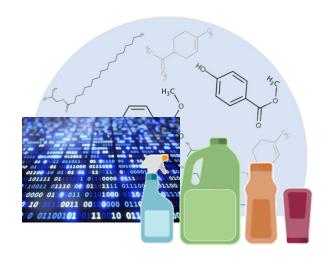


Mining Potential Chemical Co-exposures from Consumer Product Purchasing and Ingredient Data



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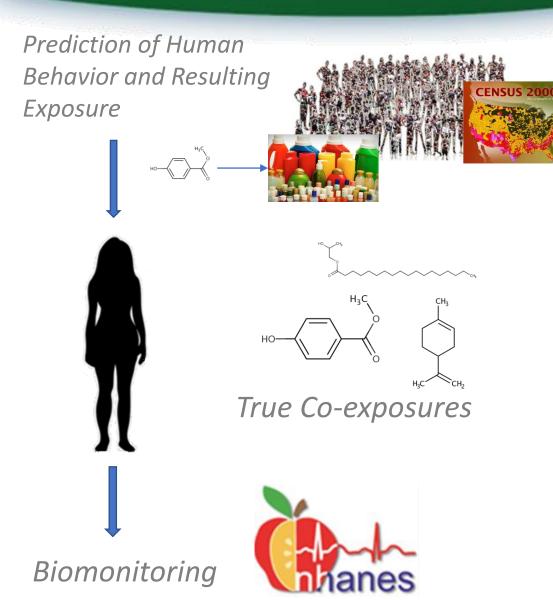
Introduction



- Addressing risks associated with chemical mixtures is a challenge
 - Too many chemicals and too many co-exposures
- EPA's ToxCast Program has screened thousands of chemicals for bioactivity in high-throughput in vitro assays
- HTS and mixtures
 - 1. Predict activity from component chemical responses using modeling
 - 2. Test whole mixtures (can inform #1)
- But which mixtures to test?
- In ExpoCast, we are developing tools that allow us to identify relevant chemicals with potential real-world co-exposures

Approaches for Indentifying Co-Exposures





Modeling approaches

- Multiple sources, pathways, and routes of exposure can be considered
- Uncertainties associated with estimating external versus internal exposure (dose) – timing of exposures and consideration of absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion (ADME) processes
- Impacted by data gaps in behavior (e.g., consumer habits and practices), source information (e.g., chemical use or ingredient data), or toxicokinetics

Biomonitoring

- Can identify both parent chemicals and metabolites in blood or urine
- Aggregate over time (e.g., bioaccumulating compounds)
- Limited number of chemicals (expensive, need standard analytical methods)

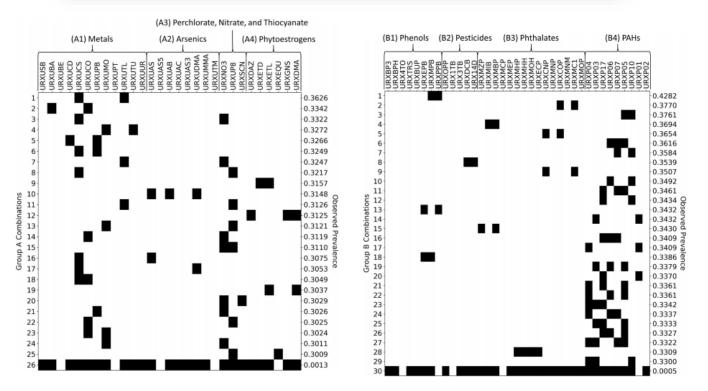
Mining Human Biomonitoring Data to Identify Prevalent Chemical Mixtures





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- Kapraun et al. (2017) mined biomonitoring data from the NHANES study to identify prevalent chemical combinations
- Measured concentrations were discretized to presence/absence using a fixed threshold
- Examined co-occurrence within three groups of chemicals measured in unique subsamples of the study population, using frequent itemset mining (FIM)
- Identified 90 chemical combinations consisting of relatively few chemicals that occur in at least 30% of the U.S. population
- Identified three "supercombinations" of chemicals that occurred in a smaller fraction of the population

