Problem Formulation: Background, motivation, and expected outcomes

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Problem Statements

 Toxicology studies that utilize KMD are often submitted for the purpose of interpreting dose-response data from repeated dose animal studies to assess human health risks of occupational and environmental chemical exposures. However, there is no agreed upon scientific guidance that clearly specifies what data are necessary and sufficient, in a fit-for-purpose context, to evaluate such studies.

 There are no specific criteria on how to incorporate/integrate all available data streams, including, but not limited to toxicokinetic and exposure information, to use KMD approach as an option for top-dose selection in repeated dose animal studies for occupational and environmental chemical exposures.







Symposium Objectives

- Highlight best practices and lessons learned on the following:
 - Defining KMD
 - Selecting the appropriate PK parameter to examine dose proportionality
 - Estimating the onset of non-linear PK based on measurements or predictions
 - Conducting statistical analyses to determine a KMD
 - Determining and using a KMD to set the top dose in toxicity studies
- Discuss if and how KMD can be applied in the context of hazard classification, as well as risk assessment
- Discuss and identify situations where the use of KMD might be limited or not possible







Out of scope....

- While the information from these sources could be used to further inform the discussion on KMD, the following topics are out of the scope:
 - Regulatory frameworks and study/data requirements of individual countries or regulatory agencies
 - Proposed and final regulatory decisions made by individual countries or regulatory agencies
 - Interpretation and design of pre-clinical studies for pharmaceutical drugs, biologics and natural health products
 - Risk management and risk mitigation activities (including off-label uses)
 - Exposure scenarios related to acute toxicity (e.g., accidents, intentional misuse)







Expected Outcomes

- This is the start of the discussions; we intend that there will be additional follow-up via various activities
- HESI PBPK Technical Committee working group
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with USEPA
 - Will develop a short meeting report
 - Follow-up work will occur in smaller focus groups
 - Topics will be determined based on output from this meeting and follow-up discussions







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