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# Mode of Action for Inorganic Arsenic Carcinogenesis

- Key Events
  - Ingestion of significant amounts of arsenic
  - Generation of trivalent forms ( $\text{InAs}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{MMA}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{DMA}^{\text{III}}$ )
  - Concentration of reactive trivalent arsenicals in target tissue
  - Reaction with critical cellular thiols (glutathione, proteins)
  - Cytotoxicity and cell death
  - Regenerative proliferation
  - Tumors

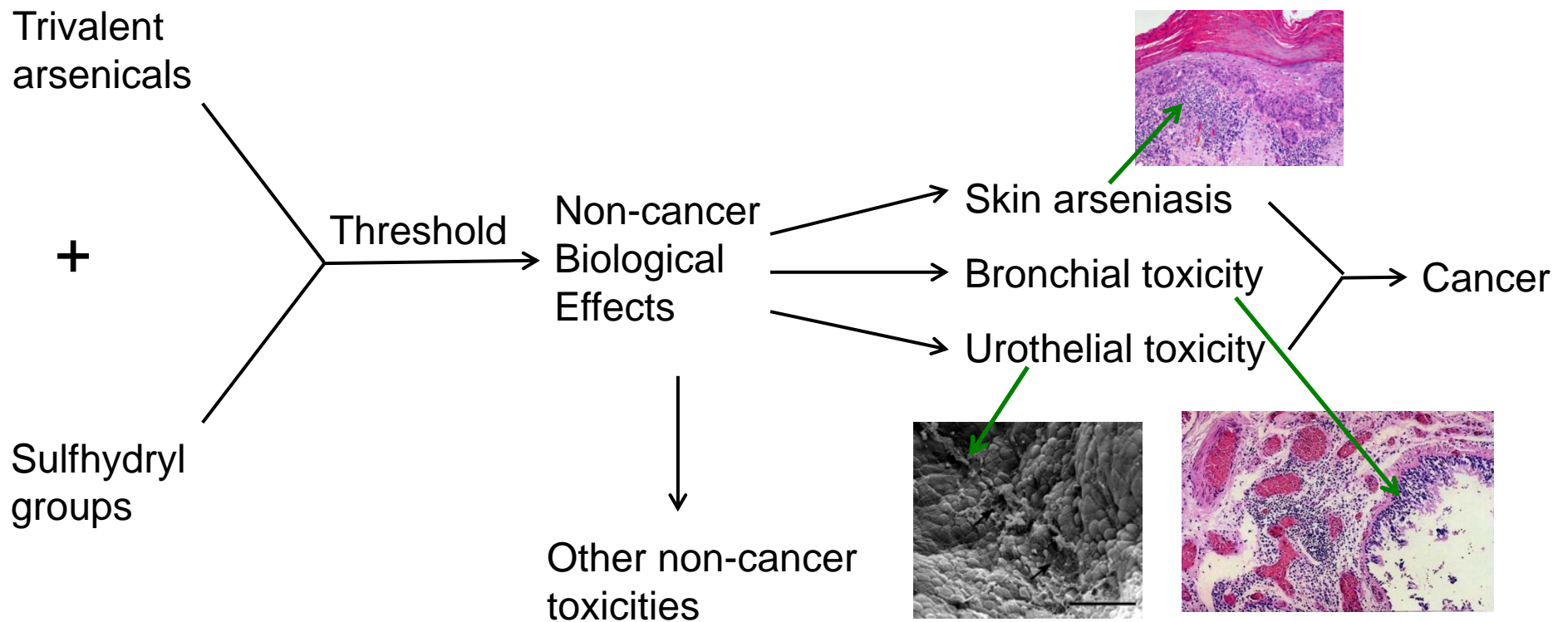
# Comparison of Cytotoxicity of Trivalent Arsenicals for Various Cell Types

| <u>Cells</u>                 | <u>LC<sub>50</sub> Concentration (μM)</u> |                          |                          |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                              | <u>iAs<sup>III</sup></u>                  | <u>MMA<sup>III</sup></u> | <u>DMA<sup>III</sup></u> |
| HBEC (human bronchial)       | 5.8                                       | 1.0                      | 1.4                      |
| HEK001 (human keratinocytes) | 19.0                                      | 1.6                      | 1.7                      |
| 1T1 (human urothelial)       | 16.7                                      | 2.1                      | 1.7                      |
| MYP3 (rat urothelial)        | 2.9                                       | 1.0                      | 1.9                      |

