

# **Biomarkers of Tobacco Smoke Exposure in the U.S. Population: Result and Resources from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)**

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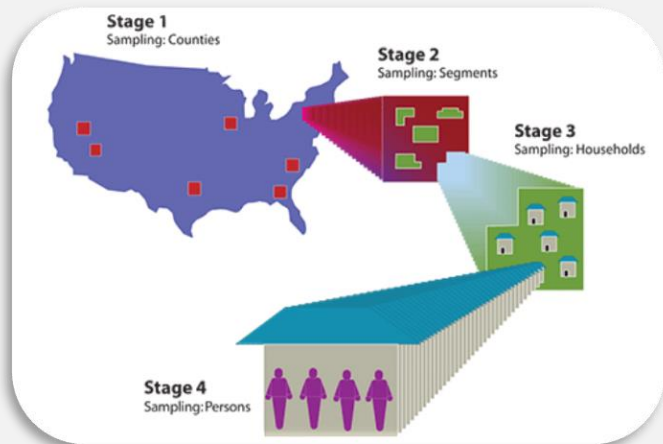


# CDC's National Biomonitoring Program

A federal program that establishes U.S. population-based reference ranges and exposure trends for environmental chemicals.

## NHANES

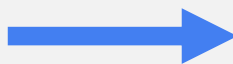
### Participant Recruitment and Sample Collection



Probability sample of civilian, non-institutionalized Americans that provides population-based results.

### *National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals and Updated Tables*

### CDC Sample Analysis



A comprehensive, ongoing assessment of American's exposure to environmental chemicals.

# What is NHANES?

## ■ National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

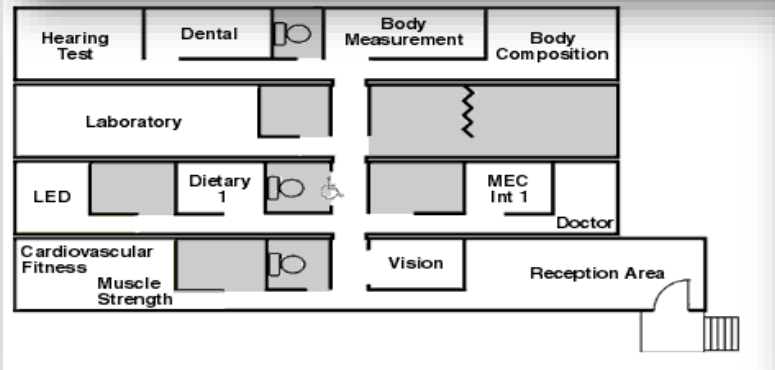
- Ongoing survey—continuous since 1999
- Nationally representative sample of civilian, noninstitutionalized US population in the contiguous states
- About 10,000 participants in 30 counties every 2 years

## ■ Methods

- Face-to-Face and Computer-Assisted Interviews:
  - Demographics/Socioeconomic
  - Dietary/Nutritional
  - Medical History and Health Behavior
  - Physical Examination
- Biological Specimen Collection: Blood & Urine



# Mobile Examination Centers (MEC)



# Biomonitoring in NHANES

- Not all chemicals are measured in everyone, except:
  - ❖ Blood Pb, Cd, Hg, Se, Mn: All persons 1 year and older
  - ❖ Serum cotinine: All persons 3 years and older
- Most urinary chemical measurements are made in a 1/3 subsample (n~2500) of the participants
  - ❖ Ages 6 years and older\*
  - ❖ Subsamples are determined so they are representative of the U.S. population
- Biomonitoring results are presented in the ***National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals*** and the ***Updated Tables***
- Biomonitoring datasets can be downloaded using SAS



\*Starting in 2015, urine is collected from participants ages 3 years and older

# CDC's National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals (1999–2018)\*

## Serum Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (2011 - 2014)‡

Geometric mean and selected percentiles of serum concentrations (in µg/L) for the U.S. population from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

