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A1	Project Code	IPA-74 CellTox
A2	Project Title	Cell Biology and combination effects of chemical compounds
A3	External Cooperation Partners	Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité (INRS); France Leibniz-Institut für Arbeitsforschung, Technical University, Dortmund University of Colorado, Denver, CO, USA
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B1 – Aims

- Use of multiple test systems to study the effects of carcinogenic and mutagenic chemicals on the cellular level and both in humans (in vivo) and in experimental settings (in vitro).
- Identifying early effects of carcinogens on the cellular level, e.g., cytotoxicity, the inhibition of apoptosis and increases in cell proliferation.
- Use of "-omics"-technologies in toxicology to identify the mode-of-action of chemicals with a particular focus on epigenetics

B2 - Endpoints / Substances of Interest

Lung Cancer

- Tumor induction and promotion of low-molecular-weight PAH
- Cellular toxicity of PAH mixtures

Bladder Cancer

• Interaction of aromatic amines and PAH

Reproductive Toxicity

• Mode-of-action of developmental toxicants, e.g., organic solvents and metals

B3 – Selected Publications

Plöttner S, Bastian LA, Käfferlein HU, Brüning T (**2016**) Effects of benzo[*a*]pyrene, aromatic amines, and a combination of both on CYP1A1 activities in RT-4 human bladder papilloma cells. *J. Toxicol. Environ. Health A* <u>79</u>: 1106-1117.

Plöttner S, Käfferlein HU, Brüning T (**2013**) Miniaturization of cytotoxicity tests for concentration range-finding studies prior to conducting the pH 6.7 Syrian hamster embryo cell-transformation assay. *Mutat. Res.* <u>755</u>: 108-114.

Kopp RS, Kumbartski M, Harth V, Brüning T, Käfferlein HU (**2012**) Partition of metals in the maternal/fetal unit and lead-associated decreases of fetal iron and manganese: an observational biomonitoring approach. *Arch. Toxicol.* <u>86</u>: 1571-1581.