Current Approach



- Integrate large datasets of consumer product ingredient and product purchasing information to develop a dataset that can be mined for chemical co-exposures
- Apply FIM to identify prevalent co-occurring chemicals within household-months
- Stratified results by household demographics to characterize variability in co-exposure patterns and identify potential chemical combinations associated with sensitive populations, such as families with young children and women of childbearing age



Transaction Dataset
Chemicals introduced to Household
Hypothesized Co-Exposure

{Chemical 1, Chemical 2, Chemical 3, Chemical X, Chemical Z.....}

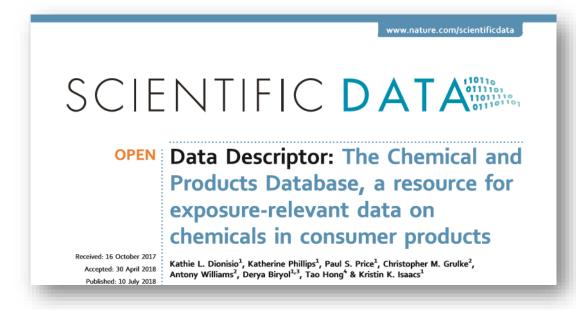
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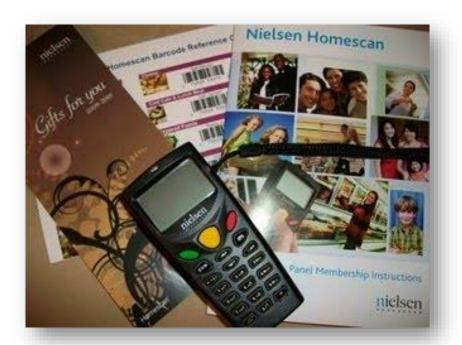




Consumer Product Purchasing Study

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- EPA initiated a collaboration with Nielsen in 2013
- Shared data from the National Consumer Panel (NCP)
- Formerly called "Homescan" project









Purchasing Data



- 60,000 U.S. households for 1 year (2012)
- Demographic information for each household
 - Income, number of household members, Nielsen market (metro area), county size, race, presence and age of children, age and occupation of female head of household
- All purchases for product categories of interest to Nielsen
 - 29 broad categories called "Groups" (e.g., Household Cleaners, Cosmetics, Fresheners and Deodorizers).
 - Date of purchase, UPC, brand, number of units, size
 - ~4.6 million individual product purchase records
- 133,966 unique product UPCs
- Recent publication: Tornero-Velez et. al (2020) examined product co-purchases which gave us some idea about chemical co-exposure from previous ingredient data; the ability to link individual purchases to specific chemicals is a major step forward.

Data Integration



Product-Chemical Data

UPC	Chemicals
UPC1	DTXSID1, DTXSID2, DTXSID4
UPC2	DTXSID2, DTXSID3
UPC3	DTXSID1, DTXSID5, DTXSID6

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Data Summary

Data	Count
Transactions	539,857
Households	53,525
Products	31,375
Chemicals	783

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- Case-Study: Potential Endocrine Active Chemicals (EACs)

Source	Investigated Biological Action	Chemicals Predicted to be Active	Chemicals Mapped to Purchased Products
Collaborative Estrogen Receptor Activity Prediction Project (CERAPP) ¹	Estrogen Disruptors	1,142	10
Collaborative Modeling Project for Androgen Receptor Activity (COMPARA) ²	Androgen Disruptors	16,112	42
Additional potential EACs from Literature Sources ³	Multiple		17
Total (unique)			65

Frequent Itemset Mining



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- A collection of one or more items
 - Example: {DTXSID1, DTXSID4, DTXSID5}
- k-itemset
 - An itemset that contains k items
- Relative support/prevalence (σ)
 - Fraction of transactions that contain an itemset
 - E.g. $\sigma(\{DTXSID1, DTXSID4, DTXSID5\}) = 2/5$
- Frequent itemset
 - An itemset whose prevalence is greater than or equal to a minimum support threshold

