

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.

Source:

PAC, 2004, 76, 1033 (*Glossary of terms used in toxicokinetics (IUPAC Recommendations 2003)*) on page 1037