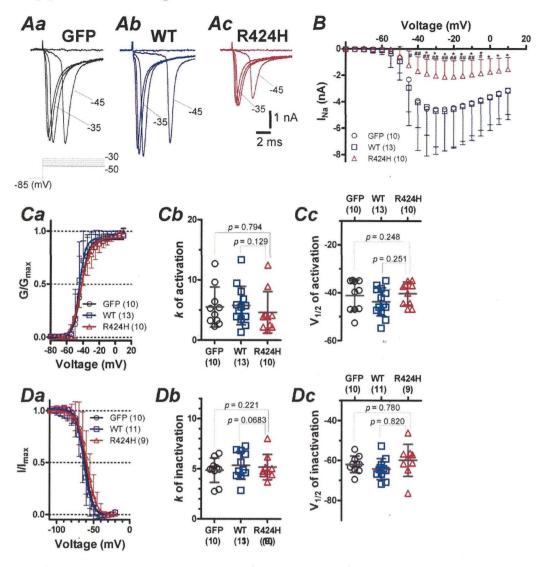
Supplemental Fig. S5



Supplemental Figure S5. Comparison of I_{Na} recorded under the whole-cell configuration

 I_{Na} was recorded in HEPES-buffered ACSF in which 140 NaCl (in mM) was replaced with 117 NaCl, 22 TEA-Cl, 3 CsCl, and 2 4-aminopyridine, 0.2 CdCl₂, 0.1 picrotoxin, and 0.02 DNQX; RT (20-22°C). A CsCl-based internal solution was used (in mM): 140 CsCl, 10 NaCl, 0.2 EGTA, 10 biocytin, and 10 HEPES (pH 7.3 with CsOH, E_{Na} = 63.4 mV). The liquid junction potential (-5 mV) was corrected off-line. A, Representative traces of I_{Na} activated with 50-ms voltage steps from -85 mV to voltages ranging from -50 to -30 mV in 5-mV increments. The leak currents were subtracted on-line the p/4 protocol and the I_{Na} was confirmed by application of TTX (0.001 mM, data not shown). B, The current-voltage relation of peak I_{Na} . In this figure, an asterisk (*) indicates statistical significance between GFP alone and R424H mutant, and a number sign (#) between WT mKv3.3 and R424H. *p < 0.05, #p < 0.05, and #p < 0.01. Ca, The conductance-voltage relations, which were obtained in the same way as those in Supplemental Fig. S2C. E_{Na} was used for the equilibrium potential. Cb and Cc, k (Cb) and $V_{1/2}$ (Cc) of activation for R424H mutant-expressing PCs did not show significant difference compared to those for the control group. D, The steady-state inactivation was determined by holding cells at -85 mV before applying a 200-ms pre-pulse to potentials between -125 and -20 mV in 5-mV increments, followed by a 100-ms test pulse to -20 mV. Da, Steady-state inactivation curves were obtained in the same way as those in Fig. 1Bc. Db and Dc, k (Db) and $V_{1/2}$ (Dc) for R424H mutant-expressing PCs did not show significant difference compared to those for the control group.

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Proteomic analysis of ethanol-induced embryotoxicity in cultured post-implantation rat embryos

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ABSTRACT — Protein expression changes were examined in day 10.5 rat embryos cultured for 24 hr in the presence of ethanol by using two-dimensional electrophoresis and mass spectrometry. Exposure to ethanol resulted in quantitative changes in many embryonic protein spots (16 decreased and 28 increased) at *in vitro* embryotoxic concentrations (130 and 195 mM); most changes occurred in a concentration-dependent manner. For these protein spots, 17 proteins were identified, including protein disulfide isomerase A3, alpha-fetoprotein, phosphorylated cofilin-1, and serum albumin. From the gene ontology classification and pathway mapping of the identified proteins, it was found that ethanol affected several biological processes involving oxidative stress and retinoid metabolism.

