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### Preface

About 40 years ago the need for trained toxicologists in the German chemical industry prompted Professors Herbert Remmer and Helmut Greim to organize a 3-year toxicology training program for 20 chemists. Using this experience the German Society of Pharmacology and Toxicology developed criteria to receive a certificate designating the "Fachtoxikologe" and initiated a broad training program to provide the information required. Later on the criteria to become a "Certified Toxicologist" were developed by the European Society of Toxicology. It became obvious that a textbook was needed to accompany the classroom work to meet the needs of the students. The first book<sup>\*</sup> was published in the German language in 1995 and subsequently in Italian.<sup>\*\*</sup> When time came for a new edition, the publishers, who were interested in expending the market, suggested that a new edition, which could service a broader representation of the community of scholars in toxicology, should be written in English. The editors, Helmut Greim and Robert Snyder, decided to prepare a completely new book to ensure that recent achievements in toxicology were covered and each chapter produced by the faculty contained essential knowledge for a toxicologist or anyone interested in understanding the basics of our discipline. In the meantime the German book was updated and published in 2017.\*\*\* We now present the second edition of the English textbook. Apart from two, all chapters have been rewritten, mostly by new authors, and chapters have been added to cover new areas of toxicological relevance, including general concepts of human health risk assessment, threshold effects for genotoxic carcinogens, the endocrine system, principles of nanomaterial toxicology, pesticides, fragrances, and diesel engine emissions. Since an understanding of the regulations of dangerous materials has become increasingly important, in addition to the US regulations the corresponding EU regulations and the concept of REACH are covered.

This book is intended for people with a broad range of toxicological interests, including both practical and science-based subjects. References at the end of each chapter allow the reader to go beyond this book into more detailed information.

The authors and editors hope that the book proves useful to all users and provides information at a level that will enable them to understand the basic principles of toxicology and to successfully study our discipline.

There are two famous admonitions in toxicology. The first, by Paracelsus, "the dose makes a poison", appears in the introduction. The second has been credited to any of several of our colleagues: "Toxicology can be learned in two lessons, each 10 years long."

<sup>\*</sup> Toxikologie. Eine Einführung für Naturwissenschaftler und Mediziner, H. Greim und E. Deml (eds), Wiley-Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, 1995.

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### **Dedication**

This book is dedicated to Herbert Remmer (1919–2003) and John Doull (1922–2017). Herbert Remmer was Professor and Director of the Institute of Toxicology at the University of Tübingen. In Germany, together with Dietrich Henschler in Würzburg he converted toxicology from a mere observational discipline to a research-based branch of medicine and sciences.

John Doull was Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Kansas. In 1981 in his article "The Discipline of Toxicology" in *Fundamental and Applied Toxicology* he questioned "Is it desirable for toxicology to be viewed as a scientifically rigorous discipline? The answer is clearly yes. One of the most important reasons is that if we expect to recruit the bright students to the discipline of toxicology we must strive to be scientifically rigorous and objective."

The contributions of both these men as educators, authors, and editors served to build a solid and stable base for the discipline of toxicology. Their work established a standard of excellence for generations of scientists to come. They are sorely missed.

# **List of Abbreviations**

- 5-CSRTT 5-choice serial reaction time task
- 2,4-D 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid
- 2,4-DB 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyric acid
- 2,4,5-T 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid
- AAF, 2-AAF 2-acetaminofluorene
- AAS Atomic absorption spectrometry
- ACD Allergic contact dermatitis
- ADH Alcohol dehydrogenase
- ADI Acceptable (allowable) daily intake
- ADME Absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion
- ADP Adenosine phosphate
- Ah Aryl hydrocarbon
- AHH Aryl hydrocarbon hydroxylase

AhR, AHR Ah receptor

- ALARA As low as reasonably achievable
- ALDH Aldehyde dehydrogenase
- AMH Anti-Muellerian hormone
- AML Acute myelogenous leukemia
- ANFT 2-amino-4-(5-nitro-2-furyl)thiazole
- AOEL Acceptable operator exposure level (for applicators of pesticides)
- AP Apurin
- **AP-1** Activator protein 1
- Apaf-1 Apoptosis protease activating factor-1

APC Antigen-presenting cells
APS Adenosine-5-phosphosulfate
AR Androgen receptor
ARE Antioxidant/electrophile response element
ARfD Acute reference dose
<b>ARNT</b> Aryl hydrocarbon receptor response element
AT Acetyl transferase
ATE Acute toxicity estimates
ATM Ataxia-telangiectasia mutated (kinase)
ATP Adenosine triphosphate
ATR Ataxia telangiectasia and Rad3-related (kinase)
ATRIP ATR-interacting protein
AUC Area under the curve
BALF Bronchoaleveolar lavage fluid
<b>B[a]P</b> Benzo[a]pyrene
BARS Behavioral assessment and research system
<b>Bax</b> bcl-2-associated X protein (expressed by p53)
BBN N-butyl-N-(4-hydroxybutyl) nitrosamine
<b>BER</b> Base excision repair
BMD Benchmark dose
BMDL Benchmark dose level
BPA Bisphenol A
BrdUrd, BrdU Bromodesoxyuridine
<b>BSEP</b> Bile salt export pump
BUN Blood urea nitrogen
CA Carboanhydrase
CAD Caspase activated DNase
cAMP Cyclic adenosine monophosphate
CAR Constitutive androstane receptor
CASE Computer automated structure evaluation
CAT Catalase

