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## QUALITY ASSURANCE STATEMENT

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This study has been divided into a series of in-process phases. Using a random sampling approach, Quality Assurance monitors each of these phases over a series of studies. Procedures, documentation, equipment records, etc., are examined in order to assure that the study is performed in accordance with the U.S. EPA GLP Standards (40 CFR 160) and to assure that the study is conducted according to the protocol and relevant Standard Operating Procedures.

The following are the inspection dates, phases inspected and report dates of QA inspections of this study:

<b>Phase Inspected</b>	<b>Audit Date(s)</b>	<b>Reported to Study Director</b>	<b>Reported to Management</b>
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Draft Report and Data	4-6-Dec-06	06-Dec-06	11-Dec-06
Final Report			

This report describes the methods and procedures used in the study and the reported results accurately reflect the raw data of the study.

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**STUDY PERSONNEL**

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**STUDY REPORT**

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Sponsor:

Test Facility: Institute for In Vitro Sciences, Inc.  
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## Test Substance Identification

IIVS Test/Reference Substance Number	Sponsor's Designation	Physical Description	Expiration Date	Receipt Date	Storage Conditions *
06AB76	N	clear colorless non-viscous liquid	NP**	3/8/06	room temperature
05AE47	F	clear colorless non-viscous liquid	NP**	8/22/05	room temperature

\* Protected from exposure to light

\*\*Not Provided

Study Initiation Date: March 24, 2006

Experimental Start Date: March 29, 2006

Experimental End Date: (Pending Final Histopathology Report)

Study Completion Date: (Pending Final Report)

Study Objective: To evaluate the potential ocular irritancy/toxicity of the test substance using the Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability Assay (BCOP)

Test Method: Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability Assay (BCOP)

Test System: Bovine Corneas

## STUDY MATERIALS

Media and Reagents:	Minimum Essential Media (EMEM) without phenol red containing 1% FBS and 2 mM L-glutamine (Complete MEM)
	Minimum Essential Media (EMEM) with phenol red containing 1% FBS and 2mM L-glutamine (Complete MEM) (used for rinsing only)
	Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) including $\text{Ca}^{++}$ , $\text{Mg}^{++}$ , and containing Pen/Strep
	Fluorescein (4 mg/mL)
	10% Formalin (Fixative)
Equipment:	Opacitometer Molecular Devices Vmax Kinetic Microplate Reader Corneal Holders 32°C Incubator Micropipettors (calibrated)

## TEST METHOD

### Preparation of Test Substance

As instructed by the Sponsor, each test or reference substance was administered to the test system without dilution. The pH of each of the test or reference substance was determined using pH paper (EMD Chemicals Inc.). Initially, the test or reference substance was added to 0-14 pH paper with 1.0 pH unit increments to approximate a narrow pH range. Next, the test or reference substance was added to 5-10 and/or 0-6 pH paper with 0.5 pH unit increments to obtain a more precise pH value. The pH values obtained from the narrower range pH paper are recorded in Table 1.

### Preparation of the Test System

Bovine eyes were obtained from a local abattoir as a by-product from freshly slaughtered animals (J.W. Treuth & Sons, Inc., Baltimore, MD). The eyes were excised and then placed in Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution, containing Penicillin/Streptomycin (HBSS), and transported to

the laboratory on ice packs. Immediately upon receipt of the eyes into the laboratory, preparation of the corneas was initiated.

The eyes were grossly examined for damage and those exhibiting defects were discarded. The tissue surrounding the eyeball was carefully pulled away and the cornea was excised such that a 2 to 3 mm rim of sclera was present around the cornea. The isolated corneas were then stored in a petri dish containing HBSS until they were mounted in a corneal holder. The corneas were mounted in the holders with the endothelial side against the O-ring of the posterior chamber. The anterior chamber was then positioned on top of the cornea and the screws were tightened. Starting with the posterior chamber, the two chambers were then filled with Minimum Essential Medium (EMEM) without phenol red, containing 1% fetal bovine serum and 2mM L-glutamine (Complete MEM). Each corneal holder was uniquely identified with a number written in permanent marker, on both the anterior and posterior chambers. The corneal holders were incubated at  $32 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  for a minimum of 1 hour.

#### Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability Assay

After a minimum of 1 hour of incubation, the corneas were removed from the incubator. The medium was removed from both chambers and replaced with fresh Complete MEM. The initial opacity was determined for each cornea using a Spectro Designs OP-KIT opacitometer. Three corneas, whose initial opacity readings were close to the median opacity for all the corneas, were selected as the negative control corneas. The treatment of each cornea was identified with the test substance number written in permanent marker on colored tape, affixed to each holder. The medium was then removed from the anterior chamber and replaced with the test substance, positive control, or negative control.

The liquid test substances, N and F, were tested neat. An aliquot of 750  $\mu\text{l}$  of the test substance, reference substance, positive control, or negative control was introduced into the anterior chamber while slightly rotating the holder to ensure uniform distribution over the cornea. Each treated cornea was completely covered with the test substance. One group of three corneas was incubated in the presence of the test or reference substances at  $32 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 minutes. A second group of three corneas was incubated in the presence of the test or reference substances at  $32 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 minutes. The positive control substances were tested on three corneas at  $32 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 minutes. The negative control was tested in three corneas at  $32 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 minutes. After the 3, 10-and 30 minute exposure times, the control, reference or test substance treatments were removed. The epithelial side of the corneas was washed at least three times with Complete MEM (containing phenol red) to ensure total removal of the control or test substance. The corneas were then given a final rinse with Complete MEM (without phenol red). The anterior chamber was refilled with fresh Complete MEM and an opacity measurement was performed. The corneas exposed to the test or positive control substance were returned to the incubator for approximately 2 hours. The corneas exposed to the negative control (30 minutes exposure) were returned to the incubator for approximately 1.5 hours. After each designated post-exposure period, a final measure of opacity was obtained.

After the final opacity measurement was performed, the medium was removed from both chambers of the holder. The posterior chamber was filled with fresh Complete MEM and 1 mL of a 4 mg/mL fluorescein solution was added to the anterior chamber. The corneas were then incubated in a horizontal position (anterior side up) for approximately 90 minutes at  $32 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ . At the end of the 90-minute incubation period, the medium was removed from the posterior chamber and placed into tubes numbered corresponding to chamber number. Aliquots of 360  $\mu\text{L}$  from the numbered tubes were placed into their designated wells on a 96-well plate. The optical density at 490 nm ( $\text{OD}_{490}$ ) was determined using a Molecular Devices Vmax kinetic microplate reader. If the  $\text{OD}_{490}$  value of a control, reference or test substance sample was 1.500 or above, a 1:5 dilution of the sample was prepared in Complete MEM (to bring the  $\text{OD}_{490}$  value within the linear range of the platereader). A 360  $\mu\text{L}$  sample of each 1:5 dilution was transferred to its specified well on the 96-well plate. The plate was read again and the final reading was saved to a designated print file.

After the medium was removed for the permeability determination, each cornea was carefully separated from its corneal holder and transferred to an individual prelabeled tissue cassette containing a biopsy sponge. The endothelial surface of each cornea was placed on the sponge to protect it. The cassettes were placed in 10% neutral buffered formalin to fix the corneal tissue for at least 24 hours.

The fixed corneas were transferred to Charles River Laboratories, Pathology Associates (PAI)-Maryland for embedding, sectioning and staining. Each cornea was paraffin-embedded, bisected, and the two halves mounted in the paraffin block so that a section of each half could be cut and placed on a single slide. Each slide was then stained with hematoxylin and eosin. Slides were provided to the pathologist for evaluation.

## PROTOCOL CHANGES

Protocol Amendments                      Protocol Amendment I (see Appendix A)

## CONTROLS

Positive Control:                      Ethanol (Pharmaco, 200 proof, USP)(tested without dilution)

Negative Control:                      Sterile, Deionized Water (Quality Biological)

## STUDY ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The BCOP assay was accepted when the positive control (ethanol) caused an *in vitro* score that was within two standard deviations of the historical mean.

## DATA ANALYSIS

**Opacity Measurement:** The change in opacity for each cornea (including the negative control corneas) was calculated by subtracting the initial opacity reading from the final opacity reading. These values were then corrected by subtracting from each the average change in opacity observed for the negative control corneas. The mean opacity value of each treatment group was calculated by averaging the corrected opacity values of each cornea for that treatment condition.

**Permeability Measurement:** The mean OD<sub>490</sub> for the blank wells was calculated. The mean blank OD<sub>490</sub> was then subtracted from the raw OD<sub>490</sub> of each well (corrected OD<sub>490</sub>). Any dilutions that were made to bring the OD<sub>490</sub> readings into the linear range of the platereader (OD<sub>490</sub> should be less than 1.500), had each diluted OD<sub>490</sub> reading multiplied by the dilution factor. The final corrected OD<sub>490</sub> of each treatment group and the positive control was then calculated by subtracting the average corrected OD<sub>490</sub> of the negative control corneas from the corrected OD<sub>490</sub> value of each treated cornea:

Final Corrected OD<sub>490</sub> = (raw OD<sub>490</sub> – mean blank OD<sub>490</sub>) – average corrected negative control OD<sub>490</sub>

The mean OD<sub>490</sub> value of each treatment group was calculated by averaging the final corrected OD<sub>490</sub> values of the treated corneas for that treatment condition.

The following formula was used to determine the *in vitro* score:

*In Vitro* Score = Mean Opacity Value + (15 x Mean OD<sub>490</sub> Value)

## STUDY RETENTION

Upon completion of the final report, all raw data, copies of the reports, slides and tissue blocks will be maintained by the Institute for In Vitro Sciences, Inc.

## STUDY RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Opacity and Permeability Results

Table 1 summarizes the opacity, permeability, and *in vitro* score for the test substance or reference substance at each exposure time. Table 2 summarizes the opacity, permeability, and *in vitro* score for the positive control. Since the results of the positive control were within two standard deviations of the historical mean (within a range of 39.4 to 64.2), the assay was considered valid. In the 10-minute exposure of N and the 3 and 10-minute exposure of F, one of the three treated corneas in each treatment group was observed to be extremely opaque and exhibited foamy bubbles were noted on corneas treated for 10 minutes F. For each of these corneas there were notably high opacity values and relatively low fluorescein permeability values compared to the replicate corneas. The opacity and permeability data for the individual corneas may be found in Appendix B.

**Table 1**  
**BCOP Results of the Test and Reference Substance**

Assay Date	IIVS Test/Reference Substance Number	Sponsor's Designation	Conc.	Exposure Time	Mean Opacity Value	Mean OD <sub>490</sub> Value	<i>In Vitro</i> Score	pH
3/29/06	06AB76	N	Neat	3 minutes	2.3	0.325	7.2	3.0
				10 minutes	142.7 <sup>1</sup>	0.668 <sup>1</sup>	152.7	
	05AE47	F	Neat	3 minutes	101.0 <sup>2</sup>	0.251 <sup>2</sup>	104.8	1.0
				10 minutes	153.0 <sup>3</sup>	1.426 <sup>3</sup>	174.4	

<sup>1</sup>One of the replicate corneas (cornea #17) had an opacity value of 413.7 and an OD<sub>490</sub> of 0.017.

<sup>2</sup>One of the replicate corneas (cornea #18) had an opacity value of 269.7 and an OD<sub>490</sub> of 0.086.

<sup>3</sup>One of the replicate corneas (cornea #22) had an opacity value of 410.7 and an OD<sub>490</sub> of 0.153.