	Survey years‡	Geometric mean (95% conf. interval)	Selected percentiles (95% confidence interval)				Sample size
			50th	75th	90th	95th	
Total	11-12	<b>6.31</b> (5.84-6.82)	<b>6.53</b> (5.99-7.13)	<b>10.5</b> (9.78-11.1)	<b>15.7</b> (14.7-17.5)	<b>21.7</b> (19.3-23.9)	1904
	13-14‡	<b>4.99</b> (4.50-5.52)	<b>5.20</b> (4.80-5.70)	<b>8.70</b> (7.90-9.40)	<b>13.9</b> (11.9-15.5)	<b>18.5</b> (15.4-22.0)	2165
Age group							
12-19 years	11-12	<b>4.16</b> (3.70-4.68)	<b>4.11</b> (3.48-4.65)	<b>5.90</b> (5.14-7.25)	<b>9.05</b> (6.49-10.8)	<b>10.8</b> (8.52-14.2)	344
	13-14‡	<b>3.54</b> (3.17-3.96)	<b>3.60</b> (3.10-4.20)	<b>5.20</b> (4.60-6.20)	<b>7.80</b> (7.00-8.90)	<b>9.30</b> (7.90-11.7)	401
20 years and older	11-12	<b>6.71</b> (6.24-7.20)	<b>7.07</b> (6.65-7.52)	<b>11.0</b> (10.4-11.9)	<b>17.0</b> (15.3-18.5)	<b>22.7</b> (20.4-24.8)	1560
	13-14‡	<b>5.22</b> (4.70-5.81)	<b>5.60</b> (5.10-6.00)	<b>9.10</b> (8.20-10.2)	<b>14.5</b> (12.9-16.1)	<b>19.5</b> (15.8-23.0)	1764
Gender							
Males	11-12	<b>7.91</b> (7.19-8.70)	<b>8.31</b> (7.35-9.15)	<b>12.5</b> (11.4-13.5)	<b>19.3</b> (15.7-21.4)	<b>24.1</b> (22.2-28.5)	966
	13-14‡	<b>6.36</b> (5.62-7.20)	<b>6.40</b> (5.70-7.30)	<b>10.2</b> (8.70-11.5)	<b>15.5</b> (13.2-19.8)	<b>22.1</b> (16.7-26.9)	1031
Females	11-12	<b>5.10</b> (4.70-5.53)	<b>5.27</b> (4.67-5.64)	<b>8.57</b> (7.87-9.30)	<b>12.5</b> (11.0-14.9)	<b>17.5</b> (14.9-20.5)	938
	13-14‡	<b>3.96</b> (3.60-4.35)	<b>4.00</b> (3.60-4.60)	<b>7.20</b> (6.40-7.70)	<b>11.8</b> (9.70-13.6)	<b>15.1</b> (13.9-17.3)	1134
Race/ethnicity							
Mexican Americans	11-12	<b>4.79</b> (4.07-5.64)	<b>5.18</b> (3.92-6.33)	<b>7.91</b> (6.18-9.48)	<b>10.5</b> (8.50-12.6)	<b>12.1</b> (10.0-14.4)	211
	13-14‡	<b>3.47</b> (2.90-4.16)	<b>3.70</b> (3.00-4.40)	<b>5.20</b> (4.60-6.40)	<b>8.80</b> (6.40-10.3)	<b>10.8</b> (9.20-11.8)	332
Non-Hispanic blacks	11-12	<b>6.35</b> (5.41-7.46)	<b>6.57</b> (5.71-7.65)	<b>11.3</b> (9.74-13.9)	<b>21.8</b> (13.9-31.3)	<b>30.7</b> (21.6-45.1)	485
	13-14‡	<b>5.32</b> (4.12-6.88)	<b>5.30</b> (4.30-6.80)	<b>10.2</b> (7.60-13.7)	<b>17.4</b> (12.4-24.5)	<b>24.5</b> (16.3-39.7)	455
Non-Hispanic whites	11-12	<b>6.71</b> (6.15-7.32)	<b>6.83</b> (6.07-7.73)	<b>10.7</b> (9.89-12.2)	<b>15.7</b> (14.8-18.1)	<b>21.3</b> (18.7-23.5)	666
	13-14‡	<b>5.31</b> (4.72-5.98)	<b>5.70</b> (5.10-6.40)	<b>8.90</b> (8.20-9.90)	<b>14.1</b> (12.2-15.6)	<b>18.0</b> (15.5-20.4)	861
All Hispanics	11-12	<b>4.63</b> (3.86-5.55)	<b>5.18</b> (4.41-6.19)	<b>8.10</b> (6.64-9.78)	<b>11.0</b> (9.96-12.6)	<b>13.4</b> (11.5-16.1)	406
	13-14‡	<b>3.51</b> (3.09-3.98)	<b>3.70</b> (3.20-4.20)	<b>5.50</b> (4.90-6.40)	<b>8.80</b> (8.00-9.70)	<b>10.8</b> (9.70-12.1)	537
Asians	11-12	<b>7.10</b> (5.80-8.68)	<b>7.53</b> (5.96-9.25)	<b>12.6</b> (10.8-17.0)	<b>24.6</b> (19.1-33.3)	<b>35.1</b> (26.4-42.3)	291
	13-14‡	<b>6.18</b> (5.08-7.52)	<b>6.30</b> (5.00-7.90)	<b>13.2</b> (9.40-15.4)	<b>23.8</b> (15.2-33.9)	<b>33.6</b> (20.1-69.0)	234