# Cytotoxicity of DMMTA<sup>V</sup>

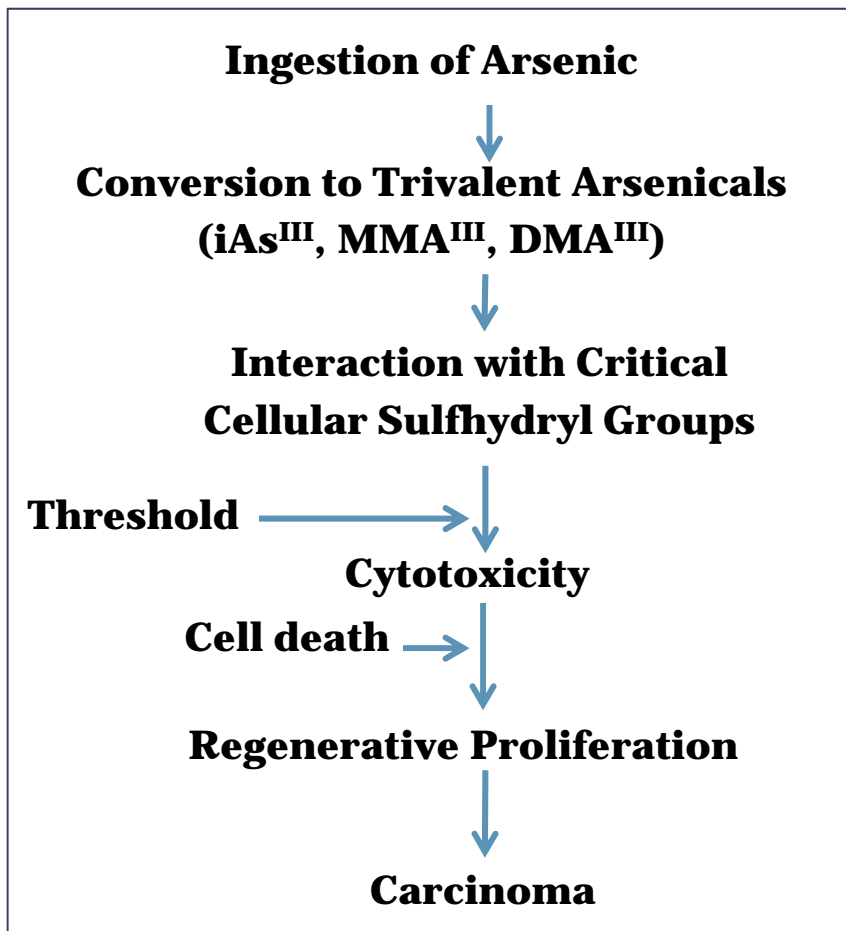
- LC<sub>50</sub> for rat MYP3 urothelial cells 1.3μM
- LC<sub>50</sub> for human 1T1 urothelial cells 1.4μM
- DMMTA<sup>V</sup>, in contrast to DMA<sup>V</sup>, rapidly enters cells
- DMMTA<sup>V</sup> rapidly converts to DMA<sup>III</sup> once inside cell
- Critical cytotoxic agent is DMA<sup>III</sup>

