



# Nonclinical Toxicity Assessment of Oral Tobacco- Derived Nicotine Products: IV. *In Vitro* Regulatory Testing

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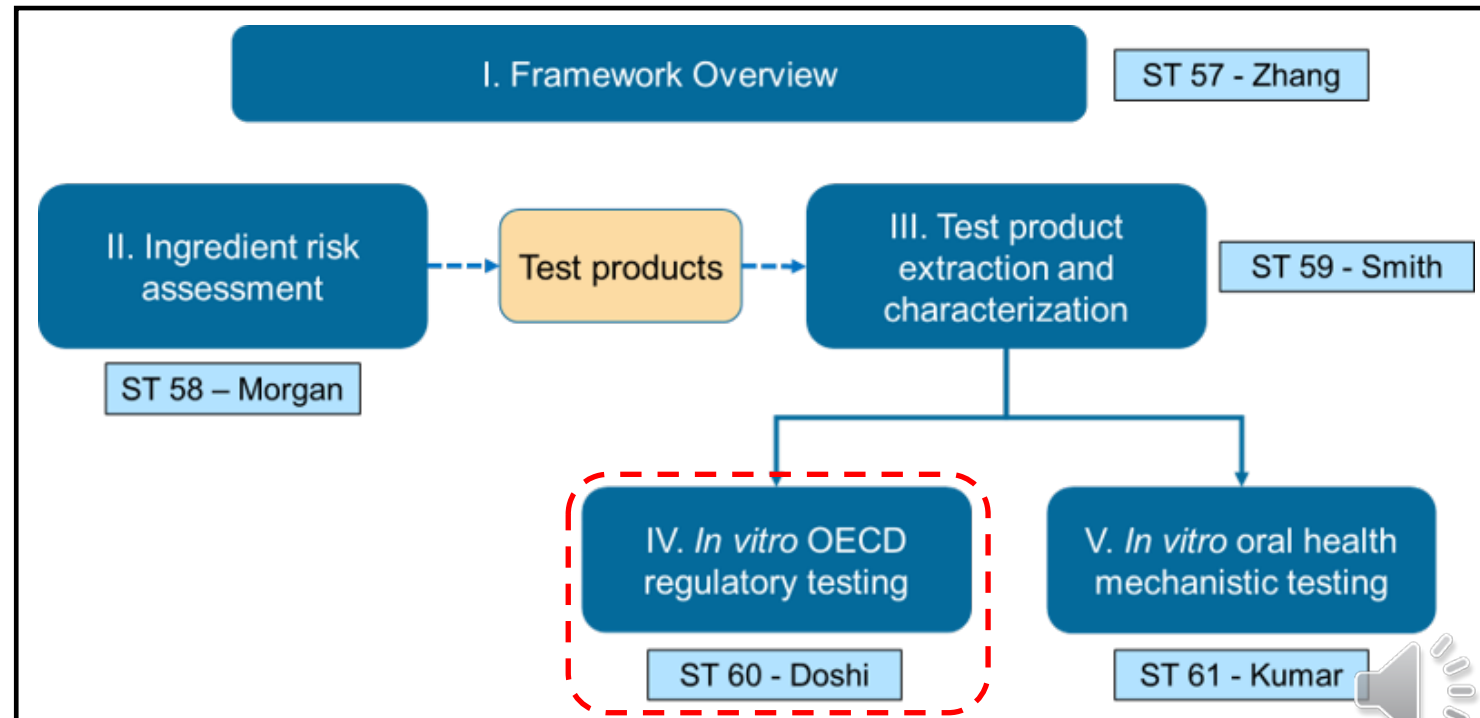
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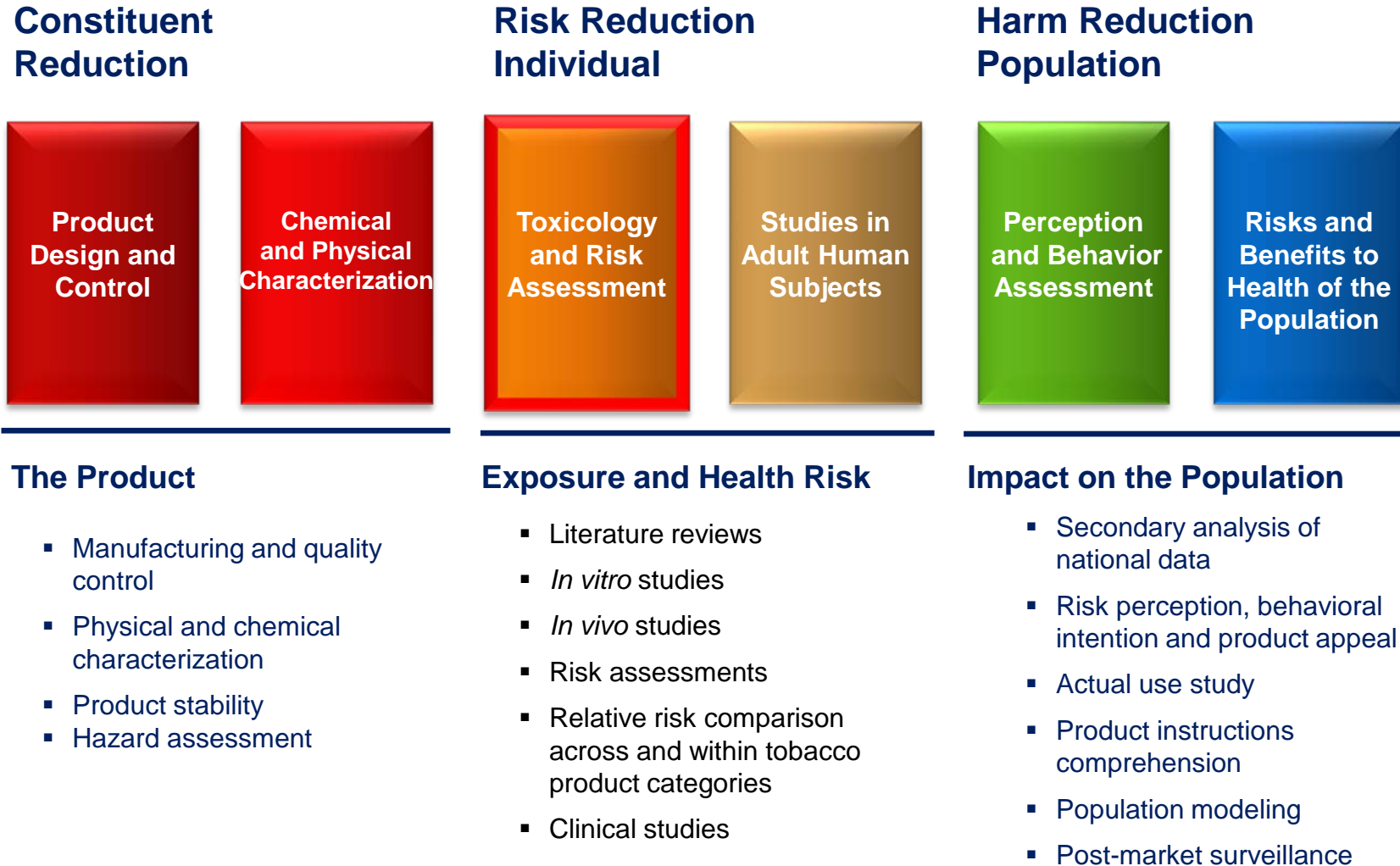


