

WHO SPECIFICATIONS AND EVALUATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PESTICIDES

ETHYL BUTYLACETYLAMINOPROPIONATE*

ethyl 3-[acetyl(butyl)amino]propanoate



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INTRODUCTION

WHO establishes and publishes specifications¹ for technical material and related formulations of public health pesticides with the objective that these specifications may be used to provide an international point of reference against which products can be judged either for regulatory purposes or in commercial dealings.

From 2002, the development of WHO specifications follows the **New Procedure**, described in the “Manual on the development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for chemical pesticides.” This **New Procedure** follows a formal and transparent evaluation process. It describes the minimum data package, the procedure and evaluation applied by WHO and the experts of the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications (JMPS).

WHO specifications now only apply to products for which the technical materials have been evaluated. Consequently, from the year 2002 onwards, the publication of WHO specifications under the **New Procedure** has changed. Every specification consists now of two parts, namely the specifications and the evaluation report(s):

Part One: The Specification of the technical material and the related formulations of the pesticide in accordance with chapters 4 to 8 of the above-mentioned manual.

Part Two: The Evaluation Report(s) of the pesticide, reflecting the evaluation of the data package carried out by WHO and the JMPS. The data are provided by the manufacturer(s) according to the requirements of chapter 3 of the above-mentioned manual and supported by other information sources. Evaluation reports include the name(s) of the manufacturer(s) whose technical material has been evaluated. Evaluation reports on specifications developed subsequently to the original set of specifications are added in chronological order to this report.

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Specifications bear the date (month and year) of publication of the current version. Evaluations bear the date (year) of the meeting at which the recommendations were made by the JMPS.

¹ The publications are available on the Internet under the WHO Prequalification Unit – Vector Control Product Assessment Team (PQT/VCP) website: <https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vector-control-products>.

PART ONE: SPECIFICATIONS

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Ethyl Butylacetylaminopropionate Information

Common name

Ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate (INCI*)

Synonyms

IR3535®, AI 3-70763, EBAAP, ethyl 3-(*N*-butylacetamido)propionate, Merck 3535, OMS 3065, Quwenzhi

Chemical names

IUPAC: ethyl 3-[acetyl(butyl)amino]propanoate

CA: beta-alanine, *N*-acetyl-*N*-butyl-, ethyl ester

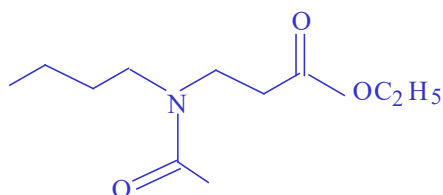
CAS Registry number

52304-36-6

CIPAC number

667

Structural formula



Empirical formula

C₁₁H₂₁NO₃

Relative molecular mass

215.3

* INCI is the International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients, a system developed by the European Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfume Association (COLIPA).

Ethyl Butylacetylaminopropionate Technical Material

WHO Specification 667/TC (November 2024**)

This specification, which is PART ONE of this publication, is based on an evaluation of data submitted by the manufacturers whose names are listed in the evaluation reports (667/2005, 667/2024). It should be applicable to relevant products of these manufacturers, but it is not an endorsement of those products nor a guarantee that they comply with the specification. The specification may not be appropriate for the products of other manufacturers. The evaluation reports (667/2005, 667/2024), as PART TWO, form an integral part of this publication.

1 Description

The material shall consist of ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate together with related manufacturing impurities, in the form of a colourless to slightly yellowish and almost odourless liquid, free from visible extraneous matter and added modifying agents.

2 Active ingredient

2.1 Identity tests (667/TC/M/2, CIPAC Handbook Mp.77, 2009)

The active ingredient shall comply with an identity test and, where the identity remains in doubt, shall comply with at least one additional test.

2.2 Ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate content (667/TC/M/3, CIPAC Handbook M, p.77, 2009)

The ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate content shall be declared (not less than 980 g/kg) and, when determined, the average measured content shall not be lower than the declared minimum content.

3 Physical properties

3.1 pH range (MT 75.3, CIPAC Handbook J, p.131, 2000)

pH range of a 5% aqueous solution: 4.0 to 6.0.

** Specifications may be revised and/or additional evaluations may be undertaken. Ensure the use of current versions by checking at the WHO Prequalification Unit – Vector Control Product Assessment Team (PQT/VCP) website: <https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vector-control-products/specifications-new-procedure>.

