentation in several food products including caramel coloring, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, wine, ammoniated molasses, and caramel-colored syrups (Yoshikawa and Fujiwara, 1981; Huang *et al.*, 1983; Matyasovszky and Jeszenszky, 1985; Wong and Bernhard, 1988). However, only caramel colors (caramel color III and IV) manufactured with ammonia or its salts contain measurable levels of 4-methylimidazole (Chappel and Howell, 1992). Two batches of caramel color IV used in beverages reportedly contained 110 mg and 164 mg 4-methylimidazole per kilogram (MacKenzie *et al.*, 1992). 4-Methylimidazole has also been detected in mainstream and sidestream smoke (Moree-Testa *et al.*, 1984; Sakuma *et al.*, 1984). No quantitative data on human exposure were found in the literature.

The United States Food and Drug Administration lists caramel color as “generally recognized as safe” (Chappel and Howell, 1992). A Danish law, enacted in 1976, restricted the use of caramel coloring in food and beverages, citing a cancer risk. No standards or guidelines have been set for occupational exposures or environmental levels of 4-methylimidazole in the United States.

## ABSORPTION, DISTRIBUTION, METABOLISM, AND EXCRETION

### *Experimental Animals*

There appears to have been a species difference in 4-methylimidazole disposition in previous studies.

In rats, the uptake at 5 minutes after a single 216 mg/kg intraperitoneal injection of 4-methylimidazole was highest in the intestines, followed by blood, liver, stomach, and kidney (Hidaka, 1976a). The compound was excreted unchanged in urine, beginning approximately 30 minutes after injection, and reached approximately 90% within 8 hours.

In ewes, the absorption and elimination of a single oral dose of 4-methylimidazole followed first-order kinetics. One half of an oral dose (20 mg/kg) of 4-methylimidazole was absorbed in about 27 minutes, and the maximum plasma level was reached 5 hours after oral administration (Karangwa *et al.*, 1990). The bioavailability calculated using plasma data from three ewes was 69%, and the biological half-life was 9.03 hours. Only 0.07 mg/kg of the oral dose was recovered in urine unchanged. Metabolites of 4-methylimidazole were not detected by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

In goats and heifers, the mean residence time of 4-methylimidazole administered orally or intravenously was about 5 hours, and the volume of distribution was 0.9 L/kg body weight in both goats and heifers (Nielsen *et al.*, 1993). 4-Methylimidazole and its metabolites were excreted mainly in urine, but also in milk and feces. Metabolites identified included 5-methyl hydantoin and 2-methylhydantoic acid, an unidentified metabolite, and urea. The administered 4-methylimidazole was distributed mainly to the liver, kidney, and lung. In pregnant and postpartum cows and mice, 4-methylimidazole was found in milk following oral administration (Morgan and Edwards, 1986).

Following gavage administration of 5, 50, or 150 mg/kg 4-methylimidazole to F344/N rats, peak plasma concentration was reached between 0.5, 1.0, and 3.0 hours, respectively (Yuan and Burka, 1995). At 150 mg/kg, the plasma concentration of [<sup>14</sup>C]-4-methylimidazole was almost constant during the first 5 hours after gavage; at lower doses, the decline was more rapid. The estimated terminal half-life was dose dependent. The results suggest that the elimination of parent 4-methylimidazole was saturable. Using the total urinary recovery of parent 4-methylimidazole, the estimated bioavailability was approximately 60% to 70%. Little or no metabolism of 4-methylimidazole was found. Only one minor hydrophilic metabolite was present in urine and plasma. Fecal, biliary, or respired elimination of radioactivity was negligible.

Urinary metabolites from Long-Evans rats given 490 mg/kg by intraperitoneal injection were isolated and characterized (Cowgill, 1955). 4-Hydroxymethylimidazole and 4-imidazolecarboxylic acid were identified by comparison to authentic standards (Figure 1). The aldehyde was inferred as an intermediate because the same metabolites were observed when it was injected.

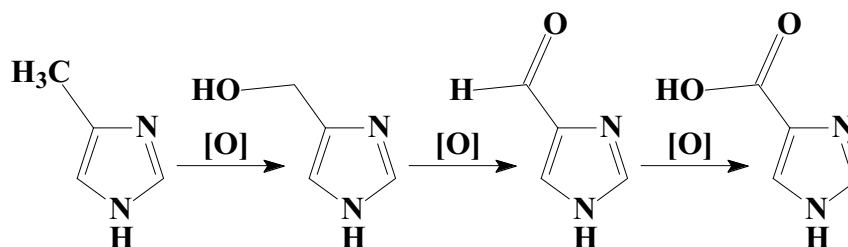


FIGURE 1  
Metabolism of 4-Methylimidazole (Cowgill, 1955)

Information on absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion in dosed feed studies are not available.

### Humans

4-Methylimidazole selectively inhibits thromboxane synthetase but shows no inhibition of arachidonic acid-induced platelet-fibrin clot retraction *in vitro* (Di Minno *et al.*, 1982). Neither 2- nor 4-methylimidazole significantly affected human platelet aggregation *in vitro*, whereas imidazole and 1-methylimidazole did (Horton *et al.*, 1983). In a study of antioxidant activity in a 2,2'-azobis 2-amidinopropane dihydrochloride-induced lipid oxidation system, 2- and 4-methylimidazole reduced the rate of phosphatidylcholine oxidation by 28% and 50%, respectively; imidazole produced a 39% reduction, and 1-methylimidazole had little antioxidant activity (Kohen *et al.*, 1988).

4-Methylimidazole is a strong inhibitor of cytochrome P450-mediated drug oxidation. The inhibitory effects can be demonstrated by hepatic metabolism of tolbutamide (measuring plasma hydroxytolbutamide concentration by HPLC) *in vivo* in adult male Wistar rats or *in vitro* with human liver microsomes. In contrast, 2-methylimidazole does not inhibit microsomal oxidation (Back and Tjia, 1985; Back *et al.*, 1988). 4-Methylimidazole also stimulated the phosphorylation of rabbit kidney (Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup>)-ATPase, while 2-methylimidazole did not (Schuurmans Stekhoven *et al.*, 1988).

## TOXICITY

### Experimental Animals

Reported LD<sub>50</sub> values are 370 mg/kg orally and 165 mg/kg intraperitoneally for mice; 120 mg/kg

intraperitoneally for rabbits; and 590 mg/kg orally and 210 mg/kg intraperitoneally for chickens (Nishie *et al.*, 1969). The LD<sub>50</sub> value of 4-methylimidazole orally administered in rats was 173 mg/kg (Hidaka, 1976b).

4-Methylimidazole has been associated with acute toxicity to foraging animals fed commercially ammoniated grasses or grains. Animals fed ammoniated feed exhibited convulsant activity including restlessness, bellowing, frothing at the mouth, and paralysis (Wiggins, 1956). Ewes fed ammoniated hay showed facial twitching and general body tremors initially, followed by opisthotonos (tetanic spasms in which the spine is fixed in an extended position) and convulsion. Death may ensue (Weiss *et al.*, 1986). Neurologic signs and convulsant activity have been observed in cattle fed ammoniated molasses (Nishie *et al.*, 1970; Morgan and Edwards, 1986). Calves nursing from cows fed ammoniated hay would run in circles and into walls and were easily excited by noise and touch (Weiss *et al.*, 1986; Perdok and Leng, 1987). 4-Methylimidazole was implicated, but not identified, for the toxicosis (Weiss *et al.*, 1986). However, in goats and heifers, intravenous administration of 20 mg/kg 4-methylimidazole induced coughing, salivation, urination, or defecation within 30 minutes; 40 to 60 mg/kg induced convulsions or clonic seizure (Nielsen *et al.*, 1993).

In mice, 4-methylimidazole has been shown to induce similar toxic neurologic effects (e.g., tremor, restlessness, running, sialorrhea, opisthotonos, Straub tail, and tonic extensor seizure) terminating in death at high doses and loss of balance at lower doses. The convulsant doses (CD<sub>50</sub>) were 360 mg/kg orally and 155 mg/kg intraperitoneally (Nishie *et al.*, 1970). Considering the oral LD<sub>50</sub> of 370 mg/kg and the intraperitoneal LD<sub>50</sub> of 165 mg/kg,

the convulsions were probably agonal rather than related to specific neurological activity. At subconvulsant doses (50 to 100 mg/kg intraperitoneally), 4-methylimidazole decreased spontaneous motor activity measured with a Woodard animal activity cage with six photocells and a circular raceway (Nishie *et al.*, 1969). Convulsions were also induced in rabbits and day old chicks by 4-methylimidazole (Nishie *et al.*, 1969). The results from mice, rabbits, and chicks suggested that 4-methylimidazole was at least partly responsible for the signs of toxicity observed in cattle fed ammoniated feeds.

4-Methylimidazole at 150 mg/kg (1,827  $\mu$ mol/kg) in mice induced convulsions, hyperactivity, tremor, opisthotonos, and Straub tail (Nishie *et al.*, 1969). Liver hypertrophy in mice following intraperitoneal administration of 4-methylimidazole has been reported (Hidaka, 1976c). 4-Methylimidazole given intraperitoneally induced aggressive behavior in male Wistar rats treated with lisuride; 4-methylimidazole was more potent than 2-methylimidazole (Ferrari *et al.*, 1987). MacKenzie *et al.* (1992) administered caramel color IV, which contained 110 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg, in drinking water to male and female F344 rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice at 0, 2.5, 5.0, or 10.0 g/kg for 24 months. No differences in overall survival, body weights, or tumor incidences were observed. The authors concluded that the no-observed-adverse-effect level (NOAEL) was 10.0 g caramel color IV/kg for rats and mice. Hargreaves *et al.* (1994) reported that 4-methylimidazole inhibited rat liver P450 2E1 activities.

The NTP conducted 15-day and 14-week dose-finding and toxicity studies of 4-methylimidazole in F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice (NTP, 2004a). In the 14-week toxicity study, male and female rats were administered 4-methylimidazole in dosed feed at 0, 625, 1,250, 2,500, 5,000, or 10,000 ppm. Survival of the exposed groups of rats was not different from that of the controls. Abnormal breathing, nasal/eye discharge, ruffled fur, tremors, and ataxia were observed in the 5,000 and 10,000 ppm groups. Final body weights were significantly lower in the 5,000 ppm males (85% of the controls) and in the 10,000 ppm males (70% of the controls) and females (63% of the controls). Feed consumption was reduced in an exposure concentration-related manner. A microcytic, normochromic, nonresponsive anemia was observed in rats exposed to 2,500 ppm or greater. 4-Methylimidazole administration affected serum triiodothyronine (T<sub>3</sub>), total thyroxine (T<sub>4</sub>), and thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) with no apparent pattern. Exposure concentration-related increases in

relative weights were observed in the kidney and liver of males and in the liver of females. Hepatocytic vacuolation indicating lipid accumulation was observed in males exposed to 1,250 ppm or greater and in females exposed to 5,000 or 10,000 ppm. The incidences of degeneration of the seminiferous tubules of the testes were increased in males exposed to 2,500 ppm or greater. Atrophy of the prostate gland was noted in males exposed to 625 ppm or greater. The incidences of prostate gland inflammation and epididymal hypospermia were significantly increased in the 10,000 ppm males. The estimated NOAEL level of 4-methylimidazole was 1,250 ppm for males and 5,000 ppm for females.

Male and female mice in the 14-week toxicity study were administered 4-methylimidazole in dosed feed at 0, 625, 1,250, 2,500, 5,000, or 10,000 ppm (NTP, 2004a). One of 10 males and seven of 10 females from the 10,000 ppm groups died early. Body weight gains of mice exposed to 1,250 ppm or greater were significantly reduced compared to the controls. Exposure concentration-related increases in relative liver weights were observed in exposed mice. Relative testis weights in males and relative kidney weights in females were higher in groups exposed to 2,500 ppm or greater. A minimal microcytic, normochromic, nonresponsive anemia was observed in females at all exposure concentrations. In males, there were transient increases in serum T<sub>4</sub> levels in the 5,000 ppm group at days 29 and 86 and exposure concentration-related increases in serum T<sub>3</sub> levels at days 8 and 29. In females, serum T<sub>4</sub> levels were lower at day 86 in the exposed groups; the levels were also significantly lower at days 8 and 29 in the 10,000 ppm group. Exposure concentration-related increases in serum T<sub>3</sub> levels were observed at days 29 and 86 in females. TSH levels were not assayed. Microscopic evaluation of tissues showed that no lesions were related to 4-methylimidazole exposure. No significant differences occurred in sperm motility or vaginal cytology parameters between exposed and control groups. The estimated NOAEL of 4-methylimidazole was 10,000 ppm for mice.

### Humans

No information on the toxicity of 4-methylimidazole in humans was found in a review of the literature.

## REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY

### Experimental Animals

Results from a 14-week toxicity study of 4-methylimidazole (625 to 10,000 ppm in feed) in F344/N rats

showed an exposure concentration-dependent degeneration of seminiferous tubules of the testes, atrophy of the prostate gland, and decreased epididymal sperm motility (NTP, 2004a). For the 2,500 ppm group, in which there were three animals with testicular degeneration and five without, both the relative and the absolute testis weights and sperm densities were correlated with this degeneration. Although decreased testis weight was associated with decreased body weight, no instances of testicular degeneration resulting from reduced body weight alone are known; therefore, the NTP concluded that 4-methylimidazole is a reproductive toxicant in male rats based on the exposure concentration-dependent testicular degeneration. Further, Adams *et al.* (1998) reported that a high dose of 4-methylimidazole (50 to 100 mg/kg) injected subcutaneously into male Sprague-Dawley rats caused decreases in luteinizing hormone secretion. 4-Methylimidazole administration also caused decreases in serum testosterone, testicular interstitial fluid testosterone concentration, and testicular interstitial fluid formation in a dose-dependent manner 2 hours after treatment. 4-Methylimidazole inhibited male fertility through suppression of testosterone secretion and testicular interstitial fluid formation. These results suggest that 4-methylimidazole disrupts pituitary luteinizing hormone secretion regulatory mechanisms.

### **Humans**

No information on the reproductive toxicity of 4-methylimidazole in humans was found in the literature.

## **CARCINOGENICITY**

No information on the carcinogenicity of 4-methylimidazole in animals or humans was found in a search of the available literature. However, in 2-year feed studies of 2-methylimidazole in male F344/N rats at exposure concentrations up to 3,000 ppm, in female F344/N rats at exposure concentrations up to 5,000 ppm, and in male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice at exposure concentrations up to 2,500 ppm, the incidences of thyroid gland follicular cell neoplasms were increased in the highest exposure concentration groups of male and female rats and male mice at the end of the studies (NTP, 2004b).

## **GENETIC TOXICITY**

No information on the mutagenicity of 4-methylimidazole was found in a search of the available literature.

## **STUDY RATIONALE**

The National Cancer Institute nominated 2- and 4-methylimidazole for study. The nomination was based on the chemical's widespread use in electronic and pharmaceutical industries, potential for widespread human exposure as contaminants in food products and in the environment, neurotoxicity in various animal species, the lack of chronic toxicity data, and a suspicion of carcinogenicity from a structure-activity standpoint. The 2-year study of 2-methylimidazole showed exposure concentration-related increases in thyroid gland follicular cell neoplasms in rats and mice.





## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### PROCUREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF 4-METHYLIMIDAZOLE

4-Methylimidazole was obtained from Sigma Chemical Company (St. Louis, MO) in one lot (116H0901). Identity and purity analyses were conducted by the analytical chemistry laboratory, Battelle Columbus Operations (Columbus, OH), Galbraith Laboratories, Inc. (Knoxville, TN), and the study laboratory, Southern Research Institute (Birmingham, AL; Appendix F). Stability analyses were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory. Reports on analyses performed in support of the 4-methylimidazole studies are on file at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The chemical, a white powder, was identified as 4-methylimidazole by infrared, ultraviolet/visible, and proton and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and melting point determination. The purity of lot 116H0901 was determined by elemental analyses, functional group titration, gas chromatography (GC), and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Karl Fischer titration indicated 0.12% water. Elemental analyses for carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen were in agreement with the theoretical values for 4-methylimidazole. Functional group titration indicated a purity of approximately 100%. GC indicated one major peak and two volatile impurities with a combined relative area of 0.7%; these impurities were not identified. HPLC detected two impurities with a combined relative area of 0.5% of the major peak. The overall purity of lot 116H0901 was determined to be greater than 99%.

Stability studies of the bulk chemical were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using GC. These studies indicated that 4-methylimidazole was stable as a bulk chemical for at least 14 days when stored in Teflon<sup>®</sup>-sealed amber glass vials at temperatures up to 60° C. To ensure stability, the bulk chemical was stored at 5° C in Teflon<sup>®</sup>-sealed containers, protected from light and moisture. Stability was monitored during the 2-year

studies using GC; no degradation of the bulk chemical was detected.

### PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF DOSE FORMULATIONS

The dose formulations were prepared every 2 weeks by mixing 4-methylimidazole with feed (Table F2). Homogeneity studies of 100 and 2,400 ppm or 300 and 5,000 ppm dose formulations were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory and the study laboratory, respectively, using HPLC. Stability studies of a 100 ppm dose formulation were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using HPLC. Homogeneity was confirmed, and stability of the dose formulations was confirmed for at least 36 days for dose formulations stored in sealed plastic containers in a refrigerator.

Periodic analyses of the dose formulations of 4-methylimidazole were conducted by the study laboratory using HPLC. The dose formulations were analyzed at least every 12 weeks (Table F3). Of the dose formulations analyzed and used, 140 of 141 for rats and all 74 for mice were within 10% of the target concentrations.

### 2-YEAR STUDIES

#### Study Design

Groups of 50 male rats were fed diets containing 0, 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm 4-methylimidazole for 106 weeks. Groups of 50 female rats were fed diets containing 0, 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm 4-methylimidazole for 106 weeks. Groups of 50 male and 50 female mice were fed diets containing 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm 4-methylimidazole for 106 weeks.

For rats in the 2-year study, the top exposure concentrations selected for males and females were 2,500 and 5,000 ppm, respectively. In 2,500 ppm male rats in the

14-week toxicity study, body weights were 95% of the controls', changes in hematology and clinical chemistry parameters were slight, absolute and relative liver weights were increased, and vacuolization was observed in hepatocytes; even though the no-observed-adverse-effect level was at 1,250 ppm, the hepatic histopathology at 2,500 ppm was not considered detrimental for a 2-year study (NTP, 2004a). In 5,000 ppm female rats in the 14-week toxicity study, body weights were 94% of the control group's, changes in hematology and clinical chemistry parameters were slight, and absolute and relative spleen weights were reduced compared to controls; there were no other organ weight or histopathologic changes.

Based on the reduced body weights observed in the 14-week toxicity study (NTP, 2004a), 1,250 ppm was selected as the highest exposure concentration for the 2-year study in mice. The top dose level was selected based on body weights in the 14-week toxicity study (NTP, 2004a). In the 1,250 ppm males and females, body weights were 93% and 88% of the controls', respectively. There were no changes in hematology, clinical chemistry, organ weights, or histopathology.

### Source and Specification of Animals

Male and female F344/N rats 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 15 days before the beginning of the studies. Five male and five female rats and mice were randomly selected for parasite evaluation and gross observation of disease. Rats and mice were approximately 6 weeks 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

Male rats were housed three per cage; male mice were housed individually, and female rats and mice were housed five per cage. Feed and water were available *ad libitum*. Feed consumption was measured by cage weekly for the first 13 weeks and every 4 weeks thereafter for rats and mice. Cages and racks were rotated every two weeks. Further details of animal maintenance are given in Table 1. Information on feed composition and contaminants is provided in Appendix H.

### Clinical Examinations and Pathology

All animals were observed twice daily. Body weights were recorded initially, weekly for the first 13 weeks,

every 4 weeks thereafter, and at the end of the studies. Clinical findings were recorded every 4 weeks.

Complete necropsies and microscopic examinations were performed on all rats and mice. 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 (except eyes initially fixed in Davidson's solution), processed and trimmed, embedded in paraffin, sectioned to a thickness of 5  $\mu$ m, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for microscopic examination. For all paired organs (e.g., adrenal gland, kidney, ovary), samples from each organ were 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 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 histotechnique was evaluated. For the 2-year studies, a quality assessment pathologist evaluated slides from all tumors and all potential target organs, which included the bone marrow, liver, lung, pituitary gland, spleen, and thyroid gland of male and female rats; the kidney and prostate gland of male rats; the eye, heart, ovary, pancreas, and uterus of female rats; the lung, mesenteric lymph node, and thyroid gland of male and female mice; the adrenal gland, kidney, and preputial gland of male mice; and the mandibular lymph node and mammary gland of female mice. In addition, selected brain slides corresponding to neurological clinical signs exhibited by female rats were evaluated during the peer review process.

The quality assessment report and the reviewed slides were submitted to the NTP Pathology Working Group (PWG) chairperson, who reviewed the selected tissues and addressed any inconsistencies in the diagnoses made by the laboratory and quality assessment pathologists. Representative histopathology slides containing examples of lesions related to chemical administration, examples of disagreements in diagnoses between the laboratory and quality assessment pathologists, or lesions of general interest were presented by the chairperson 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. Final diagnoses for reviewed lesions represent a consensus between the laboratory pathologist, reviewing patholo-

gist(s), 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 decision of whether to evaluate the diagnosed lesions for each tissue type separately or combined was generally based on the guidelines of McConnell *et al.* (1986).

**TABLE 1**  
**Experimental Design and Materials and Methods in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

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**Study Laboratory**

Southern Research Institute (Birmingham, AL)

**Strain and Species**

F344/N rats

B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice

**Animal Source**

Taconic Farms, Inc. (Germantown, NY)

**Time Held Before Studies**

15 days

**Average Age When Studies Began**

6 weeks

**Date of First Exposure**

Rats: January 20, 2000

Mice: February 3, 2000

**Duration of Exposure**

106 weeks

**Date of Last Exposure**

Rats: January 25, 2002

Mice: February 8, 2002

**Necropsy Dates**

Rats: January 17 to 25, 2002

Mice: January 31 to February 8, 2002

**Average Age at Necropsy**

111 weeks

**Size of Study Groups**

50 males and 50 females

**Method of Distribution**

Animals were distributed randomly into groups of approximately equal initial mean body weights.

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**Experimental Design and Materials and Methods in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

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**Animals per Cage**

Rats: 3 (males) or 5 (females)

Mice: 1 (males) or 5 (females)

**Method of Animal Identification**

Tail tattoo

**Diet**

Irradiated NTP-2000 open formula meal (Zeigler Brothers, Inc., Gardners, PA), available *ad libitum*

**Water**

Tap water (Birmingham, AL, municipal supply) via automatic watering system (Edstrom Industries, Inc., Waterford, WI), available *ad libitum*

**Cages**

Solid bottomed polycarbonate (Lab Products, Inc., Maywood, NJ), changed once (male mice) or twice weekly

**Bedding**

Heat-treated, irradiated hardwood chips (P.J. Murphy Forest Products Corp., Montville, NJ), changed once (male mice) or twice weekly

**Cage Filters**

Reemay<sup>®</sup> spun-bonded polyester (Andico, Birmingham, AL), changed every 2 weeks

**Racks**

Stainless steel (Lab Products, Inc., Maywood, NJ), changed every 2 weeks

**Animal Room Environment**

Temperature: 72° ± 3° F

Relative humidity: 50% ± 15%

Room fluorescent light: 12 hours/day

Room air changes: 15-30/hour

**Exposure Concentrations**

Rats: 0, 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm (males) or 0, 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm (females) in feed, available *ad libitum*

Mice: 0, 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm in feed, available *ad libitum*

**Type and Frequency of Observation**

Observed twice daily; animals were weighed initially, weekly for 13 weeks then every 4 weeks, and at the end of the studies; clinical findings were recorded every 4 weeks. Feed consumption was recorded weekly for 13 weeks then every 4 weeks for a 7-day period.

**Method of Sacrifice**

CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation

**Necropsy**

Necropsies were performed on all animals.

**Histopathology**

Complete histopathology was performed on all rats and mice at the end of the studies. In addition to gross lesions and tissue masses, the following tissues were examined: adrenal gland, bone with marrow, brain, clitoral gland, esophagus, eye, gallbladder (mice only), harderian gland, heart, large intestine (cecum, colon, rectum), small intestine (duodenum, jejunum, ileum), kidney, liver, lung with mainstem bronchi, lymph nodes (mandibular and mesenteric), mammary gland, nose, ovary, pancreas, parathyroid gland, pituitary gland, preputial gland, prostate gland, salivary gland, skin, spleen, stomach (forestomach and glandular), testis (with epididymis and seminal vesicle), thymus, thyroid gland, trachea, urinary bladder, and uterus. In addition, spinal cord and sciatic nerve were examined in exposed female rats that displayed clinical signs of possible neurotoxicity and corresponding tissue samples for comparison from five terminally sacrificed control female rats.

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## 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 missing 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 are presented in Tables A1, A4, B1, B5, C1, C5, D1, and D5 as the numbers of animals bearing such lesions at a specific anatomic site and the numbers 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. This survival-adjusted rate (based on the Poly-3 method described below) accounts for differential mortality by assigning a reduced risk of neoplasm, proportional to the third power of the fraction of time on study, only to site-specific, lesion-free animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice.

### Analysis of Neoplasm and Nonneoplastic Lesion Incidences

The Poly-k test (Bailer and Portier, 1988; Portier and Bailer, 1989; Piegorsch and Bailer, 1997) was used to assess neoplasm and nonneoplastic lesion prevalence. This test is a survival-adjusted quantal-response procedure that modifies the Cochran-Armitage linear trend test to take survival differences into account. More specifically, this method modifies the denominator in the quantal estimate of lesion incidence to approximate more closely the total number of animal years at risk.

For analysis of a given site, each animal is assigned a risk weight. This value is one if the animal had a lesion at that site or if it survived until terminal sacrifice; if the animal died prior to terminal sacrifice and did not have a lesion at that site, its risk weight is the fraction of the entire study time that it survived, raised to the  $k$ th power.

This method yields a lesion prevalence rate that depends only on the choice of a shape parameter for a Weibull hazard function describing cumulative lesion incidence over time (Bailer and Portier, 1988). Unless otherwise specified, a value of  $k=3$  was used in the analysis of site-specific lesions. This value was recommended by Bailer and Portier (1988) following an evaluation of neoplasm onset time distributions for a variety of site-specific neoplasms in control F344 rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice (Portier *et al.*, 1986). Bailer and Portier (1988) showed that the Poly-3 test gave valid results if the true value of  $k$  was anywhere in the range from 1 to 5. A further advantage of the Poly-3 method is that it does not require lesion lethality assumptions. Variation introduced by the use of risk weights, which reflect differential mortality, was accommodated by adjusting the variance of the Poly-3 statistic as recommended by Bieler and Williams (1993).

Tests of significance included pairwise comparisons of each exposed group with controls and a test for an overall exposure-related trend. Continuity-corrected Poly-3 tests were used in the analysis of lesion incidence, and reported P values are one sided. The significance of lower incidences or decreasing trends in lesions is represented as  $1-P$  with the letter N added (e.g.,  $P=0.99$  is presented as  $P=0.01N$ ).

### Analysis of Continuous Variables

Average severity values were analyzed for significance with the Mann-Whitney U test (Hollander and Wolfe, 1973).

### Historical Control Data

The concurrent control group represents the most valid comparison to the treated groups and is the only control group analyzed statistically in NTP bioassays. However, historical control data are often helpful in interpreting potential treatment-related effects, particularly for uncommon or rare neoplasm types. For meaningful comparisons, the conditions for studies in the historical database must be generally similar. One significant factor affecting the background incidence of neoplasms at a variety of sites is diet. In 1995, the NTP incorporated a new diet (NTP-2000) that contains less protein

and more fiber and fat than the NIH-07 diet previously used in toxicity and carcinogenicity studies (Rao, 1996, 1997). The current NTP historical database contains all studies that use the NTP-2000 diet with histopathology findings completed up to the present. A second potential source of variability is route of administration. In general, the historical database for a given study will include studies using the same route of administration, and the overall incidences of neoplasms for all routes of administration are included for comparison, including the present study.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE METHODS

The 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 covered completeness and accuracy of the pathology data, pathology specimens, final pathology tables, and a draft of this NTP Technical Report. 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, and all comments were resolved or otherwise addressed during the preparation of this Technical Report.

## GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

The genetic toxicity of 4-methylimidazole was assessed by testing the ability of the chemical to induce mutations in various strains of *Salmonella typhimurium*, micronucleated erythrocytes in rat and mouse bone marrow, and increases in the frequency of micronucleated erythrocytes in mouse peripheral blood. Micronuclei (literally “small nuclei” or Howell-Jolly bodies) are biomarkers of induced structural or numerical chromosomal alterations and are formed when acentric fragments or whole chromosomes fail to incorporate into either of two daughter nuclei during cell division (Schmid, 1975; Heddle *et al.*, 1983). The protocols for these studies and the results are given in Appendix E.

The genetic toxicity studies have evolved from an earlier effort by the NTP to develop a comprehensive database

permitting a critical anticipation of a chemical’s carcinogenicity in experimental animals based on numerous considerations, including the molecular structure of the chemical and its observed effects in short-term *in vitro* and *in vivo* genetic toxicity tests (structure-activity relationships). The short-term tests were originally developed to clarify proposed mechanisms of chemical-induced DNA damage based on the relationship between electrophilicity and mutagenicity (Miller and Miller, 1977) and the somatic mutation theory of cancer (Straus, 1981; Crawford, 1985). However, it should be noted that not all cancers arise through genotoxic mechanisms.

DNA reactivity combined with *Salmonella* mutagenicity is highly correlated with induction of carcinogenicity in multiple species/sexes of rodents and at multiple tissue sites (Ashby and Tennant, 1991). A positive response in the *Salmonella* test was shown to be the most predictive *in vitro* indicator for rodent carcinogenicity (89% of the *Salmonella* mutagens are rodent carcinogens) (Tennant *et al.*, 1987; Zeiger *et al.*, 1990). Additionally, no battery of tests that included the *Salmonella* test improved the predictivity of the *Salmonella* test alone. However, these other tests can provide useful information on the types of DNA and chromosomal damage induced by the chemical under investigation.

The predictivity for carcinogenicity of a positive response in acute *in vivo* bone marrow chromosome aberration or micronucleus tests appears to be less than that in the *Salmonella* test (Shelby *et al.*, 1993; Shelby and Witt, 1995). However, clearly positive results in long-term peripheral blood micronucleus tests have high predictivity for rodent carcinogenicity (Witt *et al.*, 2000); negative results in this assay do not correlate well with either negative or positive results in rodent carcinogenicity studies. Because of the theoretical and observed associations between induced genetic damage and adverse effects in somatic and germ cells, the determination of *in vivo* genetic effects is important to the overall understanding of the risks associated with exposure to a particular chemical. Most organic chemicals that are identified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer as human carcinogens, other than hormones, are genotoxic. The vast majority of these are detected by both the *Salmonella* assay and rodent bone marrow cytogenetics tests (Shelby, 1988; Shelby and Zeiger, 1990).

## RESULTS

### RATS

#### *Survival*

Estimates of 2-year survival probabilities for male and female rats are shown in Table 2 and in the Kaplan-Meier survival curves (Figure 2). Survival of all exposed groups of male and female rats was similar to that of the control groups.

#### *Body Weights, Feed and Compound Consumption, and Clinical Findings*

Mean body weights of males in the 1,250 and 2,500 ppm groups and females in the 2,500 and 5,000 ppm groups were less than those of the control groups throughout the study; mean body weights of 1,250 ppm females were less after week 41 (Tables 3 and 4; Figure 3). Feed consumption by exposed groups of males was generally similar to that by the controls (Table G1). However, feed consumption by 5,000 ppm females was less than that by the controls (Table G2). Dietary concentrations of 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm for males and 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm for females resulted in average daily doses of approximately 30, 55, and 115 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg body weight to males and 60, 120, and 260 mg/kg to females.

Clonic seizures, excitability, hyperactivity, and impaired gait were observed in 5,000 ppm females; some of these clinical findings were also observed in the lower exposed groups at greater frequencies than in the controls (Table 5). The study laboratory performed a histopathologic examination of brain, spinal cord, and sciatic nerve from 82 females; 77 displayed clinical signs of possible neurotoxicity (two from the 1,250 ppm group, 25 from the 2,500 ppm group, and 50 from the 5,000 ppm group), and five control animals were evaluated for comparison. As part of the pathology peer review, a neuropathologic evaluation of 10 5,000 ppm and 10 control females was performed. FluoroJade B (a fluorescent marker for neuronal degeneration) staining was conducted on five 5,000 ppm and five control females to identify any subtle antemortem neuronal changes that may not have been readily apparent during evaluation of the standard sections stained with H&E. Positive controls used for comparison were from a previous study in which neuronal necrosis was detected (Morgan *et al.*, 2004). H&E and FluoroJade B staining did not confirm morphologic neural correlates for the neurologic signs exhibited.

**TABLE 2**  
**Survival of Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                              | 0 ppm           | 625 ppm   | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>Male</b>                                                  |                 |           |           |                 |
| Animals initially in study                                   | 50              | 50        | 50        | 50              |
| Moribund                                                     | 13              | 11        | 12        | 10              |
| Natural deaths                                               | 6               | 5         | 5         | 8               |
| Animals surviving to study termination                       | 31              | 34        | 33        | 32              |
| Percent probability of survival at end of study <sup>a</sup> | 62              | 68        | 66        | 64              |
| Mean survival (days)                                         | 701             | 681       | 695       | 689             |
| Survival analysis <sup>c</sup>                               | P=0.964         | P=0.842N  | P=0.926N  | P=1.000         |
|                                                              | 0 ppm           | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm       |
| <b>Female</b>                                                |                 |           |           |                 |
| Animals initially in study                                   | 50              | 50        | 50        | 50              |
| Moribund                                                     | 5               | 5         | 5         | 9               |
| Natural deaths                                               | 2               | 6         | 11        | 6               |
| Animals surviving to study termination                       | 43 <sup>d</sup> | 39        | 34        | 35 <sup>e</sup> |
| Percent probability of survival at end of study              | 86              | 78        | 68        | 70              |
| Mean survival (days)                                         | 697             | 701       | 684       | 691             |
| Survival analysis                                            | P=0.078         | P=0.449   | P=0.060   | P=0.099         |

<sup>a</sup> Kaplan-Meier determinations

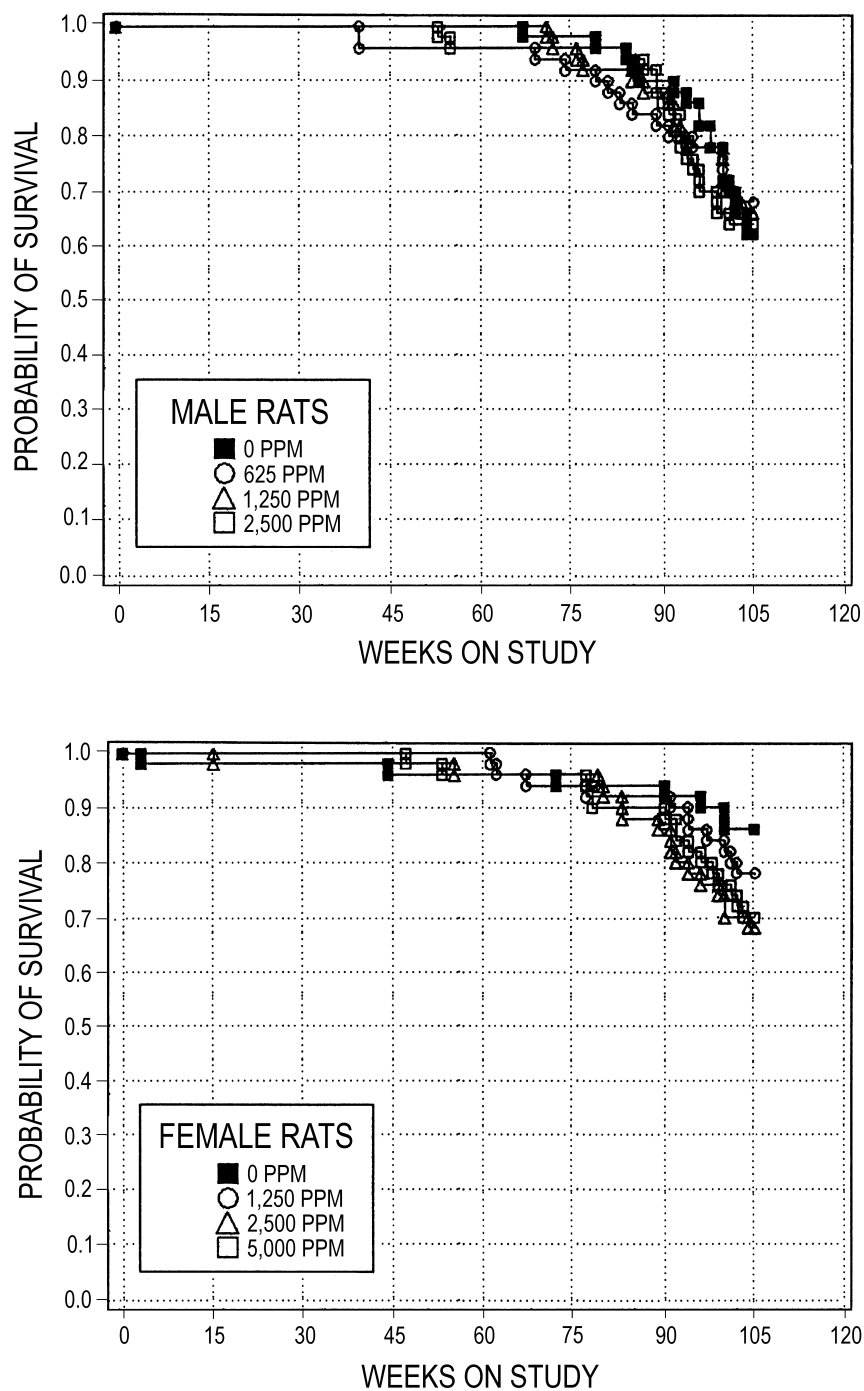
<sup>b</sup> Mean of all deaths (uncensored, censored, and terminal sacrifice)

<sup>c</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 exposed group columns. A lower mortality in an exposed group is indicated by N.

<sup>d</sup> Includes three animals that died during the last week of the study

<sup>e</sup> Includes two animals that died during the last week of the study





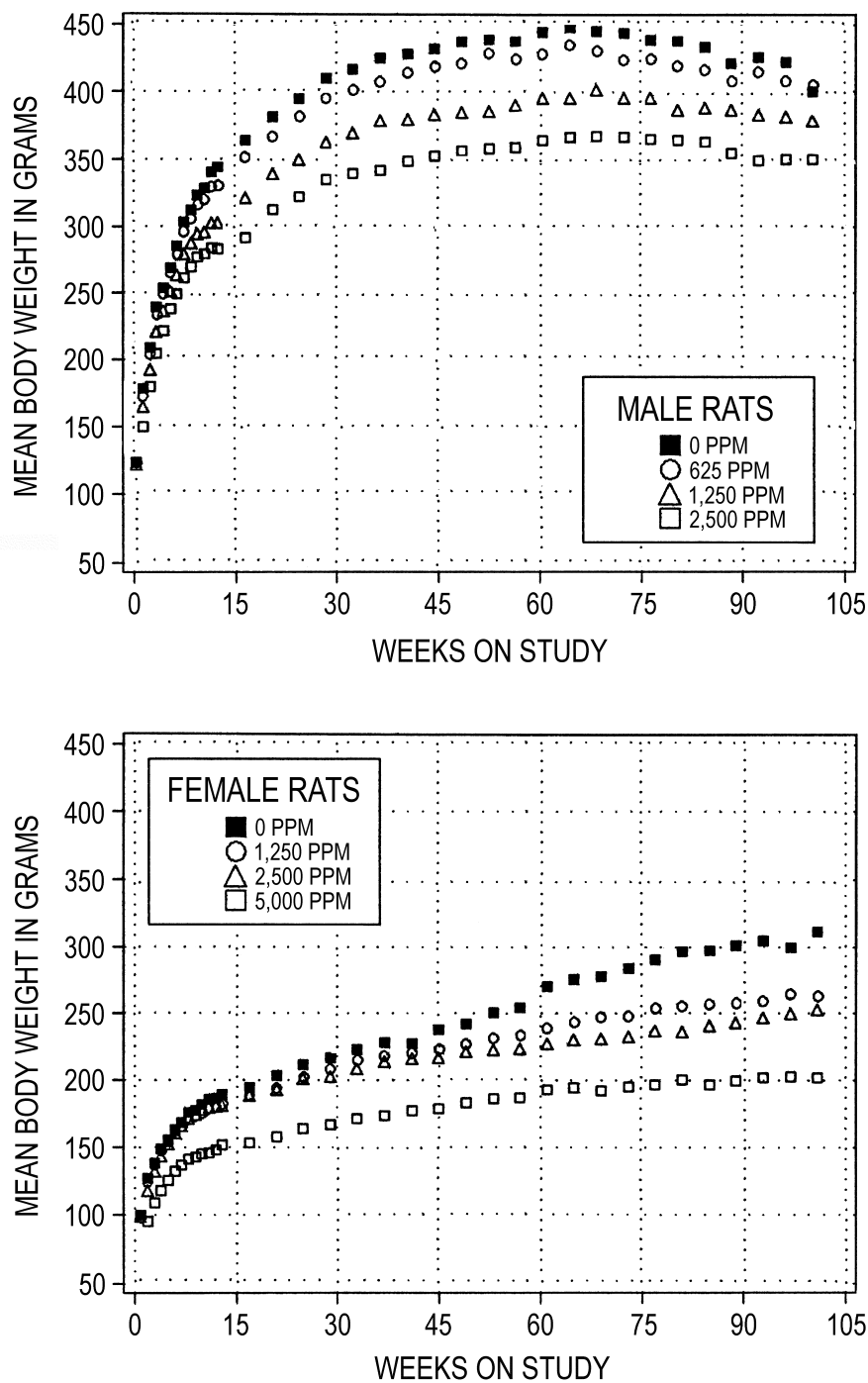
**FIGURE 2**  
**Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves for Male and Female Rats Exposed to 4-Methylimidazole in Feed for 2 Years**

**TABLE 3**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Weeks<br>on<br>Study  | 0 ppm          |                     | 625 ppm        |                        |                     | 1,250 ppm      |                        |                     | 2,500 ppm      |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors |
| 1                     | 124            | 50                  | 124            | 100                    | 50                  | 123            | 99                     | 50                  | 124            | 100                    | 50                  |
| 2                     | 179            | 50                  | 173            | 97                     | 50                  | 165            | 92                     | 50                  | 151            | 84                     | 50                  |
| 3                     | 210            | 50                  | 205            | 98                     | 50                  | 193            | 92                     | 50                  | 180            | 86                     | 50                  |
| 4                     | 240            | 50                  | 235            | 98                     | 50                  | 221            | 92                     | 50                  | 205            | 85                     | 50                  |
| 5                     | 255            | 50                  | 250            | 98                     | 50                  | 237            | 93                     | 50                  | 223            | 87                     | 50                  |
| 6                     | 270            | 50                  | 266            | 99                     | 50                  | 252            | 94                     | 50                  | 239            | 89                     | 50                  |
| 7                     | 286            | 50                  | 280            | 98                     | 50                  | 265            | 93                     | 50                  | 250            | 88                     | 50                  |
| 8                     | 304            | 50                  | 297            | 98                     | 50                  | 280            | 92                     | 50                  | 262            | 86                     | 50                  |
| 9                     | 313            | 50                  | 307            | 98                     | 50                  | 288            | 92                     | 50                  | 270            | 86                     | 50                  |
| 10                    | 324            | 50                  | 317            | 98                     | 50                  | 295            | 91                     | 50                  | 278            | 86                     | 50                  |
| 11                    | 330            | 50                  | 321            | 97                     | 50                  | 297            | 90                     | 50                  | 280            | 85                     | 50                  |
| 12                    | 342            | 50                  | 331            | 97                     | 50                  | 304            | 89                     | 50                  | 285            | 83                     | 50                  |
| 13                    | 345            | 50                  | 332            | 96                     | 50                  | 303            | 88                     | 50                  | 284            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 17                    | 365            | 50                  | 352            | 97                     | 50                  | 322            | 88                     | 50                  | 292            | 80                     | 50                  |
| 21                    | 382            | 50                  | 368            | 96                     | 50                  | 340            | 89                     | 50                  | 313            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 25                    | 395            | 50                  | 383            | 97                     | 50                  | 351            | 89                     | 50                  | 323            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 29                    | 410            | 50                  | 396            | 96                     | 50                  | 363            | 89                     | 50                  | 336            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 33                    | 418            | 50                  | 402            | 96                     | 50                  | 370            | 89                     | 50                  | 340            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 37                    | 426            | 50                  | 408            | 96                     | 50                  | 379            | 89                     | 50                  | 343            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 41                    | 429            | 50                  | 415            | 97                     | 48                  | 380            | 89                     | 50                  | 349            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 45                    | 433            | 50                  | 419            | 97                     | 48                  | 384            | 89                     | 50                  | 353            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 49                    | 437            | 50                  | 421            | 96                     | 48                  | 385            | 88                     | 50                  | 357            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 53                    | 440            | 50                  | 429            | 98                     | 48                  | 386            | 88                     | 50                  | 359            | 82                     | 50                  |
| 57                    | 438            | 50                  | 425            | 97                     | 48                  | 390            | 89                     | 50                  | 359            | 82                     | 48                  |
| 61                    | 445            | 50                  | 428            | 96                     | 48                  | 396            | 89                     | 50                  | 364            | 82                     | 48                  |
| 65                    | 448            | 50                  | 435            | 97                     | 48                  | 396            | 88                     | 50                  | 366            | 82                     | 48                  |
| 69                    | 445            | 49                  | 430            | 97                     | 47                  | 402            | 90                     | 50                  | 367            | 82                     | 48                  |
| 73                    | 444            | 49                  | 424            | 96                     | 47                  | 395            | 89                     | 48                  | 366            | 83                     | 48                  |
| 77                    | 438            | 49                  | 425            | 97                     | 46                  | 396            | 90                     | 47                  | 365            | 83                     | 48                  |
| 81                    | 438            | 48                  | 419            | 96                     | 45                  | 386            | 88                     | 46                  | 364            | 83                     | 48                  |
| 85                    | 433            | 46                  | 416            | 96                     | 42                  | 388            | 90                     | 46                  | 362            | 84                     | 47                  |
| 89                    | 421            | 45                  | 408            | 97                     | 41                  | 387            | 92                     | 44                  | 354            | 84                     | 46                  |
| 93                    | 426            | 44                  | 414            | 97                     | 40                  | 383            | 90                     | 41                  | 349            | 82                     | 42                  |
| 97                    | 422            | 41                  | 408            | 97                     | 39                  | 381            | 90                     | 39                  | 350            | 83                     | 35                  |
| 101                   | 400            | 36                  | 405            | 101                    | 35                  | 378            | 95                     | 36                  | 350            | 87                     | 32                  |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |
| 1-13                  | 271            |                     | 264            | 97                     |                     | 248            | 92                     |                     | 233            | 86                     |                     |
| 14-52                 | 411            |                     | 396            | 96                     |                     | 364            | 89                     |                     | 334            | 81                     |                     |
| 53-101                | 434            |                     | 420            | 97                     |                     | 390            | 90                     |                     | 360            | 83                     |                     |

**TABLE 4**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Weeks<br>on<br>Study  | 0 ppm          |                     | 1,250 ppm      |                        |                     | 2,500 ppm      |                        |                     | 5,000 ppm      |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors |
| 1                     | 100            | 50                  | 98             | 98                     | 50                  | 100            | 99                     | 50                  | 99             | 99                     | 50                  |
| 2                     | 127            | 50                  | 124            | 98                     | 50                  | 118            | 93                     | 50                  | 96             | 75                     | 50                  |
| 3                     | 138            | 49                  | 137            | 99                     | 50                  | 133            | 96                     | 50                  | 109            | 79                     | 50                  |
| 4                     | 149            | 49                  | 148            | 100                    | 50                  | 144            | 97                     | 50                  | 118            | 79                     | 50                  |
| 5                     | 156            | 49                  | 155            | 100                    | 50                  | 152            | 98                     | 50                  | 126            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 6                     | 163            | 49                  | 162            | 99                     | 50                  | 161            | 99                     | 50                  | 132            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 7                     | 169            | 49                  | 166            | 98                     | 50                  | 166            | 99                     | 50                  | 137            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 8                     | 176            | 49                  | 172            | 98                     | 50                  | 172            | 98                     | 50                  | 142            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 9                     | 177            | 49                  | 173            | 98                     | 50                  | 175            | 99                     | 50                  | 143            | 81                     | 50                  |
| 10                    | 182            | 49                  | 176            | 97                     | 50                  | 178            | 98                     | 50                  | 145            | 80                     | 50                  |
| 11                    | 186            | 49                  | 178            | 96                     | 50                  | 180            | 97                     | 50                  | 146            | 79                     | 50                  |
| 12                    | 187            | 49                  | 180            | 96                     | 50                  | 181            | 97                     | 50                  | 149            | 80                     | 50                  |
| 13                    | 190            | 49                  | 182            | 96                     | 50                  | 181            | 95                     | 50                  | 152            | 80                     | 50                  |
| 17                    | 194            | 49                  | 189            | 97                     | 50                  | 189            | 97                     | 49                  | 154            | 79                     | 50                  |
| 21                    | 204            | 49                  | 194            | 95                     | 50                  | 193            | 95                     | 49                  | 158            | 77                     | 50                  |
| 25                    | 212            | 49                  | 202            | 96                     | 50                  | 202            | 95                     | 49                  | 164            | 77                     | 50                  |
| 29                    | 217            | 49                  | 209            | 96                     | 50                  | 203            | 93                     | 49                  | 167            | 77                     | 50                  |
| 33                    | 223            | 49                  | 215            | 96                     | 50                  | 209            | 94                     | 49                  | 172            | 77                     | 50                  |
| 37                    | 229            | 49                  | 218            | 96                     | 50                  | 215            | 94                     | 49                  | 174            | 76                     | 50                  |
| 41                    | 228            | 49                  | 220            | 97                     | 50                  | 216            | 95                     | 49                  | 178            | 78                     | 50                  |
| 45                    | 238            | 48                  | 223            | 94                     | 50                  | 217            | 91                     | 49                  | 179            | 75                     | 50                  |
| 49                    | 242            | 48                  | 227            | 94                     | 50                  | 221            | 91                     | 49                  | 183            | 76                     | 49                  |
| 53                    | 251            | 48                  | 232            | 93                     | 50                  | 224            | 89                     | 49                  | 187            | 75                     | 48                  |
| 57                    | 255            | 48                  | 234            | 92                     | 50                  | 224            | 88                     | 48                  | 187            | 74                     | 48                  |
| 61                    | 270            | 48                  | 239            | 89                     | 49                  | 227            | 84                     | 48                  | 193            | 72                     | 48                  |
| 65                    | 275            | 48                  | 244            | 89                     | 48                  | 231            | 84                     | 48                  | 195            | 71                     | 48                  |
| 69                    | 278            | 48                  | 248            | 89                     | 47                  | 232            | 83                     | 48                  | 192            | 69                     | 48                  |
| 73                    | 284            | 47                  | 248            | 87                     | 47                  | 233            | 82                     | 48                  | 195            | 69                     | 48                  |
| 77                    | 291            | 47                  | 254            | 88                     | 46                  | 237            | 82                     | 48                  | 197            | 68                     | 48                  |
| 81                    | 296            | 47                  | 256            | 86                     | 46                  | 237            | 80                     | 46                  | 200            | 68                     | 45                  |
| 85                    | 297            | 47                  | 258            | 87                     | 46                  | 241            | 81                     | 44                  | 197            | 66                     | 45                  |
| 89                    | 301            | 47                  | 258            | 86                     | 46                  | 244            | 81                     | 43                  | 200            | 67                     | 45                  |
| 93                    | 305            | 46                  | 259            | 85                     | 45                  | 247            | 81                     | 40                  | 202            | 66                     | 42                  |
| 97                    | 300            | 45                  | 265            | 88                     | 42                  | 250            | 84                     | 38                  | 203            | 68                     | 40                  |
| 101                   | 311            | 43                  | 264            | 85                     | 40                  | 253            | 81                     | 35                  | 202            | 65                     | 37                  |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |
| 1-13                  | 162            |                     | 158            | 98                     |                     | 157            | 97                     |                     | 130            | 80                     |                     |
| 14-52                 | 221            |                     | 211            | 95                     |                     | 207            | 94                     |                     | 170            | 77                     |                     |
| 53-101                | 286            |                     | 251            | 88                     |                     | 237            | 83                     |                     | 196            | 69                     |                     |



**FIGURE 3**  
**Growth Curves for Male and Female Rats Exposed to 4-Methylimidazole in Feed for 2 Years**

**TABLE 5**  
**Neurological Clinical Findings in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>**

|                 | 0 ppm | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Clonic Seizures | 0/50  | 0/50      | 21/50     | 36/50     |
| Excitability    | 0/50  | 2/50      | 9/50      | 50/50     |
| Hyperactive     | 0/50  | 0/50      | 0/50      | 5/50      |
| Impaired Gait   | 1/50  | 0/50      | 4/50      | 49/50     |

<sup>a</sup> Number of rats with clinical finding per number of rats in the exposure group

### ***Toxicokinetics***

After a single gavage dose of 4-methylimidazole (10, 50, or 100 mg/kg) to male and female F344/N rats, the plasma concentration versus time data can be described by a one-compartment model with no lag phase and first-order absorption and elimination for both males and females (Appendix J). The absorption half-life ranged from 5 to 23 minutes and decreased with dose (Table J1). The elimination half-life ranged from 1 to 8 hours and increased with dose. The plasma concentration versus time data following intravenous administration of 10 mg/kg 4-methylimidazole (Appendix K) was described as a one-compartment model with first-order elimination. From comparisons of the area under the concentration versus time curves for the two routes of

administration, bioavailability was determined to range from approximately 85% to 145%; because it increased with dose, this may indicate saturation of first-pass processes. However, plasma concentrations from the dosed feed study at 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm in male rats (Figures K7, K8, and K9, respectively) and at 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 ppm in female rats (Figures K10, K11, and K12, respectively) did not show an increase with time, implying no saturation with dosed feed exposure was reached. The gavage bolus data generated from the single gavage administration did not predict the outcome of the dosed feed study. Probably, the slow absorption in the feed study would not allow the concentration to reach the saturation point. Tissue levels were not measured.

### Pathology and Statistical Analyses

This section describes the statistically significant or biologically noteworthy changes in the incidences of mononuclear cell leukemia and neoplasms and/or non-neoplastic lesions of the liver, prostate gland, pituitary gland, thyroid gland, lung, heart, pancreas, adrenal medulla, clitoral gland, mammary gland, and uterus. Summaries of the incidences of neoplasms and nonneoplastic lesions, individual animal tumor diagnoses, statistical analyses of primary neoplasms that occurred with an incidence of at least 5% in at least one animal group, and historical incidences for the neoplasms mentioned in this section are presented in Appendix A for male rats and Appendix B for female rats.

**Mononuclear cell leukemia:** The incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia in 5,000 ppm females was significantly greater than that in the controls, and the incidence

exceeded the historical range in feed study controls given NTP-2000 diet (Tables 6, B1, B3, and B4). Mononuclear cell leukemia is a common finding with highly variable incidences in F344/N rats used in 2-year NTP studies and may have been exacerbated by 4-methylimidazole treatment, as the onset in 5,000 ppm females was earlier (day 368) than in control females (day 624).

**Liver:** The incidences of histiocytosis were significantly greater in all exposed groups of male and female rats than in the control groups, and the severities increased with increasing exposure concentration (Tables 7, A4, and B5). Histologically, this lesion in exposed animals was randomly distributed throughout the hepatic parenchyma and characterized by focal to multifocal clusters of enlarged histiocytes with prominent foamy cytoplasm often containing vacuoles and/or cleft-like

**TABLE 6**  
**Incidences of Mononuclear Cell Leukemia in Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                        | 0 ppm       | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Male</b>                            |             |             |             |             |
| Mononuclear Cell Leukemia <sup>a</sup> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate <sup>b</sup>              | 15/50 (30%) | 18/50 (36%) | 22/50 (44%) | 20/50 (40%) |
| Adjusted rate <sup>c</sup>             | 31.9%       | 39.5%       | 46.2%       | 42.2%       |
| Terminal rate <sup>d</sup>             | 5/31 (16%)  | 9/34 (27%)  | 12/33 (36%) | 7/32 (22%)  |
| First incidence (days)                 | 582         | 567         | 493         | 584         |
| Poly-3 test <sup>e</sup>               | P=0.184     | P=0.292     | P=0.110     | P=0.205     |
|                                        | 0 ppm       | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm   | 5,000 ppm   |
| <b>Female</b>                          |             |             |             |             |
| Mononuclear Cell Leukemia <sup>f</sup> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                           | 9/50 (18%)  | 7/50 (14%)  | 16/50 (32%) | 20/50 (40%) |
| Adjusted rate                          | 19.1%       | 14.8%       | 34.5%       | 41.7%       |
| Terminal rate                          | 7/43 (16%)  | 4/39 (10%)  | 7/34 (21%)  | 11/35 (31%) |
| First incidence (days)                 | 624         | 434         | 578         | 368         |
| Poly-3 test                            | P<0.001     | P=0.386N    | P=0.073     | P=0.013     |

<sup>a</sup> Historical incidence for 2-year feed study controls given NTP-2000 diet (mean ± standard deviation): 246/510 (46.8% ± 13.0%); range, 30%-68%

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with neoplasm per number of animals necropsied

<sup>c</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>e</sup> Beneath the control incidence is the P value associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice. A lower incidence in an exposure group is indicated by N.

