

## 5. TOXICITY

5.4 Repeated Dose Toxicity

**Species:** rat **Sex:** male/female  
**Strain:** other: Harlan-Wistar  
**Route of administration:** oral feed  
**Exposure period:** 7 days  
**Frequency of treatment:** daily ad libitum  
**Post exposure period:** no data  
**Doses:** m: 0.5, 1.23, 2.98 g/kg b.w.; f: 0.47, 1.38, 2.63 g/kg b.w.  
**Control Group:** no data specified  
**NOAEL:** ,5  
  
**Method:** other: 5 rats per dose and sex  
**GLP:** no data  
  
**Test substance:** no data  
  
**Remark:** LOEL: 1.23 (m) and 1.38 (f) mg/kg b.w./day  
 remarks: no deaths occurred  
**Result:** highest dose:  
 depression of body weight gain, decrease of relative and absolute liver weights, increase of relative kidney weights.  
 medium dose:  
 increase of relative kidney weights.

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**Species:** rat **Sex:** male/female  
**Strain:** Fischer 344  
**Route of administration:** drinking water  
**Exposure period:** 90 d  
**Frequency of treatment:** daily  
**Post exposure period:** no  
**Doses:** 0, 120, 600, 3000 ppm (see remarks)  
**Control Group:** other: concurrent no treatment (diet: cereal based NIH-31, purified AIN-76A, Cu-deficient AIN-76A)  
**NOAEL:** = 3000 ppm  
  
**Method:** other: 18 rats/sex and dose group, different diets: cereal based (NIH-31) or purified (AIN-76A) diet; hematology and plasma chemistry; necropsy and histopathology; statistical analyses  
**Year:** 1996  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** other TS: trientine-2HCl: purity: > 99 %  
  
**Remark:** test substance consumption:  
 NIH-31 diet: f:14, 70, 352 mg/kg bw; m:10, 55, 276 mg/kg bw  
 AIN-76A diet: f:13, 60, 323 mg/kg bw; m:10, 53, 270 mg/kg bw  
**Result:** no death occurred; probably attributed to dosing with trien-2HCL: females: a significant trend toward an increased prevalence of uterine dilatation; no other findings

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**Species:** rat **Sex:** female  
**Strain:** Wistar  
**Route of administration:** dermal  
**Exposure period:** 17 days

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Frequency of treatment: once daily (3rd - 19th day of gestation)  
 Post exposure period: no  
 Doses: ca. 4 mg/rat and day  
 Control Group: yes

Method: other: 10 rats per group. One drop of the test substance was rubbed into the shaved skin

GLP: no data  
 Test substance: no data

Remark: LOEL: no data  
 Result: pregnant and nonpregnant rats: reduced weight gain, progressive emaciation, apathy, lack of appetite, local inflammatory symptoms such as erythema, edema and superficial erosions. pregnant rats: increase of plasma sialic acid; increased activity of lactate dehydrogenase, aspartate aminotransferase and acid phosphatase in the serum; decreased plasma activity of alkaline phosphatase; reduced haptoglobin concentration; increased activity of leucyl-naphthylamidase in amniotic fluid. nonpregnant rats: decreased total plasma protein and elevated concentrations of seromucoid a. haptoglobin; in the serum increased activity of lactate dehydrogenase, leucyl-naphthylamidase and alkaline phosphatase; inhibited activity of aspartate and alanine aminotransferase.

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Species: rat Sex: female  
 Strain: Wistar  
 Route of administration: dermal  
 Exposure period: 17 days  
 Frequency of treatment: once daily  
 Post exposure period: no  
 Doses: ca 4 mg/rat and day  
 Control Group: yes

Method: other: 10 rats per group. No data about stage of pregnancy in pregnant rats. One drop of test substance was rubbed into the shaved skin.