**Table 2**  
**BCOP Results of the Positive Control**

Assay Date	Positive Control	Exposure Time	Mean Opacity Value	Mean OD <sub>490</sub> Value	<i>In Vitro</i> Score
3/29/06	Ethanol	10 minutes	27.0	1.149	44.2

## Histological Evaluation

The negative control treated corneal epithelium was composed of three layers. The basal cell layer was a well-formed, columnar-cell region directly attached to the Bowman's Layer. The basal cells were always tightly attached to each other. Several layers of wing cells covered the columnar basal layer. In both of these layers, the cell nuclei showed diffuse chromatin without clear nucleoli. Asymmetric clear spaces ("nuclear halos") were occasionally observed around nuclei in the wing and basal cell layers. These were an artifact of tissue processing and unrelated to treatment. Rare mitotic figures were seen in the basal layer. The squamous layer was flattened with limited cytoplasm and highly condensed nuclei. The stromal elements in the negative control treated corneas showed well-organized collagen matrix fibers with dispersed keratocytes. Keratocyte nuclei showed a range of morphologies from moderate sized (smaller than the epithelial nuclei) with diffuse basophilic staining to narrow elongated and condensed with dark basophilic staining. Cytoplasmic staining, when it was visible, was moderately basophilic. Rarely, cells with eosinophilic cytoplasmic staining were observed. Collagen bundles were generally parallel and well ordered. The Descemet's Membrane was prominent. The endothelial layer could be seen in most sections and was reasonably well maintained.

The positive control treated corneas showed the classic pattern of squamous layer coagulation (darkening) and marked vacuolization in the wing and basal cell nuclei. The loss of adhesion between the basal cells (cell to cell) and the basal lamina was marked. The epithelium was probably not viable at the time of fixation. Overall, the positive control-treated corneas were markedly thicker than the negative control-treated corneas. In the upper 50% of the stroma there was marked collagen matrix vacuolization and in the lower 50% there was moderate vacuolation extending to Descemet's membrane. There was a moderate decrease in the density of viable keratocytes in the upper stroma as reflected by an increase in the frequency of keratocytes showing nuclear vacuolization and/or pyknosis. In the lower stroma, the keratocytes showed a moderate increase in the frequency of cells with enlarged nuclei and cytoplasmic eosinophilia. The endothelium was generally absent.

Corneas treated with the test substance, N, for three minutes exhibited diffuse degeneration and necrosis of the squamous and superficial wing layers characterized by nuclear and cytoplasmic vacuolation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, multifocal loss of adhesion and sloughing. The lower wing and basal layers resembled the negative control. The stroma was similar in thickness to the positive control. There was moderate expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix with a concomitant increase in keratocytes with pyknotic nuclei. There was minimal to mild multifocal expansion of the lower 50% of the stroma and in the mid to lower stroma there was a notable increase in keratocytes with vacuolated nuclei and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm. The endothelium was generally intact and resembled the negative control.

Corneas treated with the test substance, N, for ten minutes showed full thickness degeneration and necrosis characterized by nuclear and cytoplasmic vacuolation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, sloughing of the squamous layer, and loss of adhesion of the basal layer from the basal lamina. The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation. The stroma

was notably thicker than the positive control. For corneas on slides B9918 and B9919 (corneas 15 and 16), there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix, and moderate expansion of the lower 50% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane. The cornea on slide B9920 (cornea 17) exhibited a stroma which was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces. This observation is consistent with the measurement of an extremely high opacity value and relatively low OD<sub>490</sub> value in this cornea. Throughout the stroma of all three corneas, there was a notable increase in keratocytes with pyknotic nuclei or eosinophilic cytoplasm. The endothelium for all three corneas was commonly detached from the underlying basement membrane and endothelial nuclei were hyperchromatic.

Corneas treated with the reference substance, F, for three minutes showed full thickness degeneration and necrosis characterized by nuclear vacuolation, abnormal chromatin patterns (condensed or granular), hypereosinophilic cytoplasm in the upper cell layers, loss of architecture of the lower layers, and occasional loss of basal cell adhesion to the basal lamina. The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation. The stroma was similar in thickness to the positive controls. For corneas on slides B9922 and B9923 (corneas 19 and 21), there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix, and mild expansion of the lower 25% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane. For the cornea on slide B9921 (cornea 18), the stroma was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces. This observation is consistent with the measurement of an extremely high opacity value and relatively low OD<sub>490</sub> value in this cornea. For all three corneas, there was an increase in keratocytes with vacuolated nuclei and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm in the upper stroma. The endothelium for all three corneas was occasionally detached from the underlying basement membrane. At areas of detachment endothelial nuclei were prominent and hyperchromatic.

Corneas treated with the reference substance, F, for 10 minutes exhibited full thickness necrosis characterized by granular chromatin condensation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, and loss of adhesion. The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation. The stroma was similar in thickness to the positive controls. For corneas on slides B9925 and B9926 (corneas 24 and 26) there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix, and moderate expansion of the lower 50% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane. For the cornea on slide B9924 (cornea 22) the stroma was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces. This observation is consistent with the measurement of an extremely high opacity value and relatively low OD<sub>490</sub> value in this cornea. Throughout the stroma of all three corneas, there was a moderate increase in keratocytes with vacuolated or pyknotic nuclei, and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm. The endothelium of all three corneas was commonly detached from the underlying basement membrane and endothelial nuclei were diffusely hyperchromatic.

Histopathological evaluation of the corneas for this study was performed at Charles River Laboratories, Pathology Associates (PAI)-Maryland. The report detailing the findings can be found in Appendix C.

## STUDY CONCLUSION

The following classification system was established by Sina et al.<sup>1</sup> based on studies with a wide range of test materials. While this classification system provides a good initial guide to interpretation of these *in vitro* data, these specific ranges may not be applicable to all classes of materials.

### *In Vitro* Score:

from 0 to 25	= mild irritant
from 25.1 to 55	= moderate irritant
from 55.1 and above	= severe irritant

The *in vitro* scores for the test substance, N, were 7.2 (3 minute exposure) and 152.7 (10 minute exposure). The *in vitro* score for the 10 minute exposure was primarily due to the extreme opacity of one cornea (cornea 17). The cause of the opacity appears to be the formation of gas pockets in the stroma due to the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. This is an observation that has historically been seen in bovine corneas treated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> containing products, and occurs typically at a frequency of one in three to one in five corneas. Based on the classification established by Sina *et al* (1995), the test material would be classified as a severe irritant. This classification is supported by the histopathological evaluation. The depth and degree of injury extended through the full thickness of the cornea after a 10 minute exposure. Histological evaluation showed full thickness degeneration and necrosis and a loss of adhesion of the basal layer from the basal lamina as well as moderate to marked expansion of the collagen matrix throughout the stroma. These observations may be associated with the measured increases in fluorescein permeability and are evidence of loss of corneal barrier function as well as modest increases in opacity likely due to stromal swelling in two of the three corneas. Additionally, there was a notable increase in keratocytes with pyknotic nuclei or eosinophilic cytoplasm throughout the entire stroma. The endothelium was commonly detached from the underlying basement membrane. At the areas of detachment endothelial nuclei were prominent and hyperchromatic.

The *in vitro* scores for the reference substance, F, were 104.8 (3 minute exposure) and 174.4 (10 minute exposure), resulting from moderate increases in both opacity and fluorescein permeability. The cause of the extreme opacity and minimal fluorescein permeability in corneas 18 and 22 appears to be the formation of gas pockets in the stroma due to the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. This is an observation that has historically been seen in bovine corneas treated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> containing products, and occurs typically at a frequency of one in three to one in five corneas. Based on the classification established by Sina *et al* (1995), the reference material would be classified as a severe irritant. This classification is supported by the histopathological evaluation.

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<sup>1</sup>Sina, J.F., Galer, D.M., Sussman, R.G., Gautheron, P.D., Sargent, E.V., Leong, B., Shah, P.V., Curren, R.D., and Miller, K. (1995) A collaborative evaluation of seven alternatives to the Draize eye irritation test using pharmaceutical intermediates. **Fundamental and Applied Toxicology** 26:20-31.

The depth and degree of injury extended through the full thickness of the cornea after the 10 minute exposure. The epithelium in these corneas exhibited full thickness necrosis characterized by granular chromatin condensation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, and loss of adhesion. The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation. After a 10 minute exposure, there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix and moderate expansion of the lower 50% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane. In cornea 22, the stroma was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces. Throughout the stroma of all of the corneas treated for 10 minutes, there was a moderate increase in keratocytes with vacuolated or pyknotic nuclei, and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm. The endothelium was commonly detached from the underlying basement membrane and endothelial nuclei were diffusely hyperchromatic.

Based on the in vitro scores and the histopathological evaluation, the test substance does not appear to be more severe than the reference substance.

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:**

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Study Director

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Study Completion Date

## **APPENDIX A**

## **APPENDIX B**

Performed on March 29, 2006

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**BOVINE CORNEAL OPACITY AND PERMEABILITY ASSAY**

**OPACITY SCORE**

<u>TA #</u>	<u>CORNEA #</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>CORRECTED</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>STDEV</u>
06AB76	10	5	8	3	2.7		
Neat	12	6	7	1	0.7		
3 minutes	14	2	6	4	3.7	2.3	1.5
06AB76	15	4	11	7	6.7		
Neat	16	4	12	8	7.7		
10 minutes	17	3	417	414	413.7	142.7	234.7
05AE47	18	3	273	270	269.7		
Neat	19	5	21	16	15.7		
3 minutes	21	5	23	18	17.7	101.0	146.1
05AE47	22	5	416	411	410.7		
Neat	24	3	29	26	25.7		
10 minutes	26	5	28	23	22.7	153.0	223.2
Neg. Control	1	4	4	0	NA		
Sterile, DI water	2	4	4	0	NA		
30 minutes	3	4	5	1	NA	0.3	
Pos. Control	4	4	32	28	27.7		
Ethanol	6	3	31	28	27.7		
10 minutes	8	4	30	26	25.7	27.0	1.2
	*11	2					
	*13	3					
	*20	5					
	*23	5					
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	*29	5					
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	*32	6					
	*33	4					
	*37	6					
	*38	4					
	*40	4					
	*41	5					
	*42	5					
	*43	3					
	*44	5					
	*45	5					
	*46	3					

Initial corneal opacity average: 4

\* - Corneas not used in this assay, but used to find initial opacity average.  
 NA - Not Applicable

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**PERMEABILITY SCORE**

**Neg. Control  
 Sterile, DI water  
 30 minutes**

Cornea #	OD490
1	0.002
2	0.004
3	0.000
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Avg.	0.002

**06AB76  
 Neat  
 3 minutes**

Cornea #	OD490	Dilution Factor	Corrected OD490
10	0.355	1	0.353
12	0.409	1	0.407
14	0.218	1	0.216
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Avg. =			0.325
STDEV=			0.098

**05AE47  
 Neat  
 3 minutes**

Cornea #	OD490	Dilution Factor	Corrected OD490
18	0.088	1	0.086
19	0.334	1	0.332
21	0.336	1	0.334
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Avg. =			0.251
STDEV=			0.143

**Pos. Control  
 Ethanol  
 10 minutes**

Cornea #	OD490	Dilution Factor	Corrected OD490
4	1.160	1	1.158
6	1.103	1	1.101
8	1.191	1	1.189
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Avg. =			1.149
STDEV=			0.045

**06AB76  
 Neat  
 10 minutes**

Cornea #	OD490	Dilution Factor	Corrected OD490
15	0.999	1	0.997
16	0.993	1	0.991
17	0.019	1	0.017
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Avg. =			0.668
STDEV=			0.564

**05AE47  
 Neat  
 10 minutes**

Cornea #	OD490	Dilution Factor	Corrected OD490
22	0.159	1	0.157
24	0.370	5	1.848
26	0.455	5	2.273
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Avg. =			1.426
STDEV=			1.119

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**IN VITRO SCORE**

**In Vitro Score = Mean Opacity Value + (15 x Mean OD490)**

<b>Test Article</b>	<b>Concentration</b>	<b>Exposure Period</b>	<b>Mean Opacity</b>	<b>Mean OD490</b>	<b>In vitro Score</b>
06AB76	Neat	3 minutes	2.3	0.325	7.2
06AB76	Neat	10 minutes	142.7	0.668	152.7
05AE47	Neat	3 minutes	101.0	0.251	104.8
05AE47	Neat	10 minutes	153.0	1.426	174.4
Ethanol	Neat	10 minutes	27.0	1.149	44.2

## APPENDIX C

**DRAFT HISTOPATHOLOGY REPORT**

**BOVINE CORNEAL OPACITY AND PERMEABILITY ASSAY WITH  
TWO TIME EXPOSURES AND OPTIONAL HISTOLOGY**

**Testing Facility Study Number** 06AB76, 05AE47.350064

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**Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability Assay with Two Time Exposures and Optional Histology**

Study Number: 06AB76,05AE47.350064

**QUALITY ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

This histopathology project has been inspected and audited by the PAI Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) as required by the Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The histopathology report is an accurate reflection of the recorded data. The following table is a record of the inspections/audits performed and reported by the QAU.