<sup>f</sup> Historical incidence: 121/510 (23.8% ± 9.1%); range, 12%-38%

**TABLE 7**  
**Incidences of Nonneoplastic Lesions of the Liver in Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                 | 0 ppm                 | 625 ppm    | 1,250 ppm  | 2,500 ppm  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Male</b>                     |                       |            |            |            |
| Number Examined Microscopically | 50                    | 50         | 50         | 50         |
| Histiocytosis <sup>a</sup>      | 38 (1.1) <sup>b</sup> | 45* (1.4)  | 50** (1.9) | 50** (2.3) |
| Inflammation, Chronic           | 18 (1.1)              | 32** (1.2) | 31** (1.3) | 36** (1.3) |
| Hepatocyte, Fatty Change, Focal | 21 (1.5)              | 24 (1.8)   | 37** (1.9) | 33** (2.5) |
| Eosinophilic Focus              | 4                     | 3          | 7          | 12*        |
| Mixed Cell Focus                | 5                     | 7          | 11         | 27**       |
|                                 | 0 ppm                 | 1,250 ppm  | 2,500 ppm  | 5,000 ppm  |
| <b>Female</b>                   |                       |            |            |            |
| Number Examined Microscopically | 50                    | 50         | 48         | 50         |
| Histiocytosis                   | 40 (1.0)              | 50** (1.3) | 48** (1.9) | 50** (2.5) |
| Inflammation, Chronic           | 17 (1.2)              | 28* (1.5)  | 34** (1.8) | 35** (1.7) |
| Hepatocyte, Fatty Change, Focal | 16 (1.2)              | 29** (1.6) | 29** (2.0) | 32** (2.2) |
| Clear Cell Focus                | 20                    | 32**       | 23         | 27         |
| Eosinophilic Focus              | 1                     | 2          | 5          | 11**       |
| Mixed Cell Focus                | 10                    | 7          | 6          | 18*        |

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Poly-3 test

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

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

<sup>b</sup> Average severity grade of lesions in affected animals: 1=minimal, 2=mild, 3=moderate, 4=marked

spaces (Plate 1). Occasional syncytial cells were present. In control animals, the histiocytes occurred primarily as scattered individual cells and rarely as clusters. The cytoplasm of these cells was foamy, and cleft-like spaces were absent (Plate 2). Electron microscopy confirmed the light microscopic findings. The contents of the cleft-like spaces could not be determined.

Incidences of chronic inflammation of the liver in all exposed groups of rats were significantly greater than those in the controls (Tables 7, A4, and B5). Microscopically, there were small, focal accumulations of macrophages with granular cytoplasm surrounded by variable numbers of lymphoid cells within the hepatic parenchyma (Plate 3). Foci of chronic inflammation are commonly seen in the F344/N rat liver as a background change resulting from bacterial showering from the intestinal tract; however, incidences in all exposed groups may have been increased by 4-methylimidazole treatment.

There were significant increases in the incidences of hepatocytic focal fatty change in 1,250 and 2,500 ppm males and all exposed groups of females, and the severities increased with increasing exposure concentration (Tables 7, A4, and B5). This diagnosis was made when there were distinct foci of vacuolated hepatocytes (more than 10) in which 80% or more of the cell appeared to contain lipid.

In 2,500 ppm males and 5,000 ppm females, the incidences of eosinophilic and mixed cell foci (mixture of eosinophilic and clear cells in which no one cell type exceeds 80%) were significantly increased. In females, there was a significant increase in the incidence of clear cell focus in the 1,250 ppm group. In general, these foci consisted of enlarged hepatocytes with altered tinctorial characteristics of the cytoplasm that usually did not compress the surrounding parenchyma. Occasionally, larger foci were multilobular, contained biliary structures, and compressed the adjacent liver, but there was no loss of normal hepatic architecture.

*Other organs (increased incidences of nonneoplastic lesions):* There were statistically significant increased incidences of nonneoplastic lesions in the prostate gland, pituitary gland (pars distalis), and thyroid gland of exposed groups of male rats (Tables 8 and A4) and in the thyroid gland, lung, heart, and pancreas of exposed groups of female rats (Tables 8 and B5). The biological significance of these increases is not certain. However, these lesions are common background changes in F344/N rats that may have been exacerbated by 4-methylimidazole exposure.

The incidence of mild chronic inflammation was significantly increased in the prostate gland of 2,500 ppm males. Interstitial and intraluminal infiltrates of

small numbers of mononuclear cells characterized this lesion.

In the pituitary gland (pars distalis), the incidences of focal hypertrophy in 1,250 and 2,500 ppm males were significantly greater than those in the controls. This cellular alteration was characterized by small foci of enlarged, lightly eosinophilic cells with round vesicular nuclei.

The incidence of follicle mineralization was significantly increased in the thyroid gland of 5,000 ppm females. This lesion consisted of one to two small basophilic (mineralized) structures within the follicle lumen. In the thyroid gland of 2,500 ppm males, the

**TABLE 8**  
**Increased Incidences of Selected Nonneoplastic Lesions in Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                    | 0 ppm                 | 625 ppm    | 1,250 ppm  | 2,500 ppm  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Male</b>                        |                       |            |            |            |
| Prostate Gland <sup>a</sup>        | 50                    | 50         | 50         | 49         |
| Inflammation, Chronic <sup>b</sup> | 27 (1.7) <sup>c</sup> | 24 (2.0)   | 28 (1.6)   | 36* (2.0)  |
| Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis)    | 49                    | 49         | 48         | 48         |
| Hypertrophy, Focal                 | 8 (1.8)               | 9 (1.6)    | 20** (1.8) | 22** (2.0) |
| Thyroid Gland                      | 47                    | 46         | 48         | 44         |
| Follicle Cyst                      | 0                     | 3          | 1          | 5*         |
|                                    | 0 ppm                 | 1,250 ppm  | 2,500 ppm  | 5,000 ppm  |
| <b>Female</b>                      |                       |            |            |            |
| Thyroid Gland                      | 47                    | 44         | 40         | 45         |
| Follicle Mineralization            | 2 (1.0)               | 7 (1.0)    | 6 (1.0)    | 19** (1.0) |
| Lung                               | 50                    | 50         | 50         | 50         |
| Inflammation, Chronic, Focal       | 25 (1.1)              | 40** (1.2) | 39** (1.0) | 43** (1.2) |
| Heart                              | 50                    | 50         | 48         | 50         |
| Cardiomyopathy                     | 30 (1.3)              | 43** (1.5) | 38** (1.8) | 44** (1.9) |
| Pancreas                           | 49                    | 49         | 47         | 47         |
| Acinus, Atrophy, Focal             | 13 (1.3)              | 22* (1.7)  | 26** (1.8) | 30** (1.7) |

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Poly-3 test

\*\*  $P \leq 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals with tissue 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



incidence of follicle cyst was significantly greater than that in the controls. A few dilated follicles (greater than 300 µm) lined by flattened cuboidal epithelium and distended by normal colloid characterized this lesion.

In the lung, significantly increased incidences of focal chronic inflammation occurred in all exposed groups of females. Histologically, this lesion was of minimal severity and characterized by very small, focal, subpleural accumulations of macrophages and/or mixed inflammatory cells within alveoli.

In the heart, the incidences of cardiomyopathy of generally minimal severity were significantly increased in all exposed groups of females. This lesion was characterized by small focal accumulations of mononuclear cells and occasional degenerative myocardial fibers.

In all exposed groups of females, there were significantly increased incidences of minimal pancreatic focal acinar atrophy. Microscopically, there was a slight reduction in the number of acini, which were small and lined by flattened epithelial cells with a loss of acidophilic granules.

*Other organs (decreased incidences of neoplasms):* There were statistically significant decreases in the incidences of neoplasms of the pituitary gland (pars distalis) and adrenal medulla in exposed groups of males (Tables 9, A1, and A3) and in the pituitary gland

(pars distalis), clitoral gland, mammary gland, and uterus in exposed groups of females (Tables 9, B1, and B3). These incidences in the exposed groups were either below the historical control ranges or at the lower end of the historical control ranges in feed study controls given NTP-2000 diet (Table 9).

In the pituitary gland (pars distalis), the incidences of adenoma in 2,500 ppm males and 1,250 and 5,000 ppm females were significantly less than those in the controls. The decreased incidences of these neoplasms in males and females were probably related in part to lower body weights. Similar decreased incidences of pituitary gland (pars distalis) adenoma were reported in 5,000 ppm females in the 2-methylimidazole study (NTP, 2004b).

In the adrenal medulla, significantly decreased incidences of benign, complex, or malignant pheochromocytoma (combined) occurred in 1,250 and 2,500 ppm males.

In all exposed groups of females, the incidences of clitoral gland adenoma, mammary gland fibroadenoma, and uterine stromal polyp were significantly less than those in the control group. Similar decreased incidences of clitoral gland adenoma and mammary gland fibroadenoma were reported in 5,000 ppm females from the 2-year 2-methylimidazole carcinogenesis study (NTP, 2004b).

**TABLE 9**  
**Decreased Incidences of Neoplasms in Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                                                         | 0 ppm       | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Male</b>                                                                             |             |             |             |            |
| Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma <sup>a</sup>                                   |             |             |             |            |
| Overall rate <sup>b</sup>                                                               | 16/49 (33%) | 13/49 (27%) | 10/48 (21%) | 7/48 (15%) |
| Adjusted rate <sup>c</sup>                                                              | 34.5%       | 29.8%       | 23.3%       | 16.1%      |
| Terminal rate <sup>d</sup>                                                              | 10/31 (32%) | 10/33 (30%) | 10/32 (31%) | 6/32 (19%) |
| First incidence (days)                                                                  | 464         | 477         | 729 (T)     | 384        |
| Poly-3 test <sup>e</sup>                                                                | P=0.022N    | P=0.402N    | P=0.176N    | P=0.037N   |
| Adrenal Medulla: Benign, Complex, or Malignant Pheochromocytoma (Combined) <sup>f</sup> |             |             |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                                            | 10/50 (20%) | 6/50 (12%)  | 3/50 (6%)   | 3/50 (6%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                                           | 22.0%       | 13.8%       | 6.8%        | 6.8%       |
| Terminal rate                                                                           | 8/31 (26%)  | 3/34 (9%)   | 3/33 (9%)   | 2/32 (6%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                                  | 685         | 700         | 729 (T)     | 607        |
| Poly-3 test                                                                             | P=0.019N    | P=0.234N    | P=0.037N    | P=0.039N   |

**TABLE 9**  
**Decreased Incidences of Neoplasms in Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                              | 0 ppm       | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm      | 5,000 ppm  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| <b>Female</b>                                                |             |             |                |            |
| Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma <sup>g</sup>        |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 29/48 (60%) | 19/50 (38%) | 20/50 (40%)    | 9/50 (18%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 62.1%       | 40.7%       | 44.7%          | 20.0%      |
| Terminal rate                                                | 25/42 (60%) | 15/39 (39%) | 17/34 (50%)    | 6/35 (17%) |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 498         | 636         | 555            | 642        |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.029N    | P=0.068N       | P<0.001N   |
| Clitoral Gland: Adenoma <sup>h</sup>                         |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 8/50 (16%)  | 1/50 (2%)   | 0/50 (0%)      | 0/50 (0%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 17.0%       | 2.2%        | 0.0%           | 0.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 6/43 (14%)  | 0/39 (0%)   | 0/34 (0%)      | 0/35 (0%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 624         | 434         | — <sup>i</sup> | —          |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.017N    | P=0.005N       | P=0.005N   |
| Mammary Gland: Fibroadenoma (includes multiple) <sup>j</sup> |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 24/50 (48%) | 6/50 (12%)  | 4/50 (8%)      | 1/50 (2%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 51.0%       | 13.1%       | 9.1%           | 2.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 22/43 (51%) | 6/39 (15%)  | 4/34 (12%)     | 1/35 (3%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 624         | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N       | P<0.001N   |
| Uterus: Stromal Polyp <sup>k</sup>                           |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 16/50 (32%) | 5/50 (10%)  | 2/50 (4%)      | 2/50 (4%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 33.6%       | 10.9%       | 4.6%           | 4.5%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 14/43 (33%) | 4/39 (10%)  | 2/34 (6%)      | 2/35 (6%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 302         | 677         | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.007N    | P<0.001N       | P<0.001N   |

(T) Terminal sacrifice

<sup>a</sup> Historical incidence for 2-year feed study controls given NTP-2000 diet (mean ± standard deviation): 110/506 (22.6% ± 6.0%); range, 17%-33%

<sup>b</sup> Number of animals with neoplasm per number of animals necropsied (mammary gland and uterus) or number of animals with tissue microscopically examined (pituitary gland, adrenal gland, and clitoral gland)

<sup>c</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>e</sup> Beneath the control incidence are the P values associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice. A negative trend or a lower incidence in an exposure group is indicated by N.

<sup>f</sup> Historical incidence: 55/510 (11.6% ± 5.5%); range, 5%-20%

<sup>g</sup> Historical incidence: 190/507 (39.1% ± 10.9%); range, 29%-60%

<sup>h</sup> Historical incidence: 55/503 (11.0% ± 6.5%); range, 2%-20%

<sup>i</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

<sup>j</sup> Historical incidence: 237/510 (44.8% ± 11.1%); range, 28%-55%

<sup>k</sup> Historical incidence: 90/510 (17.9% ± 6.5%); range, 12%-32%

## MICE

### *Survival*

Estimates of 2-year survival probabilities for male and female mice are shown in Table 10 and in the Kaplan-Meier survival curves (Figure 4). Survival of all exposed groups of male and female mice was similar to that of the control groups.

### *Body Weights, Feed and Compound Consumption, and Clinical Findings*

Mean body weights of males and females in the 1,250 ppm groups were less than those in the control groups after weeks 17 and 12, respectively (Tables 11 and 12; Figure 5). Mean body weights of 312 and 625 ppm females were less after weeks 85 and 65, respectively. Feed consumption by exposed groups of males and females was generally similar to that by the controls (Tables H3 and H4). Dietary levels of 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm resulted in average daily doses of approximately 40, 80, and 170 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg body weight to males and females. No clinical findings in

exposed groups of male or female mice were considered to be related to chemical exposure.

### *Toxicokinetics*

After a single gavage dose of 4-methylimidazole (10, 50, or 100 mg/kg) to male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice, the plasma concentration versus time data can be described by a one-compartment model with no lag phase and first-order absorption and elimination for both males and females (Appendix J). The absorption half-life ranged from 2 to 5 minutes and declined with dose (Table J2). The elimination half-life ranged from 21 to 87 minutes and increased with dose. The plasma concentration versus time data following intravenous administration of 10 mg/kg 4-methylimidazole (Appendix K) was described as a one-compartment model with first-order elimination. From comparisons of the area under the concentration versus time curves for the two routes of administration, bioavailability was determined to vary from approximately 76% to 182%, and it increased with dose. Clearance rates decreased with dose but were comparable between male and female mice.

**TABLE 10**  
**Survival of Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                              | 0 ppm           | 312 ppm | 625 ppm         | 1,250 ppm       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Male</b>                                                  |                 |         |                 |                 |
| Animals initially in study                                   | 50              | 50      | 50              | 50              |
| Other <sup>a</sup>                                           | 0               | 0       | 0               | 1               |
| Moribund                                                     | 1               | 0       | 0               | 3               |
| Natural deaths                                               | 4               | 6       | 8               | 0               |
| Animals surviving to study termination                       | 45 <sup>c</sup> | 44      | 42              | 46              |
| Percent probability of survival at end of study <sup>b</sup> | 90              | 88      | 84              | 94              |
| Mean survival (days) <sup>c</sup>                            | 717             | 714     | 700             | 721             |
| Survival analysis <sup>d</sup>                               | P=0.631N        | P=0.990 | P=0.514         | P=0.735N        |
| <b>Female</b>                                                |                 |         |                 |                 |
| Animals initially in study                                   | 50              | 50      | 50              | 50              |
| Moribund                                                     | 3               | 4       | 3               | 2               |
| Natural deaths                                               | 4               | 6       | 4               | 8               |
| Animals surviving to study termination                       | 43 <sup>e</sup> | 40      | 43 <sup>f</sup> | 40 <sup>e</sup> |
| Percent probability of survival at end of study              | 86              | 80      | 86              | 80              |
| Mean survival (days)                                         | 702             | 716     | 717             | 703             |
| Survival analysis                                            | P=0.635         | P=0.635 | P=1.000N        | P=0.601         |

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

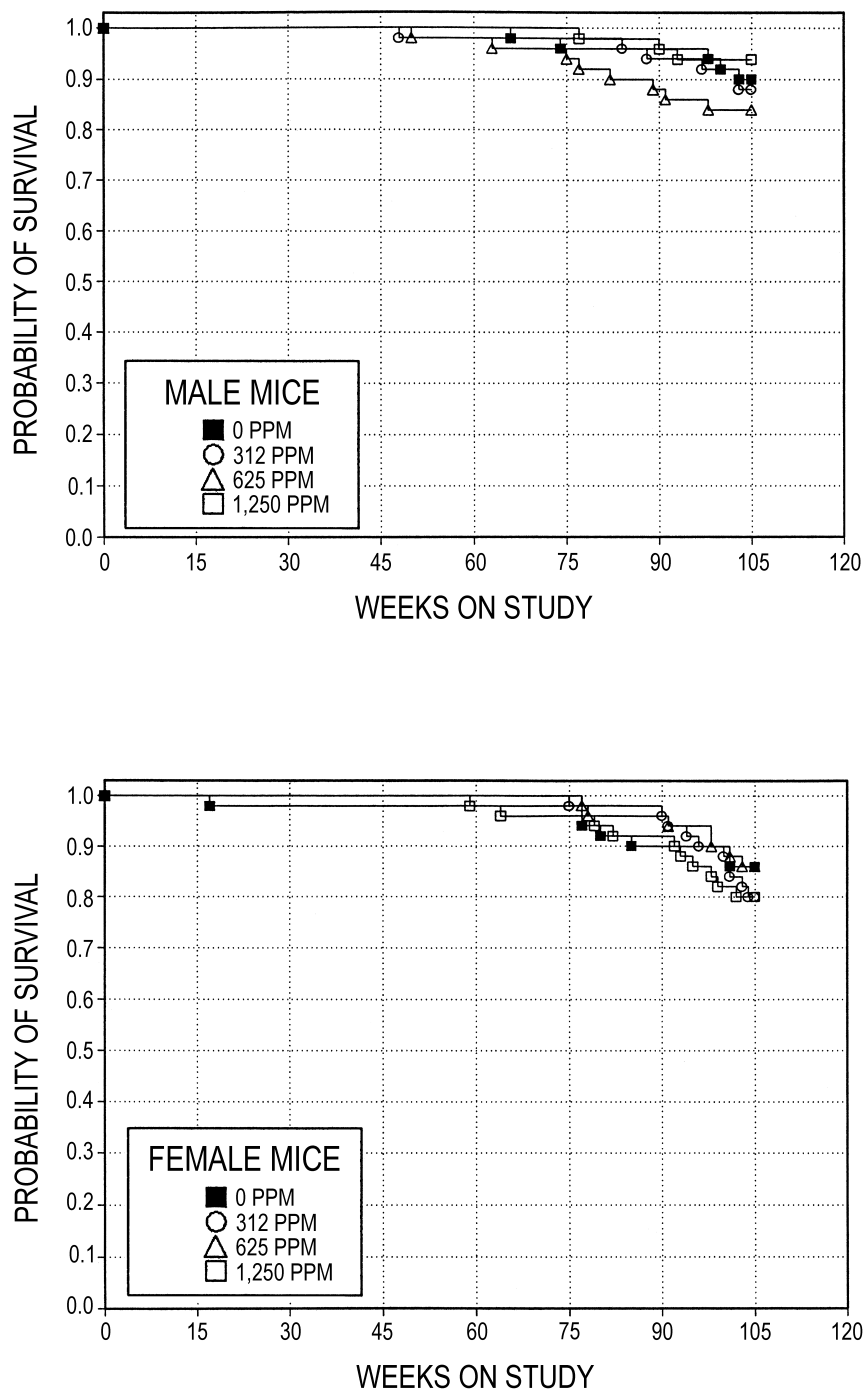
<sup>b</sup> Kaplan-Meier determinations

<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 exposed group columns. A negative trend or a lower mortality in an exposure group is indicated by N.

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

<sup>f</sup> Includes two animals that died during the last week of the study



**FIGURE 4**  
**Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves for Male and Female Mice Exposed to 4-Methylimidazole in Feed for 2 Years**

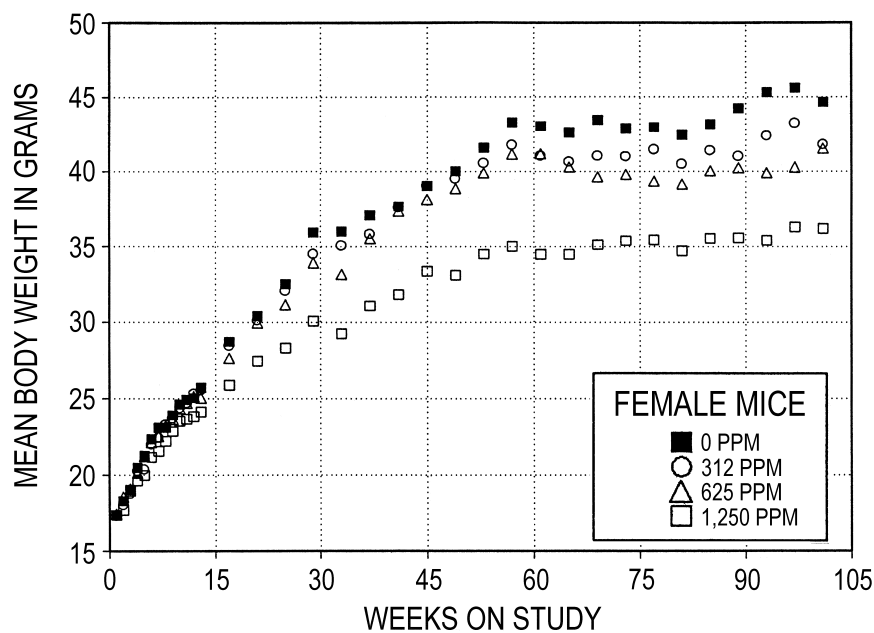
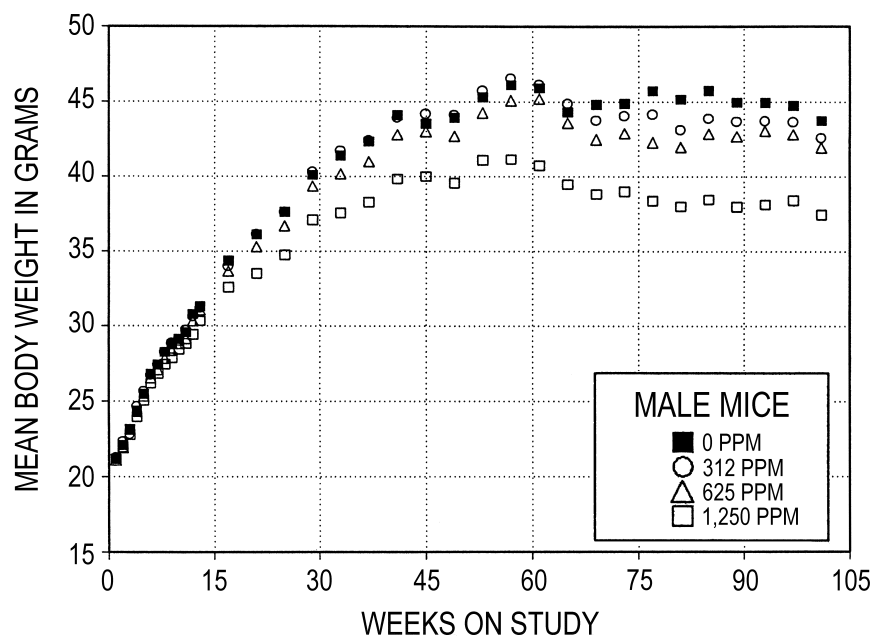
**TABLE 11**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Weeks<br>on<br>Study  | 0 ppm          |                     | 312 ppm        |                        |                     | 625 ppm        |                        |                     | 1,250 ppm      |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors |
| 1                     | 21.2           | 50                  | 21.3           | 101                    | 50                  | 21.1           | 100                    | 50                  | 21.2           | 100                    | 50                  |
| 2                     | 22.1           | 50                  | 22.3           | 101                    | 50                  | 21.9           | 99                     | 50                  | 22.0           | 100                    | 50                  |
| 3                     | 23.2           | 50                  | 22.8           | 98                     | 50                  | 23.1           | 100                    | 50                  | 22.8           | 98                     | 50                  |
| 4                     | 24.4           | 50                  | 24.7           | 101                    | 50                  | 24.3           | 100                    | 50                  | 24.0           | 98                     | 50                  |
| 5                     | 25.5           | 50                  | 25.7           | 101                    | 50                  | 25.3           | 99                     | 50                  | 25.0           | 98                     | 50                  |
| 6                     | 26.8           | 50                  | 26.7           | 100                    | 50                  | 26.6           | 99                     | 50                  | 26.2           | 98                     | 50                  |
| 7                     | 27.4           | 50                  | 27.4           | 100                    | 50                  | 27.1           | 99                     | 50                  | 26.8           | 98                     | 50                  |
| 8                     | 28.3           | 50                  | 28.3           | 100                    | 50                  | 27.8           | 98                     | 50 <sup>a</sup>     | 27.5           | 97                     | 50                  |
| 9                     | 28.8           | 50                  | 28.9           | 100                    | 50                  | 28.4           | 99                     | 50                  | 27.9           | 97                     | 50                  |
| 10                    | 29.1           | 50                  | 29.1           | 100                    | 50                  | 28.8           | 99                     | 50                  | 28.4           | 98                     | 50                  |
| 11                    | 29.6           | 50                  | 29.7           | 100                    | 50                  | 29.1           | 98                     | 50                  | 28.8           | 97                     | 50                  |
| 12                    | 30.8           | 50                  | 30.6           | 99                     | 50                  | 30.3           | 98                     | 50                  | 29.4           | 96                     | 50                  |
| 13                    | 31.3           | 50                  | 31.2           | 100                    | 50                  | 31.0           | 99                     | 50                  | 30.3           | 97                     | 50                  |
| 17                    | 34.4           | 50                  | 34.0           | 99                     | 50                  | 33.6           | 98                     | 50                  | 32.6           | 95                     | 50                  |
| 21                    | 36.1           | 50                  | 36.1           | 100                    | 50                  | 35.3           | 98                     | 50                  | 33.5           | 93                     | 50                  |
| 25                    | 37.6           | 50                  | 37.6           | 100                    | 50                  | 36.7           | 98                     | 50                  | 34.7           | 92                     | 50                  |
| 29                    | 40.1           | 50                  | 40.3           | 101                    | 50                  | 39.3           | 98                     | 50                  | 37.1           | 93                     | 50                  |
| 33                    | 41.4           | 50                  | 41.7           | 101                    | 50                  | 40.2           | 97                     | 50                  | 37.5           | 91                     | 50                  |
| 37                    | 42.3           | 50                  | 42.4           | 100                    | 50                  | 41.0           | 97                     | 50                  | 38.3           | 91                     | 50                  |
| 41                    | 44.1           | 50                  | 43.9           | 100                    | 50                  | 42.8           | 97                     | 50                  | 39.8           | 90                     | 50                  |
| 45                    | 43.5           | 50                  | 44.2           | 102                    | 50                  | 43.0           | 99                     | 50                  | 40.0           | 92                     | 50                  |
| 49                    | 43.9           | 50                  | 44.1           | 101                    | 49                  | 42.7           | 97                     | 50                  | 39.5           | 90                     | 50                  |
| 53                    | 45.3           | 50                  | 45.7           | 101                    | 49                  | 44.2           | 98                     | 49                  | 41.1           | 91                     | 49                  |
| 57                    | 46.1           | 50                  | 46.5           | 101                    | 49                  | 45.1           | 98                     | 49                  | 41.1           | 89                     | 49                  |
| 61                    | 45.9           | 50                  | 46.1           | 100                    | 49                  | 45.2           | 99                     | 49                  | 40.7           | 89                     | 49                  |
| 65                    | 44.3           | 50                  | 44.9           | 101                    | 49                  | 43.6           | 98                     | 48                  | 39.5           | 89                     | 49                  |
| 69                    | 44.8           | 49                  | 43.7           | 98                     | 49                  | 42.5           | 95                     | 48                  | 38.8           | 87                     | 49                  |
| 73                    | 44.9           | 49                  | 44.1           | 98                     | 49                  | 42.9           | 96                     | 48                  | 39.0           | 87                     | 49                  |
| 77                    | 45.7           | 48                  | 44.2           | 97                     | 49                  | 42.3           | 93                     | 47                  | 38.4           | 84                     | 49                  |
| 81                    | 45.2           | 48                  | 43.1           | 95                     | 49                  | 42.0           | 93                     | 46                  | 38.0           | 84                     | 48                  |
| 85                    | 45.7           | 48                  | 43.9           | 96                     | 48                  | 42.9           | 94                     | 45                  | 38.4           | 84                     | 48                  |
| 89                    | 45.0           | 48                  | 43.7           | 97                     | 47                  | 42.7           | 95                     | 45                  | 38.0           | 84                     | 48                  |
| 93                    | 44.9           | 48                  | 43.7           | 97                     | 47                  | 43.0           | 96                     | 43                  | 38.1           | 85                     | 47                  |
| 97                    | 44.7           | 48                  | 43.7           | 98                     | 47                  | 42.8           | 96                     | 43                  | 38.4           | 86                     | 46                  |
| 101                   | 43.7           | 46                  | 42.6           | 98                     | 46                  | 41.9           | 96                     | 42                  | 37.4           | 86                     | 46                  |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |
| 1-13                  | 26.8           |                     | 26.8           | 100                    |                     | 26.5           | 99                     |                     | 26.2           | 98                     |                     |
| 14-52                 | 40.4           |                     | 40.5           | 100                    |                     | 39.4           | 98                     |                     | 37.0           | 92                     |                     |
| 53-101                | 45.1           |                     | 44.3           | 98                     |                     | 43.2           | 96                     |                     | 39.0           | 87                     |                     |

<sup>a</sup> The number of male mice weighed for this week is less than the number of male mice surviving.

**TABLE 12**  
**Mean Body Weights and Survival of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Weeks<br>on<br>Study  | 0 ppm          |                     | 312 ppm        |                        |                     | 625 ppm        |                        |                     | 1,250 ppm      |                        |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                       | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors | Av. Wt.<br>(g) | Wt. (% of<br>controls) | No. of<br>Survivors |
| 1                     | 17.4           | 50                  | 17.3           | 99                     | 50                  | 17.4           | 100                    | 50                  | 17.4           | 100                    | 50                  |
| 2                     | 18.3           | 50                  | 18.0           | 98                     | 50                  | 18.6           | 102                    | 50                  | 17.7           | 97                     | 50                  |
| 3                     | 19.0           | 50                  | 18.8           | 99                     | 50                  | 19.1           | 101                    | 50                  | 18.9           | 100                    | 50                  |
| 4                     | 20.5           | 50                  | 20.3           | 99                     | 50                  | 20.1           | 98                     | 50                  | 19.6           | 96                     | 50                  |
| 5                     | 21.3           | 50                  | 20.4           | 96                     | 50                  | 21.2           | 100                    | 50                  | 20.0           | 94                     | 50                  |
| 6                     | 22.3           | 50                  | 22.0           | 99                     | 50                  | 22.2           | 100                    | 50                  | 21.2           | 95                     | 50                  |
| 7                     | 23.1           | 50                  | 22.5           | 97                     | 50                  | 22.5           | 97                     | 50                  | 21.6           | 94                     | 50                  |
| 8                     | 23.1           | 50                  | 23.3           | 101                    | 50                  | 23.2           | 100                    | 50                  | 22.2           | 96                     | 50                  |
| 9                     | 23.9           | 50                  | 23.7           | 99                     | 50                  | 23.6           | 99                     | 50                  | 22.9           | 96                     | 50                  |
| 10                    | 24.6           | 50                  | 24.4           | 99                     | 50                  | 24.3           | 99                     | 50                  | 23.5           | 96                     | 50                  |
| 11                    | 24.9           | 50                  | 24.7           | 99                     | 50                  | 24.7           | 99                     | 50                  | 23.7           | 95                     | 50                  |
| 12                    | 25.0           | 50                  | 25.3           | 101                    | 50                  | 25.1           | 100                    | 50                  | 23.8           | 95                     | 50                  |
| 13                    | 25.7           | 50                  | 25.5           | 99                     | 50                  | 25.1           | 98                     | 50                  | 24.1           | 94                     | 50                  |
| 17                    | 28.7           | 49                  | 28.5           | 99                     | 50                  | 27.6           | 96                     | 50                  | 25.9           | 90                     | 50                  |
| 21                    | 30.4           | 49                  | 30.1           | 99                     | 50                  | 30.0           | 99                     | 50                  | 27.5           | 91                     | 50                  |
| 25                    | 32.5           | 49                  | 32.1           | 99                     | 50                  | 31.2           | 96                     | 50                  | 28.3           | 87                     | 50                  |
| 29                    | 35.9           | 49                  | 34.5           | 96                     | 50                  | 33.9           | 94                     | 50                  | 30.1           | 84                     | 50                  |
| 33                    | 36.0           | 49                  | 35.1           | 98                     | 50                  | 33.1           | 92                     | 50                  | 29.3           | 81                     | 50                  |
| 37                    | 37.1           | 49                  | 35.8           | 97                     | 50                  | 35.5           | 96                     | 50                  | 31.1           | 84                     | 50                  |
| 41                    | 37.7           | 49                  | 37.6           | 100                    | 50                  | 37.4           | 99                     | 50                  | 31.8           | 84                     | 50                  |
| 45                    | 39.0           | 49                  | 39.0           | 100                    | 50                  | 38.1           | 98                     | 50                  | 33.4           | 86                     | 50                  |
| 49                    | 40.0           | 49                  | 39.5           | 99                     | 50                  | 38.9           | 97                     | 50                  | 33.1           | 83                     | 50                  |
| 53                    | 41.6           | 49                  | 40.6           | 98                     | 50                  | 39.9           | 96                     | 50                  | 34.5           | 83                     | 50                  |
| 57                    | 43.3           | 49                  | 41.8           | 97                     | 50                  | 41.2           | 95                     | 50                  | 35.0           | 81                     | 50                  |
| 61                    | 43.0           | 49                  | 41.1           | 96                     | 50                  | 41.2           | 96                     | 50                  | 34.5           | 80                     | 49                  |
| 65                    | 42.6           | 49                  | 40.7           | 96                     | 50                  | 40.3           | 95                     | 50                  | 34.5           | 81                     | 48                  |
| 69                    | 43.4           | 49                  | 41.1           | 95                     | 50                  | 39.6           | 91                     | 50                  | 35.1           | 81                     | 48                  |
| 73                    | 42.9           | 49                  | 41.0           | 96                     | 50                  | 39.8           | 93                     | 50                  | 35.4           | 83                     | 48                  |
| 77                    | 42.9           | 49                  | 41.5           | 97                     | 49                  | 39.3           | 92                     | 50                  | 35.4           | 83                     | 48                  |
| 81                    | 42.5           | 46                  | 40.5           | 95                     | 49                  | 39.1           | 92                     | 48                  | 34.7           | 82                     | 47                  |
| 85                    | 43.1           | 46                  | 41.4           | 96                     | 49                  | 40.0           | 93                     | 48                  | 35.5           | 82                     | 46                  |
| 89                    | 44.2           | 45                  | 41.0           | 93                     | 49                  | 40.2           | 91                     | 48                  | 35.6           | 81                     | 46                  |
| 93                    | 45.3           | 45                  | 42.4           | 94                     | 47                  | 39.9           | 88                     | 47                  | 35.4           | 78                     | 45                  |
| 97                    | 45.6           | 45                  | 43.2           | 95                     | 45                  | 40.3           | 88                     | 47                  | 36.3           | 80                     | 43                  |
| 101                   | 44.6           | 45                  | 41.8           | 94                     | 44                  | 41.5           | 93                     | 45                  | 36.2           | 81                     | 41                  |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |                |                        |                     |
| 1-13                  | 22.2           |                     | 22.0           | 99                     |                     | 22.1           | 99                     |                     | 21.3           | 96                     |                     |
| 14-52                 | 35.3           |                     | 34.7           | 98                     |                     | 34.0           | 96                     |                     | 30.1           | 85                     |                     |
| 53-101                | 43.5           |                     | 41.4           | 95                     |                     | 40.2           | 93                     |                     | 35.2           | 81                     |                     |



**FIGURE 5**  
**Growth Curves for Male and Female Mice Exposed to 4-Methylimidazole in Feed for 2 Years**



### Pathology and Statistical Analyses

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

**Lung:** The incidences of alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma in all exposed groups of females, alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma in 1,250 ppm males, and alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma or carcinoma (combined) in 1,250 ppm males and 625 and 1,250 ppm females were significantly greater than those in the control groups (Tables 13, C3, and D3). Histologically, adenomas were focal, generally well-demarcated nodular lesions that usually compressed the surrounding parenchyma. Adenomas were composed of increased numbers of large cuboidal to

polygonal epithelial cells that were arranged in abnormal patterns, most commonly as papillary structures that distorted the alveolar architecture. Microscopically, carcinomas were generally larger (up to 1 centimeter in diameter) than adenomas and were composed of cuboidal to columnar, mildly to markedly pleomorphic epithelial cells. These neoplastic cells were often densely packed and formed multiple layers that showed a tendency toward solid growth. Most of the carcinomas were discrete masses that compressed the adjacent parenchyma, although some were locally invasive into the parenchyma and airways.

The incidence of alveolar epithelium hyperplasia in 1,250 ppm females was significantly greater than that in the controls (Tables 13 and D5). Histologically, this lesion was considered a morphologic continuum to adenoma and was characterized by increased numbers of cuboidal epithelial cells that lined alveoli; however, the septal architecture was well maintained.

The incidence of histiocytic cellular infiltration, a lesion often seen secondary to lung neoplasms, was

**TABLE 13**  
**Incidences of Neoplasms and Nonneoplastic Lesions of the Lung in Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                                   | 0 ppm                | 312 ppm     | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Male</b>                                                       |                      |             |             |             |
| Number Examined Microscopically <sup>a</sup>                      | 50                   | 50          | 50          | 50          |
| Alveolar Epithelium, Hyperplasia <sup>a</sup>                     | 7 (2.0) <sup>b</sup> | 3 (1.0)     | 1 (2.0)     | 9 (1.9)     |
| Infiltration Cellular, Histiocyte                                 | 5 (2.2)              | 6 (1.7)     | 5 (1.8)     | 11 (1.7)    |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma<br>(includes multiple) <sup>c</sup>  | 8                    | 11          | 13          | 15          |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar Carcinoma (includes multiple) <sup>d</sup>   |                      |             |             |             |
| Overall rate <sup>e</sup>                                         | 2/50 (4%)            | 4/50 (8%)   | 4/50 (8%)   | 8/50 (16%)  |
| Adjusted rate <sup>f</sup>                                        | 4.1%                 | 8.3%        | 8.8%        | 16.7%       |
| Terminal rate <sup>g</sup>                                        | 1/45 (2%)            | 3/44 (7%)   | 4/42 (10%)  | 8/46 (17%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                            | 513                  | 613         | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test <sup>h</sup>                                          | P=0.024              | P=0.332     | P=0.307     | P=0.042     |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma or Carcinoma (combined) <sup>i</sup> |                      |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                      | 9/50 (18%)           | 13/50 (26%) | 16/50 (32%) | 22/50 (44%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                     | 18.4%                | 26.9%       | 35.0%       | 46.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                     | 8/45 (18%)           | 11/44 (25%) | 16/42 (38%) | 22/46 (48%) |
| First incidence (days)                                            | 513                  | 613         | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                       | P<0.001              | P=0.226     | P=0.053     | P=0.003     |

**TABLE 13**  
**Incidences of Neoplasms and Nonneoplastic Lesions of the Lung in Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                                   | 0 ppm          | 312 ppm    | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Female</b>                                                     |                |            |             |             |
| Number Examined Microscopically                                   | 50             | 50         | 50          | 50          |
| Alveolar Epithelium, Hyperplasia                                  | 3 (1.7)        | 2 (2.5)    | 3 (1.7)     | 11* (1.9)   |
| Infiltration Cellular, Histiocyte                                 | 1 (1.0)        | 5 (1.4)    | 1 (1.0)     | 8* (2.0)    |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma (includes multiple) <sup>j</sup>     |                |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                      | 0/50 (0%)      | 8/50 (16%) | 16/50 (32%) | 8/50 (16%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                     | 0.0%           | 16.6%      | 33.2%       | 17.4%       |
| Terminal rate                                                     | 0/43 (0%)      | 7/40 (18%) | 15/43 (35%) | 8/40 (20%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                            | — <sup>k</sup> | 632        | 684         | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                       | P=0.017        | P=0.004    | P<0.001     | P=0.003     |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar Carcinoma (includes multiple)                | 3              | 0          | 2           | 7           |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma or Carcinoma (combined) <sup>m</sup> |                |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                      | 3/50 (6%)      | 8/50 (16%) | 17/50 (34%) | 14/50 (28%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                     | 6.4%           | 16.6%      | 35.3%       | 30.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                     | 3/43 (7%)      | 7/40 (18%) | 16/43 (37%) | 13/40 (33%) |
| First incidence (days)                                            | 729 (T)        | 632        | 684         | 687         |
| Poly-3 test                                                       | P=0.002        | P=0.109    | P<0.001     | P=0.002     |

\* Significantly different ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) from the control group by the Poly-3 test

(T) Terminal sacrifice

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

<sup>b</sup> Average severity grade of lesions in affected animals: 1=minimal, 2=mild, 3=moderate, 4=marked

<sup>c</sup> Historical incidence for 2-year feed study controls given NTP-2000 diet (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation): 75/510 (15.8%  $\pm$  6.3%); range, 9%-28%

<sup>d</sup> Historical incidence: 40/510 (7.8%  $\pm$  3.8%); range, 4%-14%

<sup>e</sup> Number of animals with neoplasm per number of animals with lung examined microscopically

<sup>f</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>h</sup> Beneath the control incidence are the P values associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice.

<sup>i</sup> Historical incidence: 108/510 (22.2%  $\pm$  6.3%); range, 14%-32%

<sup>j</sup> Historical incidence: 19/509 (3.7%  $\pm$  3.8%); range, 0%-10%

<sup>k</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

<sup>l</sup> Historical incidence: 16/509 (2.9%  $\pm$  2.5%); range, 0%-6%

<sup>m</sup> Historical incidence: 35/509 (6.6%  $\pm$  4.2%); range, 0%-12%

significantly greater than that of the controls in 1,250 ppm females and slightly increased in 1,250 ppm males (Tables 13, C5, and D5). Microscopically, the infiltration was characterized by small numbers of histiocytes scattered within alveolar lumens adjacent to many of the adenomas and carcinomas.

*Thyroid gland:* The incidence of follicular cyst in 1,250 ppm females was significantly greater than that in the controls (0 ppm, 20/50; 312 ppm, 22/49; 625 ppm, 29/50; 1,250 ppm, 30/48; Table D5). Histologically, the affected follicles were variably dilated, filled with pale staining colloid, and often lined by flattened epithelial cells. This change ranged in severity from minimal to moderate. Minimal lesions affected a single follicle, while moderate lesions affected a cluster of adjacent follicles. In larger, more severe lesions, the walls of the follicles appeared to have ruptured and formed highly irregular cystic structures. These changes were usually focal but could be multifocal and occasionally bilateral in more severe cases.

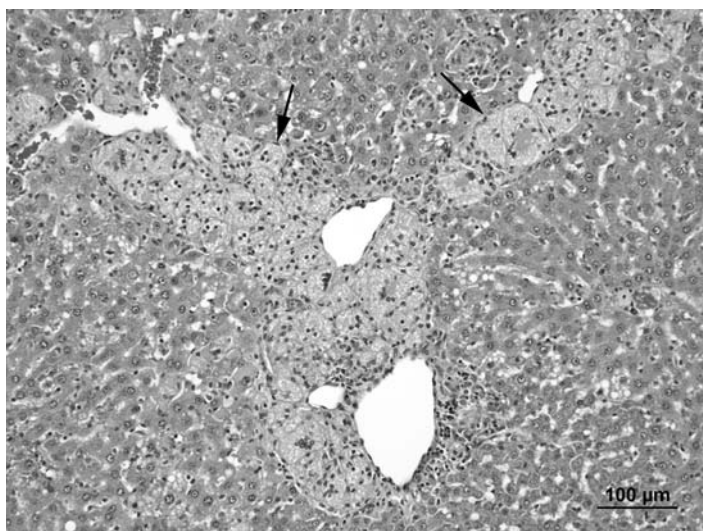
*Mammary gland:* There was a significant positive trend in the incidences of hyperplasia in females (16/50, 10/50, 14/49, 24/49;  $P=0.013$ ); however, none of the exposed groups differed significantly from the control group (Table D5). Microscopically, hyperplasia was usually a minimal change that was characterized by an increase in the number of mammary gland ducts with a

slight increase in the degree of duct cellularity. Small cuboidal epithelial cells lined unaffected mammary ducts, while affected ducts were lined by increased numbers of larger cuboidal cells.

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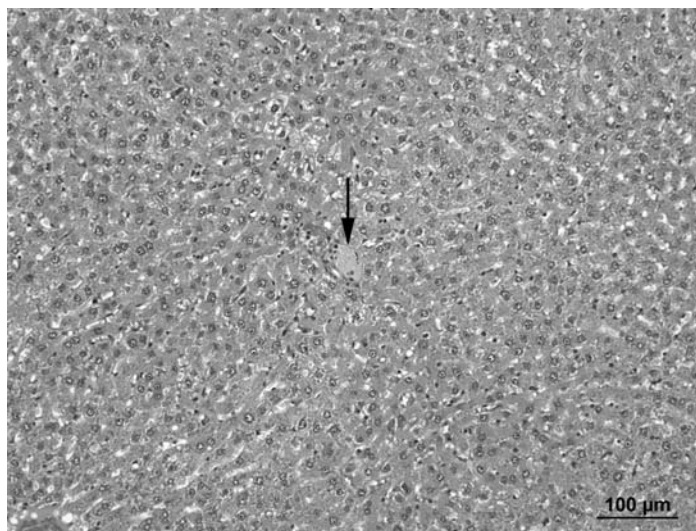
4-Methylimidazole (10,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{plate}$ ) was not mutagenic in *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA97, TA98, TA100, or TA1535, when tested with and without 10% or 30% hamster or rat liver S9 activation enzymes (Table E1). In addition, no increases in the frequencies of micronucleated erythrocytes were seen in bone marrow of male rats (Table E2) or male mice (Table E3) administered 4-methylimidazole by intraperitoneal injection three times at 24-hour intervals or in peripheral blood samples from male and female mice administered the compound in dosed feed for 14 weeks (Table E4). In the mouse bone marrow micronucleus test, two trials were conducted; a significant increase in micronucleated polychromatic erythrocytes (PCEs) was seen in the first trial, but the response was not replicated in a repeat trial (Trial 2), and the test was judged to be negative overall. No significant alterations in percent PCEs, a rough indicator of bone marrow toxicity, were seen in the mouse bone marrow or peripheral blood tests, but in bone marrow of male rats, percent PCEs declined with increasing dose of 4-methylimidazole and were significantly depressed at the highest dose.





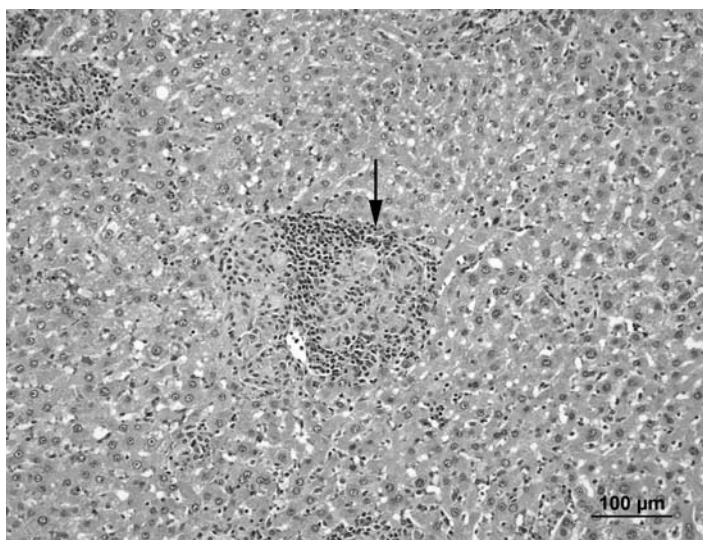
**PLATE 1**

Histiocytosis in the liver of a female F344/N rat exposed to 5,000 ppm 4-methylimidazole in feed for 2 years. Note the clusters of enlarged histiocytes with prominent foamy cytoplasm containing vacuoles and/or cleft-like spaces (arrows). H&E; 20×



**PLATE 2**

Histiocytosis in the liver of a control female F344/N rat in the 2-year feed study of 4-methylimidazole. Note the individual histiocyte (arrow) containing foamy cytoplasm without vacuoles and/or cleft-like spaces. H&E; 20×



**PLATE 3**

Chronic inflammation in the liver of a female F344/N rat exposed to 5,000 ppm 4-methylimidazole in feed for 2 years. This focus is composed primarily of macrophages surrounded by a zone of lymphocytes (arrow). H&E; 20×



## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

4-Methylimidazole was nominated by the National Cancer Institute for study, together with 2-methylimidazole, because of its widespread use in industry, its presence in food products, and the lack of toxicity data. In carcinogenicity studies of 2-methylimidazole, the NTP reported that the chemical induced thyroid gland follicular cell adenoma and carcinoma in rats and mice (NTP, 2004b). The current report describes the toxicity, carcinogenicity, toxicokinetic, and genotoxicity studies of 4-methylimidazole. Short-term toxicity studies of 2- and 4-methylimidazole have also been reported by the NTP (2004a).

The highest exposure concentrations selected for the 2-year studies were 2,500 ppm for male rats, 5,000 ppm for female rats, and 1,250 ppm for male and female mice. These same exposure concentrations and species combinations in the 14-week toxicity studies had minimal effects on survival, hematology, clinical chemistry, organ weights, and histopathology; the final body weights of these animals relative to controls were: 95% (male rats); 94% (female rats); 93% (male mice); and 88% (female mice) (NTP, 2004a). However, these exposure concentrations markedly reduced body weight gains in rats and mice during the course of the 2-year studies; the body weight effects were seen as early as week 14 in the rat study. Feed consumption was lower only in 5,000 ppm female rats. The neurobehavioral effects observed in 5,000 ppm female rats probably influenced their feed intake. The body weight effects observed in rats and mice were likely attributable to the toxicity of 4-methylimidazole at the highest exposure concentrations, but the reduced body weight gain may be partly due to reduced water intake. MacKenzie *et al.* (1992) reported that male and female F344/N rats given caramel color IV (which contained 110 mg 4-methylimidazole per kilogram) in drinking water at 10 g/kg for 2 years had significantly lower body weights but no accompanying histopathology. Tierney (1979) reported that B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice given caramel color IV at up to 63 g/kg body weight per day in drinking water for 4 weeks also had significantly reduced body weight gains. In these studies, the body weight effects were attributed to

reduced fluid intake. The palatability of caramel water in the two studies was not known. Fluid intake was not measured in the current studies.

During the 2-year study period, female rats in the 2,500 and 5,000 ppm groups showed numerous clinical findings associated with 4-methylimidazole administration, whereas 2,500 ppm male rats did not. These treatment-related clinical findings included clonic seizures, unusual stance or gait, and excessive activity manifested as either hyperactivity or excitability. No microscopic lesions were observed in nervous tissues that correlated with the observed behavioral effects. The reason why female F344/N rats are more sensitive to the neurobehavioral effects of 4-methylimidazole than male F344/N rats is unclear. The neurobehavioral effects displayed by female rats are consistent with those observed in farm animals fed ammoniated hay (Wiggins, 1956; Nishie *et al.*, 1970; Morgan and Edwards, 1986; Weiss *et al.*, 1986; Perdok and Leng, 1987; Nielsen *et al.*, 1993).

In male albino mice, a single dose of 4-methylimidazole induced tremors, restlessness, running, sialorrhea, opisthotonos, Straub tail, and tonic extensor seizure (Nishie *et al.*, 1969). The estimated median convulsant dose (CD<sub>50</sub>) of 4-methylimidazole for male albino mice was 155 mg/kg intraperitoneally and 360 mg/kg orally. In the current 2-year feed study, the 1,250 ppm groups of male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice received 4-methylimidazole equivalent to 170 mg/kg body weight per day and exhibited no convulsions. In the 14-week toxicity studies of 4-methylimidazole in feed (NTP, 2004a), the highest exposure concentration groups (10,000 ppm) of male and female mice received estimated doses of 1,840 and 3,180 mg/kg per day, respectively, and exhibited no convulsions. It is probable that the dosed feed route of administration delivered much less 4-methylimidazole at any time point compared to the bolus gavage effect shown in the study by Nishie *et al.* (1969).

Yuan and Burka (1995) showed that metabolism and renal clearance of 4-methylimidazole were saturated by a 50 mg/kg oral dose. The neurotoxic syndrome of

4-methylimidazole observed by Hidaka (1976c) occurred soon after a high gavage dose of 4-methylimidazole under conditions where both metabolism and renal clearance were saturated. Imidazoles, especially those substituted at the 4-position, have been recognized as inhibitors of cytochromes P450. Back and Tjia (1985) compared the *in vivo* competitive inhibition of tolbutamide metabolism by a series of imidazole-containing chemicals. 4-Methylimidazole was the most effective inhibitor of the three methylimidazoles used in the study. Hargreaves *et al.* (1994) reported that 4-methylimidazole was a strong inhibitor of *p*-nitrophenol hydrolase in rat liver. *p*-Nitrophenol is a cytochrome P450 2E1 substrate. 4-Methylimidazole forms complexes with heme-containing enzymes such as cytochrome P450 and results in inhibition of mixed function oxidase activity (Karangwa *et al.*, 1990). In a review of the metabolism of heterocyclic chemicals, Dalvie *et al.* (2002) outlined the mechanism of inhibition of heme-containing enzymes by imidazoles as involving coordination of the imidazole nitrogens, with the heme causing a change in the spin state of the iron atom. This change makes the heme-imidazole complex more difficult for the P450 oxidoreductase to reduce and results in inhibition. The authors also pointed out that imidazoles are metabolized primarily by cytochromes P450. 4-Methylimidazole could be characterized as a high affinity/low turnover substrate. Binding of 4-methylimidazole by heme may be partly responsible for its long half-life. The phenomenon is well illustrated by the present toxicokinetic study data in rats (Figures K7 to K12) and mice (Figures K13 to K18), which show that plasma concentrations of 4-methylimidazole increase as dose concentrations are increased. The slow clearance of 4-methylimidazole might have allowed the manifestation of 4-methylimidazole toxicity.

The incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia was significantly increased in 5,000 ppm female rats, and the effect was exposure concentration-related. Mononuclear cell leukemia in F344/N rats is a common background lesion, and the control rate in the current study was similar to those in historical controls. The increased incidence of mononuclear cell leukemia in 5,000 ppm female rats slightly exceeded the historical range in feed study controls, and therefore, it was uncertain if the effect was attributable to 4-methylimidazole exposure.

