Disposition of Radioactivity 72 Hours Following Dermal Application of 10 mg/kg [¹⁴C]HMB, Formulated in Ethanol, to Male Harlan Sprague Dawley Rats (Group D-2)^a

Dose Recovered in Excreta (%)

End of Collection Period (h)	Urine CPDE ^b	Cage Rinse CPDE	Feces CPDE	GI Content	Total
4	0.913 ± 0.866	0.527 ± 0.539	_	_	1.44
8	3.54 ± 1.23	1.64 ± 0.95	-	-	5.18
12	6.55 ± 1.37	2.96 ± 0.97	-	-	9.51
24	13.0 ± 2.8	4.92 ± 1.60	9.05 ± 3.36	-	26.9
48	20.6 ± 3.7	6.82 ± 2.39	17.2 ± 2.7	-	44.7
72 ^c	24.5 ± 3.9	9.51 ± 3.18	21.8 ± 2.8	1.24 ± 0.32	57.8

Disposition in Tissues

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Tissue	nmol-eq HMB per g Tissue	Tissue/ Blood Ratio	Recovery (%)			
Blood ^d	0.345 ± 0.167	unity	0.0493 ± 0.0241			
Adipose ^d	1.06 ± 0.21	3.39 ± 0.87	0.143 ± 0.029			
Muscle ^a	0.166 ± 0.059	0.502 ± 0.104	0.129 ± 0.047			
Skin ^d	17.8 ± 6.5	62.5 ± 34.1	6.44 ± 2.14			
Brain	0.0707 ± 0.0618	0.231 ± 0.264	0.00069 ± 0.00050			
Heart	0.254 ± 0.277	0.904 ± 1.231	0.00144 ± 0.00140			
Kidneys	1.51 ± 0.28	5.08 ± 2.26	0.0196 ± 0.0038			
Liver	1.17 ± 0.36	3.78 ± 1.44	0.0854 ± 0.0252			
Lung	0.277 ± 0.114	0.935 ± 0.632	0.00249 ± 0.00122			
Spleen	0.168 ± 0.099	0.551 ± 0.385	0.00070 ± 0.00037			
Adrenals	0.538 ± 0.309	1.64 ± 1.17	0.00016 ± 0.00010			
Thymus	0.109 ± 0.062	0.320 ± 0.151	0.00041 ± 0.00024			
Thyroid	3.07 ± 3.64	9.07 ± 10.01	0.00004 ± 0.00003			
Urinary Bladder	10.9 ± 9.3	39.2 ± 34.8	0.00429 ± 0.00259			
Pancreas	0.310 ± 0.152	1.06 ± 0.77	0.00135 ± 0.00044			
Testes	0.140 ± 0.048	0.439 ± 0.156	0.00326 ± 0.00096			
Cecum	7.23 ± 3.35	24.3 ± 13.8	0.0347 ± 0.0153			
Large Intestine	1.20 ± 0.43	4.12 ± 2.15	0.0117 ± 0.0053			
Small Intestine	5.31 ± 1.10	18.3 ± 8.6	0.172 ± 0.015			
Stomach	1.79 ± 0.84	5.51 ± 2.39	0.0174 ± 0.0085			

Disposition Summary

Sample % Dose Recovere				
Total Unabsorbed Dose	16.2 ± 4.5			
Applicator	4.20 ± 1.54			
Tape/Glue	5.10 ± 2.12			
Dose Site Swipes	6.86 ± 1.30			
Total Dose Site Skin	0.275 ± 0.148			
Total Absorbed Dose ^e	67.8 ± 3.2			
Urine + Cage Rinse	34.4 ± 3.4			
Urine	24.5 ± 3.9			
Cage Rinse	9.51 ± 3.18			
Feces	21.8 ± 2.8			
GI Content	1.24 ± 0.32			
Carcass	1.35 ± 1.75			
Tissues	7.39 ± 2.09			
Total Recovered	82.7 ± 5.5			

^aAll values expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD) (N = 5). The actual dose delivered was 11.7 ± 0.4 mg/kg (49.2 ± 1.8 μCi). ^bCPDE = Cumulative percent dose excreted.

^c72 hour (h) urine collection includes urine present in the urinary bladder at study termination.

^dTissue weights for the dispersed tissues were calculated using the following percentages of body weight: adipose 7.0%, blood 7.4%, muscle 40.4%, and skin 19% (International Life Sciences Institute, 1994).

^eUp to 36 h post application, the metal appliances were observed attached to each animal. At the 48 h observation and collection period, the metal appliances were found in the animals' cages. All appliances were removed from the cages, rinsed, bagged, and set aside for processing at necropsy. It is possible because the metal devices no longer covered the dermal dose site from ~36 to 48 h post application through 72 h post application that animals may have received an oral dose due to grooming of the dermal site.