1. Exposure Data

1.1 Chemical and physical data

1.1.1 Synonyms, structural and molecular data

Chem. Abstr. Serv. Reg. No.: 6459-94-5 Chem. Abstr. Name: 8-[(3,3'-Dimethyl-4'-[(4-[([4-methylphenyl]sulfonyl)oxy]phenyl)azo][1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)azo]-7-hydroxy-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt Colour Index No.: 23635

Synonyms: Acid Red 114; CI Acid Red 114, disodium salt



C₃₇H₂₈N₄O₁₀S₃.2Na

Mol. wt: 830.84

1.1.2 Chemical and physical properties

- (a) Description: Deep-maroon powder (Green, 1990); red powder (US National Toxicology Program, 1991)
- (b) Melting-point: 250-300 °C (decomposes) (US National Toxicology Program, 1991)
- (c) Spectroscopy data: Infrared, ultraviolet and nuclear magnetic resonance spectral data have been reported (Pouchert, 1981; Sadtler Research Laboratories, 1988; Green, 1990; US National Toxicology Program, 1991).
- (d) Solubility: Soluble in water (80 g/l at 80 °C) (International Dyestuffs Corp., 1990); very slightly soluble in ethanol (Green, 1990)

1.1.3 Trade names, technical products and impurities

Some trade names are: Acid Leather Red BG; Amacid Milling Red PRS; Benzyl Fast Red BG; Benzyl Red BR; Elcacid Milling Fast Red RS; Erionyl Red RS; Fenafor Red PB; Folan Red B; Intrazone Red BR; Kayanol Milling Red RS; Leather Fast Red B; Levanol Red GG; Midlon Red PRS; Milling Fast Red B; Milling Red B; Milling Red BB; Milling Red SWB; Polar Red RS; Sandolan Red N-RS; Sella Fast Red RS; Sulphonol Red R; Suminol Milling Red RS; Supranol Fast Red 3G; Supranol Fast Red GG; Supranol Red PBX-CF; Supranol Red R; Telon Fast Red GG; Tertracid Milling Red B; Vondamol Fast Red RS.

Technical-grade CI Acid Red 114 is available in commercial mixtures containing 25–85% pure dye. Other typical ingredients include sodium chloride and mineral oil (see IARC, 1984, 1987) (Crompton & Knowles Corp., 1990; International Dyestuffs Corp., 1990; US National Toxicology Program, 1991; Aldrich Chemical Co., 1992).

1.1.4 Analysis

No data were available to the Working Group.

1.2 Production and use

1.2.1 Production

CI Acid Red 114, a bright red anionic bisazo dye, is manufactured by converting 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine (*ortho*-tolidine; see IARC, 1972) to the tetraazonium salt, which is then coupled successively to G acid (2-naphthol-6,8-disulfonic acid) and phenol. The phenol hydroxy function is then esterified with *para*-tolylsulfonyl chloride (Green, 1990).

CI Acid Red 114 has been produced commercially since the early 1900s. In the USA, there were six manufacturers and two importers of CI Acid Red 114 in 1977 (US Environmental Protection Agency, 1988). Annual production volume by five manufacturers in 1990 was estimated to be 10–100 tonnes, whereas it was 170 tonnes in 1979 (US International Trade Commission, 1980). In 1980, the USA imported about 7 tonnes of CI Acid Red 114 (US International Trade Commission, 1981).

1.2.2 Use

CI Acid Red 114 is used to dye wool (from a weak acid bath), silk (from either a neutral or acetic acid bath), jute and leather. Wool and silk are also printed directly (Green, 1990).

1.3 Occurrence

1.3.1 Natural occurrence

CI Acid Red 114 is not known to occur as a natural product.

1.3.2 Occupational exposure

No data were available to the Working Group.

The US Environmental Protection Agency, the American Textile Manufacturers Institute and the Ecological and Toxicological Association of the Dyestuffs Manufacturing Industry conducted a joint survey in 1986–87 to estimate airborne concentrations of dye dust in dye weighing rooms of plants where powder dyes are used in the dyeing and printing of

textiles. The survey was based on a sample of 24 sites chosen at random from among textile plants where powder dyes are weighed. Although CI Acid Red 114 was not among the dyes included in the survey, the results are considered to be representative of dye dust levels during weighing of this type of powder dye. The mean airborne concentration of total active colourant in the plants monitored was estimated to be 0.085 mg/m³ (US Environmental Protection Agency, 1990).

On the basis of a survey conducted in the USA between 1981 and 1983, the US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health estimated that a total of 18 511 workers, including 352 women, may have been exposed to CI Acid Red 114 at 300 textile and leather goods manufacturing plants (US National Library of Medicine, 1992).

1.3.3 Other

Anaerobic biodegradation of CI Acid Red 114 gives rise to the amine metabolites, 3,3'dimethylbenzidine and 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid (4'-aminophenyl) ester. Following incubation of 100 mg/l of dyestuff at 35 °C in the presence of anaerobic sludge inoculum, primary degradation was complete within seven days (Brown & Hamburger, 1987).

1.4 Regulations and guidelines

In Germany, CI Acid Red 114 must be handled like the corresponding hypothetical reduction amine, 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine, which is classified as an A₂ compound. Such materials are considered to have been proven to be carcinogenic only in animal experimentation but under conditions comparable to those of possible human exposure at the workplace (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 1992).

2. Studies of Cancer in Humans

No data were available to the Working Group.

3. Studies of Cancer in Experimental Animals

3.1 Oral administration

Rat

Groups of 50, 35, 65 and 50 male and 50, 35, 65 and 50 female Fischer 344/N rats, five weeks old, were administered 0, 70, 150 or 300 mg/l (ppm) (males) and 0, 150, 300 or 600 ppm (females) CI Acid Red 114 (purity, 85%; with about 15 organic chemicals of similar structure, including approximately 5 ppm 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine and < 1 ppm benzidine in distilled drinking-water for 104 weeks. Survival at 105 weeks was 24/50, 15/35, 26/65 and 1/50 for male rats and 36/50, 13/35, 6/64 and 0/50 for females in the control, low-, mid- and high-dose groups, respectively (p < 0.001 for both males and females). All female rats receiving 600 ppm died by week 89. The decreased survival in the treated groups was due to development of treatment-related neoplasms. As shown in Table 1, there were increased

incidences of benign and malignant tumours of the skin, Zymbal gland and liver in male and female rats, and of the clitoral gland, oral cavity, small and large intestine and lung in female rats (US National Toxicology Program, 1991).

Survival and tumour types ^a	Dose (p Value ^b			
Males Females	0	70 150	150 300	300 600	-
	0	150	500		
Males					
Survival ^c	24/50	15/35	26/65	1/50	
Skin					
Basal-cell adenoma or carcinoma	1/50	5/35	28/65	32/50	< 0.001
Sebaceous-cell adenoma or carcinoma	1/50	1/35	5/65	6/50	= 0.007
Squamous-cell papilloma or carcinoma	1/50	2/35	11/65	9/50	= 0.001
Keratoacanthoma	1/50	1/35	4/65	7/50	< 0.001
Zymbal gland adenoma or carcinoma	0/50	0/35	8/65	7/50	= 0.005
Liver neoplasms	2/50	2/35	15/65	20/50	< 0.001
Females					
Survival	36/50	13/35	6/64	0/50	
Basal-cell adenoma or carcinoma of the skin	0/50	4/35	7/65	5/50	= 0.012
Zymbal gland adenoma or carcinoma	0/50	3/35	18/65	19/50	< 0.001
Clitoral gland adenoma or carcinoma	11/48	17/32	28/62	23/50	< 0.001
Liver neoplasms	0/50	0/35	19/64	8/50	< 0.001
Lung adenoma or carcinoma	1/50	2/35	9/65	4/50	= 0.007
Oral cavity squamous-cell papilloma or carcinoma	0/50	3/35	9/65	6/50	= 0.017
Small intestine polyps or adenocarcinoma	0/50	0/35	1/63	2/50	> 0.05
Large intestine polyps or adenocarcinoma	0/50	1/35	0/64	3/50	> 0.05

Table 1. Survival and tumour incidences in male and female Fischer 344/N rats administered CI Acid Red 114 in the drinking-water for 104 weeks

From US National Toxicology Program (1991) "Terms used by authors ^bLogistic regression test for trend

^cAt 22 months; reduced survival in exposed groups due to tumour development

4. Other Relevant Data

4.1 Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion

4.1.1 Humans

No data were available to the Working Group.

4.1.2 Experimental systems

CI Acid Red 114 (100 mg/kg) containing less than 1% 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine as an impurity was administered once in the diet to two female mongrel dogs weighing 15 kg, and

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48-h urine was analysed for 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine, the potential metabolic product (Lynn *et al.*, 1980). Excretion was found to be 0.04% of the dose of dye administered, which is in excess of what would be expected from the level of impurity; *para*-aminophenyl-*para*-toluenesulfonate was also identified as a urinary metabolite. The same dose of CI Acid Red 114 was also administered once to four male Sprague-Dawley rats by intragastric intubation; after 72 h, only 0.01% of the dose could be identified as 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine.

4.2 Toxic effects

4.2.1 Humans

No data were available to the Working Group.