Transaction ID	Items
HHLD-01	DTXSID1, DTXSID4
HHLD-02	DTXSID4, DTXSID5, DTXSID3, DTXSID2
HHLD-03	DTXSID1, DTXSID5, DTXSID3, DTXSID6
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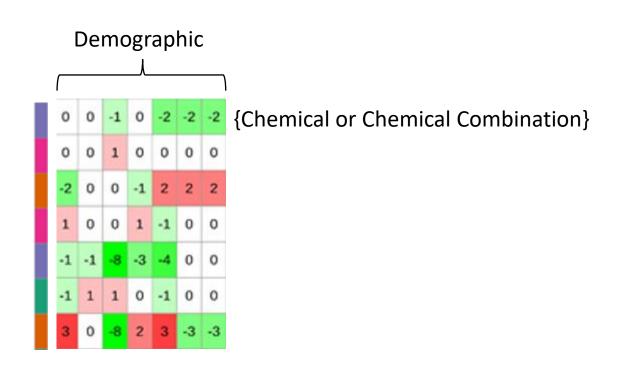
Apply to transaction data to identify prevalent combinations

Frequent Itemset Mining Analyses

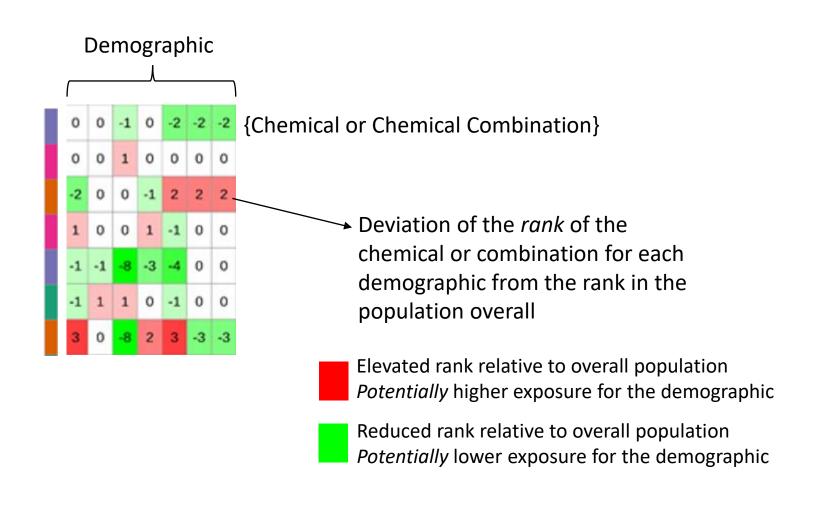


- Performed using the ECLAT (Equivalence Class Clustering and bottom-up Lattice Traversal) function of the Arules R package
- Performed identification of prevalent individual chemicals and combinations
 - For TSCA chemicals and EACs, based on a threshold prevalence for chemical group that provided a manageable number of itemsets
 - Within product groups
 - Within demographics, including:
 - Women of childbearing age
 - Different income ranges
 - Race of female head of household
 - Education level
 - Different family sizes/ages of children
- Interpreted chemicals within prevalent combinations by examining chemical functions
 - Harmonized functional uses defined by Phillips et al. (2017).
 - Dataset of 14,000+ reported chemical-function pairs

