Chemitrace

Novel monoclonal antibodies for 1-Hydroxypyrene
Glucuronide (1-OHPyrG), the production of a Lateral Flow (LF)
test and the development of on-site Polycyclic Aromatic
Hydrocarbon (PAH) biomonitoring

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Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Biomonitoring

Project Partners:

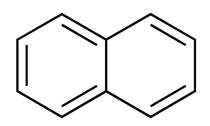




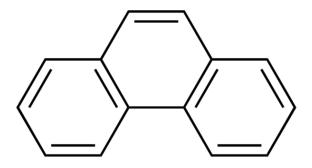




Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons - PAHs



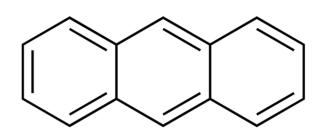
Naphthalene



Phenanthrene

PAHs are a class of more than 100 chemicals produced during the incomplete burning of organic materials.

PAHs contain two or more single or fused aromatic rings



Anthracene





Sources of PAHs

Sources of PAHs can be both natural and anthropogenic:

Natural sources

- forest fires
- oil seeps
- volcanoes
- green plants, fungi, and bacteria

Anthropogenic sources

- oil and petroleum refinery
- electricity generation
- waste incineration
- home heating
- production of coke, carbon black, coal tar, and asphalt
- vehicle exhaust





PAH Health Effects

PAHs have been classified as –

- Carcinogenic
- Mutagenic
- Immunosuppressent

PAH exposure occurs through -

- Inhalation
- Absorption
- Ingestion

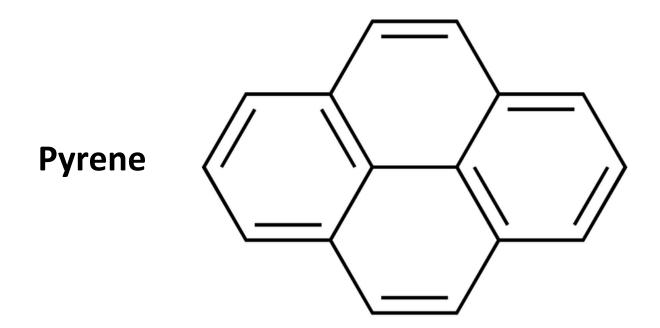
PAH exposure occurs on a regular basis





PAH BIOMONITORING

Pyrene is a common component of PAH mixtures.







PAH BIOMARKERS

1-Hydroxypyrene

1-Hydroxypyrene Glucuronide

The metabolism of pyrene leads to the excretion of 1-hydroxypyrene and 1-hydroxypyrene glucuronide in urine

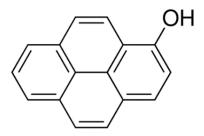




ANTIBODY PRODUCTION

1-Pyrenebutyric

1-Pyrenebutyric acid was coupled to KLH with the cross-linker EDC (*N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N*-ethylcarbodiimide) and the conjugate used to induce antisera to OHPyr and OHPyrG in sheep



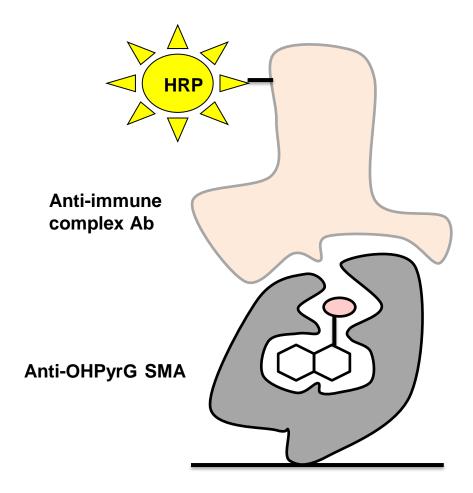
1-Hydroxypyrene

1-Hydroxypyrene Glucuronide





1-OHPyrG ELISA & Assay Kit



Format Advantages:

