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				Male		
Generation	Litter	Cohort		Treatment Groups (ppm)		
				0	750	2500
F1	C	All Males	No. Examined (litters)	89 (18)	100 (22)	60 (15)
			No. Removed (litters) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			No. Not Attaining BPS (litters) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			Day of BPS			
			Mean Analysis <sup>c</sup>			
			Litter Mean ± SE <sup>d</sup>	43.5 ± 0.4 **	46.2 ± 0.4 **	47.2 ± 0.6 **
			Litter Mean of Adjusted ± SE <sup>e</sup>	44.3 ± 0.3 *	46.4 ± 0.4 **	46.4 ± 0.5 *
			Proportional Hazards Analysis <sup>f</sup>			
			Individual Median Day of BPS <sup>g</sup>	44 **	46 **	46 **
			Litter-based Model <sup>h</sup>	p=0.002	p<0.001	p<0.001
			BW at Attainment (g) <sup>i</sup>	195.8 ± 2.7	205.6 ± 2.9 *	190.4 ± 3.4
			BW at Weaning (g) <sup>i</sup>	85.4 ± 1.6 **	80.4 ± 1.7	73.1 ± 2.9 **

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Generation	Litter	Cohort		Treatment Groups (ppm)		
				0	750	2500
F1	C	F1 NonParental Male	No. Examined (litters)	49 (18)	56 (22)	20 (8)
			No. Removed (litters) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			No. Not Attaining BPS (litters) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			Day of BPS			
			Mean Analysis <sup>c</sup>			
			Litter Mean ± SE <sup>d</sup>	43.4 ± 0.4 **	46.3 ± 0.5 **	47.3 ± 0.7 **
			Litter Mean of Adjusted ± SE <sup>e</sup>	44.3 ± 0.3	46.4 ± 0.5 **	45.4 ± 0.6
			Proportional Hazards Analysis <sup>f</sup>			
			Individual Median Day of BPS <sup>g</sup>	44	47 **	45
			Litter-based Model <sup>h</sup>	p=0.067	p<0.001	p=0.138
BW at Attainment (g) <sup>i</sup>	197.8 ± 2.4 **	206.1 ± 4.4	180.8 ± 3.7 **			
BW at Weaning (g) <sup>i</sup>	86.0 ± 1.8 **	80.6 ± 2.0 *	66.3 ± 2.3 **			

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				Male		
Generation	Litter	Cohort		Treatment Groups (ppm)		
				0	750	2500
F1	C	F1 Parental Males	No. Examined (litters)	40 (18)	44 (22)	40 (15)
			No. Removed (litters) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			No. Not Attaining BPS (litters) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			Day of BPS			
			Mean Analysis <sup>c</sup>			
			Litter Mean ± SE <sup>d</sup>	43.4 ± 0.5 **	46.1 ± 0.4 **	47.5 ± 0.7 **
			Litter Mean of Adjusted ± SE <sup>e</sup>	44.4 ± 0.5 *	46.4 ± 0.4 **	46.6 ± 0.6 *
			Proportional Hazards Analysis <sup>f</sup>			
			Individual Median Day of BPS <sup>g</sup>	45 *	46 **	46 **
			Litter-based Model <sup>h</sup>	p=0.004	p=0.001	p=0.002
BW at Attainment (g) <sup>i</sup>	193.3 ± 4.1	206.1 ± 3.0 *	193.1 ± 4.0			
BW at Weaning (g) <sup>i</sup>	84.7 ± 1.8 **	80.6 ± 1.8	73.6 ± 2.9 **			

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Generation	Litter	Cohort	Treatment Groups (ppm)			
			0	750	2500	
F1	C	All Females	No. Examined (litters)	96 (19)	111 (22)	67 (15)
			No. Removed (litters) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			No. Not Attaining VO (litters) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			Day of VO			
			Mean Analysis <sup>c</sup>			
			Litter Mean $\pm$ SE <sup>d</sup>	33.8 $\pm$ 0.2 **	37.2 $\pm$ 0.3 **	39.4 $\pm$ 0.3 **
			Litter Mean of Adjusted $\pm$ SE <sup>e</sup>	34.1 $\pm$ 0.2 **	37.2 $\pm$ 0.3 **	39.0 $\pm$ 0.3 **
			Proportional Hazards Analysis <sup>f</sup>			
			Individual Median Day of VO <sup>g</sup>	34 **	38 **	40 **
			Litter-based Model <sup>h</sup>	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001
BW at Attainment (g) <sup>i</sup>	106.2 $\pm$ 2.0 **	117.2 $\pm$ 2.0 **	117.1 $\pm$ 1.8 **			
BW at Weaning (g) <sup>i</sup>	76.7 $\pm$ 1.6 **	71.3 $\pm$ 1.5 *	64.3 $\pm$ 2.3 **			