The liver was a target organ for 4-methylimidazole toxicity in rats. There were increases in the incidences and severities of several nonneoplastic hepatic lesions in

both sexes; these included histiocytosis, chronic inflammation, hepatocytic focal fatty change, and eosinophilic and mixed cell foci of hepatocytes. Cytoplasmic vacuolization of hepatocytes was also observed in male and female rats in the 14-week toxicity study (NTP, 2004a). These lesions may be related to altered lipid metabolism and hepatic injury. The hepatic effects were consistent with increases in serum alanine aminotransferase, sorbitol dehydrogenase, and alkaline phosphatase activities, and with bile acid concentrations reported in the 14-week toxicity study (NTP, 2004a).

Incidences of thyroid gland follicle cyst in 2,500 ppm male rats and thyroid gland follicle mineralization in 5,000 ppm female rats were increased. In addition, the increased incidence of thyroid gland follicular cyst in 1,250 ppm female mice was statistically significant. These cysts are commonly found in aging mice, but the increased incidences may be related to 4-methylimidazole exposure. In the 14-week toxicity studies (NTP, 2004a), the 4-methylimidazole-treated male and female rats and mice exhibited no specific changes in serum triiodothyronine ( $T_3$ ), total thyroxine ( $T_4$ ), or thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) levels that could be attributed to 4-methylimidazole exposure. There were also no changes in thyroid gland histopathology at terminal sacrifice in the 14-week toxicity studies compared with controls. In the 2-year feed studies of 2-methylimidazole in rats and mice, increased incidences of thyroid gland follicular cell neoplasms were observed (NTP, 2004b). The thyroid gland carcinogenesis induced by 2-methylimidazole was probably due to increased UDP-glucuronyl transferase metabolism of  $T_4$ , which in turn stimulated TSH synthesis and release, leading to neoplastic development in the thyroid gland. Sanders *et al.* (1998) reported that 2-methylimidazole enhanced, whereas 4-methylimidazole inhibited, hepatic UDP-glucuronyl transferase activity. The inhibitory effects of 4-methylimidazole on UDP-glucuronyl transferase probably did not affect serum  $T_4$  and TSH levels and as a result, had no stimulatory effect on the thyroid gland.

The incidence of prostate gland inflammation in 2,500 ppm male rats was significantly increased. Increased incidences of chronic focal lung inflammation, heart cardiomyopathy, and focal pancreatic acinus atrophy were observed in all exposed groups of female rats. The cause of these increases was not clear.

Exposure concentration-related decreases in the incidences of benign, complex, or malignant adrenal



medulla pheochromocytoma (combined) in male rats, pituitary gland adenoma in the pars distalis in both male and female rats, and clitoral gland adenoma, mammary gland fibroadenoma, and uterine stromal polyp in female rats were probably related to exposure concentration-related body weight loss. However, using the equations of Haseman *et al.* (1997) to predict the number of neoplasms that can be explained by body weight, there appears to be a greater decrease in pituitary gland neoplasms in 5,000 ppm female rats than can be attributed to body weight differences alone (Table 14). Likewise, there was a greater decrease in mammary gland neoplasms in all exposed groups of female rats than can be attributed to body weight differences alone.

The incidences of alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma or carcinoma (combined) were significantly increased in 1,250 ppm male and 625 and 1,250 ppm female mice; these increases were exposure concentration-related. The incidence of lung alveolar epithelium hyperplasia was significantly increased in 1,250 ppm female mice compared with controls. Hyperplasia of the alveolar epithelium is thought to be a precursor to neoplastic development. Interestingly, 4-methylimidazole had no effect on the respiratory epithelium in the 14-week toxicity study at concentrations as high as 10,000 ppm (NTP, 2004a). The mechanism of action of 4-methylimidazole in mouse lung tumorigenesis is not clear.

Clara cells in the terminal bronchiolar epithelium are a cell type from which alveolar/bronchiolar neoplasms are thought to arise. This cytochrome P450-containing cell type is capable of xenobiotic metabolism, whereas other cell types in the lung have little or no cytochrome P450. 4-Methylimidazole is structurally similar to 2- and 3-methylfuran. Both alkyl furans are metabolized in the Clara cell to reactive species, which may account for their pulmonary toxicity. Oxidative metabolism of heterocycles like 4-methylimidazole has been reviewed by Dalvie *et al.* (2002). They suggest that oxidative metab-

olism of imidazoles would lead to at least two reactive intermediates, an epoxide and dicarbonyl compound, and pyruvaldehyde, if their general scheme is adapted to 4-methylimidazole (Figure 6). Whether either of these intermediates is formed or is responsible for the development of alveolar/bronchiolar neoplasms is not known at this time. It is unlikely that an alkylating intermediate is involved in mouse lung carcinogenesis in view of the genetic toxicity study findings that 4-methylimidazole is not mutagenic in *Salmonella typhimurium* and does not induce micronuclei in mouse peripheral blood erythrocytes or rat or mouse bone marrow cells.

MacKenzie *et al.* (1992) administered caramel color IV, which contained 4-methylimidazole (110 mg/kg), in drinking water to male and female F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice at doses up to 10 g caramel color IV/kg for 2 years and reported no effects on histopathology. The exposure concentrations of 4-methylimidazole in the caramel color IV studies were lower than those in the current study.

## CONCLUSIONS

Under the conditions of these 2-year feed studies, there was *no evidence of carcinogenic activity*\* of 4-methylimidazole in male F344/N rats exposed to 625, 1,250, or 2,500 ppm. There was *equivocal evidence of carcinogenic activity* of 4-methylimidazole in female F344/N rats based on increased incidences of mononuclear cell leukemia. There was *clear evidence of carcinogenic activity* of 4-methylimidazole in male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice based on increased incidences of alveolar/bronchiolar neoplasms.

Exposure to 4-methylimidazole resulted in nonneoplastic lesions in the liver of male and female rats and the lung of female mice and in clinical findings of neurotoxicity in female rats.

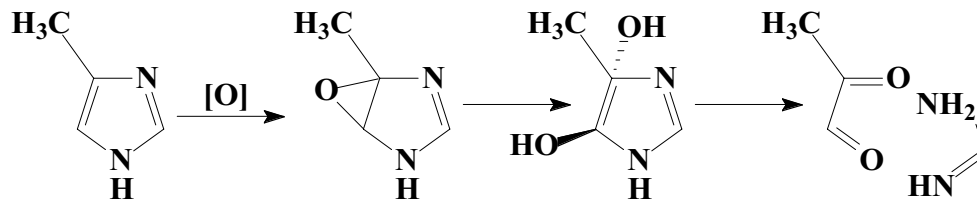
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\* Explanation of Levels of Evidence of Carcinogenic Activity is on page 10. A summary of the Technical Reports Subcommittee comments and the public discussion on this Technical Report appears on page 12.

**TABLE 14**  
**Estimated Effect of Body Weight on Incidences of Selected Neoplasms in Rats<sup>a</sup>**

|                                                                  | 0 ppm        | 625 ppm          | 1,250 ppm        | 2,500 ppm        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Male</b>                                                      |              |                  |                  |                  |
| <i><b>Pituitary Gland</b></i>                                    |              |                  |                  |                  |
| Expected Neoplasms                                               | 14.7         | 13.9             | 11.9             | 10.7             |
| Pars Distalis Adenomas Observed                                  | 16           | 13               | 10               | 7                |
| Pars Distalis or Pars Intermedia Adenomas Observed               | 16           | 13               | 10               | 8                |
|                                                                  | <b>0 ppm</b> | <b>1,250 ppm</b> | <b>2,500 ppm</b> | <b>5,000 ppm</b> |
| <b>Female</b>                                                    |              |                  |                  |                  |
| <i><b>Pituitary Gland</b></i>                                    |              |                  |                  |                  |
| Expected Neoplasms                                               | 24.1         | 23.8             | 22.4             | 19.9             |
| Pars Distalis Adenomas Observed                                  | 29           | 19               | 20               | 9                |
| Pars Distalis or Pars Intermedia Adenomas or Carcinomas Observed | 29           | 20               | 20               | 9                |
| <i><b>Mammary Gland</b></i>                                      |              |                  |                  |                  |
| Expected Neoplasms                                               | 16.7         | 14.2             | 12.3             | 8.3              |
| Fibroadenomas Observed                                           | 24           | 6                | 4                | 1                |
| Fibroadenomas or Carcinomas Observed                             | 26           | 7                | 6                | 1                |

<sup>a</sup> Number of animals with neoplasm per 50 animals



**FIGURE 6**  
**Potential Reactive Intermediates from Metabolism of 4-Methylimidazole (adapted from Dalvie *et al.*, 2002)**

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN MALE RATS IN THE 2-YEAR FEED STUDY OF 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE**

|                 |                                                                                                                               |           |
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TABLE A1

Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                        | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>             |          |          |           |           |
| Animals initially in study             | 50       | 50       | 50        | 50        |
| Early deaths                           |          |          |           |           |
| Moribund                               | 13       | 11       | 12        | 10        |
| Natural deaths                         | 6        | 5        | 5         | 8         |
| Survivors                              |          |          |           |           |
| Terminal sacrifice                     | 31       | 34       | 33        | 32        |
| Animals examined microscopically       | 50       | 50       | 50        | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>               |          |          |           |           |
| Intestine large, colon                 | (48)     | (49)     | (49)      | (46)      |
| Intestine large, cecum                 | (46)     | (46)     | (46)      | (46)      |
| Intestine small, duodenum              | (49)     | (48)     | (47)      | (47)      |
| Intestine small, jejunum               | (47)     | (45)     | (45)      | (43)      |
| Intestine small, ileum                 | (46)     | (45)     | (45)      | (44)      |
| Liver                                  | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Basal cell carcinoma, metastatic, skin |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                    |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Ito cell tumor benign                  |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Mesentery                              | (13)     | (10)     | (11)      | (10)      |
| Basal cell carcinoma, metastatic, skin |          |          | 1 (9%)    |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                    |          |          |           | 1 (10%)   |
| Pancreas                               | (50)     | (48)     | (48)      | (49)      |
| Acinus, adenoma                        | 1 (2%)   |          |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Salivary glands                        | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Fibrosarcoma                           |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Stomach, forestomach                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      |
| Stomach, glandular                     | (50)     | (50)     | (49)      | (49)      |
| Tongue                                 |          | (3)      | (1)       | (1)       |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                |          | 1 (33%)  |           |           |
| Squamous cell papilloma                |          | 1 (33%)  |           |           |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>           |          |          |           |           |
| Heart                                  | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>                |          |          |           |           |
| Adrenal cortex                         | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Adenoma                                | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Adrenal medulla                        | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Pheochromocytoma malignant             |          | 2 (4%)   |           |           |
| Pheochromocytoma complex               | 2 (4%)   |          |           |           |
| Pheochromocytoma benign                | 6 (12%)  | 3 (6%)   | 3 (6%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign     | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)   |           |           |
| Islets, pancreatic                     | (50)     | (49)     | (49)      | (49)      |
| Adenoma                                | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Carcinoma                              |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Parathyroid gland                      | (48)     | (50)     | (48)      | (50)      |
| Adenoma                                | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Pituitary gland                        | (49)     | (49)     | (48)      | (48)      |
| Pars distalis, adenoma                 | 16 (33%) | 13 (27%) | 10 (21%)  | 7 (15%)   |
| Pars intermedia, adenoma               |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |



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|                                          | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Endocrine System</b> (continued)      |          |          |           |           |
| Thyroid gland                            | (47)     | (46)     | (48)      | (44)      |
| Chemodectoma benign                      |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Bilateral, C-cell, adenoma               |          | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    |
| C-cell, adenoma                          | 11 (23%) | 6 (13%)  | 3 (6%)    | 9 (20%)   |
| C-cell, carcinoma                        |          |          | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Follicular cell, adenoma                 |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| <b>General Body System</b>               |          |          |           |           |
| Peritoneum                               |          | (2)      | (3)       | (1)       |
| Tissue NOS                               | (6)      | (4)      | (6)       | (5)       |
| <b>Genital System</b>                    |          |          |           |           |
| Epididymis                               | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Preputial gland                          | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      |
| Adenoma                                  | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Carcinoma                                |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Prostate                                 | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      |
| Seminal vesicle                          | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Testes                                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Bilateral, interstitial cell, adenoma    | 40 (80%) | 40 (80%) | 34 (68%)  | 31 (62%)  |
| Interstitial cell, adenoma               | 6 (12%)  | 4 (8%)   | 13 (26%)  | 14 (28%)  |
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>              |          |          |           |           |
| Bone marrow                              | (47)     | (50)     | (48)      | (50)      |
| Lymph node                               | (19)     | (18)     | (26)      | (27)      |
| Lymph node, mandibular                   |          | (1)      | (1)       | (2)       |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                   | (50)     | (48)     | (48)      | (49)      |
| Spleen                                   | (50)     | (48)     | (48)      | (49)      |
| Fibroma                                  |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Thymus                                   | (48)     | (49)     | (46)      | (45)      |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>              |          |          |           |           |
| Mammary gland                            | (47)     | (46)     | (41)      | (45)      |
| Fibroadenoma                             | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Skin                                     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Basal cell adenoma                       | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Basal cell carcinoma                     |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Keratoacanthoma                          | 1 (2%)   |          | 3 (6%)    |           |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                  | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibroma             | 7 (14%)  | 2 (4%)   | 4 (8%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibroma, multiple   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, hemangioma          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, histiocytic sarcoma |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, lipoma              |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, sarcoma             |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>            |          |          |           |           |
| Skeletal muscle                          |          | (2)      | (2)       |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                      |          |          | 1 (50%)   |           |

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|                                              | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Nervous System</b>                        |          |          |           |           |
| Brain                                        | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Astrocytoma malignant                        |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Glioma malignant                             |          |          | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Pineal gland, neoplasm NOS                   |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Spinal cord                                  | (2)      | (3)      | (2)       | (3)       |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>                    |          |          |           |           |
| Lung                                         | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                 |          | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma               |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Basal cell carcinoma, metastatic, skin       |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Chordoma, metastatic, uncertain primary site |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Nose                                         | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Olfactory epithelium, carcinoma              |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>                 |          |          |           |           |
| Harderian gland                              | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Zymbal's gland                               | (3)      | (1)      | (2)       |           |
| Carcinoma                                    | 3 (100%) | 1 (100%) | 2 (100%)  |           |
| <b>Urinary System</b>                        |          |          |           |           |
| Kidney                                       | (48)     | (49)     | (48)      | (50)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                          |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Sarcoma                                      | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Urinary bladder                              | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Transitional epithelium, papilloma           |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| <b>Systemic Lesions</b>                      |          |          |           |           |
| Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>                 | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                          |          |          | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Leukemia mononuclear                         | 15 (30%) | 18 (36%) | 22 (44%)  | 20 (40%)  |
| Lymphoma malignant                           |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Mesothelioma malignant                       |          | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)    | 1 (2%)    |

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|                                                                     | 0 ppm | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Neoplasm Summary</b>                                             |       |         |           |           |
| Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup>                   | 50    | 49      | 50        | 50        |
| Total primary neoplasms                                             | 124   | 104     | 114       | 103       |
| Total animals with benign neoplasms                                 | 50    | 49      | 48        | 47        |
| Total benign neoplasms                                              | 102   | 79      | 76        | 78        |
| Total animals with malignant neoplasms                              | 22    | 21      | 30        | 23        |
| Total malignant neoplasms                                           | 22    | 24      | 38        | 25        |
| Total animals with metastatic neoplasms                             |       |         | 2         | 1         |
| Total metastatic neoplasms                                          |       |         | 19        | 1         |
| Total animals with malignant neoplasms<br>of uncertain primary site |       |         | 1         | 1         |
| Total animals with uncertain neoplasms<br>benign or malignant       |       | 1       |           |           |
| Total uncertain neoplasms                                           |       | 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 Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 0 ppm**

|                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Number of Days on Study</b>     | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                                    | 6 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                    | 4 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>Carcass ID Number</b>           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                                    | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|                                    | 9 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Esophagus                          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, colon             | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, rectum            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, cecum             | + | + | A | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, duodenum          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, jejunum           | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, ileum             | A | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Liver                              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Mesentery                          |   |   | + |   |   | + | + |   |   |   |   |   | + |   | + |   |   | + |   |   | + |   |   |   |
| Oral mucosa                        | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pancreas                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Acinus, adenoma                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Salivary glands                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stomach, forestomach               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stomach, glandular                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Tooth                              | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Heart                              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal cortex                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal medulla                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pheochromocytoma complex           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pheochromocytoma benign            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   | X |
| Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Islets, pancreatic                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                            |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Parathyroid gland                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                            | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pituitary gland                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pars distalis, adenoma             | X | X |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Thyroid gland                      | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| C-cell, adenoma                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   | X |
| <b>General Body System</b>         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tissue NOS                         |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   | + | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |

+: Tissue examined microscopically  
A: Autolysis precludes examination

M: Missing tissue  
I: Insufficient tissue

X: Lesion present  
Blank: Not examined

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|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Days on Study | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                         | 6 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 4 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carcass ID Number       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                         | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|                         | 9 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| Urinary System          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                  | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Sarcoma                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Urinary bladder         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Systemic Lesions        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Leukemia mononuclear    |   |   | X |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   | X | X | X |   |   | X |   | X |



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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Number of Days on Study | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7                           |
|                         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3                           |
|                         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5                           |
| Carcass ID Number       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0                           |
|                         | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |                             |
|                         | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | Total<br>Tissues/<br>Tumors |
| Urinary System          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Kidney                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |
| Sarcoma                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |
| Urinary bladder         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49                          |
| Systemic Lesions        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Multiple organs         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Leukemia mononuclear    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 15                          |



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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

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|                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                               | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Number of Days on Study                       | 9 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                               | 3 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                                               | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Carcass ID Number                             | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|                                               | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 |   |   |   |
| Alimentary System                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Esophagus                                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine large, colon                        | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Intestine large, rectum                       | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine large, cecum                        | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine small, duodenum                     | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Intestine small, jejunum                      | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine small, ileum                        | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Liver                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Basal cell carcinoma, metastatic, skin        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Ito cell tumor benign                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mesentery                                     |   | + |   |   | + |   |   | + |   | + |   | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Basal cell carcinoma, metastatic, skin        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Oral mucosa                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pancreas                                      | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Salivary glands                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Fibrosarcoma                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Stomach, forestomach                          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Stomach, glandular                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tongue                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Cardiovascular System                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Blood vessel                                  |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Heart                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |



**TABLE A2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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### Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm

|                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                               | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Number of Days on Study                       | 9 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                               | 3 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                                               | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Carcass ID Number                             | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
|                                               | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
|                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Endocrine System                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal cortex                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal medulla                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pheochromocytoma benign                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Islets, pancreatic                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Carcinoma                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Parathyroid gland                             | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pituitary gland                               | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pars distalis, adenoma                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   | X |
| Thyroid gland                                 | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| C-cell, adenoma                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| C-cell, carcinoma                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General Body System                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Peritoneum                                    |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |
| Tissue NOS                                    | + |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Genital System                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Epididymis                                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Preputial gland                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Carcinoma                                     |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Prostate                                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Seminal vesicle                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Mesothelioma malignant, metastatic, mesentery |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Testes                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Bilateral, interstitial cell, adenoma         |   |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X |
| Interstitial cell, adenoma                    |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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TABLE A2

## Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 2,500 ppm

| Number of Days on Study      | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                              | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
|                              | 9 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Carcass ID Number            | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|                              | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 |
|                              | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Esophagus                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, colon       | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, rectum      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, cecum       | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, duodenum    | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, jejunum     | + | + | A | M | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | M | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, ileum       | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Liver                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma          |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mesentery                    |   |   |   |   | + | + |   |   |   | + |   |   | + |   | + |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma          |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pancreas                     | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Acinus, adenoma              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Salivary glands              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stomach, forestomach         | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stomach, glandular           | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Tongue                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Blood vessel                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Heart                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal cortex               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adrenal medulla              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pheochromocytoma benign      |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Islets, pancreatic           | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Parathyroid gland            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pituitary gland              | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | I | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pars distalis, adenoma       |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Pars intermedia, adenoma     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Thyroid gland                | + | + | A | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Chemodectoma benign          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bilateral, C-cell, adenoma   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| C-cell, adenoma              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |
| <b>General Body System</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Peritoneum                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tissue NOS                   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   | + |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |



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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 2,500 ppm**

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|                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Days on Study               | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7 | 7 |   |   |
|                                       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3 | 3 |   |   |
|                                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4 |   |   |   |
| Carcass ID Number                     | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 1 |   |   |
|                                       | 5 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 9  | 9  | 7  | 7  | 8  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
|                                       | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 9  | 0  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 8  | 9  | 6  | 7  | 6  | 7  | 8  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
| Genital System                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
| Coagulating gland                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
| Epididymis                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + |   |
| Preputial gland                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + | + |
| Prostate                              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + | + |
| Seminal vesicle                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + | + |
| Testes                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | +  | + | + | + | + |
| Bilateral, interstitial cell, adenoma | X | X | X | X |   | X | X |   |   | X  |    | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |

**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 2,500 ppm**

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TABLE A3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                                        | 0 ppm       | 625 ppm        | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Adrenal Medulla: Benign Pheochromocytoma</b>                        |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate <sup>a</sup>                                              | 8/50 (16%)  | 5/50 (10%)     | 3/50 (6%)   | 3/50 (6%)  |
| Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>                                             | 17.7%       | 11.5%          | 6.8%        | 6.8%       |
| Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>                                             | 7/31 (23%)  | 2/34 (6%)      | 3/33 (9%)   | 2/32 (6%)  |
| First incidence (days) <sup>d</sup>                                    | 700         | 700            | 729 (T)     | 607        |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.066N    | P=0.303N       | P=0.104N    | P=0.106N   |
| <b>Adrenal Medulla: Benign, Complex, or Malignant Pheochromocytoma</b> |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 10/50 (20%) | 6/50 (12%)     | 3/50 (6%)   | 3/50 (6%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 22.0%       | 13.8%          | 6.8%        | 6.8%       |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 8/31 (26%)  | 3/34 (9%)      | 3/33 (9%)   | 2/32 (6%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 685         | 700            | 729 (T)     | 607        |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.019N    | P=0.234N       | P=0.037N    | P=0.039N   |
| <b>Mammary Gland: Fibroadenoma</b>                                     |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 3/50 (6%)   | 1/50 (2%)      | 1/50 (2%)   | 1/50 (2%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 6.6%        | 2.3%           | 2.2%        | 2.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 3/31 (10%)  | 1/34 (3%)      | 0/33 (0%)   | 1/32 (3%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        | 538         | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.242N    | P=0.322N       | P=0.307N    | P=0.318N   |
| <b>Pancreatic Islets: Adenoma</b>                                      |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 3/50 (6%)   | 2/49 (4%)      | 1/49 (2%)   | 1/49 (2%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 6.6%        | 4.7%           | 2.3%        | 2.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 2/31 (7%)   | 2/34 (6%)      | 1/33 (3%)   | 1/32 (3%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 653         | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.207N    | P=0.533N       | P=0.319N    | P=0.325N   |
| <b>Pancreatic Islets: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>                         |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 3/50 (6%)   | 2/49 (4%)      | 2/49 (4%)   | 1/49 (2%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 6.6%        | 4.7%           | 4.6%        | 2.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 2/31 (7%)   | 2/34 (6%)      | 2/33 (6%)   | 1/32 (3%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 653         | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.243N    | P=0.533N       | P=0.518N    | P=0.325N   |
| <b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma</b>                        |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 16/49 (33%) | 13/49 (27%)    | 10/48 (21%) | 7/48 (15%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 34.5%       | 29.8%          | 23.3%       | 16.1%      |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 10/31 (32%) | 10/33 (30%)    | 10/32 (31%) | 6/32 (19%) |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 464         | 477            | 729 (T)     | 384        |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.022N    | P=0.402N       | P=0.176N    | P=0.037N   |
| <b>Skin: Keratoacanthoma</b>                                           |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 1/50 (2%)   | 0/50 (0%)      | 3/50 (6%)   | 0/50 (0%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 2.2%        | 0.0%           | 6.8%        | 0.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 1/31 (3%)   | 0/34 (0%)      | 3/33 (9%)   | 0/32 (0%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 729 (T)     | — <sup>e</sup> | 729 (T)     | —          |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.507N    | P=0.509N       | P=0.299     | P=0.507N   |
| <b>Skin: Keratoacanthoma or Squamous Cell Papilloma</b>                |             |                |             |            |
| Overall rate                                                           | 2/50 (4%)   | 0/50 (0%)      | 3/50 (6%)   | 0/50 (0%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                          | 4.4%        | 0.0%           | 6.8%        | 0.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                          | 2/31 (7%)   | 0/34 (0%)      | 3/33 (9%)   | 0/32 (0%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                 | 729 (T)     | —              | 729 (T)     | —          |
| Poly-3 test                                                            | P=0.298N    | P=0.248N       | P=0.492     | P=0.245N   |

TABLE A3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                                                                    | 0 ppm       | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Skin: Keratoacanthoma, Basal Cell Adenoma, Basal Cell Carcinoma, or Squamous Cell Carcinoma</b> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 3/50 (6%)   | 0/50 (0%)   | 5/50 (10%)  | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 6.6%        | 0.0%        | 11.3%       | 4.6%        |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 3/31 (10%)  | 0/34 (0%)   | 4/33 (12%)  | 2/32 (6%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 729 (T)     | —           | 717         | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.536     | P=0.127N    | P=0.347     | P=0.516N    |
| <b>Skin (Subcutaneous Tissue): Fibroma</b>                                                         |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 8/50 (16%)  | 2/50 (4%)   | 4/50 (8%)   | 3/50 (6%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 17.4%       | 4.5%        | 8.9%        | 6.8%        |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 5/31 (16%)  | 1/34 (3%)   | 1/33 (3%)   | 1/32 (3%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 589         | 275         | 635         | 628         |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.124N    | P=0.052N    | P=0.189N    | P=0.111N    |
| <b>Skin (Subcutaneous Tissue): Fibroma or Sarcoma</b>                                              |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 8/50 (16%)  | 2/50 (4%)   | 5/50 (10%)  | 3/50 (6%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 17.4%       | 4.5%        | 11.1%       | 6.8%        |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 5/31 (16%)  | 1/34 (3%)   | 1/33 (3%)   | 1/32 (3%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 589         | 275         | 635         | 628         |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.141N    | P=0.052N    | P=0.290N    | P=0.111N    |
| <b>Testes: Adenoma</b>                                                                             |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 46/50 (92%) | 44/50 (88%) | 47/50 (94%) | 45/50 (90%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 95.1%       | 93.9%       | 95.5%       | 94.9%       |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 30/31 (97%) | 32/34 (94%) | 32/33 (97%) | 31/32 (97%) |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 582         | 516         | 498         | 607         |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.571     | P=0.579N    | P=0.670     | P=0.689N    |
| <b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Adenoma</b>                                                             |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 11/47 (23%) | 7/46 (15%)  | 3/48 (6%)   | 10/44 (23%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 25.1%       | 17.1%       | 6.9%        | 25.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 9/31 (29%)  | 7/34 (21%)  | 2/33 (6%)   | 10/32 (31%) |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 667         | 729 (T)     | 706         | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.552N    | P=0.262N    | P=0.019N    | P=0.593     |
| <b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>                                                |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 11/47 (23%) | 7/46 (15%)  | 5/48 (10%)  | 10/44 (23%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 25.1%       | 17.1%       | 11.6%       | 25.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 9/31 (29%)  | 7/34 (21%)  | 4/33 (12%)  | 10/32 (31%) |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 667         | 729 (T)     | 706         | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.523     | P=0.262N    | P=0.085N    | P=0.593     |
| <b>Zymbal's Gland: Carcinoma</b>                                                                   |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 3/50 (6%)   | 1/50 (2%)   | 2/50 (4%)   | 0/50 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 6.5%        | 2.3%        | 4.4%        | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 0/31 (0%)   | 1/34 (3%)   | 1/33 (3%)   | 0/32 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 547         | 729 (T)     | 531         | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.107N    | P=0.330N    | P=0.512N    | P=0.129N    |
| <b>All Organs: Mononuclear Cell Leukemia</b>                                                       |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                                                       | 15/50 (30%) | 18/50 (36%) | 22/50 (44%) | 20/50 (40%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                                                      | 31.9%       | 39.5%       | 46.2%       | 42.2%       |
| Terminal rate                                                                                      | 5/31 (16%)  | 9/34 (27%)  | 12/33 (36%) | 7/32 (22%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                                                             | 582         | 567         | 493         | 584         |
| Poly-3 test                                                                                        | P=0.184     | P=0.292     | P=0.110     | P=0.205     |

TABLE A3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                  | 0 ppm        | 625 ppm      | 1,250 ppm        | 2,500 ppm    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Mesothelioma</b>        |              |              |                  |              |
| Overall rate                                     | 0/50 (0%)    | 2/50 (4%)    | 3/50 (6%)        | 1/50 (2%)    |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 0.0%         | 4.6%         | 6.7%             | 2.3%         |
| Terminal rate                                    | 0/31 (0%)    | 1/34 (3%)    | 2/33 (6%)        | 0/32 (0%)    |
| First incidence (days)                           | —            | 567          | 594              | 650          |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.428      | P=0.229      | P=0.117          | P=0.494      |
| <b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>              |              |              |                  |              |
| Overall rate                                     | 50/50 (100%) | 49/50 (98%)  | 48/50 (96%)      | 47/50 (94%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 100.0%       | 99.9%        | 97.5%            | 97.4%        |
| Terminal rate                                    | 31/31 (100%) | 34/34 (100%) | 33/33 (100%)     | 32/32 (100%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 464          | 275          | 498              | 384          |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.123N     | P=1.000N     | P=0.399N         | P=0.362N     |
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>           |              |              |                  |              |
| Overall rate                                     | 22/50 (44%)  | 21/50 (42%)  | 30/50 (60%)      | 24/50 (48%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 45.6%        | 45.5%        | 60.1%            | 48.6%        |
| Terminal rate                                    | 7/31 (23%)   | 11/34 (32%)  | 14/33 (42%)      | 8/32 (25%)   |
| First incidence (days)                           | 547          | 547          | 493              | 369          |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.354      | P=0.579N     | P=0.106          | P=0.462      |
| <b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b> |              |              |                  |              |
| Overall rate                                     | 50/50 (100%) | 49/50 (98%)  | 50/50 (100%)     | 50/50 (100%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 100.0%       | 99.9%        | 100.0%           | 100.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 31/31 (100%) | 34/34 (100%) | 33/33 (100%)     | 32/32 (100%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 464          | 275          | 493 <sup>f</sup> | 369          |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=1.000      | P=1.000N     | —                | —            |

(T) Terminal sacrifice

<sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for adrenal medulla, pancreatic islets, pituitary gland, testes, and thyroid gland; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.

<sup>b</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>d</sup> Beneath the control incidence is the P value associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for the differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice. A negative trend or a lower incidence in an exposed group is indicated by N.

<sup>e</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

<sup>f</sup> Value of statistic cannot be computed.



TABLE A4

Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                       | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>            |          |          |           |           |
| Animals initially in study            | 50       | 50       | 50        | 50        |
| Early deaths                          |          |          |           |           |
| Moribund                              | 13       | 11       | 12        | 10        |
| Natural deaths                        | 6        | 5        | 5         | 8         |
| Survivors                             |          |          |           |           |
| Terminal sacrifice                    | 31       | 34       | 33        | 32        |
| Animals examined microscopically      | 50       | 50       | 50        | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>              |          |          |           |           |
| Intestine large, cecum                | (46)     | (46)     | (46)      | (46)      |
| Congestion                            |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Edema                                 |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Liver                                 | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Angiectasis, focal                    |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Atrophy, focal                        |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Basophilic focus                      | 31 (62%) | 26 (52%) | 30 (60%)  | 36 (72%)  |
| Clear cell focus                      | 31 (62%) | 28 (56%) | 29 (58%)  | 31 (62%)  |
| Congestion                            | 2 (4%)   |          |           |           |
| Degeneration, cystic, focal           | 4 (8%)   | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)    | 7 (14%)   |
| Eosinophilic focus                    | 4 (8%)   | 3 (6%)   | 7 (14%)   | 12 (24%)  |
| Fibrosis                              | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule            | 5 (10%)  | 2 (4%)   | 5 (10%)   | 4 (8%)    |
| Histiocytosis                         | 38 (76%) | 45 (90%) | 50 (100%) | 50 (100%) |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic       | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Infiltration cellular, mixed cell     | 15 (30%) | 5 (10%)  | 5 (10%)   | 17 (34%)  |
| Inflammation, chronic                 | 18 (36%) | 32 (64%) | 31 (62%)  | 36 (72%)  |
| Inflammation, granulomatous           | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Mixed cell focus                      | 5 (10%)  | 7 (14%)  | 11 (22%)  | 27 (54%)  |
| Thrombosis                            |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Bile duct, dilatation, focal          | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Bile duct, hyperplasia                | 48 (96%) | 48 (96%) | 49 (98%)  | 42 (84%)  |
| Hepatocyte, fatty change, focal       | 21 (42%) | 24 (48%) | 37 (74%)  | 33 (66%)  |
| Hepatocyte, necrosis, focal           |          | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic | 11 (22%) | 14 (28%) | 12 (24%)  | 18 (36%)  |
| Serosa, inflammation, chronic, focal  | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Mesentery                             | (13)     | (10)     | (11)      | (10)      |
| Inflammation, chronic                 |          |          | 1 (9%)    | 1 (10%)   |
| Artery, thrombosis                    |          |          |           | 1 (10%)   |
| Fat, hemorrhage, focal                | 1 (8%)   |          |           |           |
| Fat, necrosis, focal                  | 9 (69%)  | 4 (40%)  | 6 (55%)   | 5 (50%)   |
| Oral mucosa                           | (1)      | (1)      | (1)       |           |
| Foreign body                          |          | 1 (100%) |           |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal, squamous          |          |          | 1 (100%)  |           |
| Inflammation, chronic, focal          |          | 1 (100%) |           |           |
| Pancreas                              | (50)     | (48)     | (48)      | (49)      |
| Angiectasis                           |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                 |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Acinus, atrophy, diffuse              |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Acinus, atrophy, focal                | 23 (46%) | 24 (50%) | 24 (50%)  | 25 (51%)  |
| Duct, cyst, focal, multiple           | 15 (30%) | 12 (25%) | 16 (33%)  | 10 (20%)  |

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

TABLE A4

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|                                      | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Alimentary System</b> (continued) |          |          |           |           |
| Salivary glands                      | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Atrophy, focal                       | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Stomach, forestomach                 | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      |
| Diverticulum                         |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Edema                                | 3 (6%)   |          |           |           |
| Hyperkeratosis, focal                |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Inflammation                         | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Ulcer                                | 5 (10%)  | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia              | 4 (8%)   | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)    | 4 (8%)    |
| Stomach, glandular                   | (50)     | (50)     | (49)      | (49)      |
| Cyst                                 |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Edema                                | 2 (4%)   |          |           |           |
| Erosion                              | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 6 (12%)   |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic      |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Inflammation, focal                  |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Ulcer                                | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia              |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Tongue                               |          | (3)      | (1)       | (1)       |
| Epithelium, cyst                     |          | 1 (33%)  |           |           |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia              |          |          | 1 (100%)  | 1 (100%)  |
| Tooth                                | (1)      | (1)      |           |           |
| Peridental tissue, inflammation      | 1 (100%) | 1 (100%) |           |           |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>         |          |          |           |           |
| Heart                                | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Cardiomyopathy                       | 40 (80%) | 38 (76%) | 36 (72%)  | 39 (78%)  |
| Thrombosis                           | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)    | 4 (8%)    |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>              |          |          |           |           |
| Adrenal cortex                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Accessory adrenal cortical nodule    | 9 (18%)  | 6 (12%)  | 5 (10%)   | 9 (18%)   |
| Angiectasis                          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Cytoplasmic alteration, focal        | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Degeneration, cystic                 |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation     | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Hemorrhage, focal                    | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal                   |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Necrosis                             | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Vacuolization cytoplasmic, focal     | 6 (12%)  | 5 (10%)  | 13 (26%)  | 7 (14%)   |
| Capsule, hyperplasia, focal          |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Adrenal medulla                      | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia, focal                   | 7 (14%)  | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)    |           |
| Necrosis                             |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Islets, pancreatic                   | (50)     | (49)     | (49)      | (49)      |
| Hyperplasia                          | 1 (2%)   |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Parathyroid gland                    | (48)     | (50)     | (48)      | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia, focal                   | 1 (2%)   |          |           | 2 (4%)    |

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|                                              | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Endocrine System</b> (continued)          |          |          |           |           |
| Pituitary gland                              | (49)     | (49)     | (48)      | (48)      |
| Angiectasis                                  | 1 (2%)   |          | 4 (8%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Cyst                                         | 4 (8%)   | 2 (4%)   | 6 (13%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Fibrosis, focal                              |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                                   |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Pars distalis, cytoplasmic alteration, focal |          |          | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Pars distalis, degeneration, cystic, focal   |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Pars distalis, hemorrhage, focal             | 2 (4%)   |          |           |           |
| Pars distalis, hyperplasia                   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Pars distalis, hyperplasia, focal            | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Pars distalis, hypertrophy, focal            | 8 (16%)  | 9 (18%)  | 20 (42%)  | 22 (46%)  |
| Pars nervosa, inflammation                   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Thyroid gland                                | (47)     | (46)     | (48)      | (44)      |
| C-cell, hyperplasia                          | 41 (87%) | 28 (61%) | 26 (54%)  | 29 (66%)  |
| Follicle, cyst                               |          | 3 (7%)   | 1 (2%)    | 5 (11%)   |
| Follicle, degeneration, focal                | 6 (13%)  | 4 (9%)   | 8 (17%)   | 4 (9%)    |
| Follicle, mineralization                     | 3 (6%)   | 3 (7%)   | 5 (10%)   | 6 (14%)   |
| Follicular cell, hyperplasia, focal          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |           |
| <b>General Body System</b>                   |          |          |           |           |
| Peritoneum                                   |          | (2)      | (3)       | (1)       |
| Inflammation, chronic, focal                 |          |          | 1 (33%)   |           |
| Tissue NOS                                   | (6)      | (4)      | (6)       | (5)       |
| Inflammation, chronic                        |          |          |           | 1 (20%)   |
| Mediastinum, cyst                            | 1 (17%)  |          |           |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>                        |          |          |           |           |
| Coagulating gland                            |          |          |           | (1)       |
| Inflammation, chronic                        |          |          |           | 1 (100%)  |
| Epididymis                                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Granuloma sperm                              | 1 (2%)   |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                                   |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic                        |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Spermatocele                                 | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Preputial gland                              | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      |
| Degeneration, cystic                         | 5 (10%)  | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Fibrosis                                     | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Hyperplasia, cystic                          | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                        | 30 (60%) | 28 (56%) | 21 (42%)  | 23 (47%)  |
| Prostate                                     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      |
| Inflammation, chronic                        | 27 (54%) | 24 (48%) | 28 (56%)  | 36 (73%)  |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia, focal               | 4 (8%)   | 6 (12%)  | 5 (10%)   |           |
| Seminal vesicle                              | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Dilatation                                   |          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Testes                                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Atrophy                                      | 15 (30%) | 10 (20%) | 8 (16%)   | 10 (20%)  |
| Cyst                                         | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Interstitial cell, hyperplasia, focal        | 4 (8%)   |          | 6 (12%)   | 7 (14%)   |

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|                                         | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>             |          |         |           |           |
| Bone marrow                             | (47)     | (50)    | (48)      | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                             | 1 (2%)   |         |           |           |
| Atrophy                                 | 1 (2%)   |         |           |           |
| Hyperplasia                             | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)    | 4 (8%)    |
| Lymph node                              | (19)     | (18)    | (26)      | (27)      |
| Hyperplasia, plasma cell                |          | 1 (6%)  |           |           |
| Deep cervical, hyperplasia, histiocytic |          |         | 1 (4%)    |           |
| Deep cervical, hyperplasia, plasma cell | 1 (5%)   |         |           |           |
| Mediastinal, ectasia                    | 2 (11%)  | 2 (11%) |           | 3 (11%)   |
| Mediastinal, hemorrhage                 | 3 (16%)  | 2 (11%) | 2 (8%)    | 3 (11%)   |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia                |          | 1 (6%)  |           |           |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia, histiocytic   | 5 (26%)  |         | 2 (8%)    | 3 (11%)   |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia, plasma cell   | 2 (11%)  | 2 (11%) | 2 (8%)    | 1 (4%)    |
| Pancreatic, ectasia                     | 1 (5%)   |         |           |           |
| Pancreatic, fibrosis                    |          |         |           | 1 (4%)    |
| Pancreatic, hemorrhage                  |          | 1 (6%)  | 3 (12%)   | 1 (4%)    |
| Pancreatic, hyperplasia, histiocytic    | 2 (11%)  |         | 1 (4%)    | 4 (15%)   |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                  | (50)     | (48)    | (48)      | (49)      |
| Ectasia                                 | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  |           |           |
| Hemorrhage                              |          |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, histiocytic                | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)  |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                   |          |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Spleen                                  | (50)     | (48)    | (48)      | (49)      |
| Accessory spleen                        | 3 (6%)   |         | 1 (2%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Atrophy                                 | 3 (6%)   |         |           |           |
| Fibrosis, diffuse                       | 1 (2%)   |         |           |           |
| Fibrosis, focal                         | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation        | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                              | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                   | 1 (2%)   |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Infarct                                 |          | 1 (2%)  |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Inflammation, granulomatous             |          | 2 (4%)  | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Thymus                                  | (48)     | (49)    | (46)      | (45)      |
| Angiectasis                             |          |         | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hemorrhage                              | 2 (4%)   |         |           |           |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>             |          |         |           |           |
| Mammary gland                           | (47)     | (46)    | (41)      | (45)      |
| Dilatation                              | 12 (26%) | 7 (15%) | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Fibrosis                                | 1 (2%)   |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic, focal            |          | 1 (2%)  |           |           |
| Skin                                    | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      |
| Cyst epithelial inclusion               | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  | 2 (4%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperkeratosis, focal                   | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Inflammation, focal                     |          |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Ulcer                                   |          | 1 (2%)  |           |           |
| Epidermis, hyperplasia, focal           |          | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, edema              |          |         | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosis, focal    |          |         |           | 1 (2%)    |

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|                                         | 0 ppm  | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>           |        |         |           |           |
| Bone                                    | (50)   | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      |
| Vertebra, cyst                          | 1 (2%) |         |           |           |
| <b>Nervous System</b>                   |        |         |           |           |
| Brain                                   | (50)   | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      |
| Compression, focal                      | 4 (8%) | 6 (12%) | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage, focal                       | 1 (2%) | 4 (8%)  | 3 (6%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Meninges, congestion, focal             |        | 1 (2%)  |           |           |
| Meninges, hemorrhage, focal             | 1 (2%) |         |           |           |
| Spinal cord                             | (2)    | (3)     | (2)       | (3)       |
| Hemorrhage, focal                       |        | 1 (33%) |           | 1 (33%)   |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>               |        |         |           |           |
| Lung                                    | (50)   | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      |
| Congestion                              | 4 (8%) | 1 (2%)  |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Hemorrhage, focal                       | 4 (8%) | 1 (2%)  | 3 (6%)    |           |
| Infiltration cellular, mixed cell       | 3 (6%) |         | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic, focal            | 3 (6%) | 3 (6%)  | 4 (8%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Inflammation, focal                     |        |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia, focal | 2 (4%) | 4 (8%)  | 3 (6%)    |           |
| Alveolus, proteinosis                   |        |         | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Nose                                    | (49)   | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      |
| Foreign body                            | 1 (2%) |         | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                              | 1 (2%) |         |           |           |
| Inflammation, suppurative               | 2 (4%) | 1 (2%)  | 4 (8%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Nasolacrimal duct, inflammation         |        |         |           | 4 (8%)    |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>            |        |         |           |           |
| Eye                                     | (48)   | (47)    | (48)      | (45)      |
| Cataract                                | 2 (4%) | 1 (2%)  |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Anterior chamber, exudate               |        | 1 (2%)  |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Retina, degeneration                    | 2 (4%) |         |           |           |
| Harderian gland                         | (50)   | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic         | 1 (2%) |         |           |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal, lymphoid            |        |         | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Inflammation                            |        |         | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                   |        |         |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia, focal          | 1 (2%) |         |           |           |

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|                                             | 0 ppm    | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Urinary System</b>                       |          |          |           |           |
| Kidney                                      | (48)     | (49)     | (48)      | (50)      |
| Congestion                                  | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Cyst                                        | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Infarct                                     |          | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    | 4 (8%)    |
| Nephropathy                                 | 47 (98%) | 43 (88%) | 47 (98%)  | 46 (92%)  |
| Pelvis, dilatation                          |          |          | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Renal tubule, accumulation, hyaline droplet | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Renal tubule, hyperplasia, focal            |          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |
| Renal tubule, pigmentation                  | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Urethra                                     |          |          |           | (1)       |
| Muscularis, inflammation, chronic           |          |          |           | 1 (100%)  |
| Urinary bladder                             | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      |
| Hemorrhage                                  | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation                                | 1 (2%)   |          |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Ulcer                                       | 1 (2%)   |          |           |           |
| Muscularis, hyperplasia                     |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Transitional epithelium, hyperplasia        |          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |

## APPENDIX B

### SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN FEMALE RATS IN THE 2-YEAR FEED STUDY OF 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE

|                 |                                                                                                                                 |            |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
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Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                                              | 0 ppm   | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>                                   |         |           |           |           |
| Animals initially in study                                   | 50      | 50        | 50        | 50        |
| Early deaths                                                 |         |           |           |           |
| Moribund                                                     | 5       | 5         | 5         | 9         |
| Natural deaths                                               | 2       | 6         | 11        | 6         |
| Survivors                                                    |         |           |           |           |
| Died last week of study                                      | 3       |           |           | 2         |
| Terminal sacrifice                                           | 40      | 39        | 34        | 33        |
| Animals examined microscopically                             | 50      | 50        | 50        | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>                                     |         |           |           |           |
| Intestine large, colon                                       | (49)    | (48)      | (45)      | (46)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                          | 1 (2%)  |           |           |           |
| Intestine large, cecum                                       | (48)    | (46)      | (43)      | (43)      |
| Intestine small, duodenum                                    | (49)    | (48)      | (43)      | (45)      |
| Intestine small, ileum                                       | (45)    | (47)      | (42)      | (43)      |
| Liver                                                        | (50)    | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Cholangiocarcinoma                                           |         |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hepatocellular adenoma                                       |         |           | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                          | 2 (4%)  |           |           |           |
| Osteosarcoma, metastatic, uncertain primary site             |         |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Mesentery                                                    | (9)     | (7)       | (11)      | (8)       |
| Fibrosarcoma                                                 | 1 (11%) |           |           |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                          | 1 (11%) |           |           |           |
| Pancreas                                                     | (49)    | (49)      | (47)      | (47)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                          | 1 (2%)  |           |           |           |
| Salivary glands                                              | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Stomach, forestomach                                         | (50)    | (50)      | (49)      | (50)      |
| Stomach, glandular                                           | (50)    | (50)      | (49)      | (49)      |
| Tongue                                                       |         | (5)       | (4)       | (3)       |
| Squamous cell papilloma                                      |         | 1 (20%)   | 1 (25%)   | 1 (33%)   |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>                                 |         |           |           |           |
| Heart                                                        | (50)    | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Schwannoma benign                                            | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    | 3 (6%)    |           |
| Schwannoma benign, multiple                                  |         |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Schwannoma malignant                                         |         |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Epicardium, alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, metastatic, lung |         | 1 (2%)    |           |           |



**TABLE B1**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                               | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Endocrine System</b>                                       |          |           |           |           |
| Adrenal cortex                                                | (49)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Adenoma                                                       | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Carcinoma                                                     |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Adrenal medulla                                               | (48)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Pheochromocytoma malignant                                    | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Pheochromocytoma benign                                       | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign                            | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Islets, pancreatic                                            | (49)     | (50)      | (48)      | (47)      |
| Adenoma                                                       |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Mixed tumor benign                                            |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Pituitary gland                                               | (48)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Pars distalis, adenoma                                        | 29 (60%) | 19 (38%)  | 20 (40%)  | 9 (18%)   |
| Pars distalis, carcinoma                                      |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Thyroid gland                                                 | (47)     | (44)      | (40)      | (45)      |
| Bilateral, C-cell, adenoma                                    |          |           | 1 (3%)    |           |
| C-cell, adenoma                                               | 10 (21%) | 8 (18%)   | 5 (13%)   | 8 (18%)   |
| C-cell, carcinoma                                             | 1 (2%)   |           | 2 (5%)    |           |
| Follicular cell, adenoma                                      | 2 (4%)   | 3 (7%)    |           |           |
| <b>General Body System</b>                                    |          |           |           |           |
| Tissue NOS                                                    | (5)      | (3)       | (6)       | (6)       |
| Neoplasm NOS                                                  |          |           | 1 (17%)   |           |
| Mediastinum, alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, metastatic, lung |          | 1 (33%)   |           |           |
| Mediastinum, schwannoma malignant                             | 1 (20%)  |           |           |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>                                         |          |           |           |           |
| Clitoral gland                                                | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Adenoma                                                       | 8 (16%)  | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Carcinoma                                                     | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Ovary                                                         | (50)     | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Granulosa-theca tumor malignant                               |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                           | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Oviduct                                                       |          |           | (2)       | (1)       |
| Uterus                                                        | (50)     | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Carcinoma                                                     |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Endometrium, polyp stromal                                    | 16 (32%) | 5 (10%)   | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Endometrium, sarcoma stromal                                  | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>                                   |          |           |           |           |
| Bone marrow                                                   | (50)     | (48)      | (49)      | (48)      |
| Osteosarcoma, metastatic, bone                                | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Lymph node                                                    | (24)     | (11)      | (24)      | (35)      |
| Mediastinal, carcinoma, metastatic, thyroid gland             | 1 (4%)   |           |           |           |
| Pancreatic, histiocytic sarcoma                               | 2 (8%)   |           |           |           |
| Lymph node, mandibular                                        | (1)      | (3)       | (1)       | (4)       |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                                        | (49)     | (49)      | (49)      | (47)      |
| Spleen                                                        | (50)     | (48)      | (47)      | (48)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                           | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Thymus                                                        | (47)     | (50)      | (48)      | (48)      |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, metastatic, lung              |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |

TABLE B1

## Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                         | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Integumentary System</b>                             |          |           |           |           |
| Mammary gland                                           | (50)     | (49)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Carcinoma                                               | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Fibroadenoma                                            | 20 (40%) | 5 (10%)   | 3 (6%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Fibroadenoma, multiple                                  | 4 (8%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Skin                                                    | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Basal cell adenoma                                      |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Squamous cell papilloma                                 | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Trichoepithelioma                                       | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Pinna, neural crest tumor                               |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibroma                            | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 5 (10%)   |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, histiocytic sarcoma                | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>                           |          |           |           |           |
| Bone                                                    | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Osteosarcoma                                            | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Maxilla, sarcoma                                        |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Skeletal muscle                                         |          | (1)       | (1)       |           |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, metastatic, lung        |          | 1 (100%)  |           |           |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, thyroid gland                    |          |           | 1 (100%)  |           |
| <b>Nervous System</b>                                   |          |           |           |           |
| Brain                                                   | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Astrocytoma malignant                                   |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, pituitary gland                  |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Spinal cord                                             | (7)      | (3)       | (24)      | (50)      |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>                               |          |           |           |           |
| Larynx                                                  |          |           | (1)       |           |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, thyroid gland                    |          |           | 1 (100%)  |           |
| Lung                                                    | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma                          |          | 2 (4%)    |           |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma, metastatic, uncertain primary site | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Osteosarcoma, metastatic, bone                          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Nose                                                    | (49)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Trachea                                                 | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, thyroid gland                    |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>                            |          |           |           |           |
| Eye                                                     | (48)     | (45)      | (40)      | (45)      |
| Lids, neural crest tumor                                |          | 1 (2%)    | 1 (3%)    |           |
| Harderian gland                                         | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Zymbal's gland                                          |          | (3)       | (1)       |           |
| Carcinoma                                               |          | 1 (33%)   | 1 (100%)  |           |
| Carcinosarcoma                                          |          | 1 (33%)   |           |           |
| <b>Urinary System</b>                                   |          |           |           |           |
| Kidney                                                  | (48)     | (48)      | (43)      | (43)      |
| Bilateral, renal tubule, adenoma                        |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Pelvis, transitional epithelium, papilloma              | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Urinary bladder                                         | (49)     | (50)      | (49)      | (48)      |

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**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                                  | 0 ppm   | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Systemic Lesions</b>                                          |         |           |           |           |
| Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>                                     | (50)    | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                              | 2 (4%)  |           |           |           |
| Leukemia mononuclear                                             | 9 (18%) | 7 (14%)   | 16 (32%)  | 20 (40%)  |
| <b>Neoplasm Summary</b>                                          |         |           |           |           |
| Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup>                | 48      | 39        | 42        | 36        |
| Total primary neoplasms                                          | 118     | 67        | 73        | 49        |
| Total animals with benign neoplasms                              | 48      | 32        | 29        | 20        |
| Total benign neoplasms                                           | 97      | 49        | 46        | 27        |
| Total animals with malignant neoplasms                           | 19      | 15        | 24        | 21        |
| Total malignant neoplasms                                        | 21      | 17        | 25        | 21        |
| Total animals with metastatic neoplasms                          | 3       | 3         | 2         |           |
| Total metastatic neoplasms                                       | 3       | 6         | 4         |           |
| Total animals with malignant neoplasms of uncertain primary site | 1       |           | 1         |           |
| Total animals with uncertain neoplasms benign or malignant       |         | 1         | 2         | 1         |
| Total uncertain neoplasms                                        |         | 1         | 2         | 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 B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 0 ppm**

|                                    | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Days on Study            | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                    | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Carcass ID Number                  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|                                    | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|                                    | 5 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Alimentary System                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Esophagus                          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, colon             | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Intestine large, rectum            | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine large, cecum             | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, duodenum          | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, jejunum           | + | + | + | A | + | A | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Intestine small, ileum             | + | + | + | A | + | A | + | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Liver                              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mesentery                          |   |   |   | + |   |   | + | + |   |   |   |   |   | + | + |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |
| Fibrosarcoma                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pancreas                           | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Salivary glands                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stomach, forestomach               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stomach, glandular                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Tooth                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Cardiovascular System              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Blood vessel                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |
| Heart                              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Schwannoma benign                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Endocrine System                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal cortex                     | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| Adrenal medulla                    | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pheochromocytoma malignant         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pheochromocytoma benign            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bilateral, pheochromocytoma benign |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Islets, pancreatic                 | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Parathyroid gland                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pituitary gland                    | I | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pars distalis, adenoma             |   |   |   | X |   | X | X | X | X | X |   | X |   | X |   | X | X | X |   | X |   | X | X |   |
| Thyroid gland                      | + | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| C-cell, adenoma                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | X | X |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |
| C-cell, carcinoma                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| Follicular cell, adenoma           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| General Body System                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tissue NOS                         | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + | + |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mediastinum, schwannoma malignant  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

+: Tissue examined microscopically  
A: Autolysis precludes examination

M: Missing tissue  
I: Insufficient tissue

X: Lesion present  
Blank: Not examined

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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 0 ppm**

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| Number of Days on Study                                 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                                         | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                                         | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Carcass ID Number                                       | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|                                                         | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|                                                         | 5 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Respiratory System                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lung                                                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma, metastatic, uncertain primary site |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Nose                                                    | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Trachea                                                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Special Senses System                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Eye                                                     | + | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Harderian gland                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Urinary System                                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                                                  | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Pelvis, transitional epithelium, papilloma              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Urinary bladder                                         | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Systemic Lesions                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                     |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Leukemia mononuclear                                    |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |



**TABLE B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 0 ppm**

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|                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|---|
|                                                            | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |                             |   |   |
| Number of Days on Study                                    | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |                             |   |   |
|                                                            | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |                             |   |   |
|                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Carcass ID Number                                          | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Total<br>Tissues/<br>Tumors |   |   |
|                                                            | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |                             | 4 | 4 |
|                                                            | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |                             | 3 |   |
|                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Respiratory System                                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Lung                                                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma, metastatic,<br>uncertain primary site |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |   |   |
| Nose                                                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49                          |   |   |
| Trachea                                                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |   |   |
|                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Special Senses System                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Eye                                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |   |   |
| Harderian gland                                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |   |   |
|                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Urinary System                                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Kidney                                                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |   |   |
| Pelvis, transitional epithelium,<br>papilloma              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |   |   |
| Urinary bladder                                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49                          |   |   |
|                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Systemic Lesions                                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |   |   |
| Multiple organs                                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2                           |   |   |
| Leukemia mononuclear                                       |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   | X |   | 9                           |   |   |

