





- Discovered in 1894 by Hans von Pechmann (born April 1, 1850; passed April 19, 1902)
- Highly acutely toxic and explosive gas
- Mechanism of action:

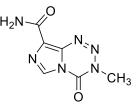
- Bretherick's Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards cites multiple reports of explosions and exposures
- "Safer" alternatives exist for the generation of diazomethane: TMSCHN₂, Diazald, etc.
- For an example of diazomethane generation in flow see: *Org. Process Res. Dev.* 2018, 22, 4, 446–456

$$H_2N$$
 N
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 CH_3

Temozolomide (TMZ)

- Belongs to imidazotetrazine class of molecules
- Developed by Malcolm Stevens and his team at Aston University (Birmingham, England) in 1970s
- TMZ serves as the standard of care for glioblastoma (GBM)
- TMZ hydrolyzes at physiological pH to MTIC which then releases the active methylating agent, methyl diazonium

Temozolomide – birth of a blockbuster https://www.rsc.org/images/TEMOZOLOMIDE ChemistryWorldJul09_tcm18-155909.pdf



Temozolomide (TMZ)



Research Articles



Diazo Compounds

International Edition: DOI: 10.1002/anie.201911896 German Edition: DOI: 10.1002/ange.201911896

Imidazotetrazines as Weighable Diazomethane Surrogates for Esterifications and Cyclopropanations

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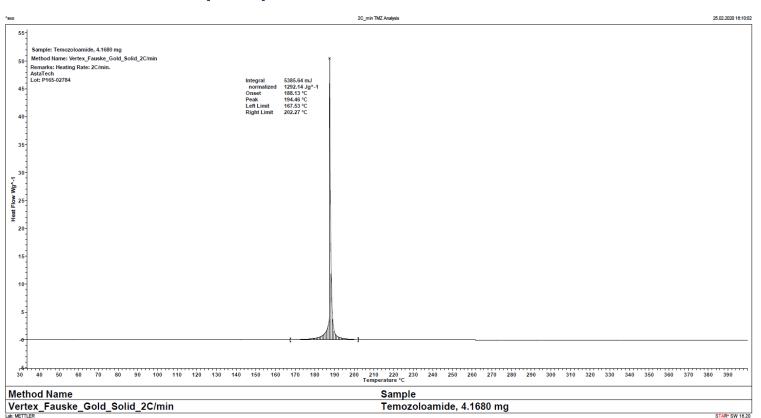
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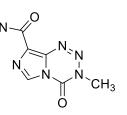
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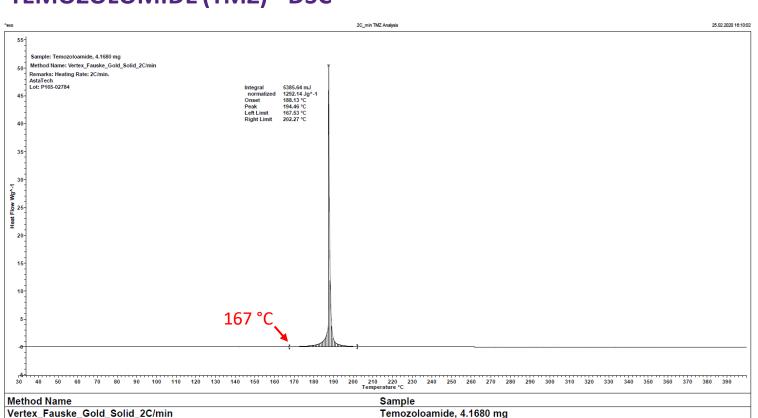