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Generation	Litter	Cohort		Treatment Groups (ppm)		
				0	750	2500
F1	C	F1 NonParent Female	No. Examined (litters)	47 (17)	58 (22)	27 (12)
			No. Removed (litters) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			No. Not Attaining VO (litters) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			Day of VO			
			Mean Analysis <sup>c</sup>			
			Litter Mean ± SE <sup>d</sup>	33.8 ± 0.2 **	37.0 ± 0.3 **	39.0 ± 0.4 **
			Litter Mean of Adjusted ± SE <sup>e</sup>	34.2 ± 0.2 **	37.0 ± 0.3 **	38.6 ± 0.4 **
			Proportional Hazards Analysis <sup>f</sup>			
			Individual Median Day of VO <sup>g</sup>	34 **	38 **	39 **
			Litter-based Model <sup>h</sup>	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001
BW at Attainment (g) <sup>i</sup>	107.2 ± 1.9 *	116.9 ± 2.0 **	116.2 ± 2.3 *			
BW at Weaning (g) <sup>i</sup>	77.3 ± 1.8 **	71.3 ± 1.3 *	65.2 ± 2.2 **			

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			No. Removed (litters) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			No. Not Attaining VO (litters) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
			Day of VO			
			Mean Analysis <sup>c</sup>			
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			Litter-based Model <sup>h</sup>	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001
BW at Attainment (g) <sup>i</sup>	106.9 $\pm$ 1.9 *	118.3 $\pm$ 2.9 **	118.4 $\pm$ 2.7 **			
BW at Weaning (g) <sup>i</sup>	77.1 $\pm$ 1.6 **	70.9 $\pm$ 2.0	63.9 $\pm$ 2.8 **			

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BPS = Balanopreputial separation; BW = Body weight; VO = Vaginal opening

Animals in the F1 Extra Males, F1 Extra Females and F1 Male MGWM PND 28 selections were not included in the analysis.

No. Examined (litters) = the number of animals or pups examined (number of litters represented)

<sup>a</sup>Animals that died or were removed prior to the end of the observation period and did not attain. These animals were excluded from all analyses.

<sup>b</sup>Animals that survived to the end of the observation period without attaining.

<sup>c</sup>Summary statistics and mixed model results are presented for animals that attained during the observation period.

<sup>d</sup>Means of litter means presented. Trend and pairwise tests were based on mixed models for day of attainment with dose as a covariate and a random effect for litter. The Dunnett-Hsu adjustment was used for multiple comparisons.

<sup>e</sup>Mean adjusted day of attainment was calculated from the mean of the litter means of the weaning weight-adjusted attainment days for individual pups. Trend and pairwise tests were based on mixed models for day of attainment with dose and weaning weight as covariates and a random effect for litter. The Dunnett-Hsu adjustment was used for multiple comparisons.

<sup>f</sup>Animals that did not attain by the end of the observation period were included in the proportional hazards analysis.

<sup>g</sup>Individual medians and trend and pairwise tests were calculated from a Cox proportional hazards model with dose and weaning weight as covariates, using the Hommel adjustment for multiple comparisons. Litter structure was not included in these results.

<sup>h</sup>P-values for trend and pairwise comparisons were calculated from a Cox proportional hazards model with dose and weaning weight as covariates and a random effect for litter, and a Hommel adjustment for multiple comparisons.

<sup>i</sup>Analysis of body weight at attainment and body weight at weaning were performed using mixed effects models with dose as covariate and a random effect for litter. The Dunnett-Hsu adjustment was used for multiple comparisons. Animals that attained during the observation period were used for analysis.

\* Statistically significant at  $P \leq 0.05$

\*\* Statistically significant at  $P \leq 0.01$

Statistical significance for the control group indicates a significant trend test

Statistical significance for a treatment group indicates a significant pairwise test compared to the vehicle control group

In multiple breeding/littering studies Litter A is the default designation for the first litter; subsequent litters would be B, C etc.

**\*\* END OF REPORT \*\***