GLP: no data  
 Test substance: no data

Remark: LOEL: no data  
 Result: pregnant and nonpregnant rats: weight loss, hyperemia of liver and kidneys, dermis and subcutaneous tissue with inflammatory infiltrates. pregnant rats: aspartate aminotransferase activity in the liver inhibited. nonpregnant rats: increased activity of gammaglutamyltranspeptidase in the kidney and aspartate and alanine aminotransferases in the liver.

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Species: rat Sex: no data  
 Strain: no data  
 Route of administration: oral unspecified  
 Exposure period: a) 4 months b) 10 months  
 Frequency of treatment: a) no data b) daily  
 Post exposure period: no data

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**Doses:** a) 215 or 430 mg/kg b) 0.8 or 4 mg/kg  
**Control Group:** no data specified

**Method:** other: no data  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** no data

**Remark:** LOEL: a) 215 mg/kg b.w. b) 0.8 mg/kg b.w./day, 10 months no dose effect relation; abstract, no further information available.

**Result:** 4 months both doses:  
 Excitability of the central nervous system decreased.  
 Plasma levels of hippuric acid, protein and hemaglobin were decreased. Inhibited activities of catalase and peroxidase.  
 10 months both doses:  
 Increased excitability, stimulated tactile reflexes.  
 Antitoxic, carbohydrate and protein function of the liver disturbed. Transient inhibition of nicotinamide coenzymes and stimulation of cytochrome oxidase.

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**Species:** mouse **Sex:** male/female  
**Strain:** B6C3F1  
**Route of administration:** drinking water  
**Exposure period:** 90 d  
**Frequency of treatment:** daily  
**Post exposure period:** no  
**Doses:** 0, 120, 600, 3000 ppm (see remarks)  
**Control Group:** other: concurrent no treatment, (diet: cereal based NIH-31, purified AIN-76 A, Cu-deficient AIN-76A)  
**NOAEL:** = 600 ppm

**Method:** other: 20 mice/sex and dose group; different diets: cereal based (NIH-31) or purified (AIN-76A); hematology and plasma chemistry; necropsy, histopathology, statistical analyses  
**Year:** 1996  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** other TS: trientine-2HCl; purity: > 99 %

**Remark:** test substance consumption:  
 NIH-31 diet: f:22,107, 551 mg/kg bw; m:22,107, 487 mg/kg bw  
 AIN-76A diet: f:19, 99, 483 mg/kg bw; m:17, 92, 443 mg/kg bw

**Result:** diet AIN-76A, 3000 ppm: chronic interstitial inflammation and alveolar histocytic infiltration of the lung, spleen hemapoetic cell proliferation, liver periportal fatty change, kidney weight reduction, reduced renal cytoplasmatic vacuolization, body weight gain reduction

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**Species:** guinea pig **Sex:** female  
**Strain:** no data  
**Route of administration:** dermal  
**Exposure period:** 55 days  
**Frequency of treatment:** once daily  
**Post exposure period:** no  
**Doses:** ca.4 mg/animal and day  
**Control Group:** yes

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**Method:** other: starting exposition in pregnant guinea pigs on day 10 of gestation. One drop of the test substance was rubbed into the shaved skin.

**GLP:** no data

**Test substance:** no data

**Remark:** LOEL: no data  
 remarks: 6 out of 10 nonpregnant and 2 out of 9 pregnant exposed guinea pigs died before end of experiment. No further information about toxic effects available.

**Result:** pregnant guinea pigs:  
 activity of gamma-glutamyltranspeptidase significantly elevated in kidney and blood.  
 nonpregnant guinea pigs:  
 significantly increased activity of liver aspartate aminotransferase.

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**Species:** guinea pig **Sex:** female

**Strain:** no data

**Route of administration:** dermal

**Exposure period:** once daily for 10 days, then every second day for 45 days

**Post exposure period:** no

**Doses:** ca.4 mg/animal and day

**Control Group:** yes

**Method:** other: 11 animals/group; exposure started on day 10 of gestation; one drop of the test substance was rubbed into the shaved skin

**GLP:** no data

**Test substance:** no data

**Remark:** LOEL: no data

**Result:** 7 out of 11 pregnant and 7 out of 11 nonpregnant guinea pigs died within the first 10 days. Surviving pregnant and nonpregnant animals showed weight loss with advanced emaciation; skin revealed inflammatory alterations indicated by erythema, edema and erosion. Surviving and nonsurviving animals showed all fatty degeneration of the liver, congestion of the kidney and brain, and brain edema. Pregnant animals showed necrotic changes in the placenta and miscarriage or mortification of fetuses.

