SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Evaluating the Theoretical Background of STOFFENMANAGER® and the Advanced REACH Tool

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Text S1. Mechanistic exposure models

There are several mechanistic exposure assessment models whose complexity varies from multicompartment dispersion models, such as e.g. PANDORA (Abadie and Blondeau, 2011), MOEEBIUS (Santos et al., 2017) or CONTAM (Dols and Polidoro, 2015) to single- or two- compartment models, such as e.g. IH-MOD 2.0 [\(https://ihmod.org/\)](https://ihmod.org/), TEAS [\(https://www.easinc.co/\)](https://www.easinc.co/), GuideNano [\(https://tool.guidenano.eu/\)](https://tool.guidenano.eu/), ConsExpo [\(https://www.rivm.nl/en/consexpo\)](https://www.rivm.nl/en/consexpo) and Consumer Exposure Model (CEM; U.S. EPA, 2019). The mechanistic modeling approach is internationally recognized as the general approach in consumer exposure assessment by using one, two or three compartment models (Koontz and Nagda, 1991; SCCS, 2018; Steiling et al., 2018, 2014; U.S. EPA, 2019, 2018). CEM has also a model for gas-particle partition that is useful in exposure assessment of volatile organic compounds, which could be useful also in occupational exposure modeling's.

A multi-compartment model can always be simplified to cover exposure scenarios where there is limited amount of information. One example of the model parametrization is presented by Nymark et al. (2020). A General Exposure Model (GEM) can include relevant processes such as a local exhaust ventilation, ventilation air re-circulation, coagulation and deposition of the particles (Figure S1); in addition, it can incorporate risk management measures and calculation of regional deposited dose during inhalation. The GEM returns concentration levels and mass flows to surfaces, outdoors and filters in unit/min. Supplemental Table S1 shows one proposal for the GEM tiered parameterization depending on the process and use environment knowledge level. The model geometrical layouts should be adjustable making it applicable to predict personal exposure outdoors by setting near-field volume (V_{FF}) very large and inter-zonal volume flow (*β*) to high. The various parameters suggested per Stage should be considered for implementation into HRA tools.

The modeling can be started by one variable (emission), which is the most critical exposure determinant, and then the complexity can be increased when there is more information available from the emissions, emission control and expected use environment. The model boundaries, parameterization and assumptions are visible and their reasonability could be evaluated by the modeller. Such modeling approach can cover all tiers in the ECHA recommended exposure modeling approach. Also, it would be possible to classify the tier level according to the model concept and parametrization. Currently, the

ECHA models tier classes are not scientifically justified. This approach can be conducted with any mechanistic exposure model.

 $V_{FF}\frac{dC_{FF}}{dt}=\beta\cdot C_{NF}-(\beta+Q_{LEV}+Q_{FF})C_{FF}+Q_{R,GV}\cdot\varepsilon_{R,GV}\cdot C_{FF}+J_{coag,FF}\cdot C_{FF}-\lambda_{d,FF}\cdot C_{NF}$ $V_{NF}\frac{dC_{NF}}{dt}=(1-\varepsilon_{LEV})(1-\varepsilon_{LC})\cdot S+(\beta+Q_{LEV})C_{FF}-(\beta+Q_{LEV})C_{NF}+J_{coag,NF}\cdot C_{NF}-\lambda_{d,NF}\cdot C_{NF}$

Figure S1. Mass flow scheme of the GEM including enclosure, local exhaust ventilation, and recirculation of general ventilation air.

Table S1. Tiered approach given by Nymark et al. (2020). Abbreviations: X is units in number, surface area $(\mu m^2/m^3)$, or mass $(\mu g/m^3)$, WC = worst case, Mo = modelled, Me = measured, DP = Default parameterization, ECEL = Exposure Control Efficacy Library, - = excluded from the model, + = included in the model.

Tier	Variables										Processes	
	$S, [X s-1]$	V_{FF} , [m ³]			$\left[N_{NF},\left[\text{m}^3\right]\,\right \,\beta,\left[\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}\right]\,\right \,\mathcal{Q}_{FF},\left[\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}\right]\,\right \,\varepsilon_{LC}\left[-\right]$					$\left[\varepsilon_{LEV}, \left[- \right] \left[Q_{LEV}, \left[m^3 s^{-1} \right] \left[\varepsilon_{R, GV}, \left[- \right] \right] Q_{R, GV}, \left[m^3 s^{-1} \right] \left[J_{coag}, \left[m^3 s^{-1} \right] \right] \right] \lambda_d, \left[m^3 s^{-1} \right]$		
	WC	20	8	20 ^a	θ	θ	$\overline{0}$	θ	θ	θ		
2	WC/Mo	20	8	20°	WC.	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$		
3	WC/Mo	WC/DP	WC/DP	WC/DP	WC/DP	WC/DP	WC/DP	WC/DP	θ	$\boldsymbol{0}$		
$\overline{4}$	Mo/Me	DP	DP	DP	DP	ECEL	ECEL	ECEL	DP	DP	$-/+$	$-/+$
	Mo/Me	DP/Me	DP/Me	DP/Me	DP/Me	ECEL	ECEL	ECEL	DP/Me	DP/Me	$+$	$^{+}$

