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TOPICAL HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM OF CANDIDATE INSECT REPELLENTS
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STUDY NO. 75-51-0160-81, 75-51-0162-81 thru
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- Eye irritation
- Photoirritation
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A summary of the pertinent findings and recommendations of the inclosed report follows:

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1. AUTHORITY.

   a. Letter, US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service,
      Southern Region, Insects Affecting Man Research Laboratory, Gainesville,
      Florida, 13 October 1978.

   b. Memorandum of Understanding between the US Army Environmental Hygiene
      Agency; the US Army Health Services Command; the Department of the Army,
      Office of The Surgeon General; the Armed Forces Pest Control Board; and the
      US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research, Science and Education
      Administration, titled, Coordination of Biological and Toxicological Testing

2. REFERENCE. Toxicology Division Procedural Guide, US Army Environmental
   Hygiene Agency (USAEHA), 1972, revised 1976.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this program is to provide guidance for further
   entomological testing of candidate insect repellents: AI3-37330a, 37332a,
   37339a, 37343a, 37346a, 37349a and 37350a.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. Hazard evaluations of the above-named candidate
   repellents were conducted by this Agency using New Zealand White rabbits for
   skin and eye studies, Hartley guinea pigs for a skin sensitization study, and
   Sprague-Dawley rats for determination of oral toxicity. A tabular
   presentation of animal toxicity data developed by this Agency follows:*t

* In conducting the studies described in this report, the investigators
  adhered to the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals," US
  Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Publication No. (NIH) 74-23,
  revised 1978.
† The experiments reported herein were performed in animal facilities fully
  accredited by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory
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PHOTOCHEMICAL SKIN IRRITATION STUDIES

Rabbits

A single 0.05-mL application of a 25-percent (w/v) solution of each tested chemical and a 10 percent (w/v) Oil of Bergamot solution (positive control) in 95-percent ethyl alcohol were applied to the intact skin of six rabbits. Five minutes after application, the rabbits were exposed to UV light (365 nm) for 30 minutes at a distance of 10-15 cm.

Control

Following UV exposures of the rabbits, 0.05 mL of test chemical, positive control, and diluent were applied to additional unirradiated skin areas. Applicator areas were checked for skin irritation at 24, 48, and 72 hours.

All tested chemicals did not cause a photochemical irritation reaction under test conditions and are not expected to cause a photochemical irritation in humans.

A 25-percent solution in ethanol did not cause a photochemical irritation reaction under test conditions.
**SENSITIZATION STUDIES**

**Guinea Pigs (Male)**

Intradermal injections of 0.1 mL of a 0.1-percent solution (w/v) of the tested chemicals or of dinitrochlorobenzene (DNCB)* in a mixture containing 1 volume of propylene glycol and 29 volumes of saline.

Ten test guinea pigs for each chemical were given 10 sensitizing doses over a 3-week period. After 2 weeks rest, they were challenged with ID injections of each test chemical. Challenge doses of the tested chemicals did not produce a sensitization reaction.

Ten positive control guinea pigs were sensitized over 3 weeks with DNCB. After 2 weeks' rest, they were challenged with ID injections of DNCB. Challenge dose of DNCB in positive control guinea pigs produced a marked sensitization reaction in 10 out of 10 guinea pigs.

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* A known skin sensitizer.

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5. CONCLUSION. Technical grade chemicals A13-37330a, 37339a, and 37350a did not cause any skin, eye, or photoirritation, no sensitization reaction, and did not prove to be an acute ingestion hazard. Technical grade chemicals A13-37332a, 37343a, 37346a, and 37349a did not cause any skin or photo-irritation, no sensitization reaction, and did not prove to be an acute ingestion hazard, but did cause mild injury to the cornea and, in addition, some injury to the conjunctiva.

6. RECOMMENDATION. Under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (paragraph 1b), it is recommended that the following USDA proprietary chemicals be approved for further testing as candidate insect repellents: A13-37330a, 37332a, 37339a, 37343a, 37346a, 37349a, and 37350a.

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APPENDIX A

TOPICAL HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM
DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES OF COMPOUNDS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ACUTE SKIN APPLICATION

CATEGORY I - Compounds producing no primary irritation of the intact skin or no greater than mild primary irritation of the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: No restriction for acute application to the human skin.)

CATEGORY II - Compounds producing mild primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should be used only on human skin found by examination to have no abrasions or may be used as a clothing impregnant.)

CATEGORY III - Compounds producing moderate primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should not be used directly on the skin without a prophetic patch test having been conducted on humans to determine irritation potential to human skin. May be used without patch testing, with extreme caution, as clothing impregnants. Compound should be resubmitted in the form and at the intended use concentration so that its irritation potential can be reexamined using other test techniques on animals.)

CATEGORY IV - Compounds producing moderate to severe primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion and, in addition, producing necrosis, vesiculation, and/or eschars. (INTERPRETATION: Should be resubmitted for testing in the form and at the intended use concentration. Upon resubmission, its irritation potential will be reexamined using other test techniques on animals, prior to possible prophetic patch testing in humans, at concentrations which have been shown not to produce primary irritation in animals.)

CATEGORY V - Compounds impossible to classify because of staining of the skin or other masking effects owing to physical properties of the compound. (INTERPRETATION: Not suitable for use on humans.)

EYE CATEGORIES:

A. Compounds noninjurious to the eye. INTERPRETATION: Irritation of human eyes is not expected if the compound should accidentally get into the eyes, provided it is washed out as soon as possible.

B. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes.

C. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea, and in addition some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes and mucosa.

D. Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes.

E. Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea, and in addition producing some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes and mucosa.

F. Compounds producing severe injury to the cornea and in the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution. It is recommended that use be restricted to areas other than the face.
APPENDIX B

ANALYTICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Analytical Quality Assurance Office certifies the following with regard to Topical Hazard Evaluation Program of Candidate Insect Repellents, US Department of Agriculture Proprietary Chemicals, Study Nos. 75-51-0160-81, 75-51-0162-81 thru 75-51-0165-81, 75-51-0167-81, and 75-51-0168-81, October 1978 - April 1981

a. This study was conducted in accordance with:

(1) Standing Operating Procedures developed by the Toxicology Division, USAEHA.


b. Facilities were inspected during its operational phase to insure compliance with paragraph a.

c. The information presented in this report accurately reflects the raw data generated during the course of conducting the study.

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