<b><u>Date of Inspection</u></b>	<b><u>Phase Inspected</u></b>	<b><u>Date Findings Reported to Study Pathologist/PAI Management</u></b>	<b><u>Date Findings Reported to Study Director/Study Director Management</u></b>
09/01/06	Microtomy	09/01/06	09/01/06
11/13/06	Individual Animal Data and Supporting Documentation	11/13/06	11/16/06
11/13/06	Draft Histopathology Report	11/13/06	11/16/06

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

This report presents the pathology results of bovine corneas exposed to test and control substances for Institute for In Vitro Sciences, Inc (IIVS) Study Number 06AB76, 05AE47.350064. All test procedures and tissue harvests were performed at IIVS under the direction of Janet Luczak, M.G.A., Study Director. Histopathology was completed at Charles River Laboratories, Pathology Associates (PAI) - Maryland by Stewart B. Jacobson, DVM, DACVP.

### 1.2 Objective

The objective of this study was to evaluate the potential ocular irritancy/toxicity of the test article as measured by test article-induced changes in opacity, permeability to fluorescein, and tissue architecture in isolated bovine corneas. This report addresses the histopathology portion of the bovine corneal opacity and permeability (BCOP) assay.

## 2.0 Methods

### 2.1 Compliance Statement

The portion of this study performed by PAI was conducted in accordance with the most recent versions of the U.S. EPA's Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Regulations. Although digital photomicrographs are included as part of this report, the diagnoses and findings contained herein were obtained using the original histologic preparations, not the images. An electronic copy of this report (PDF format) is included. It is a representation of the pathology report hard copy; however, only the signed hard copy of the pathology report is considered raw data.

### 2.2 Archives

All pathology data and materials are maintained at Charles River Laboratories, Pathology Associates (PAI) – Maryland during the conduct of the histology portion of the study. Within three months of the issuance of the draft pathology report, or upon completion of the final pathology report, all data and materials generated by Charles River Laboratories, Pathology Associates (PAI) - Maryland, will have been shipped or delivered to the Institute for In Vitro Sciences, Inc. for archiving with the study.

### 2.3 Tissue Collection

According to the protocol, following treatment, corneas were placed in pre-labeled cassettes in 10% neutral buffered formalin fixative. After 24 hours, the fixed tissues were transferred to PAI for slide preparation. Tissues were processed, bisected, embedded in paraffin, and cut to 5 microns. Slides were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E).

## 2.4 Basis for Histological Evaluation

Damage to the epithelial layer is generally the first change seen in the cornea since the test materials are applied topically to this “unprotected” epithelium. Each “layer” of the epithelium is scored for cell loss or damage. Figure 1 shows the structure of the epithelium from a control cornea. Changes to the surface epithelium (squamous and upper wing cell epithelium) in the BCOP assay are usually not predictive of lasting corneal changes *in vivo*. The loss of the squamous and upper wing cell layers in the excised bovine cornea by surfactant-based test articles appears to coincide with mild to moderate damage to the conjunctiva of the rabbit *in vivo*<sup>1</sup>. This type of damage is typically reversible in the rabbit. Many types of surfactants (e.g., sodium lauryl sulfate) are expected to lyse these cells so that they are progressively lost from the epithelial surface. A commonly used positive control, ethanol, provides an example of a different type of damage. In this case, the surface squamous epithelial cells are coagulated and fixed in place. The coagulated tissue stains heavily with eosin. In addition, the wing and basal cells are vacuolated and the adhesion between the basal cells and the basal lamina is disrupted. Such changes can lead to sloughing of the epithelium. Lesions in the deep wing cell and basal cell layers, either by cell lysis or coagulation, are associated with more damage *in vivo*. Much of the available data come from studies on surfactants and show that loss of the bovine corneal epithelium is predictive of some corneal opacity in the rabbit.

Special effort has been made to detect changes in the stromal elements of the corneas. Jester<sup>2</sup>, Maurer<sup>3,4</sup> and others have shown for a range of chemical classes that depth of injury in the early hours after exposure can be predictive of the eventual degree and duration of the ocular lesions. Epithelial damage alone, in the rabbit cornea, is associated with expected recovery provided the basal lamina is intact. Deep injury to the stroma has more serious consequences. Stromal damage may be manifest by several types of changes within the tissue. These may include swelling within the stromal collagen matrix and loss/damage to the keratocytes. These changes do not necessarily occur together. Stromal swelling may be detected by the presence of vacuole-like “holes” in the organized collagen matrix. Their appearance suggests that liquid has entered the matrix expanding space between the fibers. Examples of these vacuoles may be seen in Figures 7 and 8 where the positive control exposure has induced some stromal swelling. The depth and degree of vacuolization can be indicative of the degree of injury to the cornea and/or penetration of the test article into the tissue. Loss of the effective epithelial or endothelial barrier will allow

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<sup>1</sup> Gettings, SD, Lordo, RA, Hintze, KL, Bagley, DM, Casterton, PL, Chudkowski, M, Curren, RD, Demetrulias, JL, DiPasquale, LC, Earl, LK, Feder, PI, Galli, CL, Glaza, SM, Gordon, VC, Janus, J, Kurtz, PJ, Marenus, KD, Moral, J, Pape, WJW, Renskers, KJ, Rheins, LA, Roddy, MT, Rozen, MG, Tedeschi, JP, and Zyracki, J. (1996) The CFTA evaluation of alternatives program: an evaluation of *in vitro* alternatives to the Draize primary eye irritation test. (Phase III) Surfactant-based formulations. **Food and Chemical Toxicology** 34(1):79-117.

<sup>2</sup> Jester, JV, Li, HF, Petroll, WM, Parker, RD, Cavanaugh, HD, Carr, GJ, Smith, B, and Maurer, JK. (1998) Area and depth of surfactant-induced corneal injury correlates with cell death. **Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science** 39(6):922-936.

<sup>3</sup> Maurer, JK and Parker, RD. (1996) Light microscopic comparison of surfactant-induced eye irritation in rabbits and rats at three hours and recovery/day 35. **Toxicologic Pathology** 24(4):403-411.

<sup>4</sup> Maurer, JK, Parker, RD, and Jester, JV. (2002) Extent of initial corneal injury as the mechanistic basis for ocular irritation: key findings and recommendations for the development of alternative assays. **Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology** 36:106-117.

water (medium) to enter the stroma and produce the collagen matrix vacuolization (swelling). Viable epithelium or endothelium will not only retard entry of the water but actively transport it out of the stroma. As the viability of epithelium declines, both the barrier and transport capacities are reduced. Thus, the amount of water accumulating in the upper stroma reflects the damage to the epithelium. When the full epithelial layer is lost over a section of stroma, stromal swelling can increase the stromal thickness by 50% or more over the control corneal stroma. Such changes are often observed when corneas treated with severe irritants are incubated for extended periods after exposure. Loss of the endothelium can also lead to appreciable deep stromal swelling. The loss may result from test article penetration or mechanical damage. Mechanical damage tends to be more focal (patchy) in nature while the true toxic response to the test article exposure tends to extend across much of the cornea. When focal (mechanical) damage is present, the majority of the collagen matrix vacuolization will be located in the deep stroma (just above Descemet's Membrane). In contrast, test article-induced toxicity to the endothelium should include both epithelial as well as endothelial damage so that collagen matrix vacuolization will be observed throughout the stroma. Such extreme damage may increase the stromal thickness two fold over the control corneal stroma thickness.

*In vivo*, the inflammatory response that follows deep initial injury can, itself, lead to permanent lesions through "scar" collagen deposition or neovascularization in the corneal stroma. The authors cited previously have suggested that the damaged keratocytes are involved in initiating this inflammatory process. Classic inflammatory changes (e.g., inflammatory cell infiltration) are possible only in the presence of active circulation through the limbus. Since the isolated cornea has no source of inflammatory cells, the potential for test article-induced inflammation is judged by the changes in the extracellular matrix and particularly the keratocytes. Some forms of damage are more easily recognized than are others. Necrotic cell death, as might follow exposure to a strong alkaline, would be quite apparent since the cellular components rapidly break down. More subtle damage could also lead to a delayed cell death and release of inflammatory mediators. Nuclear changes (vacuolization [swelling], punctate chromatin condensation, pyknosis or karyorrhexis) are signs of this process. Cytoplasmic changes can also be informative. Vacuole formation and/or loss of basic elements (mRNA for example) are also indicative of the beginning of the degenerative process. The cell cytoplasm normally stains with both basophilic (hematoxylin) and acidophilic (eosin) stains. When the basic elements are lost, eosinophilic staining predominates. This type of change is reported as cytoplasmic eosinophilia. Harbell and Curren<sup>5</sup> have reported that mechanical removal of the corneal epithelium leads to marked stromal swelling (marked collagen matrix vacuolization). The keratocytes in the zone of marked swelling undergo changes as well. The nuclei become enlarged and the cytoplasmic staining is very eosinophilic. Thus, when test article-treated corneas show only this type of keratocyte change (with stromal swelling), the change may be the result of the stromal swelling rather than direct action of the test article on the cells.

Since depth of injury (both extracellular and cellular) to the stroma is important in the analysis, a means to describe the depth of injury is necessary as part of this analysis. Determining this depth is not always a straightforward process. Because of the topical application of the test article to the epithelium, one would expect that exposure to the stroma would progress from the area just

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<sup>5</sup> Harbell, J and Curren, R (2005) Using histological evaluation to enhance the Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability (BCOP) assay. ALTEX 22 (Special Issue):236.

under Bowman's Layer down through the stroma to Descemet's Membrane. There is no external inflammatory process *in vitro*, so one might also expect the progression of damage to follow the progression of exposure. That means that damage to the stroma should first appear close to Bowman's Layer. As the damage to the stroma increases, deeper layers might be involved. This implies that one would want to express damage as progressing from the anterior (Bowman's Layer) to the posterior (Descemet's Membrane) and express it as a fraction of the total stromal depth involved. However, collagen matrix vacuolization can (and often does) increase total stromal thickness. Thus, measurements of the depth of a stromal lesion can be complicated by the change in overall stromal thickness. To account for stromal swelling, this depth may be estimated from the percentage of the stromal cross section that remained undamaged (starting at the posterior border). For this report, depth of stromal damage is reported simply in terms of relative depth (e.g., upper, middle and deep stroma).

