

APPENDIX A

Table A-1. Incidence of Non-Neoplastic Respiratory Tract Lesions in Rats and Mice Exposed to Molybdenum Trioxide for 2 Years

	Concentration (mg molybdenum/m ³)			
	0	6.7	20	67
Male rats				
Hyaline degeneration of nasal respiratory epithelium	2/50	7/49	48/49 ^a	49/50 ^a
Squamous metaplasia of epiglottis	0/49	11/48 ^a	16/49 ^a	39/49 ^a
Chronic lung inflammation in alveolus	2/50	3/50	25/50 ^a	47/50 ^a
Female rats				
Hyaline degeneration of nasal respiratory epithelium	1/48	13/49 ^a	50/50 ^a	50/50 ^a
Hyaline degeneration of nasal olfactory epithelium	39/48	47/49 ^b	50/50 ^a	50/50 ^a
Squamous metaplasia of epiglottis	0/49	18/49 ^a	29/49 ^a	49/50 ^a
Chronic lung inflammation	14/50	13/50	43/50 ^a	49/50 ^a
Male mice				
Nasal suppurative inflammation	2/50	6/50	10/49 ^b	8/50 ^b
Nasal olfactory epithelium atrophy	3/50	5/50	3/49	10/50 ^b
Hyaline degeneration of nasal respiratory epithelium	11/50	13/50	11/49	41/50 ^a
Squamous metaplasia of epiglottis	0/50	26/49 ^a	37/48 ^a	49/50 ^a
Laryngeal hyperplasia	1/50	3/49	6/48	41/50
Histiocyte infiltration in the lungs	2/50	16/50 ^a	9/49 ^b	9/50 ^b
Alveolar epithelial metaplasia	0/50	32/50 ^a	36/49 ^a	49/50 ^a
Female mice				
Hyaline degeneration of nasal respiratory epithelium	26/49	23/50	28/49	48/49 ^a
Hyaline degeneration of nasal olfactory epithelium	22/49	14/50	14/49	36/49 ^a

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Laryngeal hyperplasia	1/49	1/50	7/49	35/50
Alveolar epithelial metaplasia	2/50	26/50 ^a	39/49 ^a	46/49 ^b

^aSignificantly different from controls; p≤0.01.

^bSignificantly different from controls; p≤0.05.

Source: NTP 1997