

6. EVALUATION

6.1 Cancer in humans

There is *inadequate evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of drinking coffee.

There is *evidence suggesting lack of carcino- genicity* of drinking coffee in humans for cancers of the pancreas, liver, female breast, uterine endometrium, and prostate. Inverse associations with drinking coffee have been observed with cancers of the liver and uterine endometrium.

6.2 Cancer in experimental animals

There is *inadequate evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of coffee.

6.3 Overall evaluation

Drinking coffee is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans (Group 3).