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Short Review

RIFM fragrance ingredient safety assessment, decyl methyl ether, CAS Registry Number 7289-52-3

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CAS Registry Number: 7289-52-3

Abbreviation/Definition List:

2-Box Model - A RIFM, Inc. proprietary *in silico* tool used to calculate fragrance air exposure concentration
AF - Assessment Factor

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BCF - Bioconcentration Factor
Creme RIFM Model - The Creme RIFM Model (https://www.cremeglobal.com/creme-rifm/) uses probabilistic (Monte Carlo) simulations to allow full distributions of data sets, providing a more realistic estimate of aggregate exposure to individuals across a population (Comiskey et al., 2015, 2017; Safford et al., 2015a, 2017) compared to a deterministic aggregate approach
DEREK - Derek Nexus is an *in silico* tool used to identify structural alerts

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DRF - Dose Range Finding
DST - Dermal Sensitization Threshold
ECHA - European Chemicals Agency
ECOSAR - Ecological Structure-Activity Relationships Predictive Model
EU - Europe/European Union
GLP - Good Laboratory Practice
IFRA - The International Fragrance Association
LOEL - Lowest Observable Effect Level
MOE - Margin of Exposure
MPPD - Multiple-Path Particle Dosimetry. An *in silico* model for inhaled vapors used to simulate fragrance lung deposition
NA - North America
NESIL - No Expected Sensitization Induction Level
NOAEC - No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL - No Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC - No Observed Effect Concentration
NOEL - No Observed Effect Level
OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECD TG - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Testing Guidelines
PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic
PEC/PNEC - Predicted Environmental Concentration/Predicted No Effect Concentration
Perfumery - In this safety assessment, perfumery refers to fragrances made by a perfumer used in consumer products only. The exposures reported in the safety assessment include consumer product use but do not include occupational exposures.
QRA - Quantitative Risk Assessment
QSAR - Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship
REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals
RfD - Reference Dose
RIFM - Research Institute for Fragrance Materials
RQ - Risk Quotient
Statistically Significant - Statistically significant difference in reported results as compared to controls with a $p < 0.05$ using appropriate statistical test
TTC - Threshold of Toxicological Concern
UV/Vis spectra - Ultraviolet/Visible spectra
VCF - Volatile Compounds in Food
VoU - Volume of Use
vPvB - (very) Persistent, (very) Bioaccumulative
WoE - Weight of Evidence

The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety* concludes that this material is safe as described in this safety assessment.

This safety assessment is based on the RIFM Criteria Document (Api et al., 2015), which should be referred to for clarifications.

Each endpoint discussed in this safety assessment includes the relevant data that were available at the time of writing (version number in the top box is indicative of the date of approval based on a 2-digit month/day/year), both in the RIFM Database (consisting of publicly available and proprietary data) and through publicly available information sources (e.g., SciFinder and PubMed). Studies selected for this safety assessment were based on appropriate test criteria, such as acceptable guidelines, sample size, study duration, route of exposure, relevant animal species, most relevant testing endpoints, etc. A key study for each endpoint was selected based on the most conservative endpoint value (e.g., PNEC, NOAEL, LOEL, and NESIL).

*The Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety is an independent body that selects its own members and establishes its own operating procedures. The Expert Panel is comprised of internationally known scientists that provide RIFM with guidance relevant to human health and environmental protection.

Summary: The existing information supports the use of this material as described in this safety assessment.

Decyl methyl ether was evaluated for genotoxicity, repeated dose toxicity, reproductive toxicity, local respiratory toxicity, phototoxicity/photoallergenicity, skin sensitization, and environmental safety. Data from read-across analog 1-methoxyhexane (CAS # 4747-07-3) show that decyl methyl ether is not expected to be genotoxic. The repeated dose, reproductive, and local respiratory toxicity endpoints were evaluated using the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) for a Cramer Class III material, and the exposure to decyl methyl ether, at the current declared levels of use, is below the TTC (0.0015 mg/kg/day, 0.0015 mg/kg/day, and 0.47 mg/day, respectively). The skin sensitization endpoint was completed using the Dermal Sensitization Threshold (DST) for non-reactive materials (900 μg/cm^2); exposure is below the DST. The phototoxicity/photoallergenicity endpoints were evaluated based on ultraviolet (UV) spectra; decyl methyl ether is not expected to be phototoxic/photoallergenic. The environmental endpoints were evaluated; decyl methyl ether was found not to be Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) as per the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) Environmental Standards, and its risk quotients, based on its current volume of use in Europe and North America (i.e., Predicted Environmental Concentration/Predicted No Effect Concentration [PEC/PNEC]), are <1.