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FAO/WHO Evaluation Report 667/2024

Recommendations

The Meeting recommended that:

- (i) The ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC as proposed by Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd should be accepted as equivalent to the ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate reference profile.
- (ii) The existing WHO specification for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC should be extended to encompass the technical material produced by Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.

Appraisal

The Meeting considered data and information submitted by Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd between December 2021 and January 2024 in support of extension of the existing WHO specification for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC.

The data submitted met the requirements of the Manual on the development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for chemical pesticides (2022, second edition).

The manufacturer submitted confidential data on the manufacturing process, together with the manufacturing specification and 5-batch analysis data on ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC purity and all detectable impurities at or above 1 g/kg.

Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd stated that their ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC has been registered in China. A notice of approval has been received (registration certificate No. WP20080521 from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, 10 October 2018).

The batches analysed in the 5-batch study were produced over 8 months in 2020 and 2021. The mass balance in the 5 batches ranged from 993.38 to 996.66 g/kg. The specified minimum purity of ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate in the TC is 980 g/kg, which is identical to the limit specified in the published TC specification. The maximum limits for the impurities were supported by the 5-batch data and are statistically justified. The 5-batch analysis study report indicates that no other significant impurities (each at or above 1 g/kg) were found in any of the 5 batches.

The 5-batch analysis study was performed according to the principles of GLP. The CIPAC method 667/TC/M/3 (capillary gas chromatography with flame ionization detection and internal standardisation) was used for the determination of ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate in the technical material. An in-house method (reversed phase high performance liquid chromatography with UV diode-array detection) was used for the determination of other organic manufacturing impurities. All the analytical methods used in the 5-batch analysis study were adequately validated with their specificity, linearity of response, accuracy, repeatability and limits of detection and quantification (for impurities).

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A GLP study report was submitted for boiling point (OECD 103), solubility in organic solvents (CIPAC MT 181) and pH range of a 5% aqueous solution (CIPAC MT 75.3) for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC.

A bacterial reverse mutation test (OECD 471) with tester strains (*Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535 and TA1537, and *Escherichia coli* strain WP2uvrA) was submitted. The results of the study show that the ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC produced by Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd does not induce bacterial reverse mutations under the conditions of this study. At the request of the Meeting, the manufacturer provided additional information on the characterisation of the S-9 mix used for the metabolic activation of the strains.

On the basis of Tier-1 data provided by Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd (manufacturing process, purity/impurity profile, 5-batch analysis data, mutagenicity profile), the Meeting concluded that the ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC from Hunan Xuettian Fine Chemical Industry Co., Ltd should be considered as equivalent to the reference profile supporting the existing WHO specification 667/TC.

Additional action proposed by the Meeting

The Meeting recommended:

- Updating the reference in the TC specification to the CIPAC methods for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate identity and content, as they are published in the CIPAC Handbook M.
- Replacing the IUPAC name 3-(N-acetyl-N-butyl)aminopropionic acid ethyl ester in the WHO specification by ethyl 3-[acetyl(butyl)amino]propanoate.

Supporting Information
for Evaluation Report 667/2024

Physico-chemical properties of ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate**Table 1. Chemical composition and properties of ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate technical material (TC)**

Manufacturing process, maximum limits for impurities ≥ 1 g/kg, 5 batch analysis data		Confidential information supplied and held on file by WHO. Mass balances were 99.3–99.7% and percentages of unknowns were 0.33–0.66%.		
Declared minimum deltamethrin content		980 g/kg		
Relevant impurities ≥ 1 g/kg and maximum limits for them		None		
Relevant impurities < 1 g/kg and maximum limits for them		None		
Stabilisers or other additives and maximum limits for them		None		
Parameter	Value and conditions	Purity %	Method reference	Study number
Boiling point of the TC	291.7 °C under 101.78 kPa	99.2	EPA OCSP Guideline 830.7220 and OECD 103	NC-2021-082
Solubility in organic solvents at 20°C	n-heptane > 1000 g/l methanol between 750 g/l and 1000 g/l	99.2	EPA OCSP Guideline 830.7840 and OECD 105, MT181	NC-2021-082
pH range of a 5% aqueous solution	5.8	99.2	CIPAC method MT 75.3	NC-2021-082

Annex 1. Hazard Summary Provided by the Proposer

Notes.

- (i) The proposer confirmed that the toxicological data included in the summary below were derived from ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate having impurity profiles similar to those referred to in the table above.
- (ii) The conclusions expressed in the summary below are those of the proposer, unless otherwise specified.