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**Species:** other: see remarks **Sex:** no data

**Strain:** no data

**Route of administration:** inhalation

**Exposure period:** 1 h/d for 2 weeks, 5 d a week

**Post exposure period:** no data

**Doses:** 0.4 ml in 5 ml ethanol as aerosol in a 400 l chamber

**Control Group:** no data specified

**Method:** other: 1 guinea pig, 1 rabbit, 2 rats, 4 mice were exposed together in one chamber.

**GLP:** no data

**Test substance:** no data

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Remark: LOEL: no data  
no further information available  
Result: no effects  
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5.5 Genetic Toxicity 'in Vitro'

Type: Ames test  
System of testing: Salmonella typhimurium, TA 100, TA 1535  
Metabolic activation: with and without  
Result: positive  
Method: other: no data  
GLP: no data  
Test substance: no data  
Remark: abstract, no further information available (58)

Type: Ames test  
System of testing: Salmonella typhimurium, TA 100,  
Metabolic activation: no data  
Result: positive  
Method: other: no data  
GLP: no data  
Test substance: no data  
Remark: 0.07 revertants per nmole;  
abstract, no further information available (59)

Type: Bacterial gene mutation assay  
System of testing: Escherichia coli  
Metabolic activation: without  
Result: positive  
Method: other: no data  
GLP: no data  
Test substance: no data (60)

Type: Ames test  
System of testing: Salmonella typhimurium, TA 92, 98, 100  
Metabolic activation: without  
Result: positive  
Method: other: no data  
GLP: no data  
Test substance: no data (60)

Type: Ames test  
System of testing: Salmonella typhimurium, TA 98, 100, 1535, 1537, 1538  
Metabolic activation: with and without  
Result: positive  
Method: other: no data  
GLP: no data

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<b>Test substance:</b>	other TS: purified TETA-2Hydrochloride	(61)
<b>Type:</b>	Ames test	
<b>System of testing:</b>	Salmonella typhimurium, TA 98, 100, 1535, 1537	
<b>Metabolic activation:</b>	with and without	
<b>Result:</b>	positive	
<b>Method:</b>	other: preincubation assay	
<b>GLP:</b>	no data	
<b>Test substance:</b>	other TS: technical grade (68.1%)	(62)
<b>Type:</b>	Ames test	
<b>System of testing:</b>	Salmonella typhimurium, TA 98, 100, 1535, 1537, 1538	
<b>Metabolic activation:</b>	with and without	
<b>Result:</b>	positive	
<b>Method:</b>	other: no data	
<b>GLP:</b>	yes	
<b>Test substance:</b>	other TS: techn. grade; 2 samples: 56.4 and 68.5% purity	(63) (64)
<b>Type:</b>	Mammalian cell gene mutation assay	
<b>System of testing:</b>	CHO cells	
<b>Metabolic activation:</b>	with and without	
<b>Result:</b>	positive	
<b>Method:</b>	other: no data	
<b>GLP:</b>	no data	
<b>Test substance:</b>	other TS: purity 79.15%	
<b>Remark:</b>	no clear dose-response relationship	(65)
<b>Type:</b>	Mammalian cell gene mutation assay	
<b>System of testing:</b>	CHO cells	
<b>Metabolic activation:</b>	with and without	
<b>Result:</b>	negative	
<b>Method:</b>	other: no data	
<b>GLP:</b>	no data	
<b>Test substance:</b>	other TS: purity 99.42%	(66)
<b>Type:</b>	Sister chromatid exchange assay	
<b>System of testing:</b>	CHO cells	
<b>Metabolic activation:</b>	with and without	
<b>Result:</b>	positive	
<b>Method:</b>	other: no data	
<b>GLP:</b>	no data	
<b>Test substance:</b>	other TS: purity 99.42%	(66)
<b>Type:</b>	Unscheduled DNA synthesis	
<b>System of testing:</b>	rat hepatocytes	
<b>Metabolic activation:</b>	without	
<b>Result:</b>	positive	