# Implications for Risk Assessment

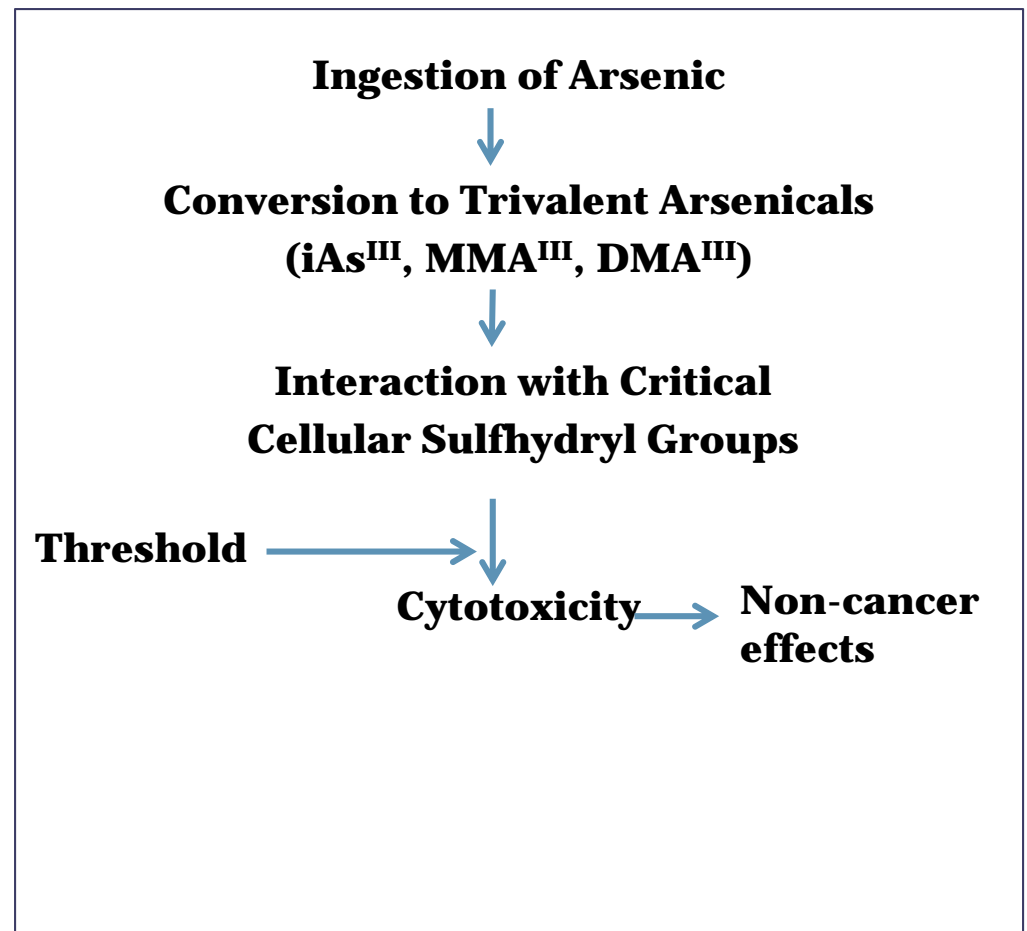


# Mode of Action for Inorganic Arsenic: Working Hypothesis

## Cancer



## Non-Cancer



# Research Plan

## 2) Mouse *in vivo*

Bladder  
genomics

Validate ability  
of *in vitro*  
studies to  
predict *in vivo*  
response

## 1) *in vitro* data



Literature

## 4) Human *Drinking Water Concentration*

Pharmacokinetic variability  
(Drinking water to urine ratio *in vivo*)

Weighted average BMDL  
for total arsenic in urine

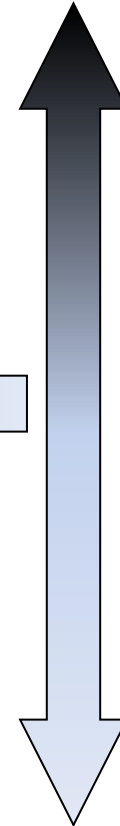
Equivalent urine concentration  
for mixtures

*In vitro* BMDLs for  
trivalent/pentavalent mixtures

## 3) Human *in vitro*



Uroepithelial cells



# Definition of a Point of Departure

## 4) Human *Drinking Water Concentration*

7 – 43  $\mu\text{g/l}$

Pharmacokinetic variability  
(Drinking water to urine ratio *in vivo*)