Table 2. Mutagenicity profile of ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate technical material based on *in vitro* tests

Species	Test	Purity %	Guideline, duration, doses and conditions	Result	Study number
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> strains TA100, TA98, TA1535, TA1537 and <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain WP2uvrA	Ames test (<i>in vitro</i>)	98.5	OECD Guideline for the Testing of Chemicals 471 (21st July 1997: Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test)	No increase in the number of revertant colonies two-fold or more as compared with those of the negative control groups, either with or without metabolic activation system.	H048 (629-083)

Annex 2. References

Study number	Author(s)	Year	Study title. Study identification number. Report identification number. GLP [if GLP]. Company conducting the study
FAO/WHO Manual	FAO/WHO	2022	Manual on the development and use of FAO and WHO specifications for chemical pesticides – Second edition, Rome and Geneva. https://doi.org/10.4060/cb8401en
CIPAC M	Dobrat W. and Martijn A.	2009	CIPAC Handbook Volume M. Analysis of Technical and Formulated Pesticides. CIPAC methods 667/TC/M2/2 & 3, p. 77.
NC-2021-070	Ling Fu	2021	Preliminary Analysis and Enforcement Analytical Method of Ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC - Validation of Analytical Methodology for the Assay of Active Ingredient, Impurities and Subsequent 5-Batch Analysis of Ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC. Study NC-2021-070. GLP. Nutrichem Laboratory Co., Ltd. Unpublished.
NC-2021-082	Jing Zhang	2021	Chemical and Physical Characterization of Ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate TC : pH, Color, Physical State, Odor, Boiling Point, Solubility. Study NC-2021-082. GLP. Nutrichem Laboratory Co., Ltd. Unpublished.
H048 (629-083)	Sawako Kasamoto	2016	Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test of HX-16. Experiment No. H048 (629-083). GLP. Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Biosafety Research Center. Unpublished.

ETHYL BUTYLACETYLAMINOPROPIONATE (IR3535®)
Evaluation Report 667/2005

Recommendations

The Meeting recommended that:

- 1) the existing interim specification for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate (IR3535®) TC should be withdrawn;
- 2) the proposed specification for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate (IR3535®) TC should be adopted by WHO.

Appraisal

The data for ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate (IR3535®) were evaluated for review of an interim WHO specification for the TC (WHO/IS/TC/667/2001). No specifications were submitted for the formulations, which include solids and a diverse range of liquid materials.

The draft specification and the supporting data were provided by Merck KGaA, Germany, in 2004. The active ingredient is not under patent.

IR3535® does not have an ISO common name and its INCI common name, ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate, is less convenient for general use than the proprietary name, IR3535®.

IR3535® is an insect repellent that is not under patent and has been evaluated by WHOPES for efficacy (WHO 2001). WHO reports on efficacy were not relevant to, nor used in, the present evaluation.

IR3535® is moderately volatile, moderately soluble in water, very soluble in a wide range of organic solvents but it is not classed as fat soluble. It does not absorb UV light at wavelengths >250 nm and therefore photolysis should not occur.

Confidential information on the manufacturing process, and the impurities present at or above 1 g/kg, was provided by the proposer. Mass balances were high, in the range 996-1015 g/kg, and unknowns did not exceed 2 g/kg. These data were confirmed as essentially similar to those submitted to the authorities for registration of IR3535® in Australia (APVMA 2005). The minimum content of active ingredient is 980 g/kg (average 997, minimum 988, maximum 999, n=93, 2-year period).

The existing interim specification identifies no relevant impurities. When the existing specification was developed, WHO/PCS considered that there was no evidence to suggest that the impurities are more toxic than the active ingredient. WHO/PCS opinion remained unchanged and the Meeting agreed that none of the impurities should be designated as relevant.

IR3535® has neither acidic nor basic properties, so the pH of 4.7 produced by a 5% solution of pure active ingredient in CO₂-free water presumably resulted from acidic impurities. In a 3-month period in which water was not rate limiting (5% aqueous solution), IR3535® was <0.2% degraded at 2-6°C, about 10% degraded at 20-25°C and about 80% degraded at 40°C. Acid-catalyzed hydrolysis is known to occur and, although no data were provided, presumably alkaline hydrolysis can also occur. Although IR3535® is hydrolyzed only slowly, even at 40°C, it is acid-catalyzed and

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therefore control of acid content is important for stability of IR3535®. The existing interim specification for TC includes a clause for pH range (4-6, 5% solution) The manufacturing specification (Merck 1999) also provides a limit of 1 g/kg acidity, calculated as acetic acid. Acetic acid (pK_a 4.7), as an hydrolysis product, is presumably the impurity which determines the pH of IR3535® aqueous solutions. If so, specification of a pH range of 4-6 provides a rather better means of controlling acidity than limiting it to 1 g/kg and also ensures that alkaline hydrolysis cannot occur. The Meeting therefore agreed that the clause for pH range is both necessary and appropriate.