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Method: other: no data  
 GLP: no data  
 Test substance: other TS: purity 99.42%

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Type: Sister chromatid exchange assay  
 System of testing: CHO cells  
 Metabolic activation: with and without  
 Result: positive

Method: other: no data  
 GLP: no data  
 Test substance: other TS: purity 79.15%

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Type: Unscheduled DNA synthesis  
 System of testing: rat hepatocytes  
 Metabolic activation: without  
 Result: positive

Method: other: no data  
 GLP: no data  
 Test substance: other TS: purity 79.15%

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Type: Sister chromatid exchange assay  
 System of testing: CHO cells  
 Metabolic activation: with and without  
 Result: positive

Method: other: no data  
 GLP: no data  
 Test substance: other TS: purity 56.4%, technical grade

Remark: with metab. activation only at the lowest concentration  
 (0.5 g/l) significant increase of SCEs/chromosome;  
 no increase at 0.6 and 0.8 g/l.

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5.6 Genetic Toxicity 'in Vivo'

Type: Drosophila SLRL test  
 Species: Drosophila melanogaster Sex: no data  
 Route of admin.: unspecified  
 Exposure period: no data  
 Doses: no data

Method: other: no data  
 GLP: no data  
 Test substance: no data

Result: no effects

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Type: Micronucleus assay  
 Species: mouse Sex: male/female  
 Route of admin.: i.p.  
 Exposure period: single injection  
 Doses: 185, 370, 600 mg/kg

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**Method:** other: Bushy Run Research Center standard protocol  
**GLP:** yes  
**Test substance:** other TS: purity 68.5%, technical grade  
**Result:** not clastogenic (69)

**Type:** Micronucleus assay  
**Species:** mouse **Sex:** no data  
**Route of admin.:** i.p.  
**Exposure period:** single injection  
**Doses:** 130, 190, 250 mg/kg

**Method:** other: according to Schmid, W., Mitt. III der Komm. fuer Mutagenitaetsfragen, 53 (1975)  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** other TS: purified TETA-Dihydrochloride  
**Result:** not clastogenic (61)

**Type:** Micronucleus assay  
**Species:** mouse **Sex:** no data  
**Route of admin.:** oral unspecified  
**Exposure period:** single application  
**Doses:** 1500, 3000, 6000 mg/kg

**Method:** other: according to several published methods  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** other TS: purified TETA-2Hydrochloride  
**Result:** not clastogenic (61)

5.7 Carcinogenicity

**Species:** mouse **Sex:** male  
**Strain:** other: C3H/HeJ  
**Route of administration:** dermal  
**Exposure period:** life-time  
**Frequency of treatment:** 3 times a week  
**Post exposure period:** no  
**Doses:** ca. 1.2 mg/mouse and application  
**Control Group:** other: deionized water

**Method:** other: see remarks  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** other TS: purity 79.15% (analytic)

**Remark:** method: no further data available  
 remarks: 50 animals per group; 0.025 ml of 5% aqueous solution applied; dose highest one that resulted in neither skin irritation nor reduced weight gain. No increased mortality. Dosage very low compared to LD50.

**Result:** No treatment related skin tumors, no evidence of increased incidence of any other tumor. (70)



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Species: mouse Sex: male  
 Strain: other: C3H/HeJ  
 Route of administration: dermal  
 Exposure period: 2 years  
 Frequency of treatment: 3 times/week  
 Doses: 0, 0.2 or 2.0 % in ethanol

Remark: 50 animals/group  
 Result: No effects were observed on any parameter, including mortality, body weights and incidence of tumorous or non-tumorous lesions.