Key words: Ethanol, Embryotoxicity, Proteomics, Rat

INTRODUCTION

Developmental toxicology is a rapidly growing area of proteomics; it is expected to provide mechanistic insights and protein biomarkers for the safety evaluation of chemicals (Usami and Mitsunaga, 2011). For example, expression changes in actin-binding proteins were considered to be involved in selenate embryotoxicity in the rat whole embryo culture (Usami et al., 2008). Differences in strain sensitivity to cadmium-induced teratogenicity were related to unfolded protein response process and actin polymerization in the mouse limb-bud culture (Chen et al., 2008). Furthermore, based on cluster analysis of proteins with expression changes in the embryonic stem cell test, chemicals were classified into highly embryotoxic and non- or weakly embryotoxic (Groebe et al., 2010). It is thus important to accumulate proteomic analysis data in the field of developmental toxicology. In the present study, protein expression changes in day 10.5 rat embryos cultured for 24 hr in the presence of ethanol, a well-known developmental toxicant, were examined by two-dimensional electrophoresis (2-DE) and mass spectrometry (MS).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Embryo culture and ethanol treatment

Day 10.5 embryos (plug day = day 0.5) of Wistar rats (Crlj: WI, Charles River Laboratories Japan, Inc., Kanagawa, Japan) were cultured for 24 hr (Usami et al., 2008). Ethanol was diluted in Hank's balanced salt solution in two-fold and added to the culture medium composed of 100% rat serum at concentrations of 0, 65, 130, and 195 mM. Medium-sized cultured embryos (four embryos per treatment group) were selected for subsequent protein analyses. All animal experiments were carried out according to the guidelines for animal use of the National Institute of Health Sciences.

2-DE and MS analyses of embryonic protein

The analyses of 2-DE gels (one embryo per gel, four gels per treatment group) were carried out as previously reported (Usami et al., 2009), except that the gels were stained with a fluorescent dye (Flamingo gel stain, Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) and scanned with a laser scanner (FLA-5100, GE Healthcare UK Ltd., Amersham Place, Little Chalfont, UK) at an excitation wavelength of

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473 nm. Quantitative differences in protein spots of more than 1.5-fold with statistical significance by the *t*-test at 5% probability level between the control and 195 mM ethanol groups, were regarded as ethanol-induced protein expression changes.

Classification and mapping of identified proteins

NCBInr GI numbers of the identified proteins were mapped to UniProtKB AC, and gene ontology (GO) terms were assigned using the UniProt web site (http://www.uniprot.org/) (Jain et al., 2009; The UniProt Consortium, 2011). The occurrence of the GO terms (76 biological processes) of the proteins was counted with the CateGOrizer web tool in the "MGI_GO_slim2" ancestor terms using the multiple count method (http://www.animalgenome.org/tools/catego/) (Hu et al., 2008). UniProtKB ACs of the proteins were queried against the KEGG PATHWAY for Rattus norvegicus with the KEGG Mapper on the GenomeNet web site (http://www.genome.jp/en/).

RESULTS

Effects of ethanol on the growth of cultured rat embryos

Ethanol inhibited the growth of cultured embryos at concentrations of 130 mM or higher in a concentration-dependent manner (Table 1). Deformed organs included branchial arch, heart, neural tube, optic vesicle, otic vesicle, somite, and tail (Fig. 1), which is in agreement with previous reports (Giavini et al., 1992; Zhou et al., 2011).

Compared to blood ethanol levels found in humans, these embryotoxic ethanol concentrations are rather high; however, an ethanol concentration of 150 mM can be observed after acute alcohol intake in chronic alcoholics and 200 mM of ethanol has often been used in *in vitro* toxicological experiments (Li and Kim, 2003; Szabo *et al.*, 1994; Wentzel and Eriksson, 2008).

Effects of ethanol on embryonic protein expression

About 900 protein spots were matched through sixteen 2-DE gels (four gels per experimental group). Quality changes, i.e., appearance or disappearance, in the

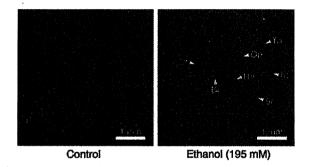


Fig. 1. Appearance of rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol. Rat embryos at the end of 24-hr culture are shown after removal of the embryonic membranes. Arrowheads indicate deformed organs. Br, branchial arch; He, heart; Nt, neural tube; Op, optic vesicle; Ot, otic vesicle; So, somite; Ta, tail.

