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The logo for the Society of Toxicologists (SOT) features the letters "SOT" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with "SAN DIEGO, CA" written below it.

65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
& ToxExpo  
MARCH 22-25, 2026

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## Ancillary Meeting

**Tuesday, March 24**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Marriott Marquis  
San Diego Marina**

**Ballroom F**

***Light lunch provided!***

**Topic:** Next Generation Risk Assessment: Opportunities to Improve Tobacco and Nicotine Product Risk Assessment with

New Approach Methodologies

**Moderator:** Holger Berhsing  
(Institute for In Vitro Sciences)

**Panelists:**

Kristie Sullivan, Institute for In Vitro Sciences  
Jenna Guynn, Reynolds American  
Erin Huber, RTI International  
*Additional panelists to be confirmed*

## Symposium Sessions

**Wednesday, March 25**

**8:00 AM - 10:45 AM**

**Convention Center**

**Room 7B**

**Abstract #1181**

**Session:** In Vitro Testing for Skin Sensitization of Mixtures:  
Where Science Stands Today

**Topic:** Application of the EpiSensA for Skin Sensitization  
Assessment of Mixtures

**Author:** Argel Islas Robles  
(Institute for In Vitro Sciences)

**Wednesday, March 25**

**1:30 PM - 4:15 PM**

**Convention Center**

**Session:** Toward Sex Differences Research in Toxicology: New  
Approach Methodologies for Assessing Sex as a Biological  
Variable

**Session Chair:** Kristie Sullivan

Room 1B

Abstract #1239

(Institute for In Vitro Sciences)

**Co-Chair: Laurie Svoboda**  
(University of Michigan)

## Platform Session

Tuesday, March 24

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Convention Center

Room 6E

Abstract #2020

**Session:** Sowing the Seeds of Safety: Building the Toolbox for Botanical Safety Assessment

**Topic:** Advancing Dermal Toxicity Assessment for Botanicals: In Silico Approaches

**Authors:** [A. Islas Robles](#)<sup>1</sup>, C. Mitchell<sup>2</sup>, V. Lough<sup>1</sup>, I. Lee<sup>3</sup>, C. Bascoul<sup>4</sup>, P. Wages<sup>5</sup>, and W. Cheng<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, <sup>4</sup>dōTERRA,

<sup>5</sup>The Estée Lauder Companies

## Roundtable Session

Tuesday, March 24

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Convention Center

Ballroom 6E

Abstract #1175

**Session:** Do We Need a Number, a Pathway, or Both? Applying Transcriptomics for Chemical Hazard Assessment

**Session Chair:** Jesse Rogers  
(Merck & Co. Inc.)

**Co-Chair:** [Kristie Sullivan](#)  
(Institute for In Vitro Sciences)

## Posters

Monday, March 23

9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Abstract #3266

Poster #E398

**Session:** Dermal Toxicology

**Abstract Title:** Optimization of the Human Cell Activation Test (h-CLAT) for the Identification of Photo-Allergens

**Authors:** J. Phillips<sup>1</sup>, [A. Islas Robles](#)<sup>1</sup>, G. Ritacco<sup>2</sup>, A. Hilberer<sup>1</sup>, C. Deodhar<sup>2</sup>, V. Lough<sup>1</sup>, C. Cheng<sup>1</sup>, K. Dailey<sup>1</sup>, B. Ly<sup>1</sup>

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Monday, March 23

1:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Abstract #3382

**Session:** New Approach Methods: In Vitro

**Abstract Title:** Integrating In Vitro and In Silico Approaches for Assessing Local Respiratory Effects in Inhalation Exposure Safety Evaluation

## Collaborative Posters

Monday, March 23

9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Abstract #3361

Poster #F504

Session: New Approach Methods: General

**Abstract Title:** Implementation of a New Approach Methods (NAMs)-Based Framework to Evaluate Skin Irritation of New Chemicals under TSCA

**Authors:** [R. Brunner](#)<sup>1</sup>, R.A. Beardsley<sup>1</sup>, A. Bettman<sup>2</sup>, A.J. Clippinger<sup>2</sup>, [G.-E. Costin](#)<sup>3</sup>, [H. Raabe](#)<sup>3</sup>, K. Salazar<sup>1</sup>, A. Van der Zalm<sup>2</sup>, A. Lowit<sup>1</sup>