Sensitivity

Specificity

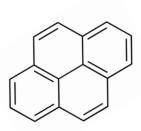
Positively correlated signal



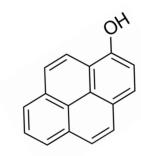




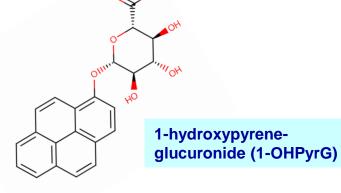
1-OHPyrG and Closely Related Pyrenes



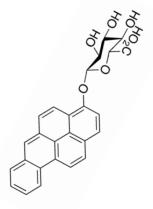
pyrene (pyr)



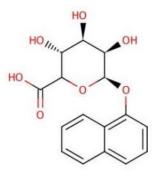
1-hydroxypyrene (1-OHPyr)



1-aminopyrene



3-Hydroxy benz-apyrene glucuronide

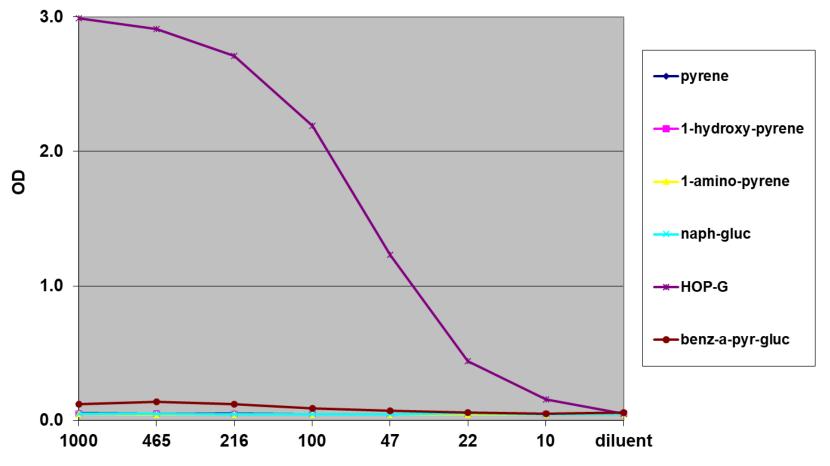


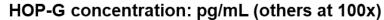
Naphthol-glucuronide





1-OHPyrG ELISA Sensitivity & Specificity

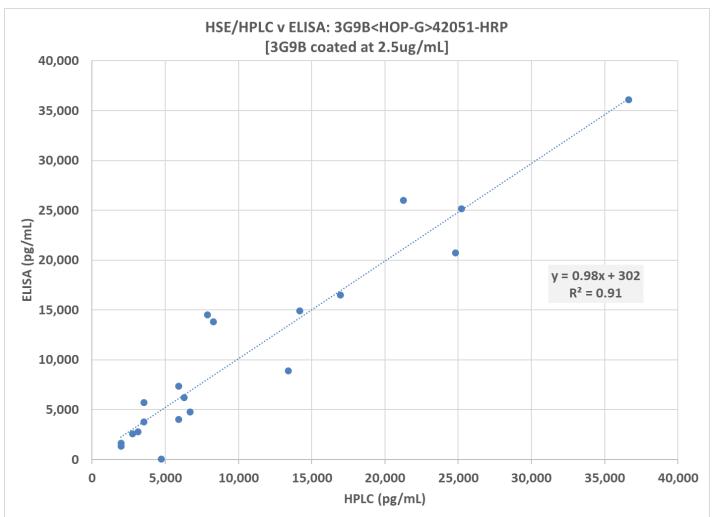








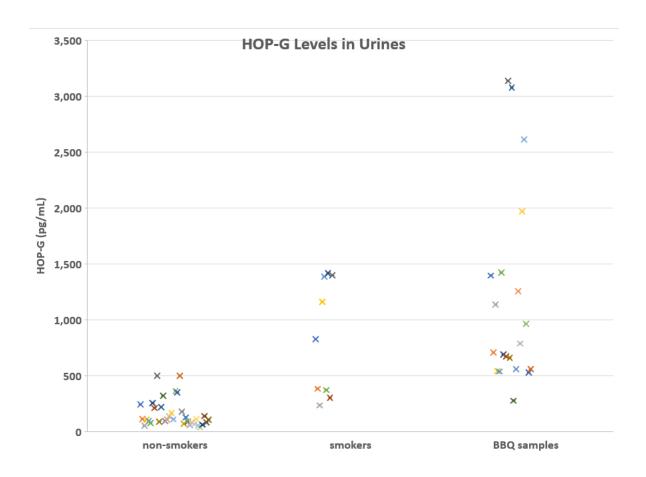
ELISA Correlation with HPLC/Fluorescence