a Fully mixed equaling to a single box model

Text S2. The general ventilation multipliers

Koivisto et al. (2018) found that the general ventilation multipliers in STOFFENMANAGER[®] and ART were not properly calculated. This raised a concern about the models' theoretical backgrounds(Koivisto et al., 2019a). Cherrie et al. (2020) replied to the criticism but their response left many open questions. The discussion was made to continue via private communication which outcomes would be presented in a workshop "Theoretical Background of Occupational Exposure Models" organized by the ISES Europe Exposure Models Working Group. However, the dialog prior the workshop was partially successful and the workshop focus was shifted from theoretical background evaluation to other relevant issues. A majority of the scientific questions was left open (ISES Europe, 2020) and STOFFENMANAGER® and the ART development group considered the discussion closed. However, theoretical background evaluation of the regulatory exposure assessment models should end when it is accepted within the scientific community and the underlying limitations are communicated transparently to the model users and regulatory bodies. Here we tried to re-calculate the general ventilation multipliers by Marquart et al. (2008) and Cherrie et al. (2011).

The general ventilation multipliers are always present in STOFFENMANAGER® and ART modelings (Cherrie et al., 2011; Cherrie, 1999). Koivisto et al. (2018) re-calculated the general ventilation multipliers and found some differences between the numbers by Cherrie (1999) and Cherrie et al. (2011). However, Cherrie et al. (2020) did not agree with Koivisto et al. (2018) calculations but they did not specify how to calculate the values correctly. Revision of Koivisto et al. (2018) Table S2 produced the same results. However, as Koivisto et al. (2018) wrote, they were not sure how the normalization was made. They asked for the authors help, but they could not confirm the calculations. Here we have summarized main guidelines for the calculations by Cherrie (1999) and Cherrie et al. (2011).

The general ventilation multipliers are based on two compartment modelings, where Near-Field (NF) and Far-Field (FF) concentrations are calculated by using a source of 100 mg/min and a NF volume of 8 m³ and then room volume (V_{FF} , m³), air changes per hour (ACH , h⁻¹) and air mixing between NF and FF $(\beta, m^3 \text{min}^{-1})$ are varied. Cherrie (1999) calculated a reference concentration as:

• "*A large room (3000 m³) with a moderate air exchange rate (three air-changes per hour)*" and this was amended in Figures 1 and 2 by defining "*intermediate airflow out of the near-field* [*β* $= 10 \text{ m}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$]". This corresponds to NF concentration of 10.6 mg m⁻³.

Then, the multipliers were calculated as:

- *The near-field multiplier* was obtained by taking *the average relative near-field concentration* for the room sizes and ventilation conditions described in the table [Table IV in Cherrie (1999)], *re-normalized to the average value for large rooms with good ventilation*.
- *The far-field multiplier* was then calculated by dividing the near-field multiplier by *the average ratio of the near- to far-field concentration* obtained in the simulation.

2.1 The near-field multiplier

It was not specified if *the average relative near-field concentration* was normalized with the reference room NF concentration of 10.6 mg m⁻³, but if normalized with 10.6 mg m⁻³, the relative concentration in the NF at Cherrie (1999) does not produce the same results when using the NF or FF concentrations given by Koivisto et al. (2018) (Table S2). However, as Koivisto et al. (2018) wrote, "*it is expected that the normalization factors are constant and the same for both NF and FF concentrations in Cherrie's calculations and thus do not affect to the concentration ratios.*" Because, Koivisto et al. (2018) could not find the first normalization factor and the results in Table S2 were not consistent, they first assumed it as 10. However, later they found that the assumption was wrong and wrote "*the relative NF and FF* *concentrations given by Cherrie (1999) are on average 9.6±0.8 and 9.1±1.4 times smaller than the respective NF and FF concentrations calculated in this study*."