CANTAB Cambridge neurophysiological test automated battery

CDK Cyclin-dependent kinase

CEO Cyano ethylene oxide

cGMP Cyclic guanosine monophosphate

CHK, Chk Checkpoint kinase

CHMP Committee for Medicinal Products for Human USE (of EMA)

CK Creatine kinase

CKMB Creatine kinase primarily in myocardial cells

**CLP** 1. Classification, Labelling and Packaging (of Substances and Mixtures); 2. Common lymphoid progenitor

CLRTAP Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution

CMP Common myeloid progenitor

- **CPT** Continuous performance test
- **CRP** C-reactive protein (parameter for systemic inflammatory processes)
- CSE Chronic solvent-induced encephalopathy
- **cSNP** Coding SNP (single nulcleotide polymorphism)
- CTBP Cytosolic T3-binding protein
- CTL Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes
- CYP Cytochrome P450
- Cys Cysteine
- DAG Diacylglycerol
- **DDE** p,p'-dichlorodiphenyl dichloroethene

**DDR** DNA-damage response

- DDT 2,2-bis(chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trichloroethane
- **DEHP** Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
- **DES** Diethylstilbestrol
- DHT Dihydrotestosterone
- DIGE Difference gel electrophoresis
- **DISC** Death-inducing signalling complex
- DMAP Dimethylaminophenole
- DMSO Dimethylsulfoxide
- DMT-1 Divalent metal transporter-1

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DNA Desoxyribonucleic acid
<b>DNEL</b> Derived no effect level
<b>DPRA</b> Direct peptide reactivity assay
<b>DRE</b> Dioxin responsive element
<b>DROSHA</b> Double-stranded RNA-specific endoribonuclease
DSB Double-strand break
<b>DTH</b> Delayed type hypersensitivity
EAA Excitatoric amino acid
EAC Endocrine-active compound
EBV Epstein–Barr virus
EC European Commission
ECG Electrocardiography
ECHA European Chemicals Agency
ED Endocrine disrupter
$ED_{50}$ Effective dose causing the expected effect in 50% of exposed individuals
EE Ethinylestradiol
EFSA European Food Safety Authority
EGF Epidermal growth factor
ELISA Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EMA, EMEA European Medicines Agency
EMP Erythromyeloic progenitor
EMS Ethyl methanesulfonate
ENTIS European Network of Teratology Information Service

- **EoBP** Eosinophil/basophil progenitor
- EOGRTS Extended one-generation reproductive toxicity study
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
- ER Estrogen receptor, endoplasmic reticulum, excess risk
- **ESTR** Expanded single tandem repeat (assay)
- EU European Union
- EURATOM European Atomic Energy Community
- FAD Flavin adenine dinucleotide

- FADD Fas-associated protein with death domain
- FANFT N-[4-(5-nitro-2-furyl)-2-thiazolyl]formamide
- FAO Food and Agriculture Organization
- Fapy Formamidopyridimidine
- FasR Fas-receptor (CD95)
- **FDA** Food and Drug Administration (USA)
- FELS Fish early life stage
- FISH Fluorescense in situ hybridization
- FMN Flavin mononucleotide
- FMO Flavin-dependent monooxygenase
- FNT 2-(4-(5-nitro-2-furyl)-2-thiazolyl)hydrazin
- FOB Functional observation battery
- FPG Formamidopyrimidine DNA glycosylase
- FSH Follicle-stimulating hormone
- **FS-OOH** Fatty acid hydroperoxides
- G6PD Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
- GABA receptor Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor
- GALT Gut-associated lymphoid tissue
- GAP GTPase-activating protein
- **GBP** Granular biopersistent particles
- GC Guanylyl cyclase
- GCP Good clinical practice
- GD Gestation day
- GDP Guanosindiphosphate
- GEF Guanine nucleotide exchange factor
- GGR Global genomic repair
- GHS Globally Harmonized System for classification and labelling of chemicals
- GI Gastrointestinal
- GLP Good laboratory practice
- Glu Glutamic acid
- Gly Glycine

- GMP Granulocyte-macrophage progenitor, good manufacturing practice
- GnRH Gonadotropin-releasing hormone
- GPCR G-protein-coupled receptor
- GPMT Guinea pig maximization test
- GPT Glutamate pyruvate transaminase
- GSEC Genetic susceptibility to environmental carcinogens
- **GSH** Glutathione (reduced)
- GSSG Glutathione (oxidized)
- GST Glutathione-S transferase
- GTP Guanosine triphosphate
- GW Gestation week
- GWAS Genome wide association studies
- Hb Hemoglobin
- HC5 Hazardous concentration 5%
- HCB Hexachlorobenzene
- HCBD Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene
- hCG Human choriogonadotropin
- HDI Hexamethylene-diisocyanate
- HGF Hepatocyte growth factor
- HGPRT Hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase

HL Half-life (time)

HLA Human leukocyte antigen

HNPCC Heriditary non-polyposis colon cancer

hOGG Human 8-oxoguanine-DNA-glycosilase

HPG axis Hypothalamus-pituitary-gonades axis

HPRT Hypoxanthine-phosphoribosyl transferase

HPT Hypothalamus-pituitary-thyroid axis

HR Homologous recombination

HRE Hormone-responsive element

HRIPT Human repeated insult patch test

**HPTE** 2,2-bis(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)-1,1,1-trichloroethane

IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer