

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

Nicotine

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

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