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Professional Profile

Dr. Morris-Schaffer is a toxicologist whose work involves evaluating potential health effects associated with pesticides, medical devices, pharmaceutical impurities, and environmental agents. He has conducted toxicology evaluations of conventional pesticides and biopesticides, including assisting clients with regulatory strategies for scientific waiver rationales, addressing data gaps, coordinating product toxicology testing and weight of evidence risk analyses.

Dr. Morris-Schaffer has prepared and reviewed medical device biocompatibility toxicology assessments under the ISO 10993 and ISO 18562 standards. He has developed Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control toxicology monographs compliant with International Council for Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) guidance that derive tenable permissible daily exposure levels for pharmaceutical residual impurities. He has also provided guidance for human health claim substantiation and occupational exposure levels including support for product labels, use directions, and Safety Data Sheets.

His research background is inhalation of ultrafine (nano) particles and their potential effects on developmental neurotoxicity, and he has provided technical guidance to clients on respiratory and neurotoxicity toxicological outcomes of environmental chemicals.

Dr. Morris-Schaffer has working familiarity with human health data registration for the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the European Union. He has experience gathering and interpreting technical data and information for toxicology and exposure assessments under California Proposition 65, as well as developing tools to maintain sustainable Proposition 65 compliance programs. Dr. Morris-Schaffer has conducted chemical and product reviews and coordinated product testing for consumer products to support compliance assessments. He is familiar with deriving estimated Safe Harbor Levels (MADLs, NSRLs), using established regulatory guidance and best practice scientific principles.

Dr. Morris-Schaffer also specializes in evaluating dermal sensitization risk from organic and/or metal residuals that can potentially leach from consumer products. He has leveraged product composition and leaching data, read-across analyses, and established regulatory approaches to provide quantitative and qualitative sensitization risk assessments for clients.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Toxicology, University of Rochester, 2019

M.S., Toxicology, University of Rochester, 2016

B.A., Psychology, SUNY Geneseo, 2014

Exponent 2021 Excellence Award

Licenses and Certifications

Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology (DABT)

Professional Affiliations

Genetic and Environmental Toxicology Association of Northern California (GETA) - Board 2020-present

National Society of Toxicology (SOT) - 2019-present Associate Member

Publications

Allen, J.L., Klocke, C., Morris-Schaffer, K., Conrad, K., Sobolewski, M. and Cory-Slechta, D.A., 2022. Air Pollution and Neurodevelopmental Disorders. *Toxicology of Nanoparticles and Nanomaterials in Human, Terrestrial and Aquatic Systems*, pp.237-275.

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Morris-Schaffer K, Sobolewski M, Allen JL, Marvin E, Yee M, Arora M, O'Reilly MA, Cory-Slechta DA: Effect of neonatal hyperoxia followed by concentrated ambient ultrafine particle exposure on cumulative learning in C57Bl/6J mice. *NeuroToxicology* 2018, 67:234-244.

Allen JL, Oberdorster G, Morris-Schaffer K, Wong C, Klocke C, Sobolewski M, Conrad K, Mayer-Proschel M, Cory-Slechta DA: Developmental neurotoxicity of inhaled ambient ultrafine particle air pollution: Parallels with neuropathological and behavioral features of autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. *NeuroToxicology* 2017, 59:140-154.

Allen, JL, Klocke, C., Morris-Schaffer, K, Conrad, K, Sobolewski, M, Cory-Slechta, DA: Cognitive Effects of Air Pollution Exposures and Potential Mechanistic Underpinnings. *Current environmental health reports* 2017, 4(2): 180-191.

Sobolewski, M, Allen, JL, Morris-Schaffer, K, Klocke, C, Conrad, K, & Cory-Slechta, DA: A novel, ecologically relevant, highly preferred, and non-invasive means of oral substance administration for rodents. *Neurotoxicol Teratol* 2016, 56: 75-80.

Presentations

Kalmes, R, Krevanko, C, and Morris-Schaffer, K. Beyond Hazard Assessment for your products: Why, When, and How. Product Safety Stewardship (PSX), Annual Meeting (Anaheim) 2021.

Morris-Schaffer, K. Estimation of Screening No-Significant-Risk-Levels (NSRLs) and Product Exposure to β -myrcene and Pulegone. Poster Presentation. Society of Toxicology, Annual Meeting & ToxExpo (Virtual Event), 2021.

