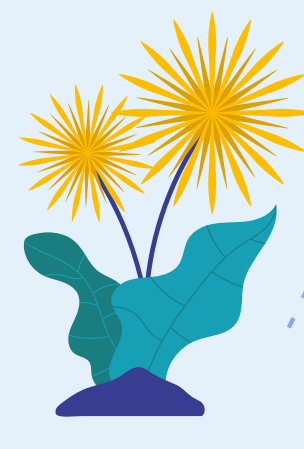


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Roundup Lawsuits



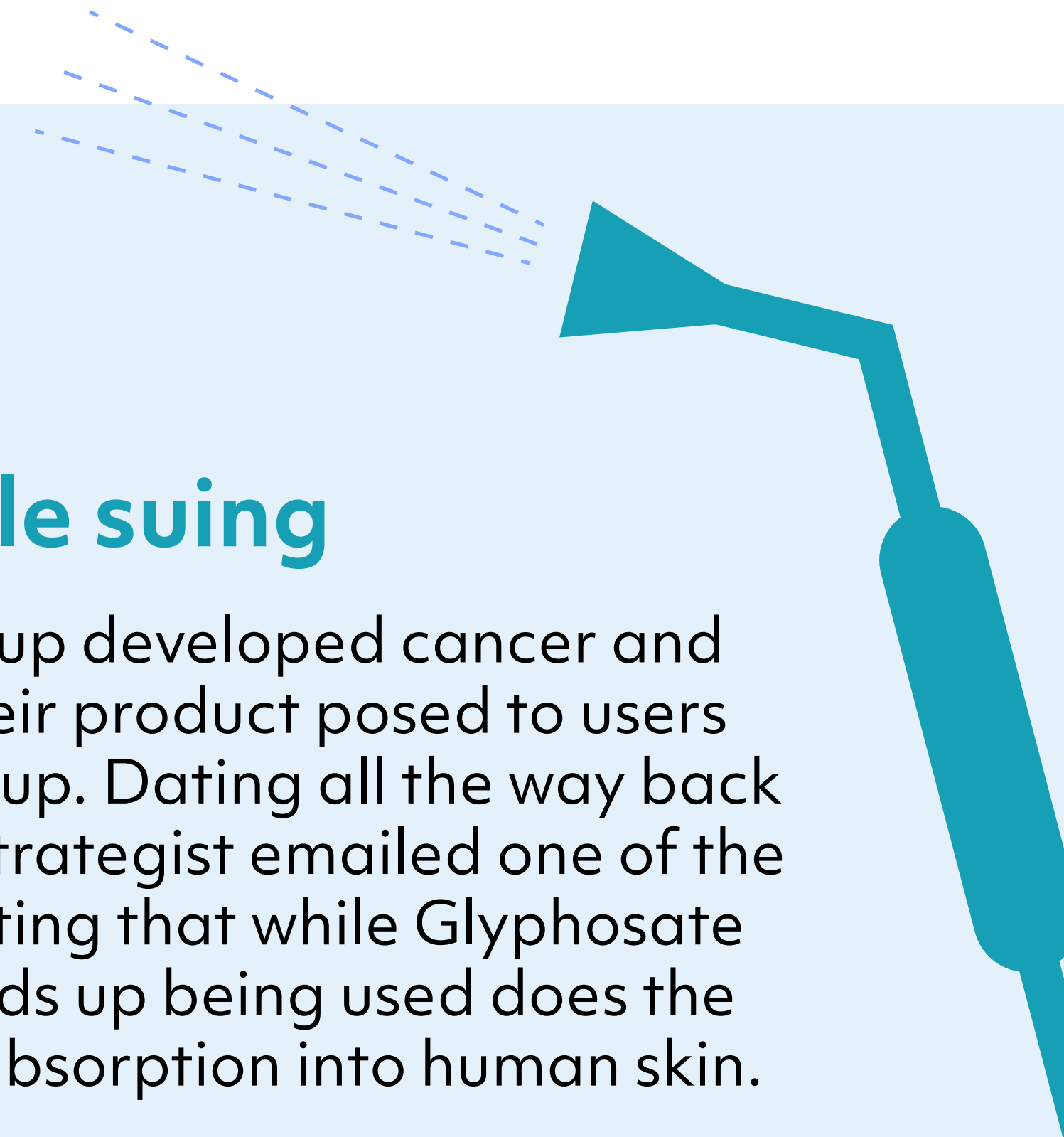
What is Roundup?

Roundup is an herbicide used to kill weeds by homeowners. It was developed by Monsanto, which was acquired by Bayer in 2018. The main active ingredient is Isopropylamine Salt of Glyphosate, and Glyphosate, was developed by Monsanto in 1974. It is the most used herbicide in the United States, in 2014 the International Agency for Research on Cancer ruled that Glyphosate was “probably carcinogenic to humans” and it has been linked to cancers like Leukemia and non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.



How could you be exposed to Glyphosate?

You can be exposed to Glyphosate if you get it on your skin, in your eyes or breathe it in. You can ingest Glyphosate if you smoke without washing your hands first after using. You may also be exposed if you touch plants that are still wet after being sprayed. Glyphosate isn't likely to vaporize after it is sprayed.



Why are people suing

Many lawsuits claim users of Roundup developed cancer and Monsanto was aware of the risks their product posed to users and did nothing about it or covered it up. Dating all the way back to 2002, a Monsanto product safety strategist emailed one of the company's leading toxicologists, stating that while Glyphosate itself is safe, the formulation that ends up being used does the actual damage as it allows for easy absorption into human skin.

There is also evidence that Monsanto had an exceedingly strong relationship with the deputy director of the EPA's pesticide division, who also led the Cancer Assessment Review Committee. Efforts were made to kill or conceal reports that could serve as proof of the dangers of Glyphosate.

Multiple investigations have shown that not only was Monsanto not conducting the required research to determine the long term safety of the product, they were instead investing millions of dollars into PR and lobbying campaigns to keep their secrets from being aired and the product on the market. This includes ghost-written studies and op-eds aimed at discrediting scientific research.

Statistics



1.8M Tons

Used in the USA since release, 9.4 tons globally (300 million more used every year).



100,000

Lawsuits according to litigation experts have been filed against Monsanto, but the exact number is not clear.



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Is what is estimated that Bayer is seeking in an agreement to settle cases.



Bees

Have been dying in large numbers that may also be linked to Glyphosate.