Table S2. Relative NF (*RC_{NF}*) and FF (*RC_{FF}*) concentrations from Cherrie (1999) Table II and calculated by using Koivisto et al. C_{NF} and C_{FF} values that are normalized with 10.6 mg m⁻³ and ratio of NF to FF concentration (C_{NF}/C_{FF}). An example of six first rows of Cherrie (1999) Table II and Koivisto et al. (2018) Table 1.

	ACH ,			Cherrie (1999), Table	Koivisto et al. (2018)		
V_{FF} , (m ³)	(h^{-1})	$(m^3 min^{-1})$	RC_{NF} , (-)	RC_{FF} , (-)	RC_{NF} , (-)	RC_{FF} , (-)	$C_{\textit{NF}}/C_{\textit{FF}}$
30	0.3		39		33	31	1.1
30	0.3		37	37	32	31	1.0
30	0.3	30	37	37	31	31	1.0
30			20		16	13	1.2
30			18		14	13	1.1
30		30					

The other normalization factor was *re-normalized to the average value for large rooms with good ventilation*, which is assumed to be average of simulations with V_{FF} is 1000 m³ and 3000 m³ and ACH is 10 h^{-1} and 30 h^{-1} . In Cherrie (1999) Table II is repeated multiple times same scenario (see e.g. last three rows in Cherrie's Table II and scenarios with V_{FF} =1000 m³ and ACH = 10 and 30 h⁻¹). Koivisto et al. (2018) did not repeat the scenarios because it overweighs some scenarios.

It can be concluded that the construction of the re-normalization factor is unclear.

Later, Cherrie et al. (2011) stated that "*Following the work of Cherrie (1999), the calculated concentration was normalized to the concentration in the NF of a 1000-m3 room with 10 air changes per hour (ACH).*" However, regardless of different room conditions, the normalization concentration is the same as in Cherrie (1999) when using the NF and FF concentrations calculated by Koivisto et al. (2018).

2.2 The far-field multiplier

As an example, *the average ratio of the near- to far-field concentration* for small room with low ventilation is an average of 1.1 for 30 m³ room with $ACH \le 1$ h⁻¹ (see Table S2) and 1.2 for 100 m³ room with $ACH \le 1$ h⁻¹, i.e. $(1.1+1.2)/2 = -1.2$. Then, the far-field multiplier is calculated by dividing the respective near-field multiplier with 1.2. The scientific justification for the normalization is not given.

2.3 Differences between the general ventilation multipliers

Cherrie et al. (2020) stated that "*Koivisto et al. (2018) incorrectly presents the differences between their calculations and those in the later paper (Cherrie et al., 2011), which were on average about 5% higher, a difference that we believe could reasonably be explained by small differences in the calculation methods.*" Such high difference cannot be explained by calculation methods, if correctly calculated, and they also forgot to mention that the error is not linear; depending on the room size the difference between multipliers vary from 0% to 17% for 1-h exposure estimation and from 0% to 41% for 8-h exposure. Reviewers of the Koivisto et al. (2018) manuscript also came to the same conclusion as the authors. Thus, for transparency, it would be helpful if Cherrie et al. could show their calculations, as was done in Koivisto et al. (2018).

The other statement was "*For Stoffenmanager®, the categorization of parameters and the allocation of scores for categories were partly taken from the work by Cherrie and colleagues (Cherrie et al., 1996;*

Cherrie, 1999), but were not directly translated into Stoffenmanager® as Koivisto et al. (2018) assumes. The scores for reduction by general ventilation both for near-field and far-field sources—dependent on room size—were modified to construct a simpler model as described in Marquart et al. (2008) and Tielemans et al. (2008). Thus, Koivisto et al. (2018) are not appropriately comparing the multiplier values actually used in ART and Stoffenmanager® with their own multiplier calculations and the claim of error is unsubstantiated."

Koivisto et al. (2018) has taken the normalization with room size into account. This was clearly written as: "*The general ventilation multipliers were calculated as "The NF multiplier was obtained by taking the average relative NF concentration for the room sizes and ventilation conditions described in the table, re-normalized to the average value for large rooms with good ventilation. The FF multiplier was then calculated by dividing the NFmultiplier by the average ratio of the NF to FF concentration obtained in the simulation.*". If we would not have taken this into account, the difference between multipliers would have been significantly higher.

Tielemans et al., (2008) and Marquart et al. (2008) mention that "*These scores* [general ventilation multipliers] *are related to the room volume and are taken from Cherrie (1999), who based the values on simulations.*" It is not described clearly as to which table they refer. Koivisto et al. (2018) assumed it was Table IV and did not calculate how Cherrie (1999) errors influence the Table III values.