# Agenda

- Introduction
- *In Vitro* Assays
  - Test Articles & Study Design
  - Results
- Summary



# Tobacco Harm Reduction Framework



# Introduction: *In Vitro* Regulatory Assays

- The Oral Tobacco-Derived Nicotine (OTDN) product category offers alternative oral nicotine products that do not contain tobacco
- Biological activity of the whole product (extract) is evaluated for cytotoxic and genotoxic potential
- Standard regulatory *in vitro* battery
  - Cytotoxicity: e.g., Neutral Red Uptake (NRU)/MTT Assay-mouse fibroblast cells (3T3)<sup>1</sup>
  - Genotoxicity
    - Salmonella Mutagenicity (Ames) Assay<sup>2</sup>: 5 strains ± S9 (TA:98,100,102,1535,1537)
    - Micronucleus (MN) Assay<sup>3</sup>: human lymphoblast cells (TK6), 3 conditions (4h±S9, 27h-S9)
- Objectives
  - Evaluate toxicity of oral products using different methods of extraction
  - Compare toxicity profile of various product extracts across categories and to cigarette smoke



# In Vitro Assays: Test Articles & Study Design

## Ethanol Extracts

- Test Articles:
  - 3R4F, CRP 2.1 (reference MST), CRP 1.1(reference Snus) & OTDN-6 mg nicotine (mint)
- Maximum Dose
  - Ames: 100  $\mu$ L/plate
  - MN & NRU: 1% v/v of extract

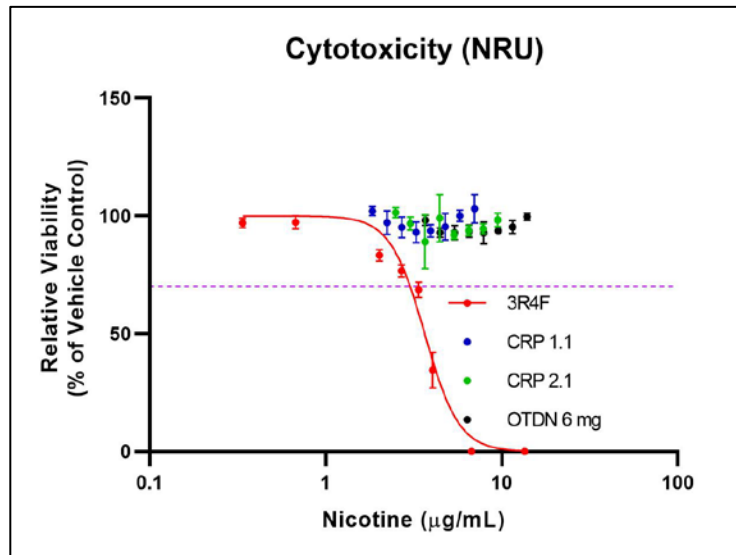
## Artificial Saliva Extracts

- Test Articles:
  - 3R4F\*, CRP 2.1, CRP 1.1, OTDN-6 mg & **OTDN-2 mg (citrus):** NRU & MTT
  - CRP 2.1, OTDN-6 mg, **OTDN-2 mg:** Ames & MN
- Maximum Dose
  - Ames: **250  $\mu$ L/plate**
  - MN & NRU: **25% v/v of extract**

\* 3R4F was collected in ethanol, but dilutions were prepared in 1% EtOH/24% AS containing media