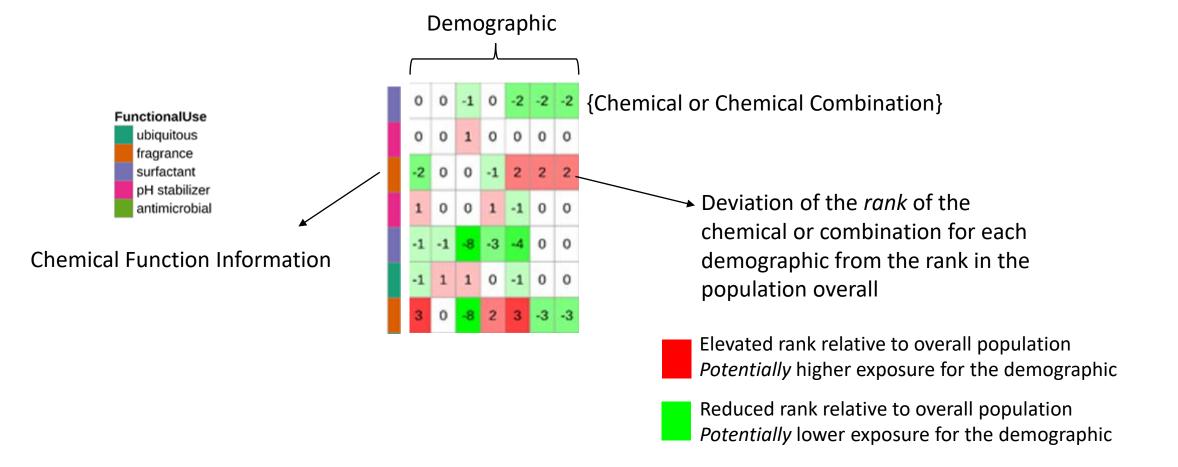




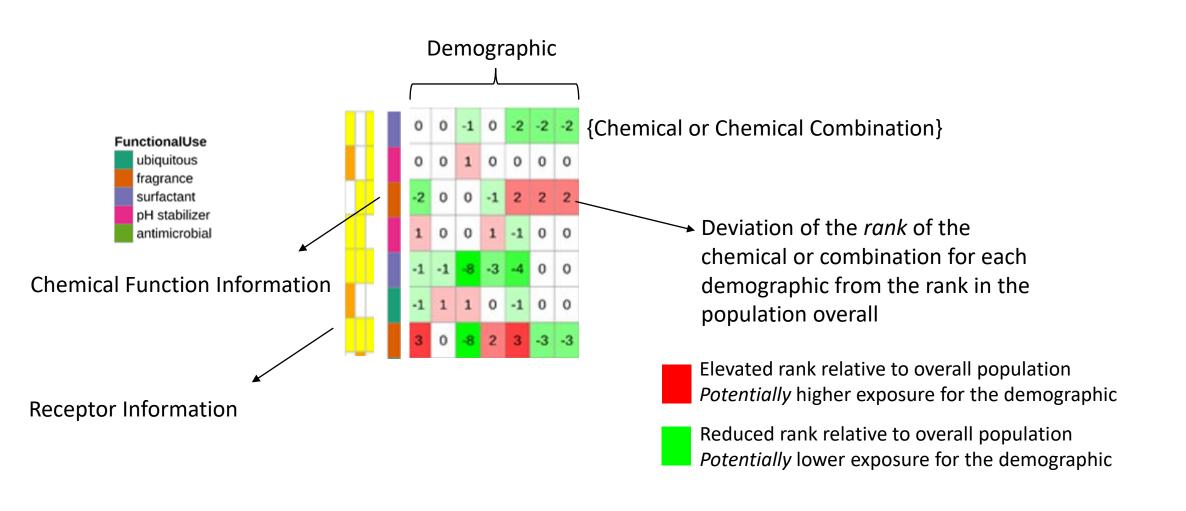


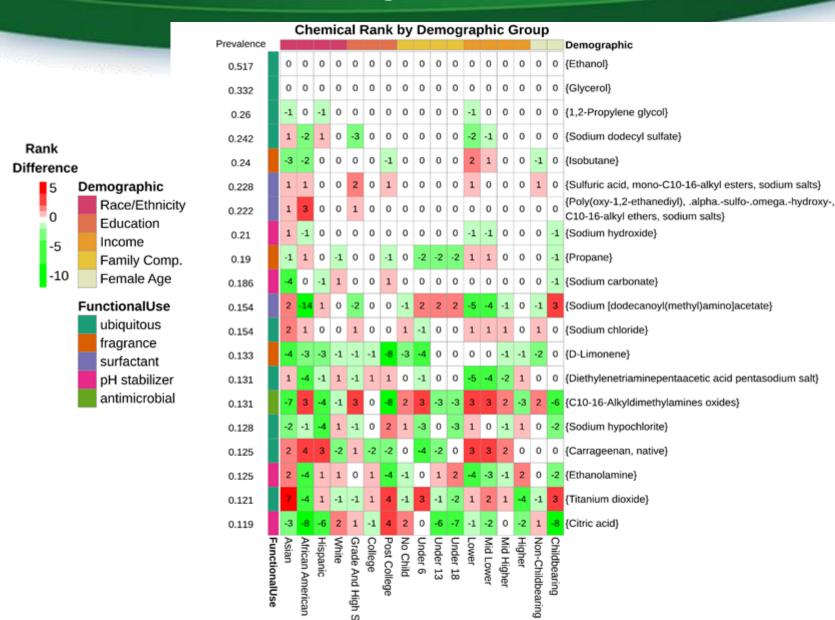








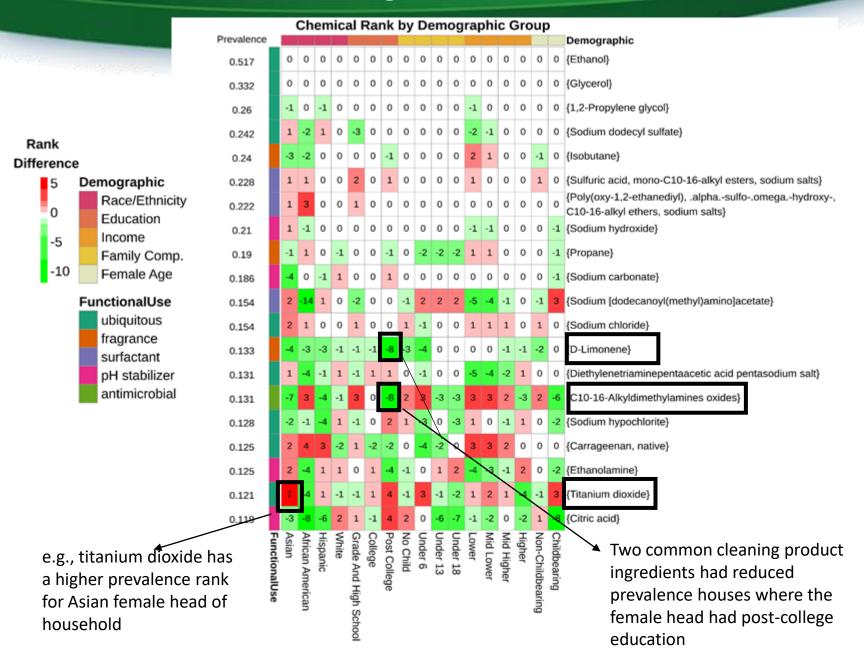