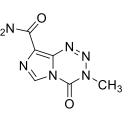


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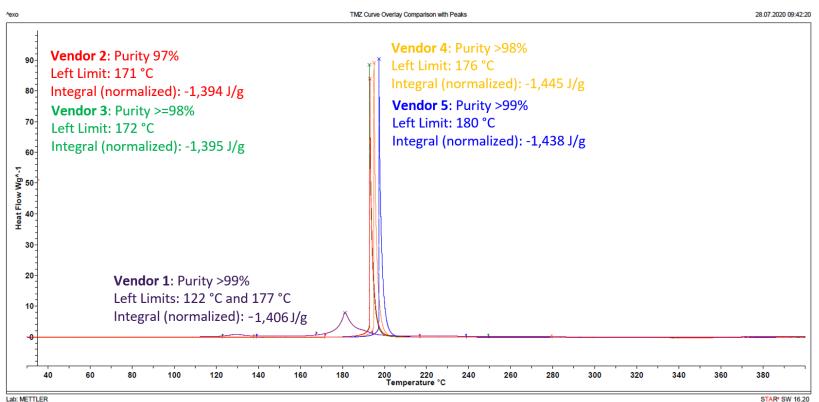




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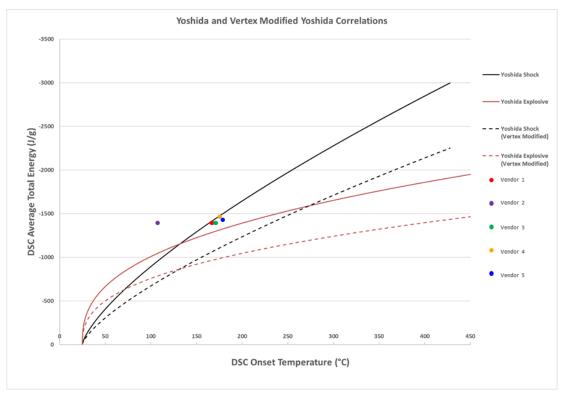
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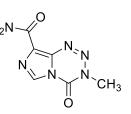


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Temozolomide (TMZ)



O.R.E.O.S. ASSESSMENT

		Points				
	1	2	4	8		
Oxygen Balance Hazard		Low	Med	High		
Rule of 6 calculation		Pass		Fail		
Explosive Functional Group?	No			Yes		
Onset temperature	>300	200-300	125-200	<125		
Scale	1mg to 5g	5g to 100g	101g to 500g	>500g		
	O.R.E.O	.S. Total:				
			Medium			
		Low Hazard	Hazard	High Hazard		
	Points:	7 to 17	18 to 27	28 to 40		

O.R.E.O.S. ASSESSMENT

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Material	ОВ	Rule of 6	ExFG	Onset	<5g	5g to <100g	100g to 500g	>500g
H ₂ N N N CH ₃ temozolomide	High (8)	Pass (2)	Yes (8)	125- 200 (4)	Medium Hazard	Medium Hazard	Medium Hazard	High Hazard

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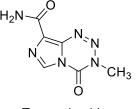
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O.R.E.O.S. Hazard Rank	Example Recommendations
	Proceed using internal guidance on handling energetic compounds.
Low Hazard	ARC testing recommended. -or-
	Quantitative small-scale explosivity screening is <i>recommended</i>
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	ARC testing is <i>required</i> .
Medium Hazard	-or-
	Quantitative small-scale explosivity screening is <i>required</i>
	Select Test Series 1 is <i>recommended</i> based on ARC testing, likely failure modes and available material (Koenen Test, Time/Pressure Test, and/or U.N. Gap)
	Consider alternative methods.
	ARC testing is required.
High Hazard	-or-
8	Quantitative small-scale explosivity screening is <i>required</i>
	Select Test Series 1 is <i>required</i> based on likely failure mode and available material (Koenen Test, Time/Pressure Test, and/or U.N. Gap)

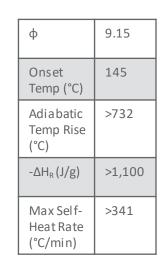
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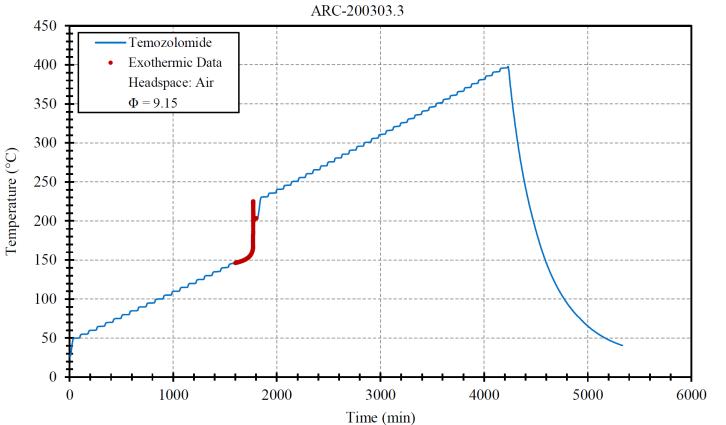


