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# **Staff Changes**



## Visiting Scholar:

• Ms. Su Zhang

### **New Hire:**

- Dr. Yu-Chen Chang
- **APHL Fellow:** Interviewing
- State Limited-Term Vacancies:
  - Research Scientist I
  - Research Scientist II

# **Method Updates**



## **Urine Metals**

- Organophosphate Flame Retardants (OPFRs)
- BPA Analogs
- Non-Targeted Screening

### **Urine Metals**



- Expanded the list of analytes to 13 metals
- Lowered detection limit
- Shortened mercury washout time



# **OP Flame Retardants Method**



Diphenyl phosphate (DPhP)



Bis(2-chloroethyl)phosphate (BCEP)



Bis(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (BDCiPP)



Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) phosphate (BCiPP)



# **BPA Analogs\***





\*p,p'-Bisphenols

# **Non-Targeted Screening**



### **Detection of Structurally Related Compounds**

- Model chemical: *Benzophenones in urine*
- 17 compounds matched to in-house database based on *exact masses, isotopic patterns, full* scan spectra and MS/MS Spectra
- Confirmed with in-house mass spectra library of commercially available reference materials

### Detection and Confirmation of Benzophenone-3 in Urine Sample





#### **Urine Sample**

**Reference Material** 

-- XIC of m/z226.57-227.57 (top), full scan spectra of target peak (middle) and MS/MS spectra (bottom) of benzophenone-3 (oxybenzone)

### **Detection and Confirmation of Benzophenone-1** in a Urine Sample



1.14E9

TC MS



#### **Urine Sample**

**Reference Material** 

-- XIC of m/z212.50-213.50 (top), full scan spectra of target peak (middle) and MS/MS spectra (bottom) of benzophenone-1 (2,4-dihydroxybenzophenone)

#### **Chemical Structures of BP-1 and BP-3**





#### Benzophenone-3



#### Benzophenone-1





- Pregnancy, Environment, and Lifestyle Study (PETALS)
- Measuring Analytes in Maternal Archived Samples (MAMAS)
- Traffic Related Air Pollutants Study (TRAPs)

# PETALS



STUDY	COLLABORATORS	ANALYSES/ SAMPLE #	STATUS
Pregnancy Environment & Lifestyle Study ( <b>PETALS</b> )	Kaiser Permanente Northern California (Assiamira Ferrara, MD, PhD)	BPA, BP-3, triclosan & creatinine in urine n=600/yr (3 yrs)	<ul> <li>414 samples received to date</li> <li>All analyses completed</li> <li>All data reported</li> </ul>

# **MAMAS: Metals Contamination**





### Traffic Related Air Pollutants Study (TRAPs)



Principal Investigator: Professor Yifang Zhu, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, UCLA

- Objectives:
  - Investigate exposures to PAHs and particulate matter, and assess lipid peroxidation in Los Angeles taxi drivers
  - Assess two exposure mitigation strategies: closing vehicle windows vs. high efficiency cabin air filters
- EHL: Measured concentrations of *nine hydroxy-PAHs* and *malondialdehyde* in pre- and post-shift urine samples from taxi drivers

### **Diesel Biomarker Method Development**



- SGP discussions
  - Presentation by Dr. Peter Flessel, December 2008
  - Presentations by Dr. Chris Simpson and Dr. Melanie Marty, November 2014
- EHL received nitro-PAH standards and technical advice from Dr. Chris Simpson
   On-site visit planned in the next year
- EHL is recruiting a scientist to develop this capability

# **Recent Publications**



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