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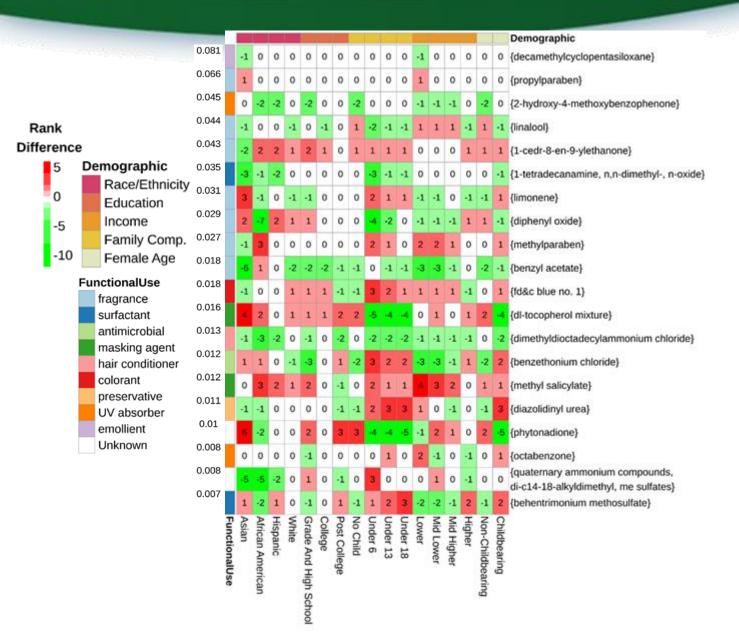
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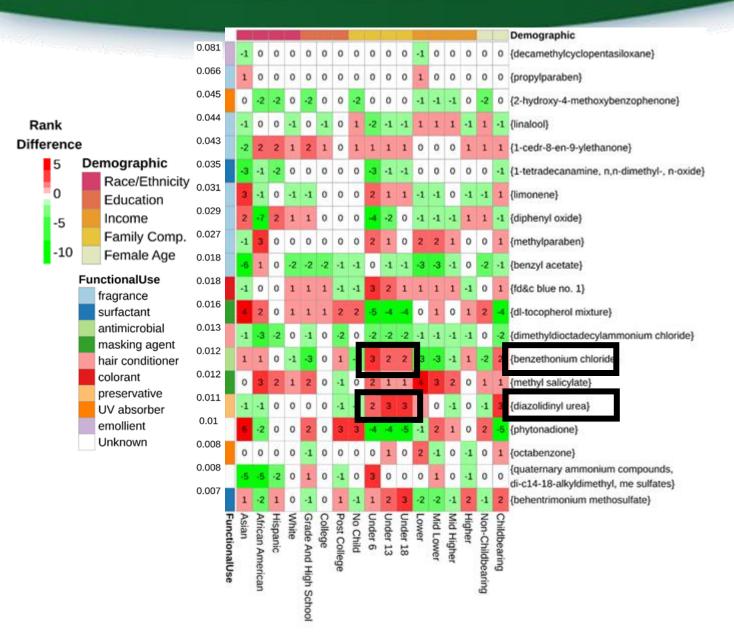