4.2.2 Experimental animals

CI Acid Red 114 was tested for toxicity in male and female Fischer 344/N rats in a range-finding study for carcinogenicity testing (US National Toxicology Program, 1991). The purity of the test compound was estimated to be 82–85%; impurities consisted of about 15 organic chemicals of similar structure, with benzidine at less than 1 ppm and 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine at about 5 ppm. In a 13-day study, groups of five rats were dosed with 0, 10 000, 20 000 or 30 000 ppm (mg/l) in drinking-water. Except for one accidental death, all rats survived to the end of the study. Final mean body weights were significantly lower for males in the mid- and high-dose groups (83 and 77%, respectively) and for females in all dose groups (92, 88 and 80%, respectively). Hypocellularity of sternal bone marrow was found in three males and in all females given 20 000 ppm. The marrow was depleted of erythroid and myeloid cells. Lymphocytic depletion of the thymus was observed in four males and one female of the same dose group.

In the 13-week study, groups of 10 rats received 0, 600, 1200, 2500, 5000 or 10 000 ppm (mg/l) CI Acid Red 114 in the drinking-water for 94 days (males) or 95 days (females) (US National Toxicology Program, 1991). All rats survived. Body weights were lower than those in controls in all groups that received 1200 ppm and above (94–85%). Relative liver weights were increased in all dosed males and females; absolute and relative kidney weights were increased in females receiving doses of 1200 ppm and above. Haematocrit, haemoglobin and erythrocyte counts were decreased in dosed females, and the erythrocyte count was reduced at 1500 ppm and above in males. Some enzyme levels were elevated, consistent with mild hepatocellular damage, and minimal-to-mild lesions in liver were seen upon histopathological examination. Kupffer cells in the livers of most treated females contained brown pigment. An increased prevalence of reticulum-cell hyperplasia of the mesenteric lymph node was observed in treated males and females. Tubular regeneration and chronic inflammation of the kidneys occurred more frequently in treated females than in controls. Minimal amounts of brownish pigment were also seen in the tubular epithelial cells of the kidneys.

4.3 Reproductive and prenatal effects

No data were available to the Working Group.

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4.4 Genetic and related effects

4.4.1 Humans

No data were available to the Working Group.

4.4.2 *Experimental systems* (see also Table 2 and Appendices 1 and 2)

CI Acid Red 114 was mutagenic to *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA1538 and TA98 under reducing conditions. It did not induce sex-linked recessive lethal mutation in *Drosophila melanogaster* and did not induce unscheduled DNA synthesis in primary cultures of rat hepatocytes (abstract) or sister chromatid exchange or chromosomal aberrations in cultured Chinese hamster ovary cells. It did not induce unscheduled DNA synthesis in the hepatocytes of rats dosed orally (abstract).

Activated *ras* genes were found in 13/16 tumours induced in rats by CI Acid Red 114 (US National Toxicology Program, 1991) and in 1/38 spontaneous tumours tested (a CGA in codon 61 in a clitoral gland adenoma) (Reynolds *et al.*, 1990; Table 3).

5. Summary of Data Reported and Evaluation

5.1 Exposure data

CI Acid Red 114, a bis-azo dye derived from 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine, is used to dye wool, silk, jute and leather.

5.2 Human carcinogenicity data

No data were available to the Working Group.

5.3 Animal carcinogenicity data

CI Acid Red 114 was tested for carcinogenicity in one study in rats by administration in the drinking-water. It increased the incidences of benign and malignant tumours of the skin, Zymbal gland and liver in male and female rats, and of the clitoral gland, lung, oral cavity and small and large intestine in female rats.

5.4 Other relevant data

Reductive cleavage of the azo bonds to yield 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine was demonstrated in vivo.

CI Acid Red 114 induced gene mutation in bacteria under reducing conditions. It did not induce gene mutation in insects or sister chromatid exchange or chromosomal aberrations in cultured mammalian cells.