Data provided on the toxicity of IR3535® indicate that the main hazards relate to eye and skin irritation. The associated risks were consequently evaluated by WHO/PCS for development of the existing specification. The skin irritation observed in animal experiments was mild and had not been observed in humans. As eye exposure can be prevented, the irritation risks were considered acceptable by WHO/PCS.

No long-term toxicity or carcinogenicity studies were reported. In reviewing data for the existing interim specification, WHO/PCS considered that the consistently negative findings in genotoxicity testing, together with the apparently innocuous chemical structure, make it unlikely that IR3535® is carcinogenic to humans. At that time (2001), WHO/PCS indicated that, considering the direct and potentially long-term dermal exposure resulting from intended use of the chemical, it would be advisable for the manufacturer to conduct a long-term carcinogenicity assay in rodents. The manufacturer stated that the extensive data package available shows that IR3535® does not pose the risk of carcinogenicity. The manufacturer also stated that in the company's submission for EU review, taking into account the negative results of genotoxicity and mutagenicity studies and in the interests of animal welfare, a carcinogenicity study will not be conducted but that a sub-chronic toxicity study in a second animal species (non-rodent) is being conducted, for completion at the end of 2005 (Merck 2004a).

The overall WHO/PCS secretariat view, supported by registration acceptance decisions in the USA, Australia and elsewhere, was that the intended use of IR3535® as an insect repellent does not pose undue risks to the users.

No data were provided on the ecotoxicity of IR3535®. The manufacturer stated that the active ingredient is unlikely to pose risks to the environment in normal use. The WHO/PCS concurred with this view, as the intended use is unlikely to lead to release of the chemical in the environment.

Physical and toxicological test methods followed internationally recognised protocols.

The analytical method for determination of the active ingredient, in TC only, was adopted by CIPAC in 2005. The manufacturer produces no formulations but IR3535® is formulated by several hundred other companies throughout the world, each producing 3-10 different formulations (such as lotions, pump-sprays, aerosols, roll-ons, sticks, powders, gels, creams, wet-wipes). The formulants and co-formulated active ingredients (allantoin, bisabolol, film-forming agents, anti-ageing actives, polyglycols, UV filters, and many others) are different in each of >1000 formulations. There is no "typical" formulation and the manufacturer believed that collaborative study of the method on any particular formulation could give an inappropriate indication of method performance to be expected with other formulations (Merck 2004b). The Meeting accepted this argument.

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Identity tests utilizing GC relative retention time and IR spectrum were considered acceptable but the Meeting noted that refractive index is likely to be of limited value as an identity test.

The draft specification for TC was in accordance with the requirements of the manual (FAO/WHO 2002).

Supporting Information
For Evaluation Report 667/2005

Uses

IR3535 is an insect repellent for application to human skin and clothing in public health applications, to repel biting arthropods such as mosquitoes, flies and ticks (WHO 2001). The efficacy of IR3535 was independently evaluated by Cilek *et al.* (2004).

Identity

INCI name: ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate

Synonyms: IR3535®, AI 3-70763, EBAAP, Merck 3535,
ethyl 3-(*N*-butylacetamido)propionate

Chemical names

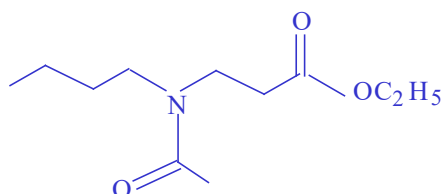
IUPAC: 3-(*N*-acetyl-*N*-butyl)aminopropionic acid ethyl ester

CA: *beta*-alanine, *N*-acetyl-*N*-butyl-, ethyl ester

CAS No: 52304-36-6

CIPAC number 667

Structural formula:



Molecular formula: C₁₁H₂₁NO₃

Relative molecular mass: 215,3

Identity tests: GC (relative retention time), IR spectrum (Merck 1996b)