Photomicrographs of the epithelium and stroma are intended to illustrate the degree of damage at the indicated depth. Where little or no damage to the stroma was detected, the area directly under Bowman's Layer was photographed since that is where one would expect to see damage if it had occurred. Images were captured using a Micropublisher 5.0 Digital Camera connected to an Olympus BX45 microscope and processed using Image-Pro Plus version 5.1.2 image analysis software.

With the digital camera and associated software, it is possible to measure distances within the captured image. This feature can be used to measure corneal stromal thickness directly. Such measurements require a true cross-section of the cornea (i.e., a perpendicular section relative to the corneal surface plane). In some cases, a true cross-section is not available. The Descemet's Membrane thickness is used to estimate how close the section is to a true cross section. The appearance of an unusually thick membrane suggests that the section was cut at a tangent to the true cross section (or from a more mature animal). If the measured corneal section did not appear to be a true cross section, the observation was noted. Even in a true cross section, the isolated cornea is not of uniform thickness but rather shows peaks and valleys. Therefore, an effort has been made to select "representative" cross-sections that are neither extreme "peaks" nor "valleys" for measurement of corneal thickness. The values obtained should be considered "representative" of the treatment group rather than strict quantitative measures. Many more measurements would be required to provide a quantitative comparison. In some cases, the treated corneas will have lost most of their epithelium or it has been compromised (i.e., Imidazole treatment). In those cases, the stromal thickness of the treated corneas should be compared to the stromal thickness of the negative control-treated corneas.

## 2.5 Histopathologic Results

According to the protocol, the negative control corneas were treated for approximately 30 minutes with sterile, deionized water (slides B9909-B9911). The negative control-treated epithelium was composed of three layers. The basal cell layer was a well-formed, columnar-cell region directly attached to the Bowman's Layer. The basal cells were always tightly attached to each other. Several layers of wing cells covered the columnar basal layer. In both of these layers, the cell nuclei showed diffuse chromatin without clear nucleoli. Asymmetric clear spaces ("nuclear halos") were occasionally observed around nuclei in the wing and basal cell layers.

These were an artifact of tissue processing and unrelated to treatment. Rare mitotic figures were seen in the basal layer. The squamous layer was flattened with limited cytoplasm and highly condensed nuclei (Figure 2).

The stromal elements in the negative control corneas showed well-organized collagen matrix fibers with dispersed keratocytes. Keratocyte nuclei showed a range of morphologies from moderate sized (smaller than the epithelial nuclei) with diffuse basophilic staining, to narrow, elongated and condensed with dark basophilic staining. Cytoplasmic staining, when it was visible, was moderately basophilic. Rarely cells with eosinophilic cytoplasmic staining were observed. Collagen bundles were generally parallel and well-ordered (Stroma just under Bowman's Layer, Figure 3).

The Descemet's Membrane was prominent. The endothelial layer could be seen in most sections and was reasonably well-maintained.

The cross section of a negative control-treated cornea, showing the general thickness of the whole cornea and stroma, is shown in Figure 4.

According to the protocol, the positive control corneas (slides B9912-B9914), treated for approximately 10 minutes with 100% ethanol, showed the classic pattern of squamous layer coagulation (darkening) and marked vacuolization in the wing and basal cell nuclei (Figure 5). The loss of adhesion between the basal cells (cell to cell) and the basal lamina was marked. The epithelium was probably not viable at the time of fixation. Overall, the positive control-treated corneas were markedly thicker than the negative control-treated corneas (Figure 6). In the upper 50% of the stroma there was marked collagen matrix vacuolization (Figure 7) and in the lower 50% there was moderate vacuolation (Figure 8) extending to Descemet's membrane. There was a moderate decrease in the density of viable keratocytes in the upper stroma as reflected by an increase in the frequency of keratocytes showing nuclear vacuolization and/or pyknosis (Figure 8). In the lower stroma, the keratocytes showed a moderate increase in the frequency of cells with enlarged nuclei and cytoplasmic eosinophilia (Figure 9). The endothelium was generally absent.

Table 1 presents the results for the test article evaluated.

**Table 1**  
**Histological Observations of the Test Article-Treated Corneas**

IIVS Number	Sponsor's Designation	Exposure Time (minutes)/ Post-Exposure Incubation (minutes)	Observations	Figure #
06AB76 Slides B9915-B9917	N	3/120	<p>All corneas were similar histopathologically.</p> <p><b>Epithelium:</b> There was diffuse degeneration and necrosis of the squamous and superficial wing layers characterized by nuclear and cytoplasmic vacuolation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, and multifocal loss of adhesion and sloughing (Figure 10). The lower wing and basal layers resembled negative controls.</p> <p><b>Stroma:</b> The stroma was similar thickness to positive controls (Figure 11). There was moderate expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix with a concomitant increase in keratocytes with pyknotic nuclei (Figure 12). There was minimal to mild multifocal expansion of the lower 50% of the stroma. In the mid to lower stroma there was a notable increase in keratocytes with vacuolated nuclei and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm (Figure 13).</p> <p><b>Endothelium:</b> The endothelium was generally intact and resembled negative controls.</p>	10-13
06AB76 Slides B9918-	N	10/120	The corneal stroma on slide B9920 was notably different from the other corneas, as discussed below.	14-18

IIVS Number	Sponsor's Designation	Exposure Time (minutes)/ Post-Exposure Incubation (minutes)	Observations	Figure #
B9920			<p><b>Epithelium:</b> There was full thickness degeneration and necrosis characterized by nuclear and cytoplasmic vacuolation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, sloughing of the squamous layer, and loss of adhesion of the basal layer from the basal lamina (Figure 14). The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation.</p> <p><b>Stroma:</b> The stroma was notably thicker than positive controls (Figure 15). For corneas on slides B9918 and B9919, there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix, and moderate expansion of the lower 50% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane (Figures 17 and 18). For the cornea on slide B9920, the stroma was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces (Figure 16). Throughout the stroma there was a notable increase in keratocytes with pyknotic nuclei or eosinophilic cytoplasm (Figure 17).</p> <p><b>Endothelium:</b> The endothelium was commonly detached from the underlying basement membrane and endothelial nuclei were hyperchromatic (Figure 18).</p>	

IIVS Number	Sponsor's Designation	Exposure Time (minutes)/ Post-Exposure Incubation (minutes)	Observations	Figure #
05AE47 Slides B9921-B9923	F	3/120	<p>The corneal stroma on slide B9921 was notably different from the other corneas, as discussed below.</p> <p><b>Epithelium:</b> There was full thickness degeneration and necrosis characterized by nuclear vacuolation, abnormal chromatin patterns (condensed or granular), hypereosinophilic cytoplasm in the upper cell layers, loss of architecture of the lower layers, and occasional loss of basal cell adhesion to the basal lamina (Figure 19). The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation.</p> <p><b>Stroma:</b> The stroma was similar thickness to positive controls (Figure 20). For corneas on slides B9922 and B9923, there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix, and mild expansion of the lower 25% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane (Figure 22). For the cornea on slide B9921, the stroma was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces (Figure 21). In the upper stroma there was an increase in keratocytes with vacuolated nuclei and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm (Figure 22).</p> <p><b>Endothelium:</b> The endothelium was occasionally detached from the</p>	19-22

IIVS Number	Sponsor's Designation	Exposure Time (minutes)/ Post-Exposure Incubation (minutes)	Observations	Figure #
			underlying basement membrane. At areas of detachment endothelial nuclei were prominent and hyperchromatic.	
05AE47 Slides B9924-B9926	F	10/120	<p>The corneal stroma on slide B9924 was notably different from the other corneas, as discussed below.</p> <p><b>Epithelium:</b> There was full thickness necrosis characterized by granular chromatin condensation, hypereosinophilic cytoplasm, and loss of adhesion (Figure 23). The epithelium was not viable at the time of fixation.</p> <p><b>Stroma:</b> The stroma was similar thickness to positive controls (Figure 24). For corneas on slides B9925 and B9926, there was marked expansion of the upper 50% of the collagen matrix, and moderate expansion of the lower 50% of the matrix extending to Descemet's membrane (Figures 26 and 27). For the cornea on slide B9924, the stroma was expanded and distorted by numerous individual to confluent round clear spaces (Figure 25). Throughout the stroma there was a moderate increase in keratocytes with vacuolated or pyknotic nuclei, and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm (Figures 26 and 27).</p> <p><b>Endothelium:</b> The endothelium</p>	23-27

<b>IIVS Number</b>	<b>Sponsor's Designation</b>	<b>Exposure Time (minutes)/ Post- Exposure Incubation (minutes)</b>	<b>Observations</b>	<b>Figure #</b>
			was commonly detached from the underlying basement membrane and endothelial nuclei were diffusely hyperchromatic (Figure 27).	

The figures displayed on the subsequent pages of this pathology report are representative H&E-stained cross-sections presented at the magnifications indicated in each image caption. A 100 um bar appears on each micrograph for reference. Arrows included in some of the figures identify examples of the lesions noted, however not all lesions in all micrographs are marked. Vertical double-headed arrows mark the limits of the epithelium in the appropriate figures.

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Figure 1. An example of a control cornea showing the three layers of the epithelium, Bowman's Layer and the upper stroma (H&E)

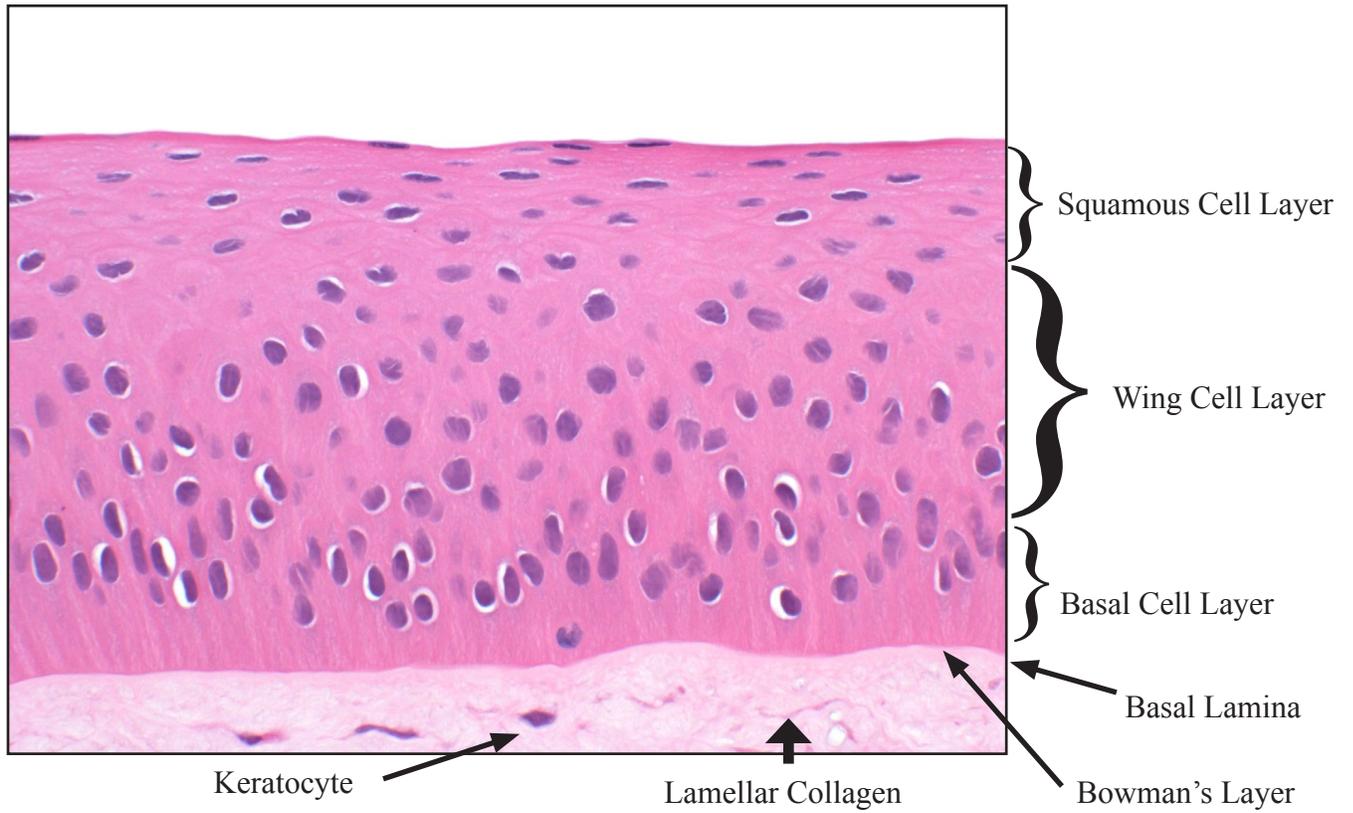


Figure 2. Negative Control (sterile, deionized water, 30 minute exposure/90 minute post incubation) - Epithelium (Slide B9910-1, 40x, H&E)

