

# Environmental Chemicals & Type 1 Diabetes

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# NTP Workshop “Role of Environmental Chemicals in the Development of Diabetes and Obesity” (January 11-13, 2011)

- Evaluate the science associating exposure to certain chemicals or chemical classes with development of diabetes or obesity in humans

Arsenic

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

Bisphenol A (BPA)

Pesticides

Trialkyltins (“Organotins”)

Phthalates

Maternal Smoking

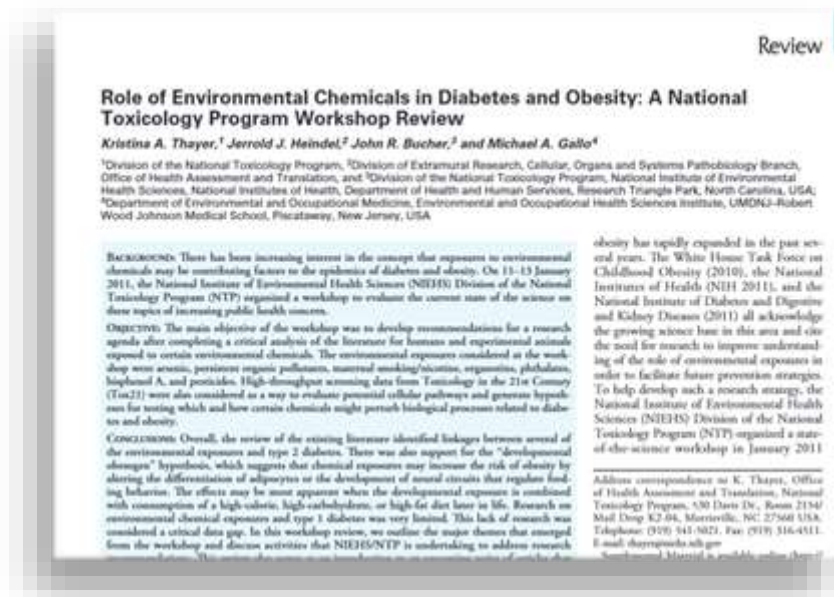
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- Provide input to NTP and NIEHS for development of a research agenda
- Website: <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/36433>



# Workshop Conclusions on T1D

- Largely unexplored with respect to potential role of environmental contaminants
  - Vacor, air pollution, nitrates, BPA, maternal smoking
- Traditional toxicology animal studies not particularly useful to identify compounds of interest
  - T1D-related endpoints not assessed
  - Limitations of traditional rodent models to assess
- Unknown utility of Tox21 high throughput screening targets to identify compounds of interest



## OHAT Activities After 2011 Workshop

- Use of existing human data & samples to address research questions
- Help identify hypotheses that could be addressed in targeted research
  - Analyses of high throughput screening data data (ToxCast)
  - ToxRef and CEBS databases queries for animal data

# Human Data & Samples

- NHANES

- Does not distinguish between T1 and T2 diabetes
- Very small number of cases (based on age at diagnosis as surrogate)
  - 72 cases out of 39,401 observations in NHANES 1999-2006
  - 59 cases when data on adjustment factors is required
- Screening level associations hard to interpret
  - Most associations were “protective”
    - Real? Complexity associated with compounds that affect the immune system?