Physico-chemical properties of IR3535®

Table 1. Physico-chemical properties of pure IR3535®

Parameter	Value(s) and conditions	Purity %	Method	Reference
Vapour pressure:	0.15 ± 0.01 Pa at 20°C	99.8	OECD no.104; EEC A.4; EPA D § 63-9	183634
Melting point	Liquid at room temperature	99.8	-	183612
Boiling point	Estimated metastable boiling point at 1 atm, slightly below 300°C. About 110°C at 0.02 kPa	99.8	EPA D § 63-6; EEC A.2	183612
Temperature of decomposition	141°C (TC)	99.8	EPA D § 63-6; EEC A.2	183612
Solubility in water:	70 ± 3 g/l at 20°C non-buffered	99.8	OECD no.105; EEC A.6; EPA D § 63-8	183645

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Table 1. Physico-chemical properties of pure IR3535®

Parameter	Value(s) and conditions	Purity %	Method	Reference
Solubility in organic solvents at room temperature:	<i>n</i> -heptane, >1000 g/l dichloromethane, >1000 g/l ethyl acetate, >1000 g/l <i>p</i> -xylene, >1000 g/l acetone, >1000 g/l methanol, 865 g/l	99.8	EPA D § 63-8	183735
Octanol / water partition coefficient:	log P _{OW} = 1.7 at 23°C unbuffered	99.8	OECD no.117; EEC A.8; EPA D § 63-11	183656
Hydrolysis characteristics:	In 3 months, 5% w/w solutions in non-buffered water (initial solution pH 4.7, initial free acid <0.1 g/kg IR3535) showed no measurable (<0.2%) degradation in a refrigerator (+2 to +6°C), about 10% degradation at room temperature (20-25°C), and about 80% degradation at 40°C. Hydrolysis of the ester is acid catalyzed.	not reported	Not reported. Measurements made by HPLC with external standardization.	Merck 1996a
Storage stability	A sample was found to contain 998 g/kg before and after storage for 14 d at 54 ± 2°C.	99.8%	CIPAC MT 46; EPA D § 63-13	183757
Photolysis characteristics:	No UV absorption >250 nm and not subject to direct photolysis	99.8	OECD draft; EPA Subdivision D Sec. 63-13; EU Directive 95/36/EC	184433
Dissociation characteristics:	None. 5% solution in non-buffered CO ₂ -free water was pH 4.7	99.8	CIPAC MT 75; EPA D § 63-12	183702
Flash point	159°C	99.8	DIN EN 22719; EEC A.9; EPA D § 63-15	183667
Mass per millilitre	998 g/l at 20 ± 0.5°C	99.8	EEC A.3; OECD 109; EPA D § 63-7	183623

Table 2. Chemical composition and properties of technical IR3535® (TC)

Manufacturing process, maximum limits for impurities ≥ 1 g/kg, 5 batch analysis data.	Confidential information supplied and held on file by WHO. Mass balances were 99.6-101.5% and percentages of unknowns were 0.16-0.21% (183746).
Declared minimum IR3535 content:	980 g/kg
Relevant impurities ≥ 1 g/kg and maximum limits for them:	None
Relevant impurities < 1 g/kg and maximum limits for them:	None
Stabilisers or other additives and maximum limits for them:	None

Table 2. Chemical composition and properties of technical IR3535® (TC)

Melting or boiling temperature range	Estimated metastable boiling point, slightly below 300°C. Not stable above about 141°C.
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Toxicological summaries

IR3535 was reviewed by US EPA in 1999 (Reg. No. 70759). It was evaluated for efficacy by the WHOPES programme and has also been evaluated by WHO/PCS (WHO 2001). It has been registered for use in many countries, most recently in Russia (September 2004) and P.R. China (November 2004) and data have been provided for evaluation under the EU Biocidal Products Directive (submission number 257-835-0), for review in 2006.

No data were available on the ecotoxicology profile of IR3535®. The Proposer noted that national authorities do not request such data because this active ingredient is unlikely to pollute the environment by direct use.

The WHO hazard classification for IR3535® is Class U: unlikely to present acute hazard in normal use (WHO 2004). The use pattern makes it unlikely that ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate will be evaluated by FAO/WHO JMPR. The compound has been assessed according to EU Directives and allocated the following risk phrases:

- Xi Irritant.
- R 36 Irritating to eyes.
- S 26 In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Formulations

The main formulation types are lotions, creams, milks, gels, sprays, roll-ons and powders. These formulations are not prepared by the manufacturer of IR3535® but they are registered and sold in many countries throughout the world.

Methods of analysis

The analytical method for identification and determination of IR3535® is based on gas chromatography using a flame ionization detector and internal standardization using methyl undecanoate. The method was adopted, with provisional status, by CIPAC in 2005.