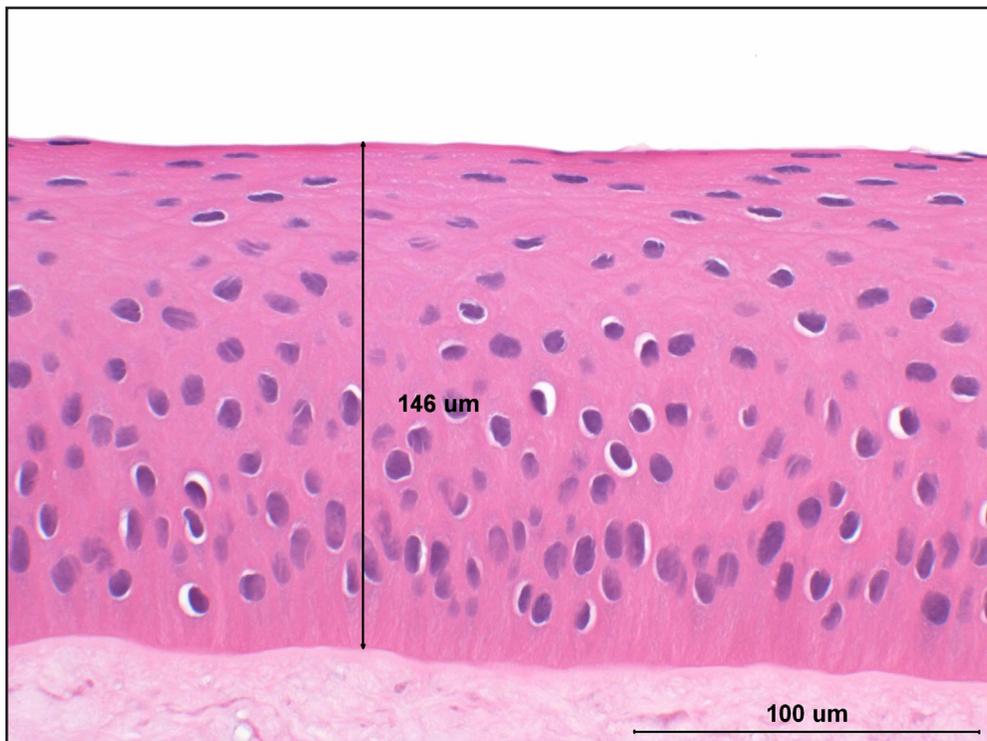


Figure 3. Negative Control (sterile, deionized water, 30 minute exposure/90 minute post incubation)  
- Stroma directly below Bowman's Layer (Slide B9910-1, 40x, H&E)

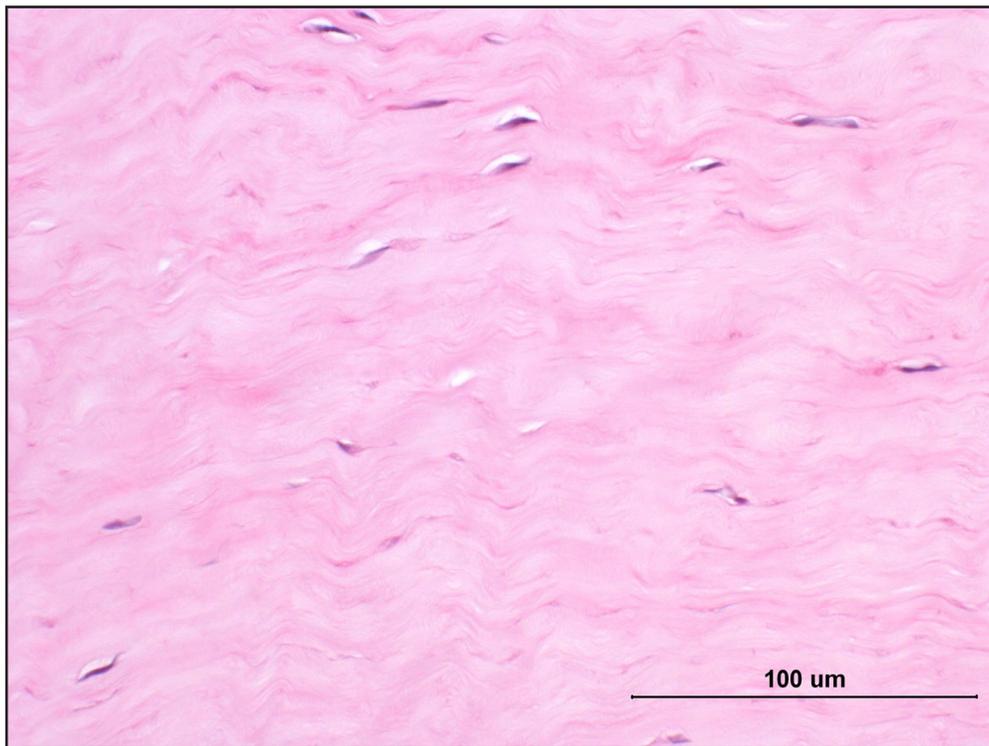


Figure 4. Negative Control (sterile, deionized water, 30 minute exposure/90 minute post incubation)  
- Full thickness (Slide B9909-1, 4x, H&E)



Figure 5. Positive Control (100% ethanol, 10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Epithelium with coagulation of the squamous layer (A →) and vacuolation of wing and basal cells (B →) (Slide B9912-1, 40x, H&E)

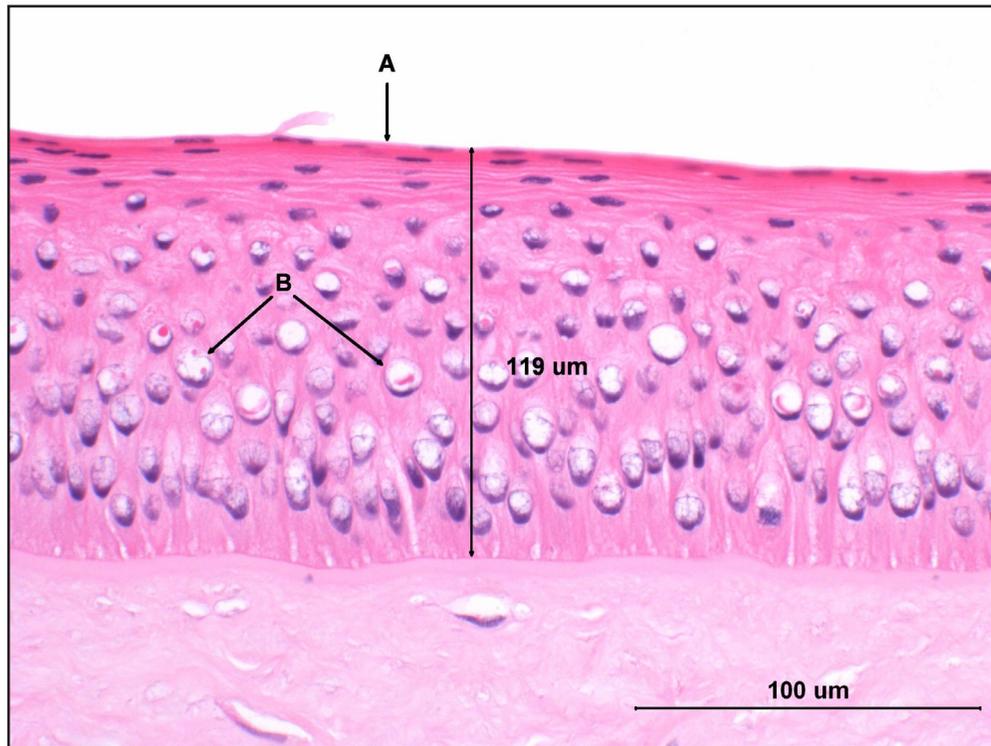


Figure 6. Positive Control (100% ethanol, 10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness (Slide B9914-1, 4x, H&E)

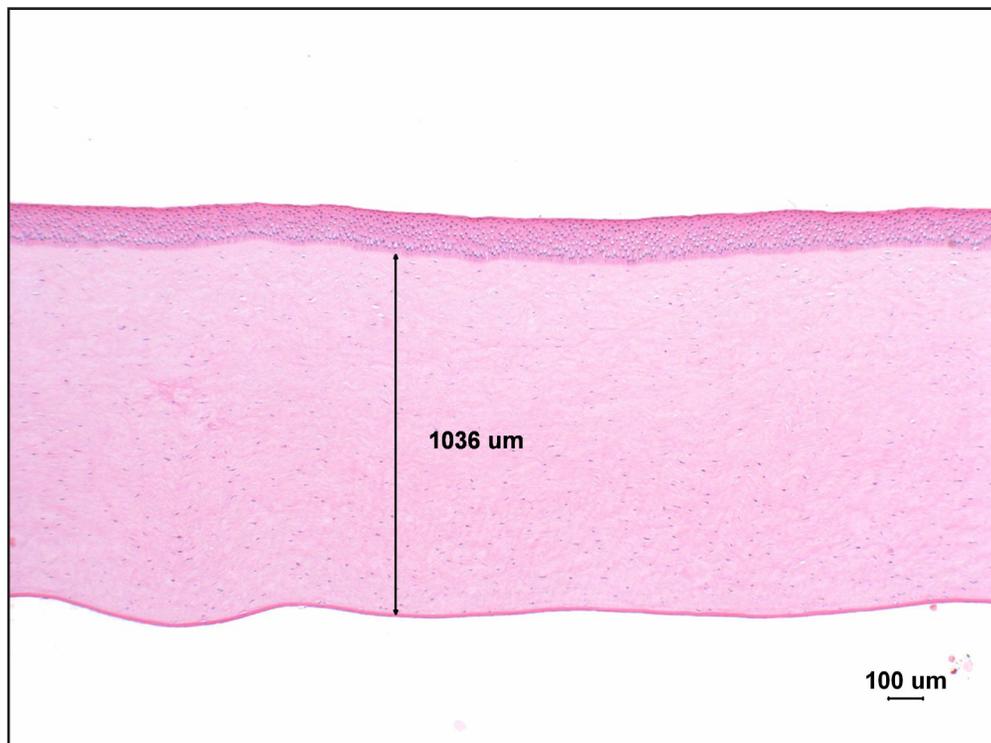


Figure 7. Positive Control (100% ethanol, 10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Upper stroma with vacuolation of the collagen matrix (—→) (Slide B9913-1, 40x, H&E)

