

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS OF *IN VITRO* PHARMACOKINETIC DATA AND EXPOSURE INFORMATION FOR THE TOXCAST PHASE II CHEMICALS

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Momentum has been growing in Toxicology to assess the utility of high-throughput screening (HTS) assays in the determination of chemical testing priorities. However, *in vitro* potencies determined in these assays do not consider *in vivo* bioavailability, clearance or exposure estimates, limiting their value as indicators of potential human health risk. We previously used ToxCast Phase I chemicals to assess the integration of *in vitro* pharmacokinetic (PK) and HTS data to extrapolate the daily dose required to obtain blood concentrations equivalent to those eliciting bioactivity in *in vitro* assays. This daily dose was then compared to human exposure estimates to aid in prioritization. Unlike the Phase I set, comprised primarily of food-use, data-rich pesticides, the ~700 chemicals in Phase II are much more diverse structurally and in their usage and exposures. *In vitro* hepatic clearance and plasma protein binding assay data generated for Phase II chemicals indicate similar distributions to those observed with the Phase I set. The majority of chemicals are highly bound to plasma proteins, with median and upper quartile values at ~3 and ~20% unbound, respectively, for both sets. *In vitro* hepatic metabolic clearance values are also similar, with median and upper quartile values at ~8 and ~18 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}/10^6$ cells, respectively, for both. In contrast to the Phase I chemicals, review of USEPA and CDC documents revealed that human exposure estimates are available for <10% of the Phase II chemicals. Our data indicate that the PK behavior of Phase II chemicals is similar to that of the Phase I set. Strategies to provide human exposure estimations, in part through EPA's ExpoCast project, are being explored to compensate for the limited information available for these chemicals.

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