

**Evaluation of a Sample  
Provided by**

**ChemFree Corporation**

**Utilizing the  
Ocular Irritation<sup>®</sup>  
Test Method**

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Dear Mr. Parson:

Enclosed is a copy of the final report detailing the results of our study of the material that was sent to us for analysis by the Irritection<sup>®</sup> Assay System.

We are delighted that you have selected InVitro International to perform this analysis for you. We look forward to being able to provide additional services for you in the future.

Sincerely,



W. Richard Ulmer  
President & CEO

**UTILIZATION OF THE IRRITECTION<sup>®</sup> ASSAY SYSTEM TO EVALUATE A  
SAMPLE PROVIDED BY CHEMFREE CORPORATION**

Study Completion Date: December 3, 2015

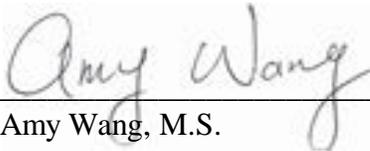
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A single sample was evaluated with the Irritection Assay System in order to predict its potential for ocular and dermal irritation. The results of the study indicated that the sample of SW-4 (A) was a minimal ocular irritant and thus a GHS/EU CLP Classification of No Category.

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## AN EVALUATION OF A SAMPLE PROVIDED BY CHEMFREE CORPORATION

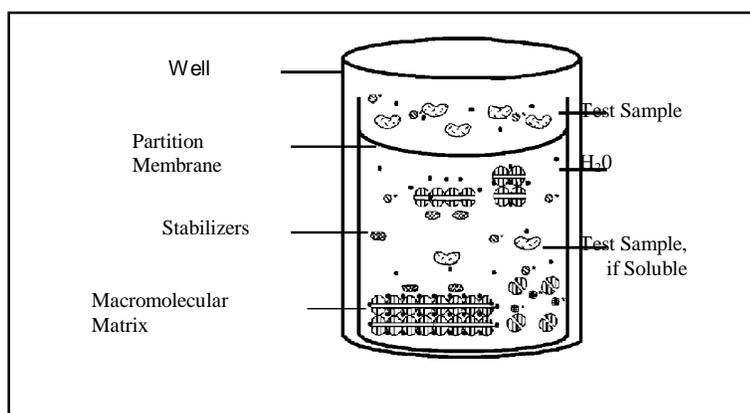
### STUDY OBJECTIVE

A single sample provided by ChemFree Corporation was evaluated with the Irritection<sup>®</sup> Assay System in order to predict its potential to cause ocular and dermal irritation. To achieve this objective, the sample was subjected to a standardized testing process as described under Materials and Methods.

### BACKGROUND

The proprietary Ocular Irritection<sup>®</sup> assay is a standardized and quantitative *in vitro* test which utilizes changes of relevant macromolecules to predict the acute ocular irritancy of chemicals and chemical formulations. This assay, depicted schematically in Figure 1 below, is based on the principle that chemical compounds will promote measurable changes in target biomolecules and macromolecular structures. Previous studies have clearly demonstrated that the processes of protein denaturation and disaggregation that are induced in this *in vitro* assay mimic the effects that are produced when these types of irritants are applied to the eye. Consequently, this *in vitro* test may be employed to predict the *in vivo* toxic effects of chemicals and formulations.

**Figure 1.** The Ocular Irritection Model



The Ocular Irritection<sup>®</sup> assay system provides significant benefits when compared to the *in vivo* Draize test method. Additionally, the Ocular Irritection<sup>®</sup> *in vitro* assay has completed the validation study to meet the standards as defined by the OECD and UN Globally Harmonized System (UN GHS) for classification and has demonstrated high levels of both sensitivity and reproducibility. Of additional relevance, the Ocular Irritection assay method can be very helpful when comparing multiple samples at varying concentrations or volumes. Thus, the test serves as an extremely useful screening tool that facilitates all stages of raw material selection from formulation development to final product selection.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The Ocular Irritection<sup>®</sup> assay is a quantitative *in vitro* test method that mimics an acute ocular irritation test. For best results, test samples should be optimally in the pre-defined applicability domain, having a pH range of 4-9. First, the test sample is characterized by measuring the pH and foam fraction in order to select the proper sample handling method. To perform this standardized assay, the test sample is either applied to a synthetic biobarrier composed of a semi-permeable membrane or applied directly to the reagent solution. Following application, the sample is absorbed by and permeates through this synthetic biobarrier to gradually come into contact with a proprietary solution containing glycoproteins. Reaction of the test sample with these proteins and macromolecular complexes promotes conformational changes that may be readily detected as an increase in the turbidity of the protein solution. The turbidity may be detected spectrophotometrically at a wavelength of 405 nm.

