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"OPINION ON TSE INFECTIVITY DISTRIBUTION IN RUMINANT TISSUES (STATE OF KNOWLEDGE, DECEMBER 2001) ADOPTED BY THE SCIENTIFIC STEERING COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING OF 10-11 JANUARY 2002."

Table 3: Tentative summary of preliminary estimations* on classification of tissues of cattle according to infectivity after experimental oral or natural exposure to the agent of BSE.

Infectivity titres**:

A = high:

 $10^{3.0} - 10^{5.0}$ in mouse; $10^{1.5} - 10^{3.0}$ in mouse; $\leq 10^{1.5}$ in mouse;

 $10^{5.7} - 10^{7.7}$ in cattle *** $10^{3.3} - 10^{5.6}$ in cattle *** $\le 10^{3.2}$ in cattle ***

B = medium

C = lowD = undetectable

? = data not published

		EXPERIMENTAL			
				clinical	clinical
months after exposure	6-14	18	32	36-40	-
Brain			B/C	${\mathbf{C}}$	A
Retina					7
Spinal cord			C	C	A
Dorsal root ganglia			C	C	-
Trigeminal ganglion				C	
Ileum-distal	B/C	C		C	
Lymph node (retropharyngeal)					D
Lymph node (Mesenteric)					$\frac{D}{D}$
Lymph node (Popliteal)				 	D D

For the list of tissues in which no detectable infectivity was found: see tables 1 and 2 of this opinion and table 5 and the Annex of the attached report.

Refer to the report for further detail

The classification used is preliminary and arbitrary because of a skewed range of infectivity in cattle with BSE compared to sheep with scrapie. It does not correspond to the Groups or Categories used in Table 1.

Values in bold in the table are based on bioassay in cattle.