TEMOZOLOMIDE (TMZ) – ACCELERATING RATE CALORIMETRY (ARC)



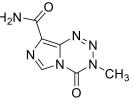
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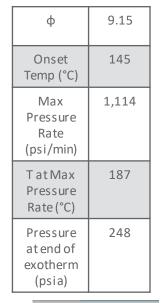


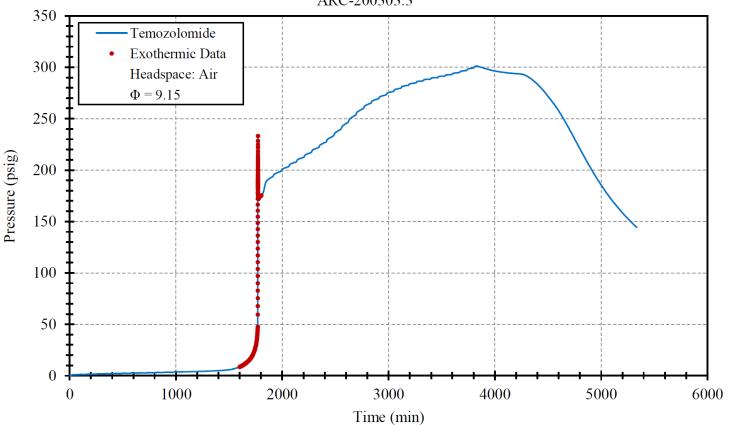


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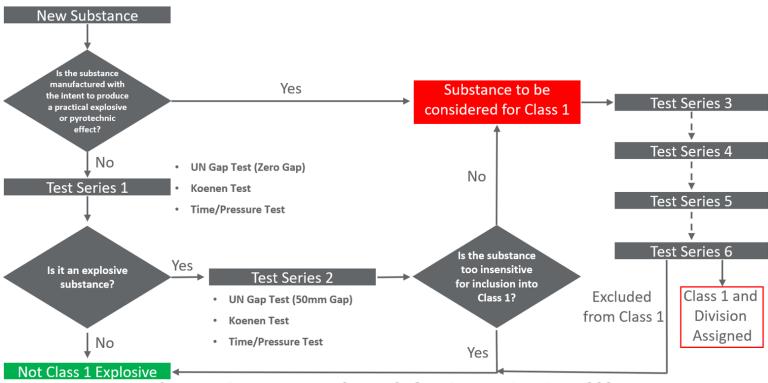




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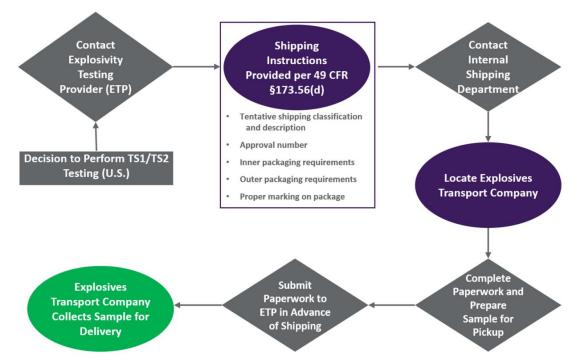


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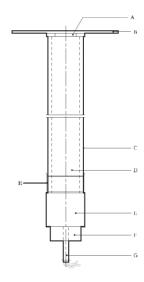
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 (D)
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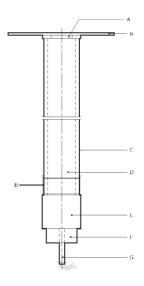