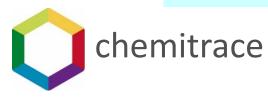




ELISA: Data Example 1

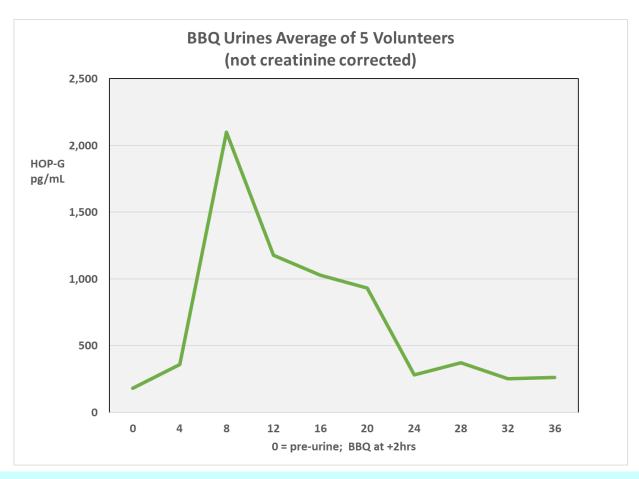


Levels found in volunteer groups agrees with literature data

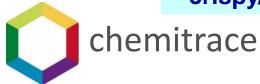




ELISA: Data Example 2



 Time-course of HOP-G in urines of volunteers exposed to crispy/burnt BBQ food in line with literature references





Point of Care Testing

Allows "Real-time" Analysis

- Monitor immediate impact of Good Working Practice
- Allow immediate removal of potentially exposed workers
- Provides on the job reassurance to workers

Low Cost

- Eliminate negative samples
- Selection of positive samples for further analysis
- Encourages increased testing