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Human Health Safety Assessment

Genotoxicity: Not expected to be genotoxic. (RIFM, 2017b; RIFM, 2017a)
Repeated Dose Toxicity: No NOAEL available. Exposure is below TTC.
Reproductive Toxicity: No NOAEL available. Exposure is below TTC.
Skin Sensitization: No safety concerns at current, declared use levels; Exposure is below the DST.
Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity: Not expected to be phototoxic/photoallergenic. (UV Spectra; RIFM Database)
Local Respiratory Toxicity: No NOAEC available. Exposure is below the TTC.

Environmental Safety Assessment

Hazard Assessment:
Persistence:
Screening-level: 3.11 (BIOWIN 3) (EPI Suite v4.11; US EPA, 2012a)
Bioaccumulation:
Screening-level: 17.91 L/kg (EPI Suite v4.11; US EPA, 2012a)
Ecotoxicity:
Screening-level: Fish LC50: 1.59 mg/L (RIFM Framework; Salvito et al., 2002)
Conclusion: Not PBT or vPvB as per IFRA Environmental Standards
Risk Assessment:
Screening-level: PEC/PNEC (North America and Europe) < 1 (RIFM Framework; Salvito et al., 2002)
Critical Ecotoxicity Endpoint: Fish LC50: 1.59 mg/L (RIFM Framework; Salvito et al., 2002)
RIFM PNEC is: 0.00159 μg/L
- **Revised PEC/PNECs (2015 IFRA VoU):** North America and Europe (No VoU): Not applicable; cleared at screening-level

1. Identification

1. **Chemical Name:** Decyl methyl ether
2. **CAS Registry Number:** 7289-52-3
3. **Synonyms:** Decane, 1-methoxy; l-Methoxydecane; 1-Methoxydecane; Decyl methyl ether
4. **Molecular Formula:** $C_{11}H_{24}O$
5. **Molecular Weight:** 172.31
6. **RIFM Number:** 957
7. **Stereochemistry:** Isomer not specified. No stereocenter present and no stereoisomers possible.

2. Physical data

1. **Boiling Point:** 206.47 °C (EPI Suite)
2. **Flash Point:** 184 °F; coefficient of capacitance (Fragrance Materials Association [FMA])
3. **Log K_{OW}:** 4.49 (EPI Suite)
4. **Melting Point:** −15.15 °C (EPI Suite)
5. **Water Solubility:** 8.832 mg/L (EPI Suite)
6. **Specific Gravity:** 0.793 (FMA)
7. **Vapor Pressure:** 0.26 mm Hg at 20 °C (EPI Suite v4.0), 0.07 mm Hg at 20 °C (FMA), 0.38 mm Hg at 25 °C (EPI Suite)
8. **UV Spectra:** No significant absorbance between 290 and 700 nm; molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark (1000 L mol^{-1} · cm^{-1})
9. **Appearance/Organoleptic:** A colorless liquid

3. Volume of use (Worldwide band)

1. <0.1 metric ton per year (IFRA, 2015)

4. Exposure to fragrance ingredient (Creme RIFM aggregate exposure model v1.0)

1. **95**th **Percentile Concentration in Scented Candles:** 0.0021% (RIFM, 2016)

No reported use in hydroalcoholics

2. **Inhalation Exposure*:** 0.0000025 mg/kg/day or 0.00018 mg/day (RIFM, 2016)
3. **Total Systemic Exposure**:** 0.000040 mg/kg/day (RIFM, 2016)

*95th percentile calculated exposure derived from concentration survey data in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model (Comiskey et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2015a; Safford et al., 2017; and Comiskey et al., 2017).

**95th percentile calculated exposure; assumes 100% absorption unless modified by dermal absorption data as reported in Section V. It is derived from concentration survey data in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model and includes exposure via dermal, oral, and inhalation routes whenever the fragrance ingredient is used in products that include these routes of exposure (Comiskey et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2015a; Safford et al., 2017; and Comiskey et al., 2017).