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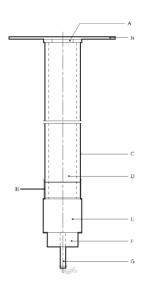




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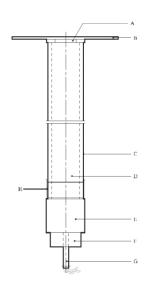




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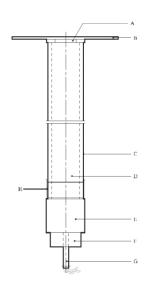








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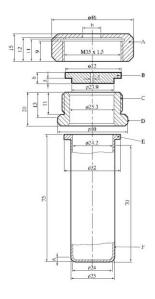
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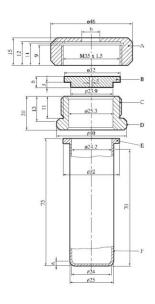
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(A)	Nut (b = 10.0 or 20.0 mm) with	(B)	Orifice plate
	flats for size 41 spanner		$(a = 1.0 \rightarrow 20.0 \text{ mm diameter})$
(C)	Threaded collar	(D)	Flats for size 36 spanner
(E)	Flange	(F)	Tube

Figure 11.5.1.1: TEST TUBE ASSEMBLY





Flange

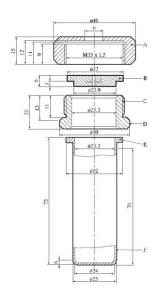
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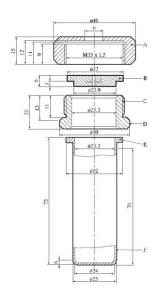


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Sample	Trial	Conditions and Results	Pass/Fail			
	1	Bottom of tube bulged out slightly, resulting in Effect Type "A"	Pass			
Temozolomide Substance	2	Bottom of tube bulged out slightly, resulting in Effect Type "A"	Pass			
	3	Bottom of tube bulged out slightly, resulting in Effect Type "A"	Pass			





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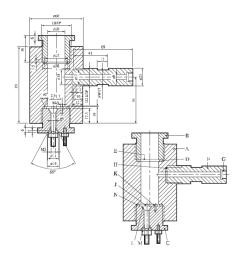
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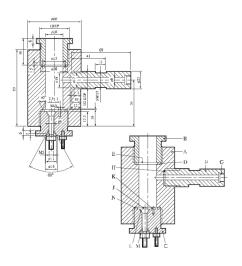
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(A)	Pressure vessel body	(B)	Bursting disc retaining plug
C)	Firing plug	(D)	Soft lead washer
E)	Bursting disc	(F)	Side arm
G)	Pressure transducer thread	(H)	Copper washer
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Figure 11.6.1.1: APPARATUS



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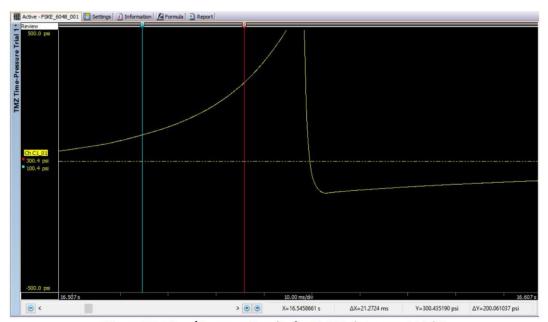
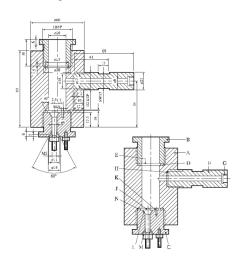


Figure A1: Time/Pressure Results for TMZ Substance - Trial 1





(A)	Pressure vessel body	(B)	Bursting disc retaining plug
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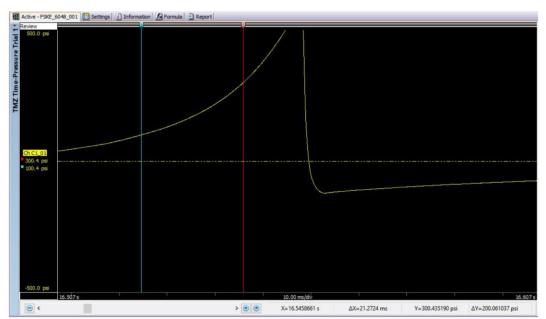
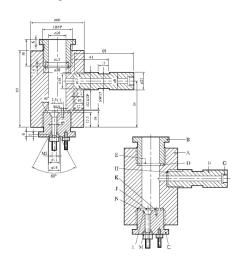