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Monday, March 23

1:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Abstract #3393

Poster #G536

Session: New Approach Methods: In Vitro I

**Abstract Title:** Spatial Transcriptomic Measurements in the Cryopreserved Precision-Cut Lung Slice

**Authors:** S. Choudhury<sup>1,2,3</sup>, M. Arava<sup>1,2,3</sup>, I. Sivankutty<sup>1,2</sup>, J. Kim<sup>4,5</sup>, Z. An<sup>1,2</sup>, E. Matsui<sup>1</sup>, D. Sahu<sup>1</sup>, C. Cai<sup>1</sup>, B. Suki<sup>4,5</sup>, R. Krishnan<sup>5</sup>, [H.P. Behrsing](#)<sup>6,7</sup>

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Tuesday, March 24

9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Abstract #3999

Poster #F461

Session: Risk Assessment

**Abstract Title:** Advancing Photoallergy Risk Assessment: Integrating the ROS Assay and UV-Vis Spectroscopy Under Full Spectrum (UVA and UVB) Conditions for Tiered Screening of Fragrances

**Authors:** [C. Deodhar](#)<sup>1</sup>, G. Ritacco<sup>1</sup>, A. Hilberer<sup>2</sup>, K. Bouchard<sup>2</sup>, K. Cantrell<sup>2</sup>, J. Kwiatek<sup>2</sup>, D. Botelho<sup>1</sup>, A. Api<sup>1</sup>

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Tuesday, March 24

1:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Session: New Approach Methods: In Vitro I

**Authors:** P.J. Hayden<sup>1</sup>, L.M. Fitzgerald<sup>1</sup>, R.K. Hodroj<sup>1</sup>, J.T. Le  
Do<sup>1</sup>, J. Rangel<sup>1</sup>, E. McFadden<sup>1</sup>, **H. Keng<sup>2</sup>**,  
**V.S. Patel<sup>2</sup>**, **H.P. Behrsing<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>BioSurfaces Inc., <sup>2</sup>Institute for In Vitro Sciences

## Celebrating the Retirement of Dr. Rodger Curren, IIVS Co-Founder and CEO



The end of January marked an important milestone in the history of the Institute for In Vitro Sciences: the official retirement of Dr. Rodger Curren, our CEO and one of the three founders of IIVS.

Although Rodger has been “mostly retired” in recent years, he has remained engaged in our work. His thoughtful leadership has continued to shape IIVS well beyond his day-to-day role. In January, several of us who have worked closely with Rodger gathered for a dinner in his honor. The evening was filled with heartfelt stories and plenty of humor—an entirely fitting celebration for someone who has always balanced scientific rigor with warmth and wit.

Rodger is, at his core, the kind of person who would walk away from a safe career to found a nonprofit testing laboratory simply because he believed so strongly in the mission. The reputation IIVS enjoys today — our global credibility, our scientific integrity, and the trust placed in us by industry, regulators, and partners — has been built on the foundation he established.

Our ability to fulfill our mission every day is made possible by the decades of work Rodger invested in building and strengthening this organization and our team.

While Rodger will remain connected to us as Chairman of the Board of Directors, he is now fully retired and has stepped away from his role as an IIVS employee. We are deeply grateful for Rodger's vision, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to advancing non-animal science. His legacy will continue to guide IIVS for decades to come.

## IIVS Publications

- Using a reconstructed human vaginal epithelium model to assess irritation: A proof-of-concept study supporting regulatory qualification of the method for use with personal lubricants
- Confidence in new approach methods (NAMs): Ensuring reproducibility, operationalizing context-of-use and alignment with decision-making needs
- The impossible made possible through the use of New Approach Methodologies: Dermal safety assessment of potential insect repellent or insecticidal active ingredients using a high-throughput approach to the in vitro Skin Irritation Test (OECD TG 439)

## IIVS in the News

- Osmo AI and IIVS Build Human-Based AI to Predict Cosmetic Skin Irritation | [BeautyMatter](#)
- Osmo and IIVS Publish First-of-its-Kind Study on AI-Powered Skin Irritation Assessment, Eliminating Need for Animal Testing | [Businesswire.com](#)

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