5. Derivation of systemic absorption

1. **Dermal:** Assumed 100%
2. **Oral:** Assumed 100%
3. **Inhalation:** Assumed 100%

6. Computational toxicology evaluation

1. **Cramer Classification:** Class III*, High (Expert Judgment)

Expert Judgment	Toxtree v3.1	OECD QSAR Toolbox v3.2
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*Due to potential discrepancies with the current *in silico* tools (Bhatia et al., 2015), the Cramer Class of the target material was determined using expert judgment based on the Cramer decision tree (Cramer et al., 1978). See the Appendix below for further details.

2. Analogs Selected
   a. **Genotoxicity:** 1-Methoxyhexane (CAS # 4747-07-3)
   b. **Repeated Dose Toxicity:** None
   c. **Reproductive Toxicity:** None
   d. **Skin Sensitization:** None
   e. **Phototoxicity/Photoallergenicity:** None
   f. **Local Respiratory Toxicity:** None
   g. **Environmental Toxicity:** None
3. Read-across Justification: See Appendix below

7. Metabolism

No relevant data available for inclusion in this safety assessment.
Additional References: None.

8. Natural occurrence (discrete chemical) or composition (NCS)

Decyl methyl ether is not reported to occur in foods by the VCF*.

*VCF (Volatile Compounds in Food): Database/Nijssen, L.M.; Ingen-Visscher, C.A. van; Donders, J.J.H. (eds). – Version 15.1 – Zeist (The Netherlands): TNO Triskelion, 1963–2014. A continually updated database containing information on published volatile compounds that have been found in natural (processed) food products (https://www.vcf-online.nl/VcfHome.cfm). Includes FEMA GRAS and EU-Flavis data.

9. REACH dossier

Pre-registered for 2010; no dossier available as of Oct-07-2020.

10. Conclusion

The existing information supports the use of this material as described in this safety assessment.

11. Summary

11.1. Human health endpoint summaries

11.1.1. Genotoxicity

Based on the current existing data, decyl methyl ether does not present a concern for genotoxicity.

11.1.1.1. Risk assessment. Decyl methyl ether was assessed in the BlueScreen assay and found positive for cytotoxicity (positive: <80% relative cell density) and negative for genotoxicity without metabolic activation, and found negative for both cytotoxicity (positive: <80% relative cell density) and genotoxicity with metabolic activation (RIFM, 2014). BlueScreen is a human cell-based assay for measuring the genotoxicity and cytotoxicity of chemical compounds and mixtures. Additional assays on a more reactive read-across material were considered to fully assess the potential mutagenic or clastogenic effects of the target material.

There are no studies assessing the mutagenic or clastogenic activity of decyl methyl ether; however, read-across can be made to 1-methoxyhexane (CAS # 4747-07-3; see Section VI).

The mutagenic activity of 1-methoxyhexane has been evaluated in a bacterial reverse mutation assay conducted in compliance with GLP regulations and in accordance with OECD TG 471 using the standard plate incorporation method. *Salmonella typhimurium* strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537, and *Escherichia coli* strain WP2uvrA were treated with 1-methoxyhexane in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at concentrations up to 5000 μg/plate. No increases in the mean number of revertant colonies were observed at any tested concentration in the presence or absence of S9 (RIFM, 2017b). Under the conditions of the study, 1-methoxyhexane was not mutagenic in the Ames test, and this can be extended to decyl methyl ether.

The clastogenic activity of 1-methoxyhexane was evaluated in an *in vitro* micronucleus test conducted in compliance with GLP regulations and in accordance with OECD TG 487. Human peripheral blood lymphocytes were treated with 1-methoxyhexane in dimethylformamide (DMF) at concentrations up to 1162 μg/mL in the dose range finding (DRF) study. Micronuclei analysis was conducted at concentrations up to 400 μg/mL in the presence and absence of metabolic activation. 1-Methoxyhexane did not induce binucleated cells with micronuclei when tested up to the cytotoxic level concentration in either the presence or absence of an S9 activation system (RIFM, 2017a). Under the conditions of the study, 1-methoxyhexane was considered to be non-clastogenic in the *in vitro* micronucleus test (and this can be extended to decyl methyl ether).

Based on the data available, 1-methoxyhexane does not present a concern for genotoxic potential, and this can be extended to decyl methyl ether.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 02/19/20.

11.1.2. Repeated dose toxicity

There are insufficient repeated dose toxicity data on decyl methyl ether or any read-across materials. The total systemic exposure to decyl methyl ether is below the TTC for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class III material at the current level of use.