Identification is by GC relative retention time and IR spectrum. The manufacturer indicated that refractive index may also be used.

Impurity profile data were generated using a similar method as for determination of the active ingredient but the TC was injected directly without dilution and quantification was by area percent. The material accountability study was performed according to the US Environmental Protection Agency's, Pesticide Assessment Guidelines, Subdivision D; Series 62.

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Physical properties

Test methods used to determine the physical properties of technical active ingredient were OECD, EPA, EU and DIN.

Containers and packaging

The active ingredient and its formulations should be stored in high density polyethylene containers.

Expression of the active ingredient

The active ingredient is expressed as ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate (IR3535®).

Annex 1. Hazard Summary Provided by the Proposer

Note: The proposer provided written confirmation that the toxicological and ecotoxicological data included in the following summary were derived from IR3535® having impurity profiles similar to those referred to in Table 2, above.

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Table A. Toxicology profile of technical IR3535®, based on acute toxicity, irritation and sensitization

Species	Test	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Rat, Wistar (5 males, 5 females)	oral	87/176/EEC	LD ₅₀ >5000 mg/kg bw	T14215
Rat, Sprague-Dawley (5 males, 5 females per dose group)	oral	Undiluted test material applied at 7.9, 10.0, 12.6, 15.9 and 20.0 ml/kg	LD ₅₀ = 14.0 ml/kg	Merck 1973a
Rat, Wistar (6 males per dose level)	oral	Undiluted test material applied by stomach tube; 20-30 ml/kg at 2 ml/kg dose intervals.	LD ₅₀ = 24 ml/kg	Merck 1981e
Dog, mongrel (1 male, 1 female per dose group)	oral	Undiluted material by gavage at 1, 2, 4 and 8 g/kg bw followed by 10 ml water	All animals survived; doses of 2 g/kg bw or more induced vomiting after 30-60 minutes followed by salivation after 20-30 minutes.	Merck 1981a
Rat, Sprague-Dawley (5 males, 5 females per dose level)	dermal	Undiluted test material applied to shaven dorsal skin (6 h exposure; recovery period 14 d); doses 6.35, 7.9, 10.00 ml/kg.*	Up to 10 ml/kg bw no systemic reactions observed; erythemas at all dose levels, one rat had an erythema of grade 2.	Merck 1973b
Mouse, NMRI (5 males, 5 females per dose level)	dermal	Undiluted test material applied to shaven dorsal skin (6 h exposure; recovery period 14 d); doses 6.35, 7.9, 10.00 ml/kg.*	Up to 10 ml/kg bw no systemic reactions observed; erythemas observed at all doses.	Merck 1981b
Dog, beagle (1 male, 1 female per dose level)	dermal	Undiluted test material applied to shaven dorsal skin (6 h exposure; recovery period 14 d); doses 6.35, 7.9 and 10.00 ml/kg.*	Up to 10 ml/kg bw no systemic reactions observed; local erythemas observed at all doses.	Merck 1981c
Rat (5 males, 5 females)	inhalation	EPA Guideline No. 81-3; OECD Guideline 403	LC ₅₀ > 5.1 mg/l	1310189/957012
Rabbit, New Zealand White (3 males, 3 females)	skin irritation	10% solution (in 50% aqueous ethanol) applied to shaven intact or scarified dorsal skin; 24 h exposure, 14 d recovery period.	No reactions of local or systemic intolerance.	Merck 1973c

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Table A. Toxicology profile of technical IR3535®, based on acute toxicity, irritation and sensitization