It is unclear if Cherrie (1999) used the repeated simulation values in Cherrie's Table II for calculating the Ratio of FF to NF concentrations for ≥ 1000 m³ & ≥ 10 ACH scenario. At least, the numbers are different when re-calculating the Ratio of FF to NF concentration using Cherrie's Table II values, as shown here in Table S3. By following digit rounding rules, the multiplier for scenario ≥1000 m³ & \leq 1 ACH should be rounded from 0.19 to 0.1 and not 0.3.

The values are slightly different when calculating the Ratio of FF to NF concentrations by using Koivisto et al. (2018) multipliers.

Table S3. Comparison of general ventilation model parameters and simulation results between Cherrie (1999) by using values by Koivisto et al. (2018). Bolded values differ from Cherrie (1999) Table III.

Finally, Table S4 shows the multipliers used in STOFFENMANAGER® (Marquart et al., 2008) that are completely different from Cherrie (1999) values. It is not explained how these multipliers have been assigned. The link between Cherrie (1999) and multipliers in Marquart et al. (2008) is unclear.

Table S4. Scores for reduction by general ventilation for near-field sources, dependent on room size.

^aTable 5 and ^b Table 6 in Marquart et al. (2008)

2.4 Summary of the general ventilation multipliers

The calculation of general ventilation multipliers and their scientific justification are far from clear. The application of general ventilation multipliers in STOFFENMANAGER® is not explained (e.g. Table S2). It is misleading say the general ventilation multipliers in STOFFENMANAGER[®] and ART are derived from two compartment model simulations by Cherrie (1999).

The general ventilation multiplier errors and unclear definitions are still present even though STOFFENMANAGER® and ART are, as using Cherrie et al. (2020) words, "*…extensively documented in peer-reviewed scientific papers and associate technical reports, which are available from the tool websites [\(https://stoffenmanager.com/what-is-stoffenmanager/;](https://stoffenmanager.com/what-is-stoffenmanager/) [https://advancedreachtool.com/science.aspx\).](https://advancedreachtool.com/science.aspx))*" The reason for this is still the same relative to what Koivisto et al. (2018) wrote "*We believe that the errors found here would have been revealed much earlier if the tools would rely, e.g., on a standard NF/FF* [two-compartment] *model.*" It is simply not possible to validate a model without physical concept and rely on subjectively assigned multipliers.

Text S3. External validation of NF/FF model, STOFFENMANAGER® and ART

Here we present an example of external validation. Spencer and Plisko (2007) measured concentrations in Near-Field (NF) and Far-Field (FF) when one hundred mL of reagent-grade (100%) cyclohexane (CAS: 110-82-7) were squirted from a Nalgene laboratory wash bottle onto a 5.08 cm, Class 125 Iron Body Gate Valve during disassembly of the valve. The room air movement intensity was changed with an external fan to simulate different work environments: 1) an enclosed area or shop with little ventilation, 2) the same area or shop with open doors/windows and/or people walking in the vicinity and 3) a well-ventilated or semi-outdoor work environment. Here, we use the study to externally validate STOFFENMANAGER® and ART and compare the results with the NF/FF model external validation by Spencer and Plisko (2007).

The model parametrization was performed according to the given contextual information by Spencer and Plisko (2007). The modeling results were compared with measured NF concentrations where concentration ratios <1 underestimate the exposure and >1 overestimate the exposure. Table S5 shows that NF concentration by:

- The NF/FF model underestimated 28% in high air intensity scenario but otherwise predicted well (within 1-3%).
- STOFFENMANAGER[®] underestimated by 15% to 51% when using the 50th percent percentile.
- ART overestimated by 851 to 1460% when using the $75th$ percentile (50th percentile is not reported).

The external validation results shows that a NF/FF model predicts the NF concentration with expected accuracy when properly parametrized (Jayjock et al., 2011). STOFFENMANAGER® underestimates the NF concentration despite being classified as a Tier 1.5 model that is considered more precautionary than a Tier 2 model. ART overestimates significantly the NF concentration when it should give lower estimates than lower tier models, such as STOFFENMANAGER® (Tielemans et al., 2007). It can be concluded that by following ECHA recommended Tiered Exposure Assessment, the assessor can use STOFFENMANAGER® and ART to iterate an exposure assessment result that is satisfying.

Similar external evaluations should be performed especially for tasks under different operational conditions in order to identify sources and environmental conditions that violates the underlying assumptions in the NF/FF model.

Table S5. External validation of NF/FF model, STOFFENMANAGER® and ART by using chamber measurements by Spencer and Plisko (2007).