Weighted average BMDL  
for total arsenic in urine

21 – 104  $\mu\text{g/l}$

Equivalent urine concentration  
for mixtures

6.5 – 43.5  $\mu\text{g/l}$

26.25 – 127.5  $\mu\text{g/l}$

*In vitro* BMDLs for mixtures

0.09 – 0.58  $\mu\text{M}$

0.35 – 1.7  $\mu\text{M}$

## 3) Human *in vitro*





| Pathway categories for As mixture for different cell types | Number of Possible Total Pathways in Categories | Number of Pathways in Categories for Lung | Median BMDs Lung | Number of Pathway in Categories for Uroepithelial | Median BMDs Uroepithelial |
|--|---|---|------------------|---|---------------------------|
|  | Possible  | Week 1                                    | Week 1           | Week 1  | Week 1                    |
| Apoptosis and survival                                     | 35  | 35  | 3.20 – 4.91      | 35  | 3.47 – 5.33               |
| - p53 dependent apoptosis                                  | 1   | 1   | 3.88             | 1   | 4.23                      |
| - caspase cascade  | 1   | 1   | 3.97             | 1   | 4.29                      |
| Cell adhesion  | 18  | 18  | 2.97 – 4.35      | 18  | 3.91 – 4.71               |
| Cell cycle   | 17  | 17  | 2.75 – 4.54      | 17  | 2.61 – 5.25               |
| - regulation of G1/S transition                            | 3   | 3   | 3.52 – 3.99      | 3   | 3.58 – 4.43               |
| Chemotaxis   | 7   | 7   | 3.38 – 4.23      | 7   | 3.91 – 4.91               |
| Cytoskeleton remodeling                                    | 19  | 19  | 2.47 – 4.75      | 18  | 3.58 – 4.73               |
| Development  | 122   | 121                                       | 1.01 - 4.95      | 121   | 2.71 – 5.75               |
| - Tgfb induction of EMT                                    | 4   | 4   | 3.03 – 4.26      | 4   | 3.33 – 4.36               |
| - activation of Erk  | 6   | 6   | 3.86 – 4.41      | 6   | 4.17 – 4.36               |
| - Egfr signaling   | 3   | 3   | 3.49 – 4.66      | 3   | 3.75 – 3.99               |
| - Vegf signaling   | 3   | 3   | 3.13 – 4.76      | 3   | 4.07 – 4.37               |
| - Wnt signaling  | 3   | 3   | 3.53 – 4.55      | 3   | 3.36 – 4.13               |
| - Esr1   | 3   | 3   | 3.85 – 4.14      | 3   | 3.75 – 4.15               |
| - Notch signaling  | 1   | 1   | 4.02             | 1   | 4.09                      |
| - Igf1r signaling  | 1   | 1   | 4.49             | 1   | 4.15                      |
| DNA damage response  | 11  | 11  | 2.21 – 4.65      | 11  | 3.69 – 5.18               |
| G-protein signaling  | 28  | 27  | 2.15 – 4.98      | 28  | 1.55 – 4.77               |
| Immune response (Inflammatory)                             | 97  | 97  | 1.95 – 5.09      | 97  | 3.30 – 5.39               |
| Oxidative stress   | 2   | 2   | 2.24 – 4.34      | 2   | 3.99 – 4.26               |
| Signal transduction  | 11  | 11  | 3.52 – 4.66      | 11  | 3.50 – 4.57               |

# Genomic Analysis of iAs and As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> on Treated Lung Cells

|           | iAs     |         |         | As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |         |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dose (μM) | Donor 1 | Donor 2 | Donor 3 | Donor 1                        | Donor 2 | Donor 3 |
| 0.06      | 0       | 1       | 0       | 1                              | 0       | 0       |
| 0.18      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 5                              | 0       | 0       |
| 0.60      | 10      | 20      | 0       | 80                             | 18      | 2       |
| 1.80      | 163     | 258     | 32      | 628                            | 73      | 171     |
| 6.00      | 2001    | 2439    | 2535    | 3267                           | 2309    | 2456    |

## One-way Anova analysis results

- ± 1.5 fold-change filter
- 0.05 p-value filter