# Substances Associated with Assumed T1D in NHANES (1999-2006)

CLASS	LABEL	Cases	N Observations	OR (95% CI)
01 - Acrylamide	Glycideamide (pmol/G Hb)	20	6,812	0.856 (0.733 - 0.999)
07 - Furans	1,2,3,4,7,8-hcxdf (fg/g)	10	4,430	0.378 (0.166 - 0.863)
07 - Furans	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9-ocdf (fg/g)	9	4,392	0.377 (0.169 - 0.841)
08 - Heavy Metals	Cesium, urine (ng/mL)	18	9,353	0.638 (0.436 - 0.934)
08 - Heavy Metals	Lead, urine (ng/mL)	18	9,354	0.535 (0.317 - 0.905)
08 - Heavy Metals	Tungsten, urine (ng/mL)	17	9,214	0.394 (0.162 - 0.957)
09 - Hydrocarbons	3-fluorene (ng/L)	3	2,504	0.551 (0.335 - 0.908)
09 - Hydrocarbons	2-phenanthrene (ng/L)	3	2,500	0.042 (0.003 - 0.506)
11 - Nutrients	Vitamin A (ug/dL)	48	22,269	0.726 (0.598 - 0.881)
11 - Nutrients	Retinyl stearate (ug/dL)	47	21,004	1.544 (1.152 - 2.069)
11 - Nutrients	Gamma tocopherol (ug/dL)	48	22,011	1.709 (1.027 - 2.842)
11 - Nutrients	Lutein(ug/dL)	18	6,788	0.659 (0.458 - 0.949)
11 - Nutrients	Zeaxanthin(ug/dL)	18	6,788	0.447 (0.254 - 0.787)
11 - Nutrients	cis- Lutein/Zeaxanthin(ug/dL)	18	6,788	0.561 (0.369 - 0.852)
12 - Organochlorine Pesticides	Mirex (ng/g)	7	3,584	1.54 (1.043 - 2.276)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB28 (ng/g)	7	3,305	0.306 (0.122 - 0.768)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB99 (ng/g)	13	5,403	0.287 (0.125 - 0.658)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB101 (ng/g)	13	5,467	0.558 (0.377 - 0.824)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB138 (ng/g)	13	5,454	0.248 (0.097 - 0.631)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB153 (ng/g)	13	5,463	0.272 (0.093 - 0.794)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB177 (ng/g)	13	5,388	0.492 (0.271 - 0.891)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB183 (ng/g)	13	5,453	0.506 (0.284 - 0.902)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB105 (ng/g)	13	5,438	0.522 (0.311 - 0.879)
13 - Polychlorinated Biphenyls	PCB118 (ng/g)	13	5,455	0.157 (0.054 - 0.454)
17 - Phthalates	Mono-cyclohexyl phthalate (ng/mL)	16	9,566	0.377 (0.173 - 0.817)
18 - Polybrominated Ethers	2,4,4'-tribromodiphenyl ether	5	1,851	0.193 (0.07 - 0.533)
18 - Polybrominated Ethers	2,3',4,4'-tetrabromodiphenyl ether	5	1,862	0.046 (0.008 - 0.263)
18 - Polybrominated Ethers	2,2',4,4',5-pentabromodiphenyl ether	5	1,846	0.491 (0.269 - 0.897)
18 - Polybrominated Ethers	2,2',4,4',5,5'-hexabromodiphenyl ether	5	1,899	0.304 (0.155 - 0.596)
19 - Polyfluorochemicals	Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid	7	3,956	0.438 (0.244 - 0.786)
19 - Polyfluorochemicals	Perfluorooctanoic acid	7	3,956	0.553 (0.33 - 0.926)
19 - Polyfluorochemicals	Perfluorooctane sulfonamide	7	3,956	2.088 (1.1 - 3.963)
21 - Volatile Compounds	Blood Chloroform (pg/ml)	16	5,015	0.534 (0.337 - 0.847)
91 - Fungicides	Pentachlorophenol (ug/L)	17	6,634	1.529 (1.029 - 2.272)

# Human Data & Samples

- Access existing samples
  - The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY), SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth (SEARCH), Environmental Determinants of Islet Autoimmunity (ENDIA)
    - We are collaborating on speciated arsenic analysis using plasma samples from SEARCH case-controls
  - “Environment” in these studies mostly limited to diet and nutrition
  - Sample availability and lack of focused hypotheses are limitations
    - Often <0.5 ml serum available for analysis
    - Collection procedures not ideal for phenols and phthalates
  - Animal data often not compelling enough to support getting samples
- National Children’s Study
  - Likely underpowered for T1D based on NHANES prevalence
  - Future unclear, slow pace

# ToxCast

- Developed ToxPis with experts from 2011 workshop
  - Biological processes: Islet cell function, insulin sensitivity, feeding behavior, adipocyte differentiation
  - Focused on ToxCast rather than Tox21 platform because it has more assay coverage of relevant targets
- Highest ranking environmental compounds do not overlap with those implicated in peer-reviewed literature
- No or very limited data available to evaluate for context of findings
- Manuscript close to submission (using most recent ToxCast data, Phase 2 of 1858 compounds released in October 2014)