Limit of detection (LOD, see Data Analysis section) for Survey year 11-12 is 0.2.

‡. See Calculation of PFOS and PFOA as the Sum of Isomers for additional information about Survey years 2013-2014.

- Nicotine, Cotinine
- NNAL
- Anabasine, Anatabine
- PAHs
- Perchlorate, nitrate & thiocyanate
- VOCs and VOC metabolites
- Heterocyclic amines
- Aromatic amines
- Metals
- Dioxins, furans, & PCBs
- Organochlorine pesticides
- PBDEs
- PFAS
- Organophosphate & pyrethroid insecticides
- Other pesticides (e.g., herbicides, insect repellents)
- Parabens
- Phthalates & alternative plasticizers
- PCP chemicals (e.g., phenols, triclocarban)

\* [www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/](http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/)

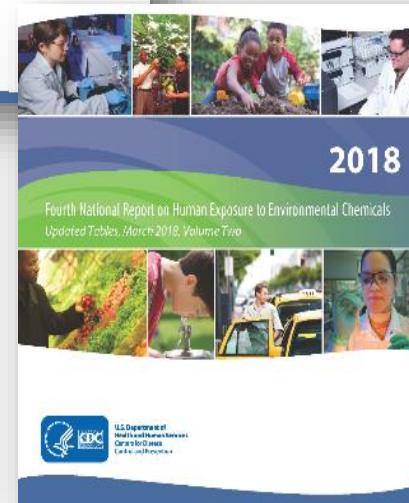
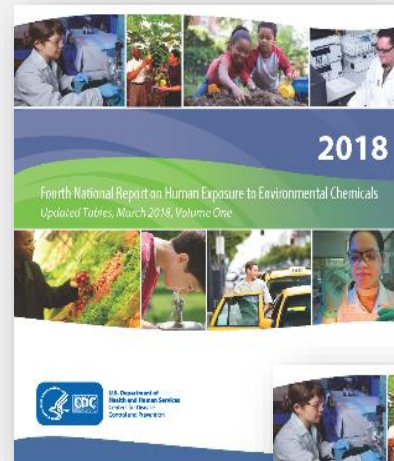
# Updated Tables, March 2018

## ■ Updated Tables reported in two volumes

- Volume 1 – U.S. general population
- Volume 2 – Pooled samples, adult cigarette smokers and nonsmokers:
  - ❖ *Special sample of adult smokers and nonsmokers*
  - ❖ POPs and pesticides in individual and pooled samples

## ■ New chemical data

- *VOCs in blood (10 new)*
- *Heterocyclic amines in urine*
- BPF, BPS in urine
- Flame retardants in urine (OP FR metabolites)
- Cobalt, chromium in blood (40+yrs)
- DiBP, DBP metabolites in urine



