Report on the Peer Review of the RoC Draft Monograph on Haloacetic Acids Found as Water Disinfection By-products

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Outline

Report on Carcinogens (RoC)
Cancer hazard evaluation of haloacetic acids
Peer-review meeting and reports
NTP conclusions
Panel recommendations and comments
Next steps
The Report on Carcinogens (RoC) is congressionally mandated

- Public Health Service Act, Section 301(b)(4) (1978, amended 1993)
  - Directs Secretary, Health and Human Services (HHS) to publish a list of carcinogens
  - Lists substances as "known" or "reasonably anticipated human carcinogens"
- Identifies substances that pose a cancer hazard for people in the United States
- Each edition of the report is cumulative
- NTP prepares the RoC for the Secretary, HHS
- http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/roc
Process for Preparation of the RoC

Select substances for evaluation
- Invite nominations
- Conduct scoping and problem formulation activities
- Develop draft concepts
  - Public comment (1)
  - NTP BSC review (public meeting & comment)
  - NTP Director
- Finalize concepts and select substances for review

Prepare draft RoC monographs
- Develop protocol as needed
- Scientific and/or public input as needed
- Develop draft RoC monograph
  - Interagency review of NTP listing recommendation
- Finalize RoC monograph

Peer review and finalize RoC monographs
- Release draft RoC monograph
  - Public comment (2)
  - Peer review draft RoC monograph
  - NTP Peer review panel* or letter review
  - Prepare revised draft RoC monograph; present response to peer review report
  - BSC meeting
- NTP Director
- Finalize RoC monograph

Approve and release the RoC
- Submit listing recommendations
  - NTP Executive Committee
  - Approval of listing status by Secretary, HHS
  - Publish and release RoC

Key
- BSC = Board of Scientific Counselors
- HHS = Health and Human Services
- NTP = National Toxicology Program
- RoC = Report on Carcinogens
- * Federally chartered advisory groups
Water disinfection by-products: US exposure

• What are water disinfection by-products (DBPs)?
  - Formed by reaction of vegetative material or other organic materials, such as chemical pollutants, in water with antimicrobial oxidizing agents such as chlorine, chloramine, chlorine dioxide, or with naturally occurring halides.
  - Composition varies with water source, method of disinfection, season of the year.
  - Found in public water supply, including swimming pools and spas.

• More than 80% of U.S. population use disinfected water (with DBPs) from public facilities, most others use private well water

• Over 500 chemicals have been identified.
  - Trihalomethanes: 58% by weight of halogenated by-products.
  - Haloacetic acids: 36% by weight of halogenated by-products.
Thirteen haloacetic acids identified

Six haloacetic acids had animal cancer studies

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Assessment of different types of evidence for 13 individual HAAs

Read across approaches

Overall cancer hazard evaluation

Properties
- Electrophilicity, pKa
- Comparative data
- Predicted TDS$_{50}$ and BMDs for carcinogenicity
- Potencies

ADME and TK

Animal cancer studies

Mechanism

Read Across Approaches
- All 13 HAAs as a class?
- Seven potential subclasses of HAAs?
- Individual HAAs without animal data?

RoC Listing Criteria

Preliminary Listing Recommendations
## Haloacetic acid peer-review panel

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**NTP BSC Liaison:** Daniel Kass
| Charge | To comment on whether the draft RoC Monograph on Haloacetic Acids Found as Water Disinfection By-Products is technically correct, clearly stated, and objectively presented.  
To provide opinion on whether there is currently or was in the past significant human exposure to haloacetic acids found as water disinfection by-products. |
| Actions (votes) | Whether the scientific evidence supports the NTP’s conclusions on the level of evidence for carcinogenicity from cancer studies in humans and experimental animals.  
Whether the scientific evidence supports the NTP’s preliminary policy decisions on the listing status of several haloacetic acids found as water disinfection by-products in the RoC. |
The panel agreed unanimously with NTP conclusions

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| Cancer studies in experimental animals  | *Sufficient evidence:*  
  Bromochloroacetic acid  
  Bromodichloroacetic acid  
  Dibromoacetic acid  
  Dichloroacetic acid  

  *Insufficient evidence:*  
  Monochloroacetic acid  
  Trichloroacetic acid | Agree* |
| Listing recommendation (for four haloacetic acids with sufficient evidence) | *Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen* | Agree* |

* Each chemical was voted on individually.
Evaluation of TBA and CDBA without cancer data

- Tribromoacetic acid (TBA) and chlorodibromoacetic acid (CDBA) have no animal cancer data, but are metabolized to animal carcinogens.
  - TBA is metabolized to DBA
  - CDBA is metabolized to BCA

- TBA and CDBA have similar mechanistic properties to haloacetic acids that caused tumors in animals.
  - electrophilic
  - oxidative stress
  - DNA damage
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Panel’s comments on the draft monograph

Scientific and technical comments to improve monograph

• No major scientific disagreements

• The panel concurred that haloacetic acids could not be evaluated as a class or as subclass(es), although with more mechanistic data this may be possible in the future.

• Substantial revisions
  – Include additional exposure information and references
  – Provide concise synthesis of ADME section
  – Clarify why metabolism to a carcinogen approach is not used for trichloroacetic acid.

• Comments outside the scope of the RoC monographs
  – Describe histology and necropsy process in more detail in text
  – Expand how common or multiple cancer mechanisms would be evaluated across subclasses of haloacetic acids.
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Questions?