Morris-Schaffer, K, Bogen, K, and Gauthier, A. Evaluating Allergic Contact Dermatitis Elicitation Risk for Organic Residuals Detected in Consumer Products. Society of Toxicology, ePoster, 2020.

Morris-Schaffer, K, Merrill, A, Sobolewski, M, and Cory-Slechta, DA. Effects of Neonatal Inhalation Exposure to Ultrafine Carbon Particles and Diesel Particulate on Pathology and Behavioral Outcomes in C57Bl/6J. Poster Presentation. Genetic and Environmental Toxicology Association, Sacramento, CA, 2019.

Morris-Schaffer, K. Limited Developmental Neurotoxicity from Neonatal Exposure to Ultrafine Carbon Particles or Diesel Particulate Matter. Poster presentation, Society of Toxicology, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

Morris-Schaffer, K. Limited Developmental Neurotoxicity from Neonatal Exposure to Ultrafine Carbon Particles or Diesel Particulate Matter. Oral presentation, Northeast Regional Chapter of Society of Toxicology, Shrewsbury, MA, 2018.

Morris-Schaffer, K, Sobolewski, M, and Cory-Slechta, DA Neonatal hyperoxia followed by concentrated ambient ultrafine particle exposure leads to cumulative learning deficits in C57Bl/6J mice. Poster presentation, Society of Toxicology, San Antonio, TX, 2018.

Morris-Schaffer, K, Allen, JL, Sobolewski, M, and Cory-Slechta, DA Neurotoxicological consequences of developmental exposure to hyperoxia and air pollution: concurrent risk factors of premature birth. Poster presentation. Society of Toxicology, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

Morris-Schaffer, K, Allen, JL, Wong, C, Oberdorster, G, and Cory-Slechta, DA. Poster Presentation. Neonatal ultrafine particulate matter inhalation exposure adversely impacts white matter development. Society of Toxicology, New Orleans, LA, 2016.

Project Experience

Design and Execution of Toxicology Program

Planned, coordinated and executed a toxicology program that included prenatal development, repeat-dose toxicity, endocrine activity, and genotoxicity (in vitro and in vivo) assays as well as associated weight of evidence analyses for waivers and risk assessment to support registration of a novel biopesticide in the United States and European Union.

Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control

Prepared toxicological monographs compliant with International Council for Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) to produce tenable permissible daily exposure levels for pharmaceutical residual impurities.

Medical Device

Prepared a dermal hazard safety assessment for a medical device hydrogel to address concerns regarding irritation and sensitization potential.

Developed a biocompatibility toxicological assessment report under the ISO 18562 standard to support a FDA 501(k) submission.

Produced multiple biocompatibility toxicological assessment evaluations under the ISO 10993 and ISO 18562 standards to support a response for a reactive FDA matter.

Neurotoxicity

Resolved a subchronic neurotoxicity deficiency identified by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation by preparing a methodology and study review waiver rationale.

Prepared a technical regulatory response document that clarified the neurotoxicology and associated pharmacokinetic data to support human equivalent concentrations (HECs) for use in a US EPA hazard characterization and dose-response assessment.

Prepared a developmental neurotoxicity literature review and study assessment of a conventional pesticide to address regulatory concerns regarding the appropriate point of departure to use in a risk assessment.

Product Stewardship and Safety

Participated as an integral member of a client's global stewardship safety team to improve data organization, extraction and analysis for safety assessments designed to support consumer packaged goods and occupational products registered with US EPA as well as non-registered products that were required to be compliant with CPSC and OSHA regulations.

Evaluation of Reproductive Toxicology under Proposition 65

Provided written and oral comments to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DARTIC) regarding toxicity and mode-of-action for a pesticide under review for Proposition 65 prioritization.

Evaluation of Carcinogenicity under Proposition 65

Prepared a defensible technical report, including a review of regulatory precedent and best scientific practice, to support an estimated No Significant Risk Level (NSRL) to be used in a reactive litigation matter.

Regulatory Human Health Data

Prepared and reviewed toxicological and metabolism dossier sections for toxicokinetics, acute, repeat-dose, genotoxicity, reproductive, developmental, carcinogenicity, neurotoxicity, and endocrine disruption assays on pesticide active substances submitted for the European Union renewal of approval program (AIR).

Peer Reviews

Neurotoxicology