Figure A1: Time/Pressure Results for TMZ Substance – Trial 1
Table 4: Time/Pressure Testing Results Summary

Sample	Trial	Conditions and Results	Pass/Fail
	1	The pressure reached 2,070 kPa (300 psi) in 21.2 ms	Fail
Temozolomide Substance	2	The pressure reached 2,070 kPa (300 psi) in 25.8 ms	Fail
	3	N/A	N/A





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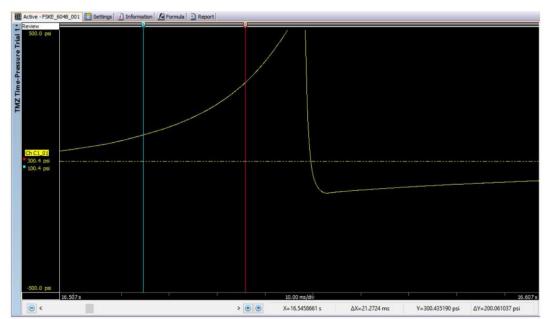


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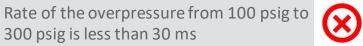
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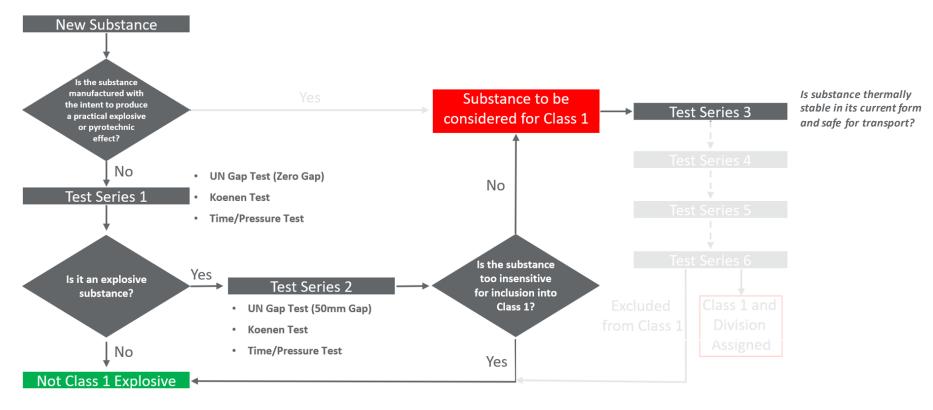
Effect of ignition under confinement



Time/Pressure Test

300 psig is less than 30 ms

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TEST SERIES 3 - METHODS

Test	What is Measured	Failure Results if
UN Series 3 (a)(i) Bureau of Explosives Impact machine test	Sensitiveness to impact (3.63 kg at 10 cm)	A flame or audible report is observed in at least 5 out of 10 trials
UN Series 3 (b)(i) BAM friction sensitivity test	Sensitiveness to friction (including impacted friction)	The lowest load at which one "explosion" occurs in six trials is less than 80N
UN Series 3 (c)(i) Thermal stability test at 75°C	Thermal stability of a substance	An ignition or explosion occurs in 48 hours
UN Series 3 (d) Small-scale burning	Response of a substance to fire	The substance explodes

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UN Series 3 (b)(i) BAM	No reaction was observed at 80 N in 6	Dana
friction sensitivity test	trials.	Pass

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UN Series 3 (b)(i) BAM	No reaction was observed at 80 N in 6	Dana
friction sensitivity test	trials.	Pass