# Goals of the *National Report and Updated Tables*

- **Assess exposure to various chemicals**
  - Which chemicals? Who is exposed? How much?
- **Establish US “reference ranges” for these chemicals**
  - By age, sex, and racial/ethnic group
  - By smoker vs. nonsmoker status (adults)
- **Over time, track changes in these “reference ranges”**
- **Help set priorities on studies of exposures and health outcomes**



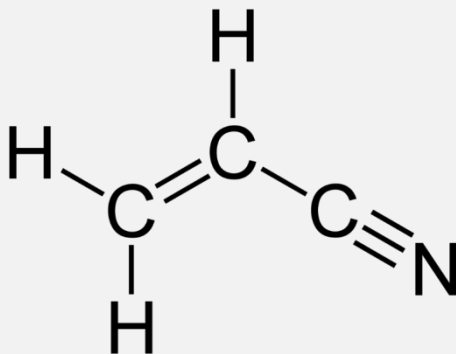
*Data tables are available for more than 300 chemicals, with results from 1999 to 2016*



# Exploring NHANES data for selective smoke exposure biomarkers

# Acrylonitrile

- Possible human carcinogen
- Acute toxicity to multiple physiologic systems
- Clean Air Act Hazardous Air Pollutant



# Burning Biomass Forms Acrylonitrile

- Large-scale
  - Smoke plumes from forest fires
- Small-scale
  - Tobacco smoke
  - Marijuana smoke



# Acrylonitrile Biomarker: Urinary CYMA

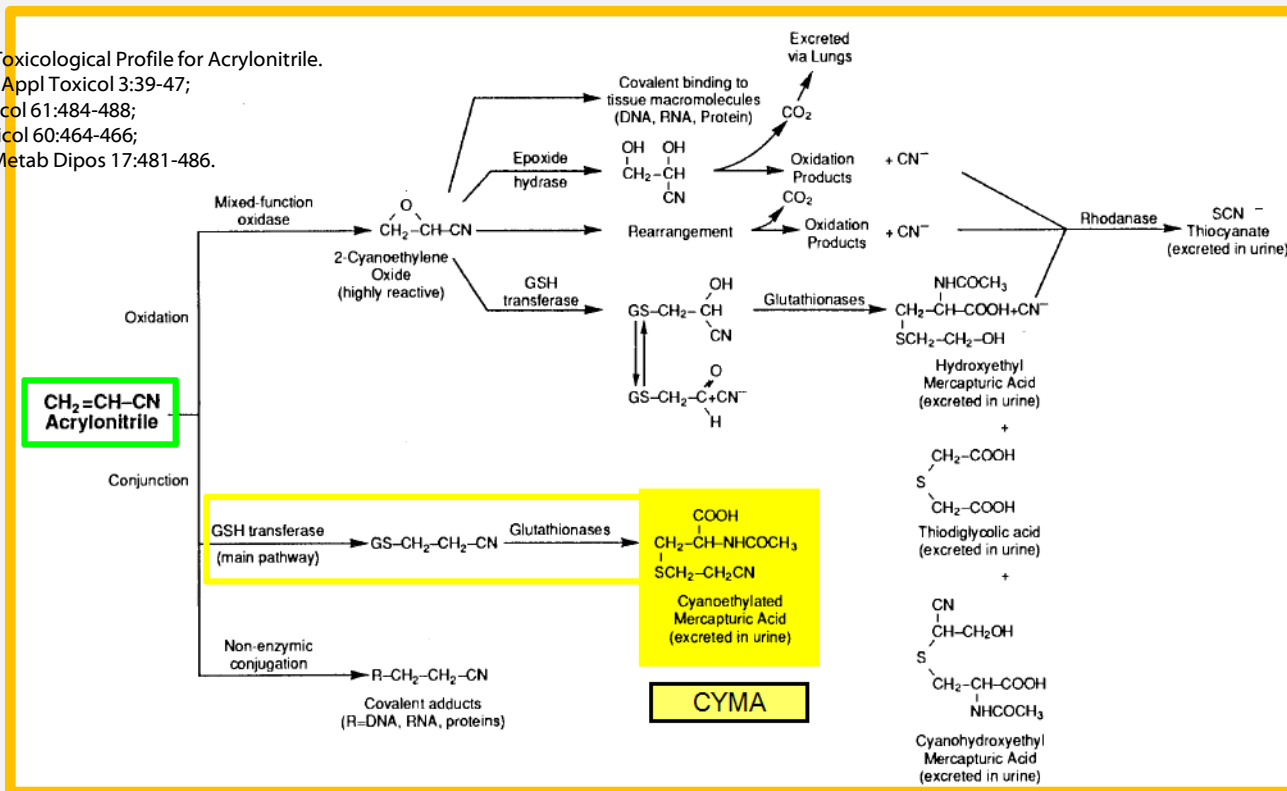
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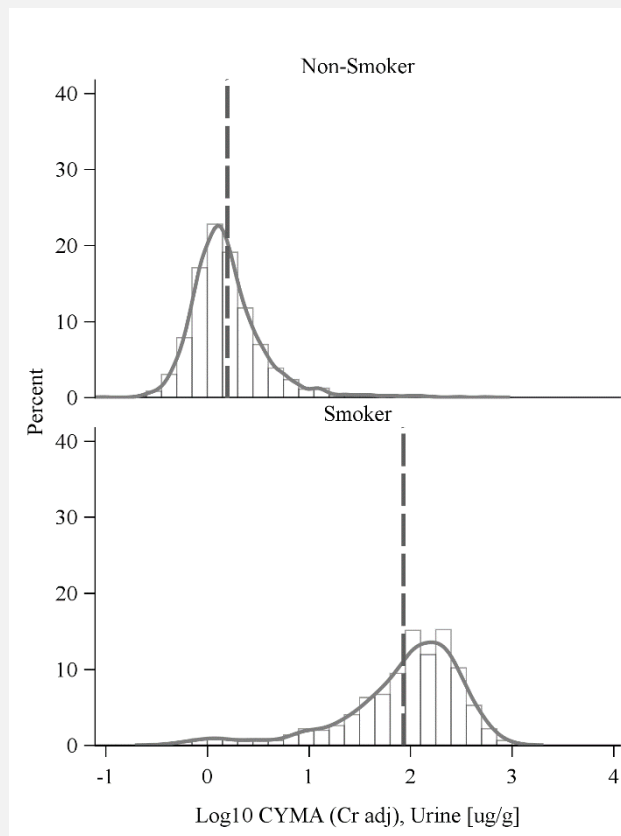
# Available CYMA data from NHANES

