

acute toxicity

1. Adverse effects of finite duration occurring within a short time (up to 14 d) after administration of a single dose (or *exposure* to a given concentration) of a test substance or after multiple doses (exposures), usually within 24 h of a starting point (which may be exposure to the toxicant, or loss of reserve capacity, or developmental change, *etc.*)
2. Ability of a substance to cause adverse effects within a short time of dosing or exposure.

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