Source: DOW Europe S.A., Switzerland  
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5.8.1 Toxicity to Fertility5.8.2 Developmental Toxicity/Teratogenicity

Species: rat Sex: female  
 Strain: Sprague-Dawley  
 Route of administration: gavage  
 Exposure period: day 6-15 of gestation  
 Frequency of treatment: once daily  
 Doses: 75, 325, 750 mg/kg  
 Control Group: yes

Method: other: test substance diluted in water  
 GLP: no data  
 Test substance: other TS: purity > 98%

Remark: no further information available  
 Result: No substance related effects on dams or fetuses, except increased fetal body weight at 750 mg/kg (no data about significance).

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Species: rat Sex: female  
 Strain: Sprague-Dawley  
 Route of administration: oral feed  
 Exposure period: day 0-21 of gestation  
 Frequency of treatment: daily ad libitum  
 Doses: 0.17, 0.83, 1.66% in the diet (170, 830, 1660 mg/kg b.w. and day)  
 Control Group: yes

GLP: no data  
 Test substance: other TS: purity > 99%, TETA-4Hydrochloride

Remark: litter size unchanged, all described effects significant and dose related. Authors comment: teratogenicity of the drug in part due to induced Cu deficiency and Zn toxicity.

Result: Controls (n=7): no resorbed or abnormal fetuses.  
 0.17%  
 dams(n=5): no effects except reduced liver copper and increased kidney zinc concentration. Fetuses: 5.8% resorbed (3/52), whole fetus and liver Zn conc. elevated, Cu liver conc. reduced.

0.83%  
 dams (n=9): reduced weight gain, decreased Cu conc. in liver and plasma, Zn conc. increased in kidney and muscle.  
 Fetuses: 8.7% resorbed (7/93), 25,6% abnormalities (22/86) like hemorrhage and edema, Cu decreased in whole body, liver and placenta, Zn concentration elevated in whole body and liver.

1.66%  
 dams (n=5): reduced food consumption; highly signif. reduced weight gain and copper concentration in liver and plasma. Zn conc. in kidney and muscle, manganese conc. in muscle and iron conc. in liver increased.  
 Fetuses: 18.8% resorbed (9/48); 100% abnormalities (39/39) like hemorrhages, edema, reduced ossification of caudal vertebrae and phalanges; fetal weight and length reduced. Trace elements same results as in medium dose.

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**Species:** rat **Sex:** female  
**Strain:** Sprague-Dawley  
**Route of administration:** oral feed  
**Exposure period:** day 0-21 of gestation  
**Frequency of treatment:** daily ad libitum  
**Doses:** 0, 0.83 or 1.67% in diet combined with 0.05 or 0.5 mg Cu/kg diet  
**Control Group:** yes

**Method:** other: 4 rats per group  
**GLP:** no data  
**Test substance:** other TS: purity > 99%

**Remark:** litter size not altered by test substance or Cu administration.  
 Authors comment: teratogenicity of the test substance in part due to induced Cu deficiency. Doses used here correspond to 830 or 1670 mg per kg b.w. and day.

**Result:** Maternal weight gain and fetal weight and length were significantly decreased at 1.67% without improvement by copper supplement. Frequency of resorption not different in any group. Significant incidence of fetal abnormalities (69%, 27 out of 39 fetuses) due to 1.67% in combination with the low Cu concentration was lowered to 6.5% (3/46) by high Cu concentration. Types of abnormalities: hemorrhage, edema, hydronephrotic kidneys, micrognathia and domed skulls. The lowered teratogenetic effect of 1.67% was correlated with an increase in maternal and fetal tissue copper levels by Cu supplement.  
 Increased maternal and fetal zinc levels due to the test substance were not altered by Cu coadministration.