11.1.2.1. Risk assessment. There are no repeated dose toxicity data on decyl methyl ether or any read-across materials that can be used to

support the repeated dose toxicity endpoint. The total systemic exposure to decyl methyl ether (0.040 μg/kg/day) is below the TTC for the repeated dose toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class III material (1.5 μg/kg/day; Kroes et al., 2007) at the current level of use.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 03/23/20.

11.1.3. Reproductive toxicity

There are insufficient reproductive toxicity data on decyl methyl ether or any read-across materials. The total systemic exposure to decyl methyl ether is below the TTC for the reproductive toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class III material at the current level of use.

11.1.3.1. Risk assessment. There are no reproductive toxicity data on decyl methyl ether or any read-across materials that can be used to support the reproductive toxicity endpoint. The total systemic exposure to decyl methyl ether (0.040 μg/kg/day) is below the TTC for the reproductive toxicity endpoint of a Cramer Class III material (1.5 μg/kg/day; Kroes et al., 2007; Laufersweiler et al., 2012) at the current level of use.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 03/30/20.

11.1.4. Skin sensitization

Based on existing data and the application of DST, decyl methyl ether does not present a safety concern for skin sensitization under the current, declared levels of use.

11.1.4.1. Risk assessment. Limited skin sensitization studies are available for decyl methyl ether. The chemical structure of this material indicates that it would not be expected to react with skin proteins directly (Roberts et al., 2007; Toxtree v3.1.0; OECD Toolbox v4.2). In a human maximization test, no skin sensitization reactions were observed at 4% (2760 μg/cm^2) (RIFM, 1977). Additionally, in 2 confirmatory human repeat insult patch tests (HRIPT) with 2.5% (1937 μg/cm^2) of decyl methyl ether in alcohol, no reactions indicative of sensitization were observed in 37 and 34 volunteers, respectively (RIFM, 1968; RIFM, 1973). Due to the limited data, the reported exposure was benchmarked utilizing the non-reactive DST of 900 μg/cm^2 (Safford, 2008; Safford et al., 2011; Roberts et al., 2015; Safford et al., 2015b). The current exposure from the 95th percentile concentration is below the DST for non-reactive materials when evaluated in all QRA categories. Table 1 provides the maximum acceptable concentrations for decyl methyl ether that present no appreciable risk for skin sensitization based on the non-reactive DST. These levels represent maximum acceptable concentrations based on the DST approach. However, additional studies may show it could be used at higher levels.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 04/01/20.

11.1.5. Phototoxicity/photoallergenicity

Based on the available UV/Vis spectra, decyl methyl ether would not be expected to present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

11.1.5.1. Risk assessment. There are no phototoxicity studies available for decyl methyl ether in experimental models. UV/Vis absorption spectra indicate no significant absorption between 290 and 700 nm. The corresponding molar absorption coefficient is well below the benchmark of concern for phototoxicity and photoallergenicity (Henry et al., 2009). Based on the lack of absorbance, decyl methyl ether does not present a concern for phototoxicity or photoallergenicity.

Table 1
Maximum acceptable concentrations for decyl methyl ether that present no appreciable risk for skin sensitization based on non-reactive DST.

IFRA Category[a]	Description of Product Type	Maximum Acceptable Concentrations in Finished Products Based on Non-reactive DST	Reported 95th Percentile Use Concentrations in Finished Products
1	Products applied to the lips	0.069%	NRU[b]
2	Products applied to the axillae	0.021%	NRU[b]
3	Products applied to the face using fingertips	0.41%	NRU[b]
4	Fine fragrance products	0.39%	NRU[b]
5	Products applied to the face and body using the hands (palms), primarily leave-on	0.10%	5.3×10^{-4}%
6	Products with oral and lip exposure	0.23%	NRU[b]
7	Products applied to the hair with some hand contact	0.79%	NRU[b]
8	Products with significant ano-genital exposure	0.041%	No Data[c]
9	Products with body and hand exposure, primarily rinse-off	0.75%	3.5×10^{-4}%
10	Household care products with mostly hand contact	2.7%	NRU[b]
11	Products with intended skin contact but minimal transfer of fragrance to skin from inert substrate	1.5%	No Data[c]
12	Products not intended for direct skin contact, minimal or insignificant transfer to skin	No Restriction	0.0021%

Note.
[a] For a description of the categories, refer to the IFRA/RIFM Information Booklet.
[b] No reported use.
[c] Fragrance exposure from these products is very low. These products are not currently in the Creme RIFM Aggregate Exposure Model.