Test system	Result		Dose	Reference
	Without exogenous metabolic system	With exogenous metabolic system	- (LED/HID) ^a	
SA0, Salmonella typhimurium TA100, reverse mutation			500.0000	Venturini & Thmore (1070)
SA0, Salmonella typhimurium TA100, reverse mutation	0	_b	200.0000	Venturini & Tamaro (1979)
SA0, Salmonella typhimurium TA100, reverse mutation	0 0	+ c	62.5000	Elliot & Gregory (1980)
SA0, Salmonella typhimurium TA100, reverse mutation	-	-	167.0000	Elliot & Gregory (1980) Mortelmana et al. (1986)
SA5, Salmonella typhimurium TA1535, reverse mutation	_	_	500.0000	Mortelmans <i>et al.</i> (1986) Venturini & Tamaro (1979)
SA5, Salmonella typhimurium TA1535, reverse mutation	-	-	167.0000	Mortelmans <i>et al.</i> (1986)
SA7, Salmonella typhimurium TA1537, reverse mutation	-		167.0000	
SA8, Salmonella typhimurium TA1538, reverse mutation	_	_	500.0000	Mortelmans <i>et al.</i> (1986)
SA8, Salmonella typhimurium TA1538, reverse mutation	_	+ d	100.0000	Venturini & Tamaro (1979) Reid <i>et al.</i> (1984)
SA9, Salmonella typhimurium TA98, reverse mutation	_	_	500.0000	
SA9, Salmonella typhimurium TA98, reverse mutation	0	_b,e	500.0000	Venturini & Tamaro (1979)
SA9, Salmonella typhimurium TA98, reverse mutation	0 0	+ ¢	62.5000	Elliot & Gregory (1980)
SA9, Salmonella typhimurium TA98, reverse mutation	0	+f	40.0000	Elliot & Gregory (1980)
SA9, Salmonella typhimurium TA98, reverse mutation	- -	(+) ^g	500.0000	Prival <i>et al.</i> (1984) Mortelmana et <i>al.</i> (1086)
SA9, Salmonella typhimurium TA98, reverse mutation	0	+ e	125.0000	Mortelmans <i>et al.</i> (1986)
DMX, Drosophila melanogaster, sex-linked recessive lethal	-	1	1500.0000	Dellarco & Prival (1989)
mutations			1500.0000	Woodruff et al. (1985)
DMX, Drosophila melanogaster, sex-linked recessive lethal mutations	-		50000.0000 feed	Woodruff et al. (1985)
JRP, Unscheduled DNA synthesis, rat primary hepatocytes in vitro		0	0.0000	Mirsalis et al. (1983); abstr.
SIC, Sister chromatid exchange, Chinese hamster ovary cells in vitro	-	-	50.0000	US National Toxicology Program (1991)

Table 2. Genetic and related effects of CI Acid Red 114

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Table 2 (contd)

Test system	Result		Dose (LED/HID) ^a	Reference		
	Without exogenous metabolic system	With exogenous metabolic system				
CIC, Chromosomal aberrations, Chinese hamster ovary cells in vitro	-	_	50.0000	US National Toxicology Program (1991)		
UPR, Unscheduled DNA synthesis, rat hepatocytes in vivo	-		0.0000 po	Mirsalis et al. (1983); abstr.		
+, positive; (+), weakly positive; -, negative; 0, not tested						
"In-vitro tests, µg/ml; in-vivo tests, mg/kg bw						
^b Anaerobic preincubation or with riboflavin supplementation						
Plate incorporation, with reduction using sodium dithionate						
^d Bacterial caecal reduction						
Plate incorporation with or without riboflavin						

Plate incorporation with or without riboflavin

^fPreincubation with hamster or rat liver S9 and flavin mononucleotide supplementation, no aeration #Hamster liver S9

Tumour type	Frequency	N- ras	H-ras								
			Total	Codon 12		Codon 13		Codon 61			
				GAA	AGA	CGC	GTC	AAA	СТА	CGA	
Treated										····	
Clitoral gland adenoma	4/4		4			1		1	1	1	
Basal-cell adenoma (skin)	4/5	1	3	2	1	T		T	1	1	
Basal-cell carcinoma (skin)	1/1	-	1	2	1						
Squamous-cell carcinoma (skin)	3/3		3		1			2	1		
Trichoepithelioma (skin)	1/1		1		1						
Fibrosarcoma	0/1				•						
Mammary fibroadenoma	0/1										
Untreated											
Clitoral gland adenoma	1/2		1							1	
Preputial gland carcinoma	0/1		-							1	
Mammary gland fibroadenoma or adenoma	0/11										
Mammary adenocarcinoma	0/2										
Subcutaneous fibroma or fibroadenoma	0/5										
Lipoma	0/1										
Testicular interstitial-cell adenoma	0/5										
Fibrosarcoma	0/2										
Mononuclear-cell leukaemia	0/3										
Adrenal phaeochromocytoma	0/1										
Pancreatic acinar adenoma	0/1										
Pancreatic islet-cell adenoma	0/1										
Pituitary adenoma	0/1										
Splenic haemangiosarcoma	0/1										
Prostatic adenocarcinoma	0/1										

Table 3. Activating ras mutations in tumours induced in Fischer 344 Red 114 and in untreated animals	4 rats by CI Acid
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Adapted from Reynolds et al. (1990)

5.5 Evaluation¹

There is *inadequate evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of CI Acid Red 114. There is *sufficient evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of CI Acid Red 114.

¹For definition of the italicized terms, see Preamble, pp. 26-30.

Overall evaluation

CI Acid Red 114 is possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B).

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