Table 1. Growth of day 10.5 rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol

	Ethanol (mM)				
	0 (Control)	65	130	195	
No. of embryos	6	5 ~-	6	5	
No. of viable embryos	6 (100%)	5.(100%)	6 (100%)	5 (100%)	
Crown-rump length (mm)	4.11 ± 0.15	3.99 ± 0.17	$3.72 \pm 0.29*$	$3.25 \pm 0.28**$	
Head length (mm)	2.23 ± 0.11	2.16 ± 0.14	2.01 ± 0.22	$1.74 \pm 0.35**$	
No. of somite pairs	26.7 ± 0.52	26.4 ± 0.55	24.5 ± 2.81	$21.2 \pm 2.49**$	
No. of embryos with deformed organ	. 0	0	3 (50%)	5 (100%)**	
Branchial arch	0	0	2 (33%)	4 (80%)*	
Heart	. 0	0	1 (17%)	3 (60%)	
Neural tube	0	0	2 (33%)	2 (40%)	
Optic vesicle	0	. 0	2 (33%)	5 (100%)**	
Otic vesicle	0	. 0	2 (33%)	5 (100%)**	
Somite	0	0 .	3 (50%)	5 (100%)**	
Tail	0	0 .	2 (33%)	4 (80%)*	

Embryos were cultured for 24 hr by the roller method. Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences compared to the control group identified by Dunnett's multiple comparison test or Fisher's exact test (* p < 0.05; ** p < 0.01).

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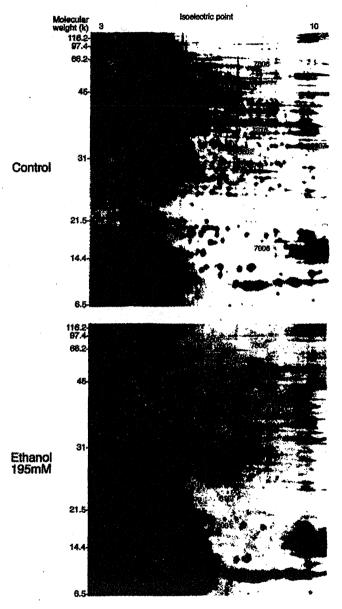


Fig. 2. Two-dimensional electrophoresis pattern of proteins from rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol. Representative gels are shown for the control and ethanol (195 mM) groups. Proteins with ethanol-induced expression changes are indicated by circles with standard spot numbers (SSPs); decreased proteins are indicated in the "control" gel (top) and increased ones in the "ethanol" gel (bottom).

protein spots were not observed. Ethanol-induced quantitative changes were noted in 44 spots, i.e., 16 spots were decreased and 28 spots were increased by 1.5-fold or more. The differences between the 195 mM ethanol group and the control group were significant and occurred for

most proteins in a concentration-dependent manner (Figs. 2 and 3). Of these spots, 23 were analyzed by MS, resulting in the identification of 7 proteins that were decreased (Table 2) and 11 proteins that were increased (Table 3). Some proteins that were increased, e.g., alpha-fetopro-

Table 2. Proteins whose expression was decreased and their GO terms identified by two-dimensional electrophoresis analysis of rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol

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Table 3. Proteins whose expression was increased and their GO terms identified by two-dimensional electrophoresis analysis of rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol

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SSP	Protein Name	UniProtKB AC	GO term for Biological Process
2103	Myosin light chain 3	P16409	GO:0002026 regulation of the force of heart contraction
			GO:0006936 muscle contraction
			GO:0006942 regulation of striated muscle contraction
			GO:0007519 skeletal muscle tissue development
			GO:0055010 ventricular cardiac muscle tissue morphogenesis
			GO:0060048 cardiac muscle contraction
2512	BWK4	Q5VLR5	GO:0006457 protein folding
	AND	AND	GO:0006950 response to stress
	Eukaryotic initiation factor 4A-II	Q5RKI1	GO:0006986 response to unfolded protein
	OR	OR	GO:0009100 glycoprotein metabolic process
	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor	Q6P3V8	GO:0045454 cell redox homeostasis
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			GO:0006413 translational initiation