11.1.5.2. UV spectra analysis. UV/Vis absorption spectra (OECD TG 101) were obtained. The spectra indicate no significant absorbance in the range of 290–700 nm. The molar absorption coefficient is below the benchmark of concern for phototoxic effects, 1000 L mol^{-1} · cm^{-1} (Henry et al., 2009).

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 03/20/20.

11.1.6. Local Respiratory Toxicity

The margin of exposure could not be calculated due to a lack of appropriate data. The exposure level for decyl methyl ether is below the Cramer Class III TTC value for inhalation exposure local effects.

11.1.6.1. Risk assessment. There are no inhalation data available on decyl methyl ether. Based on the Creme RIFM Model, the inhalation exposure is 0.00018 mg/day. This exposure is 2611 times lower than the Cramer Class III TTC value of 0.47 mg/day (based on human lung weight

of 650 g; Carthew et al., 2009); therefore, the exposure at the current level of use is deemed safe.

Additional References: None.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 04/01/20.

11.2. Environmental endpoint summary

11.2.1. Screening-level assessment

A screening-level risk assessment of decyl methyl ether was performed following the RIFM Environmental Framework (Salvito et al., 2002), which provides 3 tiered levels of screening for aquatic risk. In Tier 1, only the material's regional VoU, its log K_{OW}, and its molecular weight are needed to estimate a conservative risk quotient (RQ), expressed as the ratio Predicted Environmental Concentration/Predicted No Effect Concentration (PEC/PNEC). A general QSAR with a high uncertainty factor applied is used to predict fish toxicity, as discussed in Salvito et al. (2002). In Tier 2, the RQ is refined by applying a lower uncertainty factor to the PNEC using the ECOSAR model (US EPA, 2012b), which provides chemical class-specific ecotoxicity estimates. Finally, if necessary, Tier 3 is conducted using measured biodegradation and ecotoxicity data to refine the RQ, thus allowing for lower PNEC uncertainty factors. The data for calculating the PEC and PNEC for this safety assessment are provided in the table below. For the PEC, the range from the most recent IFRA Volume of Use Survey is reviewed. The PEC is then calculated using the actual regional tonnage, not the extremes of the range. Following the RIFM Environmental Framework, decyl methyl ether was identified as a fragrance material with no potential to present a possible risk to the aquatic environment (i.e., its screening-level PEC/PNEC <1).

A screening-level hazard assessment using EPI Suite v4.11 (US EPA, 2012a) did not identify decyl methyl ether as possibly persistent or bioaccumulative based on its structure and physical–chemical properties. This screening-level hazard assessment considers the potential for a material to be persistent *and* bioaccumulative *and* toxic, or very persistent *and* very bioaccumulative as defined in the Criteria Document (Api et al., 2015). As noted in the Criteria Document, the screening criteria applied are the same as those used in the EU for REACH (ECHA, 2012). For persistence, if the EPI Suite model BIOWIN 3 predicts a value < 2.2 and either BIOWIN 2 or BIOWIN 6 predicts a value < 0.5, then the material is considered potentially persistent. A material would be considered potentially bioaccumulative if the EPI Suite model BCFBAF predicts a fish BCF $\geq$2000 L/kg. Ecotoxicity is determined in the above screening-level risk assessment. If, based on these model outputs (Step 1), additional assessment is required, a WoE-based review is then performed (Step 2). This review considers available data on the material's physical–chemical properties, environmental fate (e.g., OECD Guideline biodegradation studies or die-away studies), fish bioaccumulation, and higher-tier model outputs (e.g., US EPA's BIOWIN and BCFBAF found in EPI Suite v4.11).

11.2.2. Risk assessment

Based on the current Volume of Use (2015), decyl methyl ether presents no risk to the aquatic compartment in the screening-level assessment.

11.2.2.1. Key studies. Biodegradation

No data available.

Ecotoxicity

No data available.

Other available data

Decyl methyl ether has been pre-registered for REACH with no additional data available at this time.

11.2.3. Risk assessment refinement

Ecotoxicological data and PNEC derivation (all endpoints reported in mg/L; PNECs in μg/L).

