

The National Toxicology Program's Level of Evidence Rating System

NTP Developmental Studies

Clear evidence

Positive result: The substance shows the ability to cause developmental toxicity, such as adverse effects on a developing fetus, in laboratory animals.

Some evidence

Positive result: The substance shows the ability to cause developmental toxicity in laboratory animals, but the strength of the response is less than for clear evidence.

Equivocal evidence

Uncertain findings: The substance may or may not have the ability to cause developmental toxicity in laboratory animals.

No evidence

Negative result: The substance does not show the ability to cause developmental toxicity in laboratory animals.