The irritancy potential of a test sample is expressed as an Irritection Draize Equivalent (IDE) score. This score is defined by comparing the increase in optical density (OD<sub>405</sub>) produced by the test material to a standard curve that is constructed by measuring the increase in OD<sub>405</sub> produced by a set of Calibration substances. These Calibrators have been selected for use in this test because their irritancy potential has been previously documented in a series of *in vivo* investigations. The predicted *in vivo* classification, based on this scoring system, is shown in Table. Test samples producing an IDE score of less than or equal to 12.5 are to be considered UN GHS/EU CLP non-irritants. Test samples that produce IDE score greater than 12.5 are to be classified as UN GHS/EU CLP irritants. Furthermore, test samples producing an IDE score greater than 30.0 are likely to be considered UN GHS/EU CLP Category 1.

**Table 1.** Prediction Model of the Ocular Irritection<sup>®</sup> Assay

Irritection Score	Degree of ocular irritancy	UN GHS/EU CLP Classification
0-12.5	Minimal	Non-irritant (No Category)
>12.5-30.0	Mild	Irritant (Category 1/ Category 2)
>30.0-51.0	Moderate	
>51.0	Severe	

A detailed description of the Ocular Irritection<sup>®</sup> test procedure may be found in InVitro International's Irritection<sup>®</sup> Assay System Instruction Manual. All data are calculated and analyzed via a computer program which determines assay result acceptance based upon qualification parameters defined in the program. In general, the program has been designed to accept sample data as qualified if the following criteria are met: the OD<sub>405</sub> values of Calibrators and internal Quality Control samples fall within previously specified ranges; sample blanks are less than 500 optical density (OD) units; the net sample OD<sub>405</sub> is greater than -15; and an Inhibition Check is negative. These software printouts are included in Appendix I.

## RESULTS

The results of this analysis provided a predicted *in vivo* classification for the test sample. The complete software printouts are included in Appendix I.

Table 2 presents a summary of results for the ChemFree Corporation sample studied.

**Table 2.** Summary of Ocular Irritection Results

IVI #	Sample Description	Conc.	IDE Score	Ocular Irritancy Classification
EE9487	SW-4 (A)	0.31%	6.0	Minimal Irritant
		0.63%	7.4	Minimal Irritant
		1.25%	7.5	Minimal Irritant
		2.5%	5.2	Minimal Irritant
		5%	10.1 <sup>a</sup>	Minimal Irritant

<sup>a</sup> Maximum Qualified Score

## DISCUSSION

A single sample, provided by ChemFree Corporation was evaluated with the Irritection<sup>®</sup> Assay System in order to predict its potential to cause ocular irritation.

The Ocular Irritection test process determined that this test sample should be classified as a surfactant material. Therefore, the standard Ocular Irritection surfactant handling procedure was performed. The following concentrations of neat sample were applied directly to the reagent solution for analysis: 0.31, 0.63, 1.25, 2.5 and 5%. The results of the study indicated that the sample of SW-4 (A) was classified as a minimal ocular irritant with an IDE score of 10.1, and these findings lead to a UN GHS/EU CLP classification of No Category (Non-irritant).

In summary, the Ocular Irritection test method successfully classified the ocular irritation potential of the test material.

**APPENDIX I**

## ASSAY REPORT - ORIGINAL

Sample Description	: SW-4 (A)	Date	: 12/03/15
Sample Number	: EE9487	Time	: 16:00:27
Product Type	:	Technician Name	: Amy
Assay Method	: Ocular	Kit Lot Number	: IO 090214
Protocol	: Irritection Ocular (New)	Reagent temperature	: 25.0
Incubation Time	: 24.0 hours	Reagent pH Before Activation	: 7.97
Plate Layout	: 4 Samples/5 Concentrations	Reagent pH After Activation	: 6.47
Instrument Type	: Dynex MRX	Sample pH at 10%	: 8.26
Wavelength	: 405nm	Assay Number	: 192
Comment	:	Assay Qualification	: Qualified

## Sample Results:

Dose	Sample OD	Blank OD	Net OD	Irritancy Score	Irritancy Classification	Qualification
0.31 %	187	1	186	6.0	Minimal	Qualified
0.63 %	228	1	227	7.4	Minimal	Qualified
1.25 %	233	2	231	7.5	Minimal	Qualified
2.5 %	166	5	161	5.2	Minimal	Qualified
5 %	319	9	310	10.1	Minimal	Qualified

## Calibrator Values:

Designation	OD	Irritancy Score	Range Limit (OD)	Qualification
Cal 0	155	0.0	73 - 277	Range qualified
Cal 1	385	12.5	126 - 454	Range qualified
Cal 2	943	30.0	450 - 1270	Range qualified
Cal 3	1931	51.0	1425 - 2295	Range qualified

## Quality Control Values:

Designation	OD	Irritancy Score	Range Limit (Score)	Qualification
QC 1	259	8.4	7.2 - 20.8	Range qualified
QC 2	1012	31.5	23.6 - 35.6	Range qualified

## Sample Inhibition Check Results:

Concentration / Inhibition Check OD

0.31 % / 1297   0.63 % / 1044   1.25 % / 1320   2.5 % / 1239   5 % / 1182

\* Mean value from assay data history

\*\* Mean value from protocol defaults or adjusted value due to calibrator zero substitution

[] Value before substitution