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**Species:** rabbit **Sex:** female  
**Strain:** other: New Zealand  
**Route of administration:** dermal  
**Exposure period:** day 6-18 of gestation  
**Frequency of treatment:** 6 h each day

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**Doses:** 5, 50, 125 mg/kg dissolved in 2 ml distilled water

**Control Group:** yes  
**NOAEL Teratogenicity:** 125 mg/kg bw

**Method:** other: 22 rabbits per group; application occlusive

**GLP:** no data

**Test substance:** other TS: purity 95%

**Result:** No embryotoxic or teratogenic drug related effects at any dose.  
 Maternal toxicity:  
 125 mg/kg induced delayed weight gain and death of 2 out of 22 rabbits. Strong local irritations of the skin at 50 and 125 mg/kg and slight reversible irritations at 5 mg/kg. No reduction of copper concentrations in urine and plasma.

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**Species:** other: chicken **Sex:** no data

**Strain:** other: White Leghorn

**Route of administration:** other

**Exposure period:** once in 3 days old embryos

**Doses:** 0.051, 0.102, 0.204 or 0.408 mg per egg dissolved in 5 ul acetone

**Control Group:** other: solvent

**Method:** other: injection on the inner shell membrane

**GLP:** no data

**Test substance:** other TS: technical grade

<b>Result:</b>	deaths of embryos	malformed survivors
0.051 mg	1 out of 30	2 out of 29
0.102 mg	3/30	3/27
0.204 mg	10/30	4/20
0.408 mg	20/20	----
acetone	1/100	0/100

Malformations occurred in the eyes, wings and abdominal wall. Oedema, enlarged lymph sacs and stunting and twisting of the backbone. ED50 for embryotoxicity: 0.155 mg per egg.

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5.8.3 Toxicity to Reproduction, Other Studies5.9 Specific Investigations5.10 Exposure Experience

**Remark:** TETA-2Hydrochloride is used in the therapy of Wilson's disease (inherited metabolic disease characterised by copper accumulation predominantly in liver, cornea, brain, and kidney) when the drug of choice (Penicillamine) is not tolerated. All authors reported no serious side effects.  
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**Remark:** In primary biliary cirrhosis treatment TETA is an unsuitable drug due to gastrointestinal side effects, skin rash and rhabdomyolysis (one out of 4 patients 48 h after 1. dose)

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**Remark:** There was no evidence of teratogenicity in 4 patients who became pregnant while taking TETA-2Hydrochloride against Wilson's disease (6 pregnancies).

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**Remark:** 6 out of 20 employees working with ethoxylin cast resin and the hardener TETA suffered from work related eczematous dermatosis. 8/20 showed slight skin irritations like erythema and itching. In epicutaneous skin test 5 out of 6 workers with strong dermatosis were sensitized to TETA (technical grade).

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**Remark:** Serum monoamine oxidase activity in 15 workers handling with epoxy resin and hardener TETA was significantly elevated compared to a control group. Increased activity reflect possibly increased amine metabolism in the connective tissue.

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**Remark:** 12 workers exposed to araldite and hardener TETA were examined 2 to 4 times at intervals of 6 months. After 1 year there was a decrease in the relative percentage of lymphocytes and a corresponding increase in neutrophils. 5 workers reported subjective symptoms like drowsiness, headache, gastric pain, fatigue, weakness and decreased appetite. 7 showed dermatosis.

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**Remark:** No significant improvement occurred in hand eczema of 23 nickel-sensitive patients treated with 300 mg TETA/d in a double blind study.

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**Remark:** Plasma levels were measured in 4 male and 4 female patients receiving treatment for excess copper. Maximal plasma levels of 0.3- 15 mg/l (male) and 1.0- 2.2 mg/l (female) were seen 3 h after oral administration of 8.3 mg/kg b.w..

The free form of the drug was not detected, indicating chelation with metal ions (predominantly copper).  
test substance: TETA-2Hydrochloride

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**Remark:** Using the oral copper loading test and the 24 h urine excretion test on patients with Wilson's disease it could be shown, that longterm therapy with 1.2 g/d TETA (more than 3 months) led to a decreased intestinal copper absorption and to an increased urine copper excretion.  
test substance: TETA-2Hydrochloride

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