2-Chloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane (FC133a) is a low molecular weight halogenated hydrocarbon. It is an intermediate in the synthesis of halothane, a commonly used general anesthetic. It is present as a contaminant in halothane, and is a volatile metabolite of halothane. Exposure is likely to occur to workers engaged in the production of halothane, to health care workers in areas where halothane is used, and to patients administered halothane as an anesthetic.

2-Chloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane passed the animal data screen, underwent a preliminary toxicological evaluation, and is being brought to the Carcinogen Identification Committee for consultation. This is a compilation of the relevant data identified during the preliminary toxicological evaluation.

Epidemiological data

No cancer epidemiology studies were identified.

Animal carcinogenicity studies

- Long-term gavage studies in rats
  - Studies in male and female SPF Alpk/Ap (Wistar-derived) rats: Longstaff et al. (1984)

Other relevant data

- Genotoxicity

- Structure activity considerations
  - Other low molecular weight halogenated hydrocarbons that are Proposition 65 carcinogens include: bromodichloromethane, bromoethane, chloroethane, : 1,2-dibromoethane (ethylene dibromide), 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane (ethylene dichloride), dichloromethane, hexachloroethane, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, and 1,2,3-trichloropropane.
  - Several of these Proposition 65 carcinogens caused tumors at estrogen-responsive sites:
    - Chloroethane induced a high incidence of uterine carcinomas of endometrial origin in mice (control, 0/49; exposed, 43/50): NTP (1989a).
- 1,1-Dichloroethane induced uterine tumors in mice, and mammary tumors in female rats: NTP (1978a)
- 1,2-Dichloroethane induced uterine tumors in mice and mammary tumors in female rats and mice: NTP (1978b)
- 1,2,3-Trichloropropane induced uterine tumors in mice and mammary tumors in female rats: NTP (1993)
- 1,2-Dibromoethane induced mammary tumors in female rats and mice: NTP (1982)

- Metabolism
  - Metabolic dehalogenation of 2-chloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane is expected to be similar to chloroethane and bromoethane (Salmon et al., 1981; 1985).

Reviews

- IARC (1986, 1999)

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