- National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey
  - United States civilians
  - >4,600 participants  $\geq 6$  y
    - 2005 – 2006 One-half sub-sample
    - 2011 – 2012 One-third sub-sample
  - Biomarkers
  - Questionnaires

# Objectives

- Characterize population exposure to acrylonitrile based on urinary CYMA
- Evaluate relative source contribution from tobacco smoke and diet
- Evaluate CYMA as a biomarker of tobacco smoke exposure

# Log10 CYMA, Urine

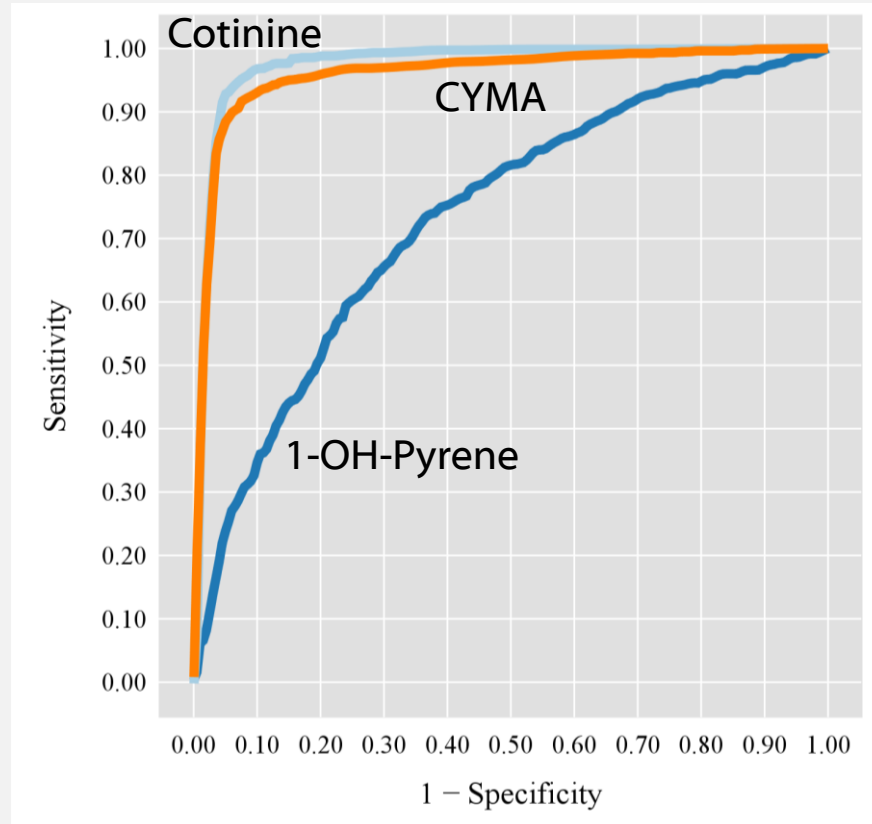


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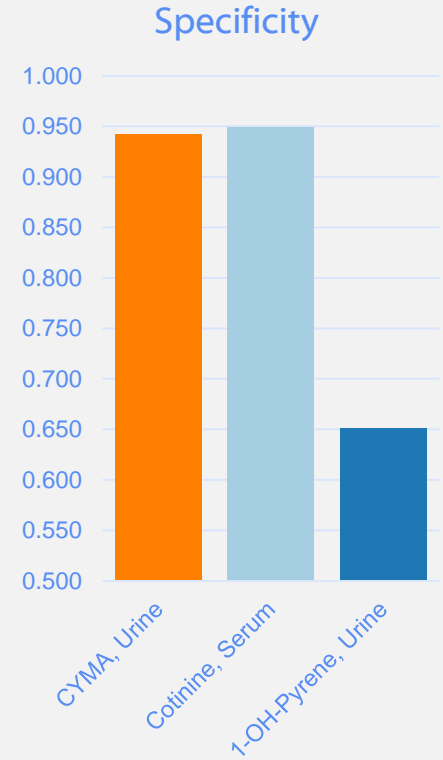
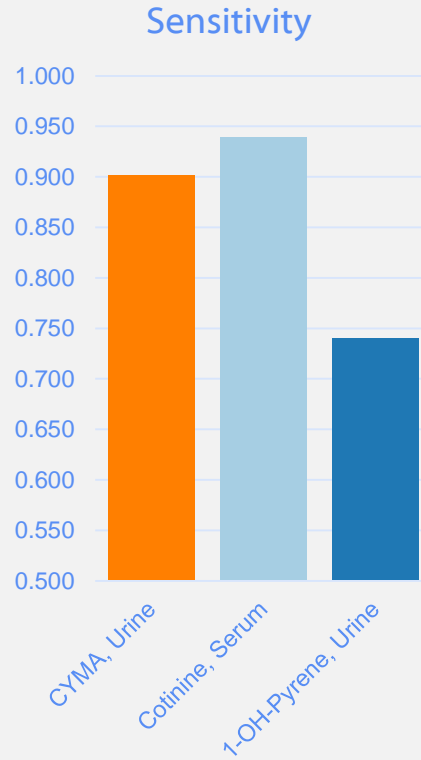
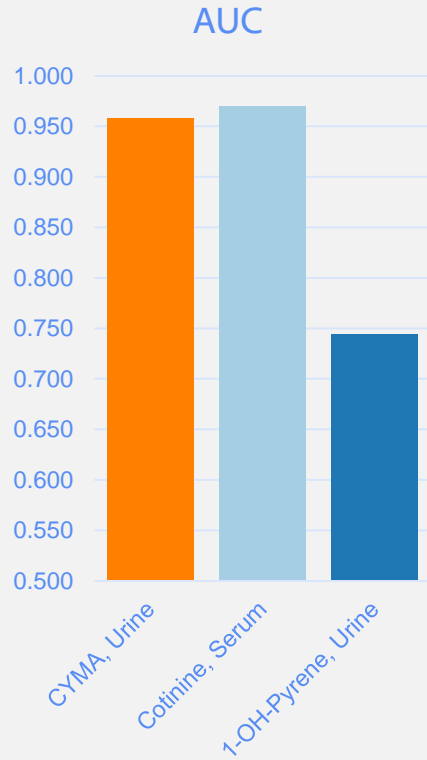
CYMA's performance as indicator of tobacco smoke exposure