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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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### Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm

|                                  |  | Carcass |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                  |  | 1       |   |   |   | 2 |   |   |   | 3 |   |   |   | 4 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |
|                                  |  | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Number of Days on Study          |  | 4       | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                                  |  | 2       | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                  |  | 1       | 4 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
|                                  |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Carcass ID Number                |  | 2       | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|                                  |  | 5       | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
|                                  |  | 6       | 6 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|                                  |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Special Senses System            |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Eye                              |  | A       | + | A | + | A | + | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Lids, neural crest tumor         |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| Harderian gland                  |  | +       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Zymbal's gland                   |  |         |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Carcinoma                        |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Carcinosarcoma                   |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Urinary System                   |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                           |  | +       | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Bilateral, renal tubule, adenoma |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Urinary bladder                  |  | +       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Systemic Lesions                 |  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs                  |  | +       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Leukemia mononuclear             |  |         | X | X |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |   |

**TABLE B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|--------------------------|
|                                  | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |    |                          |
| Number of Days on Study          | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |    |                          |
|                                  | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |    |                          |
|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Carcass ID Number                | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2  | Total Tissues/<br>Tumors |
|                                  | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8  | 9                        |
|                                  | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0  |                          |
|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Special Senses System            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Eye                              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 45 |                          |
| Lids, neural crest tumor         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |                          |
| Harderian gland                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |                          |
| Zymbal’s gland                   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 3  |                          |
| Carcinoma                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |                          |
| Carcinosarcoma                   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |                          |
|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Urinary System                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Kidney                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48 |                          |
| Bilateral, renal tubule, adenoma |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |                          |
| Urinary bladder                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |                          |
|                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Systemic Lesions                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Multiple organs                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |                          |
| Leukemia mononuclear             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | X | 7  |                          |

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**TABLE B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 2,500 ppm**

|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Days on Study | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                         | 0 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Carcass ID Number       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|                         | 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| Urinary System          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                  | A | + | A | A | + | + | A | A | A | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Urinary bladder         | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Systemic Lesions        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Leukemia mononuclear    |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X |   | X | X | X |   | X |   | X |   |

TABLE B2  
Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 2,500 ppm

|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Days on Study | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Carcass ID Number       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Urinary System          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Urinary bladder         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Systemic Lesions        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Leukemia mononuclear    |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**TABLE B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 5,000 ppm**

|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                         | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Number of Days on Study | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 3 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |



**TABLE B2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 5,000 ppm**

|                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Number of Days on Study</b> | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                                | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                | 3 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| <b>Carcass ID Number</b>       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
|                                | 4 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bone marrow                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + |
| Lymph node                     |   | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |   | + | + | + | + |   | + | + | A | + | + |
| Lymph node, mandibular         | + | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | + | M | M | M | M | M | M |
| Lymph node, mesenteric         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + |
| Spleen                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + |
| Thymus                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | I | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mammary gland                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Fibroadenoma                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| Skin                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Basal cell adenoma             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |
| Pinna, neural crest tumor      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bone                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Maxilla, sarcoma               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |
| <b>Nervous System</b>          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Brain                          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Peripheral nerve               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Spinal cord                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lung                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Nose                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Trachea                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Eye                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + |
| Harderian gland                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Urinary System</b>          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                         | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | A | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + |
| Urinary bladder                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Systemic Lesions</b>        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Leukemia mononuclear           |   | X | X | X | X |   | X |   |   | X | X |   | X | X |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   | X |   |



TABLE B2

## Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 5,000 ppm

|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
|                           | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |                             |
| Number of Days on Study   | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |                             |
|                           | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |                             |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Carcass ID Number         | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Total<br>Tissues/<br>Tumors |
|                           | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 9 |                             |
|                           | 7 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8                           |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Hematopoietic System      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Bone marrow               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |
| Lymph node                |   |   |   | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   | + |   | + | + | + | + |   |   | + | + | + | + |   | 35                          |
| Lymph node, mandibular    | M | M | M | M | M | + | M | M | + | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | M | 4                           |
| Lymph node, mesenteric    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 47                          |
| Spleen                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |
| Thymus                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | 48                          |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Integumentary System      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Mammary gland             | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Fibroadenoma              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |
| Skin                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Basal cell adenoma        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |
| Pinna, neural crest tumor |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Musculoskeletal System    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Bone                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Maxilla, sarcoma          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Nervous System            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Brain                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Peripheral nerve          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Spinal cord               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Respiratory System        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Lung                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Nose                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Trachea                   | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Special Senses System     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Eye                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 45                          |
| Harderian gland           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Urinary System            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Kidney                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 43                          |
| Urinary bladder           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |
|                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Systemic Lesions          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |
| Multiple organs           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |
| Leukemia mononuclear      |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | 20                          |

TABLE B3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                              | 0 ppm       | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm      | 5,000 ppm  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| <b>Adrenal Medulla: Benign or Malignant Pheochromocytoma</b> |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate <sup>a</sup>                                    | 3/48 (6%)   | 1/50 (2%)   | 2/50 (4%)      | 2/50 (4%)  |
| Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>                                   | 6.7%        | 2.2%        | 4.6%           | 4.5%       |
| Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>                                   | 3/42 (7%)   | 1/39 (3%)   | 1/34 (3%)      | 2/35 (6%)  |
| First incidence (days) <sup>d</sup>                          | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     | 700            | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P=0.501N    | P=0.297N    | P=0.508N       | P=0.503N   |
| <b>Clitoral Gland: Adenoma</b>                               |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 8/50 (16%)  | 1/50 (2%)   | 0/50 (0%)      | 0/50 (0%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 17.0%       | 2.2%        | 0.0%           | 0.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 6/43 (14%)  | 0/39 (0%)   | 0/34 (0%)      | 0/35 (0%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 624         | 434         | — <sup>e</sup> | —          |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.017N    | P=0.005N       | P=0.005N   |
| <b>Clitoral Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>                  |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 10/50 (20%) | 2/50 (4%)   | 0/50 (0%)      | 0/50 (0%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 21.3%       | 4.3%        | 0.0%           | 0.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 8/43 (19%)  | 1/39 (3%)   | 0/34 (0%)      | 0/35 (0%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 624         | 434         | —              | —          |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.014N    | P<0.001N       | P<0.001N   |
| <b>Heart: Benign Schwannoma</b>                              |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 1/50 (2%)   | 1/50 (2%)   | 4/48 (8%)      | 0/50 (0%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 2.2%        | 2.2%        | 9.5%           | 0.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 1/43 (2%)   | 1/39 (3%)   | 4/33 (12%)     | 0/35 (0%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        | —          |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P=0.470N    | P=0.756     | P=0.150        | P=0.509N   |
| <b>Mammary Gland: Fibroadenoma</b>                           |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 24/50 (48%) | 6/50 (12%)  | 4/50 (8%)      | 1/50 (2%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 51.0%       | 13.1%       | 9.1%           | 2.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 22/43 (51%) | 6/39 (15%)  | 4/34 (12%)     | 1/35 (3%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 624         | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N       | P<0.001N   |
| <b>Mammary Gland: Fibroadenoma or Carcinoma</b>              |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 25/50 (50%) | 7/50 (14%)  | 6/50 (12%)     | 1/50 (2%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 53.1%       | 15.3%       | 13.7%          | 2.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                                | 23/43 (54%) | 6/39 (15%)  | 6/34 (18%)     | 1/35 (3%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 624         | 705         | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)    |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N       | P<0.001N   |
| <b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma</b>              |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 29/48 (60%) | 19/50 (38%) | 20/50 (40%)    | 9/50 (18%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 62.1%       | 40.7%       | 44.7%          | 20.0%      |
| Terminal rate                                                | 25/42 (60%) | 15/39 (39%) | 17/34 (50%)    | 6/35 (17%) |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 498         | 636         | 555            | 642        |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.029N    | P=0.068N       | P<0.001N   |
| <b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma or Carcinoma</b> |             |             |                |            |
| Overall rate                                                 | 29/48 (60%) | 20/50 (40%) | 20/50 (40%)    | 9/50 (18%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                | 62.1%       | 42.9%       | 44.7%          | 20.0%      |
| Terminal rate                                                | 25/42 (60%) | 16/39 (41%) | 17/34 (50%)    | 6/35 (17%) |
| First incidence (days)                                       | 498         | 636         | 555            | 642        |
| Poly-3 test                                                  | P<0.001N    | P=0.046N    | P=0.068N       | P<0.001N   |

**TABLE B3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                     | 0 ppm       | 1,250 ppm  | 2,500 ppm   | 5,000 ppm   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Skin (Subcutaneous Tissue): Fibroma</b>          |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 1/50 (2%)   | 1/50 (2%)  | 5/50 (10%)  | 0/50 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 2.2%        | 2.2%       | 11.3%       | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                       | 1/43 (2%)   | 0/39 (0%)  | 4/34 (12%)  | 0/35 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                              | 729 (T)     | 700        | 638         | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P=0.502N    | P=0.757    | P=0.089     | P=0.509N    |
| <b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Adenoma</b>              |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 10/47 (21%) | 8/44 (18%) | 6/40 (15%)  | 8/45 (18%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 22.7%       | 19.0%      | 15.6%       | 19.5%       |
| Terminal rate                                       | 9/42 (21%)  | 8/38 (21%) | 5/34 (15%)  | 7/34 (21%)  |
| First incidence (days)                              | 700         | 729 (T)    | 700         | 642         |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P=0.411N    | P=0.439N   | P=0.299N    | P=0.465N    |
| <b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Carcinoma</b>            |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 1/47 (2%)   | 0/44 (0%)  | 2/40 (5%)   | 0/45 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 2.3%        | 0.0%       | 5.2%        | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                       | 1/42 (2%)   | 0/38 (0%)  | 2/34 (6%)   | 0/34 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                              | 729 (T)     | —          | 729 (T)     | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P=0.488N    | P=0.509N   | P=0.452     | P=0.516N    |
| <b>Thyroid Gland (C-cell): Adenoma or Carcinoma</b> |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 11/47 (23%) | 8/44 (18%) | 8/40 (20%)  | 8/45 (18%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 24.9%       | 19.0%      | 20.8%       | 19.5%       |
| Terminal rate                                       | 10/42 (24%) | 8/38 (21%) | 7/34 (21%)  | 7/34 (21%)  |
| First incidence (days)                              | 700         | 729 (T)    | 700         | 642         |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P=0.363N    | P=0.344N   | P=0.429N    | P=0.369N    |
| <b>Thyroid Gland (Follicular Cell): Adenoma</b>     |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 2/47 (4%)   | 3/44 (7%)  | 0/40 (0%)   | 0/45 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 4.5%        | 7.1%       | 0.0%        | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                       | 2/42 (5%)   | 2/38 (5%)  | 0/34 (0%)   | 0/34 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                              | 729 (T)     | 636        | —           | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P=0.082N    | P=0.484    | P=0.268N    | P=0.255N    |
| <b>Uterus: Stromal Polyp</b>                        |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 16/50 (32%) | 5/50 (10%) | 2/50 (4%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 33.6%       | 10.9%      | 4.6%        | 4.5%        |
| Terminal rate                                       | 14/43 (33%) | 4/39 (10%) | 2/34 (6%)   | 2/35 (6%)   |
| First incidence (days)                              | 302         | 677        | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P<0.001N    | P=0.007N   | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    |
| <b>Uterus: Stromal Polyp or Stromal Sarcoma</b>     |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 17/50 (34%) | 5/50 (10%) | 2/50 (4%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 35.6%       | 10.9%      | 4.6%        | 4.5%        |
| Terminal rate                                       | 15/43 (35%) | 4/39 (10%) | 2/34 (6%)   | 2/35 (6%)   |
| First incidence (days)                              | 302         | 677        | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P<0.001N    | P=0.004N   | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    |
| <b>All Organs: Mononuclear Cell Leukemia</b>        |             |            |             |             |
| Overall rate                                        | 9/50 (18%)  | 7/50 (14%) | 16/50 (32%) | 20/50 (40%) |
| Adjusted rate                                       | 19.1%       | 14.8%      | 34.5%       | 41.7%       |
| Terminal rate                                       | 7/43 (16%)  | 4/39 (10%) | 7/34 (21%)  | 11/35 (31%) |
| First incidence (days)                              | 624         | 434        | 578         | 368         |
| Poly-3 test                                         | P<0.001     | P=0.386N   | P=0.073     | P=0.013     |

TABLE B3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                  | 0 ppm       | 1,250 ppm   | 2,500 ppm   | 5,000 ppm   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>              |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                     | 48/50 (96%) | 32/50 (64%) | 29/50 (58%) | 20/50 (40%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 98.0%       | 67.0%       | 63.3%       | 44.2%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 42/43 (98%) | 25/39 (64%) | 22/34 (65%) | 16/35 (46%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 302         | 434         | 555         | 642         |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    | P<0.001N    |
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>           |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                     | 19/50 (38%) | 15/50 (30%) | 25/50 (50%) | 21/50 (42%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 39.8%       | 30.6%       | 53.5%       | 43.8%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 16/43 (37%) | 8/39 (21%)  | 14/34 (41%) | 12/35 (34%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 498         | 421         | 578         | 368         |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.201     | P=0.232N    | P=0.128     | P=0.425     |
| <b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                     | 48/50 (96%) | 39/50 (78%) | 42/50 (84%) | 36/50 (72%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 98.0%       | 78.0%       | 88.3%       | 73.8%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 42/43 (98%) | 28/39 (72%) | 29/34 (85%) | 23/35 (66%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 302         | 421         | 555         | 368         |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.004N    | P=0.002N    | P=0.062N    | P<0.001N    |

(T) Terminal sacrifice

<sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for adrenal medulla, clitoral gland, heart, pituitary gland, and thyroid gland; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.

<sup>b</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>d</sup> Beneath the control incidence is the P value associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for the differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice. A negative trend or a lower incidence in an exposed group is indicated by N.

<sup>e</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

**TABLE B4**  
**Historical Incidence of Mononuclear Cell Leukemia in Control Female F344/N Rats<sup>a</sup>**

| Study                                             | Incidence in Controls |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Historical Incidence: Feed Studies</b>         |                       |
| Benzophenone                                      | 19/50                 |
| <i>trans</i> -Cinnamaldehyde                      | 21/100                |
| Citral                                            | 24/100                |
| <i>p,p'</i> -Dichlorodiphenyl sulfone             | 8/50                  |
| 2-Methylimidazole                                 | 6/50                  |
| 4-Methylimidazole                                 | 9/50                  |
| <i>o</i> -Nitrotoluene                            | 21/60                 |
| <i>p</i> -Nitrotoluene                            | 13/50                 |
| <b>Overall Historical Incidence: Feed Studies</b> |                       |
| Total (%)                                         | 121/510 (23.7%)       |
| Mean $\pm$ standard deviation                     | 23.8% $\pm$ 9.1%      |
| Range                                             | 12%-38%               |
| <b>Overall Historical Incidence</b>               |                       |
| Total (%)                                         | 383/1,459 (26.3%)     |
| Mean $\pm$ standard deviation                     | 26.7% $\pm$ 10.5%     |
| Range                                             | 12%-52%               |

<sup>a</sup> Data as of January 28, 2005

TABLE B5

Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                       | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>            |          |           |           |           |
| Animals initially in study            | 50       | 50        | 50        | 50        |
| Early deaths                          |          |           |           |           |
| Moribund                              | 5        | 5         | 5         | 9         |
| Natural deaths                        | 2        | 6         | 11        | 6         |
| Survivors                             |          |           |           |           |
| Died last week of study               | 3        |           |           | 2         |
| Terminal sacrifice                    | 40       | 39        | 34        | 33        |
| Animals examined microscopically      | 50       | 50        | 50        | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>              |          |           |           |           |
| Intestine large, cecum                | (48)     | (46)      | (43)      | (43)      |
| Edema                                 | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Liver                                 | (50)     | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Basophilic focus                      | 46 (92%) | 43 (86%)  | 31 (65%)  | 25 (50%)  |
| Clear cell focus                      | 20 (40%) | 32 (64%)  | 23 (48%)  | 27 (54%)  |
| Congestion                            | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)    |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Degeneration, cystic, focal           | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Eosinophilic focus                    | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    | 5 (10%)   | 11 (22%)  |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation      | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Hemorrhage                            |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Hepatodiaphragmatic nodule            | 5 (10%)  | 4 (8%)    | 6 (13%)   | 11 (22%)  |
| Histiocytosis                         | 40 (80%) | 50 (100%) | 48 (100%) | 50 (100%) |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic       |          |           |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Infiltration cellular, mixed cell     | 5 (10%)  | 5 (10%)   |           | 5 (10%)   |
| Inflammation, chronic                 | 17 (34%) | 28 (56%)  | 34 (71%)  | 35 (70%)  |
| Inflammation, chronic, focal          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Inflammation, granulomatous           | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Mixed cell focus                      | 10 (20%) | 7 (14%)   | 6 (13%)   | 18 (36%)  |
| Thrombosis                            |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Bile duct, cyst                       |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Bile duct, dilatation, focal          |          |           | 2 (4%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Bile duct, hyperplasia                | 31 (62%) | 38 (76%)  | 43 (90%)  | 35 (70%)  |
| Hepatocyte, fatty change, focal       | 16 (32%) | 29 (58%)  | 29 (60%)  | 32 (64%)  |
| Hepatocyte, hyperplasia, focal        | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Hepatocyte, necrosis, focal           | 1 (2%)   |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic | 6 (12%)  | 12 (24%)  | 17 (35%)  | 11 (22%)  |
| Hepatocyte, centrilobular, necrosis   | 2 (4%)   |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Oval cell, hyperplasia, focal         | 1 (2%)   |           |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Serosa, fibrosis                      |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Mesentery                             | (9)      | (7)       | (11)      | (8)       |
| Inflammation, chronic                 | 1 (11%)  |           | 1 (9%)    |           |
| Fat, necrosis, focal                  | 8 (89%)  | 3 (43%)   |           | 1 (13%)   |
| Lymphatic, angiectasis                |          |           |           | 1 (13%)   |
| Pancreas                              | (49)     | (49)      | (47)      | (47)      |
| Acinus, atrophy, diffuse              | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Acinus, atrophy, focal                | 13 (27%) | 22 (45%)  | 26 (55%)  | 30 (64%)  |
| Duct, cyst, focal, multiple           | 10 (20%) | 18 (37%)  | 11 (23%)  | 9 (19%)   |
| Salivary glands                       | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Atrophy, focal                        |          |           | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                 |          | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |

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

**TABLE B5**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Alimentary System</b> (continued)           |          |           |           |           |
| Stomach, forestomach                           | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      | (50)      |
| Diverticulum                                   |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Edema                                          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation                                   |          |           | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Ulcer                                          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 3 (6%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia                        |          | 1 (2%)    | 6 (12%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Stomach, glandular                             | (50)     | (50)      | (49)      | (49)      |
| Erosion                                        | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    | 4 (8%)    |
| Ulcer                                          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Tongue                                         |          | (5)       | (4)       | (3)       |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia                        |          | 1 (20%)   | 1 (25%)   |           |
| Tooth                                          | (1)      | (1)       | (2)       |           |
| Malformation                                   |          | 1 (100%)  | 2 (100%)  |           |
| Peridental tissue, inflammation                | 1 (100%) | 1 (100%)  |           |           |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>                   |          |           |           |           |
| Heart                                          | (50)     | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Cardiomyopathy                                 | 30 (60%) | 43 (86%)  | 38 (79%)  | 44 (88%)  |
| Inflammation, focal, suppurative               |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Thrombosis                                     |          |           | 2 (4%)    | 5 (10%)   |
| Artery, inflammation, chronic                  |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Epicardium, inflammation                       | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Myocardium, fibrosis, focal                    | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Pericardium, infiltration cellular, mixed cell | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>                        |          |           |           |           |
| Adrenal cortex                                 | (49)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Accessory adrenal cortical nodule              | 8 (16%)  | 6 (12%)   | 3 (6%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Angiectasis                                    | 4 (8%)   | 2 (4%)    | 7 (14%)   | 4 (8%)    |
| Cytoplasmic alteration, focal                  | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation               |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Hemorrhage, focal                              |          |           | 2 (4%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Vacuolization cytoplasmic, focal               | 8 (16%)  | 9 (18%)   | 13 (26%)  | 12 (24%)  |
| Adrenal medulla                                | (48)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                                    | 1 (2%)   |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Atrophy                                        |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal                             | 2 (4%)   |           | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                          |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Islets, pancreatic                             | (49)     | (50)      | (48)      | (47)      |
| Atrophy                                        |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Parathyroid gland                              | (50)     | (49)      | (48)      | (49)      |
| Hyperplasia, focal                             |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Pituitary gland                                | (48)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                                    | 6 (13%)  | 4 (8%)    | 3 (6%)    | 4 (8%)    |
| Cyst                                           |          | 4 (8%)    | 2 (4%)    | 5 (10%)   |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic                |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Pars distalis, angiectasis                     | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    | 3 (6%)    |           |
| Pars distalis, degeneration, cystic, focal     | 9 (19%)  | 6 (12%)   | 5 (10%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Pars distalis, hemorrhage, focal               |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Pars distalis, hyperplasia, focal              | 4 (8%)   | 4 (8%)    | 5 (10%)   | 4 (8%)    |
| Pars distalis, hypertrophy, focal              | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    | 4 (8%)    |

TABLE B5

## Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Endocrine System</b> (continued)            |          |           |           |           |
| Thyroid gland                                  | (47)     | (44)      | (40)      | (45)      |
| C-cell, hyperplasia                            | 45 (96%) | 42 (95%)  | 36 (90%)  | 35 (78%)  |
| Follicle, cyst                                 |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Follicle, degeneration, focal                  |          |           | 1 (3%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Follicle, mineralization                       | 2 (4%)   | 7 (16%)   | 6 (15%)   | 19 (42%)  |
| Follicular cell, hyperplasia, focal            | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (3%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| <b>General Body System</b>                     |          |           |           |           |
| Tissue NOS                                     | (5)      | (3)       | (6)       | (6)       |
| Fibrosis, focal                                | 1 (20%)  |           |           |           |
| Mediastinum, cyst                              | 1 (20%)  |           |           |           |
| Mediastinum, infiltration cellular, mixed cell | 1 (20%)  |           |           |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>                          |          |           |           |           |
| Clitoral gland                                 | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Degeneration, cystic                           | 4 (8%)   |           | 5 (10%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Hyperplasia, cystic                            | 7 (14%)  | 4 (8%)    | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic                |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                          | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)    |           | 3 (6%)    |
| Ovary                                          | (50)     | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                                    |          |           |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Cyst                                           | 7 (14%)  | 3 (6%)    | 5 (10%)   |           |
| Periovarian tissue, hemorrhage                 |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Uterus                                         | (50)     | (50)      | (48)      | (50)      |
| Inflammation, chronic, granulomatous           | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Ulcer                                          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Cervix, hypertrophy                            | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Endometrium, hyperplasia, cystic               | 25 (50%) | 26 (52%)  | 18 (38%)  | 26 (52%)  |
| Vagina                                         | (1)      | (2)       | (5)       | (4)       |
| Angiectasis                                    |          |           |           | 1 (25%)   |
| Infiltration cellular, polymorphonuclear       |          | 1 (50%)   |           | 1 (25%)   |



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|                                                   | 0 ppm   | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>                       |         |           |           |           |
| Bone marrow                                       | (50)    | (48)      | (49)      | (48)      |
| Atrophy                                           |         |           |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Fibrosis                                          |         | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hyperplasia                                       | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)    | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic                   |         | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    | 3 (6%)    |
| Erythroid cell, hyperplasia                       |         | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Lymph node                                        | (24)    | (11)      | (24)      | (35)      |
| Hyperplasia, plasma cell                          |         |           |           | 1 (3%)    |
| Deep cervical, hemorrhage                         | 3 (13%) |           |           |           |
| Mediastinal, congestion                           |         | 1 (9%)    |           |           |
| Mediastinal, ectasia                              | 3 (13%) | 1 (9%)    |           | 1 (3%)    |
| Mediastinal, hemorrhage                           | 5 (21%) | 3 (27%)   | 5 (21%)   | 3 (9%)    |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia, histiocytic             | 4 (17%) | 1 (9%)    | 1 (4%)    | 6 (17%)   |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia, lymphoid                | 1 (4%)  |           |           | 1 (3%)    |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia, plasma cell             |         |           | 1 (4%)    |           |
| Mediastinal, pigmentation                         | 1 (4%)  |           |           |           |
| Pancreatic, hemorrhage                            | 1 (4%)  |           | 2 (8%)    | 2 (6%)    |
| Pancreatic, hyperplasia, histiocytic              | 6 (25%) | 1 (9%)    | 7 (29%)   | 7 (20%)   |
| Pancreatic, hyperplasia, lymphoid                 |         |           |           | 1 (3%)    |
| Pancreatic, hyperplasia, plasma cell              | 1 (4%)  |           |           |           |
| Pancreatic, pigmentation                          | 1 (4%)  |           |           |           |
| Renal, hyperplasia, histiocytic                   |         |           |           | 1 (3%)    |
| Lymph node, mandibular                            | (1)     | (3)       | (1)       | (4)       |
| Ectasia                                           |         | 1 (33%)   |           |           |
| Hyperplasia, histiocytic                          |         |           |           | 1 (25%)   |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                             |         |           | 1 (100%)  |           |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                            | (49)    | (49)      | (49)      | (47)      |
| Ectasia                                           |         |           | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Hemorrhage                                        |         |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, histiocytic                          | 7 (14%) |           | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                             |         |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Spleen                                            | (50)    | (48)      | (47)      | (48)      |
| Accessory spleen                                  | 3 (6%)  |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Atrophy                                           |         |           | 2 (4%)    |           |
| Congestion                                        |         |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Fibrosis, focal                                   | 1 (2%)  |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation                  | 6 (12%) | 2 (4%)    |           |           |
| Inflammation, granulomatous                       |         | 3 (6%)    | 10 (21%)  | 3 (6%)    |
| Stromal hyperplasia                               |         | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Capsule, infiltration cellular, focal, mixed cell |         |           | 2 (4%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Thymus                                            | (47)    | (50)      | (48)      | (48)      |
| Angiectasis                                       |         |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Cyst                                              | 2 (4%)  |           |           |           |
| Hemorrhage                                        |         | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                             | 1 (2%)  |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Epithelial cell, hyperplasia                      | 1 (2%)  |           |           |           |

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|                                             | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Integumentary System</b>                 |          |           |           |           |
| Mammary gland                               | (50)     | (49)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Dilatation                                  | 37 (74%) | 16 (33%)  | 8 (16%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Fibrosis                                    | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Hyperplasia                                 | 6 (12%)  | 3 (6%)    | 3 (6%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Skin                                        | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Inflammation, focal                         |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Ulcer                                       | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Epidermis, hyperplasia, focal               |          |           | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Lip, cyst epithelial inclusion              |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Pinna, inflammation, chronic, focal         |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, edema                  | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosis, focal        |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, hemorrhage, focal      |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, necrosis, fatty, focal |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>               |          |           |           |           |
| None                                        |          |           |           |           |
| <b>Nervous System</b>                       |          |           |           |           |
| Brain                                       | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Compression, focal                          | 13 (26%) | 8 (16%)   | 8 (16%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Hemorrhage, focal                           | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    | 4 (8%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Meninges, hemorrhage, focal                 |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Thalamus, mineralization, focal             |          |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Spinal cord                                 | (7)      | (3)       | (24)      | (50)      |
| Hemorrhage, focal                           |          |           |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Necrosis, focal                             |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>                   |          |           |           |           |
| Lung                                        | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Congestion                                  | 1 (2%)   | 5 (10%)   | 3 (6%)    | 5 (10%)   |
| Hemorrhage, focal                           | 1 (2%)   |           | 2 (4%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic             |          | 1 (2%)    |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Infiltration cellular, mixed cell           | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)    |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic, focal                | 25 (50%) | 40 (80%)  | 39 (78%)  | 43 (86%)  |
| Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia, focal     | 4 (8%)   | 3 (6%)    |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Interstitial, edema                         | 1 (2%)   |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Mediastinum, congestion                     |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Mediastinum, edema                          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Mediastinum, mineralization, focal          |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Nose                                        | (49)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Foreign body                                |          | 2 (4%)    |           |           |
| Inflammation, suppurative                   |          | 3 (6%)    | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Nasolacrimal duct, hemorrhage               |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Nasolacrimal duct, inflammation             | 2 (4%)   | 5 (10%)   | 4 (8%)    | 5 (10%)   |

**TABLE B5**  
**Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                             | 0 ppm    | 1,250 ppm | 2,500 ppm | 5,000 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Special Senses System</b>                |          |           |           |           |
| Eye                                         | (48)     | (45)      | (40)      | (45)      |
| Atrophy                                     |          |           | 3 (8%)    | 4 (9%)    |
| Cataract                                    | 4 (8%)   |           | 1 (3%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic                       |          | 1 (2%)    |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Synechia                                    | 1 (2%)   |           |           | 2 (4%)    |
| Anterior chamber, exudate                   |          | 1 (2%)    |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Cornea, inflammation, chronic               |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Cornea, necrosis, focal                     |          | 1 (2%)    | 1 (3%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Retina, degeneration                        | 4 (8%)   | 1 (2%)    |           | 3 (7%)    |
| Harderian gland                             | (50)     | (50)      | (50)      | (50)      |
| Cytoplasmic alteration, focal               |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal, histiocytic             | 1 (2%)   | 4 (8%)    | 5 (10%)   |           |
| Inflammation                                | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia, focal              |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |
| Zymbal's gland                              |          | (3)       | (1)       |           |
| Cyst                                        |          | 1 (33%)   |           |           |
| <b>Urinary System</b>                       |          |           |           |           |
| Kidney                                      | (48)     | (48)      | (43)      | (43)      |
| Cyst                                        |          |           | 2 (5%)    |           |
| Hydronephrosis                              |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Infarct                                     | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    | 2 (5%)    |
| Mineralization, focal                       |          | 1 (2%)    |           |           |
| Nephropathy                                 | 45 (94%) | 37 (77%)  | 36 (84%)  | 38 (88%)  |
| Pelvis, dilatation                          | 1 (2%)   |           |           |           |
| Renal tubule, accumulation, hyaline droplet | 3 (6%)   |           | 2 (5%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Renal tubule, hyperplasia, focal            |          |           |           | 1 (2%)    |
| Renal tubule, pigmentation                  |          |           |           | 2 (5%)    |
| Urinary bladder                             | (49)     | (50)      | (49)      | (48)      |
| Hemorrhage                                  |          |           | 1 (2%)    | 2 (4%)    |
| Inflammation                                |          |           | 1 (2%)    | 1 (2%)    |
| Transitional epithelium, hyperplasia        |          |           | 1 (2%)    |           |



## APPENDIX C

### SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN MALE MICE IN THE 2-YEAR FEED STUDY OF 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE

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TABLE C1

Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                             | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>                  |          |          |          |           |
| Animals initially in study                  | 50       | 50       | 50       | 50        |
| Early deaths                                |          |          |          |           |
| Moribund                                    | 1        |          |          | 3         |
| Natural deaths                              | 4        | 6        | 8        |           |
| Other                                       |          |          |          | 1         |
| Survivors                                   |          |          |          |           |
| Died last week of study                     | 1        |          |          |           |
| Terminal sacrifice                          | 44       | 44       | 42       | 46        |
| Animals examined microscopically            | 50       | 50       | 50       | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>                    |          |          |          |           |
| Intestine small, duodenum                   | (50)     | (49)     | (48)     | (50)      |
| Carcinoma                                   |          | 2 (4%)   |          |           |
| Polyp adenomatous                           |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Intestine small, jejunum                    | (48)     | (47)     | (48)     | (50)      |
| Carcinoma                                   |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Intestine small, ileum                      | (49)     | (46)     | (48)     | (49)      |
| Liver                                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemangiosarcoma, multiple                   |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma                    | 8 (16%)  | 11 (22%) | 10 (20%) | 7 (14%)   |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, multiple          | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Hepatocellular adenoma                      | 14 (28%) | 7 (14%)  | 10 (20%) | 11 (22%)  |
| Hepatocellular adenoma, multiple            | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Mesentery                                   | (4)      | (7)      | (2)      | (3)       |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |          | 1 (14%)  |          | 1 (33%)   |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver |          | 1 (14%)  |          |           |
| Sarcoma, poorly differentiated              |          | 1 (14%)  |          |           |
| Oral mucosa                                 |          |          | (1)      |           |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                     |          |          | 1 (100%) |           |
| Pancreas                                    | (49)     | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, mesentery              |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Salivary glands                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Stomach, forestomach                        | (49)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                     | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| Squamous cell papilloma                     |          | 2 (4%)   |          | 3 (6%)    |
| Stomach, glandular                          | (49)     | (50)     | (49)     | (50)      |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>                |          |          |          |           |
| Heart                                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |

TABLE C1

## Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                 | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Endocrine System</b>         |          |         |          |           |
| Adrenal cortex                  | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Adenoma                         | 1 (2%)   |         |          |           |
| Capsule, adenoma                | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Capsule, carcinoma              |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Islets, pancreatic              | (49)     | (49)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Adenoma                         |          | 1 (2%)  |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Pituitary gland                 | (49)     | (48)    | (49)     | (50)      |
| Pars distalis, adenoma          |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Thyroid gland                   | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Follicular cell, adenoma        | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| <b>General Body System</b>      |          |         |          |           |
| Tissue NOS                      | (1)      |         |          |           |
| Schwannoma malignant            | 1 (100%) |         |          |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>           |          |         |          |           |
| Prostate                        | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Carcinoma                       |          |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Testes                          | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemangiosarcoma                 |          |         | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Interstitial cell, adenoma      |          | 2 (4%)  |          |           |
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>     |          |         |          |           |
| Bone marrow                     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemangiosarcoma                 | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Lymph node                      | (2)      | (2)     | (1)      | (2)       |
| Lymph node, mandibular          | (48)     | (50)    | (48)     | (45)      |
| Lymph node, mesenteric          | (49)     | (48)    | (48)     | (50)      |
| Spleen                          | (49)     | (49)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemangiosarcoma                 |          | 1 (2%)  |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Thymus                          | (48)     | (49)    | (45)     | (45)      |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>     |          |         |          |           |
| Skin                            | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (49)      |
| Squamous cell carcinoma         |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Sebaceous gland, adenoma        |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>   |          |         |          |           |
| Skeletal muscle                 | (1)      | (2)     | (1)      | (1)       |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, prostate |          |         | 1 (100%) |           |
| Hemangiosarcoma                 | 1 (100%) |         |          |           |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, mesentery  |          | 1 (50%) |          |           |
| <b>Nervous System</b>           |          |         |          |           |
| None                            |          |         |          |           |



TABLE C1

## Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                   | 0 ppm   | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Respiratory System</b>                         |         |          |          |           |
| Lung                                              | (50)    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                      | 6 (12%) | 10 (20%) | 10 (20%) | 14 (28%)  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma, multiple            | 2 (4%)  | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma                    | 2 (4%)  | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)   | 7 (14%)   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, multiple          |         | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, prostate                   |         |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver       | 3 (6%)  | 3 (6%)   | 3 (6%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Schwannoma malignant, metastatic, tissue NOS      | 1 (2%)  |          |          |           |
| Mediastinum, hemangiosarcoma                      | 1 (2%)  |          |          |           |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>                      |         |          |          |           |
| Harderian gland                                   | (50)    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Adenoma                                           | 3 (6%)  | 8 (16%)  | 4 (8%)   | 6 (12%)   |
| Adenoma, multiple                                 | 1 (2%)  |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Carcinoma                                         | 1 (2%)  |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Bilateral, adenoma                                |         | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Bilateral, carcinoma                              |         | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| <b>Urinary System</b>                             |         |          |          |           |
| Kidney                                            | (50)    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver       | 1 (2%)  |          |          |           |
| Renal tubule, adenoma                             |         |          | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Renal tubule, carcinoma                           |         |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| <b>Systemic Lesions</b>                           |         |          |          |           |
| Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>                      | (50)    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Lymphoma malignant                                | 3 (6%)  | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| <b>Neoplasm Summary</b>                           |         |          |          |           |
| Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup> | 34      | 38       | 36       | 39        |
| Total primary neoplasms                           | 55      | 68       | 57       | 63        |
| Total animals with benign neoplasms               | 26      | 29       | 23       | 27        |
| Total benign neoplasms                            | 34      | 38       | 31       | 38        |
| Total animals with malignant neoplasms            | 15      | 25       | 21       | 22        |
| Total malignant neoplasms                         | 21      | 30       | 26       | 25        |
| Total animals with metastatic neoplasms           | 4       | 3        | 4        | 3         |
| Total metastatic neoplasms                        | 5       | 6        | 6        | 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









**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 0 ppm**

|                         |  | Survival |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Vitality |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Fertility |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Number of Days on Study |  | 4        | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7        | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7         | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                         |  | 5        | 1 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2        | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3         | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                         |  | 9        | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9        | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                         |  |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carcass ID Number       |  | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                         |  | 3        | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1         | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                         |  | 3        | 9 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 2        | 9 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6         |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                         |  |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Systemic Lesions        |  |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Multiple organs         |  | +        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +         | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lymphoma malignant      |  |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |









**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 312 ppm**

|                                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|---------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|                                             | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |   |  |
| Number of Days on Study                     | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |   |  |
|                                             | 5 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |  |
|                                             | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Carcass ID Number                           | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6 |  |
|                                             | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 2 |  |
| Genital System                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Epididymis                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Penis                                       | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Preputial gland                             | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Prostate                                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Seminal vesicle                             | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Testes                                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Interstitial cell, adenoma                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| Hematopoietic System                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Bone marrow                                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Lymph node                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Lymph node, mandibular                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                      | M | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Spleen                                      | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Thymus                                      | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Integumentary System                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Mammary gland                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Skin                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Musculoskeletal System                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Bone                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Skeletal muscle                             |   |   |   |   |   |   | + | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, mesentery              |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Nervous System                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Brain                                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Respiratory System                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Lung                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   | X |   |   |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma, multiple      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma              |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, multiple    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Nose                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |
| Trachea                                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  |

**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 312 ppm**

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|                                             | Tissues/Tumors |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | Total Tissues/<br>Tumors |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|--------------------------|
| Number of Days on Study                     |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
|                                             |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
|                                             |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Carcass ID Number                           |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
|                                             |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
|                                             |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Alimentary System                           |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Esophagus                                   | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |                          |
| Gallbladder                                 | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 48                       |
| Intestine large, colon                      | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 49                       |
| Intestine large, rectum                     | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 48                       |
| Intestine large, cecum                      | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 47                       |
| Intestine small, duodenum                   | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 48                       |
| Intestine small, jejunum                    | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 48                       |
| Intestine small, ileum                      | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 48                       |
| Liver                                       | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Hemangiosarcoma, multiple                   |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma                    |                |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 10                       |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, multiple          |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Hepatocellular adenoma                      |                |   |   |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   |   |    | 10                       |
| Hepatocellular adenoma, multiple            |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Mesentery                                   |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |    | 2                        |
| Oral mucosa                                 |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                     |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Pancreas                                    | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Salivary glands                             | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Stomach, forestomach                        | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Stomach, glandular                          | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 49                       |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic, liver |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Tongue                                      |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 2                        |
| Cardiovascular System                       |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Heart                                       | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Hemangiosarcoma                             |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |    | 1                        |
| Endocrine System                            |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| Adrenal cortex                              | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Capsule, adenoma                            |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |    | 1                        |
| Adrenal medulla                             | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Islets, pancreatic                          | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| Parathyroid gland                           | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 49                       |
| Pituitary gland                             | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 49                       |
| Thyroid gland                               | +              | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | +  | 50                       |
| General Body System                         |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |
| None                                        |                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |                          |

**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

|                                                | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |                             |  |
|------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Number of Days on Study                        | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |                             |  |
|                                                | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |                             |  |
|                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Carcass ID Number                              | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Total<br>Tissues/<br>Tumors |  |
|                                                | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |                             |  |
|                                                | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 9                           |  |
|                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Genital System                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Epididymis                                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Preputial gland                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Prostate                                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Carcinoma                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |  |
| Seminal vesicle                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Testes                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Hemangiosarcoma                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |  |
| Hematopoietic System                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Bone marrow                                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Lymph node                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |  |
| Lymph node, mandibular                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |  |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48                          |  |
| Spleen                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Thymus                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | I | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 45                          |  |
| Integumentary System                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Mammary gland                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Skin                                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Musculoskeletal System                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Bone                                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Skeletal muscle                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |  |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, prostate                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |  |
| Nervous System                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Brain                                          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Respiratory System                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Lung                                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                   | X |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 10                          |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma,<br>multiple      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 3                           |  |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma                 |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | 4                           |  |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, prostate                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1                           |  |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma, metastatic,<br>liver |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | 3                           |  |
| Nose                                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Trachea                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Special Senses System                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                             |  |
| Eye                                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Harderian gland                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50                          |  |
| Adenoma                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | 4                           |  |

TABLE C2  
Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm

|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Days on Study | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                         | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Carcass ID Number       | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|                         | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
|                         | 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 |   |
| Urinary System          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Renal tubule, adenoma   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Renal tubule, carcinoma |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Urinary bladder         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Systemic Lesions        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Lymphoma malignant      |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |

**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

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**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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**TABLE C2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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TABLE C3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                    | 0 ppm       | 312 ppm        | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm      |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Adrenal Cortex: Adenoma</b>                     |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate <sup>a</sup>                          | 4/50 (8%)   | 1/50 (2%)      | 1/50 (2%)   | 0/50 (0%)      |
| Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>                         | 8.3%        | 2.1%           | 2.2%        | 0.0%           |
| Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>                         | 4/45 (9%)   | 1/44 (2%)      | 1/42 (2%)   | 0/46 (0%)      |
| First incidence (days)                             | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)     | — <sup>e</sup> |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.034N    | P=0.181N       | P=0.196N    | P=0.062N       |
| <b>Harderian Gland: Adenoma</b>                    |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 4/50 (8%)   | 9/50 (18%)     | 4/50 (8%)   | 7/50 (14%)     |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 8.3%        | 18.7%          | 8.8%        | 14.6%          |
| Terminal rate                                      | 4/45 (9%)   | 8/44 (18%)     | 4/42 (10%)  | 7/46 (15%)     |
| First incidence (days)                             | 729 (T)     | 676            | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.373     | P=0.115        | P=0.613     | P=0.257        |
| <b>Harderian Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>       |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 5/50 (10%)  | 10/50 (20%)    | 4/50 (8%)   | 8/50 (16%)     |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 10.4%       | 20.8%          | 8.8%        | 16.7%          |
| Terminal rate                                      | 4/45 (9%)   | 9/44 (21%)     | 4/42 (10%)  | 8/46 (17%)     |
| First incidence (days)                             | 715         | 676            | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.390     | P=0.128        | P=0.535N    | P=0.270        |
| <b>Kidney (Renal Tubule): Adenoma or Carcinoma</b> |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 0/50 (0%)   | 0/50 (0%)      | 3/50 (6%)   | 0/50 (0%)      |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 0.0%        | 0.0%           | 6.6%        | 0.0%           |
| Terminal rate                                      | 0/45 (0%)   | 0/44 (0%)      | 3/42 (7%)   | 0/46 (0%)      |
| First incidence (days)                             | —           | — <sup>f</sup> | 729 (T)     | —              |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.540     | — <sup>f</sup> | P=0.109     | —              |
| <b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma</b>               |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 17/50 (34%) | 9/50 (18%)     | 11/50 (22%) | 11/50 (22%)    |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 35.2%       | 18.8%          | 24.1%       | 22.6%          |
| Terminal rate                                      | 16/45 (36%) | 9/44 (21%)     | 11/42 (26%) | 10/46 (22%)    |
| First incidence (days)                             | 715         | 729 (T)        | 729 (T)     | 355            |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.179N    | P=0.055N       | P=0.170N    | P=0.125N       |
| <b>Liver: Hepatocellular Carcinoma</b>             |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 10/50 (20%) | 13/50 (26%)    | 11/50 (22%) | 10/50 (20%)    |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 20.3%       | 26.5%          | 23.4%       | 20.6%          |
| Terminal rate                                      | 7/45 (16%)  | 9/44 (21%)     | 8/42 (19%)  | 8/46 (17%)     |
| First incidence (days)                             | 459         | 586            | 535         | 628            |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.475N    | P=0.315        | P=0.453     | P=0.585        |
| <b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>  |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 23/50 (46%) | 18/50 (36%)    | 18/50 (36%) | 20/50 (40%)    |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 46.8%       | 36.7%          | 38.3%       | 40.5%          |
| Terminal rate                                      | 20/45 (44%) | 14/44 (32%)    | 15/42 (36%) | 17/46 (37%)    |
| First incidence (days)                             | 459         | 586            | 535         | 355            |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.375N    | P=0.211N       | P=0.264N    | P=0.336N       |
| <b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma</b>          |             |                |             |                |
| Overall rate                                       | 8/50 (16%)  | 11/50 (22%)    | 13/50 (26%) | 15/50 (30%)    |
| Adjusted rate                                      | 16.6%       | 22.9%          | 28.5%       | 31.4%          |
| Terminal rate                                      | 8/45 (18%)  | 10/44 (23%)    | 13/42 (31%) | 15/46 (33%)    |
| First incidence (days)                             | 729 (T)     | 716            | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)        |
| Poly-3 test                                        | P=0.055     | P=0.300        | P=0.128     | P=0.071        |



TABLE C3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                                    | 0 ppm       | 312 ppm     | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Carcinoma</b>                        |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 2/50 (4%)   | 4/50 (8%)   | 4/50 (8%)   | 8/50 (16%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 4.1%        | 8.3%        | 8.8%        | 16.7%       |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 1/45 (2%)   | 3/44 (7%)   | 4/42 (10%)  | 8/46 (17%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 513         | 613         | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.024     | P=0.332     | P=0.307     | P=0.042     |
| <b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>             |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 9/50 (18%)  | 13/50 (26%) | 16/50 (32%) | 22/50 (44%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 18.4%       | 26.9%       | 35.0%       | 46.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 8/45 (18%)  | 11/44 (25%) | 16/42 (38%) | 22/46 (48%) |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 513         | 613         | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P<0.001     | P=0.226     | P=0.053     | P=0.003     |
| <b>Small Intestine (Duodenum or Jejunum): Carcinoma</b>            |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 0/50 (0%)   | 3/50 (6%)   | 0/50 (0%)   | 0/50 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 0.0%        | 6.3%        | 0.0%        | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 0/45 (0%)   | 3/44 (7%)   | 0/42 (0%)   | 0/46 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | —           | 729 (T)     | —           | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.315N    | P=0.118     | —           | —           |
| <b>Stomach (Forestomach): Squamous Cell Papilloma</b>              |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 0/50 (0%)   | 2/50 (4%)   | 0/50 (0%)   | 3/50 (6%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 0.0%        | 4.2%        | 0.0%        | 6.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 0/45 (0%)   | 2/44 (5%)   | 0/42 (0%)   | 3/46 (7%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | —           | 729 (T)     | —           | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.093     | P=0.236     | —           | P=0.118     |
| <b>Stomach (Forestomach): Squamous Cell Papilloma or Carcinoma</b> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 1/50 (2%)   | 2/50 (4%)   | 0/50 (0%)   | 3/50 (6%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 2.1%        | 4.2%        | 0.0%        | 6.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 1/45 (2%)   | 2/44 (5%)   | 0/42 (0%)   | 3/46 (7%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     | —           | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.237     | P=0.498     | P=0.511N    | P=0.303     |
| <b>All Organs: Hemangiosarcoma</b>                                 |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 1/50 (2%)   | 2/50 (4%)   | 3/50 (6%)   | 3/50 (6%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 2.1%        | 4.2%        | 6.5%        | 6.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 1/45 (2%)   | 2/44 (5%)   | 2/42 (5%)   | 3/46 (7%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     | 441         | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.224     | P=0.498     | P=0.292     | P=0.303     |
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Lymphoma</b>                              |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 3/50 (6%)   | 3/50 (6%)   | 4/50 (8%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 6.2%        | 6.3%        | 8.7%        | 4.2%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 3/45 (7%)   | 2/44 (5%)   | 3/42 (7%)   | 2/46 (4%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | 716         | 623         | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.426N    | P=0.659     | P=0.475     | P=0.504N    |
| <b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>                                |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 26/50 (52%) | 29/50 (58%) | 23/50 (46%) | 27/50 (54%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 53.8%       | 59.7%       | 50.4%       | 55.4%       |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 25/45 (56%) | 26/44 (59%) | 23/42 (55%) | 26/46 (57%) |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 715         | 613         | 729 (T)     | 355         |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.508N    | P=0.352     | P=0.448N    | P=0.519     |

TABLE C3

## Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                                  | 0 ppm       | 312 ppm     | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>           |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                     | 15/50 (30%) | 25/50 (50%) | 21/50 (42%) | 22/50 (44%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 30.1%       | 50.9%       | 43.1%       | 45.4%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 11/45 (24%) | 20/44 (46%) | 15/42 (36%) | 20/46 (44%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 459         | 586         | 441         | 628         |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.163     | P=0.027     | P=0.130     | P=0.087     |
| <b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                     | 34/50 (68%) | 38/50 (76%) | 36/50 (72%) | 39/50 (78%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 68.2%       | 77.4%       | 73.8%       | 79.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 30/45 (67%) | 33/44 (75%) | 30/42 (71%) | 36/46 (78%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 459         | 586         | 441         | 355         |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.179     | P=0.213     | P=0.348     | P=0.162     |

(T) Terminal sacrifice

<sup>a</sup> Number of neoplasm-bearing animals/number of animals examined. Denominator is number of animals examined microscopically for adrenal cortex, kidney, liver, and lung; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.

<sup>b</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>d</sup> Beneath the control incidence is the P value associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for the differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice. A negative trend or a lower incidence in an exposed group is indicated by N.

<sup>e</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

<sup>f</sup> Value of statistic cannot be computed.