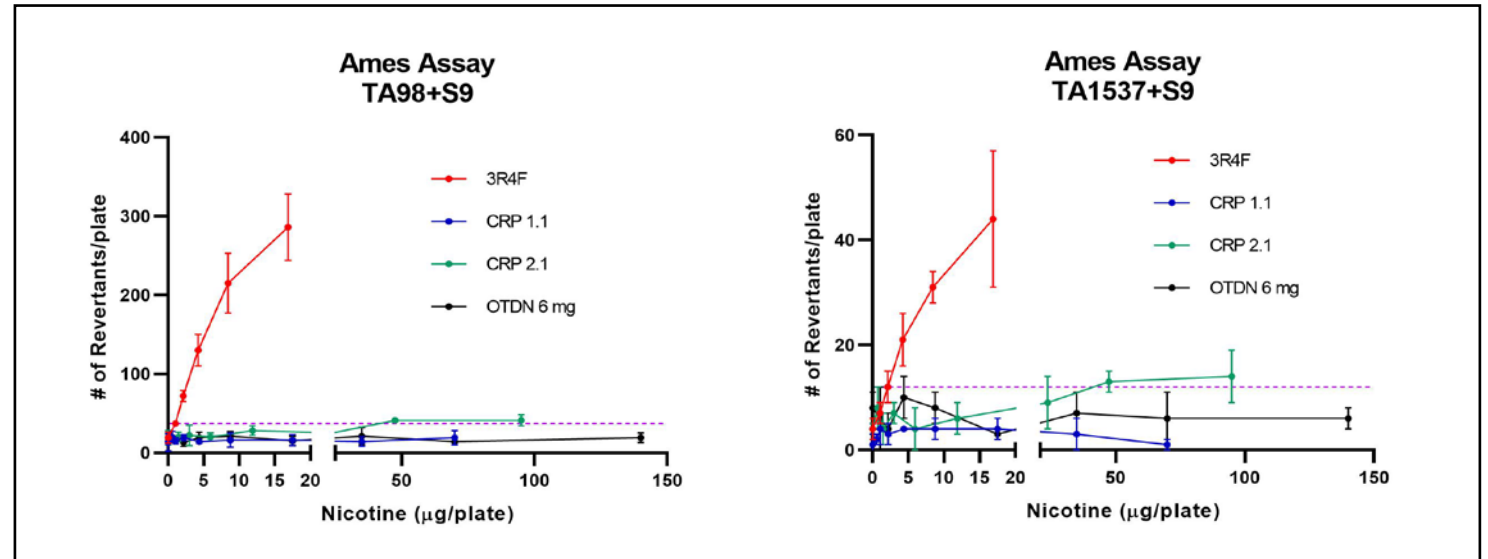
# Results: Ethanol Extracts

## ■ Cytotoxicity & Mutagenicity Assay



--- 70% toxicity

3R4F>>> Oral



--- 95% CI-upper limit for vehicle control

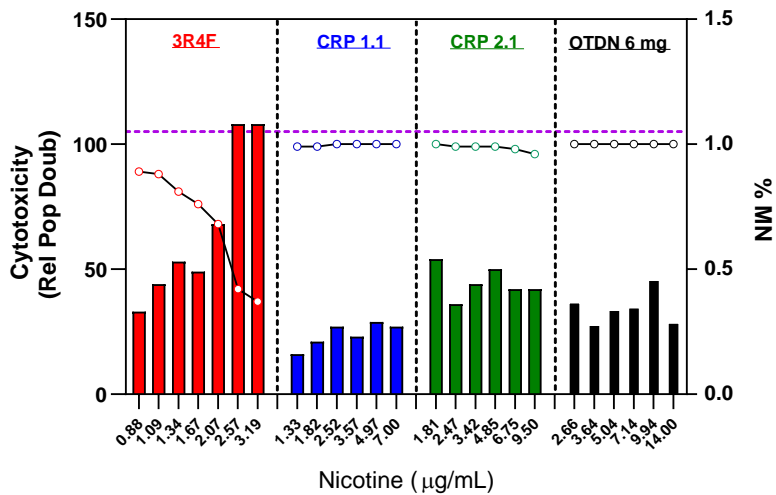
3R4F>>> CRP2.1>CRP1.1/OTDN\*

\* Based on tested OTDN products

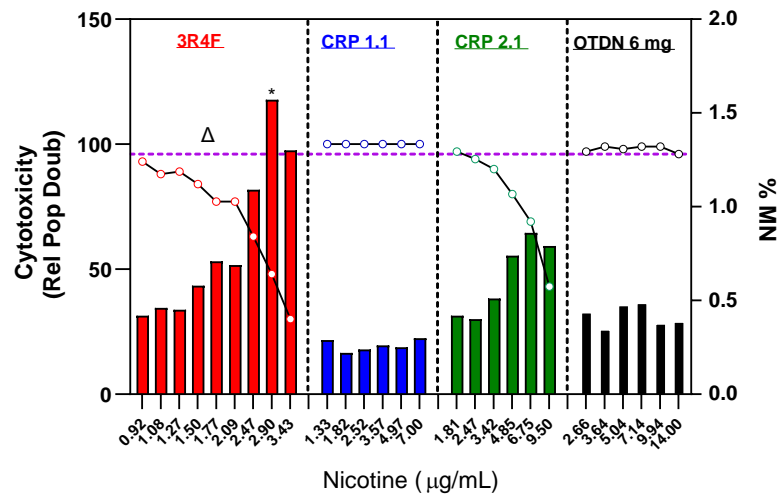
# Results: Ethanol Extracts

## ■ Genotoxicity (MN)

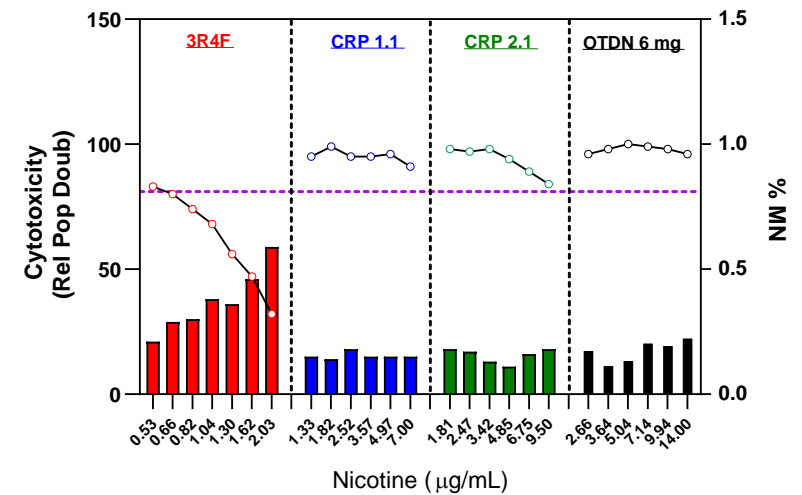
**Micronucleus Assay  
4h-S9**



**Micronucleus Assay  
4h+S9**



**Micronucleus Assay  
27h-S9**