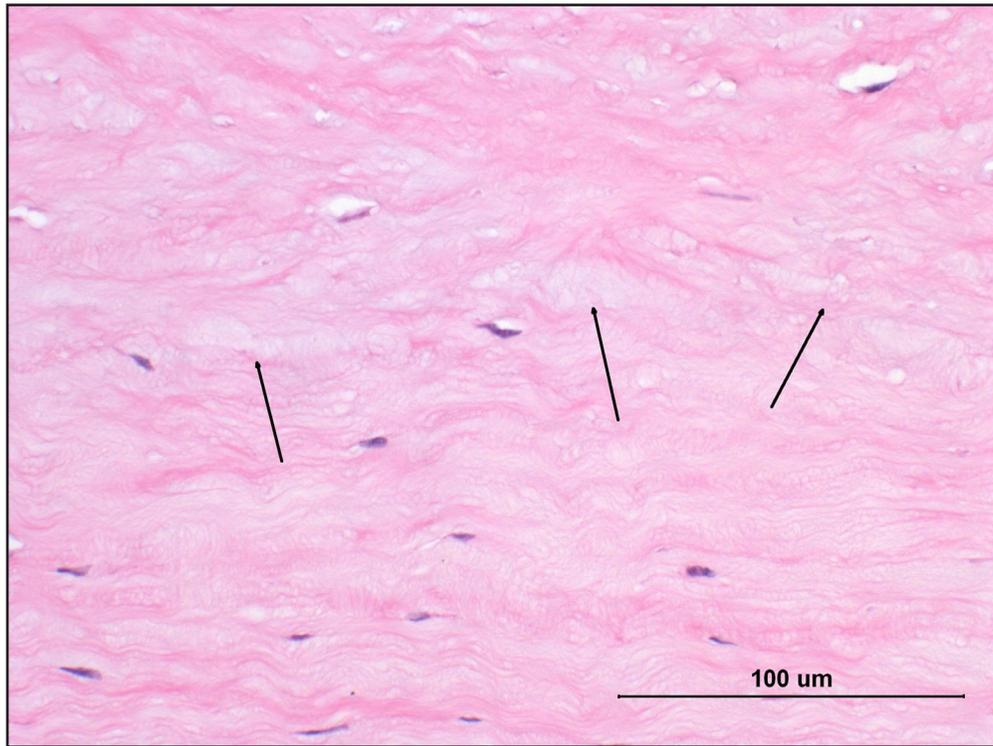


Figure 8. Positive Control (100% ethanol, 10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Mid stroma with pyknotic keratocyte nuclei (—→) (Slide B9913-1, 40x, H&E)



Figure 9. Positive Control (100% ethanol, 10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Lower stroma with eosinophilic cytoplasm (→) (Slide B9913-1, 40x, H&E)

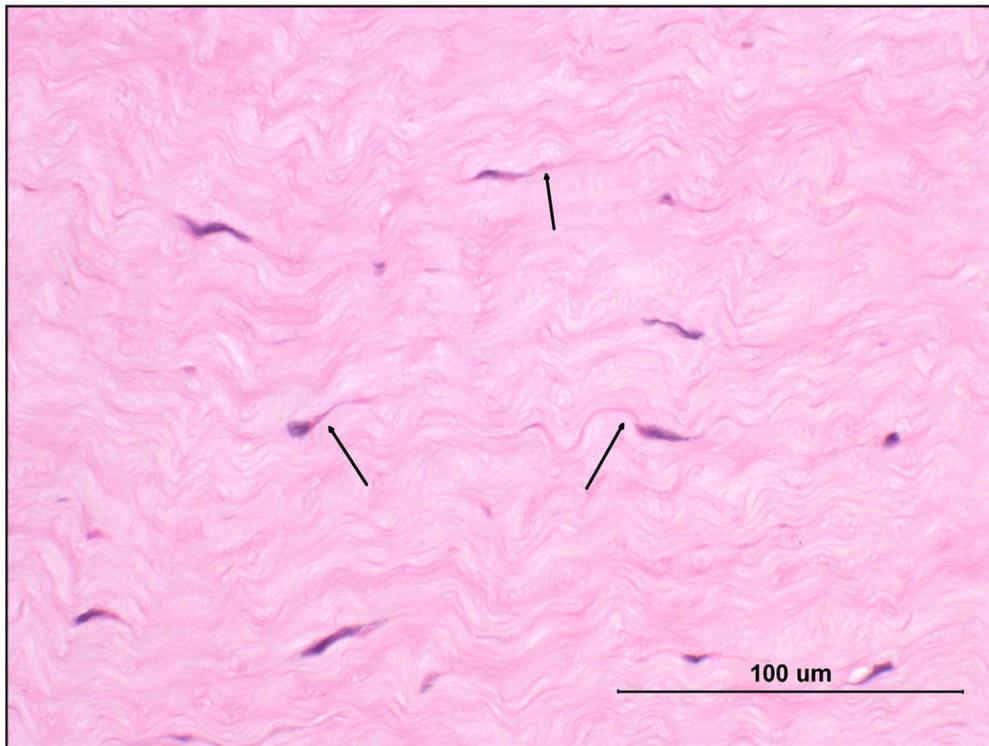


Figure 10. 06AB76, N (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Epithelium with sloughing of the squamous layer (Slide B9916-1, 20x, H&E)

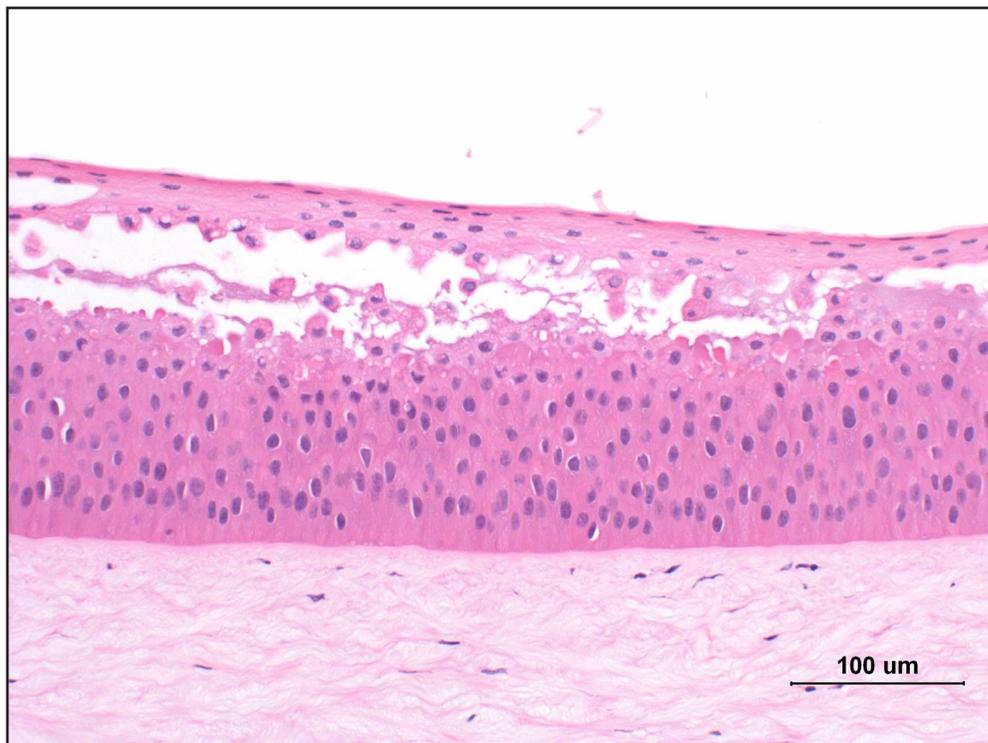


Figure 11. 06AB76, N (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness (Slide B9917-1, 4x, H&E)

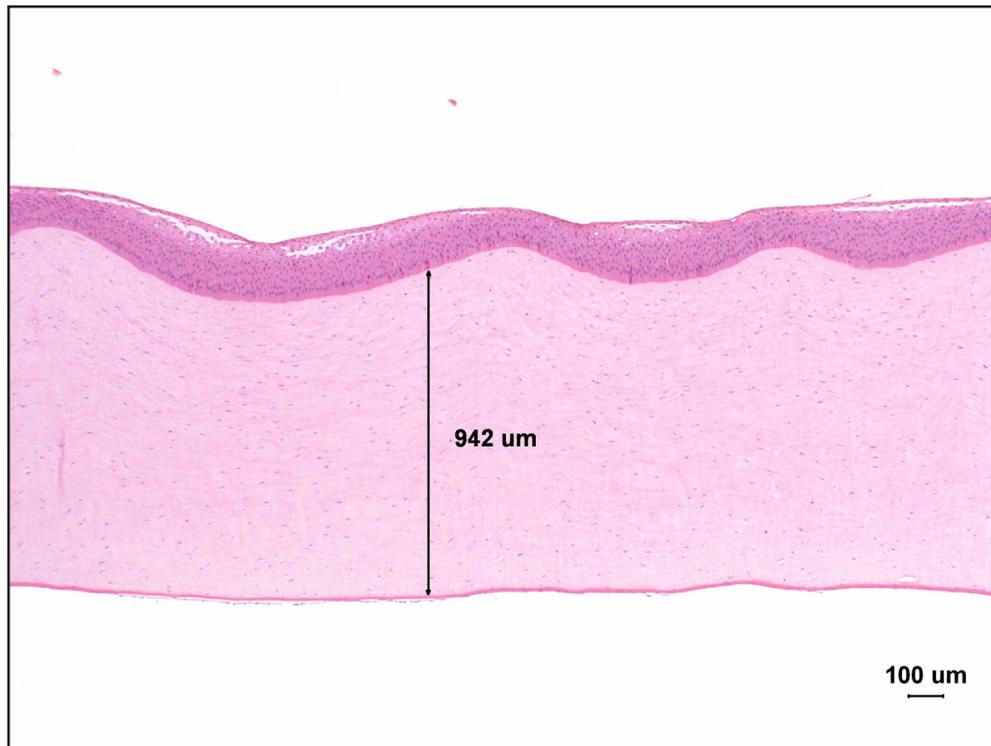


Figure 12. 06AB76, N (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Upper stroma with expansion of the collagen matrix (A →) and pyknotic keratocyte nuclei (B →) (Slide B9917-1, 40x, H&E)

