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Table 3. Acute toxicity studies for PFCAs - PFOA

*Derived by contractor; ** calculated according to EFSA. (2012); NR – not reported; NA – not applicable.

Substance & / CAS no. / purity / reference	Strain & species / sex / no. of animals	Dose (mg/kg bw/day) / vehicle / route of admin / duration / Guideline (GL) study / Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) status	PFAS concentration (µg/mL / µg/g)	Observed effects at LOAEL (controls vs treated groups). Recovery (controls vs treated groups).	Published NOAEL / LOAEL (mg/kg bw)	Study author conclusions
PFOA		0 or 40		Males: ↑ mRNA of cyp2B10, 3A11 and 4A14 in liver (data only reported in figures). ↑ protein levels of cyp2B and 4A in liver (data only reported in figures). Recovery not assessed.		
CAS No. not given	C57BL/6, mice	Propylene glycol:water i.p.				
96%.	Male	Single dose	NR		Males: NA / 40*	PFOA increased the expression of Cyp2B10 and 4A14 in mouse liver.
Cheng and Klaassen (2008)	5/dose.	Non-GL study GLP not stated.				

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PFOA (ammonium salt)	SV129 mice (wild type and PPAR-α null)	0 or 10 m/kg bw/day. Deionized water, Gavage, 7 days, Non-GL study, GLP not stated.	NR	Males: ↑ absolute and relative liver weight (data only reported in figures). ↑ lipid and TGs (data only reported in figures). Changes in mRNA related to transport, fatty acid, TG and cholesterol synthesis and omega oxidation. Recovery not assessed.	Males: NA / 10	PFOA caused extensive micro and macro-vesicular steatosis in hepatocytes and that the steatosis was associated with increase in the accumulation of TG in the liver.

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The objective of the work was to characterize PFOA-induced hepatomegaly in male rats, particularly with respect to the potential role of PPAR- γ -mediated cell proliferation and possible decreased apoptosis.

Clinical chemistry findings were consistent with those associated with PPAR activation, notably decreased serum total

Males (mean \pm SD):

 \uparrow hepatic cell proliferation (%): 0.22 \pm 0.14 vs 0.74 \pm 0.55,

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PFOA						Morphological studies demonstrated that the administration of PFOA resulted in a marked proliferation of peroxisomes in hepatocytes.
CAS No. not given	Wistar rats	0, 0.0025, 0.005, 0.01, 0.02 or 0.04% equivalent to 0, 3, 6, 12, 24 or 48**,		Males: ↑ acyl transferase activity (data only reported in figures).		
Purity not given.	Male	i.p.	NR	↓ GSH S-transferase (data only reported in figures).	Males: NA / 3*	PFOA produced tri-acylglycerol and cholesterol accumulation in liver. This seems inconsistent with the marked inductions of both peroxisome proliferation
Kawashima et al. (1995)	4/dose.	5 days, Non-GL study. GLP not stated.		↑ TG (data only reported in figures). Recovery not assessed.		