**TABLE C4**  
**Historical Incidence of Alveolar/bronchiolar Neoplasms in Control Male B6C3F<sub>1</sub> Mice<sup>a</sup>**

| Study                                             | Incidence in Controls |                   |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                                   | Adenoma               | Carcinoma         | Adenoma or Carcinoma |
| <b>Historical Incidence: Feed Studies</b>         |                       |                   |                      |
| Benzophenone                                      | 14/50                 | 2/50              | 16/50                |
| <i>trans</i> -Cinnamaldehyde                      | 9/100                 | 7/100             | 14/100               |
| Citral                                            | 12/100                | 9/100             | 20/100               |
| <i>p,p'</i> -Dichlorodiphenyl sulfone             | 6/50                  | 7/50              | 13/50                |
| 2-Methylimidazole                                 | 11/50                 | 6/50              | 14/50                |
| 4-Methylimidazole                                 | 8/50                  | 2/50              | 9/50                 |
| <i>o</i> -Nitrotoluene                            | 9/60                  | 5/60              | 14/60                |
| <i>p</i> -Nitrotoluene                            | 6/50                  | 2/50              | 8/50                 |
| <b>Overall Historical Incidence: Feed Studies</b> |                       |                   |                      |
| Total (%)                                         | 75/510 (14.7%)        | 40/510 (7.8%)     | 108/510 (21.2%)      |
| Mean $\pm$ standard deviation                     | 15.8% $\pm$ 6.3%      | 7.8% $\pm$ 3.8%   | 22.2% $\pm$ 6.3%     |
| Range                                             | 9%-28%                | 4%-14%            | 14%-32%              |
| <b>Overall Historical Incidence</b>               |                       |                   |                      |
| Total (%)                                         | 258/1,507 (17.1%)     | 151/1,507 (10.0%) | 385/1,507 (25.6%)    |
| Mean $\pm$ standard deviation                     | 16.7% $\pm$ 7.3%      | 9.9% $\pm$ 5.0%   | 25.1% $\pm$ 9.4%     |
| Range                                             | 4%-28%                | 4%-24%            | 12%-44%              |

<sup>a</sup> Data as of January 28, 2005

TABLE C5

Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                       | 0 ppm   | 312 ppm | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>            |         |         |          |           |
| Animals initially in study            | 50      | 50      | 50       | 50        |
| Early deaths                          |         |         |          |           |
| Moribund                              | 1       |         |          | 3         |
| Natural deaths                        | 4       | 6       | 8        |           |
| Other                                 |         |         |          | 1         |
| Survivors                             |         |         |          |           |
| Died last week of study               | 1       |         |          |           |
| Terminal sacrifice                    | 44      | 44      | 42       | 46        |
| Animals examined microscopically      | 50      | 50      | 50       | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>              |         |         |          |           |
| Intestine large, cecum                | (50)    | (49)    | (47)     | (50)      |
| Edema                                 | 3 (6%)  | 1 (2%)  | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 |         |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Inflammation                          |         |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Ulcer                                 | 1 (2%)  |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Intestine small, jejunum              | (48)    | (47)    | (48)     | (50)      |
| Hemorrhage                            |         |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)  | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Intestine small, ileum                | (49)    | (46)    | (48)     | (49)      |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 |         | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Liver                                 | (50)    | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Basophilic focus                      | 1 (2%)  |         | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Clear cell focus                      | 3 (6%)  | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Cyst                                  |         | 1 (2%)  |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Eosinophilic focus                    | 5 (10%) | 2 (4%)  | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 |         |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Infiltration cellular, mixed cell     |         |         | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Mixed cell focus                      | 3 (6%)  | 7 (14%) | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Necrosis, focal                       | 2 (4%)  | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Tension lipidosis                     | 1 (2%)  |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Centrilobular, necrosis               |         |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Hepatocyte, hypertrophy               |         | 1 (2%)  |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic | 4 (8%)  | 5 (10%) | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Mesentery                             | (4)     | (7)     | (2)      | (3)       |
| Hemorrhage                            | 1 (25%) |         |          |           |
| Fat, necrosis                         | 3 (75%) | 3 (43%) | 2 (100%) | 2 (67%)   |
| Pancreas                              | (49)    | (49)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Cyst                                  |         |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Acinus, hyperplasia, focal            |         |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Stomach, forestomach                  | (49)    | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Diverticulum                          |         | 2 (4%)  | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Erosion                               |         |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Hyperplasia                           |         |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic                 |         |         | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Ulcer                                 |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia               | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)  | 4 (8%)   |           |
| Stomach, glandular                    | (49)    | (50)    | (49)     | (50)      |
| Erosion                               | 2 (4%)  |         | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Glands, hyperplasia                   |         |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Tooth                                 | (4)     |         |          | (3)       |
| Inflammation, chronic                 | 3 (75%) |         |          | 2 (67%)   |
| Malformation                          | 1 (25%) |         |          |           |

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

TABLE C5

## Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                   | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>      |          |          |          |           |
| Heart                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Inflammation, chronic             | 2 (4%)   |          | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Mineralization                    |          |          | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Thrombosis                        |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Myocardium, necrosis              |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>           |          |          |          |           |
| Adrenal cortex                    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Accessory adrenal cortical nodule | 2 (4%)   | 4 (8%)   | 6 (12%)  | 8 (16%)   |
| Hyperplasia, focal                | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Hypertrophy, focal                | 17 (34%) | 11 (22%) | 10 (20%) | 14 (28%)  |
| Capsule, hyperplasia              | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)   | 5 (10%)   |
| Islets, pancreatic                | (49)     | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia                       | 4 (8%)   | 2 (4%)   |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Parathyroid gland                 | (47)     | (49)     | (49)     | (49)      |
| Cyst                              | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Pituitary gland                   | (49)     | (48)     | (49)     | (50)      |
| Pars distalis, cyst               | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Thyroid gland                     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Follicle, cyst                    | 13 (26%) | 13 (26%) | 13 (26%) | 14 (28%)  |
| Follicular cell, hyperplasia      |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| <b>General Body System</b>        |          |          |          |           |
| None                              |          |          |          |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>             |          |          |          |           |
| Epididymis                        | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Atypia cellular                   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Spermatocele                      | 1 (2%)   |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Preputial gland                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Cyst                              | 29 (58%) | 27 (54%) | 31 (62%) | 36 (72%)  |
| Inflammation, chronic             | 17 (34%) | 19 (38%) | 24 (48%) | 23 (46%)  |
| Seminal vesicle                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Degeneration                      | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| Testes                            | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Germinal epithelium, atrophy      |          | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>       |          |          |          |           |
| Bone marrow                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia                       | 13 (26%) | 15 (30%) | 14 (28%) | 15 (30%)  |
| Lymph node                        | (2)      | (2)      | (1)      | (2)       |
| Inguinal, hyperplasia, lymphoid   |          |          |          | 1 (50%)   |
| Inguinal, pigmentation            | 1 (50%)  |          |          |           |
| Pancreatic, hyperplasia, lymphoid |          |          |          | 1 (50%)   |
| Lymph node, mandibular            | (48)     | (50)     | (48)     | (45)      |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation  |          | 2 (4%)   |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid             | 10 (21%) | 8 (16%)  | 9 (19%)  | 12 (27%)  |
| Pigmentation                      | 10 (21%) | 5 (10%)  | 7 (15%)  | 12 (27%)  |
| Lymph node, mesenteric            | (49)     | (48)     | (48)     | (50)      |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation  |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                        | 4 (8%)   | 7 (15%)  | 4 (8%)   | 14 (28%)  |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid             | 7 (14%)  | 4 (8%)   | 4 (8%)   | 7 (14%)   |

TABLE C5

## Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                         | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b> (continued) |          |          |         |           |
| Spleen                                  | (49)     | (49)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                             | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation        | 10 (20%) | 14 (29%) | 9 (18%) | 12 (24%)  |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Lymphoid follicle, atrophy              |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Lymphoid follicle, hyperplasia          | 10 (20%) | 8 (16%)  | 2 (4%)  | 7 (14%)   |
| Thymus                                  | (48)     | (49)     | (45)    | (45)      |
| Atrophy                                 | 7 (15%)  | 7 (14%)  | 5 (11%) | 8 (18%)   |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>             |          |          |         |           |
| Skin                                    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (49)      |
| Cyst epithelial inclusion               |          |          |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Edema                                   |          | 2 (4%)   |         |           |
| Ulcer                                   |          |          | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Epidermis, hyperplasia                  | 2 (4%)   |          | 2 (4%)  |           |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>           |          |          |         |           |
| Bone                                    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Fibrous osteodystrophy                  |          | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Skeletal muscle                         | (1)      | (2)      | (1)     | (1)       |
| Atrophy                                 |          |          |         | 1 (100%)  |
| Necrosis                                |          | 1 (50%)  |         |           |
| <b>Nervous System</b>                   |          |          |         |           |
| Brain                                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Hemorrhage                              | 1 (2%)   |          |         |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                   | 1 (2%)   |          |         |           |
| Peripheral nerve                        |          |          |         | (2)       |
| Atrophy                                 |          |          |         | 1 (50%)   |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>               |          |          |         |           |
| Lung                                    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Congestion                              |          |          | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                              | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)  | 5 (10%)   |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                   | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 6 (12%) | 2 (4%)    |
| Infiltration cellular, histiocyte       | 5 (10%)  | 6 (12%)  | 5 (10%) | 11 (22%)  |
| Metaplasia, osseous                     |          |          | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Thrombosis                              | 1 (2%)   |          |         |           |
| Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia        | 7 (14%)  | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)  | 9 (18%)   |
| Bronchiole, epithelium, hyperplasia     |          |          | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Nose                                    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Inflammation, chronic                   | 1 (2%)   |          | 2 (4%)  |           |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>            |          |          |         |           |
| Eye                                     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Cataract                                | 1 (2%)   |          |         | 2 (4%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic                   | 1 (2%)   |          |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Harderian gland                         | (50)     | (50)     | (50)    | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia, focal                      | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  | 3 (6%)    |

TABLE C5

Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                              | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Urinary System</b>        |          |          |          |           |
| Kidney                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Cyst                         | 13 (26%) | 12 (24%) | 12 (24%) | 7 (14%)   |
| Hydronephrosis               |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid        | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)   |          | 2 (4%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic active |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Metaplasia, osseous          | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)   |          | 2 (4%)    |
| Mineralization               |          |          | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Nephropathy                  | 34 (68%) | 40 (80%) | 38 (76%) | 35 (70%)  |
| Renal tubule, necrosis       |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Urinary bladder              | (50)     | (49)     | (49)     | (50)      |
| Edema                        | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |





## APPENDIX D

### SUMMARY OF LESIONS IN FEMALE MICE IN THE 2-YEAR FEED STUDY OF 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE

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TABLE D1

Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                                           | 0 ppm  | 312 ppm | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>                                |        |         |         |           |
| Animals initially in study                                | 50     | 50      | 50      | 50        |
| Early deaths                                              |        |         |         |           |
| Moribund                                                  | 3      | 4       | 3       | 2         |
| Natural deaths                                            | 4      | 6       | 4       | 8         |
| Survivors                                                 |        |         |         |           |
| Died last week of study                                   | 1      |         | 2       | 1         |
| Terminal sacrifice                                        | 42     | 40      | 41      | 39        |
| Animals examined microscopically                          | 50     | 50      | 50      | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>                                  |        |         |         |           |
| Intestine large, colon                                    | (48)   | (50)    | (50)    | (49)      |
| Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach |        |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Intestine large, cecum                                    | (49)   | (48)    | (46)    | (46)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                       |        |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Intestine small, duodenum                                 | (48)   | (47)    | (49)    | (48)      |
| Carcinoma                                                 |        |         | 2 (4%)  |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                       |        |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Polyp adenomatous                                         | 1 (2%) |         |         |           |
| Intestine small, jejunum                                  | (50)   | (48)    | (47)    | (47)      |
| Intestine small, ileum                                    | (48)   | (45)    | (48)    | (48)      |
| Liver                                                     | (50)   | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma                                  | 1 (2%) | 2 (4%)  |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Hepatocellular adenoma                                    | 4 (8%) | 5 (10%) |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                       |        | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                                 |        |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                                 | 1 (2%) |         |         |           |
| Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach |        |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Mesentery                                                 | (3)    | (7)     | (7)     | (4)       |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland                      |        | 1 (14%) |         |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                       |        | 1 (14%) |         |           |
| Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach |        |         | 1 (14%) |           |
| Pancreas                                                  | (49)   | (48)    | (48)    | (49)      |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                                 | 1 (2%) |         |         |           |
| Salivary glands                                           | (50)   | (48)    | (50)    | (49)      |
| Stomach, forestomach                                      | (50)   | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Squamous cell carcinoma                                   |        |         | 2 (4%)  |           |
| Squamous cell papilloma                                   | 2 (4%) |         | 1 (2%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Stomach, glandular                                        | (49)   | (49)    | (50)    | (49)      |
| Adenoma                                                   |        |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                                 | 1 (2%) |         |         |           |
| Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach |        |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>                              |        |         |         |           |
| Heart                                                     | (50)   | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland                      |        | 1 (2%)  |         |           |

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**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                      | 0 ppm   | 312 ppm | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Endocrine System</b>              |         |         |         |           |
| Adrenal cortex                       | (50)    | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland |         | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Capsule, adenoma                     |         | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Adrenal medulla                      | (50)    | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Pheochromocytoma malignant           | 1 (2%)  |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Pheochromocytoma benign              |         | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Islets, pancreatic                   | (49)    | (48)    | (47)    | (49)      |
| Adenoma                              |         | 3 (6%)  |         |           |
| Carcinoma                            |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Pituitary gland                      | (49)    | (46)    | (49)    | (50)      |
| Pars distalis, adenoma               | 5 (10%) | 4 (9%)  | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Thyroid gland                        | (50)    | (49)    | (50)    | (48)      |
| Bilateral, adenoma                   | 1 (2%)  |         |         |           |
| Follicular cell, adenoma             |         |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| <b>General Body System</b>           |         |         |         |           |
| None                                 |         |         |         |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>                |         |         |         |           |
| Ovary                                | (48)    | (49)    | (49)    | (50)      |
| Cystadenoma                          | 2 (4%)  |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Granulosa cell tumor benign          | 2 (4%)  |         |         |           |
| Hemangiosarcoma                      |         | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                  |         |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Luteoma                              |         | 1 (2%)  | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Tubulostromal adenoma                |         | 1 (2%)  |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Uterus                               | (50)    | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Carcinoma                            |         | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Hemangiosarcoma                      |         | 1 (2%)  |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                  | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)  | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Leiomyoma                            |         |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Polyp stromal                        |         | 2 (4%)  |         | 2 (4%)    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin            | 1 (2%)  |         |         |           |
| Sarcoma stromal                      |         |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Schwannoma malignant                 | 1 (2%)  |         |         |           |

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**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                                       | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>                                           |          |         |          |           |
| Bone marrow                                                           | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemangiosarcoma                                                       |          | 1 (2%)  |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                                             |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Lymph node                                                            | (3)      | (9)     | (12)     | (7)       |
| Iliac, histiocytic sarcoma                                            |          | 1 (11%) |          |           |
| Mediastinal, histiocytic sarcoma                                      |          |         |          | 1 (14%)   |
| Pancreatic, squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach |          |         | 1 (8%)   |           |
| Lymph node, mandibular                                                | (47)     | (47)    | (48)     | (48)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                                                | (49)     | (47)    | (49)     | (50)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                                             |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                                             | 1 (2%)   |         |          |           |
| Spleen                                                                | (49)     | (49)    | (49)     | (49)      |
| Fibrosarcoma, metastatic, skin                                        | 1 (2%)   |         |          |           |
| Hemangiosarcoma                                                       | 2 (4%)   | 2 (4%)  |          |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |          |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                                             |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Thymus                                                                | (49)     | (49)    | (50)     | (48)      |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>                                           |          |         |          |           |
| Mammary gland                                                         | (50)     | (50)    | (49)     | (49)      |
| Adenoma                                                               |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Carcinoma                                                             | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Skin                                                                  | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Basal cell carcinoma                                                  |          |         | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosarcoma                                     | 1 (2%)   |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, hemangiosarcoma                                  | 2 (4%)   |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, melanoma benign                                  |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, sarcoma, poorly differentiated                   | 1 (2%)   |         |          |           |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>                                         |          |         |          |           |
| Bone                                                                  | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Osteosarcoma                                                          |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Skeletal muscle                                                       | (1)      | (1)     | (2)      | (2)       |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                                             | 1 (100%) |         |          |           |
| Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach             |          |         | 2 (100%) |           |
| <b>Nervous System</b>                                                 |          |         |          |           |
| Brain                                                                 | (50)     | (50)    | (50)     | (50)      |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland                                  |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |          | 1 (2%)  |          |           |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                                             |          |         |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Spinal cord                                                           |          | (2)     |          | (1)       |
| Osteosarcoma, metastatic, bone                                        |          |         |          | 1 (100%)  |

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**Summary of the Incidence of Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                   | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Respiratory System</b>                         |          |          |          |           |
| Lung                                              | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                      |          | 8 (16%)  | 12 (24%) | 6 (12%)   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma, multiple            |          |          | 4 (8%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma                    | 3 (6%)   |          | 2 (4%)   | 6 (12%)   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma, multiple          |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland              |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                               |          |          |          | 2 (4%)    |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                         |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Osteosarcoma, metastatic, bone                    |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                         | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| Nose                                              | (50)     | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>                      |          |          |          |           |
| Harderian gland                                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Adenoma                                           | 6 (12%)  | 1 (2%)   | 5 (10%)  | 6 (12%)   |
| Carcinoma                                         | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          | 2 (4%)    |
| Zymbal's gland                                    | (1)      |          | (1)      |           |
| Carcinoma                                         | 1 (100%) |          | 1 (100%) |           |
| <b>Urinary System</b>                             |          |          |          |           |
| Kidney                                            | (49)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland              |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                               |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Urinary bladder                                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                               |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                         | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| <b>Systemic Lesions</b>                           |          |          |          |           |
| Multiple organs <sup>b</sup>                      | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                               | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Lymphoma malignant                                | 7 (14%)  | 10 (20%) | 12 (24%) | 13 (26%)  |
| <b>Neoplasm Summary</b>                           |          |          |          |           |
| Total animals with primary neoplasms <sup>c</sup> | 29       | 36       | 37       | 40        |
| Total primary neoplasms                           | 46       | 50       | 55       | 66        |
| Total animals with benign neoplasms               | 18       | 23       | 23       | 21        |
| Total benign neoplasms                            | 23       | 28       | 30       | 28        |
| Total animals with malignant neoplasms            | 20       | 20       | 23       | 29        |
| Total malignant neoplasms                         | 23       | 22       | 25       | 38        |
| Total animals with metastatic neoplasms           | 2        | 1        | 2        | 1         |
| Total metastatic neoplasms                        | 9        | 6        | 7        | 2         |

<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 Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 0 ppm**

|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                         | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Number of Days on Study | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 4 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

+: Tissue examined microscopically  
A: Autolysis precludes examination

M: Missing tissue  
I: Insufficient tissue

X: Lesion present  
Blank: Not examined

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|                            |  | Number of Days on Study |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  | Total<br>Tissues/<br>Tumors |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|--|--|-----------------------------|
|                            |  | 7                       | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7  |  |  |                             |
|                            |  | 3                       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3  |  |  |                             |
|                            |  | 4                       | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6  |  |  |                             |
|                            |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |
| Carcass ID Number          |  | 2                       | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2  |  |  |                             |
|                            |  | 3                       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3  |  |  |                             |
|                            |  | 5                       | 6 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 |    |  |  |                             |
|                            |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |
| Alimentary System          |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |
| Esophagus                  |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Gallbladder                |  | I                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 47 |  |  |                             |
| Intestine large, colon     |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48 |  |  |                             |
| Intestine large, rectum    |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Intestine large, cecum     |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49 |  |  |                             |
| Intestine small, duodenum  |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48 |  |  |                             |
| Polyp adenomatous          |  |                         |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| Intestine small, jejunum   |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Intestine small, ileum     |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 48 |  |  |                             |
| Liver                      |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma   |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| Hepatocellular adenoma     |  | X                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 4  |  |  |                             |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin  |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| Mesentery                  |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   | 3  |  |  |                             |
| Pancreas                   |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49 |  |  |                             |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin  |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| Salivary glands            |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Stomach, forestomach       |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Squamous cell papilloma    |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2  |  |  |                             |
| Stomach, glandular         |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49 |  |  |                             |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin  |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| Tongue                     |  |                         |   |   |   | + |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   | 3  |  |  |                             |
| Cardiovascular System      |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |
| Heart                      |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Endocrine System           |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |
| Adrenal cortex             |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Adrenal medulla            |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Pheochromocytoma malignant |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| Islets, pancreatic         |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49 |  |  |                             |
| Parathyroid gland          |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49 |  |  |                             |
| Pituitary gland            |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 49 |  |  |                             |
| Pars distalis, adenoma     |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | 5 |    |  |  |                             |
| Thyroid gland              |  | +                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 50 |  |  |                             |
| Bilateral, adenoma         |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1  |  |  |                             |
| General Body System        |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |
| None                       |  |                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |  |                             |





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|                                                     | I           | II          | III         | IV          | V           | VI          | VII         | VIII        | IX          | X           | XI          | XII         | XIII        | XIV         | XV          | XVI         | XVII        | XVIII       | XIX         | XX          | XXI         | XXII        | XXIII       | XXIV        | XXV         | Total Tissues/Tumors |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Number of Days on Study                             | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>5 | 7<br>3<br>5 | 7<br>3<br>5 | 7<br>3<br>5 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 | 7<br>3<br>6 |                      |
| Carcass ID Number                                   | 2<br>3<br>5 | 2<br>3<br>6 | 2<br>3<br>8 | 2<br>3<br>9 | 2<br>4<br>0 | 2<br>4<br>2 | 2<br>4<br>3 | 2<br>4<br>4 | 2<br>4<br>4 | 2<br>4<br>5 | 2<br>5<br>0 | 2<br>5<br>0 | 2<br>0<br>0 | 2<br>0<br>1 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>2 | 2<br>0<br>3 | 2<br>0<br>0 |                      |
| Genital System                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Clitoral gland                                      | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Ovary                                               | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | I           | M           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 48                   |
| Cystadenoma                                         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 2                    |
| Granulosa cell tumor benign                         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             | 2                    |
| Uterus                                              | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Schwannoma malignant                                |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Hematopoietic System                                |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Bone marrow                                         | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Lymph node                                          | +           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | +           |             |             |             |             |             |             | +           |             |             |             |             |             |             | 3                    |
| Lymph node, mandibular                              | +           | +           | I           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | I           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 47                   |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                              | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 49                   |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Spleen                                              | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 49                   |
| Fibrosarcoma, metastatic, skin                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Hemangiosarcoma                                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 2                    |
| Thymus                                              | +           | +           | I           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 49                   |
| Integumentary System                                |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Mammary gland                                       | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Carcinoma                                           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Skin                                                | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Subcutaneous tissue, fibrosarcoma                   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, hemangiosarcoma                |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 2                    |
| Subcutaneous tissue, sarcoma, poorly differentiated |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Musculoskeletal System                              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Bone                                                | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Skeletal muscle                                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Nervous System                                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Brain                                               | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Respiratory System                                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Lung                                                | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma                      |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 3                    |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin                           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Nose                                                | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |
| Trachea                                             | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50                   |

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|                           | Survival Time (Days) |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | Total Tissues/Tumors |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Number of Days on Study   | 7<br>3<br>4          | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 | 7<br>3<br>4 |                      |
| Carcass ID Number         | 2<br>3<br>5          | 2<br>3<br>6 | 2<br>3<br>8 | 2<br>3<br>9 | 2<br>4<br>0 | 2<br>4<br>2 | 2<br>4<br>3 | 2<br>4<br>4 | 2<br>4<br>5 | 2<br>5<br>0 | 2<br>5<br>7 | 2<br>5<br>8 | 2<br>5<br>9 | 2<br>6<br>0 | 2<br>6<br>1 | 2<br>6<br>2 | 2<br>6<br>3 | 2<br>6<br>4 | 2<br>6<br>5 | 2<br>6<br>6 | 2<br>6<br>7 | 2<br>6<br>8 | 2<br>6<br>9 | 2<br>6<br>0 | 2<br>6<br>3 | 2<br>6<br>6 | 2<br>6<br>9 | 2<br>6<br>0 |                      |
| Special Senses System     |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Eye                       | +                    | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50          |                      |
| Harderian gland           | +                    | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50          |                      |
| Adenoma                   | X                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             |             |             | 6           |                      |
| Carcinoma                 |                      |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Zymbal's gland            |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Carcinoma                 |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Urinary System            |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Kidney                    | +                    | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 49          |                      |
| Urinary bladder           | +                    | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50          |                      |
| Sarcoma, metastatic, skin |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Systemic Lesions          |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                      |
| Multiple organs           | +                    | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | +           | 50          |                      |
| Histiocytic sarcoma       |                      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | 1                    |
| Lymphoma malignant        | X                    | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           | X           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | X           | 7           |             |             |                      |

**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 312 ppm**

|                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                      | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |   |
| Number of Days on Study              | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |   |
|                                      | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |   |
|                                      | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |
| Carcass ID Number                    | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 |   |
|                                      | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Alimentary System                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Esophagus                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Gallbladder                          | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine large, colon               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine large, rectum              | + | + | I | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine large, cecum               | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine small, duodenum            | + | + | I | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine small, jejunum             | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Intestine small, ileum               | + | + | A | + | + | A | + | A | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Liver                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Hepatocellular carcinoma             |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Hepatocellular adenoma               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                  | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mesentery                            | + |   |   |   |   | + |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                  | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Pancreas                             | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Salivary glands                      | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Stomach, forestomach                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Stomach, glandular                   | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Tongue                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Tooth                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Cardiovascular System                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Blood vessel                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Heart                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Endocrine System                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal cortex                       | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Capsule, adenoma                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Adrenal medulla                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Pheochromocytoma benign              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Islets, pancreatic                   | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Adenoma                              |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| Carcinoma                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Parathyroid gland                    | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Pituitary gland                      | + | + | M | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| Pars distalis, adenoma               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |
| Thyroid gland                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |
| General Body System                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| None                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 312 ppm**

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|                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Number of Days on Study              | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |   |  |
|                                      | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |   |  |
|                                      | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |   |  |
| Carcass ID Number                    | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |  |
|                                      | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 |   |  |
|                                      | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  |
| Special Senses System                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Eye                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |  |
| Harderian gland                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |  |
| Adenoma                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Carcinoma                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Urinary System                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Kidney                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |  |
| Carcinoma, metastatic, mammary gland |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Urinary bladder                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |  |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                  | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Systemic Lesions                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Multiple organs                      | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |   |  |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                  | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Lymphoma malignant                   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |  |



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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7  | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Number of Days on Study | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                         | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5  | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|                         |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

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**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

|                                                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                                                       | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Number of Days on Study                                               | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                                                       | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
|                                                                       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Carcass ID Number                                                     | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
|                                                                       | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Genital System                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Clitoral gland                                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Ovary                                                                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Cystadenoma                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| Luteoma                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |
| Uterus                                                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   |   |
| Leiomyoma                                                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Sarcoma stromal                                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Hematopoietic System                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bone marrow                                                           | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Lymph node                                                            |   |   |   | + |   | + | + |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   | + | + |   |   |
| Pancreatic, squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lymph node, mandibular                                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Spleen                                                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | A | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Thymus                                                                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Integumentary System                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mammary gland                                                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Skin                                                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Basal cell carcinoma                                                  | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Musculoskeletal System                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Bone                                                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Skeletal muscle                                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |   |   |   |
| Squamous cell carcinoma, metastatic, stomach, forestomach             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| Nervous System                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Brain                                                                 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Respiratory System                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lung                                                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma, multiple                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Nose                                                                  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Trachea                                                               | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

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**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

|                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Number of Days on Study</b> | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
|                                | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| <b>Carcass ID Number</b>       | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
|                                | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Eye                            | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Harderian gland                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |
| Zymbal's gland                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | + |   |   |
| Carcinoma                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| <b>Urinary System</b>          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Kidney                         | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| Urinary bladder                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| <b>Systemic Lesions</b>        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Multiple organs                | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   |
| Lymphoma malignant             | X | X |   | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |

**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 625 ppm**

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### Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm

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**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

|                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| <b>Number of Days on Study</b> | 0 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|                                | 9 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

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|                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                          | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| <b>Carcass ID Number</b> | 9 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
|                          | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

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**Respiratory System**

|                                             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lung                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   | X |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar adenoma,<br>multiple   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Alveolar/bronchiolar carcinoma,<br>multiple |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Histiocytic sarcoma                         |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Mast cell tumor malignant                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Osteosarcoma, metastatic, bone              |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Nose                                        | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Trachea                                     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

**Special Senses System**

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eye             | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Harderian gland | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Adenoma         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |
| Carcinoma       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Urinary System**

|                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kidney          | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Urinary bladder | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

**Systemic Lesions**

|                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Multiple organs     | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Histiocytic sarcoma |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lymphoma malignant  | X | X |   |   | X |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   | X |   | X | X |   |

**TABLE D2**  
**Individual Animal Tumor Pathology of Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole: 1,250 ppm**

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**TABLE D3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                        | 0 ppm      | 312 ppm    | 625 ppm        | 1,250 ppm   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Harderian Gland: Adenoma</b>                        |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate <sup>a</sup>                              | 6/50 (12%) | 1/50 (2%)  | 5/50 (10%)     | 6/50 (12%)  |
| Adjusted rate <sup>b</sup>                             | 12.8%      | 2.1%       | 10.4%          | 13.0%       |
| Terminal rate <sup>c</sup>                             | 5/43 (12%) | 1/40 (3%)  | 4/43 (9%)      | 5/40 (13%)  |
| First incidence (days) <sup>d</sup>                    | 593        | 729 (T)    | 720            | 685         |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.323    | P=0.054N   | P=0.486N       | P=0.608     |
| <b>Harderian Gland: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>           |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 7/50 (14%) | 2/50 (4%)  | 5/50 (10%)     | 8/50 (16%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 14.9%      | 4.2%       | 10.4%          | 17.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                          | 6/43 (14%) | 2/40 (5%)  | 4/43 (9%)      | 6/40 (15%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                 | 593        | 729 (T)    | 720            | 685         |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.233    | P=0.076N   | P=0.365N       | P=0.486     |
| <b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma</b>                   |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 4/50 (8%)  | 5/50 (10%) | 0/50 (0%)      | 1/50 (2%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 8.6%       | 10.5%      | 0.0%           | 2.2%        |
| Terminal rate                                          | 4/43 (9%)  | 5/40 (13%) | 0/43 (0%)      | 1/40 (3%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                 | 729 (T)    | 729 (T)    | — <sup>e</sup> | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.048N   | P=0.516    | P=0.057N       | P=0.183N    |
| <b>Liver: Hepatocellular Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>      |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 5/50 (10%) | 6/50 (12%) | 0/50 (0%)      | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 10.7%      | 12.5%      | 0.0%           | 4.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                          | 5/43 (12%) | 5/40 (13%) | 0/43 (0%)      | 2/40 (5%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                 | 729 (T)    | 656        | —              | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.065N   | P=0.521    | P=0.028N       | P=0.221N    |
| <b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma</b>              |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 0/50 (0%)  | 8/50 (16%) | 16/50 (32%)    | 8/50 (16%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 0.0%       | 16.6%      | 33.2%          | 17.4%       |
| Terminal rate                                          | 0/43 (0%)  | 7/40 (18%) | 15/43 (35%)    | 8/40 (20%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                 | —          | 632        | 684            | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.017    | P=0.004    | P<0.001        | P=0.003     |
| <b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Carcinoma</b>            |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 3/50 (6%)  | 0/50 (0%)  | 2/50 (4%)      | 7/50 (14%)  |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 6.4%       | 0.0%       | 4.2%           | 15.2%       |
| Terminal rate                                          | 3/43 (7%)  | 0/40 (0%)  | 2/43 (5%)      | 6/40 (15%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                 | 729 (T)    | —          | 729 (T)        | 687         |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.019    | P=0.114N   | P=0.487N       | P=0.154     |
| <b>Lung: Alveolar/bronchiolar Adenoma or Carcinoma</b> |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 3/50 (6%)  | 8/50 (16%) | 17/50 (34%)    | 14/50 (28%) |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 6.4%       | 16.6%      | 35.3%          | 30.3%       |
| Terminal rate                                          | 3/43 (7%)  | 7/40 (18%) | 16/43 (37%)    | 13/40 (33%) |
| First incidence (days)                                 | 729 (T)    | 632        | 684            | 687         |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.002    | P=0.109    | P<0.001        | P=0.002     |
| <b>Pancreatic Islets: Adenoma</b>                      |            |            |                |             |
| Overall rate                                           | 0/49 (0%)  | 3/48 (6%)  | 0/47 (0%)      | 0/49 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                          | 0.0%       | 6.5%       | 0.0%           | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                          | 0/43 (0%)  | 2/40 (5%)  | 0/42 (0%)      | 0/39 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                 | —          | 668        | — <sup>f</sup> | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                            | P=0.314N   | P=0.118    | —              | —           |

**TABLE D3**  
**Statistical Analysis of Primary Neoplasms in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

|                                                                    | 0 ppm       | 312 ppm     | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Pancreatic Islets: Adenoma or Carcinoma</b>                     |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 0/49 (0%)   | 4/48 (8%)   | 1/47 (2%)   | 0/49 (0%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 0.0%        | 8.6%        | 2.2%        | 0.0%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 0/43 (0%)   | 3/40 (8%)   | 1/42 (2%)   | 0/39 (0%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | —           | 668         | 729 (T)     | —           |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.304N    | P=0.060     | P=0.494     | —           |
| <b>Pituitary Gland (Pars Distalis): Adenoma</b>                    |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 5/49 (10%)  | 4/46 (9%)   | 3/49 (6%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 11.0%       | 9.0%        | 6.4%        | 4.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 5/42 (12%)  | 4/38 (11%)  | 3/43 (7%)   | 2/40 (5%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.145N    | P=0.519N    | P=0.340N    | P=0.212N    |
| <b>Stomach (Forestomach): Squamous Cell Papilloma or Carcinoma</b> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 2/50 (4%)   | 0/50 (0%)   | 3/50 (6%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 4.3%        | 0.0%        | 6.3%        | 4.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 2/43 (5%)   | 0/40 (0%)   | 3/43 (7%)   | 2/40 (5%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | —           | 729 (T)     | 729 (T)     |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.410     | P=0.232N    | P=0.513     | P=0.689     |
| <b>All Organs: Hemangiosarcoma</b>                                 |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 3/50 (6%)   | 4/50 (8%)   | 0/50 (0%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 6.4%        | 8.4%        | 0.0%        | 4.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 2/43 (5%)   | 3/40 (8%)   | 0/43 (0%)   | 1/40 (3%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 706         | 721         | —           | 665         |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.263N    | P=0.513     | P=0.114N    | P=0.504N    |
| <b>All Organs: Histiocytic Sarcoma</b>                             |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 1/50 (2%)   | 1/50 (2%)   | 3/50 (6%)   | 2/50 (4%)   |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 2.2%        | 2.1%        | 6.3%        | 4.3%        |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 1/43 (2%)   | 0/40 (0%)   | 3/43 (7%)   | 1/40 (3%)   |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | 525         | 729 (T)     | 647         |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.316     | P=0.752N    | P=0.316     | P=0.498     |
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Lymphoma</b>                              |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 7/50 (14%)  | 10/50 (20%) | 12/50 (24%) | 13/50 (26%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 15.0%       | 20.6%       | 24.4%       | 27.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 7/43 (16%)  | 6/40 (15%)  | 7/43 (16%)  | 9/40 (23%)  |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 729 (T)     | 629         | 541         | 409         |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.100     | P=0.329     | P=0.187     | P=0.119     |
| <b>All Organs: Benign Neoplasms</b>                                |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 18/50 (36%) | 23/50 (46%) | 23/50 (46%) | 21/50 (42%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 38.2%       | 47.5%       | 47.7%       | 45.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 17/43 (40%) | 20/40 (50%) | 21/43 (49%) | 18/40 (45%) |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 593         | 632         | 684         | 647         |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.347     | P=0.241     | P=0.234     | P=0.325     |
| <b>All Organs: Malignant Neoplasms</b>                             |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                                       | 20/50 (40%) | 20/50 (40%) | 23/50 (46%) | 29/50 (58%) |
| Adjusted rate                                                      | 41.7%       | 40.3%       | 46.2%       | 58.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                                      | 16/43 (37%) | 12/40 (30%) | 17/43 (40%) | 19/40 (48%) |
| First incidence (days)                                             | 539         | 525         | 539         | 409         |
| Poly-3 test                                                        | P=0.038     | P=0.525N    | P=0.406     | P=0.078     |

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|                                                  | 0 ppm       | 312 ppm     | 625 ppm     | 1,250 ppm   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>All Organs: Benign or Malignant Neoplasms</b> |             |             |             |             |
| Overall rate                                     | 29/50 (58%) | 36/50 (72%) | 37/50 (74%) | 40/50 (80%) |
| Adjusted rate                                    | 59.9%       | 72.0%       | 74.0%       | 80.0%       |
| Terminal rate                                    | 24/43 (56%) | 27/40 (68%) | 30/43 (70%) | 30/40 (75%) |
| First incidence (days)                           | 539         | 525         | 539         | 409         |
| Poly-3 test                                      | P=0.025     | P=0.146     | P=0.101     | P=0.023     |

(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, pancreatic islets, and pituitary gland; for other tissues, denominator is number of animals necropsied.

<sup>b</sup> Poly-3 estimated neoplasm incidence after adjustment for intercurrent mortality

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

<sup>d</sup> Beneath the control incidence is the P value associated with the trend test. Beneath the exposed group incidence are the P values corresponding to pairwise comparisons between the controls and that exposed group. The Poly-3 test accounts for the differential mortality in animals that do not reach terminal sacrifice. A negative trend or a lower incidence in an exposed group is indicated by N.

<sup>e</sup> Not applicable; no neoplasms in animal group

<sup>f</sup> Value of statistic cannot be computed.



**TABLE D4**  
**Historical Incidence of Alveolar/bronchiolar Neoplasms in Control Female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> Mice**

| Study                                             | Incidence in Controls |                 |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                                                   | Adenoma               | Carcinoma       | Adenoma or Carcinoma |
| <b>Historical Incidence: Feed Studies</b>         |                       |                 |                      |
| Benzophenone                                      | 0/50                  | 1/50            | 1/50                 |
| <i>trans</i> -Cinnamaldehyde                      | 3/100                 | 2/100           | 5/100                |
| Citral                                            | 5/99                  | 6/99            | 11/99                |
| <i>p,p'</i> -Dichlorodiphenyl sulfone             | 0/50                  | 0/50            | 0/50                 |
| 2-Methylimidazole                                 | 4/50                  | 0/50            | 4/50                 |
| 4-Methylimidazole                                 | 0/50                  | 3/50            | 3/50                 |
| <i>o</i> -Nitrotoluene                            | 2/60                  | 3/60            | 5/60                 |
| <i>p</i> -Nitrotoluene                            | 5/50                  | 1/50            | 6/50                 |
| <b>Overall Historical Incidence: Feed Studies</b> |                       |                 |                      |
| Total (%)                                         | 19/509 (3.7%)         | 16/509 (3.1%)   | 35/509 (6.9%)        |
| Mean $\pm$ standard deviation                     | 3.7% $\pm$ 3.8%       | 2.9% $\pm$ 2.5% | 6.6% $\pm$ 4.2%      |
| Range                                             | 0%-10%                | 0%-6%           | 0%-12%               |
| <b>Overall Historical Incidence</b>               |                       |                 |                      |
| Total (%)                                         | 80/1,552 (5.2%)       | 40/1,552 (2.6%) | 117/1,552 (7.5%)     |
| Mean $\pm$ standard deviation                     | 5.1% $\pm$ 3.5%       | 2.5% $\pm$ 2.6% | 7.4% $\pm$ 3.8%      |
| Range                                             | 0%-12%                | 0%-12%          | 0%-14%               |

<sup>a</sup> Data as of January 28, 2005

TABLE D5

Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>

|                                       | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm | 625 ppm | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Disposition Summary</b>            |          |         |         |           |
| Animals initially in study            | 50       | 50      | 50      | 50        |
| Early deaths                          |          |         |         |           |
| Moribund                              | 3        | 4       | 3       | 2         |
| Natural death                         | 4        | 6       | 4       | 8         |
| Survivors                             |          |         |         |           |
| Died last week of study               | 1        |         | 2       | 1         |
| Terminal sacrifice                    | 42       | 40      | 41      | 39        |
| Animals examined microscopically      | 50       | 50      | 50      | 50        |
| <b>Alimentary System</b>              |          |         |         |           |
| Intestine large, cecum                | (49)     | (48)    | (46)    | (46)      |
| Edema                                 | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)  | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Intestine small, jejunum              | (50)     | (48)    | (47)    | (47)      |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 | 4 (8%)   | 2 (4%)  | 2 (4%)  |           |
| Intestine small, ileum                | (48)     | (45)    | (48)    | (48)      |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 | 1 (2%)   |         |         |           |
| Liver                                 | (50)     | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                           |          |         | 2 (4%)  |           |
| Basophilic focus                      | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Cyst                                  | 3 (6%)   |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Eosinophilic focus                    | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)  | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation      | 6 (12%)  |         | 5 (10%) | 3 (6%)    |
| Hemorrhage                            |          |         |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)  | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Infiltration cellular, mixed cell     | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)  | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Mixed cell focus                      | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Necrosis, focal                       | 4 (8%)   | 3 (6%)  | 2 (4%)  | 6 (12%)   |
| Centrilobular, necrosis               | 1 (2%)   |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Hepatocyte, hypertrophy               | 1 (2%)   |         |         |           |
| Hepatocyte, vacuolization cytoplasmic | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Kupffer cell, pigmentation            | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  | 2 (4%)  |           |
| Mesentery                             | (3)      | (7)     | (7)     | (4)       |
| Hemorrhage                            |          |         |         | 1 (25%)   |
| Fat, necrosis                         | 3 (100%) | 3 (43%) | 3 (43%) | 3 (75%)   |
| Pancreas                              | (49)     | (48)    | (48)    | (49)      |
| Atrophy                               |          | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Cyst                                  | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 |          | 1 (2%)  |         | 1 (2%)    |
| Necrosis                              | 1 (2%)   |         |         |           |
| Acinus, cytoplasmic alteration        | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Salivary glands                       | (50)     | (48)    | (50)    | (49)      |
| Atrophy                               |          |         |         | 2 (4%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                 | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)  | 3 (6%)  | 3 (6%)    |
| Stomach, forestomach                  | (50)     | (50)    | (50)    | (50)      |
| Diverticulum                          | 2 (4%)   |         |         |           |
| Hyperplasia, squamous                 |          |         | 1 (2%)  |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                 |          |         | 1 (2%)  | 1 (2%)    |
| Ulcer                                 | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)  |         |           |
| Epithelium, hyperplasia               | 3 (6%)   | 5 (10%) | 2 (4%)  | 5 (10%)   |
| Stomach, glandular                    | (49)     | (49)    | (50)    | (49)      |
| Erosion                               |          |         | 2 (4%)  | 1 (2%)    |

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

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Summary of the Incidence of Nonneoplastic Lesions in Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole

|                                   | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Cardiovascular System</b>      |          |          |          |           |
| Heart                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Inflammation, chronic             | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Mineralization                    |          |          |          | 4 (8%)    |
| Thrombosis                        |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Myocardium, necrosis              |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| <b>Endocrine System</b>           |          |          |          |           |
| Adrenal cortex                    | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Accessory adrenal cortical nodule | 9 (18%)  | 9 (18%)  | 9 (18%)  | 5 (10%)   |
| Hyperplasia, diffuse              | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal                |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Capsule, hyperplasia              |          | 2 (4%)   |          |           |
| Adrenal medulla                   | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia                       |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Islets, pancreatic                | (49)     | (48)     | (47)     | (49)      |
| Hyperplasia                       | 1 (2%)   |          |          | 2 (4%)    |
| Parathyroid gland                 | (49)     | (49)     | (48)     | (47)      |
| Cyst                              |          | 1 (2%)   | 5 (10%)  | 2 (4%)    |
| Pituitary gland                   | (49)     | (46)     | (49)     | (50)      |
| Pars distalis, cyst               | 1 (2%)   | 3 (7%)   | 4 (8%)   |           |
| Pars distalis, hyperplasia, focal | 2 (4%)   | 4 (9%)   | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Thyroid gland                     | (50)     | (49)     | (50)     | (48)      |
| Follicle, cyst                    | 20 (40%) | 22 (45%) | 29 (58%) | 30 (63%)  |
| Follicular cell, hyperplasia      | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| <b>General Body System</b>        |          |          |          |           |
| None                              |          |          |          |           |
| <b>Genital System</b>             |          |          |          |           |
| Clitoral gland                    | (50)     | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Inflammation, chronic             | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 5 (10%)  | 3 (6%)    |
| Ovary                             | (48)     | (49)     | (49)     | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                       | 9 (19%)  | 9 (18%)  | 7 (14%)  | 6 (12%)   |
| Cyst                              | 16 (33%) | 20 (41%) | 14 (29%) | 19 (38%)  |
| Inflammation, granulomatous       |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Corpus luteum, hyperplasia        |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Granulosa cell, hyperplasia       | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Thecal cell, hyperplasia          |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Uterus                            | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Angiectasis                       |          | 3 (6%)   |          | 3 (6%)    |
| Hyperplasia, cystic               | 45 (90%) | 47 (94%) | 46 (92%) | 47 (94%)  |
| Inflammation, chronic             | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Metaplasia, squamous              | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   | 5 (10%)   |
| Thrombosis                        |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |

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|                                                  | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Hematopoietic System</b>                      |          |          |          |           |
| Bone marrow                                      | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia                                      | 13 (26%) | 13 (26%) | 10 (20%) | 17 (34%)  |
| Infiltration cellular, mast cell                 |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Lymph node                                       | (3)      | (9)      | (12)     | (7)       |
| Bronchial, hyperplasia, lymphoid                 |          |          | 1 (8%)   |           |
| Iliac, hemorrhage                                |          | 1 (11%)  |          | 1 (14%)   |
| Iliac, hyperplasia, lymphoid                     |          | 2 (22%)  | 1 (8%)   | 1 (14%)   |
| Iliac, pigmentation                              |          |          |          | 1 (14%)   |
| Inguinal, hyperplasia, lymphoid                  |          | 2 (22%)  | 1 (8%)   |           |
| Mediastinal, hyperplasia, lymphoid               |          | 2 (22%)  |          |           |
| Renal, hematopoietic cell proliferation          |          |          | 1 (8%)   |           |
| Renal, hyperplasia, lymphoid                     |          |          | 1 (8%)   | 1 (14%)   |
| Renal, pigmentation                              |          |          |          | 1 (14%)   |
| Lymph node, mandibular                           | (47)     | (47)     | (48)     | (48)      |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation                 | 1 (2%)   |          | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Hemorrhage                                       |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                            | 6 (13%)  | 8 (17%)  | 7 (15%)  | 13 (27%)  |
| Pigmentation                                     | 12 (26%) | 19 (40%) | 18 (38%) | 19 (40%)  |
| Lymph node, mesenteric                           | (49)     | (47)     | (49)     | (50)      |
| Atrophy                                          |          | 2 (4%)   |          |           |
| Ectasia                                          | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation                 | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                            | 3 (6%)   | 8 (17%)  | 9 (18%)  | 10 (20%)  |
| Spleen                                           | (49)     | (49)     | (49)     | (49)      |
| Hematopoietic cell proliferation                 | 15 (31%) | 16 (33%) | 13 (27%) | 11 (22%)  |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                            | 8 (16%)  | 11 (22%) | 8 (16%)  | 11 (22%)  |
| Pigmentation                                     |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Lymphoid follicle, atrophy                       | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Lymphoid follicle, hyperplasia                   | 14 (29%) | 12 (24%) | 12 (24%) | 13 (27%)  |
| Red pulp, congestion                             |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Thymus                                           | (49)     | (49)     | (50)     | (48)      |
| Atrophy                                          | 3 (6%)   | 6 (12%)  | 2 (4%)   | 5 (10%)   |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                            | 3 (6%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)   |           |
| <b>Integumentary System</b>                      |          |          |          |           |
| Mammary gland                                    | (50)     | (50)     | (49)     | (49)      |
| Galactoceles                                     |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Hyperplasia                                      | 16 (32%) | 10 (20%) | 14 (29%) | 24 (49%)  |
| Skin                                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Edema                                            |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Epidermis, hyperplasia                           |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Subcutaneous tissue, inflammation, granulomatous | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| <b>Musculoskeletal System</b>                    |          |          |          |           |
| Bone                                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hyperostosis                                     | 10 (20%) | 12 (24%) | 10 (20%) | 6 (12%)   |
| Skeletal muscle                                  | (1)      | (1)      | (2)      | (2)       |
| Mineralization                                   |          |          |          | 1 (50%)   |

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|                                             | 0 ppm    | 312 ppm  | 625 ppm  | 1,250 ppm |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Nervous System</b>                       |          |          |          |           |
| Brain                                       | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Compression                                 |          |          |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                                  |          | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Peripheral nerve                            |          | (2)      |          | (2)       |
| Atrophy                                     |          |          |          | 1 (50%)   |
| <b>Respiratory System</b>                   |          |          |          |           |
| Lung                                        | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hemorrhage                                  | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)    |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                       | 6 (12%)  | 6 (12%)  | 8 (16%)  | 8 (16%)   |
| Infiltration cellular, histiocyte           | 1 (2%)   | 5 (10%)  | 1 (2%)   | 8 (16%)   |
| Metaplasia, osseous                         | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| Alveolar epithelium, hyperplasia            | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)   | 11 (22%)  |
| Nose                                        | (50)     | (49)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Inflammation, chronic                       | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| <b>Special Senses System</b>                |          |          |          |           |
| Eye                                         | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Cataract                                    |          |          | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic                       |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Cornea, hyperplasia                         |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Cornea, mineralization                      |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Retina, degeneration                        |          |          | 1 (2%)   |           |
| Harderian gland                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Hyperplasia                                 |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Hyperplasia, focal                          | 2 (4%)   | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   |           |
| Inflammation, chronic                       | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| <b>Urinary System</b>                       |          |          |          |           |
| Kidney                                      | (49)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Cyst                                        | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Hydronephrosis                              |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                       | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)   | 6 (12%)  | 3 (6%)    |
| Metaplasia, osseous                         | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          | 1 (2%)    |
| Nephropathy                                 | 21 (43%) | 20 (40%) | 17 (34%) | 25 (50%)  |
| Renal tubule, accumulation, hyaline droplet | 3 (6%)   | 2 (4%)   | 1 (2%)   | 2 (4%)    |
| Renal tubule, hyperplasia                   | 1 (2%)   |          |          |           |
| Renal tubule, necrosis                      |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Urinary bladder                             | (50)     | (50)     | (50)     | (50)      |
| Edema                                       |          |          | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)    |
| Hemorrhage                                  |          | 1 (2%)   |          |           |
| Hyperplasia, lymphoid                       | 1 (2%)   | 3 (6%)   | 4 (8%)   | 3 (6%)    |
| Inflammation, chronic                       | 1 (2%)   | 1 (2%)   |          |           |



## APPENDIX E

### GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

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### ***SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM* MUTAGENICITY TEST PROTOCOL**

Testing was performed as reported by Zeiger *et al.* (1988). 4-Methylimidazole was sent to the laboratory as a coded aliquot from Radian Corporation (Austin, TX). It was incubated with the *Salmonella typhimurium* tester strains TA97, TA98, TA100, and TA1535 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 five doses of 4-methylimidazole. For the study conducted at SRI International, the high dose was limited by experimental design to 10,000 µg/plate. For the study conducted at Environmental Health Research and Testing, Inc., the highest concentration tested was limited to 33 µg/plate by toxicity. All trials in both laboratories were repeated at the same or a higher S9 fraction.

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, is not reproducible, or is not of sufficient magnitude to support a determination of mutagenicity. A negative response is obtained when no increase in revertant colonies is observed following chemical treatment. There is no minimum percentage or fold increase required for a chemical to be judged positive or weakly positive.

### **RAT AND MOUSE BONE MARROW MICRONUCLEUS TEST PROTOCOL**

Preliminary range-finding studies were performed. Factors affecting dose selection included chemical solubility and toxicity and the extent of cell cycle delay induced by 4-methylimidazole exposure. The standard three-exposure protocol is described in detail by Shelby *et al.* (1993). Groups of male F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were injected intraperitoneally (three times at 24-hour intervals) with 4-methylimidazole dissolved in phosphate-buffered saline. Solvent control animals were injected with solvent only. The positive control animals received injections of cyclophosphamide. The animals were killed 24 hours after the third injection, and blood smears were prepared from bone marrow cells obtained from the femurs. Air-dried smears were fixed and stained with acridine orange; 2,000 polychromatic erythrocytes (PCEs) were scored for the frequency of micronucleated cells in each of up to five animals per dose group. In addition, the percentage of PCEs among the total erythrocyte population in the bone marrow was scored for each dose group as a measure of cytotoxicity.

The results were tabulated as the mean of the pooled results from all animals within a treatment group plus or minus the standard error of the mean. The frequency of micronucleated cells among PCEs was analyzed by a statistical software package that tested for increasing trend over dose groups with a one-tailed Cochran-Armitage trend test, followed by pairwise comparisons between each dosed group and the control group (ILS, 1990). In the presence of excess binomial variation, as detected by a binomial dispersion test, the binomial variance of the Cochran-Armitage test was adjusted upward in proportion to the excess variation. In the micronucleus test, an individual trial is considered positive if the trend test P value is less than or equal to 0.025 or if the P value for any single dosed group is less than or equal to 0.025 divided by the number of dosed groups. A final call of positive for micronucleus induction is preferably based on reproducibly positive trials (as noted previously). Ultimately, the final call is determined by the scientific staff after considering the results of statistical analyses, the reproducibility of any effects observed, and the magnitudes of those effects.



## MOUSE PERIPHERAL BLOOD MICRONUCLEUS TEST PROTOCOL

A detailed discussion of this assay is presented by MacGregor *et al.* (1990). At the end of the 14-week toxicity study, in which 4-methylimidazole was administered via dosed feed, peripheral blood samples were obtained from male and female mice (NTP, 2004a). Smears were immediately prepared and fixed in absolute methanol. The methanol-fixed slides were stained with acridine orange and coded. Slides were scanned to determine the frequency of micronuclei in 2,000 normochromatic erythrocytes (NCEs) in each of five animals per dose group. In addition, the percentage of PCEs among the total erythrocyte population in peripheral blood was scored for each group as a measure of bone marrow toxicity.

The results for NCEs were tabulated as described for PCEs in the bone marrow micronucleus test. Results of the 14-week studies were accepted without repeat tests because additional data could not be obtained.

## EVALUATION PROTOCOL

These are the basic guidelines for arriving at an overall assay result for assays performed by the National Toxicology Program. Statistical as well as biological factors are considered. For an individual assay, the statistical procedures for data analysis have been described in the preceding protocols. There have been instances, however, in which multiple aliquots of a chemical were tested in the same assay, and different results were obtained among aliquots and/or among laboratories. Results from more than one aliquot or from more than one laboratory are not simply combined into an overall result. Rather, all the data are critically evaluated, particularly with regard to pertinent protocol variations, in determining the weight of evidence for an overall conclusion of chemical activity in an assay. In addition to multiple aliquots, the *in vitro* assays have another variable that must be considered in arriving at an overall test result. *In vitro* assays are conducted with and without exogenous metabolic activation. Results obtained in the absence of activation are not combined with results obtained in the presence of activation; each testing condition is evaluated separately. The summary table in the Abstract of this Technical Report presents a result that represents a scientific judgement of the overall evidence for activity of the chemical in an assay.

## RESULTS

4-Methylimidazole (1 to 10,000 µg/plate) was not mutagenic in *S. typhimurium* strains TA97, TA98, TA100, or TA1535, when tested with and without 10% or 30% hamster or rat liver S9 activation enzymes (Table E1). In addition, no increases in the frequencies of micronucleated erythrocytes were seen in bone marrow of male rats (Table E2) or male mice (Table E3) administered 4-methylimidazole by intraperitoneal injection three times at 24-hour intervals or in peripheral blood samples from male or female mice administered the compound in dosed feed for 14 weeks (Table E4). In the mouse bone marrow micronucleus test, two trials were conducted; a significant increase in micronucleated PCEs was seen in the first trial, but the response was not replicated in a repeat trial (Trial 2), and the test was judged to be negative overall. No significant alterations in percent PCEs, a rough indicator of bone marrow toxicity, were seen in the mouse bone marrow or peripheral blood tests, but in bone marrow of male rats, percent PCEs declined with increasing dose of 4-methylimidazole and was significantly depressed at the highest dose.

**TABLE E1**  
**Mutagenicity of 4-Methylimidazole in *Salmonella typhimurium*<sup>a</sup>**

| Strain                               | Dose<br>(µg/plate) | Revertants/Plate <sup>b</sup> |            |             |            |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                      |                    | -S9                           |            | +hamster S9 |            | +rat S9    |            |
|                                      |                    | Trial 1                       | Trial 2    | 10%         | 30%        | 10%        | 30%        |
| Study performed at SRI International |                    |                               |            |             |            |            |            |
| TA100                                | 0                  | 136 ± 2.9                     | 131 ± 3.5  | 131 ± 3.0   | 160 ± 4.7  | 135 ± 5.3  | 155 ± 3.5  |
|                                      | 100                | 153 ± 7.0                     | 119 ± 4.3  | 133 ± 9.5   | 166 ± 4.0  | 133 ± 2.8  | 163 ± 10.2 |
|                                      | 333                | 143 ± 4.7                     | 127 ± 0.0  | 129 ± 2.3   | 164 ± 4.4  | 125 ± 1.2  | 156 ± 5.2  |
|                                      | 1,000              | 152 ± 14.4                    | 121 ± 6.4  | 133 ± 2.6   | 171 ± 4.1  | 149 ± 5.5  | 158 ± 2.6  |
|                                      | 3,333              | 149 ± 0.3                     | 121 ± 8.4  | 131 ± 1.8   | 169 ± 5.2  | 128 ± 7.6  | 157 ± 4.1  |
|                                      | 10,000             | 144 ± 8.4                     | 115 ± 3.2  | 126 ± 1.2   | 151 ± 7.8  | 123 ± 3.0  | 150 ± 12.4 |
| Trial summary                        |                    | Negative                      | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative   | Negative   |
| Positive control <sup>c</sup>        |                    | 959 ± 5.8                     | 991 ± 51.4 | 426 ± 13.1  | 562 ± 16.6 | 334 ± 16.9 | 817 ± 34.8 |
| TA1535                               | 0                  | 11 ± 1.8                      | 14 ± 2.9   | 13 ± 1.0    | 13 ± 0.9   | 13 ± 2.4   | 11 ± 1.0   |
|                                      | 100                | 13 ± 0.6                      | 15 ± 0.7   | 13 ± 2.1    | 15 ± 1.5   | 13 ± 0.3   | 11 ± 0.3   |
|                                      | 333                | 15 ± 1.7                      | 16 ± 1.5   | 12 ± 0.3    | 11 ± 0.9   | 12 ± 1.5   | 13 ± 3.2   |
|                                      | 1,000              | 12 ± 2.5                      | 13 ± 2.5   | 16 ± 2.8    | 13 ± 1.5   | 9 ± 0.3    | 12 ± 1.5   |
|                                      | 3,333              | 14 ± 0.9                      | 17 ± 0.3   | 9 ± 0.3     | 13 ± 0.6   | 13 ± 2.4   | 12 ± 1.5   |
|                                      | 10,000             | 12 ± 1.2                      | 9 ± 0.6    | 13 ± 1.7    | 12 ± 2.5   | 13 ± 1.9   | 15 ± 2.6   |
| Trial summary                        |                    | Negative                      | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative   | Negative   |
| Positive control                     |                    | 858 ± 15.0                    | 830 ± 12.6 | 136 ± 5.8   | 145 ± 4.4  | 137 ± 6.4  | 143 ± 11.1 |
| TA97                                 | 0                  | 177 ± 9.1                     | 151 ± 3.7  | 170 ± 9.4   | 176 ± 9.5  | 143 ± 3.3  | 168 ± 9.3  |
|                                      | 100                | 158 ± 6.1                     | 156 ± 2.8  | 153 ± 3.3   | 168 ± 10.3 | 160 ± 9.2  | 155 ± 7.0  |
|                                      | 333                | 177 ± 10.1                    | 156 ± 1.5  | 160 ± 4.7   | 172 ± 2.2  | 167 ± 11.1 | 149 ± 10.4 |
|                                      | 1,000              | 186 ± 5.6                     | 155 ± 12.9 | 162 ± 9.0   | 178 ± 4.7  | 170 ± 3.0  | 165 ± 4.3  |
|                                      | 3,333              | 165 ± 14.6                    | 163 ± 1.2  | 149 ± 13.9  | 165 ± 9.3  | 168 ± 12.5 | 152 ± 12.8 |
|                                      | 10,000             | 151 ± 11.7                    | 168 ± 6.2  | 133 ± 14.0  | 169 ± 8.7  | 145 ± 4.4  | 176 ± 4.0  |
| Trial summary                        |                    | Negative                      | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative   | Negative   |
| Positive control                     |                    | 361 ± 21.4                    | 461 ± 29.7 | 453 ± 13.3  | 487 ± 12.2 | 363 ± 8.9  | 466 ± 18.8 |
| TA98                                 | 0                  | 15 ± 0.9                      | 19 ± 0.9   | 24 ± 1.7    | 20 ± 0.7   | 22 ± 1.8   | 16 ± 1.9   |
|                                      | 100                | 15 ± 1.8                      | 21 ± 2.0   | 18 ± 1.8    | 19 ± 3.3   | 21 ± 3.1   | 16 ± 2.4   |
|                                      | 333                | 20 ± 0.7                      | 23 ± 4.3   | 20 ± 0.7    | 19 ± 3.6   | 18 ± 1.8   | 18 ± 0.6   |
|                                      | 1,000              | 19 ± 1.2                      | 22 ± 2.9   | 23 ± 3.0    | 20 ± 0.3   | 23 ± 2.3   | 21 ± 2.6   |
|                                      | 3,333              | 18 ± 1.5                      | 20 ± 2.4   | 22 ± 0.3    | 17 ± 0.3   | 23 ± 1.2   | 18 ± 0.6   |
|                                      | 10,000             | 15 ± 1.2                      | 22 ± 2.0   | 18 ± 0.7    | 17 ± 1.2   | 21 ± 1.7   | 14 ± 0.3   |
| Trial summary                        |                    | Negative                      | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative   | Negative   |
| Positive control                     |                    | 337 ± 25.3                    | 349 ± 26.6 | 333 ± 23.3  | 424 ± 22.5 | 321 ± 16.8 | 407 ± 3.4  |

**TABLE E1**  
**Mutagenicity of 4-Methylimidazole in *Salmonella typhimurium***

| Strain                                                             | Dose<br>(µg/plate) | Revertants/Plate |            |             |            |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                    |                    | -S9              |            | +hamster S9 |            | +rat S9   |           |
|                                                                    |                    | Trial 1          | Trial 2    | 10%         | 30%        | 10%       | 30%       |
| Study performed at Environmental Health Research and Testing, Inc. |                    |                  |            |             |            |           |           |
| TA100                                                              | 0                  | 127 ± 0.9        | 128 ± 2.1  | 128 ± 1.2   | 151 ± 1.5  | 136 ± 2.3 | 137 ± 1.5 |
|                                                                    | 1                  | 138 ± 1.7        | 130 ± 1.8  | 135 ± 1.8   | 149 ± 2.0  | 133 ± 2.3 | 139 ± 1.5 |
|                                                                    | 3.3                | 133 ± 1.5        | 132 ± 1.5  | 138 ± 1.8   | 148 ± 1.3  | 139 ± 1.5 | 138 ± 1.5 |
|                                                                    | 10                 | 131 ± 2.1        | 135 ± 0.9  | 145 ± 2.4   | 143 ± 1.5  | 128 ± 1.5 | 140 ± 2.0 |
|                                                                    | 20                 | 136 ± 1.5        | 137 ± 2.3  | 139 ± 2.1   | 153 ± 0.9  | 131 ± 2.7 | 141 ± 2.1 |
|                                                                    | 33                 | 134 ± 2.1        | 134 ± 2.7  | 134 ± 2.3   | 151 ± 1.8  | 136 ± 2.1 | 137 ± 1.5 |
| Trial summary                                                      |                    | Negative         | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative  | Negative  |
| Positive control                                                   |                    | 531 ± 5.2        | 863 ± 14.3 | 985 ± 2.0   | 729 ± 3.5  | 900 ± 5.5 | 882 ± 4.6 |
| TA1535                                                             | 0                  | 18 ± 0.9         | 15 ± 1.5   | 19 ± 0.6    | 18 ± 1.2   | 16 ± 0.9  | 20 ± 0.7  |
|                                                                    | 1                  | 17 ± 1.2         | 13 ± 0.9   | 19 ± 0.9    | 18 ± 1.5   | 16 ± 0.9  | 22 ± 1.2  |
|                                                                    | 3.3                | 19 ± 0.7         | 13 ± 1.3   | 17 ± 1.2    | 20 ± 2.3   | 17 ± 1.5  | 18 ± 0.6  |
|                                                                    | 10                 | 17 ± 1.5         | 16 ± 1.0   | 17 ± 1.5    | 18 ± 1.5   | 18 ± 1.2  | 18 ± 1.5  |
|                                                                    | 20                 | 18 ± 2.1         | 13 ± 1.5   | 18 ± 1.0    | 18 ± 0.6   | 17 ± 1.5  | 20 ± 1.2  |
|                                                                    | 33                 | 20 ± 2.0         | 15 ± 1.5   | 18 ± 1.9    | 19 ± 0.9   | 17 ± 0.6  | 19 ± 1.2  |
| Trial summary                                                      |                    | Negative         | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative  | Negative  |
| Positive control                                                   |                    | 804 ± 18.2       | 511 ± 5.4  | 241 ± 2.3   | 152 ± 2.3  | 190 ± 3.5 | 202 ± 6.7 |
| TA97                                                               | 0                  | 117 ± 1.5        | 129 ± 1.8  | 139 ± 3.8   | 125 ± 1.5  | 138 ± 2.4 | 143 ± 0.3 |
|                                                                    | 1                  | 121 ± 1.8        | 133 ± 2.0  | 147 ± 4.4   | 139 ± 0.9  | 129 ± 2.0 | 156 ± 3.2 |
|                                                                    | 3.3                | 123 ± 2.0        | 138 ± 1.5  | 146 ± 2.7   | 138 ± 1.2  | 135 ± 2.0 | 160 ± 1.5 |
|                                                                    | 10                 | 125 ± 1.5        | 127 ± 2.0  | 149 ± 4.6   | 141 ± 1.7  | 136 ± 1.8 | 158 ± 1.5 |
|                                                                    | 20                 | 126 ± 1.7        | 126 ± 1.7  | 140 ± 2.3   | 137 ± 1.5  | 142 ± 1.2 | 149 ± 2.3 |
|                                                                    | 33                 | 127 ± 1.3        | 128 ± 1.8  | 136 ± 3.5   | 141 ± 1.8  | 141 ± 1.9 | 148 ± 1.5 |
| Trial summary                                                      |                    | Negative         | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative  | Negative  |
| Positive control                                                   |                    | 348 ± 6.7        | 296 ± 4.6  | 814 ± 14.8  | 708 ± 17.3 | 795 ± 4.9 | 535 ± 7.8 |
| TA98                                                               | 0                  | 47 ± 0.9         | 22 ± 1.2   | 28 ± 1.5    | 29 ± 0.6   | 41 ± 1.5  | 35 ± 2.0  |
|                                                                    | 1                  | 47 ± 0.9         | 24 ± 1.2   | 32 ± 2.4    | 36 ± 0.9   | 41 ± 1.5  | 39 ± 1.2  |
|                                                                    | 3.3                | 50 ± 2.1         | 29 ± 1.8   | 37 ± 1.3    | 39 ± 1.5   | 39 ± 1.8  | 40 ± 2.0  |
|                                                                    | 10                 | 50 ± 2.1         | 29 ± 1.5   | 40 ± 0.3    | 39 ± 0.6   | 40 ± 2.4  | 41 ± 0.7  |
|                                                                    | 20                 | 50 ± 1.0         | 27 ± 1.8   | 42 ± 1.2    | 40 ± 0.9   | 44 ± 2.1  | 44 ± 1.5  |
|                                                                    | 33                 | 46 ± 1.8         | 27 ± 1.0   | 32 ± 1.2    | 38 ± 1.2   | 45 ± 0.9  | 39 ± 2.0  |
| Trial summary                                                      |                    | Negative         | Negative   | Negative    | Negative   | Negative  | Negative  |
| Positive control                                                   |                    | 285 ± 3.8        | 345 ± 4.2  | 849 ± 9.5   | 829 ± 2.6  | 460 ± 4.1 | 442 ± 3.8 |

<sup>a</sup> The detailed protocol is presented by Zeiger *et al.* (1988). 0 µg/plate was the solvent control.