Species	Test	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Human volunteers (30)**	skin irritation	Closed epicutaneous irritation test using 15% a.i. in aqueous alcohol.	No skin reactions were observed.	Merck 1979
Human volunteers (10)**	skin irritation	Repetitive exposure test using 15% a.i. in aqueous alcohol; 3 wk at twice/wk (induction phase); 12 d break; then 7 th application (challenge).	No toxic or allergic reactions.	Merck 1979
Guinea pig, Himalayan white spotted albino (10)	phototoxic potential	10% solution (+ 2% DMSO) in ethanol applied to shaven flanks.	No erythema or oedema observed at UV-exposed and unexposed sites.	061773
Guinea pig, Himalayan white spotted albino (10)	photo-allergenic potential	10% solution in ethanol applied to shaven nuchal area.	No erythema or oedema observed at UV-exposed and unexposed sites.	061762
Rabbit, New Zealand White (6)	photochemical skin study	25% solution in 95% (aqueous) ethanol applied to intact skin and exposed to UV light.	No photochemical reactions were observed.	51-0014-77
Rabbit (males, females)	eye irritation	EPA Guideline No. 81-4. Purity 98.9% (GC assay).	Undiluted active ingredient classified as irritant to the eye.	40/12/96
Rabbit (5)	eye irritation	10% solution in olive oil. Purity not recorded.	Erythema and swelling completely receded after 24 and 72 h, respectively.	Merck 1972a
Rabbit (2 groups of 3 animals each)	eye irritation	Single treatment with undiluted test material. Eyes either rinsed or not rinsed. Purity not recorded.	Intolerance reactions observed which receded more quickly in group with rinsed eyes.	Merck 1972b
Rabbit, albino (2 groups of 4 animals each)	eye irritation	15% aqueous alcoholic solution. Eyes either rinsed or not rinsed. Purity not recorded.	Intolerance reactions observed which receded more quickly in group with rinsed eyes.	Merck 1979
Rabbit, albino (6)	eye irritation	20% liquid in <i>iso</i> -propyl palmitate. Purity not recorded.	After 48 h complete recession of mild irritation.	Merck 1980
Rabbit, New Zealand White (6)	eye irritation	0.1 ml undiluted TC applied to one eye of each rabbit. Purity not recorded.	Mild injury to cornea and conjunctiva.	51-0014-77

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Species	Test	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Guinea pig, Hartley (male, female, total of 43)	skin sensitization	EPA Guideline No. 81-6 (Buehler technique)	No sensitization potential.	96-8304-21
Guinea pig, Hartley (10)	skin sensitization	Intra-dermal injection of 0.1 ml 0.1% suspension in propylene glycol/saline	No sensitization potential.	51-0014-77

* Dosage levels for dermal exposure of mice, rats and dogs were identical on a body weight basis.

** WHO and FAO discourage human volunteer studies on pesticides and the JMPS does not normally include such data in evaluations. However, IR3535® is not a pesticide but an insect repellent, intended specifically for use on humans. Inclusion of the data was considered to be appropriate in this special case.

Table B. Toxicology profile of technical IR3535®, based on repeated administration (sub-acute to chronic)

Species	Test	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Rat, Sprague-Dawley (15 males, 15 females per dose group)	4-week oral feeding	900 or 2700 mg/kg bw daily.	LOEL >2700 mg/kg bw	Merck 1974a
Dog, beagle (3 males and 3 females per dose group)	4-week oral feeding	100 or 1800 mg/kg bw daily by gavage in 1% aqueous methyl-hydroxyethyl cellulose gel.	Lowest toxic dose assumed to be >1800 mg/kg bw, although some test material perhaps lost by vomiting at this dose. Vomiting started 30 min after dosing on 2-7 d/wk.	Merck 1981d
Rabbit, New Zealand White (3 males and 3 females per dose group)	4-week oral feeding	500 or 1500 mg/kg bw daily by gavage in 1% aqueous carboxy-ethylcellulose gel.	Lowest toxic dose assumed to be between 500 and 1500 mg/kg bw per day. 1500 mg/kg led to deeper breathing and unrest for short period after dosing. Food consumption and body weight gain significantly reduced. No other effects.	Merck 1974b
Rabbit, New Zealand White	2-week oral feeding	EPA Guideline No. 83-3	Slight inhibition of food consumption and body weight gain at 600 mg/kg/day.	149022

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Table B. Toxicology profile of technical IR3535®, based on repeated administration (sub-acute to chronic)