# Top 30 of 1855 chemicals tested in Phase 2 ToxCast in Morris White's ToxPi model



Rank	Islet Cell Function (Alison Holloway)	Islet Cell Function (Morris White)
1	<b>Isopropyl triethanolamine titanate [CAS 36673-16-2]0.182</b> Use: coupling agent Class: organometallic amine silicate	<b>2-Ethylhexyl diphenyl phosphate [CAS 1241-94-7]0.173</b> Use: plasticizer/fireproofing Class: phenol
2	<b>Auramine hydrochloride [CAS 2465-27-2]0.161</b> Use: dye/disinfectant Class: aniline	<b>Isopropyl triethanolamine titanate [CAS 36673-16-2]0.167</b> Use: coupling agent Class: organometallic amine silicate
3	<b>Bifentazate [CAS 149877-41-8]0.133</b> Use: insecticide Class: Not Assigned phenyl-phenyl alkoxy carbamate	<b>Auramine hydrochloride [CAS 2465-27-2]0.157</b> Use: dye/disinfectant Class: aniline aniline-aniline [CN] alkylate
4	<b>Fenpyroximate (Z,E) [CAS 111812-58-9]0.116</b> Use: insecticide Class: phenyl-pyrazole [O] benzoate	<b>1-Cedr-8-en-9-ylethanone [CAS 32388-55-9]0.106</b> Use: flavor and fragrance agent Class: ketone
5	<b>2-Chloro-N-phenylacetamide [CAS 587-65-5]0.124</b> Use: EPA inert (pesticides) Class: phenylacetanilide halide	<b>Pyridate [CAS 55512-33-9]0.092</b> Use: herbicide Class: diazine carboxylate halide sulfide
6	<b>4,4'-Methylenebis(2,6-diethylaniline) [CAS 13680-35-8]0.108</b> Use: chemical reactant Class: aniline	<b>Tributyltin benzoate [CAS 4342-36-3]0.091</b> Use: microbicide Class: organometallic organometallic
7	<b>Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate [CAS 298-07-7]0.107</b> Use: chemical additive Class: phosphate alkyl	<b>o,p'-DDD [CAS 53-19-0]0.091</b> Use: pesticide degradate and impurity; pharmaceutical Class: phenyl chloro
8	<b>2-Mercaptobenzothiazole [CAS 149-30-4]0.106</b> Use: rubber additive Class: thiobenzimidazole	<b>2-Methylaniline hydrochloride [CAS 636-21-5]0.091</b> Use: chemical intermediate Class: aniline
9	<b>Isoxaben [CAS 82558-50-7]0.106</b> Use: herbicide Class: phenyl-oxazole [CON] alkoxy	<b>4-Nitrotoluene [CAS 99-99-0]0.089</b> Use: chemical reactant Class: phenyl nitro
10	<b>1,4-Diaminoanthraquinone [CAS 128-95-0]0.103</b> Use: dye Class: anthraquinone	<b>Tannic acid [CAS 1401-55-4]0.082</b> Use: natural product Class: phenol benzoic acid

# NTP's CEBS and EPA's ToxRef Databases

- Query NTP's CEBS and EPA's ToxRef animal study databases for chemicals that cause pancreatic toxicity and have immune effects
- Analysis underway
- Initial assessment that compounds of interest do not overlap with those implicated in peer-reviewed literature