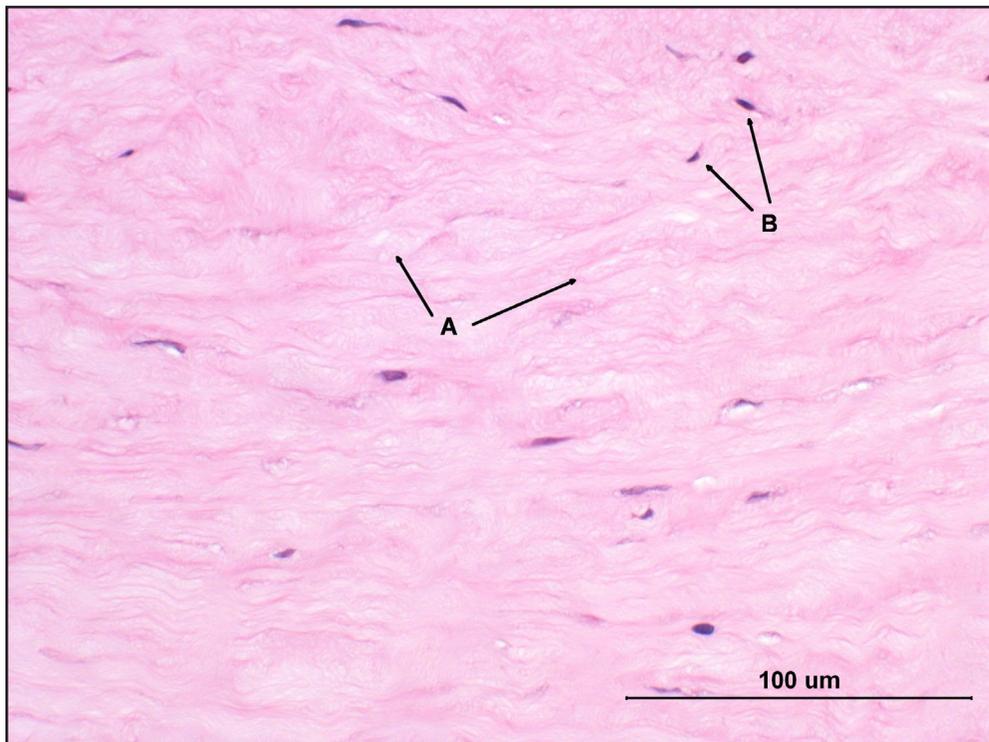


Figure 13. 06AB76, N (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Mid stroma with vacuolated keratocyte nuclei (A →) and eosinophilic cytoplasm (B →) (Slide B9916-1, 40x, H&E)

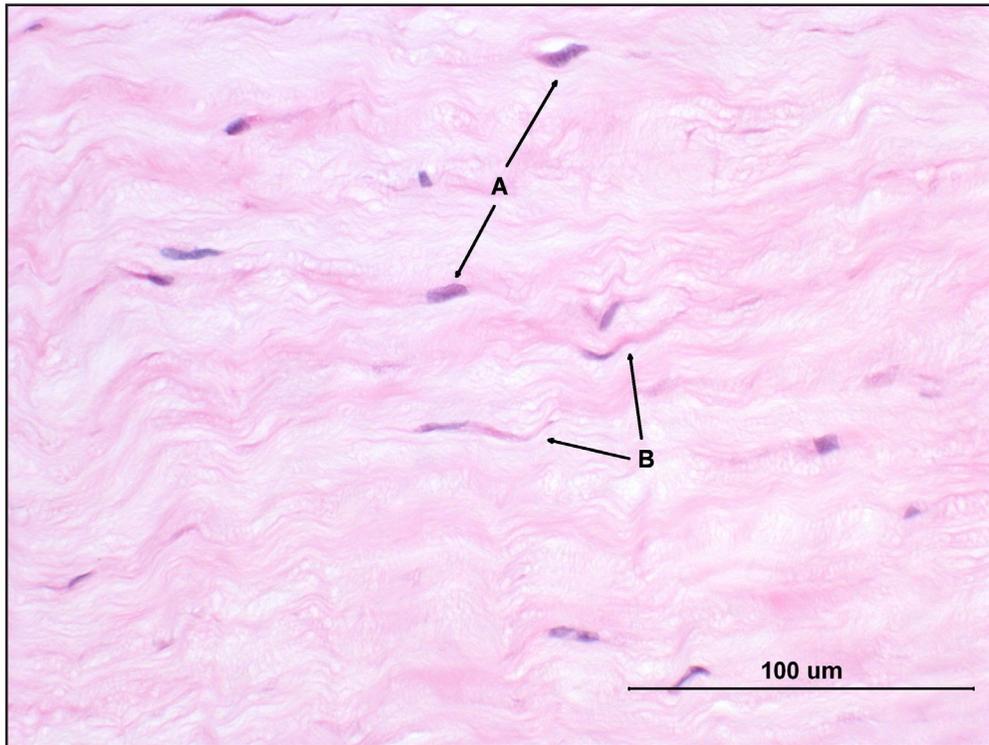


Figure 14. 06AB76, N (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Epithelium with vacuolation of wing and basal cells (A →) and separation of basal layer from basal lamina (B →) (Slide B9919-1, 40x, H&E)

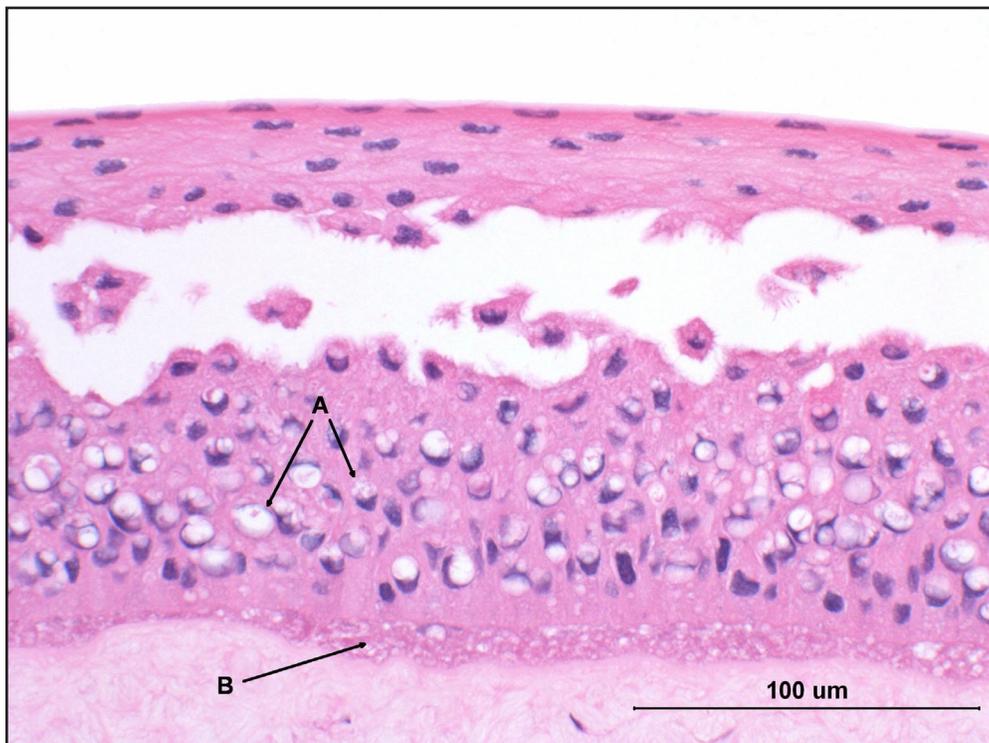


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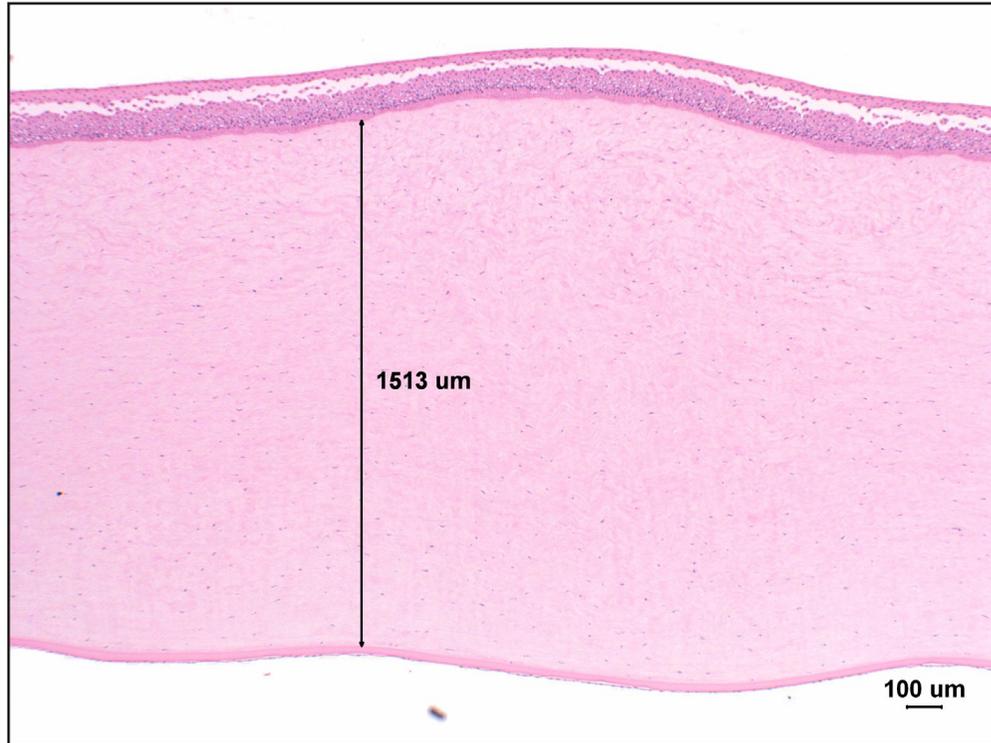


Figure 16. 06AB76, N (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness with extensive stromal vacuolation (Slide B9920-1, 2x, H&E)



Figure 17. 06AB76, N (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Upper stroma with vacuolation of the collagen matrix (A →), pyknotic keratocyte nuclei (B →), and eosinophilic cytoplasm (C →) (Slide B9919-1, 40x, H&E)

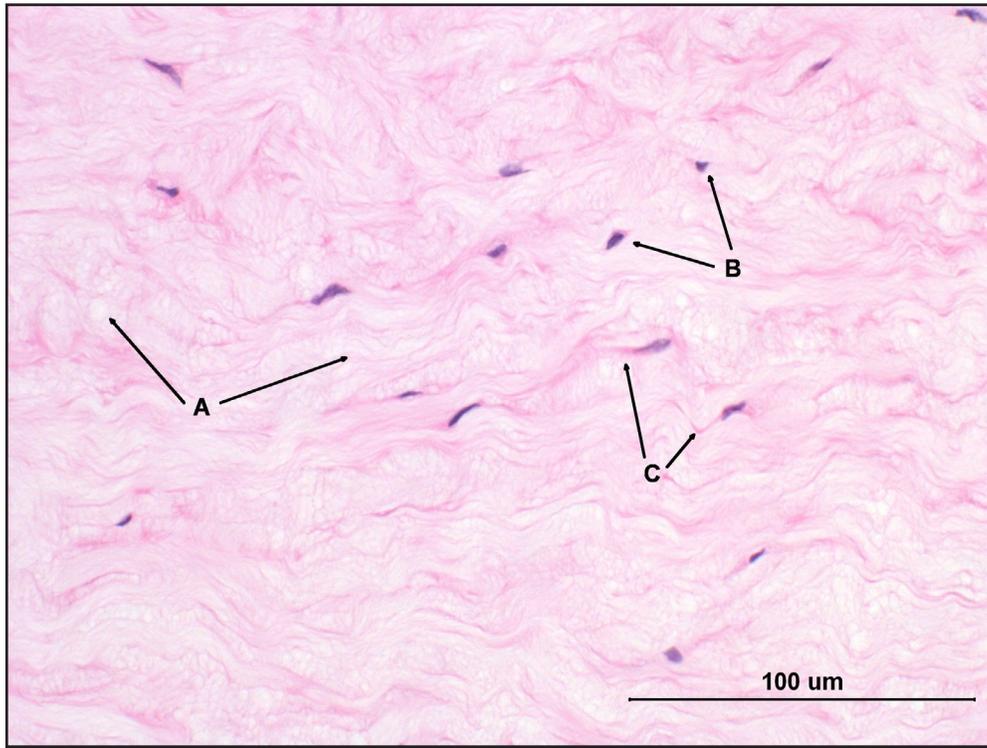


Figure 18. 06AB76, N (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Endothelium with enlarged hyperchromatic nuclei (A →) and expanded lower stroma (B →) (Slide B9919-1, 40x, H&E)