<sup>b</sup> Revertants are presented as mean ± 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 (TA97), and 4-nitro-*o*-phenylenediamine (TA98). The positive control for metabolic activation with all strains was 2-aminoanthracene.

**TABLE E2**  
**Induction of Micronuclei in Bone Marrow Erythrocytes of Male Rats Treated with 4-Methylimidazole by Intraperitoneal Injection<sup>a</sup>**

| Compound                               | Dose (mg/kg) | Number of Male Rats with Erythrocytes Scored | Micronucleated PCEs/<br>1,000 PCEs <sup>b</sup> | Pairwise P Value <sup>c</sup> | PCEs <sup>b</sup> (%) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Phosphate-buffered saline <sup>d</sup> | 0            | 5                                            | 1.70 ± 0.25                                     |                               | 47.80 ± 3.04          |
| 4-Methylimidazole                      | 25           | 5                                            | 1.60 ± 0.19                                     | 0.5692                        | 42.6 ± 3.5            |
|                                        | 50           | 5                                            | 1.40 ± 0.29                                     | 0.7051                        | 40.5 ± 3.6            |
|                                        | 100          | 4                                            | 0.88 ± 0.24                                     | 0.9341                        | 30.8 ± 2.5            |
|                                        |              |                                              | P = 0.939 <sup>e</sup>                          |                               |                       |
| Cyclophosphamide <sup>f</sup>          | 7.5          | 5                                            | 22.30 ± 1.62                                    | 0.0000                        | 33.0 ± 3.5            |

<sup>a</sup> Study was performed at Environmental Health Research and Testing, Inc. The detailed protocol is presented by Shelby *et al.* (1993).

PCE=polychromatic erythrocyte

<sup>b</sup> Mean ± standard error

<sup>c</sup> Pairwise comparison with the solvent control; dosed groups significant at P≤0.008; positive control significant at P≤0.05 (ILS, 1990)

<sup>d</sup> Solvent control

<sup>e</sup> Significance of micronucleated PCEs/1,000 PCEs tested by the one-tailed trend test, significant at P≤0.025 (ILS, 1990)

<sup>f</sup> Positive control

**TABLE E3**  
**Induction of Micronuclei in Bone Marrow Erythrocytes of Male Mice Treated with 4-Methylimidazole by Intraperitoneal Injection<sup>a</sup>**

| Compound                               | Dose (mg/kg) | Number of Male Mice with Erythrocytes Scored | Micronucleated PCEs/<br>1,000 PCEs <sup>b</sup> | Pairwise P Value <sup>c</sup> | PCE <sup>b</sup> (%) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Trial 1</b>                         |              |                                              |                                                 |                               |                      |
| Phosphate-buffered saline <sup>d</sup> | 0            | 5                                            | 2.20 ± 0.44                                     |                               | 54.4 ± 0.8           |
| 4-Methylimidazole                      | 25           | 5                                            | 2.50 ± 0.22                                     | 0.3307                        | 51.4 ± 2.3           |
|                                        | 50           | 5                                            | 4.30 ± 1.08                                     | 0.0045                        | 53.8 ± 2.9           |
|                                        | 100          | 5                                            | 4.10 ± 0.58                                     | 0.0083                        | 48.7 ± 2.3           |
|                                        |              |                                              | P = 0.003 <sup>e</sup>                          |                               |                      |
| Cyclophosphamide <sup>f</sup>          | 25           | 5                                            | 31.30 ± 1.81                                    | 0.0000                        | 44.0 ± 1.5           |
| <b>Trial 2</b>                         |              |                                              |                                                 |                               |                      |
| Phosphate-buffered saline              | 0            | 5                                            | 2.50 ± 0.22                                     |                               | 48.1 ± 3.6           |
| 4-Methylimidazole                      | 25           | 5                                            | 3.00 ± 0.27                                     | 0.2498                        | 51.8 ± 5.7           |
|                                        | 50           | 5                                            | 3.10 ± 0.66                                     | 0.2110                        | 46.8 ± 3.3           |
|                                        | 100          | 5                                            | 2.40 ± 0.56                                     | 0.5569                        | 53.4 ± 2.3           |
|                                        |              |                                              | P = 0.614                                       |                               |                      |
| Cyclophosphamide                       | 10           | 5                                            | 12.90 ± 1.26                                    | 0.0000                        | 49.0 ± 1.9           |

<sup>a</sup> Study was performed at Environmental Health Research and Testing, Inc. The detailed protocol is presented by Shelby *et al.* (1993).

<sup>b</sup> PCE=polychromatic erythrocyte

<sup>c</sup> Mean ± standard error

<sup>d</sup> Pairwise comparison with the solvent control; dosed groups significant at P≤0.008; positive control significant at P≤0.05 (ILS, 1990)

<sup>e</sup> Solvent control

<sup>f</sup> Significance of micronucleated PCEs/1,000 PCEs tested by the one-tailed trend test, significant at P≤0.025 (ILS, 1990)

Positive control

**TABLE E4**  
**Frequency of Micronuclei in Peripheral Blood Erythrocytes of Mice Following Treatment with 4-Methylimidazole in Feed for 14 Weeks<sup>a</sup>**

| Compound                 | Dose<br>(mg/kg) | Number of Mice<br>with Erythrocytes Scored | Micronucleated NCEs/<br>1,000 NCEs <sup>b</sup> | Pairwise<br>P Value <sup>c</sup> | PCE <sup>b</sup> (%) |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Male                     |                 |                                            |                                                 |                                  |                      |
| NIH-07 feed <sup>d</sup> | 0               | 5                                          | 1.90 ± 0.56                                     |                                  | 7.3 ± 0.7            |
| 4-Methylimidazole        | 625             | 5                                          | 1.70 ± 0.20                                     | 0.6307                           | 9.0 ± 0.8            |
|                          | 1,250           | 5                                          | 1.90 ± 0.33                                     | 0.5000                           | 8.2 ± 0.7            |
|                          | 2,500           | 5                                          | 2.10 ± 0.24                                     | 0.3758                           | 7.2 ± 1.0            |
|                          | 5,000           | 5                                          | 2.50 ± 0.59                                     | 0.1826                           | 6.7 ± 1.2            |
|                          | 10,000          | 3                                          | 1.83 ± 0.33                                     | 0.5376                           | 8.0 ± 1.3            |
|                          |                 |                                            | P = 0.326 <sup>e</sup>                          |                                  |                      |
| Female                   |                 |                                            |                                                 |                                  |                      |
| NIH-07 feed              | 0               | 5                                          | 2.30 ± 0.25                                     |                                  | 8.1 ± 1.6            |
| 4-Methylimidazole        | 625             | 5                                          | 2.40 ± 0.43                                     | 0.4419                           | 5.8 ± 0.8            |
|                          | 1,250           | 5                                          | 2.50 ± 0.35                                     | 0.3863                           | 7.3 ± 0.5            |
|                          | 2,500           | 5                                          | 1.70 ± 0.44                                     | 0.8289                           | 7.5 ± 1.1            |
|                          | 5,000           | 5                                          | 2.50 ± 0.32                                     | 0.3863                           | 6.7 ± 0.4            |
|                          | 10,000          | 5                                          | 2.90 ± 0.70                                     | 0.2024                           | 6.6 ± 0.4            |
|                          |                 |                                            | P = 0.153                                       |                                  |                      |

<sup>a</sup> Study was performed at Environmental Health Research and Testing, Inc. The detailed protocol is presented by MacGregor *et al.* (1990). NCE=normochromatic erythrocyte; PCE=polychromatic erythrocyte

<sup>b</sup> Mean ± standard error

<sup>c</sup> Pairwise comparison with the vehicle control; significant P≤0.005 (ILS, 1990)

<sup>d</sup> Vehicle control

<sup>e</sup> Significance of micronucleated NCEs/1,000 NCEs tested by the one-tailed trend test, significant at P≤0.025 (ILS, 1990)

## APPENDIX F

### CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION AND DOSE FORMULATION STUDIES

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## CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION AND DOSE FORMULATION STUDIES

### PROCUREMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION OF 4-METHYLIMIDAZOLE

4-Methylimidazole was obtained from Sigma Chemical Company (St. Louis, MO) in one lot (116H0901), which was used during the 2-year studies. Identity and purity analyses were conducted by the analytical chemistry laboratory, Battelle Columbus Operations (Columbus, OH), Galbraith Laboratories, Inc. (Knoxville, TN), and the study laboratory, Southern Research Institute (Birmingham, AL). Stability analyses were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory. Reports on analyses performed in support of the 4-methylimidazole studies are on file at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Lot 116H0901 of the chemical, a white powder, was identified as 4-methylimidazole by the analytical chemistry laboratory using infrared (IR), ultraviolet/visible, and proton and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy and by the study laboratory using IR and proton NMR spectroscopy. All spectra were consistent with literature spectra (Aldrich, 1985, 1992) and the structure of 4-methylimidazole. The IR, proton NMR, and carbon-13 NMR spectra are presented in Figures F1 through F3, respectively. The melting point range (51° to 53° C) was consistent with that given on the manufacturer's Certificate of Analysis for a different lot obtained from TCI America (Portland, OR).

The moisture content of lot 116H0901 was determined by Galbraith Laboratories, Inc., using Karl Fischer titration; this laboratory also performed elemental analyses of lot 116H0901. The purity of lot 116H0901 was determined by the analytical chemistry laboratory by titration of the amine functional group of 4-methylimidazole with certified 0.0998 N HCl to neutrality. The test chemical was dissolved in water, and the titration was monitored with a combined pH glass electrode. Additional purity determinations conducted by the analytical chemistry laboratory included gas chromatography (GC) and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) by system A (Table F1). GC was performed with a gas chromatograph (Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, CA) using a flame ionization detector with a helium carrier gas flow rate of 9 mL/minute. A Carbowax<sup>TM</sup>-amine column (30 m × 0.53 mm ID, 1.0 µm film thickness; Supelco, Inc., Bellefonte, PA) was used with an oven temperature program of 100° C for 3 minutes, then 10° C per minute to 200° C, followed by a 15-minute hold. GC by a similar system was used by the study laboratory to assess the purity of lot 116H0901.

For lot 116H0901, Karl Fischer titration indicated 0.12% water. Elemental analyses for carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen were consistent with the theoretical values for 4-methylimidazole. Amine functional group titration showed a purity of approximately 100%. The GC purity profile determined by the analytical chemistry laboratory indicated a major peak and two unidentified volatile impurities of 0.1% and 0.6% relative to the major peak area; sample purity was estimated to be 99.3%. HPLC analysis by system A detected two volatile impurities with a combined relative area of 0.5% of the major peak. GC conducted by the study laboratory indicated an area percent purity of 99.3% for lot 116H0901 and a relative purity of 98% when compared to a frozen reference sample of the same lot obtained from the analytical chemistry laboratory. The overall purity of lot 116H0901 was determined to be greater than 99%.

Stability studies of the bulk chemical were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using GC as described for the purity analyses. These studies indicated that 4-methylimidazole was stable as a bulk chemical for at least 14 days when stored in Teflon<sup>®</sup>-sealed amber glass vials at temperatures up to 60° C. However, refrigeration was recommended to maintain the powder form of the chemical to facilitate mixing. To ensure stability, the bulk chemical was stored at 5° C in Teflon<sup>®</sup>-sealed containers, protected from light and moisture. Stability was monitored by the study laboratory during the 2-year studies using the GC system described for the purity analyses. No degradation of the bulk chemical relative to a frozen reference sample of the same lot was detected.



## PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF DOSE FORMULATIONS

The dose formulations were prepared every 2 weeks by mixing 4-methylimidazole with feed (Table F2). A premix was prepared by hand and then blended with additional feed in a Patterson-Kelly V-shell blender for 30 minutes using an intensifier bar. Dose formulations in double-thickness plastic bags were placed into heavy-duty opaque plastic bags, sealed in plastic containers, and stored at approximately 5° C for up to 36 days.

Homogeneity studies of 100 and 2,400 ppm dose formulations or 300 and 5,000 ppm dose formulations were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory and the study laboratory with HPLC by systems B and C, respectively. Stability studies of a 100 ppm dose formulation were performed by the analytical chemistry laboratory using HPLC by system B. Homogeneity was confirmed, and stability was confirmed for at least 36 days for dose formulations stored in refrigerated, sealed, opaque plastic containers and for at least 7 days under simulated animal room conditions.

Periodic analyses of the dose formulations of 4-methylimidazole were conducted by the study laboratory using HPLC by system C. During the 2-year studies, the dose formulations were analyzed at least every 12 weeks; animal room samples were also analyzed (Table F3). Of the dose formulations analyzed and used, 140 of 141 for rats and all 74 for mice were within 10% of the target concentrations. Of the animal room samples analyzed, all 16 samples for rats and 9 of 12 samples for mice were within 10% of the target concentrations. All animal room samples were within 15% of target concentrations.

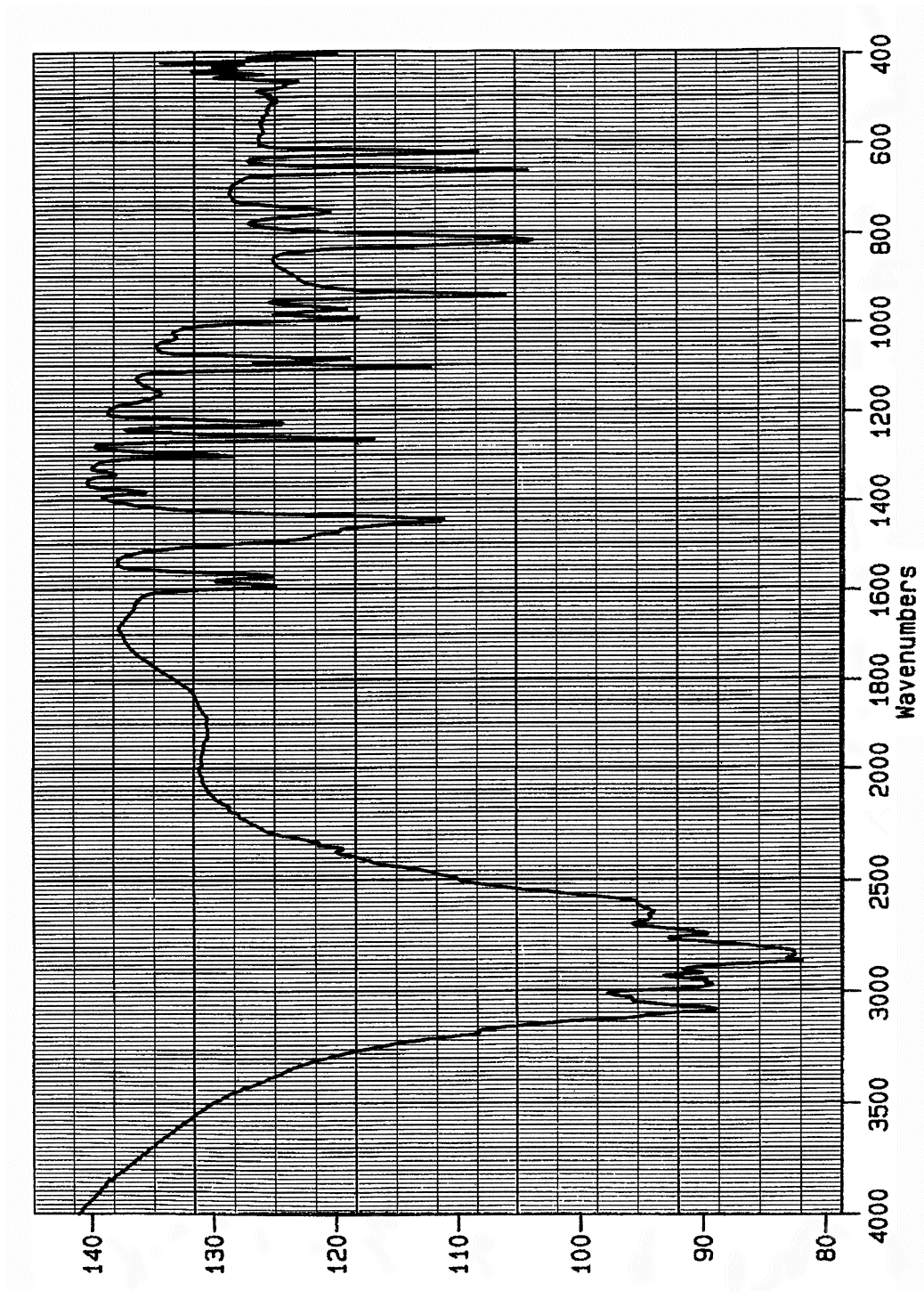
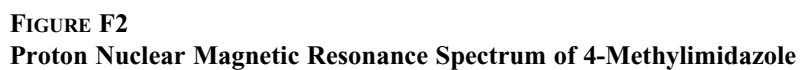
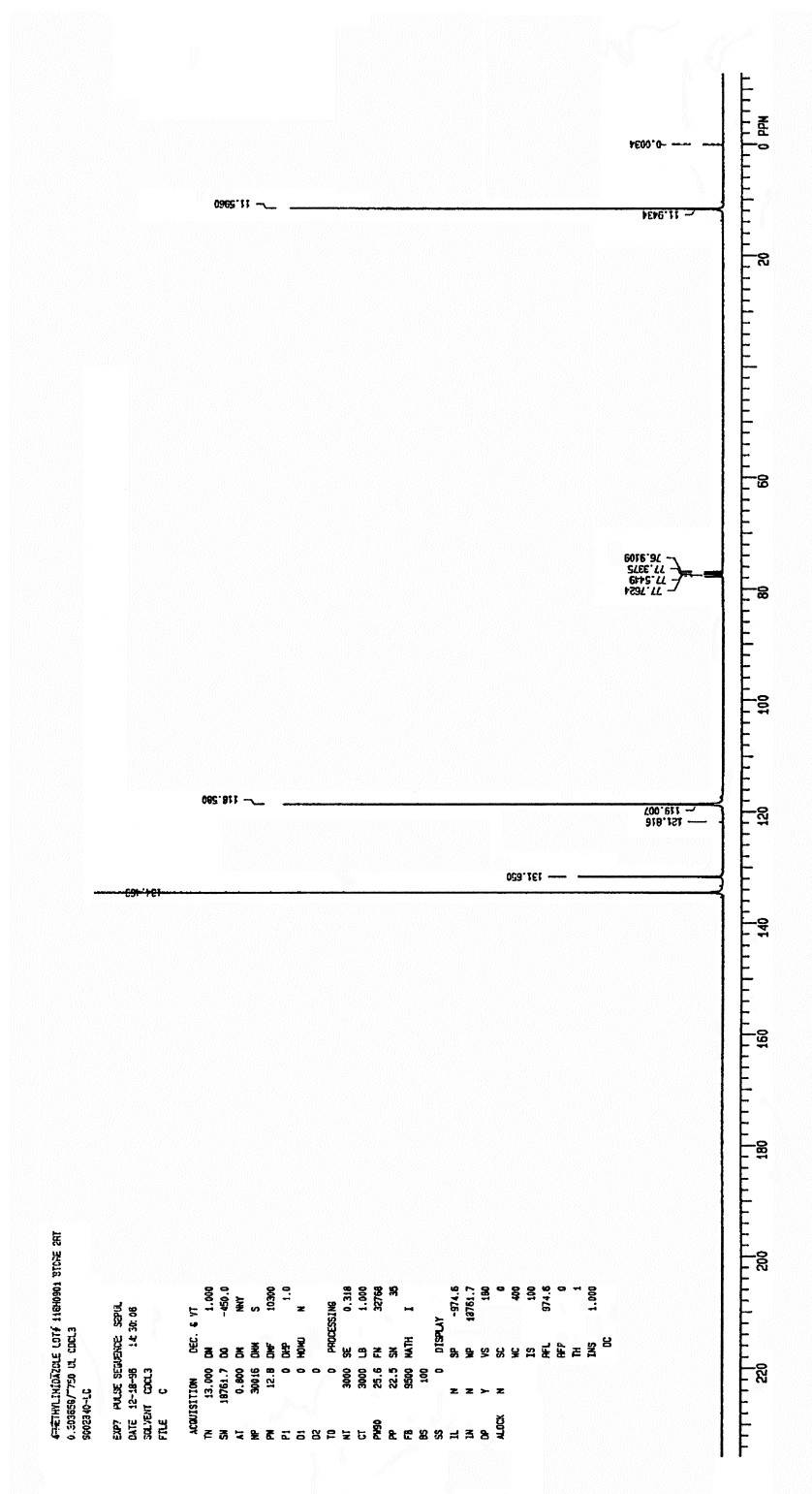


FIGURE F1  
Infrared Absorption Spectrum of 4-Methylimidazole





**FIGURE F3**  
**Carbon-13 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrum of 4-Methylimidazole**

**TABLE F1**  
**High-Performance Liquid Chromatography Systems Used in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>**

| Detection System           | Column                                                            | Solvent System                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>System A</b>            |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ultraviolet (221 nm) light | Prodigy™ C8, 250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5μ (Phenomenex, Inc., Torrance, CA) | A) 0.0375 M sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate and 0.00375 M sodium dodecyl sulfate in solvent A and B) methanol (50% A; 50% B), isocratic; flow rate = 0.8 mL/minute |
| <b>System B</b>            |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ultraviolet (215 nm) light | Prodigy™ C8, 250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5μ (Phenomenex, Inc.)               | A) 0.075 M sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate and 0.0075 M sodium dodecyl sulfate in water and B) methanol (50% A; 50% B), isocratic; flow rate = 0.8 mL/minute       |
| <b>System C</b>            |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ultraviolet (215 nm) light | Primesphere™ C18-HC, 250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5μ (Phenomenex, Inc.)       | A) 0.075 M sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate and 0.0075 M sodium dodecyl sulfate in water and B) methanol (60% A; 40% B), isocratic; flow rate = 1.0 mL/minute       |

<sup>a</sup> The high-performance liquid chromatographs were manufactured by Hewlett-Packard (Palo Alto, CA).

**TABLE F2**  
**Preparation and Storage of Dose Formulations in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

#### Preparation

Dose formulations were prepared every 2 weeks. A premix was prepared by grinding the required weight of 4-methylimidazole and a portion of preweighed feed with a glass mortar and pestle. The thoroughly ground and mixed contents of the mortar were combined with an additional portion of preweighed feed in a stainless steel mixing bowl, and the contents were stirred with a stainless steel spatula until visibly homogenous. Additional plain feed was used to rinse the mortar and approximately double the premix volume in several steps until a total of 500 to 1,500 grams of premix was prepared in the mixing bowl. Layers of the premix and plain feed were interleaved in the Patterson Kelly blender until the mixing bowl was empty. The mixing bowl was rinsed with a portion of the remaining plain feed, and the rinsate was added to the blender. All remaining feed in the preweighed bag was added directly into the blender, and blending was conducted for 30 minutes with the intensifier bar turned on.

#### Chemical Lot Number

116H0901

#### Maximum Storage Time

36 days

#### Storage Conditions

Dose formulations in double-thickness plastic bags were placed into heavy-duty opaque plastic bags, sealed in plastic containers, and stored at approximately 5° C.

#### Study Laboratory

Southern Research Institute (Birmingham, AL)

**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared         | Date Analyzed                     | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration <sup>a</sup><br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Rats</b>           |                                   |                                   |                                                    |                                  |
| January 12-14, 2000   | January 13-15, 2000               | 0.625                             | 0.617                                              | -1                               |
|                       |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.610                                              | -2                               |
|                       |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.638                                              | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.623                                              | 0                                |
|                       |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.624                                              | 0                                |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.26                                               | +1                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.28                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.28                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.27                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.24                                               | -1                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.25                                               | 0                                |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.54                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.38                                               | -5                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.49                                               | 0                                |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.44                                               | -2                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.55                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.56                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.55                                               | +2                               |
|                       |                                   | 5.00                              | 5.00                                               | 0                                |
|                       |                                   | 5.00                              | 5.15                                               | +3                               |
|                       |                                   | 5.00                              | 5.07                                               | +1                               |
|                       | February 10-11, 2000 <sup>b</sup> | 0.625                             | 0.581                                              | -7                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.17                                               | -6                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.38                                               | -5                               |
|                       |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.82                                               | -4                               |
| March 22 and 24, 2000 | March 27-29, 2000                 | 0.625                             | 0.579                                              | -7                               |
|                       |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.594                                              | -5                               |
|                       |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.661                                              | +6                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.14                                               | -9                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.17                                               | -6                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.23                                               | -2                               |
|                       |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.23                                               | -2                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.43                                               | -3                               |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.17 <sup>c</sup>                                  | -13                              |
|                       |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.40                                               | -4                               |
|                       |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.79                                               | -4                               |
|                       |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.81                                               | -4                               |
| April 5, 2000         | April 5-6, 2000                   | 2.50                              | 2.50 <sup>d</sup>                                  | 0                                |

**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared           | Date Analyzed                      | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Rats (continued)</b> |                                    |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| June 14 and 16, 2000    | June 19-20, 2000                   | 0.625                             | 0.611                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.597                                 | -4                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.631                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.611                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.20                                  | -4                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.18                                  | -6                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.21                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.51                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.50                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.49                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.36                                  | -6                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 4.87                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 4.81                                  | -4                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 4.90                                  | -2                               |
| August 23, 2000         | August 28-29, 2000                 | 0.625                             | 0.629                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.626                                 | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.607                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.44                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.48                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.48                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.46                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 4.92                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 5.00                                  | 0                                |
|                         | September 22-23, 2000 <sup>b</sup> | 0.625                             | 0.601                                 | -4                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.16                                  | -7                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.41                                  | -4                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 4.84                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                                    |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| November 15-16, 2000    | November 16-18, 2000               | 0.625                             | 0.629                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.606                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.606                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.614                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.27                                  | +2                               |
|                         |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.57                                  | +3                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.57                                  | +3                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.53                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                                    | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 5.06                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                                    | 5.00                              | 5.03                                  | +1                               |

**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared           | Date Analyzed                | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Rats (continued)</b> |                              |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| February 7, 2001        | February 8-9, 2001           | 0.625                             | 0.616                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.617                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.612                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.15                                  | -8                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.21                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.21                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.45                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.42                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.52                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 4.52                                  | -10                              |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 4.87                                  | -3                               |
| April 18-19, 2001       | April 19-20, 2001            | 0.625                             | 0.608                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.613                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.633                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.46                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.45                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.46                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 5.05                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 4.97                                  | -1                               |
|                         | May 17-19, 2001 <sup>b</sup> | 0.625                             | 0.579                                 | -7                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.19                                  | -5                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.34                                  | -6                               |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 4.69                                  | -6                               |
|                         |                              |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| June 27-28, 2001        | June 28-29, 2001             | 0.625                             | 0.588                                 | -6                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.610                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.613                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.49                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.55                                  | +2                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.52                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 2.50                              | 2.52                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 5.05                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 5.00                              | 4.99                                  | 0                                |



**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared           | Date Analyzed                     | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Rats (continued)</b> |                                   |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| September 5, 2001       | September 6-7, 2001               | 0.625                             | 0.608                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.596                                 | -5                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.650                                 | +4                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.19                                  | -5                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.21                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.43                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.45                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.97                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.83                                  | -3                               |
| November 14, 2001       | November 15-16, 2001              | 0.625                             | 0.616                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.629                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.27                                  | +2                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.52                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.53                                  | +1                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.48                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 5.00                              | 5.02                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.88                                  | -2                               |
|                         | December 13-14, 2001 <sup>b</sup> | 0.625                             | 0.603                                 | -4                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.16                                  | -7                               |
|                         |                                   | 2.50                              | 2.47                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 5.00                              | 4.63                                  | -7                               |

**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared        | Date Analyzed                      | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Mice</b>          |                                    |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| January 12-13, 2000  | January 13-15, 2000                | 0.312                             | 0.298                                 | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.305                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.617                                 | -1                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.638                                 | +2                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                      | February 10-11, 2000 <sup>b</sup>  | 0.312                             | 0.268                                 | -14                              |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.566                                 | -9                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.17                                  | -6                               |
|                      | March 27-29, 2000                  | 0.312                             | 0.306                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.315                                 | +1                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.292                                 | -6                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.592                                 | -5                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.612                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.661                                 | +6                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.14                                  | -9                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
| June 14 and 16, 2000 | June 19-20, 2000                   | 0.312                             | 0.299                                 | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.298                                 | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.313                                 | 0                                |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.618                                 | -1                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.611                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.611                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.20                                  | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.20                                  | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
| August 23, 2000      | August 28-29, 2000                 | 0.312                             | 0.313                                 | 0                                |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.311                                 | 0                                |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.625                                 | 0                                |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.607                                 | -3                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                      | September 22-23, 2000 <sup>b</sup> | 0.312                             | 0.298                                 | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.547                                 | -12                              |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.11                                  | -11                              |
| November 15, 2000    | November 16-18, 2000               | 0.312                             | 0.298                                 | -4                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.312                             | 0.306                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.606                                 | -3                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.606                                 | -3                               |
|                      |                                    | 0.625                             | 0.614                                 | -2                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.26                                  | +1                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.27                                  | +2                               |
|                      |                                    | 1.25                              | 1.26                                  | +1                               |

**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared           | Date Analyzed                | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Mice</b> (continued) |                              |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| February 7, 2001        | February 8-9, 2001           | 0.312                             | 0.307                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.312                             | 0.305                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.616                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.610                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.617                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.612                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.23                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.20                                  | -4                               |
| April 18, 2001          | April 19-20, 2001            | 0.312                             | 0.306                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.312                             | 0.304                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.608                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.613                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.633                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.620                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.24                                  | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.26                                  | +1                               |
|                         | May 17-19, 2001 <sup>b</sup> | 0.312                             | 0.290                                 | -7                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.574                                 | -8                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.19                                  | -5                               |
| June 27-28, 2001        | June 28-29, 2001             | 0.312                             | 0.304                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 0.312                             | 0.305                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.621                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.610                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.25                                  | 0                                |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.26                                  | +1                               |
| September 5, 2001       | September 6-7, 2001          | 0.312                             | 0.314                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.312                             | 0.316                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.608                                 | -3                               |
|                         |                              | 0.625                             | 0.630                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                              | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |

**TABLE F3**  
**Results of Analyses of Dose Formulations Administered to Rats and Mice**  
**in the 2-Year Feed Studies of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Date Prepared           | Date Analyzed                     | Target<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Determined<br>Concentration<br>(mg/g) | Difference<br>from Target<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Mice</b> (continued) |                                   |                                   |                                       |                                  |
| November 14, 2001       | November 15-16, 2001              | 0.312                             | 0.315                                 | +1                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.312                             | 0.309                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.615                                 | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.616                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.616                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.21                                  | -3                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.22                                  | -2                               |
|                         | December 13-14, 2001 <sup>b</sup> | 0.312                             | 0.308                                 | -1                               |
|                         |                                   | 0.625                             | 0.581                                 | -7                               |
|                         |                                   | 1.25                              | 1.17                                  | -6                               |

<sup>a</sup> Results of duplicate or triplicate (0.312 mg/g formulations only) analyses: 0.312 mg/g = 312 ppm; 0.625 mg/g = 625 ppm; 1.25 mg/g = 1,250 ppm; 2.50 mg/g = 2,500 ppm; 5.00 mg/g = 5,000 ppm.

<sup>b</sup> Animal room samples

<sup>c</sup> Remixed; used in error for approximately 5 hours

<sup>d</sup> Results of remix

**APPENDIX G**  
**FEED AND COMPOUND CONSUMPTION**  
**IN THE 2-YEAR FEED STUDIES**  
**OF 4-METHYLMIDAZOLE**

|                 |                                                                                                                   |            |
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**TABLE G1**  
**Feed and Compound Consumption by Male Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Week                  | 0 ppm                        |                       | 625 ppm         |                       |                              | 1,250 ppm       |                       |                 | 2,500 ppm       |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Feed<br>(g/day) <sup>a</sup> | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) <sup>b</sup> | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) |
| 1                     | 17.5                         | 124                   | 16.3            | 124                   | 82                           | 14.5            | 123                   | 147             | 11.7            | 124                   | 235             |
| 2                     | 17.2                         | 179                   | 17.1            | 173                   | 62                           | 16.3            | 165                   | 124             | 15.6            | 151                   | 259             |
| 3                     | 19.2                         | 210                   | 18.6            | 205                   | 57                           | 17.3            | 193                   | 112             | 15.8            | 180                   | 219             |
| 4                     | 19.4                         | 240                   | 18.5            | 235                   | 49                           | 17.3            | 221                   | 97              | 16.2            | 205                   | 198             |
| 5                     | 19.4                         | 255                   | 19.4            | 250                   | 49                           | 18.3            | 237                   | 96              | 16.6            | 223                   | 186             |
| 6                     | 18.5                         | 270                   | 18.0            | 266                   | 42                           | 17.3            | 252                   | 86              | 16.1            | 239                   | 168             |
| 7                     | 18.8                         | 286                   | 17.6            | 280                   | 39                           | 16.9            | 265                   | 80              | 15.8            | 250                   | 158             |
| 8                     | 17.8                         | 304                   | 17.3            | 297                   | 36                           | 16.4            | 280                   | 73              | 15.2            | 262                   | 145             |
| 9                     | 17.6                         | 313                   | 16.9            | 307                   | 34                           | 15.6            | 288                   | 68              | 15.0            | 270                   | 139             |
| 10                    | 17.9                         | 324                   | 17.3            | 317                   | 34                           | 15.7            | 295                   | 66              | 14.9            | 278                   | 134             |
| 11                    | 17.8                         | 330                   | 16.4            | 321                   | 32                           | 15.2            | 297                   | 64              | 14.4            | 280                   | 129             |
| 12                    | 17.7                         | 342                   | 16.2            | 331                   | 31                           | 15.0            | 304                   | 62              | 14.4            | 285                   | 127             |
| 13                    | 17.4                         | 345                   | 16.6            | 332                   | 31                           | 15.0            | 303                   | 62              | 14.2            | 284                   | 125             |
| 17                    | 17.8                         | 365                   | 16.9            | 352                   | 30                           | 15.6            | 322                   | 60              | 14.1            | 292                   | 121             |
| 21                    | 18.9                         | 382                   | 17.2            | 368                   | 29                           | 16.9            | 340                   | 62              | 16.1            | 313                   | 129             |
| 25                    | 18.0                         | 395                   | 16.4            | 383                   | 27                           | 15.7            | 351                   | 56              | 14.6            | 323                   | 113             |
| 29                    | 18.4                         | 410                   | 17.7            | 396                   | 28                           | 16.3            | 363                   | 56              | 15.7            | 336                   | 117             |
| 33                    | 17.5                         | 418                   | 17.2            | 402                   | 27                           | 15.6            | 370                   | 53              | 14.7            | 340                   | 108             |
| 37                    | 17.7                         | 426                   | 16.7            | 408                   | 26                           | 15.9            | 379                   | 52              | 15.8            | 343                   | 115             |
| 41                    | 17.0                         | 429                   | 16.9            | 415                   | 25                           | 16.9            | 380                   | 55              | 15.3            | 349                   | 110             |
| 45                    | 17.1                         | 433                   | 16.7            | 419                   | 25                           | 15.4            | 384                   | 50              | 14.8            | 353                   | 105             |
| 49                    | 17.1                         | 437                   | 16.9            | 421                   | 25                           | 15.5            | 385                   | 50              | 15.4            | 357                   | 108             |
| 53                    | 16.5                         | 440                   | 16.2            | 429                   | 24                           | 15.1            | 386                   | 49              | 14.4            | 359                   | 100             |
| 57                    | 17.1                         | 438                   | 16.6            | 425                   | 24                           | 15.5            | 390                   | 50              | 15.3            | 359                   | 107             |
| 61                    | 17.9                         | 445                   | 16.9            | 428                   | 25                           | 15.8            | 396                   | 50              | 15.2            | 364                   | 105             |
| 65                    | 16.6                         | 448                   | 16.1            | 435                   | 23                           | 15.9            | 396                   | 50              | 15.3            | 366                   | 104             |
| 69                    | 16.5                         | 445                   | 15.3            | 430                   | 22                           | 15.1            | 402                   | 47              | 16.3            | 367                   | 111             |
| 73                    | 16.6                         | 444                   | 16.0            | 424                   | 24                           | 15.3            | 395                   | 48              | 14.4            | 366                   | 98              |
| 77                    | 15.8                         | 438                   | 16.1            | 425                   | 24                           | 14.8            | 396                   | 47              | 15.9            | 365                   | 109             |
| 81                    | 15.5                         | 438                   | 14.9            | 419                   | 22                           | 14.4            | 386                   | 46              | 14.7            | 364                   | 101             |
| 85                    | 15.6                         | 433                   | 15.2            | 416                   | 23                           | 14.6            | 388                   | 47              | 14.4            | 362                   | 99              |
| 89                    | 14.9                         | 421                   | 14.1            | 408                   | 22                           | 14.2            | 387                   | 46              | 13.9            | 354                   | 98              |
| 93                    | 15.9                         | 426                   | 16.9            | 414                   | 25                           | 13.9            | 383                   | 45              | 12.3            | 349                   | 88              |
| 97                    | 16.4                         | 422                   | 15.8            | 408                   | 24                           | 15.3            | 381                   | 50              | 14.7            | 350                   | 105             |
| 101                   | 15.3                         | 400                   | 14.1            | 405                   | 22                           | 14.4            | 378                   | 48              | 15.0            | 350                   | 107             |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                              |                       |                 |                       |                              |                 |                       |                 |                 |                       |                 |
| 1-13                  | 18.2                         | 271                   | 17.4            | 264                   | 45                           | 16.2            | 248                   | 87              | 15.1            | 233                   | 171             |
| 14-52                 | 17.7                         | 411                   | 16.9            | 396                   | 27                           | 16.0            | 364                   | 55              | 15.2            | 334                   | 114             |
| 53-101                | 16.2                         | 434                   | 15.7            | 421                   | 23                           | 14.9            | 390                   | 48              | 14.8            | 360                   | 103             |

<sup>a</sup> Grams of feed consumed per animal per day

<sup>b</sup> Milligrams of 4-methylimidazole consumed per kilogram body weight per day

**TABLE G2**  
**Feed and Compound Consumption by Female Rats in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Week                  | 0 ppm                        |                       | 1,250 ppm       |                       |                              | 2,500 ppm       |                       |                 | 5,000 ppm       |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Feed<br>(g/day) <sup>a</sup> | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) <sup>b</sup> | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) |
| 1                     | 12.7                         | 100                   | 11.1            | 98                    | 142                          | 8.8             | 100                   | 221             | 5.5             | 99                    | 278             |
| 2                     | 12.1                         | 127                   | 12.1            | 124                   | 122                          | 11.7            | 118                   | 247             | 9.6             | 96                    | 499             |
| 3                     | 12.4                         | 138                   | 12.4            | 137                   | 113                          | 11.4            | 133                   | 216             | 10.1            | 109                   | 461             |
| 4                     | 12.2                         | 149                   | 11.5            | 148                   | 97                           | 11.3            | 144                   | 197             | 9.0             | 118                   | 381             |
| 5                     | 11.9                         | 156                   | 11.6            | 155                   | 94                           | 11.0            | 152                   | 181             | 9.4             | 126                   | 374             |
| 6                     | 11.6                         | 163                   | 11.2            | 162                   | 87                           | 10.9            | 161                   | 169             | 9.4             | 132                   | 357             |
| 7                     | 11.8                         | 169                   | 10.7            | 166                   | 80                           | 11.3            | 166                   | 170             | 9.6             | 137                   | 349             |
| 8                     | 11.3                         | 176                   | 10.4            | 172                   | 75                           | 10.3            | 172                   | 149             | 9.3             | 142                   | 329             |
| 9                     | 11.0                         | 177                   | 10.2            | 173                   | 73                           | 10.2            | 175                   | 145             | 8.7             | 143                   | 305             |
| 10                    | 11.1                         | 182                   | 9.8             | 176                   | 70                           | 9.9             | 178                   | 139             | 8.6             | 145                   | 296             |
| 11                    | 10.9                         | 186                   | 9.8             | 178                   | 69                           | 9.6             | 180                   | 134             | 8.3             | 146                   | 284             |
| 12                    | 10.7                         | 187                   | 9.6             | 180                   | 67                           | 9.1             | 181                   | 126             | 8.3             | 149                   | 279             |
| 13                    | 10.8                         | 190                   | 9.9             | 182                   | 68                           | 9.0             | 181                   | 124             | 9.4             | 152                   | 311             |
| 17                    | 11.0                         | 194                   | 10.1            | 189                   | 67                           | 9.5             | 189                   | 126             | 8.7             | 154                   | 283             |
| 21                    | 11.8                         | 204                   | 10.2            | 194                   | 66                           | 9.9             | 193                   | 128             | 8.3             | 158                   | 265             |
| 25                    | 11.2                         | 212                   | 9.7             | 202                   | 60                           | 9.5             | 202                   | 118             | 8.3             | 164                   | 254             |
| 29                    | 11.4                         | 217                   | 10.4            | 209                   | 62                           | 9.3             | 203                   | 115             | 8.7             | 167                   | 261             |
| 33                    | 11.8                         | 223                   | 10.8            | 215                   | 63                           | 9.0             | 209                   | 108             | 8.6             | 172                   | 252             |
| 37                    | 12.3                         | 229                   | 9.8             | 218                   | 56                           | 10.0            | 215                   | 116             | 8.7             | 174                   | 252             |
| 41                    | 9.6                          | 228                   | 10.2            | 220                   | 58                           | 9.7             | 216                   | 112             | 9.1             | 178                   | 256             |
| 45                    | 11.1                         | 238                   | 9.8             | 223                   | 55                           | 9.3             | 217                   | 107             | 8.8             | 179                   | 246             |
| 49                    | 11.7                         | 242                   | 10.2            | 227                   | 56                           | 9.7             | 221                   | 109             | 9.1             | 183                   | 248             |
| 53                    | 11.3                         | 251                   | 9.1             | 232                   | 49                           | 9.1             | 224                   | 101             | 8.6             | 187                   | 231             |
| 57                    | 12.5                         | 255                   | 9.8             | 234                   | 52                           | 9.7             | 224                   | 108             | 9.3             | 187                   | 248             |
| 61                    | 12.3                         | 270                   | 10.2            | 239                   | 53                           | 10.0            | 227                   | 110             | 10.0            | 193                   | 260             |
| 65                    | 12.6                         | 275                   | 9.6             | 244                   | 49                           | 9.6             | 231                   | 104             | 9.3             | 195                   | 239             |
| 69                    | 12.1                         | 278                   | 9.9             | 248                   | 50                           | 9.8             | 232                   | 106             | 8.2             | 192                   | 214             |
| 73                    | 12.5                         | 284                   | 10.5            | 248                   | 53                           | 9.7             | 233                   | 104             | 10.0            | 195                   | 256             |
| 77                    | 12.8                         | 291                   | 10.4            | 254                   | 51                           | 10.1            | 237                   | 107             | 9.9             | 197                   | 250             |
| 81                    | 12.8                         | 296                   | 9.9             | 256                   | 49                           | 9.9             | 237                   | 105             | 10.1            | 200                   | 252             |
| 85                    | 12.2                         | 297                   | 10.3            | 258                   | 50                           | 10.4            | 241                   | 108             | 9.7             | 197                   | 245             |
| 89                    | 12.3                         | 301                   | 10.3            | 258                   | 50                           | 10.1            | 244                   | 104             | 9.7             | 200                   | 242             |
| 93                    | 12.3                         | 305                   | 9.8             | 259                   | 47                           | 10.0            | 247                   | 101             | 9.5             | 202                   | 235             |
| 97                    | 12.9                         | 300                   | 11.0            | 265                   | 52                           | 10.7            | 250                   | 107             | 10.2            | 203                   | 252             |
| 101                   | 13.0                         | 311                   | 10.6            | 264                   | 51                           | 11.2            | 253                   | 110             | 10.4            | 202                   | 257             |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                              |                       |                 |                       |                              |                 |                       |                 |                 |                       |                 |
| 1-13                  | 11.6                         | 161                   | 10.8            | 158                   | 89                           | 10.3            | 157                   | 171             | 8.9             | 130                   | 346             |
| 14-52                 | 11.3                         | 221                   | 10.1            | 211                   | 60                           | 9.5             | 207                   | 115             | 8.7             | 170                   | 257             |
| 53-101                | 12.4                         | 286                   | 10.1            | 251                   | 50                           | 10.0            | 237                   | 106             | 9.6             | 196                   | 245             |

<sup>a</sup> Grams of feed consumed per animal per day

<sup>b</sup> Milligrams of 4-methylimidazole consumed per kilogram body weight per day

**TABLE G3**  
**Feed and Compound Consumption by Male Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Week                  | 0 ppm                        |                       | 312 ppm         |                       |                              | 625 ppm         |                       |                 | 1,250 ppm       |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Feed<br>(g/day) <sup>a</sup> | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) <sup>b</sup> | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) |
| 1                     | 5.1                          | 21.2                  | 4.8             | 21.3                  | 71                           | 5.1             | 21.1                  | 150             | 4.9             | 21.2                  | 291             |
| 2                     | 5.5                          | 22.1                  | 5.4             | 22.3                  | 75                           | 5.4             | 21.9                  | 154             | 5.6             | 22.0                  | 320             |
| 3                     | 5.3                          | 23.2                  | 5.3             | 22.8                  | 73                           | 5.4             | 23.1                  | 145             | 5.4             | 22.8                  | 294             |
| 4                     | 5.4                          | 24.4                  | 5.4             | 24.7                  | 69                           | 5.4             | 24.3                  | 138             | 5.3             | 24.0                  | 275             |
| 5                     | 6.0                          | 25.5                  | 5.5             | 25.7                  | 67                           | 5.5             | 25.3                  | 134             | 5.4             | 25.0                  | 271             |
| 6                     | 6.2                          | 26.8                  | 5.6             | 26.7                  | 65                           | 6.1             | 26.6                  | 145             | 5.9             | 26.2                  | 279             |
| 7                     | 5.6                          | 27.4                  | 5.7             | 27.4                  | 65                           | 5.6             | 27.1                  | 129             | 5.5             | 26.8                  | 257             |
| 8                     | 5.6                          | 28.3                  | 5.2             | 28.3                  | 58                           | 5.1             | 27.8                  | 115             | 5.2             | 27.5                  | 237             |
| 9                     | 5.2                          | 28.8                  | 4.9             | 28.9                  | 53                           | 5.0             | 28.4                  | 109             | 4.9             | 27.9                  | 219             |
| 10                    | 5.4                          | 29.1                  | 5.1             | 29.1                  | 55                           | 5.1             | 28.8                  | 110             | 5.0             | 28.4                  | 219             |
| 11                    | 5.1                          | 29.6                  | 5.1             | 29.7                  | 53                           | 5.1             | 29.1                  | 109             | 5.0             | 28.8                  | 217             |
| 12                    | 5.1                          | 30.8                  | 5.5             | 30.6                  | 56                           | 5.3             | 30.3                  | 108             | 5.4             | 29.4                  | 231             |
| 13                    | 5.1                          | 31.3                  | 5.3             | 31.2                  | 53                           | 5.2             | 31.0                  | 104             | 5.3             | 30.3                  | 217             |
| 17                    | 5.3                          | 34.4                  | 5.4             | 34.0                  | 49                           | 5.3             | 33.6                  | 99              | 5.2             | 32.6                  | 201             |
| 21                    | 5.1                          | 36.1                  | 4.8             | 36.1                  | 42                           | 4.9             | 35.3                  | 87              | 4.9             | 33.5                  | 183             |
| 25                    | 5.2                          | 37.6                  | 5.2             | 37.6                  | 43                           | 5.1             | 36.7                  | 87              | 5.1             | 34.7                  | 184             |
| 29                    | 4.8                          | 40.1                  | 5.0             | 40.3                  | 39                           | 4.9             | 39.3                  | 78              | 4.9             | 37.1                  | 164             |
| 33                    | 4.9                          | 41.4                  | 4.9             | 41.7                  | 37                           | 4.5             | 40.2                  | 71              | 4.4             | 37.5                  | 148             |
| 37                    | 5.2                          | 42.3                  | 5.2             | 42.4                  | 38                           | 5.2             | 41.0                  | 80              | 5.1             | 38.3                  | 166             |
| 41                    | 4.3                          | 44.1                  | 4.6             | 43.9                  | 33                           | 4.6             | 42.8                  | 67              | 4.5             | 39.8                  | 141             |
| 45                    | 4.6                          | 43.5                  | 4.5             | 44.2                  | 32                           | 4.6             | 43.0                  | 66              | 4.4             | 40.0                  | 138             |
| 49                    | 4.7                          | 43.9                  | 4.9             | 44.1                  | 35                           | 4.8             | 42.7                  | 70              | 4.6             | 39.5                  | 146             |
| 53                    | 4.7                          | 45.3                  | 4.5             | 45.7                  | 31                           | 4.6             | 44.2                  | 65              | 4.4             | 41.1                  | 135             |
| 57                    | 5.0                          | 46.1                  | 5.0             | 46.5                  | 34                           | 5.0             | 45.1                  | 69              | 4.9             | 41.1                  | 150             |
| 61                    | 5.1                          | 45.9                  | 5.0             | 46.1                  | 33                           | 5.1             | 45.2                  | 70              | 4.7             | 40.7                  | 143             |
| 65                    | 4.7                          | 44.3                  | 4.7             | 44.9                  | 33                           | 4.7             | 43.6                  | 68              | 4.6             | 39.5                  | 147             |
| 69                    | 4.8                          | 44.8                  | 5.1             | 43.7                  | 36                           | 5.0             | 42.5                  | 73              | 4.9             | 38.8                  | 156             |
| 73                    | 5.0                          | 44.9                  | 5.2             | 44.1                  | 37                           | 5.3             | 42.9                  | 77              | 5.1             | 39.0                  | 162             |
| 77                    | 5.6                          | 45.7                  | 5.8             | 44.2                  | 41                           | 5.4             | 42.3                  | 80              | 5.4             | 38.4                  | 176             |
| 81                    | 5.3                          | 45.2                  | 5.6             | 43.1                  | 40                           | 5.4             | 42.0                  | 80              | 5.2             | 38.0                  | 170             |
| 85                    | 4.8                          | 45.7                  | 5.0             | 43.9                  | 36                           | 5.1             | 42.9                  | 75              | 5.0             | 38.4                  | 163             |
| 89                    | 4.8                          | 45.0                  | 4.9             | 43.7                  | 35                           | 4.8             | 42.7                  | 70              | 4.6             | 38.0                  | 152             |
| 93                    | 5.3                          | 44.9                  | 5.3             | 43.7                  | 38                           | 5.3             | 43.0                  | 78              | 5.0             | 38.1                  | 164             |
| 97                    | 5.5                          | 44.7                  | 5.1             | 43.7                  | 36                           | 4.9             | 42.8                  | 72              | 4.6             | 38.4                  | 148             |
| 101                   | 4.9                          | 43.7                  | 5.4             | 42.6                  | 40                           | 5.2             | 41.9                  | 78              | 5.1             | 37.4                  | 171             |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                              |                       |                 |                       |                              |                 |                       |                 |                 |                       |                 |
| 1-13                  | 5.4                          | 26.8                  | 5.3             | 26.8                  | 62                           | 5.3             | 26.5                  | 127             | 5.3             | 26.2                  | 256             |
| 14-52                 | 4.9                          | 40.4                  | 4.9             | 40.5                  | 39                           | 4.9             | 39.4                  | 78              | 4.8             | 37.0                  | 163             |
| 53-101                | 5.0                          | 45.1                  | 5.1             | 44.3                  | 36                           | 5.1             | 43.2                  | 73              | 4.9             | 39.0                  | 157             |