*Measured NF concentrations were for 235 mg/m3 for low *β*, 137 mg/m3 for medium *β*, and 177 mg/m3 for high *β*.

Text S4. Summary of STOFFENMANAGER® and ART studies reporting correlation coefficients

A literature search (January 2021) was performed by using Google, Google Scholar and the PubMed search engine to identify the developmental peer-reviewed studies published after 2008 for STOFFENMANAGER® and after 2013 for ART. A systematic review by Spinazzè et al. (2019) was used to identify the relevant validation and evaluation studies, including regression and correlation analysis between estimated and observed exposure. Bayesian modeling approach was not included in this evaluation. The following keywords, including abbreviations and complete words were used:

- Stoffenmanager AND (validation OR comparison OR development) NOT nano: Resulted in 25 studies where we identified one developmental study (Schinkel et al., 2010) and eight validation and measurement comparison studies with correlation between measurements and STOFFENMANAGER® predictions (Koppisch et al., 2012; Lamb et al., 2015; E. G. Lee et al., 2019; Schinkel et al., 2010; Spinazzè et al., 2020, 2017; Tielemans et al., 2008a; van Tongeren et al., 2017).
- (Advanced REACH Tool) AND (validation OR comparison OR development): Resulted to 569 results where we identified two developmental studies (McNally et al., 2014; Sailabaht et al., 2018) that extended the multipliers for welding scenarios and five validation and measurement comparison studies with correlation between measurements and ART predictions (E. G. Lee et al., 2019; S. Lee et al., 2019; Savic et al., 2017a; Spinazzè et al., 2020, 2017)

STOFFENMANAGER® and ART calibration and validation studies show the following Spearman correlations for log-transformed data:

- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Handling solids $r = 0.80$, volatile liquids $r = 0.56$, non-volatile liquids $r = 0.56$ (Tielemans et al., 2008a)
- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Handling of powders and granules $r = 0.41$, Handling resulting in comminuting $r = 0.69$, volatile liquids $r = 0.20$, non-volatile liquids $r = 0.63$ (Schinkel et al., 2010)
- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Handling $r = 0.79$ and machining $r = 0.76$ (Koppisch et al., 2012)
- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Powder handling $r = 0.83$, volatile liquids $r = 0.55$, non-volatile liquids $r = 0.62$ (Lamb et al., 2015)
- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Powder handling $r = 0.68$, volatile liquids $r = 0.52$, non-volatile liquids $r = 0.47$ (van Tongeren et al., 2017)
- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Organic solvents $r = 0.63$ (Spinazzè et al., 2017)
- STOFFENMANAGER®: Handling of liquids (using low pressure, but high speed) without creating a mist or spray/haze $r = 0.22$, handling of liquids on large surfaces or large work pieces $r = 0.22$; handling of liquids on small surfaces or incidental handling of liquid $r = -0.11$, handling of liquids using low pressure, low speed, or on medium-sized surfaces $r = 0.76$, low vapour pressure (≤ 500 Pa at room temperature) r= -0.42, medium vapor pressure ($500 \leq$ vapour pressure ≤ 10000 Pa) r = -0.09, high vapor pressure (> 10000 Pa) r = 0.60, LEV present r = 0.74 , LEV absent $r = 0.23$ (E. G. Lee et al., 2019)
- STOFFENMANAGER[®]: Inhalation Long-term exposure $r = 0.287$ and $r = 0.228$ (Spinazzè et al., 2020)
- ART: Inhalation Long-term exposure $r = 0.231$ and $r = 0.28$ (Spinazzè et al., 2020)
- ART: Organic solvents $r = 0.79$ (Spinazzè et al., 2017)
- ART: Vapours $r = 0.61$, Powders $r = 0.3$, Wood/stone dust $r = 0.2$, metal dusts $r = 0.17$ (Savic et al., 2017a)
- ART: Organic solvents $r = 0.96$ (S. Lee et al., 2019)
- ART: handling of contaminated objects or paste $r = 0.59$, falling liquids $r = 0.89$, combined two activities, handling of contaminated objects or paste and activities with relatively undisturbed surfaces (no aerosol formation) $r = 0.38$; spreading of liquid products $r = -0.03$, low vapour pressure (<500 Pa at room temperature) $r = 0.88$, medium vapor pressure (500 \leq vapour pressure ≤ 10 000 Pa) $r = 0.14$, high vapor pressure (> 10 000 Pa) $r = 0.88$ (E. G. Lee et al., 2019).

Schinkel et al. (2011) did not find any correlation between ART modelled and measured values. Correlation factors were not reported by Mc Donnell et al. (2011).

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