3509	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4A1	Q6P3V8	GO:0006413 translational initiation	
4009	Fatty acid-binding protein	P07483	GO:0006631 fatty acid metabolic process	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			GO:0006635 fatty acid beta-oxidation	
			GO:000656 phosphatidylcholine biosynthetic process	
			GO:0006810 transport	
			GO:0015909 long-chain fatty acid transport	
			GO:0032868 response to insulin stimulus	
			GO:0042493 response to drug	
			GO:0070542 response to fatty acid	
5001	Adenine phosphoribosyltransferase	P36972	GO:0006166 purine ribonucleoside salvage	
	radiana prospriore osymmetrica	1007/-	GO:0006168 adenine salvage	
	•		GO:0007595 lactation	
			GO:0009116 nucleoside metabolic process	
			GO:0032869 cellular response to insulin stimulus	
6001	Cofilin-1	P45592	GO:0006606 protein import into nucleus	
			GO:0007010 cytoskeleton organization	
	~		GO:0022604 regulation of cell morphogenesis	
			GO:0030030 cell projection organization	
			GO:0045792 negative regulation of cell size	
6516	Elongation factor 1-gamma	Q68FR6	GO:0006412 translation	
	Zionganon nation y Banning	2001110	GO:0006414 translational elongation	
4727	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3	P11598	GO:0006662 glycerol ether metabolic process	
5702	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		GO:0043065 positive regulation of apoptotic process	
5710			GO:0045454 cell redox homeostasis	
5716				
6601				
4810	Alpha-fetoprotein	P02773	GO:0001542 oyulation from ovarian follicle	
4818			GO:0001889 liver development	•
.010			GO:0006810 transport	•
			GO:0010033 response to organic substance	
			GO:0019953 sexual reproduction	
			GO:0031016 pancreas development	
			GO:0031100 organ regeneration	
			GO:0042448 progesterone metabolic process	
			GO:0060395 SMAD protein signal transduction	•
4832	Serum albumin	P02770	GO:0006810 transport	······································
5805	·		GO:0006950 response to stress	
6802			GO:0007584 response to nutrient	
0002			GO:0009267 cellular response to starvation	
			GO:0010033 response to organic substance	•
			GO:0019836 hemolysis by symbiont of host erythrocytes	-
			GO:0042311 vasodilation	
			GO:0043066 negative regulation of apoptotic process	
			GO:0046010 positive regulation of circadian sleep/wake cycle, non-REM sleep	
			GO:0046689 response to mercury ion	
			GO:0040689 response to mercury ion GO:0051659 maintenance of mitochondrion location	
			GO:0070541 response to platinum ion	
			GO:0070341 Tesponse to piatinum ion	

Table 4. KEGG pathway mapping of proteins identified by two-dimensional electrophoresis analysis of rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol

Pathway ID	Pathway name	UniProtKB AC	Protein Name (Total number of mapped pathways)
rno04612	Antigen processing and presentation	P06761	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein (4)
		P11598	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3 (2)
		P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno04141	Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum	P06761	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein (4)
		P11598 ·	Protein disulfide-isomerase A3 (2)
		P63018 .	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno05134	Legionellosis	P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
		Q68FR6	Elongation factor 1-gamma (1)
rno03040	Spliceosome	P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno04010	MAPK signaling pathway	P63018 '	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno04144	Endocytosis	P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno05145	Toxoplasmosis	P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno05162	Measles	P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno05164	Influenza A	P63018	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein (9)
rno04360	Axon guidance	P45592	Cofilin-1 (4)
rno04666	Fc gamma R-mediated phagocytosis	P45592	Cofilin-1 (4)
rno04810	Regulation of actin cytoskeleton	P45592	Cofilin-1 (4)
rno05133	Pertussis	P45592	Cofilin-1 (4)
rno04260	Cardiac muscle contraction	P16409	Myosin light chain 3 (3)
rno05410	Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)	P16409	Myosin light chain 3 (3)
rno05414	Dilated cardiomyopathy	P16409	Myosin light chain 3 (3)
rno00230	Purine metabolism	P36972 ·	Adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (2)
rno01100	Metabolic pathways	P36972	Adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (2)
rno03060	Protein export	P06761	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein (4)
rno05020	Prion diseases	P06761	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein (4)
rno03013	RNA transport	Q5RKI1	Eukaryotic initiation factor 4A-II (1)
	•	OR	OR
		Q6P3V8	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4A1 (1)
rno03320	PPAR signaling pathway	P07483	Fatty acid-binding protein (1)

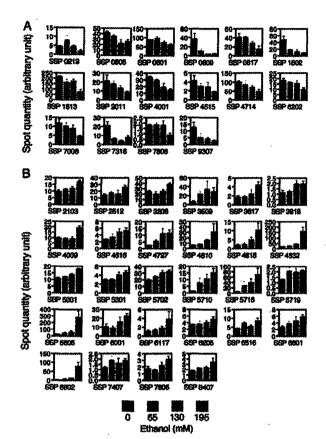


Fig. 3. Quantification of protein spots with expression changes in two-dimensional electrophoresis gels from rat embryos cultured in the presence of ethanol. Intensities of protein spots with ethanol-induced expression changes are shown. A. Protein spots with decreased intensity. B. Protein spots with increased intensity. Error bars indicate the standard error of the mean.

tein (standard spot numbers (SSPs) 4810, 4818), cofilin-1 (SSP 6001), and serum albumin (SSPs 4832, 5805, 6802), were the same as those identified as candidate proteins involved in embryotoxicity in our previous studies (Usami et al., 2009, 2008); cofilin-1, which was increased, was found to be in its phosphorylated form.