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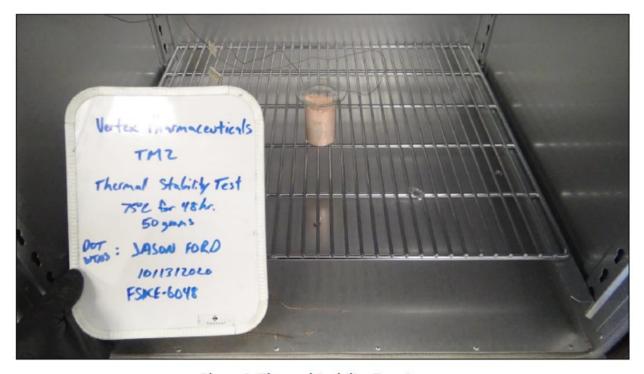


Photo 2: Thermal Stability Test Setup



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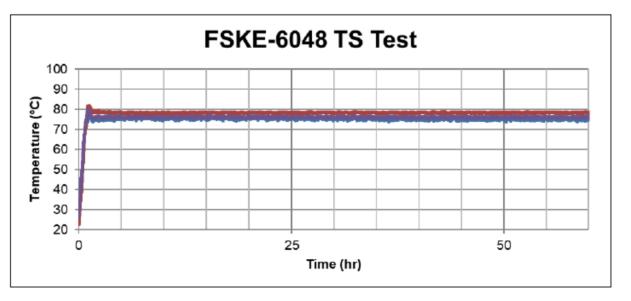


Figure 1: Temperature Plot for the Thermal Stability Test



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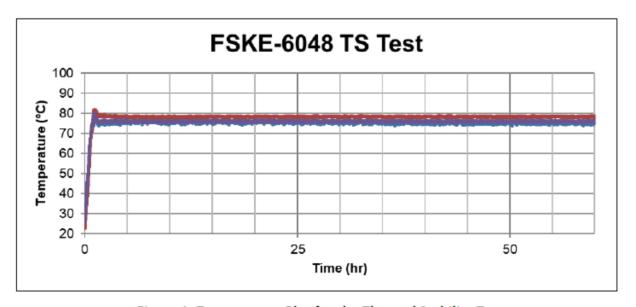


Figure 1: Temperature Plot for the Thermal Stability Test

UN Series 3 (c)(i)	No fuming, decomposition, ignition or	Dose
Thermal stability test at	explosion occurred. No physical changes	Pass (*harmally atable)
75°C (un-instrumented)	to the 50-gram sample.	(thermally stable)



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TEST SERIES 3 – SMALL-SCALE BURNING TEST





Photo 3: Small-scale Burning Test Setup

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Photo 4: Small-scale Burning Test Results (Trial 1)

	Two trials of 100-gram samples ignited	
UN Series 3 (d)	and burned. The burn time was	Doss
Small-scale burning	approximately 25 seconds for each trial.	Pass
	No explosion was observed	