Endpoints used to calculate PNEC are underlined.

Exposure information and PEC calculation (following RIFM Environmental Framework: Salvito et al., 2002).

Exposure	Europe (EU)	North America (NA)
Log K_{OW} Used	4.49	4.49
Biodegradation Factor Used	0	0
Dilution Factor	3	3
Regional Volume of Use Tonnage Band	No VoU	<1
Risk Characterization: PEC/PNEC	**NA**	**<1**

Based on available data, the RQ for this material is < 1. No further assessment is necessary.

The RIFM PNEC is 0.00159 μg/L. The revised PEC/PNECs for EU (No VoU) and NA are not applicable. The material was cleared at the screening-level; therefore, it does not present a risk to the aquatic environment at the current reported volumes of use.

Literature Search and Risk Assessment Completed On: 03/23/20.

12. Literature Search*

- **RIFM Database:** Target, Fragrance Structure-Activity Group materials, other references, JECFA, CIR, SIDS
- **ECHA:** https://echa.europa.eu/
- **NTP:** https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/
- **OECD Toolbox:** https://www.oecd.org/chemicalsafety/risk-assessment/oecd-qsar-toolbox.htm
- **SciFinder:** https://scifinder.cas.org/scifinder/view/scifinder/scifinderExplore.jsf
- **PubMed:** https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed
- **National Library of Medicine's Toxicology Information Services:** https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/
- **IARC:** https://monographs.iarc.fr
- **OECD SIDS:** https://hpvchemicals.oecd.org/ui/Default.aspx
- **EPA ACToR:** https://actor.epa.gov/actor/home.xhtml
- **US EPA HPVIS:** https://ofmpub.epa.gov/oppthpv/public_search.publicdetails?submission_id=24959241&ShowComments=Yes&sqlstr=null&recordcount=0&User_title=DetailQuery Results&EndPointRpt=Y#submission
- **Japanese NITE:** https://www.nite.go.jp/en/chem/chrip/chrip_search/systemTop
- **Japan Existing Chemical Data Base (JECDB):** http://dra4.nihs.go.jp/mhlw_data/jsp/SearchPageENG.jsp
- **Google:** https://www.google.com
- **ChemIDplus:** https://chem.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/

Search keywords: CAS number and/or material names.

*Information sources outside of RIFM's database are noted as appropriate in the safety assessment. This is not an exhaustive list. The links listed above were active as of 09/30/20.

Declaration of competing interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

	LC50 (Fish) (mg/L)	EC50 (*Daphnia*) (mg/L)	EC50 (Algae) (mg/L)	AF	PNEC (μg/L)	Chemical Class
RIFM Framework Screening-level **(Tier 1)**	1.59			1000000	0.00159	

Appendix A. Supplementary data

Supplementary data to this article can be found online at https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fct.2020.111889.

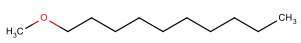
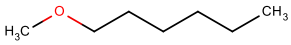
Appendix

Read-across Justification

Methods

The read-across analogs were identified following the strategy for structuring and reporting a read-across prediction of toxicity as described in Schultz et al. (2015). The strategy is also consistent with the guidance provided by OECD within Integrated Approaches for Testing and Assessment (OECD, 2015) and the European Chemical Agency read-across assessment framework (ECHA, 2017).

- First, materials were clustered based on their structural similarity. Second, data availability and data quality on the selected cluster were examined. Third, appropriate read-across analogs from the cluster were confirmed by expert judgment.
- Tanimoto structure similarity scores were calculated using FCFC4 fingerprints (Rogers and Hahn, 2010).
- The physical–chemical properties of the target material and the read-across analogs were calculated using EPI Suite v4.11 (US EPA, 2012a).
- J_{max} (maximal flux) values were calculated using RIFM's Skin Absorption Model (SAM). The parameters were calculated using the consensus model (Shen et al., 2014).
- DNA binding, mutagenicity, genotoxicity alerts, oncologic classification, estrogen receptor binding, and repeat dose categorization predictions were generated using OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2 (OECD, 2018).
- Developmental toxicity was predicted using CAESAR v2.1.7 (Cassano et al., 2010).
- Protein binding was predicted using OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2 (OECD, 2018), and skin sensitization was predicted using Toxtree.
- The major metabolites for the target material and read-across analogs were determined and evaluated using OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2 (OECD, 2018).
- To keep continuity and compatibility with *in silico* alerts, OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2 was selected as the choice of the alert system.