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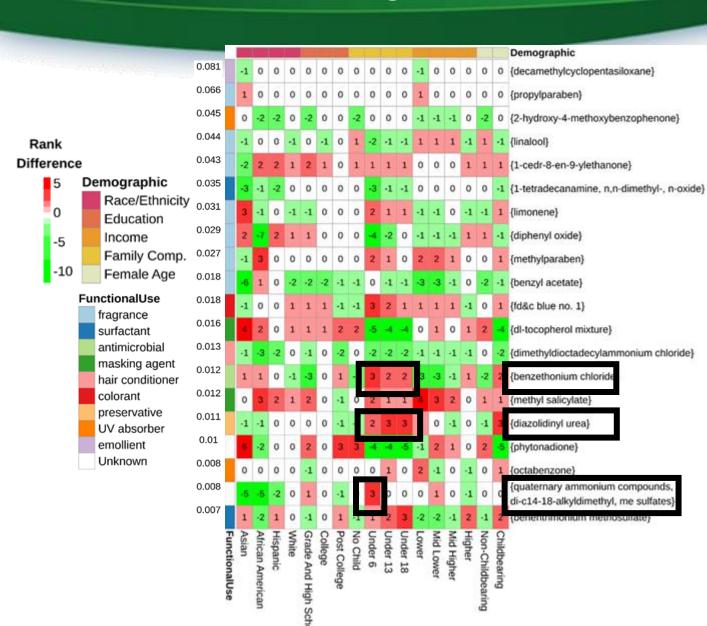
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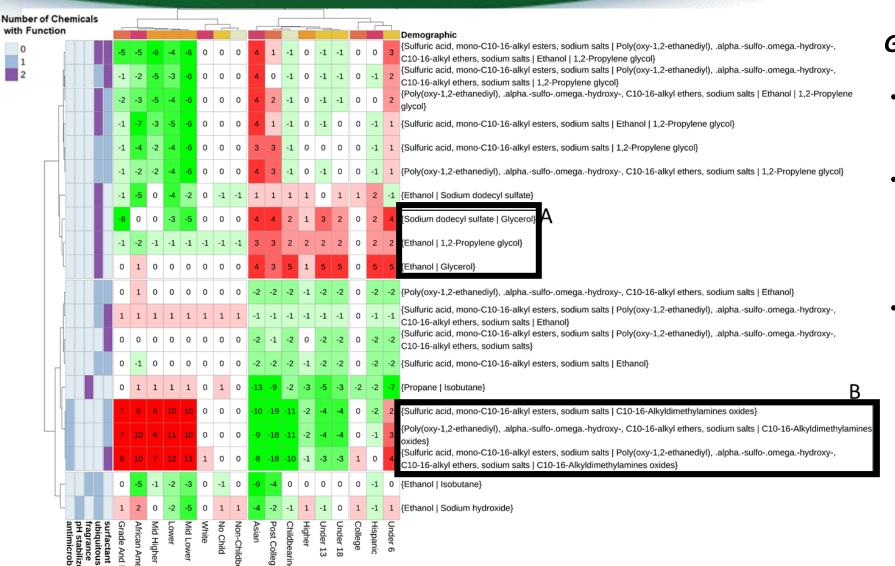