<sup>a</sup> Grams of feed consumed per animal per day

<sup>b</sup> Milligrams of 4-methylimidazole consumed per kilogram body weight per day



**TABLE G4**  
**Feed and Compound Consumption by Female Mice in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Week                  | 0 ppm                        |                       | 312 ppm         |                       |                              | 625 ppm         |                       |                 | 1,250 ppm       |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Feed<br>(g/day) <sup>a</sup> | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) <sup>b</sup> | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) | Feed<br>(g/day) | Body<br>Weight<br>(g) | Dose<br>(mg/kg) |
| 1                     | 3.7                          | 17.4                  | 3.5             | 17.3                  | 63                           | 3.8             | 17.4                  | 135             | 3.3             | 17.4                  | 239             |
| 2                     | 4.0                          | 18.3                  | 3.8             | 18.0                  | 65                           | 3.8             | 18.6                  | 129             | 3.8             | 17.7                  | 265             |
| 3                     | 3.6                          | 19.0                  | 3.7             | 18.8                  | 62                           | 3.8             | 19.1                  | 125             | 3.7             | 18.9                  | 245             |
| 4                     | 4.3                          | 20.5                  | 4.2             | 20.3                  | 64                           | 4.1             | 20.1                  | 126             | 3.9             | 19.6                  | 251             |
| 5                     | 4.3                          | 21.3                  | 4.0             | 20.4                  | 60                           | 4.1             | 21.2                  | 120             | 3.8             | 20.0                  | 239             |
| 6                     | 4.5                          | 22.3                  | 4.6             | 22.0                  | 66                           | 4.6             | 22.2                  | 130             | 4.4             | 21.2                  | 262             |
| 7                     | 4.5                          | 23.1                  | 4.5             | 22.5                  | 63                           | 4.6             | 22.5                  | 127             | 4.4             | 21.6                  | 254             |
| 8                     | 4.5                          | 23.1                  | 4.4             | 23.3                  | 59                           | 4.6             | 23.2                  | 123             | 4.5             | 22.2                  | 255             |
| 9                     | 4.1                          | 23.9                  | 4.0             | 23.7                  | 52                           | 4.0             | 23.6                  | 106             | 3.9             | 22.9                  | 216             |
| 10                    | 4.2                          | 24.6                  | 4.2             | 24.4                  | 54                           | 4.5             | 24.3                  | 114             | 4.2             | 23.5                  | 224             |
| 11                    | 4.1                          | 24.9                  | 4.0             | 24.7                  | 51                           | 4.4             | 24.7                  | 111             | 4.0             | 23.7                  | 212             |
| 12                    | 4.6                          | 25.0                  | 4.6             | 25.3                  | 57                           | 4.5             | 25.1                  | 112             | 4.5             | 23.8                  | 235             |
| 13                    | 4.4                          | 25.7                  | 4.5             | 25.5                  | 55                           | 4.3             | 25.1                  | 108             | 4.4             | 24.1                  | 229             |
| 17                    | 4.6                          | 28.7                  | 4.6             | 28.5                  | 50                           | 4.5             | 27.6                  | 101             | 4.4             | 25.9                  | 211             |
| 21                    | 4.5                          | 30.4                  | 4.5             | 30.1                  | 46                           | 4.4             | 30.0                  | 93              | 4.3             | 27.5                  | 195             |
| 25                    | 4.8                          | 32.5                  | 4.8             | 32.1                  | 46                           | 4.7             | 31.2                  | 93              | 4.7             | 28.3                  | 206             |
| 29                    | 4.7                          | 35.9                  | 4.7             | 34.5                  | 43                           | 4.7             | 33.9                  | 86              | 4.6             | 30.1                  | 191             |
| 33                    | 4.8                          | 36.0                  | 4.6             | 35.1                  | 41                           | 4.6             | 33.1                  | 87              | 4.2             | 29.3                  | 180             |
| 37                    | 4.5                          | 37.1                  | 4.6             | 35.8                  | 40                           | 4.8             | 35.5                  | 84              | 4.4             | 31.1                  | 179             |
| 41                    | 3.7                          | 37.7                  | 4.0             | 37.6                  | 33                           | 3.8             | 37.4                  | 63              | 3.7             | 31.8                  | 145             |
| 45                    | 4.3                          | 39.0                  | 4.1             | 39.0                  | 32                           | 4.3             | 38.1                  | 70              | 4.3             | 33.4                  | 159             |
| 49                    | 4.3                          | 40.0                  | 4.5             | 39.5                  | 35                           | 4.4             | 38.9                  | 71              | 4.1             | 33.1                  | 156             |
| 53                    | 4.7                          | 41.6                  | 4.3             | 40.6                  | 33                           | 4.6             | 39.9                  | 72              | 4.5             | 34.5                  | 163             |
| 57                    | 4.2                          | 43.3                  | 4.4             | 41.8                  | 33                           | 4.4             | 41.2                  | 68              | 4.1             | 35.0                  | 145             |
| 61                    | 4.9                          | 43.0                  | 4.9             | 41.1                  | 37                           | 4.6             | 41.2                  | 70              | 4.3             | 34.5                  | 156             |
| 65                    | 4.4                          | 42.6                  | 4.5             | 40.7                  | 35                           | 4.4             | 40.3                  | 68              | 4.1             | 34.5                  | 150             |
| 69                    | 4.9                          | 43.4                  | 5.0             | 41.1                  | 38                           | 4.8             | 39.6                  | 76              | 4.5             | 35.1                  | 159             |
| 73                    | 4.9                          | 42.9                  | 5.1             | 41.0                  | 39                           | 5.2             | 39.8                  | 81              | 4.6             | 35.4                  | 161             |
| 77                    | 4.6                          | 42.9                  | 4.9             | 41.5                  | 37                           | 4.7             | 39.3                  | 75              | 4.5             | 35.4                  | 158             |
| 81                    | 4.7                          | 42.5                  | 4.8             | 40.5                  | 37                           | 4.7             | 39.1                  | 74              | 4.7             | 34.7                  | 171             |
| 85                    | 4.9                          | 43.1                  | 5.0             | 41.4                  | 38                           | 4.5             | 40.0                  | 70              | 3.8             | 35.5                  | 134             |
| 89                    | 5.0                          | 44.2                  | 5.1             | 41.0                  | 39                           | 4.7             | 40.2                  | 73              | 4.2             | 35.6                  | 148             |
| 93                    | 4.9                          | 45.3                  | 5.1             | 42.4                  | 37                           | 4.8             | 39.9                  | 75              | 4.3             | 35.4                  | 153             |
| 97                    | 4.8                          | 45.6                  | 4.9             | 43.2                  | 35                           | 4.7             | 40.3                  | 72              | 4.1             | 36.3                  | 141             |
| 101                   | 5.0                          | 44.6                  | 5.3             | 41.8                  | 39                           | 4.9             | 41.5                  | 74              | 4.9             | 36.2                  | 169             |
| <b>Mean for weeks</b> |                              |                       |                 |                       |                              |                 |                       |                 |                 |                       |                 |
| 1-13                  | 4.2                          | 22.2                  | 4.2             | 22.0                  | 59                           | 4.2             | 22.1                  | 120             | 4.1             | 21.3                  | 240             |
| 14-52                 | 4.5                          | 35.3                  | 4.5             | 34.7                  | 41                           | 4.5             | 34.0                  | 83              | 4.3             | 30.0                  | 180             |
| 53-101                | 4.8                          | 43.5                  | 4.9             | 41.4                  | 37                           | 4.7             | 40.2                  | 73              | 4.4             | 35.2                  | 154             |

<sup>a</sup> Grams of feed consumed per animal per day

<sup>b</sup> Milligrams of 4-methylimidazole consumed per kilogram body weight per day



## APPENDIX H

### INGREDIENTS, NUTRIENT COMPOSITION, AND CONTAMINANT LEVELS IN NTP-2000 RAT AND MOUSE RATION

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**TABLE H1**  
**Ingredients of NTP-2000 Rat and Mouse Ration**

| Ingredients                            | Percent by Weight |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ground hard winter wheat               | 22.26             |
| Ground #2 yellow shelled corn          | 22.18             |
| Wheat middlings                        | 15.0              |
| Oat hulls                              | 8.5               |
| Alfalfa meal (dehydrated, 17% protein) | 7.5               |
| Purified cellulose                     | 5.5               |
| Soybean meal (49% protein)             | 5.0               |
| Fish meal (60% protein)                | 4.0               |
| Corn oil (without preservatives)       | 3.0               |
| Soy oil (without preservatives)        | 3.0               |
| Dried brewer's yeast                   | 1.0               |
| Calcium carbonate (USP)                | 0.9               |
| Vitamin premix <sup>a</sup>            | 0.5               |
| Mineral premix <sup>b</sup>            | 0.5               |
| Calcium phosphate, dibasic (USP)       | 0.4               |
| Sodium chloride                        | 0.3               |
| Choline chloride (70% choline)         | 0.26              |
| Methionine                             | 0.2               |

<sup>a</sup> Wheat middlings as carrier

<sup>b</sup> Calcium carbonate as carrier

**TABLE H2**  
**Vitamins and Minerals in NTP-2000 Rat and Mouse Ration<sup>a</sup>**

|                      | Amount   | Source                                    |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Vitamins</b>      |          |                                           |
| A                    | 4,000 IU | Stabilized vitamin A palmitate or acetate |
| D                    | 1,000 IU | D-activated animal sterol                 |
| K                    | 1.0 mg   | Menadione sodium bisulfite complex        |
| α-Tocopheryl acetate | 100 IU   |                                           |
| Niacin               | 23 mg    |                                           |
| Folic acid           | 1.1 mg   |                                           |
| d-Pantothenic acid   | 10 mg    | d-Calcium pantothenate                    |
| Riboflavin           | 3.3 mg   |                                           |
| Thiamine             | 4 mg     | Thiamine mononitrate                      |
| B <sub>12</sub>      | 52 µg    |                                           |
| Pyridoxine           | 6.3 mg   | Pyridoxine hydrochloride                  |
| Biotin               | 0.2 mg   | d-Biotin                                  |
| <b>Minerals</b>      |          |                                           |
| Magnesium            | 514 mg   | Magnesium oxide                           |
| Iron                 | 35 mg    | Iron sulfate                              |
| Zinc                 | 12 mg    | Zinc oxide                                |
| Manganese            | 10 mg    | Manganese oxide                           |
| Copper               | 2.0 mg   | Copper sulfate                            |
| Iodine               | 0.2 mg   | Calcium iodate                            |
| Chromium             | 0.2 mg   | Chromium acetate                          |

<sup>a</sup> Per kg of finished product

**TABLE H3**  
**Nutrient Composition of NTP-2000 Rat and Mouse Ration**

| Nutrient                                       | Mean $\pm$ Standard Deviation | Range         | Number of Samples |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Protein (% by weight)                          | 14.1 $\pm$ 0.67               | 13.2 – 15.7   | 24                |
| Crude fat (% by weight)                        | 8.1 $\pm$ 0.27                | 7.6 – 8.5     | 24                |
| Crude fiber (% by weight)                      | 9.1 $\pm$ 0.56                | 8.0 – 10.5    | 24                |
| Ash (% by weight)                              | 5.2 $\pm$ 0.26                | 4.8 – 5.8     | 24                |
| <b>Amino Acids (% of total diet)</b>           |                               |               |                   |
| Arginine                                       | 0.748 $\pm$ 0.053             | 0.670 – 0.850 | 12                |
| Cystine                                        | 0.223 $\pm$ 0.027             | 0.150 – 0.250 | 12                |
| Glycine                                        | 0.702 $\pm$ 0.043             | 0.620 – 0.750 | 12                |
| Histidine                                      | 0.343 $\pm$ 0.023             | 0.310 – 0.390 | 12                |
| Isoleucine                                     | 0.534 $\pm$ 0.041             | 0.430 – 0.590 | 12                |
| Leucine                                        | 1.078 $\pm$ 0.059             | 0.960 – 1.140 | 12                |
| Lysine                                         | 0.729 $\pm$ 0.065             | 0.620 – 0.830 | 12                |
| Methionine                                     | 0.396 $\pm$ 0.053             | 0.260 – 0.460 | 12                |
| Phenylalanine                                  | 0.611 $\pm$ 0.038             | 0.540 – 0.660 | 12                |
| Threonine                                      | 0.492 $\pm$ 0.045             | 0.430 – 0.590 | 12                |
| Tryptophan                                     | 0.129 $\pm$ 0.016             | 0.110 – 0.160 | 12                |
| Tyrosine                                       | 0.378 $\pm$ 0.054             | 0.280 – 0.460 | 12                |
| Valine                                         | 0.658 $\pm$ 0.049             | 0.550 – 0.710 | 12                |
| <b>Essential Fatty Acids (% of total diet)</b> |                               |               |                   |
| Linoleic                                       | 3.89 $\pm$ 0.278              | 3.49 – 4.54   | 12                |
| Linolenic                                      | 0.30 $\pm$ 0.038              | 0.21 – 0.35   | 12                |
| <b>Vitamins</b>                                |                               |               |                   |
| Vitamin A (IU/kg)                              | 4,874 $\pm$ 910               | 3,060 – 6,810 | 24                |
| Vitamin D (IU/kg)                              | 1,000 <sup>a</sup>            |               |                   |
| $\alpha$ -Tocopherol (ppm)                     | 84.3 $\pm$ 17.06              | 52.0 – 110.0  | 12                |
| Thiamine (ppm) <sup>b</sup>                    | 7.3 $\pm$ 0.82                | 6.0 – 8.8     | 24                |
| Riboflavin (ppm)                               | 6.4 $\pm$ 2.11                | 4.20 – 11.20  | 12                |
| Niacin (ppm)                                   | 78.6 $\pm$ 10.86              | 66.4 – 98.2   | 12                |
| Pantothenic acid (ppm)                         | 23.1 $\pm$ 3.61               | 17.4 – 29.1   | 12                |
| Pyridoxine (ppm) <sup>b</sup>                  | 8.88 $\pm$ 2.05               | 6.4 – 12.4    | 12                |
| Folic acid (ppm)                               | 1.84 $\pm$ 0.56               | 1.26 – 3.27   | 12                |
| Biotin (ppm)                                   | 0.337 $\pm$ 0.13              | 0.225 – 0.704 | 12                |
| Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> (ppb)                  | 64.8 $\pm$ 50.9               | 18.3 – 174.0  | 12                |
| Choline (ppm) <sup>b</sup>                     | 3,094 $\pm$ 292               | 2,700 – 3,790 | 12                |
| <b>Minerals</b>                                |                               |               |                   |
| Calcium (%)                                    | 1.038 $\pm$ 0.046             | 0.964 – 1.140 | 24                |
| Phosphorus (%)                                 | 0.601 $\pm$ 0.039             | 0.552 – 0.701 | 24                |
| Potassium (%)                                  | 0.668 $\pm$ 0.023             | 0.627 – 0.694 | 12                |
| Chloride (%)                                   | 0.368 $\pm$ 0.033             | 0.300 – 0.423 | 12                |
| Sodium (%)                                     | 0.189 $\pm$ 0.016             | 0.160 – 0.212 | 12                |
| Magnesium (%)                                  | 0.200 $\pm$ 0.009             | 0.185 – 0.217 | 12                |
| Sulfur (%)                                     | 0.176 $\pm$ 0.026             | 0.116 – 0.209 | 12                |
| Iron (ppm)                                     | 177 $\pm$ 46.2                | 135 – 311     | 12                |
| Manganese (ppm)                                | 53.4 $\pm$ 6.42               | 42.1 – 63.1   | 12                |
| Zinc (ppm)                                     | 52.5 $\pm$ 6.95               | 43.3 – 66.0   | 12                |
| Copper (ppm)                                   | 6.64 $\pm$ 1.283              | 5.08 – 9.92   | 12                |
| Iodine (ppm)                                   | 0.535 $\pm$ 0.242             | 0.233 – 0.972 | 12                |
| Chromium (ppm)                                 | 0.545 $\pm$ 0.125             | 0.330 – 0.751 | 12                |
| Cobalt (ppm)                                   | 0.23 $\pm$ 0.041              | 0.20 – 0.30   | 12                |

<sup>a</sup> From formulation

<sup>b</sup> As hydrochloride (thiamine and pyridoxine) or chloride (choline)

**TABLE H4**  
**Contaminant Levels in NTP-2000 Rat and Mouse Ration<sup>a</sup>**

|                                           | Mean $\pm$ Standard<br>Deviation <sup>b</sup> | Range         | Number of Samples |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>Contaminants</b>                       |                                               |               |                   |
| Arsenic (ppm)                             | 0.21 $\pm$ 0.042                              | 0.16 – 0.37   | 24                |
| Cadmium (ppm)                             | 0.04 $\pm$ 0.004                              | 0.04 – 0.06   | 24                |
| Lead (ppm)                                | 0.09 $\pm$ 0.097                              | 0.05 – 0.54   | 24                |
| Mercury (ppm)                             | <0.02                                         |               | 24                |
| Selenium (ppm)                            | 0.22 $\pm$ 0.055                              | 0.14 – 0.36   | 24                |
| Aflatoxins (ppb)                          | <5.00                                         |               | 24                |
| Nitrate nitrogen (ppm) <sup>c</sup>       | 11.3 $\pm$ 3.41                               | 6.85 – 21.1   | 24                |
| Nitrite nitrogen (ppm) <sup>c</sup>       | <0.61                                         |               | 24                |
| BHA (ppm) <sup>d</sup>                    | <1.0                                          |               | 24                |
| BHT (ppm) <sup>d</sup>                    | <1.0                                          |               | 24                |
| Aerobic plate count (CFU/g)               | 14 $\pm$ 13                                   | 10 – 70       | 24                |
| Coliform (MPN/g)                          | 2.4 $\pm$ 1.6                                 | 0.0 – 3.6     | 24                |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> (MPN/g)           | <10                                           |               | 24                |
| <i>Salmonella</i> (MPN/g)                 | Negative                                      |               | 24                |
| Total nitrosoamines (ppb) <sup>e</sup>    | 4.8 $\pm$ 1.11                                | 3.1 – 7.5     | 24                |
| N-Nitrosodimethylamine (ppb) <sup>e</sup> | 2.1 $\pm$ 0.58                                | 1.0 – 3.2     | 24                |
| N-Nitrosopyrrolidine (ppb)                | 2.7 $\pm$ 1.01                                | 1.0 – 5.1     | 24                |
| <b>Pesticides (ppm)</b>                   |                                               |               |                   |
| $\alpha$ -BHC                             | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| $\beta$ -BHC                              | <0.02                                         |               | 24                |
| $\gamma$ -BHC                             | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| $\delta$ -BHC                             | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Heptachlor                                | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Aldrin                                    | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Heptachlor epoxide                        | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| DDE                                       | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| DDD                                       | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| DDT                                       | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| HCB                                       | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Mirex                                     | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Methoxychlor                              | <0.05                                         |               | 24                |
| Dieldrin                                  | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Endrin                                    | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Telodrin                                  | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Chlordane                                 | <0.05                                         |               | 24                |
| Toxaphene                                 | <0.10                                         |               | 24                |
| Estimated PCBs                            | <0.20                                         |               | 24                |
| Ronnel                                    | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Ethion                                    | <0.02                                         |               | 24                |
| Trithion                                  | <0.05                                         |               | 24                |
| Diazinon                                  | <0.10                                         |               | 24                |
| Methyl chlorpyrifos                       | 0.173 $\pm$ 0.112                             | 0.020 – 0.499 | 24                |
| Methyl parathion                          | <0.02                                         |               | 24                |
| Ethyl parathion                           | <0.02                                         |               | 24                |
| Malathion                                 | 0.178 $\pm$ 0.141                             | 0.020 – 0.557 | 24                |
| Endosulfan I                              | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Endosulfan II                             | <0.01                                         |               | 24                |
| Endosulfan sulfate                        | <0.03                                         |               | 24                |

<sup>a</sup> All samples were irradiated. CFU=colony-forming units; MPN=most probable number; BHC=hexachlorocyclohexane or benzene hexachloride

<sup>b</sup> For values less than the limit of detection, the detection limit is given as the mean.

<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> All values were corrected for percent recovery.

## **APPENDIX I**

### **SENTINEL ANIMAL PROGRAM**

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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.

Serum samples were collected from male and female sentinel rats and mice at 6, 12, and 18 months and from randomly selected 2,500 ppm male rats, 5,000 ppm female rats, and 1,250 ppm male and female mice at the end of the studies. Blood from each animal was collected and allowed to clot, and the serum was separated. The samples were processed appropriately and sent to BioReliance Corporation (Rockville, MD) for determination of antibody titers. The laboratory serology methods and viral agents for which testing was performed are tabulated below; the times at which blood was collected during the studies are also listed.

#### Method and Test

#### Time of Analysis

### **RATS**

#### ELISA

*Mycoplasma arthritis*

Study termination

*Mycoplasma pulmonis*

Study termination

PVM (pneumonia virus of mice)

6, 12, and 18 months, study termination

RCV/SDA

(rat coronavirus/sialodacryoadenitis virus)

6, 12, and 18 months, study termination

Sendai

6, 12, and 18 months, study termination

#### Immunofluorescence Assay

Parvovirus

6, 12, and 18 months, study termination

RCV/SDA

18 months

Sendai

6 months



**Method and Test****MICE**

## ELISA

Ectromelia virus  
 EDIM (epizootic diarrhea of infant mice)  
 GDVII (mouse encephalomyelitis virus)  
 LCM (lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus)  
 Mouse adenoma virus-FL  
 MHV (mouse hepatitis virus)  
*M. arthritidis*  
*M. pulmonis*  
 PVM  
 Reovirus 3  
 Sendai

**Time of Analysis**

6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
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 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
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 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination

## Immunofluorescence Assay

EDIM  
 GDVII  
 LCM  
 Mouse adenoma virus-FL  
 MCMV (mouse cytomegalovirus)  
 Parvovirus  
 PVM  
 Reovirus 3  
 Sendai

6 months and study termination  
 6 months  
 6 and 12 months, study termination  
 6 months  
 Study termination  
 6, 12, and 18 months, study termination  
 6 months and study termination  
 18 months  
 12 months

**RESULTS**

All test results were negative.



## APPENDIX J

### SINGLE-DOSE TOXICOKINETIC STUDIES IN F344/N RATS AND B6C3F<sub>1</sub> MICE

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## SINGLE-DOSE TOXICOKINETIC STUDIES IN F344/N RATS AND B6C3F<sub>1</sub> MICE

### INTRODUCTION

Single-dose intravenous injection and gavage toxicokinetic studies were designed to estimate toxicokinetic parameters for the elimination of 4-methylimidazole from the plasma of F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice. Male and female F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice received a single intravenous injection of 10 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg body weight or a single gavage dose of 10, 50, or 100 mg/kg. Post-dose plasma samples were analyzed for 4-methylimidazole, and the results were used to calculate toxicokinetic parameters.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

4-Methylimidazole (Lot 116H0901) was obtained from Sigma Chemical Company (St. Louis, MO), repackaged in 250 mL amber bottles, and stored refrigerated. The material was analyzed for identity and purity; the results and analytical systems are described in Appendix F.

On the day of dosing, male and female F344/N rats were 14 weeks old and ranged in weight from 231.2 to 322.4 and 166.6 to 197.1 grams, respectively; male and female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice were 12 or 13 weeks old and ranged in weight from 19.3 to 35.6 and 16.3 to 26.3 grams, respectively. The gavage doses were formulated in 0.05 M phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.4 ± 0.1).

After dosing, animals were anesthetized with CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> prior to bleeding. Blood samples were collected using the retroorbital puncture method for rats and cardiac puncture for mice. Three rats and three mice were bled at each time point. Blood samples of approximately 1 mL (rats) and the maximum volume obtainable for mice (approximately 0.4 to 1 mL) were placed into individual tubes containing EDTA as an anticoagulant. Whole blood samples were gently rocked by hand to ensure adequate mixing with the anticoagulant and then placed on wet ice. Approximately 60 minutes after collection, the whole blood was centrifuged and the plasma transferred to a plastic storage vial. The plasma was stored at -70° C until analyzed. After blood collection, the animals were sacrificed and discarded.

For analysis, plasma samples were thawed to room temperature. Aliquots of 200 µL of plasma were combined with 50 µL of 0.2 M sodium hydroxide saturated with sodium chloride and 50 µL of 3-pyridinepropanol internal standard solution (40 µg/mL in methanol), and the mixture was vortexed for approximately 30 seconds.

Ethyl acetate (1.0 mL) was added, and the mixture was vortexed for an additional 30 seconds and then centrifuged for approximately 5 minutes at 1,700 rpm. The organic layer was transferred to automated liquid sampler vials for analysis. Chromatography was performed on a gas chromatography system equipped with a nitrogen phosphorous detector and a Carbowax<sup>TM</sup>-amine column (30 m × 0.53 mm ID, 1.00 µm film or 30 m × 0.32 mm ID, 0.25 µm film; Supelco, Bellefonte, PA). The column oven was programmed at 110° C for 3 minutes, then to 210° C at 8° C per minute, held for 3 minutes, and then increased to 220° C at 10° C per minute followed by a 5-minute hold. Sample concentrations of 4-methylimidazole were calculated using 1/x-weighted quadratic regression analysis of instrument response to calibration standards prepared in blank F344/N rat plasma.

The analytical method for determining 4-methylimidazole in plasma samples was validated within a range of 50 to 20,000 ng/mL in F344/N rat plasma. The limit of quantitation ranged from 50 to 100 ng/mL. Precision, based on standard deviation of quality control samples, was less than or equal to 15%. Accuracy, based on percent relative errors in the determined versus the prepared concentration of calibration standards, was less than or equal to 15%.

### ***Toxicokinetics***

4-Methylimidazole plasma concentration versus time data was evaluated using WinNONLIN<sup>®</sup> (version 1.5A; Scientific Consulting, Inc., Freeman, SD). A one-compartment model with no lag time and first-order absorption and elimination was used to fit the data:

$$C(t) = D \cdot K_{01} / V / (K_{01} - K_{10}) \cdot [\exp(K_{10} \cdot t) - \exp(K_{01} \cdot t)]$$

where  $C(t)$  is the plasma concentration at time  $t$ ,  $D$  is dose, and  $V$  is volume of distribution,  $K_{01}$  is the absorption rate constant, and  $K_{10}$  is the elimination rate constant. These parameters were estimated by nonlinear regression using a least-squares method and a weighting factor ( $1/y^2$  predicted).

AUC (areas under the plasma concentration versus time curve) values were calculated using the trapezoidal rule:

$$AUC_t = \Sigma [(C_{n-1} + C_n) / 2 \times (t_n - t_{n-1})]$$

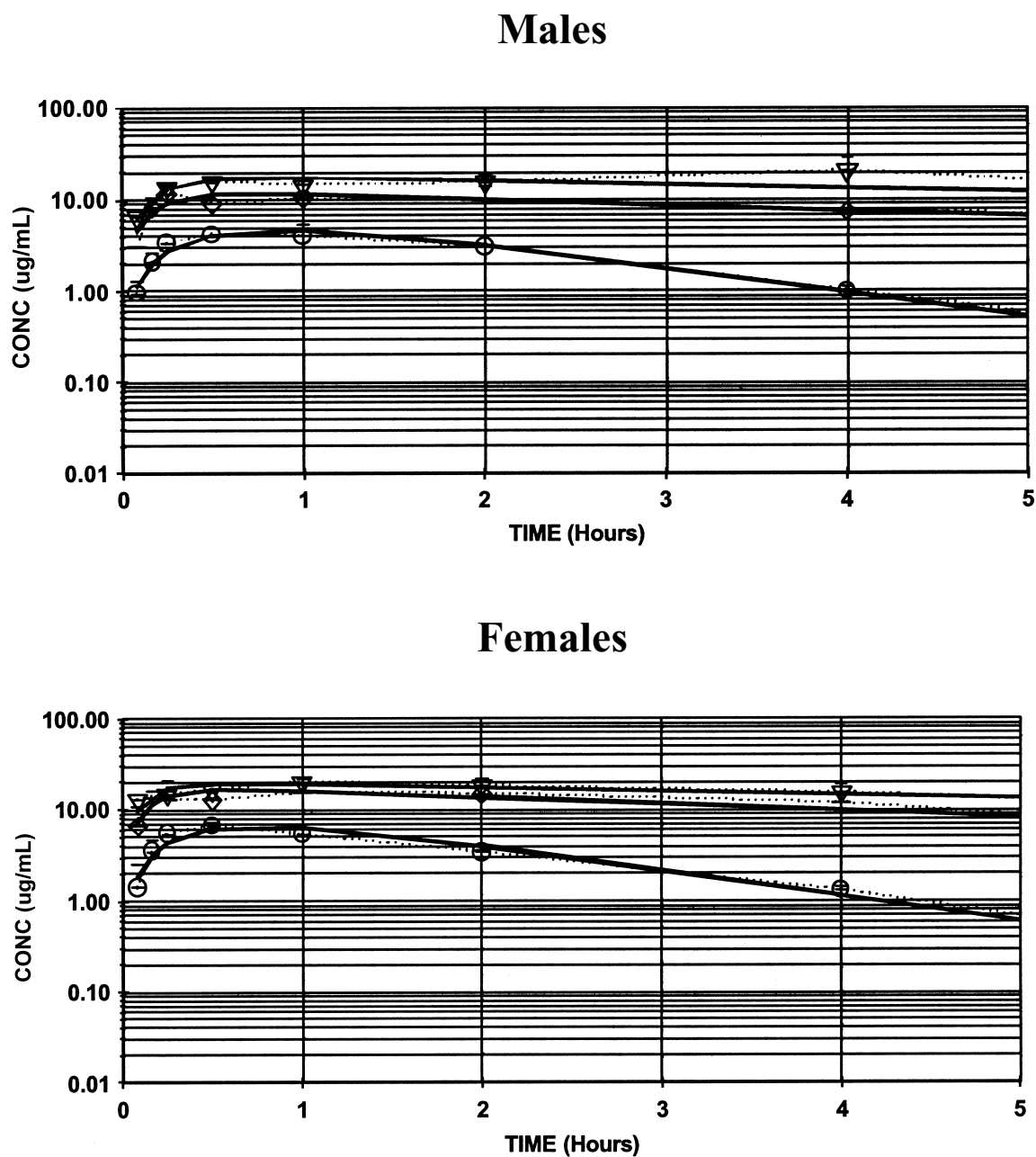
And the AUC extrapolated to infinity was calculated as:

$$AUC_{\text{infinity}} = AUC_t + (C_f / K_{10})$$

Clearance was calculated as  $D/AUC_{\text{infinity}}$ , and the half-lives for the absorption and elimination phases were calculated as  $0.693/K_{01}$  and  $0.693/K_{10}$ , respectively.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

4-Methylimidazole was rapidly absorbed when administered by gavage in an aqueous formulation to male and female F344/N rats and B6C3F<sub>1</sub> mice such that measurable concentrations of 4-methylimidazole were observed within 5 minutes of administration (Figures J1 and J2). The administration of 4-methylimidazole in an aqueous solution averted any dissolution phase, which is the rate-limiting step for solid dosage formulations such as dosed feed, and thereby precluded the presence of a lag time in the plasma concentration time profile. Absorption rate constants were larger than the elimination rate constants and were similar in males and females of each species. The absorption half-life values ranged from 5 to 23 minutes in rats and 2 to 5 minutes in mice and declined with dose (Tables J1 and J2). Elimination half-life values ranged from 65 to 499 minutes in rats and from 21 to 87 minutes in mice but increased with dose in both sexes of both species. Differences in clearance across the dosed groups were not all statistically significant, but clearance did show decreases with dose. These data indicate that the 100 mg/kg dose is approaching the upper limit of the linear dosing range and that higher doses would result in higher internal doses than expected based on the lower doses. Evaluation of the shape of the concentration versus time curves indicates that a flip-flop model may be important in explaining the kinetics of 4-methylimidazole. However, in a repeated dose scenario, the short absorption and elimination half-lives of the chemical would prevent accumulation from one dose to the next.

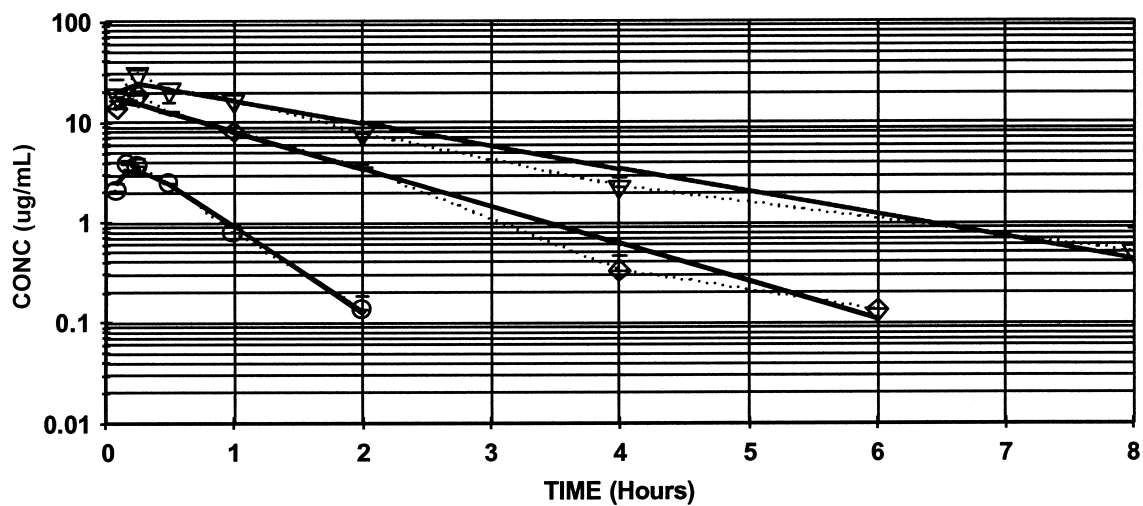
**FIGURE J1**

**Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male and Female F344/N Rats after a Single Gavage Dose of 10, 50, or 100 mg/kg 4-Methylimidazole**

Solid lines represent the best-fit curves (WinNONLIN<sup>®</sup>) plotted through the observed data points.

(Observed data: ○ – 10 mg/kg; ◆ – 50 mg/kg; ▽ – 100 mg/kg)

## Males



## Females

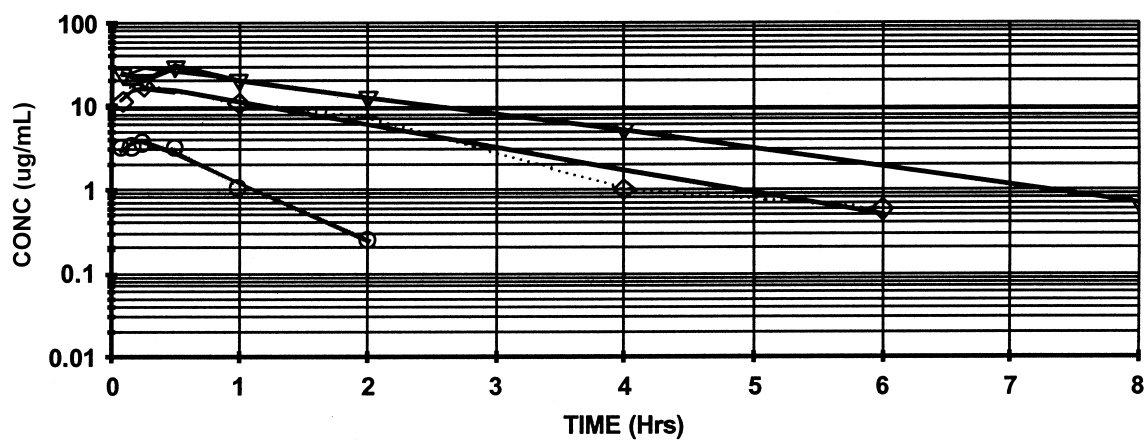


FIGURE J2

Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male and Female B6C3F<sub>1</sub> Mice after a Single Gavage Dose of 10, 50, or 100 mg/kg 4-Methylimidazole

Solid lines represent the best-fit curves (WinNONLIN<sup>®</sup>) plotted through the observed data points.

(Observed data: ○ – 10 mg/kg; ◆ – 50 mg/kg; ▽ – 100 mg/kg)

**TABLE J1**

**Toxicokinetic Parameter Estimates for the Elimination of 4-Methylimidazole from the Plasma of F344/N Rats after a Single Gavage Dose of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter                     | 10 mg/kg      | 50 mg/kg      | 100 mg/kg     |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Male</b>                   |               |               |               |
| C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)      | 4.7 ± 0.3     | 11.8 ± 1.4    | 17.5 ± 3.6    |
| C <sub>max</sub> /dose        | 0.47 ± 0.03   | 0.236 ± 0.028 | 0.175 ± 0.036 |
| AUC [(µg • hour)/mL]          | 12.9 ± 0.9    | 95.4 ± 15     | 225 ± 37      |
| AUC/dose                      | 1.29 ± 0.09   | 1.91 ± 0.3    | 2.25 ± 0.37   |
| Absorption half-life (hours)  | 0.376 ± 0.066 | 0.129 ± 0.039 | 0.138 ± 0.081 |
| Elimination half-life (hours) | 1.09 ± 0.07   | 5.11 ± 1.29   | 8.31 ± 1.56   |
| Clearance (L/hour per kg)     | 0.777 ± 0.070 | 0.524 ± 0.016 | 0.444 ± 0.16  |
| <b>Female</b>                 |               |               |               |
| C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)      | 6.6 ± 0.6     | 16.8 ± 1.5    | 19.3 ± 3.3    |
| C <sub>max</sub> /dose        | 0.66 ± 0.06   | 0.336 ± 0.036 | 0.193 ± 0.033 |
| AUC [(µg • hour)/mL]          | 16.8 ± 1.5    | 109 ± 10      | 235 ± 32      |
| AUC/dose                      | 1.68 ± 0.15   | 2.18 ± 0.2    | 2.35 ± 0.32   |
| Absorption half-life (hours)  | 0.297 ± 0.064 | 0.117 ± 0.028 | 0.088 ± 0.053 |
| Elimination half-life (hours) | 1.08 ± 0.07   | 4.03 ± 0.62   | 8.01 ± 1.22   |
| Clearance (L/hour per kg)     | 0.594 ± 0.089 | 0.459 ± 0.092 | 0.426 ± 0.14  |

<sup>a</sup> Data are reported as mean ± standard error. C<sub>max</sub> = maximum plasma concentration; AUC = area under the plasma concentration versus time curve from 0 to infinity

**TABLE J2**

**Toxicokinetic Parameter Estimates for the Elimination of 4-Methylimidazole from the Plasma of B6C3F<sub>1</sub> Mice after a Single Gavage Dose of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter                     | 10 mg/kg      | 50 mg/kg      | 100 mg/kg     |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Male</b>                   |               |               |               |
| C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)      | 3.42 ± 0.3    | 15.9 ± 1.8    | 24.3 ± 2.9    |
| C <sub>max</sub> /dose        | 0.342 ± 0.030 | 0.318 ± 0.036 | 0.243 ± 0.029 |
| AUC [(µg • hour)/mL]          | 2.66 ± 0.21   | 21.3 ± 2.0    | 52.1 ± 5.3    |
| AUC/dose                      | 0.266 ± 0.021 | 0.426 ± 0.10  | 0.521 ± 0.053 |
| Absorption half-life (hours)  | 0.080 ± 0.024 | 0.035 ± 0.024 | 0.041 ± 0.026 |
| Elimination half-life (hours) | 0.348 ± 0.030 | 0.805 ± 0.045 | 1.33 ± 0.10   |
| Clearance (L/hour per kg)     | 3.76 ± 0.078  | 2.35 ± 0.094  | 1.92 ± 0.10   |
| <b>Female</b>                 |               |               |               |
| C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)      | 3.73 ± 0.29   | 16.8 ± 1.8    | 29.3 ± 2.3    |
| C <sub>max</sub> /dose        | 0.373 ± 0.029 | 0.336 ± 0.046 | 0.293 ± 0.023 |
| AUC [(µg • hour)/mL]          | 3.21 ± 0.22   | 31.9 ± 3.03   | 67.8 ± 4.4    |
| AUC/dose                      | 0.321 ± 0.22  | 0.638 ± 0.061 | 0.678 ± 0.044 |
| Absorption half-life (hours)  | 0.062 ± 0.019 | 0.059 ± 0.026 | 0.041 ± 0.016 |
| Elimination half-life (hours) | 0.430 ± 0.036 | 1.11 ± 0.09   | 1.45 ± 0.08   |
| Clearance (L/hour per kg)     | 3.12 ± 0.068  | 1.57 ± 0.095  | 1.47 ± 0.065  |

<sup>a</sup> Data are reported as mean ± standard error. C<sub>max</sub> = maximum plasma concentration; AUC = area under the plasma concentration versus time curve from 0 to infinity



## APPENDIX K

### PHYSIOLOGICALLY BASED PHARMACOKINETIC MODEL

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## PHYSIOLOGICALLY BASED PHARMACOKINETIC MODEL

### INTRODUCTION

A physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model representing the uptake, distribution, and metabolism of 4-methylimidazole in rats and mice was developed to describe the processes involved in 4-methylimidazole toxicokinetics. Model development was based on published data for 4-methylimidazole disposition in male F344 rats (Yuan and Burka, 1995) and single-dose toxicokinetic data for male and female rats and mice presented in Appendix J. Most of the model parameters were obtained from estimates in the literature. However, the model has 10 parameters that did not have literature estimates. These parameters were estimated by least squares techniques. The model was fit to short timespan (less than 24 hours) intravenous injection and gavage data. The fitted model was used to make predictions of blood concentrations of 4-methylimidazole in the current dosed feed study using a time scale of months.

### MODEL DEVELOPMENT

The PBPK model has separate compartments representing the amount of 4-methylimidazole in the liver, kidney, blood, adipose, stomach, and other aggregated tissues (Figure K1). For the metabolite, separate compartments are used to represent the amount of the metabolite in the blood and other aggregated tissues. All tissue compartments are modeled as flow limited. Uptake from the stomach and urinary excretion are modeled as saturable processes with Michaelis-Menten kinetics. Metabolism of 4-methylimidazole is assumed to follow Michaelis-Menten kinetics and takes place in the liver. A feed consumption rate function was derived for the current chronic feed study. Data from Yuan (1993) specifies the percent of total daily consumption by half-hour intervals. These values were used in an interpolation to define an instantaneous consumption rate as input to the stomach. A value of total feed consumed in a day coupled with this interpolation lets the model account for the eating pattern of the rats and mice. All model equations were encoded in MATLAB® (The Math Works, Inc., Natick, MA). Model equations are listed at the end of this section.

Physiological parameters for tissue volumes, tissue blood flows, and cardiac output were obtained from the literature (Table K1; Brown *et al.*, 1997). Cardiac output was derived from allometric relationships with body weight. Mean body weights from the single-dose toxicokinetic studies (Appendix J) were used in fitting the model. The 4-methylimidazole tissue:blood partition coefficients (Table K2) for adipose, liver, kidney, and muscle were derived from the octanol:water partition coefficient (Poulin and Krishnan, 1995). The muscle partition coefficient was used for the aggregated tissue partition coefficient. A search of the literature yielded no information that would help determine the values related to uptake from the stomach, metabolism, or elimination in the feces or urine; values for these parameters were determined by fitting model predictions to the toxicokinetic data from the current studies.

Short-term data from the literature and the NTP were used to estimate the unknown model parameters. Yuan and Burka (1995) published plasma concentrations of 4-methylimidazole and its metabolite in male F344 rats for up to 14 hours after oral doses of 5 or 50 mg 4-methylimidazole/kg body weight. Toxicokinetic data from the single-dose toxicokinetic studies (Appendix J) include blood concentrations of 4-methylimidazole for up to 30 hours following intravenous (10 mg/kg) or oral gavage (10, 50, 100 mg/kg) dosing of rats and mice of both sexes. These toxicokinetic data sets were used in the parameter fitting. The model with the fit parameters was evaluated against the blood data collected during the first 6 months of the 2-year bioassay. The 2-year feed study recorded the blood concentrations of 4-methylimidazole at 1, 14, and 26 weeks based on rats consuming feed containing 625 (males only), 1,250, 2,500, or 5,000 (females only) ppm 4-methylimidazole and mice of both sexes consuming feed containing 312, 625, or 1,250 ppm 4-methylimidazole. Body weights and doses of 4-methylimidazole consumed in the feed study (mg/kg per day) were determined weekly for the first 13 weeks and then monthly for the remainder of the 2 years.

**Definitions of Abbreviations**

|               |                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $A_i$ =       | Amount of 4-methylimidazole in compartment $i$ (mg)                                        |
| $Q_i$ =       | Blood flow in compartment $i$ (L/hour)                                                     |
| $V_i$ =       | Volume of compartment $i$ (L)                                                              |
| $P_i$ =       | Tissue $i$ :blood partition coefficient                                                    |
| $C_i$ =       | Concentration of 4-methylimidazole in compartment $i$ (mg/L)                               |
| $CV_i$ =      | Concentration of 4-methylimidazole in the venous blood of compartment $i$ (mg/L)           |
| $k_{Feces}$ = | Fecal elimination rate constant (hour <sup>-1</sup> )                                      |
| $k_1$ =       | Rate constant for metabolite — blood to aggregate tissue compartment (hour <sup>-1</sup> ) |
| $k_2$ =       | Rate constant for metabolite — aggregate tissue to blood compartment (hour <sup>-1</sup> ) |
| $k_{LS}$ =    | Rate constant for metabolite leaving the system (hour <sup>-1</sup> )                      |
| $V_{Max}$ =   | Maximum metabolism rate (mg/L per hour)                                                    |
| $K_m$ =       | Michaelis-Menten constant associated with metabolism (mg/L)                                |
| $OT$ =        | Other tissues                                                                              |
| $Ad$ =        | Adipose                                                                                    |
| $L$ =         | Liver                                                                                      |
| $K$ =         | Kidney                                                                                     |
| $Bl$ =        | Blood                                                                                      |
| $S$ =         | Stomach                                                                                    |
| $M$ =         | Metabolite                                                                                 |
| $Metab$ =     | Metabolism rate                                                                            |
| $MetBl$ =     | Metabolite in blood                                                                        |
| $MetRB$ =     | Metabolite in rest of body                                                                 |
| $MetLS$ =     | Metabolite leaving the system                                                              |
| $Gav$ =       | Uptake from the stomach of a gavage dose                                                   |

**Model Equations**

$$\frac{dA_{Ad}}{dt} = Q_{Ad}(C_{Bl} - CV_{Ad})$$

$$\frac{dA_{OT}}{dt} = Q_{OT}(C_{Bl} - CV_{OT})$$

$$\frac{dA_K}{dt} = Q_K(C_{Bl} - CV_K) - \frac{Vmax_{Urine} CV_K}{Km_{Urine} + CV_K}$$

$$\frac{dA_L}{dt} = Q_L(C_{Bl} - CV_L) - M + \frac{Vmax_{Gav} A_S}{Km_{Urine} + A_S}$$

$$\frac{dA_S}{dt} = - \frac{Vmax_{Gav} A_S}{Km_{Gav} + A_S} - k_{Feces} A_S$$

$$\frac{dA_{Urine}}{dt} = \frac{Vmax_{Urine} CV_K}{Km_{Urine} + CV_K}$$

$$\frac{dA_{Feces}}{dt} = k_{Feces} A_S$$

$$\frac{dA_{Bl}}{dt} = Q_{Ad} CV_{Ad} + Q_{OT} CV_{OT} + Q_L CV_L + Q_K CV_K - Q_{total} C_{Bl}$$

$$\frac{dA_{MetRB}}{dt} = k_I A_{MetBl} - K_2 A_{MetRB}$$

$$\frac{dA_{MetBl}}{dt} = k_2 A_{MetRB} - k_I A_{MetBl} - k_{LS} A_{MetBl}$$

$$\frac{dA_{MetLS}}{dt} = k_{LS} A_{MetBl}$$

$$M = \frac{Vmax_{Metab} CV_L}{Km_{Met} + CV_L}$$

$$CV_i = \frac{A}{V_i P_i} \quad C_i = \frac{A}{V_i} \quad , \text{ where } i \text{ denotes the tissue compartment}$$

## RESULTS

For rats, the estimates for the 10 fitted parameters are shown in Table K3. For mice, the values of three of the parameters (Table K4) were fixed based on estimates from male rats; the remaining seven parameters were fitted, and these estimates are shown in Table K5. Estimates were obtained by minimizing the sum of squares between model predictions and the blood concentration data.

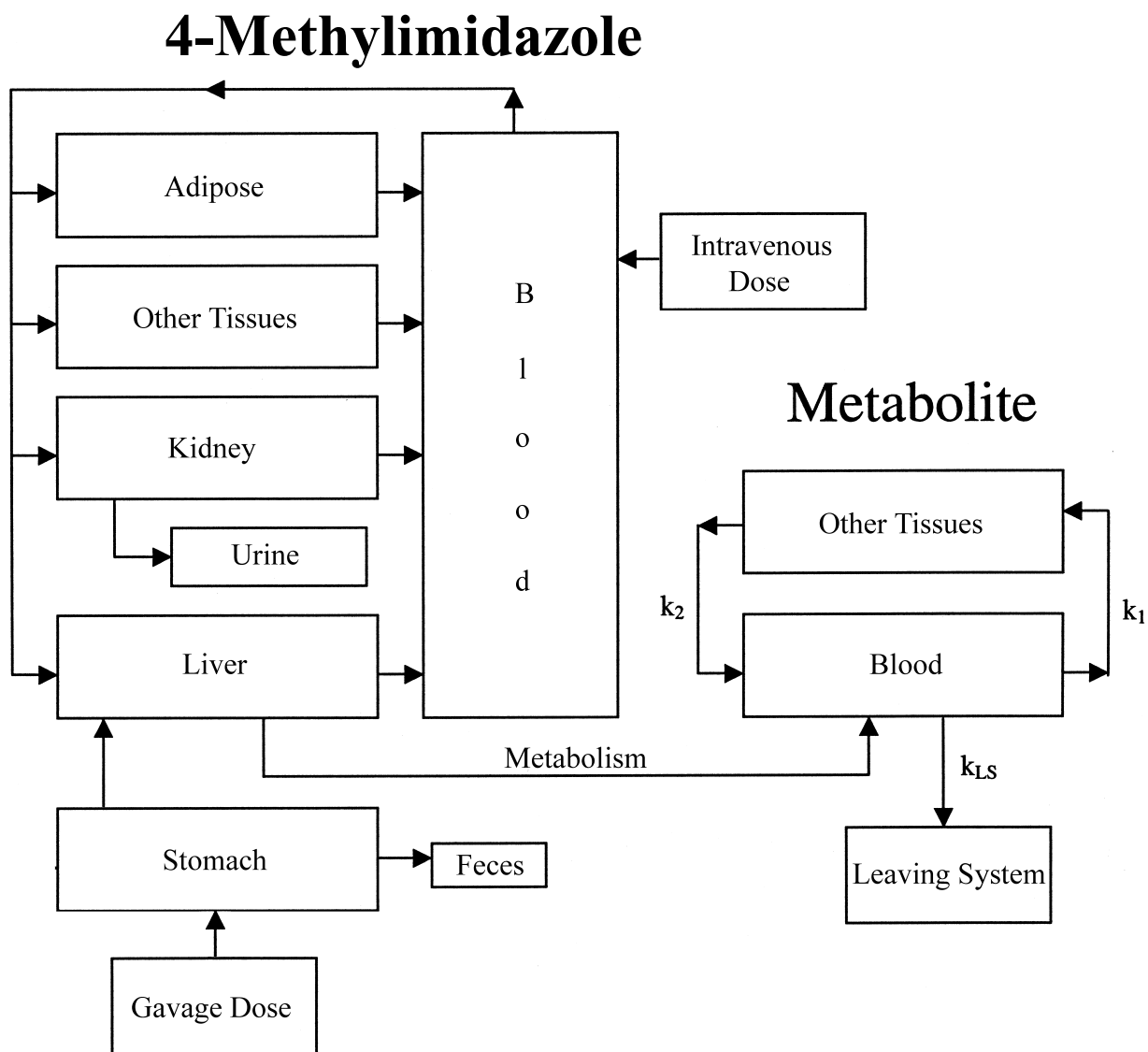
The first test was for differences between sexes in rats. The full model had 20 parameters (10 for male rats and 10 for female rats), while the reduced model had 10 parameters. The value of the F-statistic was 1.2169, and the probability of a larger F was 0.27. Separate parameter values for male and female rats did not make a significant improvement to the fit of the data. The plots of the model predictions along with the data for the reduced model are shown in Figures K2 and K4.

The second test was for differences between sexes in mice. The full model had 14 parameters (seven for male mice and seven for female mice), while the reduced model had seven parameters. The value of the F-statistic was 3.43, and the probability of a larger F was 0.001. Therefore, a single set of parameters was not adequate for both male and female mice. The plots for the full model are given in Figures K5 and K6.

Unlike the reduced model fits for rats (Figures K7 to K12), the full model fits for mice (Figures K13 to K18) yielded accurate predictions of blood concentrations over 26 weeks in the dosed feed studies.

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**FIGURE K1**  
**Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model for Rats and Mice Exposed to 4-Methylimidazole by Single-Dose Intravenous Injection or Oral Gavage**

**TABLE K1**  
**Physiological Parameters for Rats and Mice for the Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetics Model of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>**

| Tissue      | Tissue Space (%) | Blood Flow (%) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Rats</b> |                  |                |
| Adipose     | 7.0              | 7.0            |
| Liver       | 3.4              | 18.3           |
| Kidney      | 0.7              | 14.1           |
| Other       | 69.5             | 60.6           |
| Blood       | 19.4             | —              |
| <b>Mice</b> |                  |                |
| Adipose     | 8.0              | 5.0            |
| Liver       | 5.5              | 16.2           |
| Kidney      | 1.67             | 9.1            |
| Other       | 65.43            | 69.7           |
| Blood       | 19.4             | —              |

<sup>a</sup> Parameter estimates were derived from Brown *et al.* (1997) and allometric relationships with body weight.

**TABLE K2**  
**Partition Coefficients for 4-Methylimidazole for the Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Tissue  | Partition Coefficient <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| Adipose | 4.238                              |
| Liver   | 1.048                              |
| Kidney  | 1.226                              |
| Other   | 0.9401 <sup>b</sup>                |

<sup>a</sup> All coefficients are expressed as tissue:blood ratios. Coefficients for adipose, liver, kidney, and muscle were derived from the octanol:water partition coefficient for 4-methylimidazole (Poulin and Krishnan, 1995).