\* Statistical Significance compared to vehicle control; Δ Dose response (trend); --- 95% CI-upper limit for vehicle control

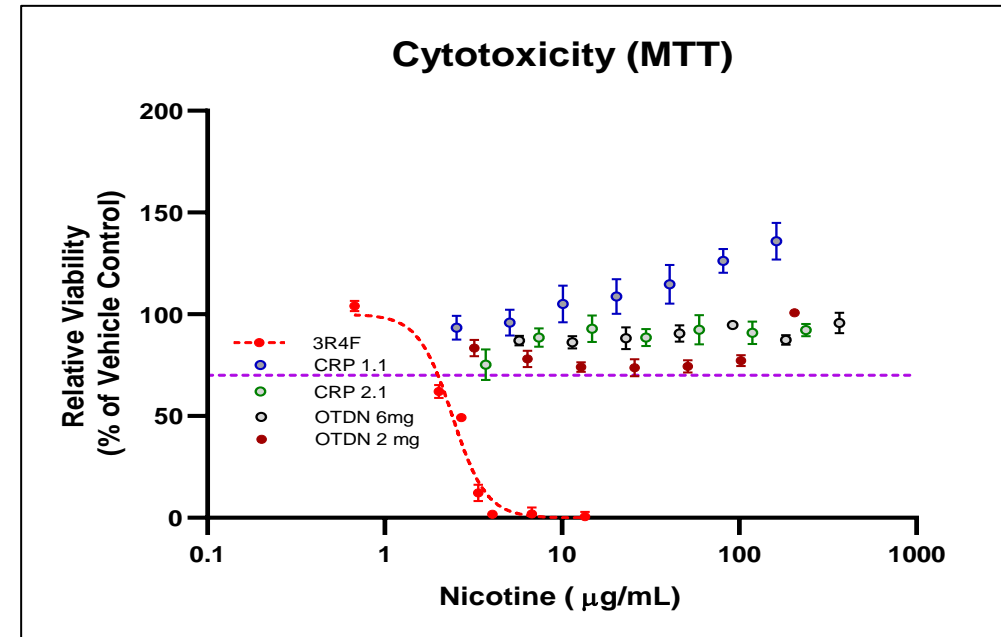
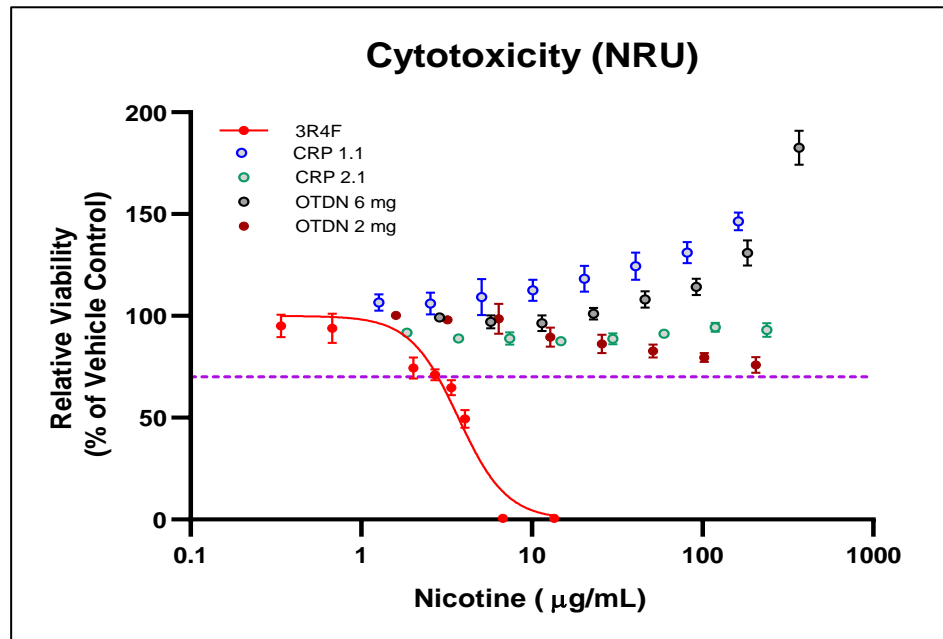
**3R4F>>> CRP2.1>CRP1.1/OTDN\***