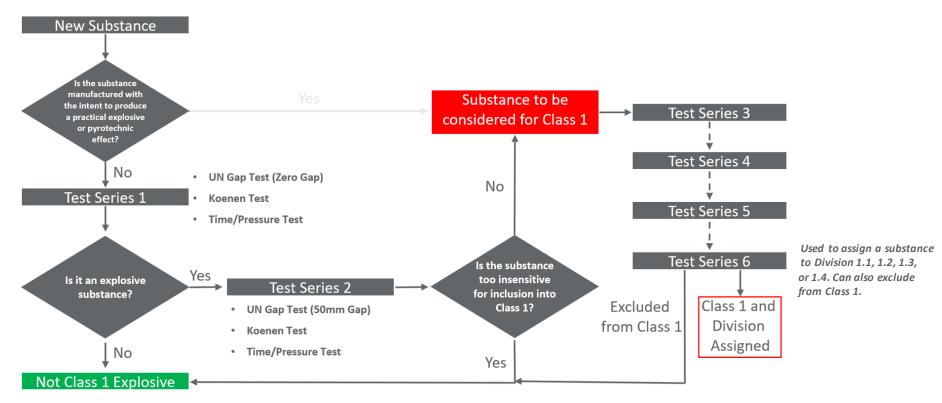


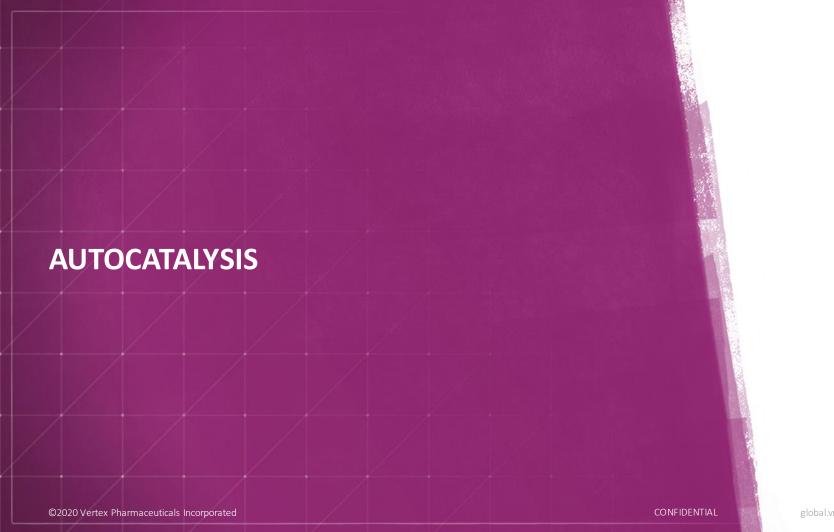
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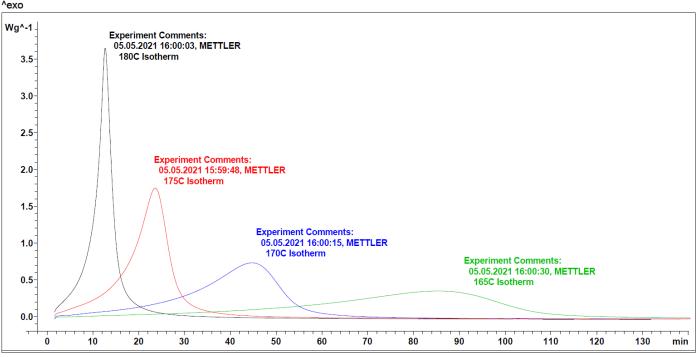
CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Behavior of the TMZ material is consistent with a recommendation into Division 1.1 based on the tests conducted thus far
- The substance passed the UN Series 3 tests and is NOT considered too dangerous for transport in the form in which it was tested
- A lesser hazard division is still possible at the completion of UN Series 6 testing as mentioned in the introduction

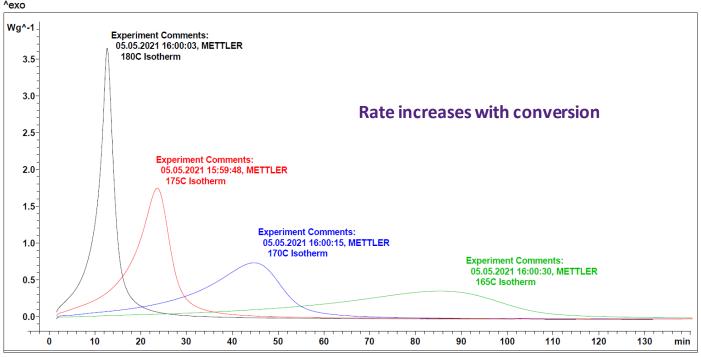
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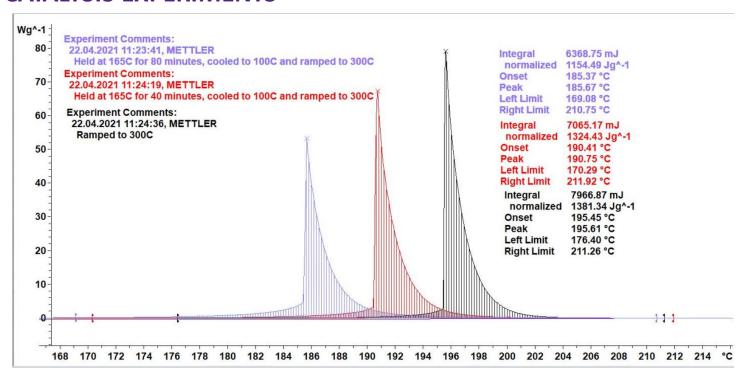


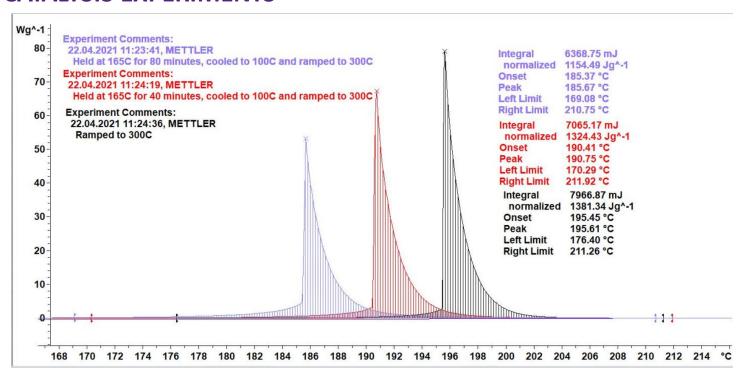


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Additional data required...

CONCLUSIONS

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Temozolomide (TMZ)

- Contrary to previous reports, TMZ is not stable up to its melting point
- DSC testing shows left limit onset of approximately 170 °C with -1,400 J/g of energy released
- The O.R.E.O.S. tool correctly predicted the risks associated with TMZ
- ARC testing revealed onset at 145 °C and an adiabatic temperature rise of >730 °C
- TMZ failed U.N. Test Series 2 but passed Test Series 3
- TMZ is considered for Class 1 explosivity designation but may be downgraded with Test Series 6

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QUESTIONS?









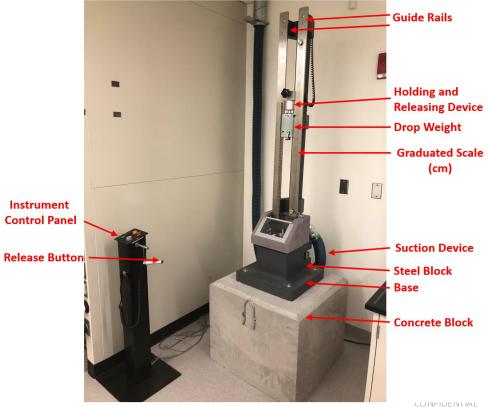




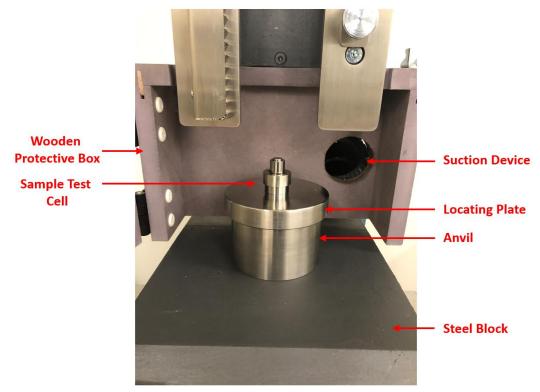


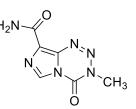






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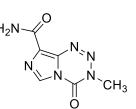








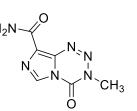
Before



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Possible Results (increasing severity)

No Reaction

Decomposition

Smoke

Audible Report

Flame

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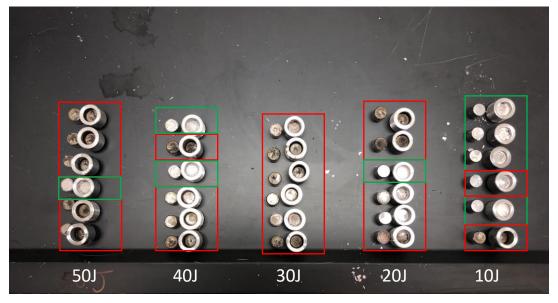
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