Several protein spots were identified as charge variant forms of the same proteins, i.e., protein disulfide isomerase A3 (PDIA3; SSPs 4714, 4727, 5702, 5710, 5716, 6601), alpha-fetoprotein (SSPs 4810, 4818), and serum albumin (SSPs 4832, 5805, 6802). The quantities of spots that were identified as PDIA3 were increased (SSPs 4727,

5702, 5710, 5716, 6601), as well as decreased (SSP 4714) (Fig. 3). Because the PDIA3 spot with decreased quantity was the most acidic spot, it appeared that a basic pI shift of PDIA3 occurred in the groups exposed to ethanol.

Classification and mapping of proteins with ethanol-induced expression changes

According to their GO terms, the identified proteins were classified into various categories; the six major categories were "metabolism" (including 32% of the GO terms), "protein metabolism" (13%), "death" (9%), "developmental processes" (9%), "cell organization and biogenesis" (8%), and "stress response" (8%).

The identified proteins were mapped to 22 pathways using the KEGG pathway mapper (Table 4). Multiple proteins, i.e., PDIA3, 78-kDa glucose-regulated protein (SSP 1802), and heat shock cognate 71-kDa protein (SSP 1813), were mapped to the same two pathways, i.e., "protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum" (rno04141) and "antigen processing and presentation" (rno04612). Some proteins were mapped to multiple pathways, e.g., heat shock cognate 71-kDa protein (nine pathways), 78-kDa glucose-regulated protein (four pathways), and cofilin-1 (four pathways).

DISCUSSION

As mechanisms of ethanol-induced embryotoxicity, oxidative stress, and inhibited retinoid synthesis have been proposed (Goodlett et al., 2005), which seems to be in accordance with the GO classification (32% metabolism and 8% stress response) of the proteins identified in the present study. In this context, expression changes in PDIA3 (also known as GRp58 and ERp57) are intriguing because it is an endoplasmic reticulum stress protein with oxidoreductase activity that regulates cellular redox homeostasis (Frickel et al., 2004; Ni and Lee, 2007). PDIA3 is also involved in the nuclear translocation of retinoic acid receptor alpha (Zhu et al., 2010) and its deficiency is embryonic lethal (Coe et al., 2010). The identified proteins with GO terms classified into "death" may be involved in ethanol-induced apoptosis of neuronal cells, which has frequently been observed (Ahlgren et al., 2002; Giles et al., 2008). The present results also agreed with some biological networks that were perturbed by ethanol in cultured whole mouse embryos, involving cell death, reproductive system and antigen processing (Mason et al., 2012). The pathways associated with multiple identified proteins may be more susceptible to ethanol, because these pathways could be affected at multiple steps simultaneously. On the other hand, the finding that

multiple pathways were associated with the same proteins might partially explain the complexity of ethanol-induced embryotoxicity.

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Various definitions of reproductive indices: A proposal for combined use of brief definitions

Several reproductive indices, such as live birth index, are calculated as endpoints to be evaluated in toxicity tests concerning reproductive effects of chemicals. These indices are useful to correct for variations resulting from infertility and multiple pregnancy, for example, the varied numbers of pups, among treatment groups and dams, respectively. In the toxicity test reports, the reproductive indices are used with their definitions, usually expressed as calculation formulae, to describe what they mean.

Despite their frequent use, however, the definitions of the reproductive indices have not been standardized; that is, they are different among laboratories, and are confusing. For example, the live birth index is "number of live newborns/number of $\underline{\text{implantation sites}} \times 100$ " in some laboratories, but is "number of live newborns/number of $\underline{\text{total newborns}} \times 100$ " in others, as listed in Table 1. These two definitions are quite different from each other in that the latter does not involve postimplantation loss, but the former does, though the live birth index is one of the most important reproductive indices. In most toxicity test laboratories, on the other hand, the definitions of reproductive indices cannot be changed even for standardization because they are defined as a part of laboratory computer systems.