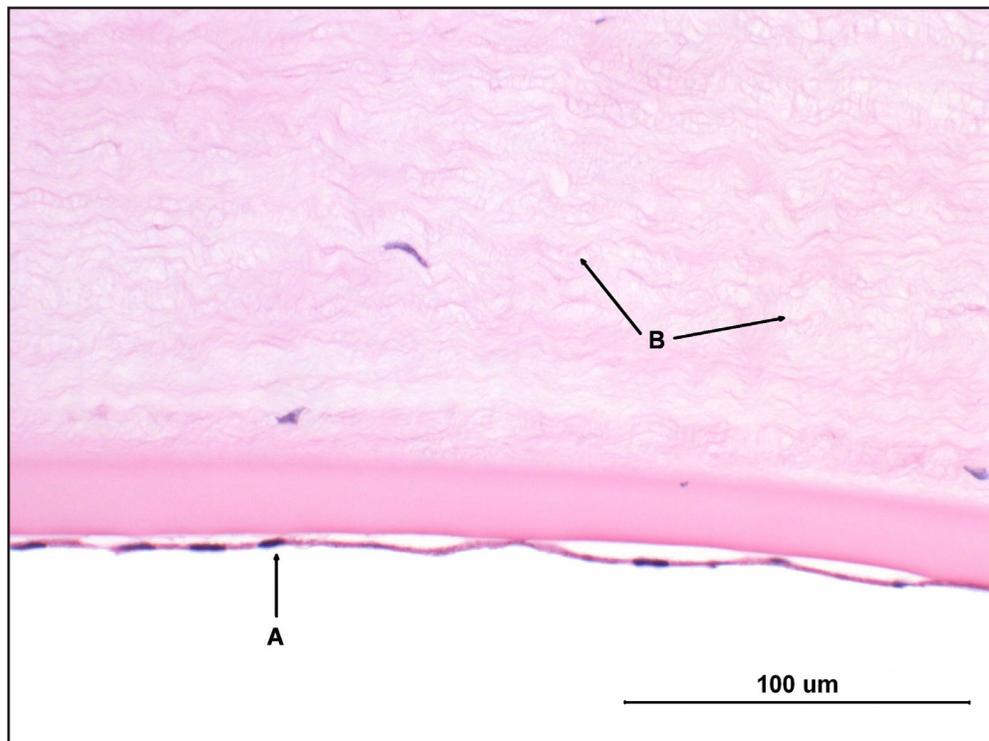


Figure 19. 05AE47, F (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Epithelium with full thickness necrosis (Slide B9923-1, 40x, H&E)

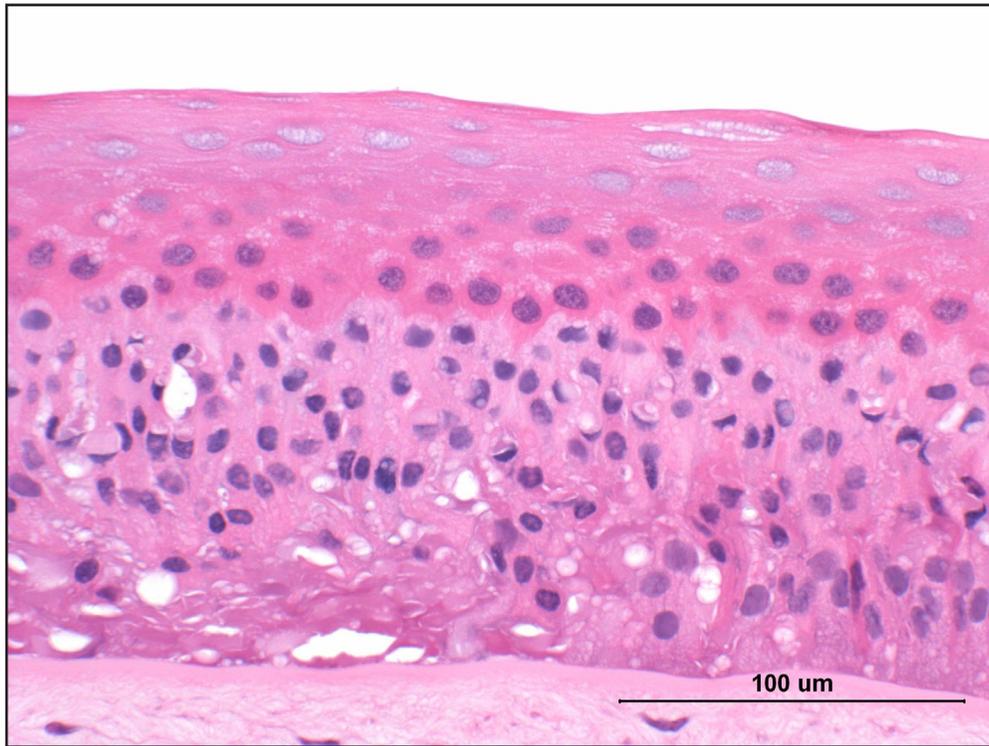


Figure 20. 05AE47, F (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness (Slide B9923-1, 4x, H&E)

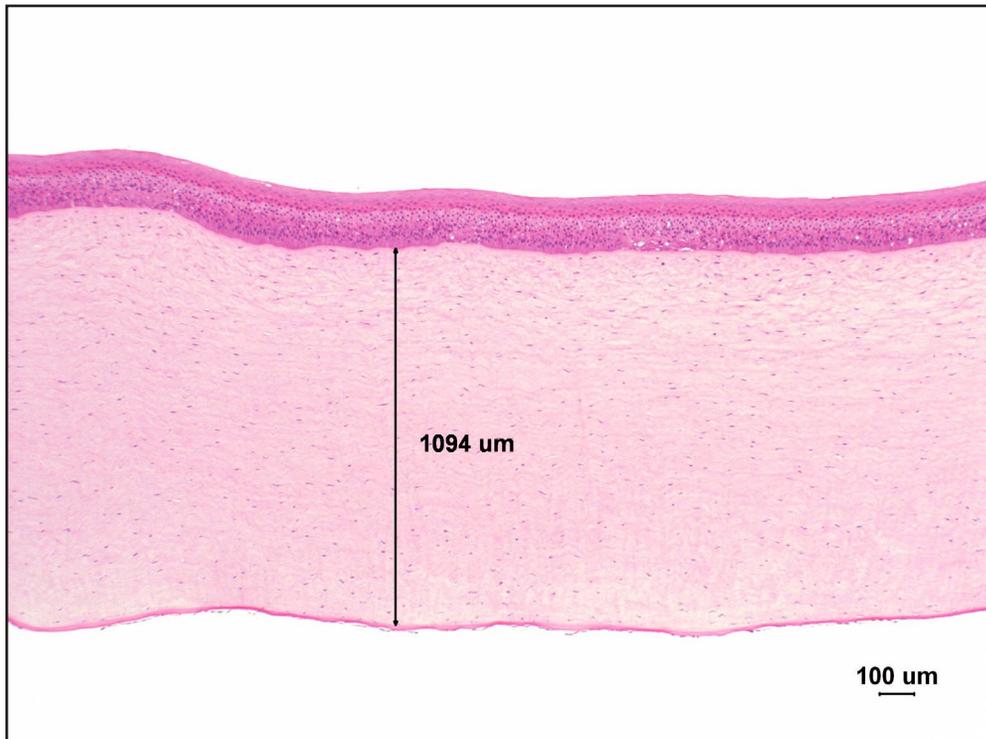


Figure 21. 05AE47, F (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness with extensive stromal vacuolation (Slide B9921-1, 4x, H&E)



Figure 22. 05AE47, F (3 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Upper stroma with expansion of the collagen matrix (A →), vacuolation of keratocyte nuclei (B →), and eosinophilic cytoplasm (C →) (Slide B9923-1, 40x, H&E)

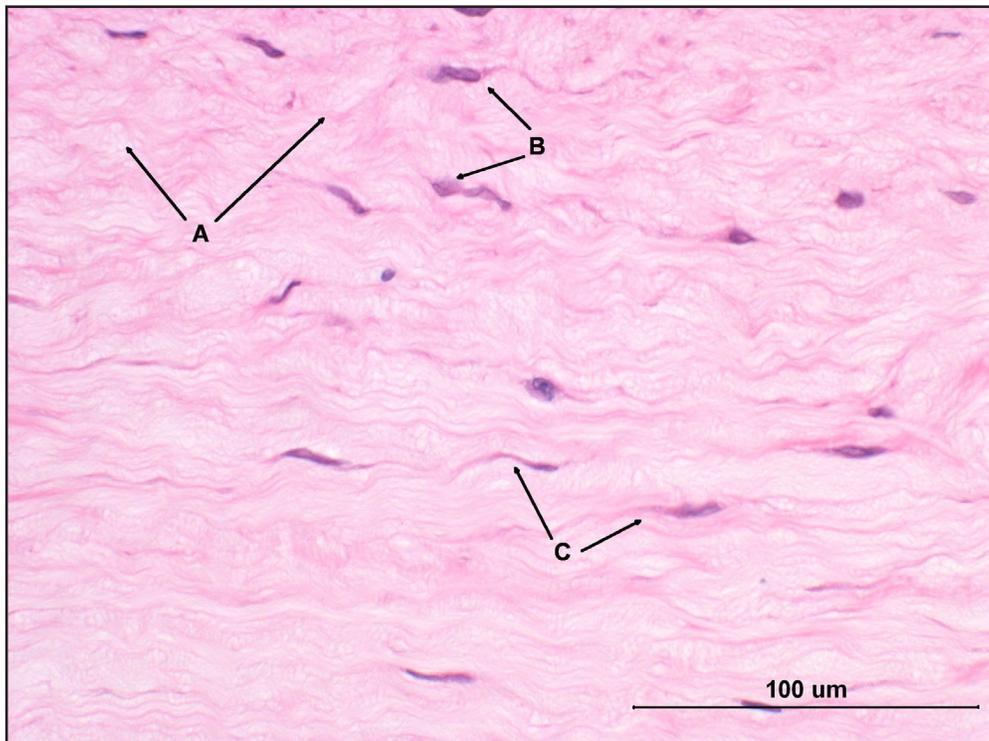


Figure 23. 05AE47, F (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Epithelium full thickness necrosis (Slide B9925-1, 40x, H&E)



Figure 24. 05AE47, F (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness (Slide B9926-1, 4x, H&E)



Figure 25. 05AE47, F (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Full thickness with extensive stromal vacuolation (Slide B9924-1, 4x, H&E)



Figure 26. 05AE47, F (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Upper stroma with vacuolation of the collagen matrix (A →), eosinophilic cytoplasm (B →), and vacuolated keratocyte nuclei (C →) (Slide B9925-1, 40x, H&E)



Figure 27. 05AE47, F (10 minute exposure/120 minute post incubation) - Endothelium with hyperchromatic nuclei (A →) and pyknotic nuclei within expanded lower stroma (B →) (Slide B9925-1, 40x, H&E)