Species	Test	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Rabbit, New Zealand White (3 males and 3 females per dose group)	4-week dermal application	1/10 of body surface treated with 3.33% solution, or 10.00 and 33.33% solution/suspensions, in 1% aqueous methylhydroxyethyl-cellulose gel.	LOEL assumed to be >33.33% concentration .	Merck 1974c
Rat, Wistar (10 males and 10 females per dose group)	90-day dermal	100, 1000 or 3000 mg/kg, daily, by occlusive dermal application for 13 wk. Applications in water/oil cream formulated from Dow-Corning 322C, Gilugel SIL 5, Dow-Corning 345 and Euxyl K 100.	NOEL = 3000 mg/kg/day.	Merck 1996c
Rat, Wistar (25 males and 25 females)	2-generation toxicity	EPA guideline No. 83-4; 100, 300 or 1000 mg/kg daily in water by gavage.	NOAEL = 300 mg/kg/day LOAEL = 1000 mg/kg/day.	T 9381
Rat, Sprague-Dawley (20 + 20 as control)	Embryo-foetal toxicity – oral (pilot study)	1800 mg/kg bw by gavage daily, from 6 th to 15 th day of pregnancy, in 1% aqueous methyl hydroxyethyl cellulose gel.	Lowest toxic dose for dams assumed to be about 1800 mg/kg bw and for foetuses above that dose. No indication of teratogenicity.	Merck 1975a
Rabbit, New Zealand White (10 + 10 as control)	Embryo-foetal toxicity – oral (pilot study)	1500 mg/kg bw by gavage daily, from 6 th to the 18 th day of pregnancy, in 1% aqueous methyl hydroxyethyl cellulose gel.	Lowest toxic dose for dams assumed to be slightly below 1500 mg/kg bw and for foetuses above that dose. No indication of teratogenicity.	Merck 1975b
Rabbit, New Zealand White (6 per dose group)	Dose-range finding developmental toxicity study	50, 100, 300, 600 or 1000 mg/kg per day, in 1% aqueous carboxy methylcellulose gel, by gavage in single daily doses from days 7-19 of gestation.	No test-related deaths or abortions at any dose. No external malformations or developmental variations observed in foetuses. Body weight gain and food consumption inhibited at 600 and 1000 mg/kg. No other effects.	149020
Rabbit, New Zealand White (20 per dose group)	Developmental toxicity study	100, 300 or 600 mg/kg/day. EPA Guideline No. 83-3	NOAEL for maternal toxicity = 300 mg/kg/day. NOAEL for developmental toxicity = 600 mg/kg/day.	149021

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Table B. Toxicology profile of technical IR3535®, based on repeated administration (sub-acute to chronic)

Species	Test	Duration and conditions or guideline adopted	Result	Reference
Rabbit, Himalayan (15 + 15 control)	Developmental toxicity study	100, 300 or 1000 mg/kg per day in water by gavage in a single daily dose from days 6 to 19 of gestation.	High- and mid-dose levels produced significant maternal toxicity and were embryotoxic. LOEL = 0.1 ml/kg	T9382

Table 5. Mutagenicity profile of IR3535® technical material, based on *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests

Species	Test	Conditions	Result	Reference
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> & <i>Escherichia coli</i>	Ames test (<i>in vitro</i>)	150, 300, 600, 1200, 2500 and 5000 µg/plate using <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA 100, TA 98, TA 1535, TA 1537, TA 1538 and <i>Escherichia coli</i> WP2 uvrA.	No mutagenic activity with and without addition of S-9 as the metabolizing system.	4/141/80
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> & <i>Escherichia coli</i>	Ames test (<i>in vitro</i>)	EPA Guidelines No. 84-1, 84-2; 5-5000 µg/plate tested using <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> TA 98, TA 100, TA 102, TA 1535, TA 1537 and <i>Escherichia coli</i> WP2 uvrA pkM101.	No mutagenic activity with and without addition of S-9 as the metabolizing system.	40/53/96
CHO cells	Chromosomal aberration test (<i>in vitro</i>)	EPA Guideline No. 84-2; cultures of CHO cells treated with 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500 and 3000 µg/ml for approx. 28 h without metabolic activation and 500, 750, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3000 4000 and 5000 µg/ml for 3 h with metabolic activation.	No chromosomal aberrations in CHO cells without metabolic activation. With metabolic activation the test was positive at the two highest dose levels but these doses also produced cytotoxic effects.	17982-0-437
CHO cells	HGPRT test (<i>in vitro</i>)	0 to 4.2 µl/ml without metabolic activation and 0 to 8.0 µl/ml with metabolic activation were tested.	No mutations were induced at the HGPRT locus in CHO cells.	82/144
V 79 cells	HGPRT test (<i>in vitro</i>)	EPA Guideline No. 84-2; various concentrations up to 5000 µg/ml tested.	No mutations observed in the presence or absence of an exogenous metabolizing system.	128

Table 5. Mutagenicity profile of IR3535® technical material, based on *in vitro* and *in vivo* tests

Species	Test	Conditions	Result	Reference
Mouse (5 males and 5 females)	Micronucleus test (<i>in vivo</i>)	EPA Guideline No. 84-2; dose levels of 475, 950 and 1900 mg/kg were tested.	Up to 1900 mg/kg – a dose equivalent to approx. 73 % of the LD ₅₀ – no micronuclei in the polychromatic erythrocytes were induced.	221/12-1052

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