In the database era, the confusion of reproductive indices has become more serious than ever, because data from various laboratories in the toxicity databases are frequently consulted at a time as in meta-analyses for building quantitative structure-activity relationship models. In the meta-analysis of reproductive toxicity data, reproductive indices cannot be used as toxicological endpoints to be evaluated unless their definitions, usually not found in the abstract because of their lengthiness, are clearly identified.

As a solution to this issue, we here propose combined use of brief definitions that describe the meaning of the reproductive indices with simpler words than the calculation formulae, for example, "live newborn/nidation rate" for "number of live newborns/number of implantation sites × 100." Explanatory descriptions of the reproductive indices with their brief definitions, for example, "the live birth index (live newborn/nidation rate)" at their first appearance in the abstract and main text would be most helpful.

In this letter, we show various definitions of representative reproductive indices and propose their brief definitions. We found 14 reproductive indices with 23 definitions by a brief survey of toxicological reference books (Manson and Kang 1989; Mizutani 1992; Saikikeisei ni kansuru dejitaruka sagyogruupu iinkai 1994; Econbichon 1995; Parker 2012) and contract research organizations' reports in a toxicological database (Japan Existing Chemical Data Base, http://dra4.nihs.go.jp/mhlw_data/jsp/SearchPage.jsp). From these indices, we show seven representative indices and 12 brief definitions as examples (Table 1), but it is not intended that the brief definitions presented here should be used as they are.

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Table 1 Representative reproductive indices and their definitions appeared in reference books and toxicity reports

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	***************************************		Reference Book		***************************************	Cont	ract research organization'	s reproductive toxicity test i	eport	
Reproductive	Manson &								······································	Example of brief
index	Kang, 1989	Mizutani, 1992	Ecobichon, 1995	Saikikeisei, 1994	Parker, 2012	Laboratory A	Laboratory B	Laboratory C	Laboratory D	definition
Implantation					Implants/Corpora	Implantation sites/	Implantation sites/	Implantation scars/	Implantation sites/	Nidation/luteum
index					lutea	Corpora lutea	Corpora lutea	Corpora lutea	Corpora lutea	rate
			Implantations/Pregnant				-			Nidation/pregnant
			females							rate
Gestation		Females with live		Females with live	Females with live	Females with live pups/				Live delivered
index		offspring/Pregnant		offspring/Pregnant	born/Females with	Pregnant females				dam/pregnant
		females		females	evidence of					rate
					pregnancy					
Delivery							Females which	Dams with live	Pregnant females with	
index							delivered live borns/	offspring/Pregnant	live pups at birth/	
		*					Pregnant females	dams	Pregnant females	
		Pups born/Implantation		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		Pups born/Implantation		Offspring at birth/	Pups born/Implantation	Newborn/nidation
		sites			•	sites		Implantation scars	sites	rate
Live birth			(Viable pups born/		Pups born alive/Total	Live pups on lactation		Live offspring at birth/	Live pups at birth/Pups	Live/total newborn
index			litter)/(Pups born/		pups born	day 0/Pups born		Offspring at birth	born	rate
			litter)							
	Pups alive day			,						Day I live pup/live
	1/Pups born									newborn rate
	alive									
	***************************************	Live born/Implantation					Live born/Implantation		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Live newborn/
		sites					sites			nidation rate
Birth index				Offspring born alive/	***************************************			Live offspring at birth/	Live pups at birth/	
				Implantations				Implantation scars	Implantation sites	
Viability		Offspring alive on day 4	***************************************	Offspring alive on day 4	***************************************	Live pups on lactation	Live pups on postnatal	Live offspring at 4 days	Live pups on postnatal	Day 4 live pup/live
index		after birth/Live born		after birth/Offspring		day 4/Live pups on	day 4/Live born	after birth/Live	day 4/Live pups at	newborn rate
				born alive		lactation day 0		offsprings at birth	birth	
	Pups alive day			······································			***************************************	***************************************		Days x/y live/live
	7/Pups alive									pup rate
	day I									
			Viable pups born/Dead				······································			Live/dead newborn
			pups born	,						rate
Sex ratio		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Male offspring/Female		Male offspring/Total	Male pups born/Pups		Male offspring/(Male	Males born/Pups	Male/total pup rate
(at birth)			offspring		offspring	born		offspring + female	born	
								offspring)		
						Live male pups/Live	Live born males/Live			Live male /live
						pups	born			total pup rate