# Results: Artificial Saliva Extracts

## ■ Cytotoxicity

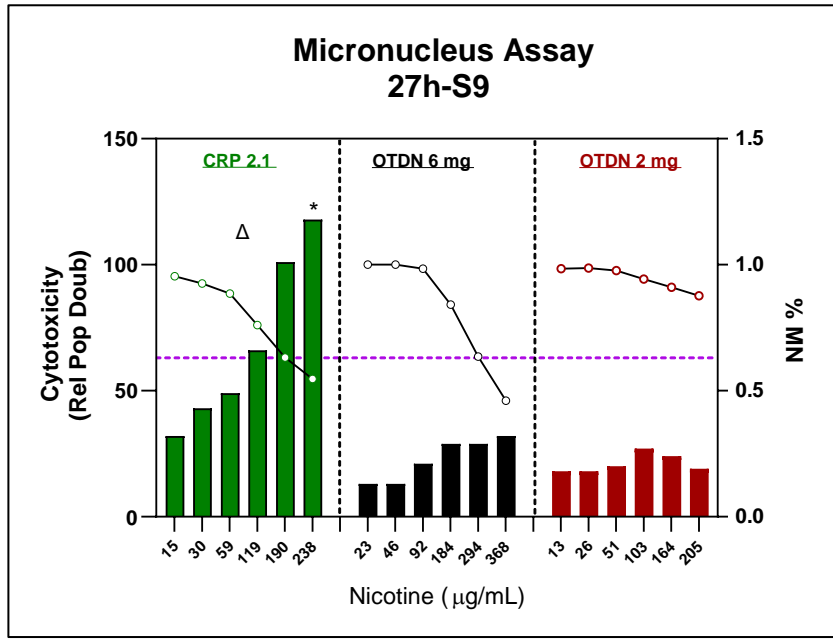
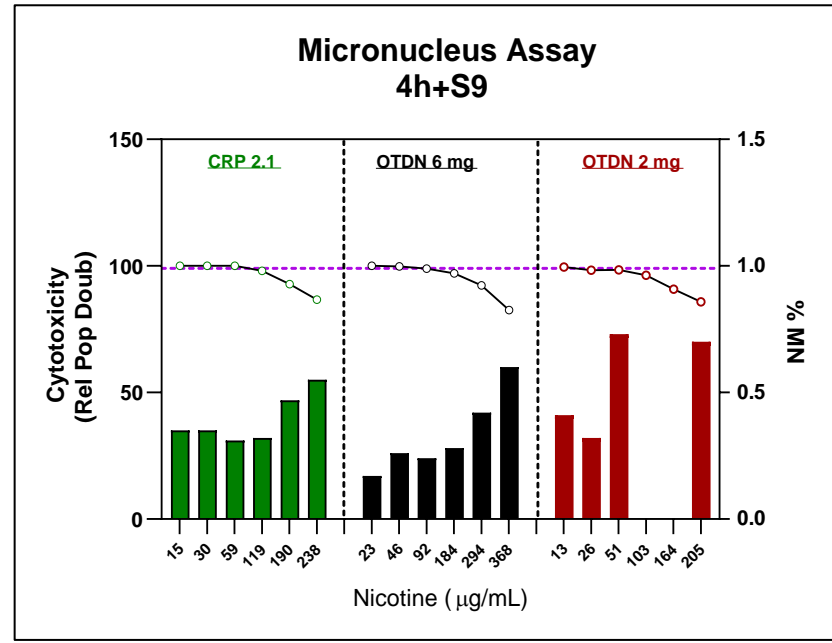
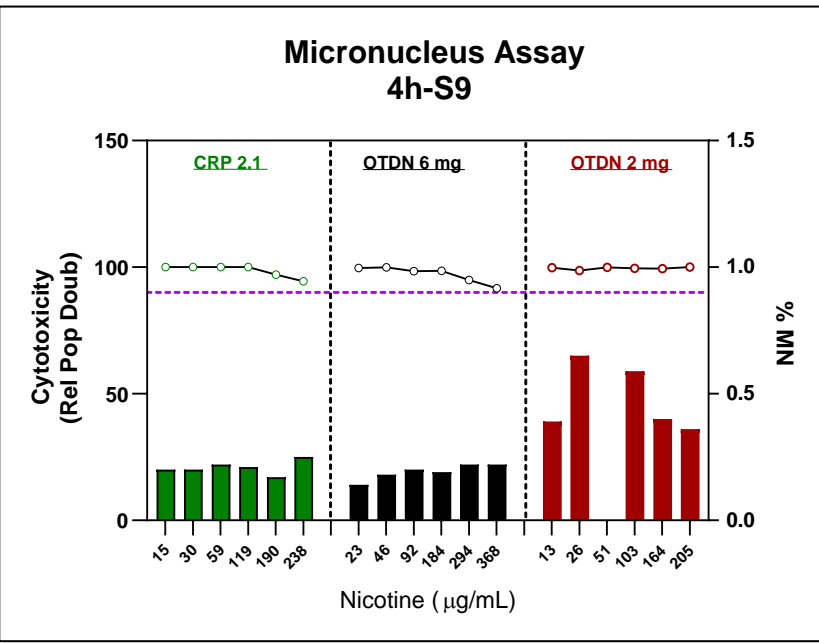


## ■ Mutagenicity: All 3 test articles were negative in the Ames assay



# Results: Artificial Saliva Extracts

## ■ Genotoxicity (MN)



\* Statistical Significance compared to vehicle control; Δ Dose response (trend); - - - 95% CI-upper limit for vehicle control

CRP2.1 > OTDN\*





# Summary

- Different extraction methods were used to evaluate product comparisons in *in vitro* testing of inhalable and oral tobacco products
- Differences in biological activities between combustible cigarettes and oral tobacco products are demonstrated
  - 3R4F is mutagenic, genotoxic and cytotoxic
  - CRP 2.1 is mutagenic (EtOH extract) and genotoxic (AS extract)
  - Snus and OTDN (2 market products) are non-mutagenic, non-genotoxic and non-cytotoxic at the concentration tested
- Based on the market products tested, experimental *in vitro* regulatory testing results demonstrated substantially lower biological activity of OTDN products, in comparison to cigarette smoke condensate.





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