	Target Material	Read-across Material
Principal Name	Decyl methyl ether	1-Methoxyhexane
CAS No.	7289-52-3	4747-07-3
Structure		
Similarity (Tanimoto Score)		0.86
Read-across Endpoint		• Genotoxicity
Molecular Formula	$C_{11}H_{24}O$	$C_7H_{16}O$
Molecular Weight	172.31	116.20
Melting Point (°C, EPI Suite)	−15.15	−62.71
Boiling Point (°C, EPI Suite)	206.47	126.10
Vapor Pressure (Pa @ 25 °C, EPI Suite)	50.6	1933.17
Log K_{ow} (KOWWIN v1.68 in EPI Suite)	4.49	2.52
Water Solubility (mg/L, @ 25 °C, WSKOW v1.42 in EPI Suite)	8.83	726.20
Jmax (mcg/cm^2/h, SAM)	1.47	68.06
Henry's Law (Pa·m^3/mol, Bond Method, EPI Suite)	1114.57	359.70
Genotoxicity		
DNA Binding (OASIS v1.4, QSAR Toolbox v4.2)	No alert found	No alert found
DNA Binding (OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2)	No alert found	No alert found
Carcinogenicity (ISS)	No alert found	No alert found
DNA Binding (Ames, MN, CA, OASIS v1.1)	No alert found	No alert found
In vitro Mutagenicity (Ames, ISS)	No alert found	No alert found
In vivo Mutagenicity (Micronucleus, ISS)	No alert found	No alert found
Oncologic Classification	Not classified	Not classified

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	Target Material	Read-across Material
Metabolism		
Rat Liver S9 Metabolism Simulator and Structural Alerts for Metabolites (OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2)	• See Supplemental Data 1	• See Supplemental Data 2

Summary

There are insufficient toxicity data on decyl methyl ether (CAS # 7289-52-3). Hence, *in silico* evaluation was conducted to determine read-across analogs for this material. Based on structural similarity, reactivity, physical–chemical properties, and expert judgment, 1-methoxyhexane (CAS # 4747-07-3) was identified as a read-across analog with sufficient data for toxicological evaluation.

Conclusions

- 1-Methoxyhexane (CAS # 4747-07-3) was used as a read-across analog for the target material decyl methyl ether (CAS # 7289-52-3) for the genotoxicity endpoint.
  - o The target material and the read-across analog are structurally similar and belong to a class of saturated aliphatic ethers.
  - o The key difference between the target material and the read-across analog is that the target material has an aliphatic chain that is 4 carbons longer than the read-across analog. This structural difference is predicted to increase solubility and thus bioavailability of the read-across analog.
  - o The similarity between the target material and the read-across analog is indicated by the Tanimoto score. Differences between the structures that affect the Tanimoto score are toxicologically insignificant.
  - o The physical–chemical properties of the target material and the read-across analog are sufficiently similar to enable a comparison of their toxicological properties.
  - o According to the OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.2, structural alerts for toxicological endpoints are consistent between the target material and the read-across analog.
  - o There are no *in silico* alerts, which is consistent with data that the material does not pose a concern for genetic toxicity.
  - o The target material and the read-across analog are expected to be metabolized similarly, as shown by the metabolism simulator.
  - o The structural alerts for the endpoints evaluated are consistent between the metabolites of the read-across analog and the target material.

Explanation of Cramer Classification

Due to potential discrepancies with the current *in silico* tools (Bhatia et al., 2015), the Cramer Class of the target material was determined using expert judgment based on the Cramer decision tree (Cramer et al., 1978).

Q1. A normal constituent of the body? No
Q2. Contains functional groups associated with enhanced toxicity? No
Q3. Contains elements other than C, H, O, N, and divalent S? No
Q5. Simply branched aliphatic hydrocarbon or a common carbohydrate? No
Q6. Benzene derivative with certain substituents? No
Q7. Heterocyclic? No
Q16. Common terpene? (see Cramer et al., 1978 for detailed explanation)? No.
Q17. Readily hydrolyzed to a common terpene? No
Q19. Open chain? No
Q22. A common component of food? No
Q33. Has a sufficient number of sulfonate or sulfamate groups for every 20 or fewer carbon atoms, without any free primary amines except those adjacent to the sulfonate or sulfamate? No Class III (Class High)

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