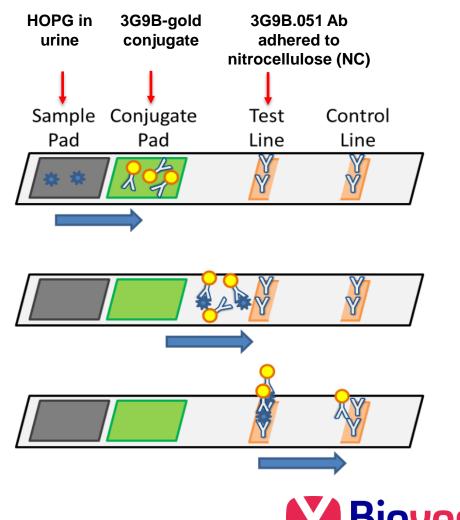




Lateral Flow Format

 Conventional "sandwich" format also works in lateral flow format

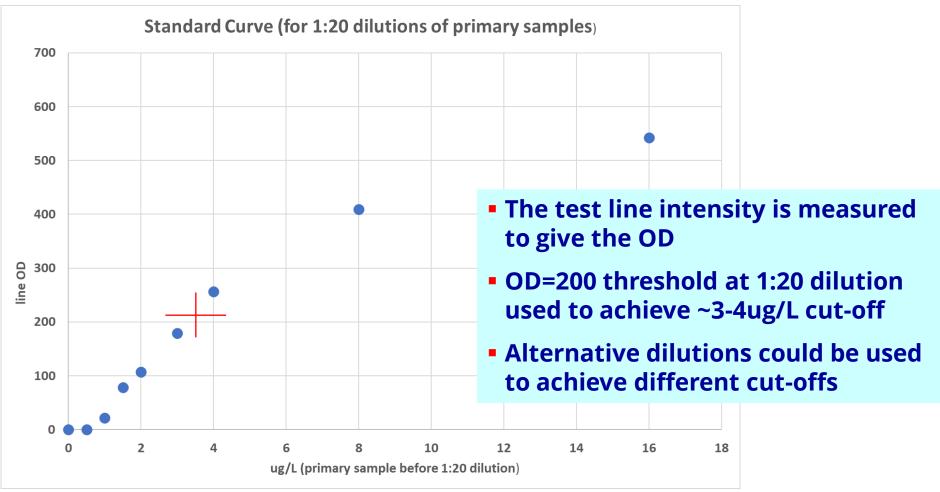








Lateral Flow Standard Curve







HOP-G LF Sensitivity & Specificity

Interference Testing

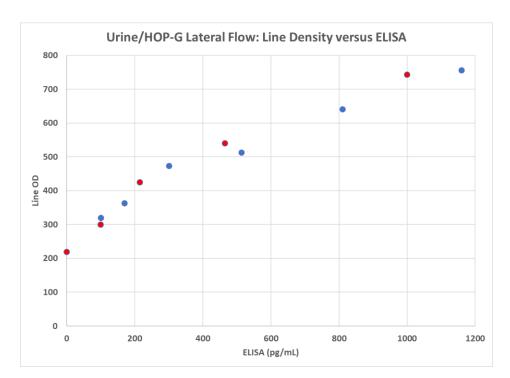
The following common substances were tested (0.2mg/ml)

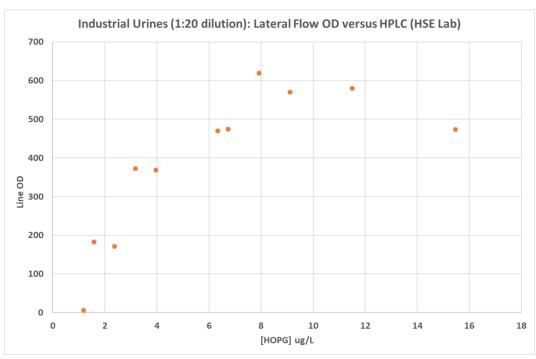
- Paracetamol (acetaminophen)
- Caffeine
- Acetylsalicylic acid
- Ascorbic acid
- Gentisic acid





Lateral Flow Comparative Method Study





Lateral Flow v ELISA

Lateral Flow v HPLC Fluorescence

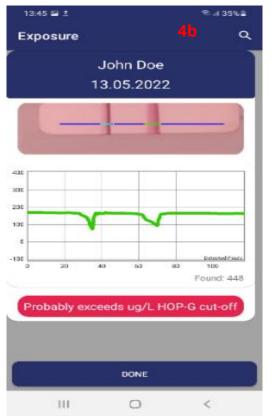
Lateral flow OD gives good correlation with established methods





Phone Reader and 'App'











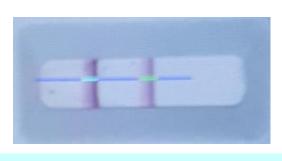




1. Run 1-OHPyrG lateral flow



2. Insert cassette into topbox after 15-60 minutes



3. Phone camera detects the presence of the control line and scans the test line



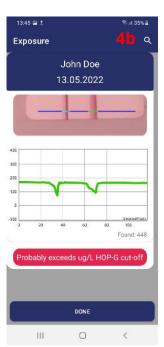
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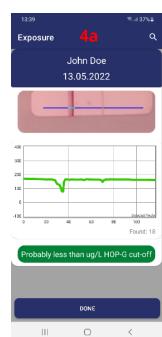
5. Data automatically stored on server



4a. Below cut-off

4b. Above cut-off (sample to be sent to central lab for confirmation or retest)





Phone Reader and 'App' Supports Remote Application



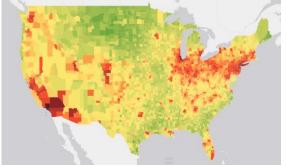
- 1. Urine test measures OHPyrG
- 2. Phone app quantifies levels and opens up local and global gateway
- 3. Data can be uploaded and visualised in the context of local, regional and global levels















POCT FIELD TRIAL

The field trial will:

- Confirm the validity of the approach
- Support the incorporation of end-user requirements
- Allow the launch of a fit-for-purpose product.





Thank you

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