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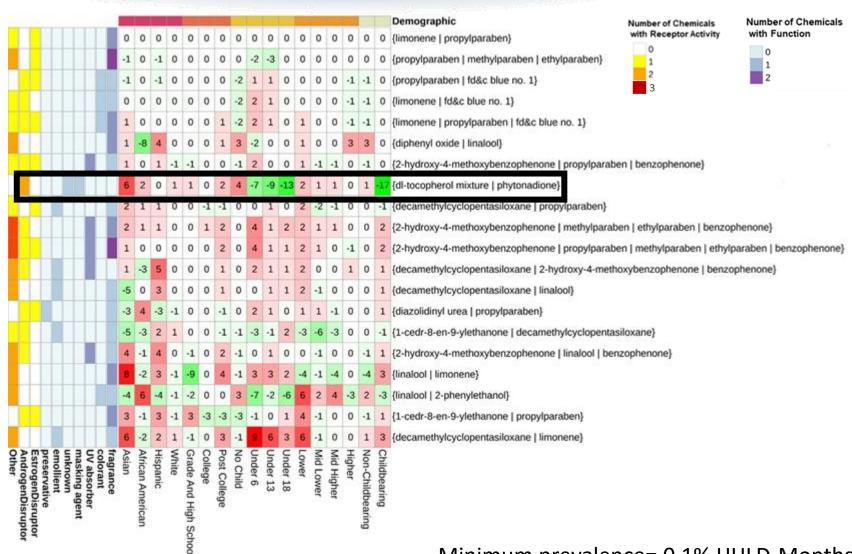


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- Here demographics and chemical sets are clustered to indicate the similarity of rankings of chemical combinations
- Set A: ubiquitous consumer product chemicals present in households with children, higher income, and more highly educated, representing generally high consumer product use
- lower to middle income demographics and African American households, and reduced rank differences in Asian households and females with post-college education and females of childbearing age; these three sets contained antimicrobials and surfactants found in cleaning products