	A	B	C	F	G
1	endpoint	cas_number	chemical_name	study_title	species_common_name route
2	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	96-18-4	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (96-18-4) on F 344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
3	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	96-18-4	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (96-18-4) on F 344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
4	PAN_EFFECT_NEO	96-18-4	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (96-18-4) on F 344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
5	PAN_EFFECT_NEO	96-18-4	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (96-18-4) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse GAVAGE
6	PAN_EFFECT_NEO	96-18-4	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (96-18-4) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse GAVAGE
7	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	35091-05-7	1,2-Dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,2-Dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane (35091-05-7) on F 344/N Rat	Rat SKIN APPLICATION
8	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	106-99-0	1,3-Butadiene	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,3-Butadiene (106-99-0) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse RESPIRATORY EXPO
9	PAN_EFFECT_NEO	106-99-0	1,3-Butadiene	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,3-Butadiene (106-99-0) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse RESPIRATORY EXPO
10	PAN_EFFECT_NEO	106-99-0	1,3-Butadiene	Toxicity Evaluation of 1,3-Butadiene (106-99-0) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse RESPIRATORY EXPO
11	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	81-49-2	1-Amino-2,4-dibromanthraquinone	Toxicity Evaluation of 1-Amino-2,4-dibromanthraquinone (81-49-2) on F 344/N Rat	Rat DOSED FEED
12	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	81-49-2	1-Amino-2,4-dibromanthraquinone	Toxicity Evaluation of 1-Amino-2,4-dibromanthraquinone (81-49-2) on F 344/N Rat	Rat DOSED FEED
13	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	3294-90-0	2,2-bis(Bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol	Toxicity Evaluation of 2,2-bis(Bromomethyl)-1,3-propanediol (3294-90-0) on F 3 Rat	Rat DOSED FEED
14	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	57117-81-4; 57413-4-574	2,3,4,7,8-PENTACHLORODIBENZO-FURAN (PCDF); 2,3,4,4',5,5'	Toxicity Evaluation of TEF evaluation (Dioxin mixture) (TEFDIOXINMIX) on HSD F Rat	Rat GAVAGE
15	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	137-09-7	2,4-Diaminophenol dihydrochloride	Toxicity Evaluation of 2,4-Diaminophenol dihydrochloride (137-09-7) on F 344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
16	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	137-09-7	2,4-Diaminophenol dihydrochloride	Toxicity Evaluation of 2,4-Diaminophenol dihydrochloride (137-09-7) on F 344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
17	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	137-09-7	2,4-Diaminophenol dihydrochloride	Toxicity Evaluation of 2,4-Diaminophenol dihydrochloride (137-09-7) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse GAVAGE
18	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	695-99-1	2-Methylimidazole	Toxicity Evaluation of 2-Methylimidazole (695-99-1) on F 344/N Rat	Rat DOSED FEED
19	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	57465-38-8; 39513-7-4; 6-5-PENTACHLORODIPHENYL (PCB 126); 2,2',4,4',5,5'	Toxicity Evaluation of TEF evaluation (Binary mixture; PCB 126/PCB 153) (TEFBNMIX)	Toxicity Evaluation of TEF evaluation (Binary mixture; PCB 126/PCB 153) (TEFBNMIX)	Rat GAVAGE
20	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	14047-09-7	3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene	Toxicity Evaluation of 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene (14047-09-7) on F344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
21	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	14047-09-7	3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene	Toxicity Evaluation of 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene (14047-09-7) on F344/N Rat	Rat GAVAGE
22	BW_EFFECT	14047-09-7	3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene	Toxicity Evaluation of 3,3',4,4'-Tetrachloroazobenzene (14047-09-7) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse GAVAGE
23	BW_EFFECT	119-64-6	3,4-Dihydrocoumarin	Toxicity Evaluation of 3,4-Dihydrocoumarin (119-64-6) on B6C3F1 Mouse	Mouse GAVAGE
24	BW_EFFECT	30514-87-1	2'-AZIDO-3'-DEOXYTHYMIDINE	Toxicity Evaluation of Interferon AD + 2'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine (ADS Interferon)	Mouse GAVAGE
25	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	7334-20-1	4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-thiobenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt	Toxicity Evaluation of 4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-thiobenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt (7 Rat	Rat DOSED FEED
26	PAN_EFFECT_NONNEO	7334-20-1	4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-thiobenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt	Toxicity Evaluation of 4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-thiobenedisulfonic acid, disodium salt (7 Rat	Rat DOSED FEED

# Assessment of Background Work

- We may be missing the mark by focusing on chemicals implicated in current literature, e.g., BPA
  - BUT, hypotheses based on animal or HTS data might not be compelling enough to compete for human T1D samples
- Need to consider how to interpret associations in human studies that appear “protective” in nature