<sup>b</sup> Used the estimate for muscle (Poulin and Krishnan, 1995)



**TABLE K3**  
**Parameter Estimates for Rats from the Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Parameter                                    | Reduced Model | Full Model |             |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|                                              | All Rats      | Male Rats  | Female Rats |
| $V_{max}$ Gavage uptake (mg/L per hour)      | 15.8019       | 18.6080    | 14.7731     |
| $K_m$ Gavage uptake (mg/L)                   | 1.6852        | 4.6096     | 1.1081      |
| Fecal elimination rate (hour <sup>-1</sup> ) | 5.5157        | 4.0735     | 6.1547      |
| $V_{max}$ Urinary excretion (mg/L per hour)  | 0.3068        | 0.4416     | 0.2642      |
| $K_m$ Urinary excretion (mg/L)               | 0.2640        | 0.6292     | 0.2610      |
| $V_{max}$ Metabolism (mg/L per hour)         | 0.2873        | 0.1984     | 0.2629      |
| $K_m$ Metabolism (mg/L)                      | 2,393.1       | 1,895.8    | 3,004.8     |
| $k_1$ (hour <sup>-1</sup> )                  | 0.0735        | 0.0312     | 0.075       |
| $k_2$ (hour <sup>-1</sup> )                  | 6.8556        | 5.8479     | 6.85        |
| $k_{LS}$ (hour <sup>-1</sup> )               | 0.00001       | 0.0005     | 0.001       |

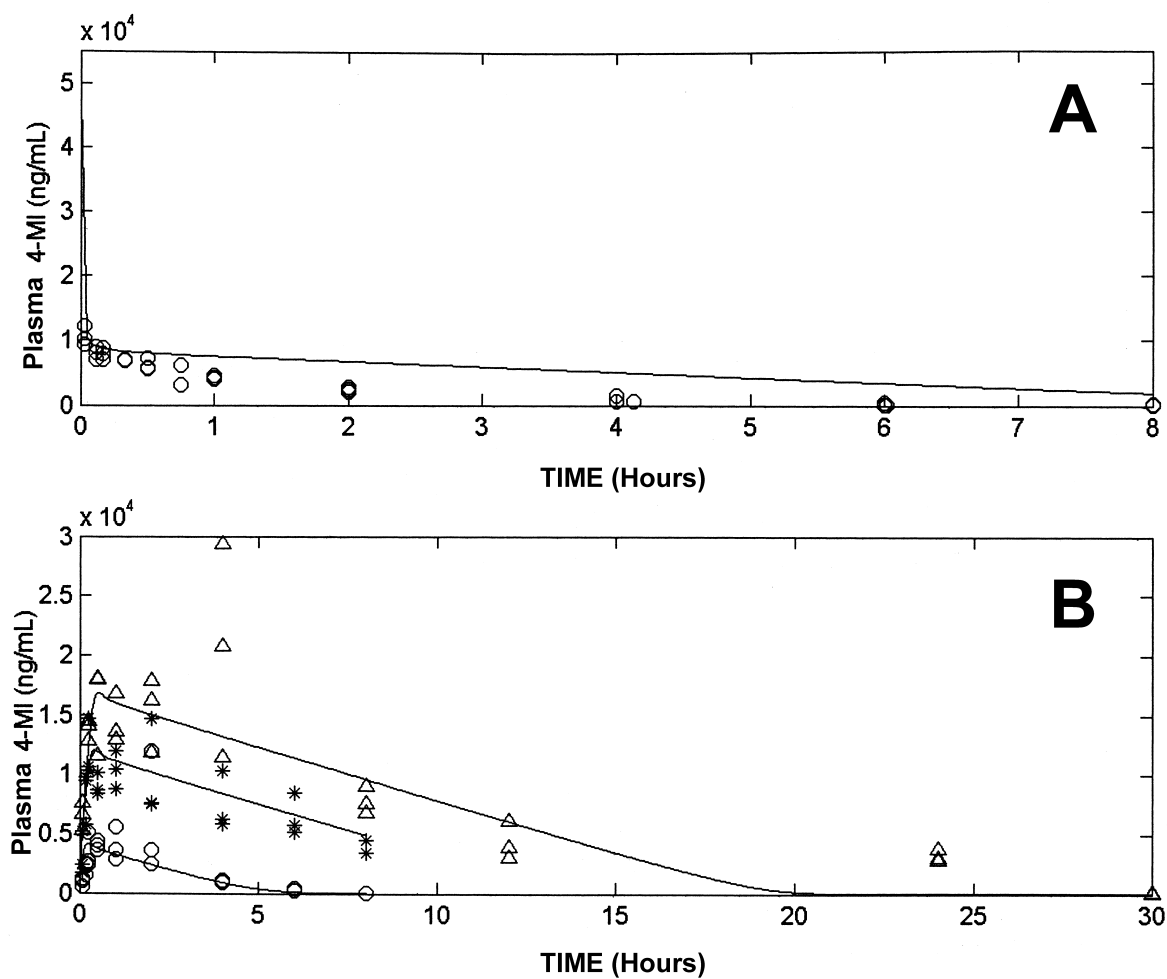
**TABLE K4**  
**Fixed Parameter Values for Mice from the Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model of 4-Methylimidazole<sup>a</sup>**

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| $k_1$ (hour <sup>-1</sup> )    | 0.03   |
| $k_2$ (hour <sup>-1</sup> )    | 5.85   |
| $k_{LS}$ (hour <sup>-1</sup> ) | 0.0005 |

<sup>a</sup> Based on estimates from male rats

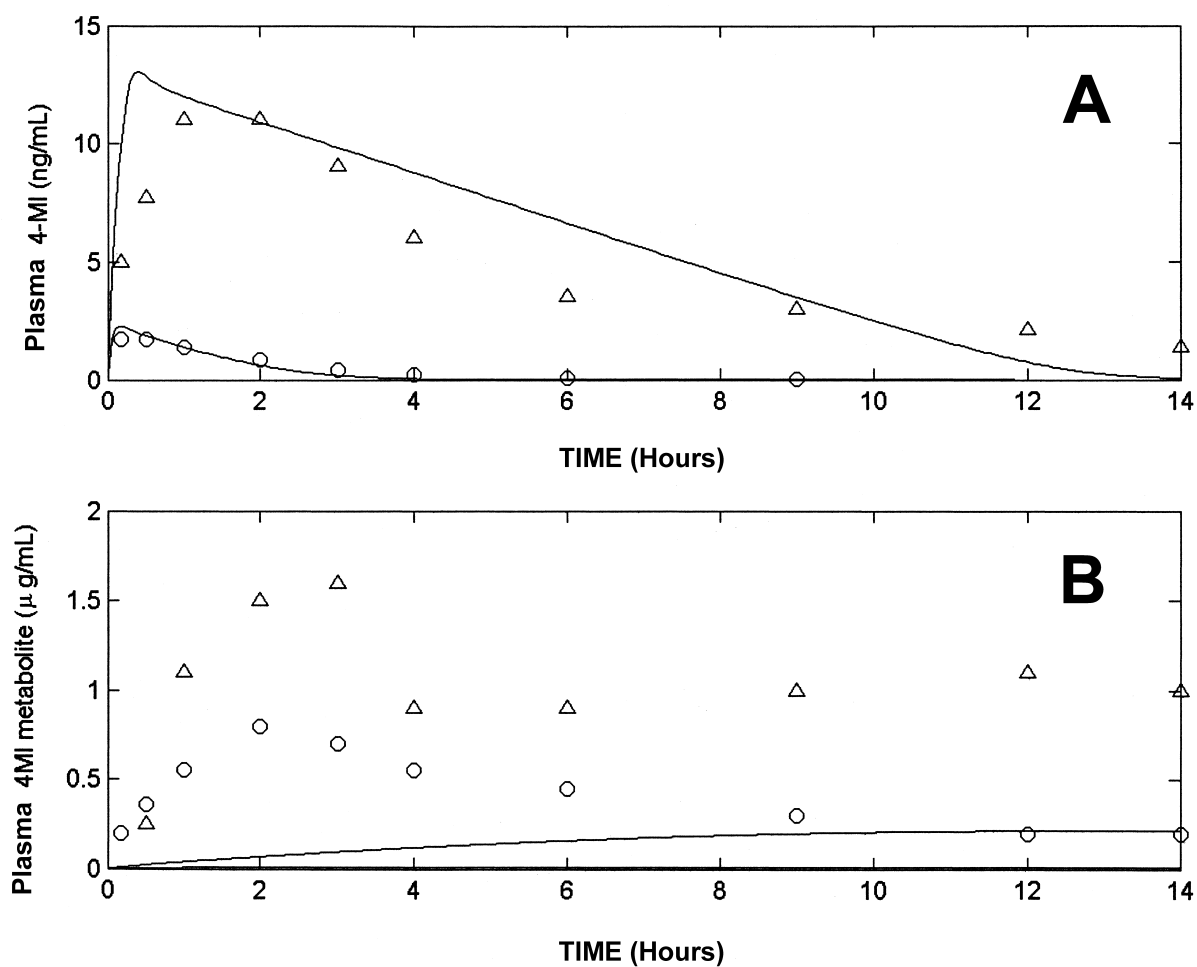
**TABLE K5**  
**Parameter Estimates for Mice from the Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Model of 4-Methylimidazole**

| Parameter                                    | Reduced Model | Full Model |             |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|                                              | All Mice      | Male Mice  | Female Mice |
| $V_{max}$ Gavage uptake (mg/L per hour)      | 7.9905        | 7.7701     | 12.2372     |
| $K_m$ Gavage uptake (mg/L)                   | 0.6532        | 0.5402     | 1.5075      |
| Fecal elimination rate (hour <sup>-1</sup> ) | 8.1915        | 7.4807     | 8.4597      |
| $V_{max}$ Urinary excretion (mg/L per hour)  | 0.2181        | 0.2306     | 0.1486      |
| $K_m$ Urinary excretion (mg/L)               | 0.3235        | 0.2415     | 0.5801      |
| $V_{max}$ Metabolism (mg/L per hour)         | 0.3504        | 0.4252     | 0.3281      |
| $K_m$ Metabolism (mg/L)                      | 81.0460       | 20.7664    | 106.9741    |

**FIGURE K2**

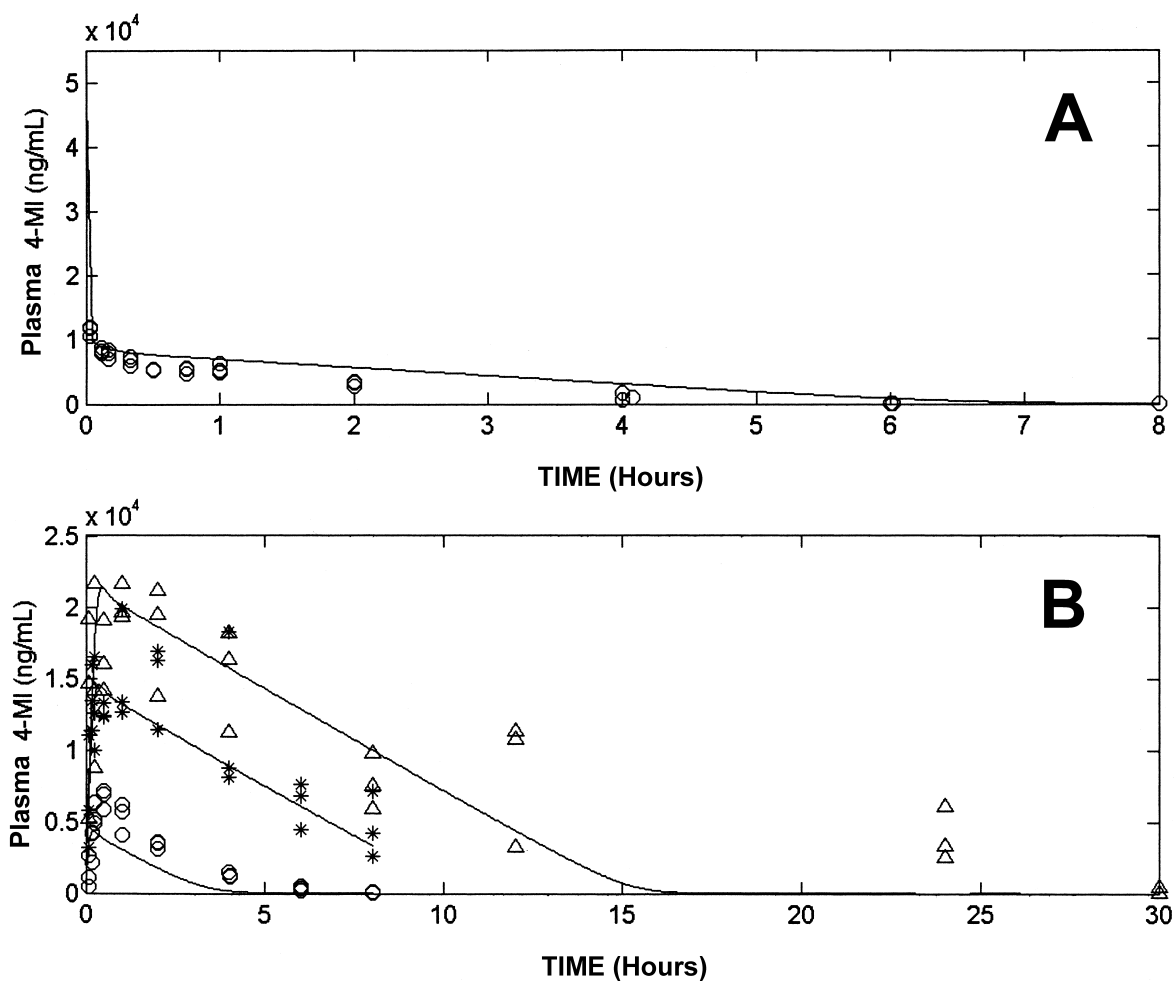
**Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Rats after a Single Intravenous Injection (Panel A) or a Single Gavage Dose (Panel B) of 4-Methylimidazole**

Solid lines represent the predicted best-fit curves (from the reduced PBPK model) plotted through the observed data points. (Observed data:  $\circ$  – 10 mg/kg;  $*$  – 50 mg/kg;  $\Delta$  – 100 mg/kg)

**FIGURE K3**

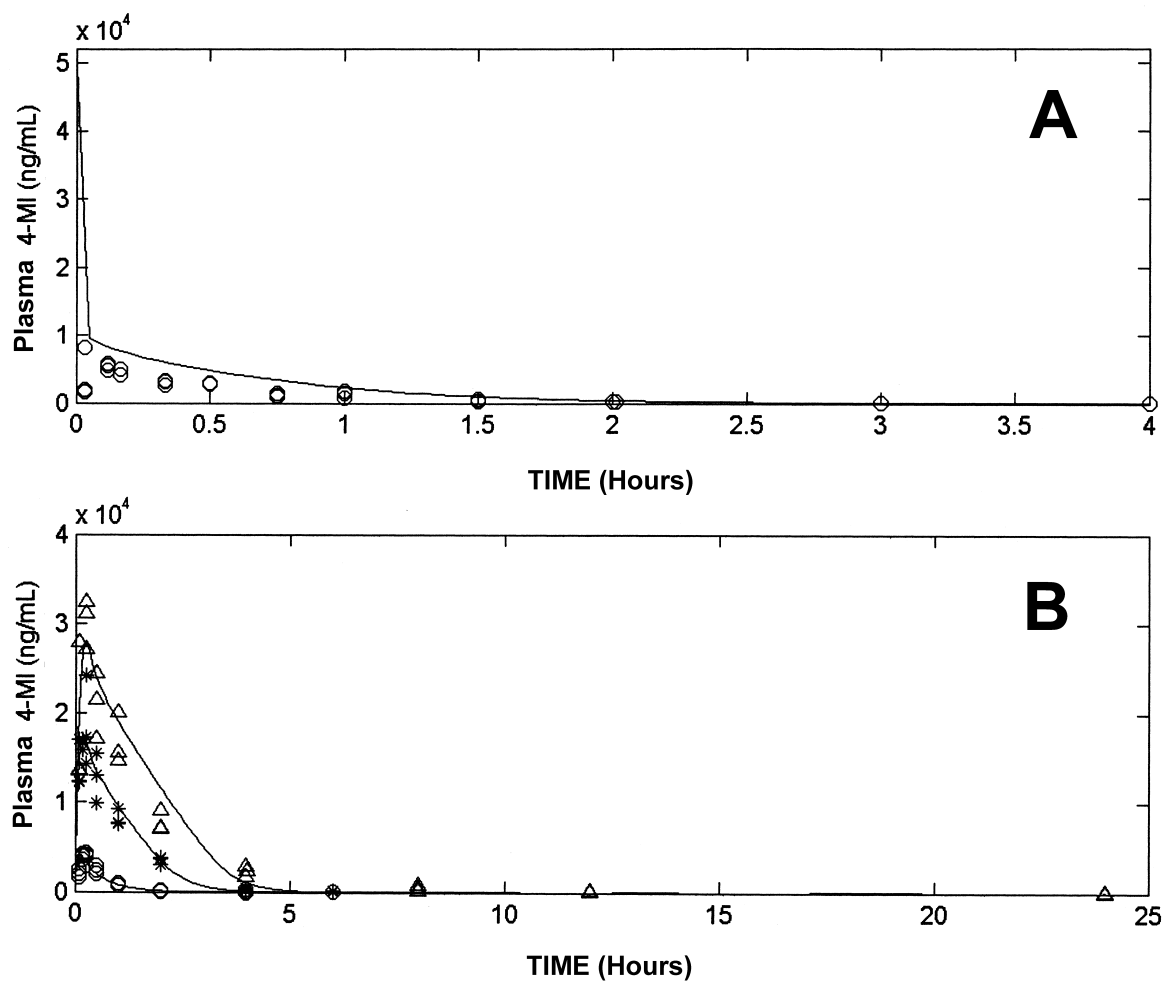
**Yuan and Burka (1995) Data: Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole (Panel A) or 4-Methylimidazole Metabolite (Panel B) in Male Rats after a Single Gavage Dose of 4-Methylimidazole**

Solid lines represent the predicted best-fit curves (from the reduced PBPK model) plotted through the observed data points. (Observed data: ○ – 5 mg/kg; △ – 50 mg/kg)

**FIGURE K4**

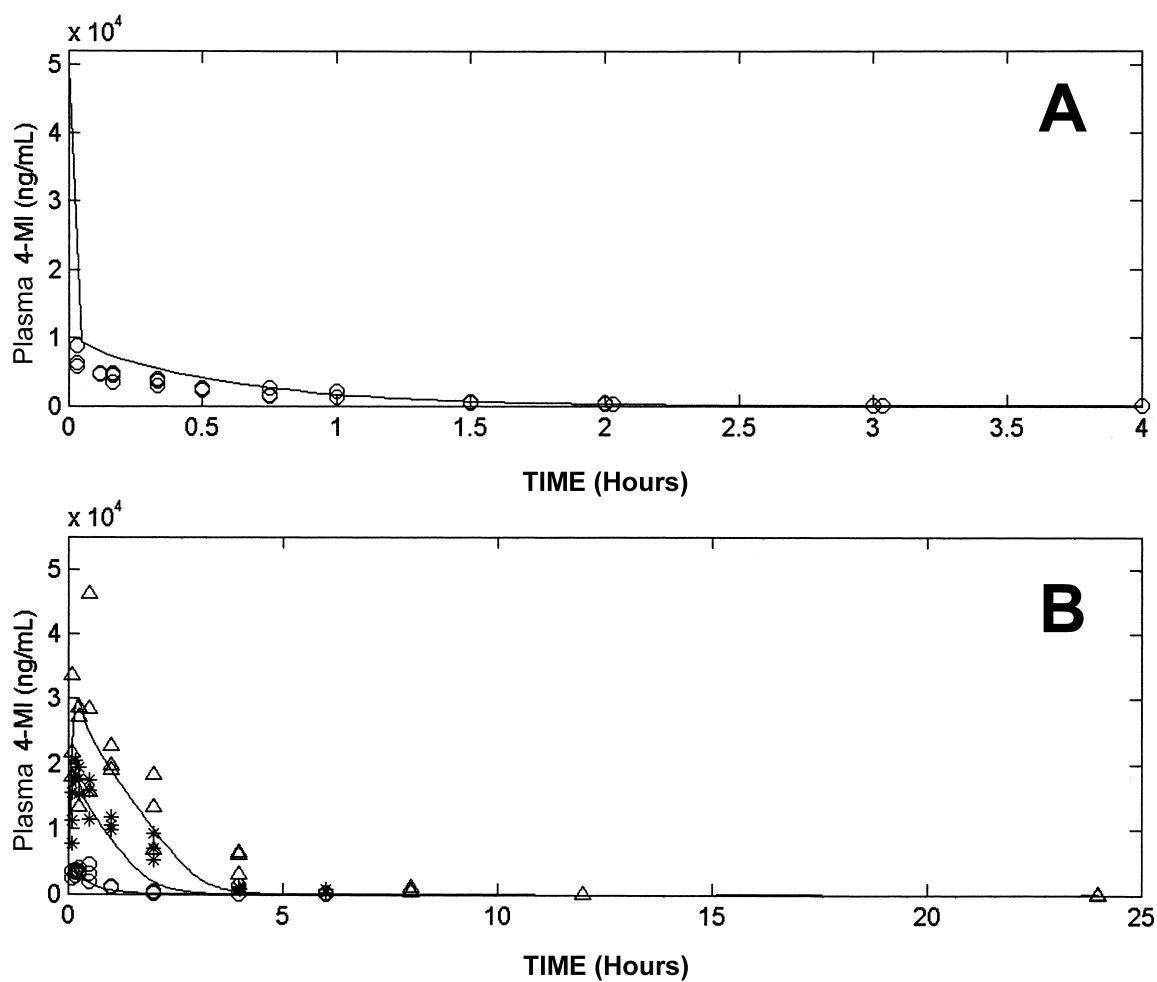
**Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Rats after a Single Intravenous Injection (Panel A) or a Single Gavage Dose (Panel B) of 4-Methylimidazole**

Solid lines represent the predicted best-fit curves (from the reduced PBPK model) plotted through the observed data points. (Observed data:  $\circ$  – 10 mg/kg;  $*$  – 50 mg/kg;  $\Delta$  – 100 mg/kg)

**FIGURE K5**

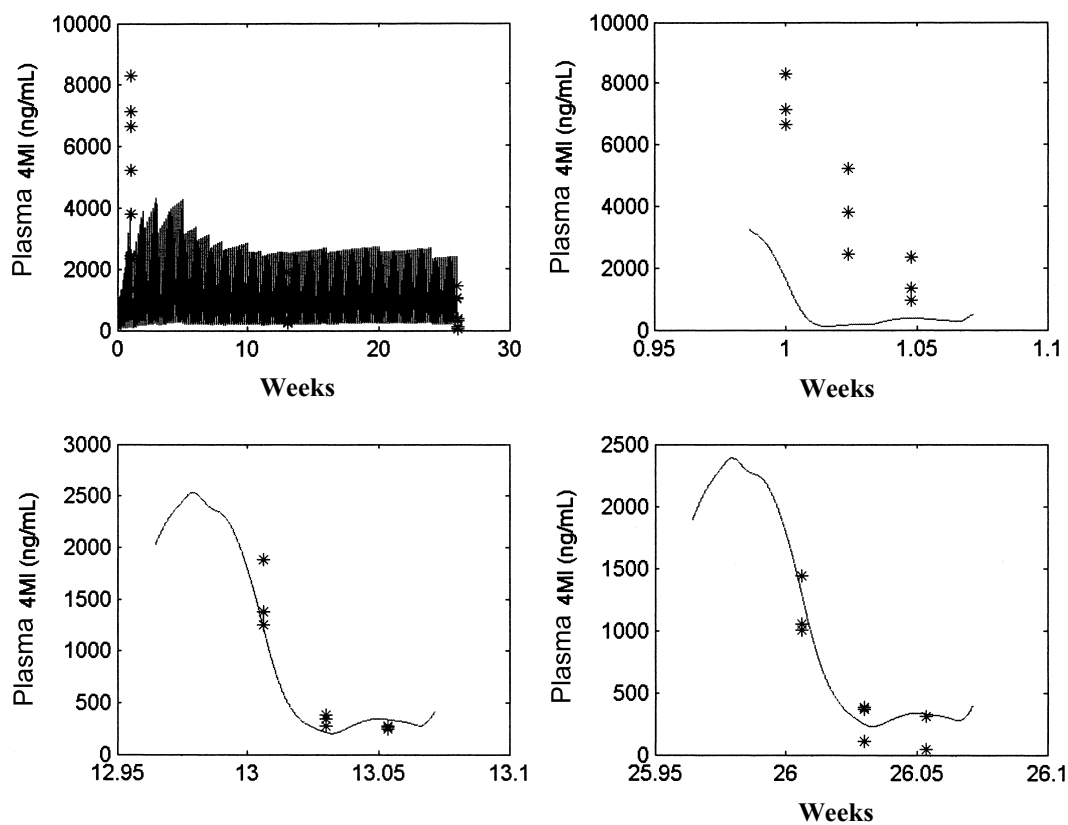
**Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Mice after a Single Intravenous Injection (Panel A) or a Single Gavage Dose (Panel B) of 4-Methylimidazole**

Solid lines represent the predicted best-fit curves (from the full PBPK model) plotted through the observed data points. (Observed data: ○ – 10 mg/kg; \* – 50 mg/kg; Δ – 100 mg/kg)

**FIGURE K6**

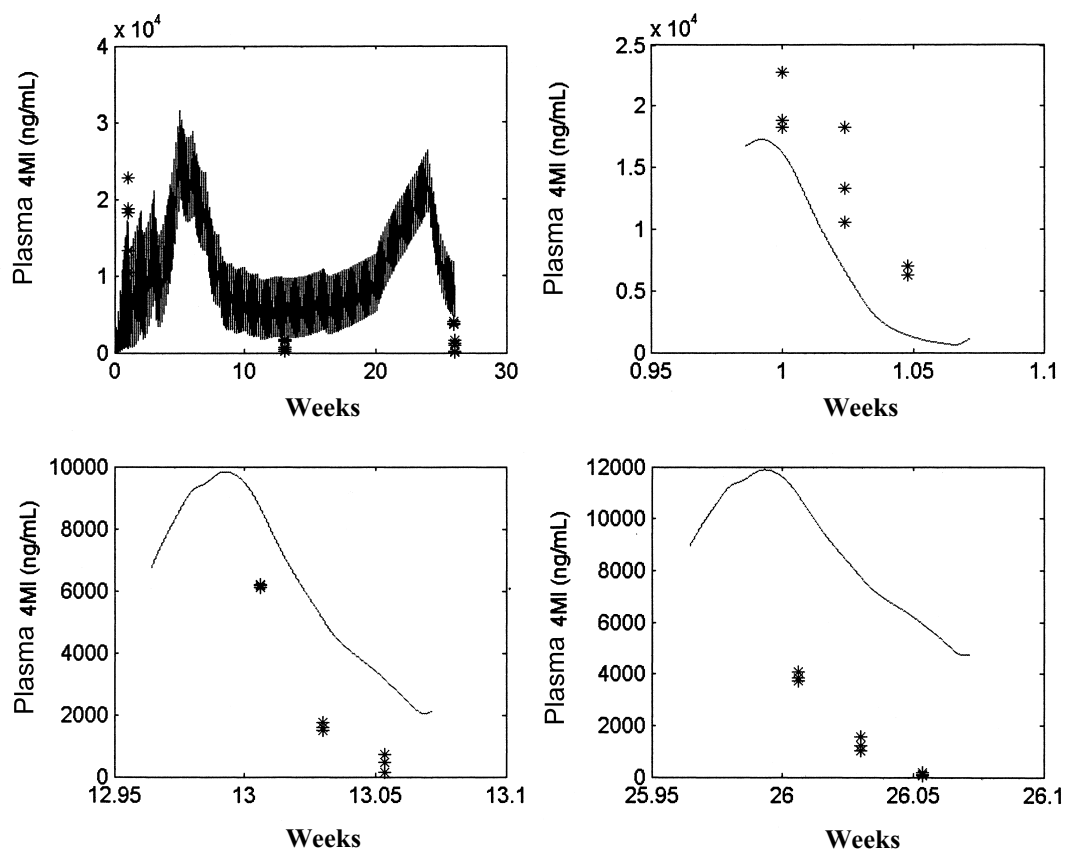
**Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Mice after a Single Intravenous Injection (Panel A) or a Single Gavage Dose (Panel B) of 4-Methylimidazole**

Solid lines represent the predicted best-fit curves (from the full PBPK model) plotted through the observed data points. (Observed data:  $\circ$  – 10 mg/kg;  $*$  – 50 mg/kg;  $\Delta$  – 100 mg/kg)

**FIGURE K7**

**Reduced PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Rats Exposed to 625 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

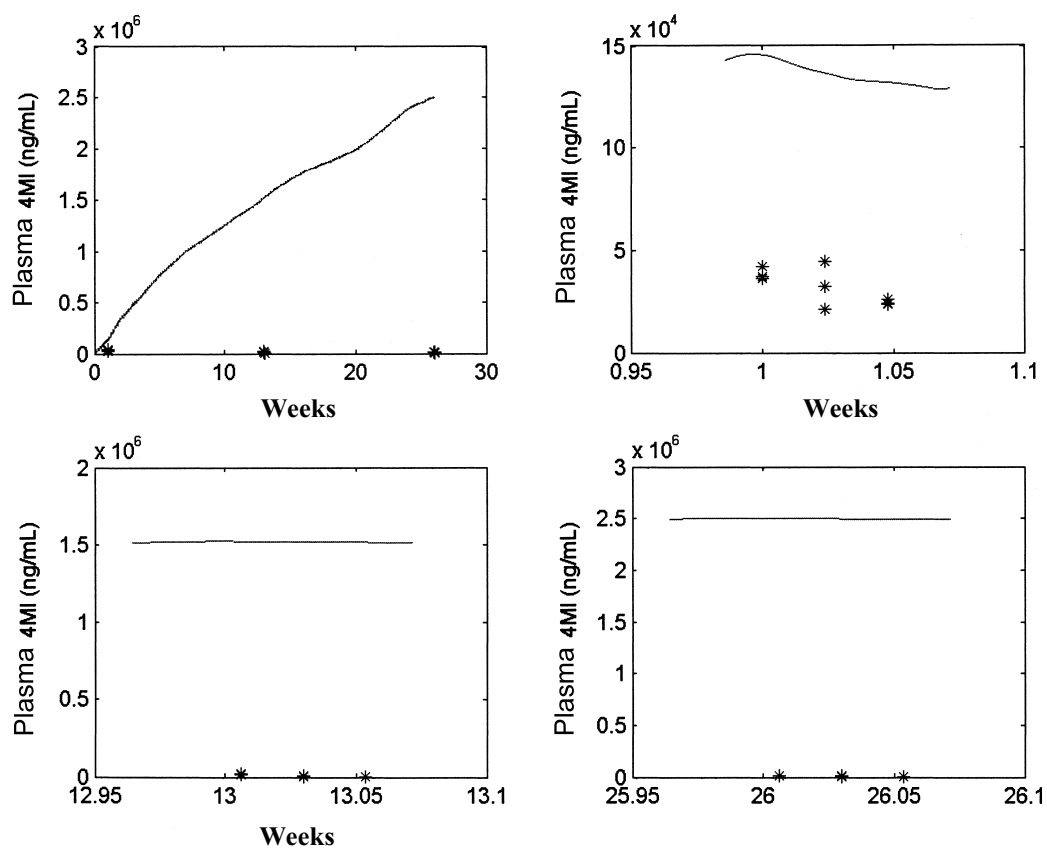
The upper left panel plots the data and predictions for the first 26 weeks of the feed study; the other panels expand the plot at the times of data collection at 1, 13, and 26 weeks.

**FIGURE K8**

**Reduced PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Rats Exposed to 1,250 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

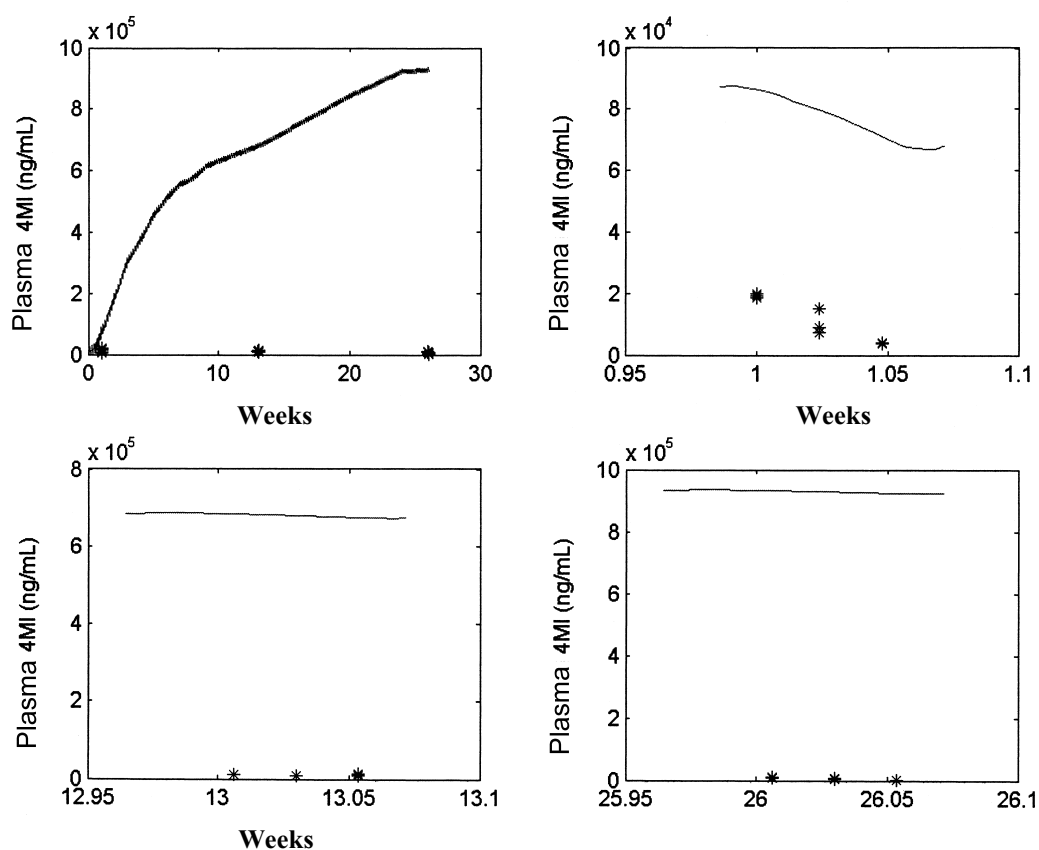
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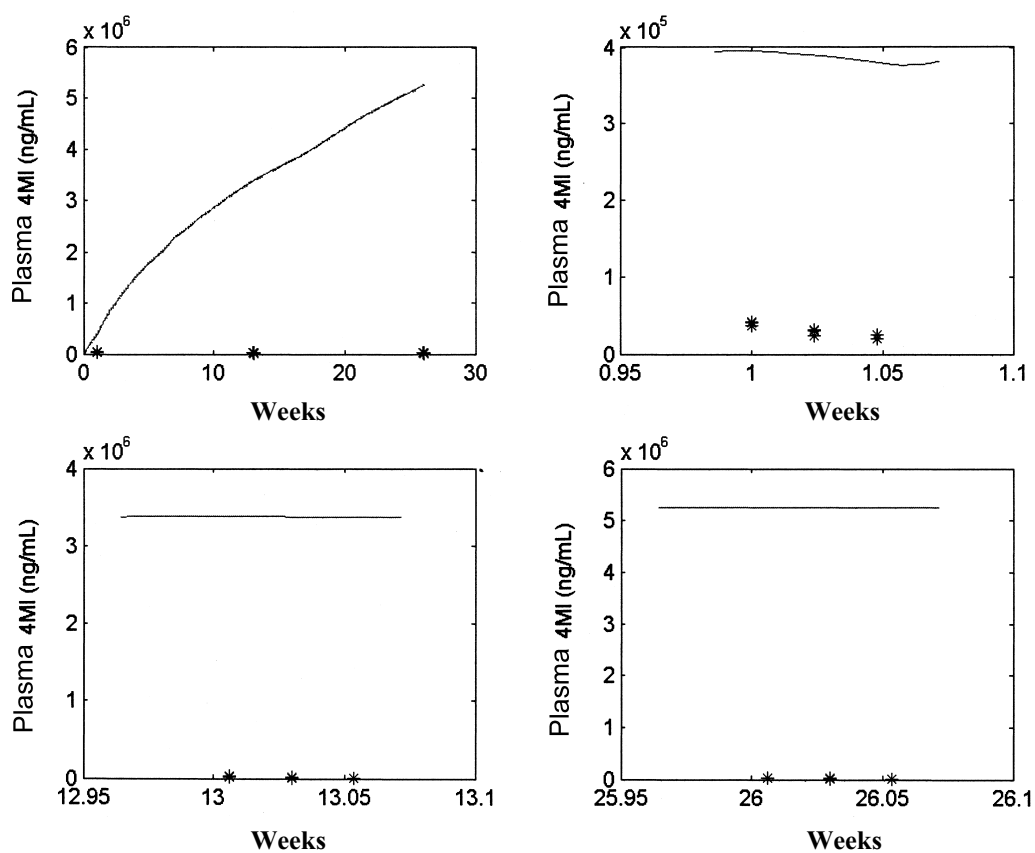
**FIGURE K9**

**Reduced PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Rats Exposed to 2,500 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

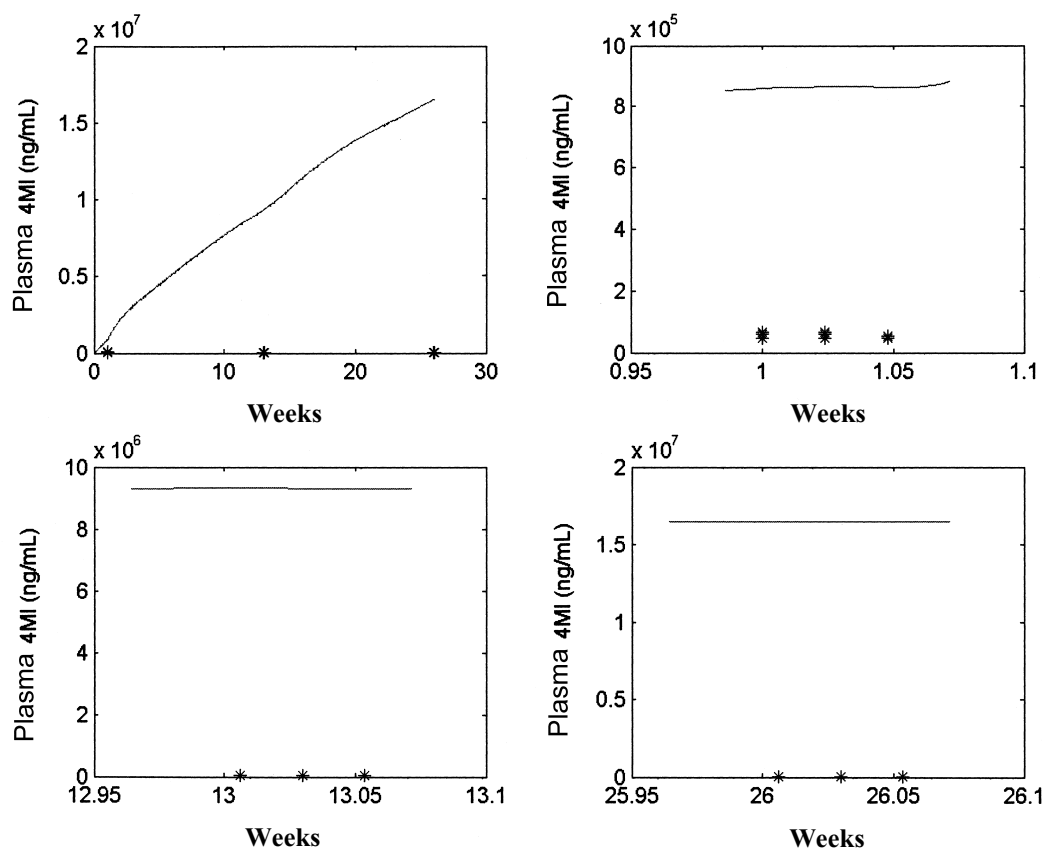
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**FIGURE K10**

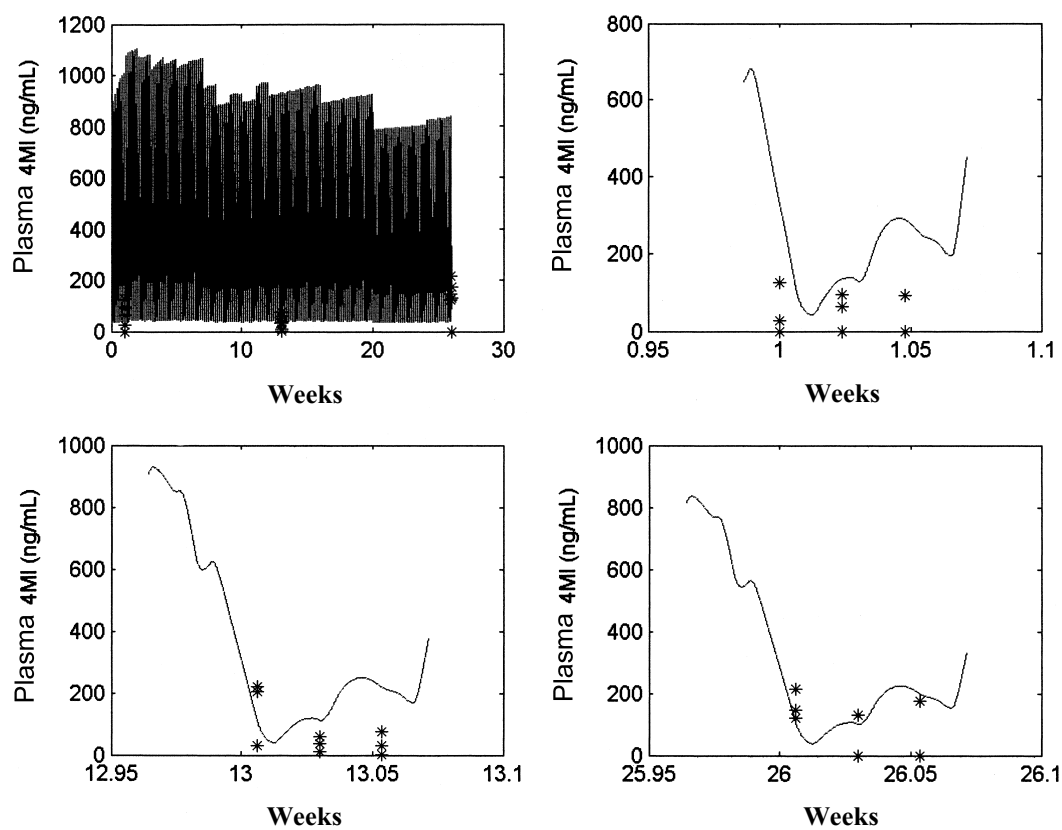
**Reduced PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Rats Exposed to 1,250 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**  
The upper left panel plots the data and predictions for the first 26 weeks of the feed study; the other panels expand the plot at the times of data collection at 1, 13, and 26 weeks.

**FIGURE K11**

**Reduced PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Rats Exposed to 2,500 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**  
The upper left panel plots the data and predictions for the first 26 weeks of the feed study; the other panels expand the plot at the times of data collection at 1, 13, and 26 weeks.

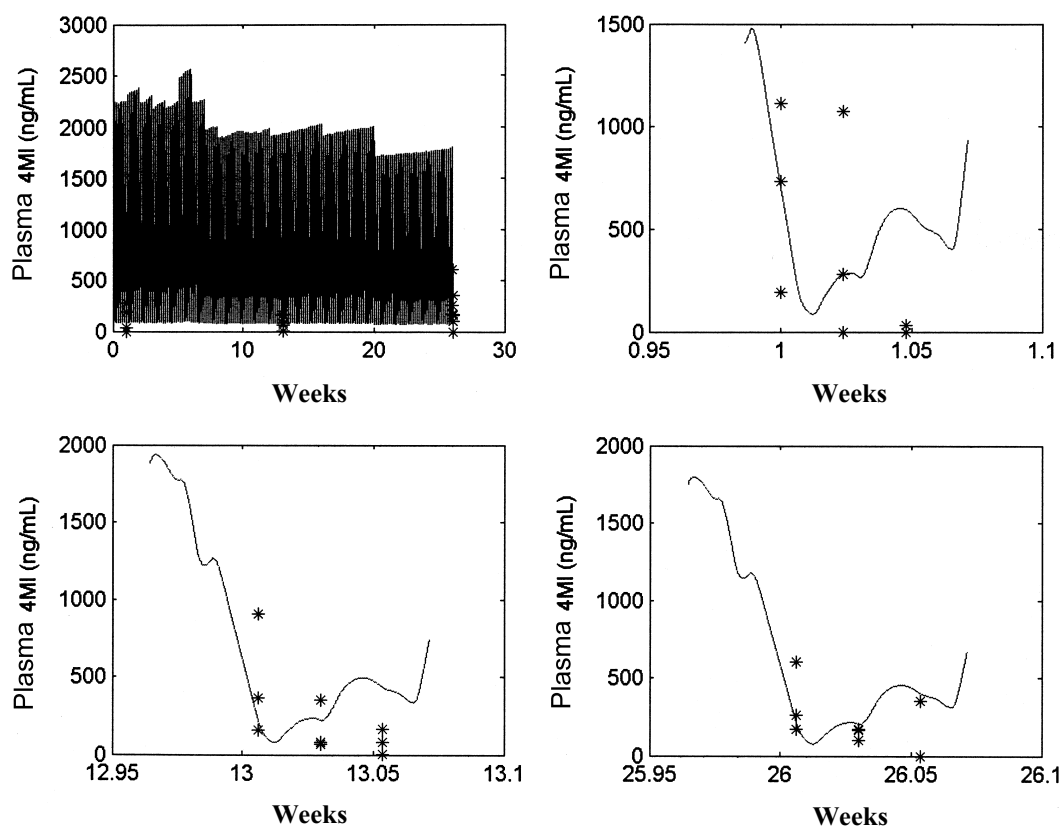
**FIGURE K12**

**Reduced PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Rats Exposed to 5,000 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**  
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**FIGURE K13**

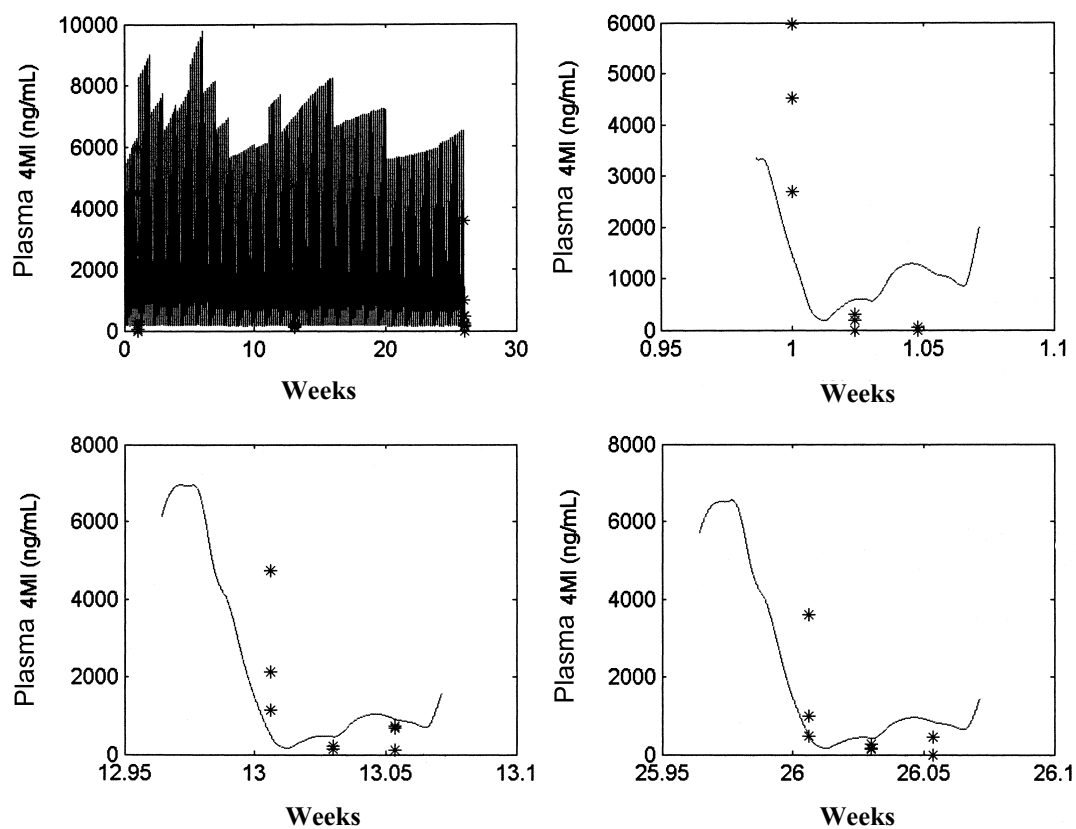
**Full PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Mice Exposed to 312 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

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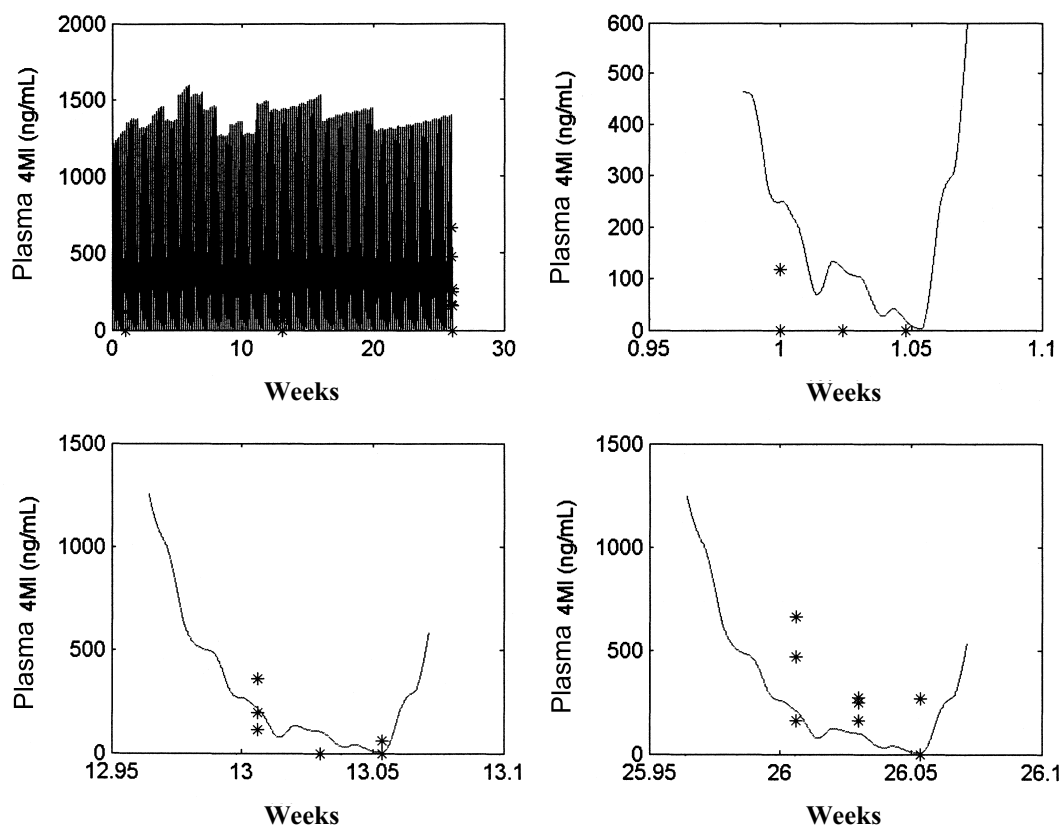
**FIGURE K14**

**Full PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Mice Exposed to 625 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**

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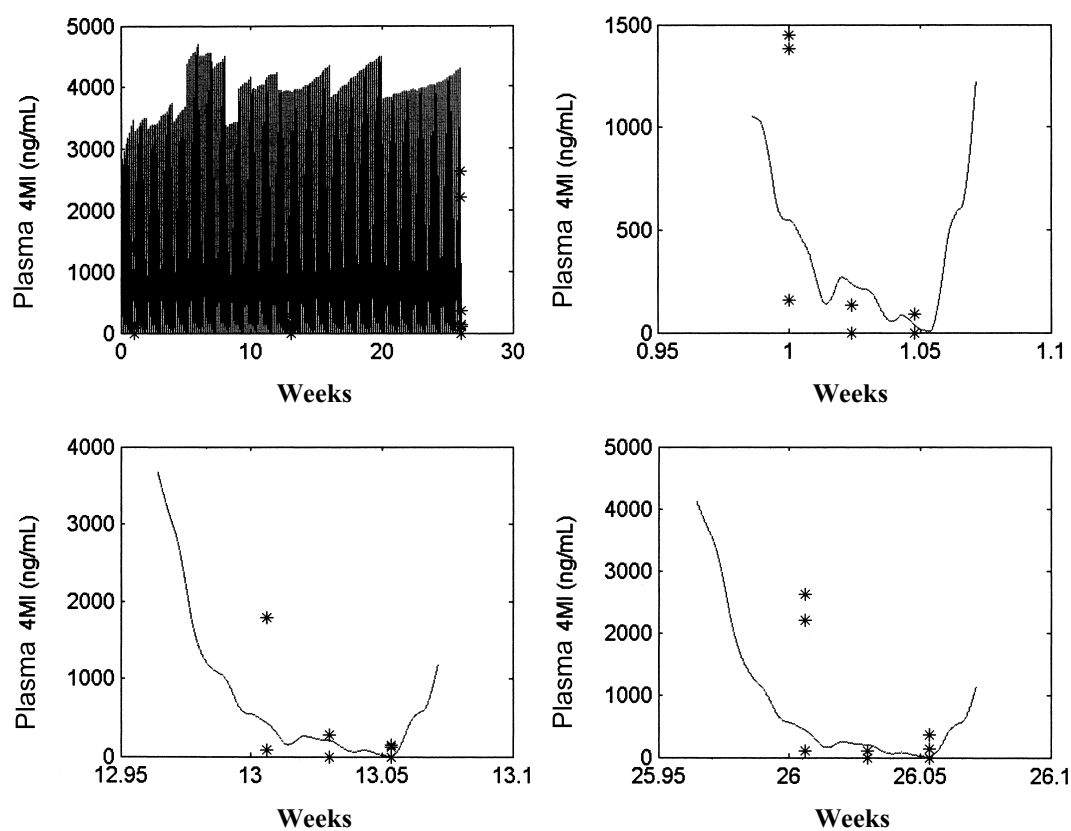
**FIGURE K15**

**Full PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Male Mice Exposed to 1,250 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**  
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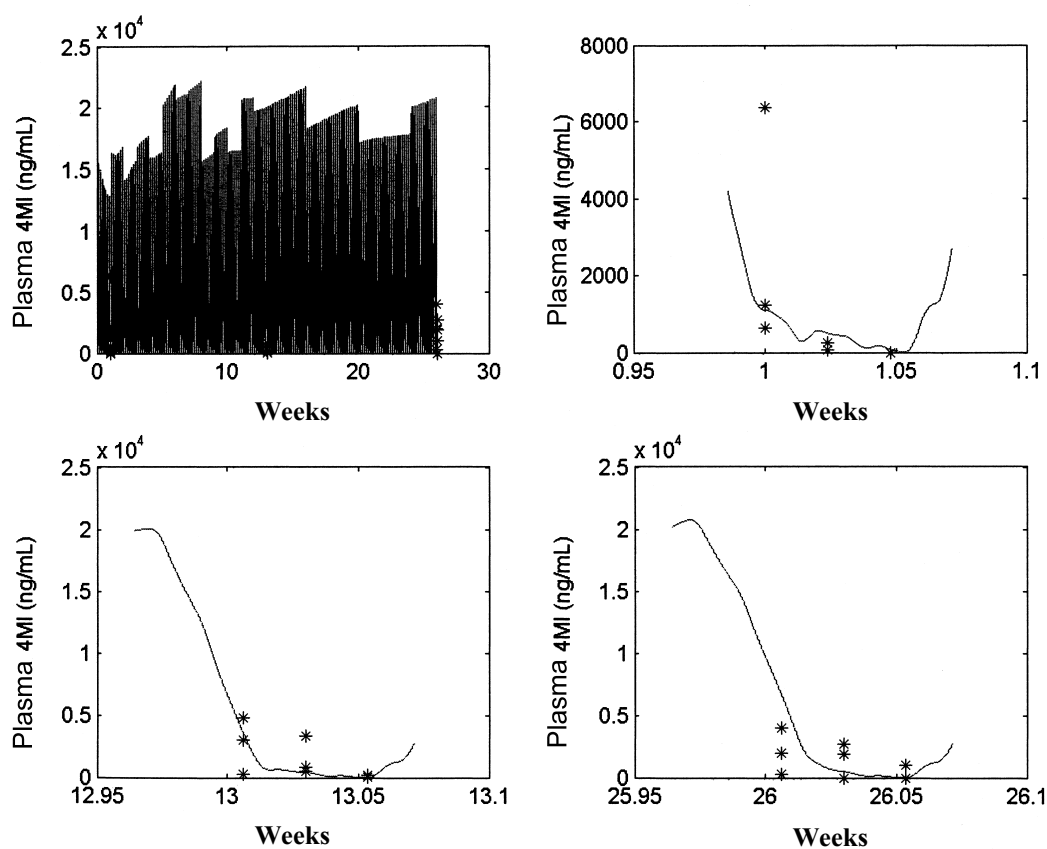
**FIGURE K16**

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The upper left panel plots the data and predictions for the first 26 weeks of the feed study; the other panels expand the plot at the times of data collection at 1, 13, and 26 weeks.



**FIGURE K17**

**Full PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Mice Exposed to 625 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**  
The upper left panel plots the data and predictions for the first 26 weeks of the feed study; the other panels expand the plot at the times of data collection at 1, 13, and 26 weeks.

**FIGURE K18**

**Full PBPK Model Predictions (lines) and Experimental Data (stars) for Plasma Concentrations of 4-Methylimidazole in Female Mice Exposed to 1,250 ppm in the 2-Year Feed Study of 4-Methylimidazole**  
The upper left panel plots the data and predictions for the first 26 weeks of the feed study; the other panels expand the plot at the times of data collection at 1, 13, and 26 weeks.