Minimum prevalence= 2.5% HHLD-Months

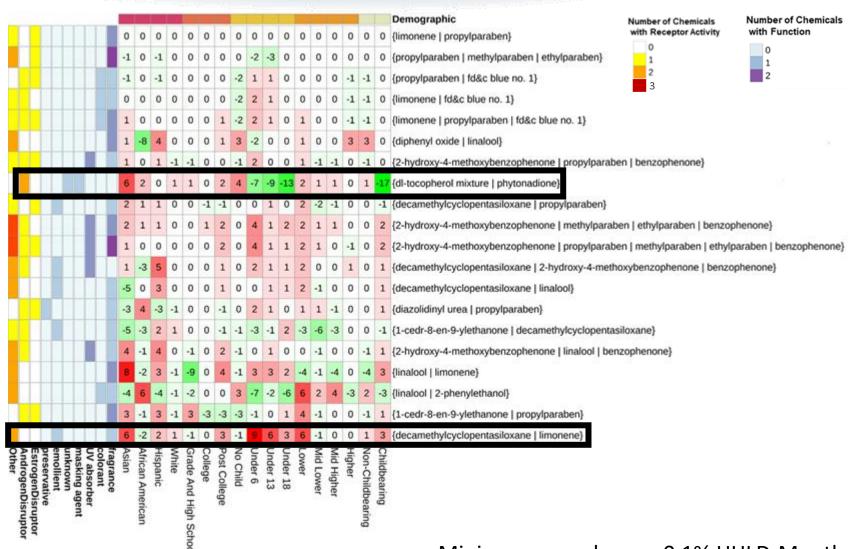




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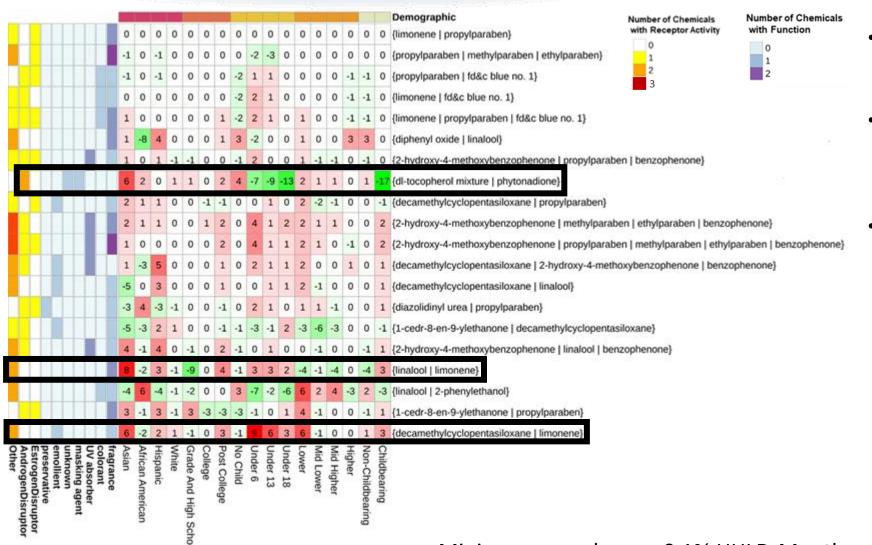


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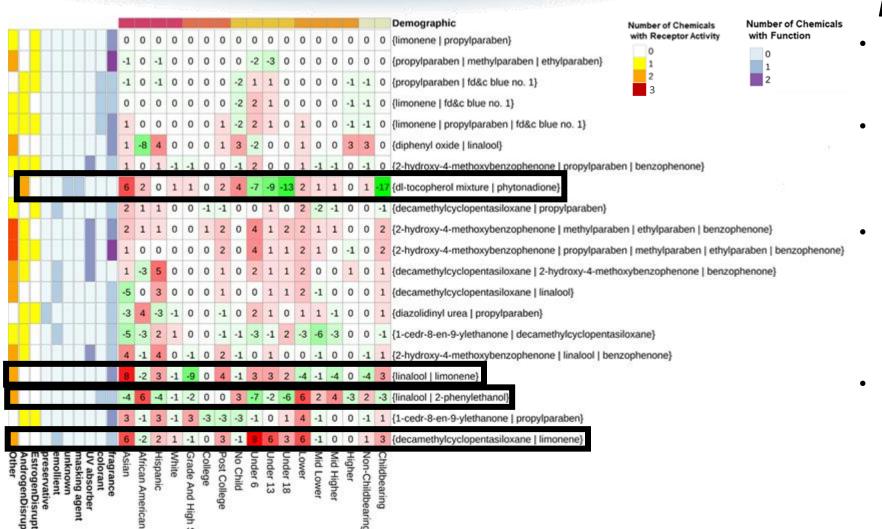


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Discussion



- Collectively across all products and by product group, results indicated that households with children, households
 headed by women of color, and lower income households exhibited divergence from the general population in the
 chemical combinations they encounter most frequently.
 - This may be due to a need for different types of personal care products designed specifically for given races
 or ethnicities, brand or regional preferences, or simply the need for a wider variety of products in households
 with multiple children.
 - These patterns may reflect differential experiences and thus differential exposures among demographics.
- Lists of most prevalent combinations (overall and for various demographics) can be evaluated for feasibility for testing in *in vitro* assay systems, and further prioritized based on single-chemical activity or exposure-related factors.
- New non-targeted analysis (NTA) studies of biological media such as blood or urine can complement and evaluate
 predictions of co-exposures associated with consumer products.
 - Such studies also have the potential for identifying mixtures containing metabolites of consumer product chemicals.

Testing Chemical Mixtures



- Use existing ToxCast data and amenability to screening as pilot information for mixture design
- Construct chemical mixtures (each with 3 chemicals) and screen each constituent
- General hypothesis: the point-ofdeparture for mixture bioactivity can be predicted from the concentration response data for the chemical constituents using models of concentration addition, independent action, or a joint model

Useful publication and approach that explored similar analyses of nuclear receptor and cell stress data

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Summary



- Humans are exposed to thousands of chemicals from the products they purchase and use within the household.
- Assessing every possible set of chemicals for toxicity is an impossible task but also an unnecessary one as the number of chemical mixtures that are prevalent and occur in real-world scenarios is drastically less.
- We have presented here a novel approach that applies FIM on a dataset describing the chemicals entering households through purchased consumer products to identify a manageable number of chemical combinations that regularly occur in homes across the US.
- These identified combinations can inform the prioritization of chemical combinations for toxicity testing.



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