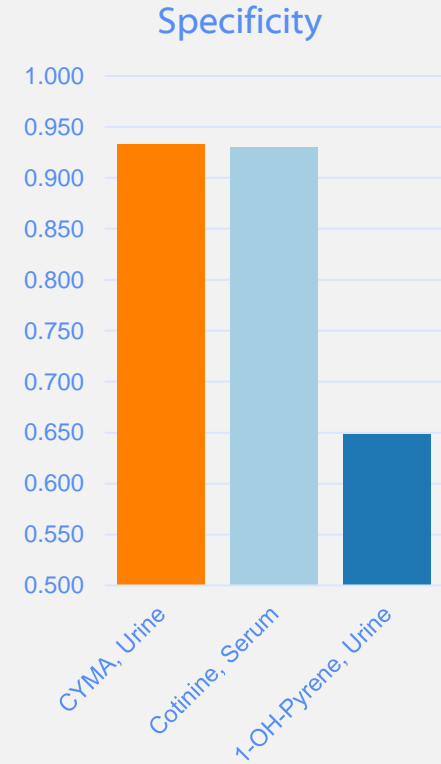
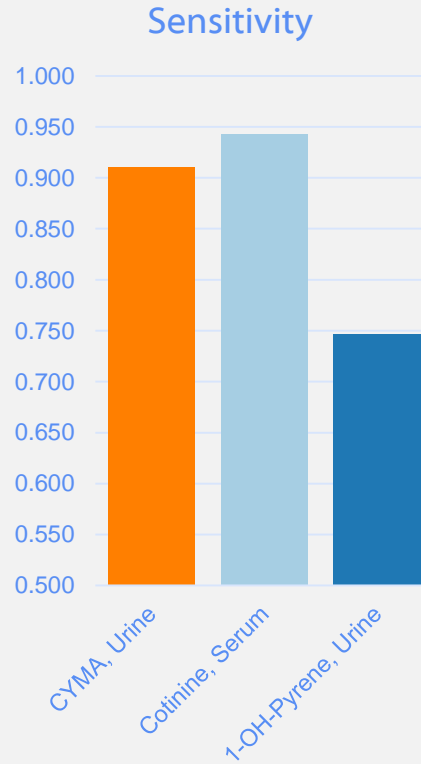
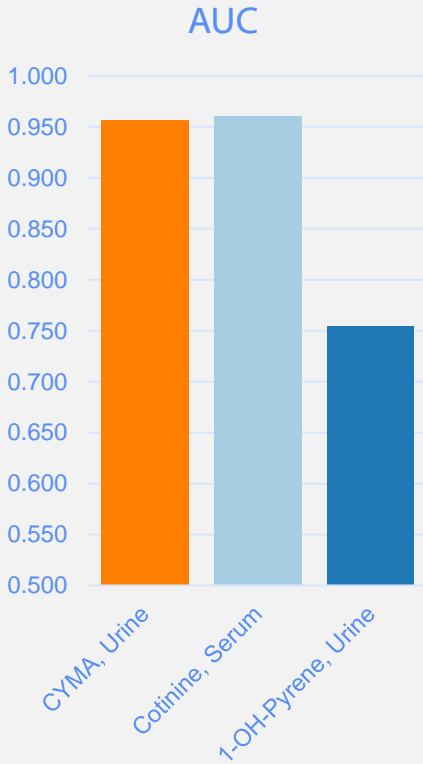
# Non-User vs. Exclusive Smoker



# Non-User vs. Smoker: Cut-points



# SHS-Exposed vs Non-Exposed: Cut-point



# MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Predict CYMA, Urine

Primary interest: Tobacco smoke, Diet

Stratification

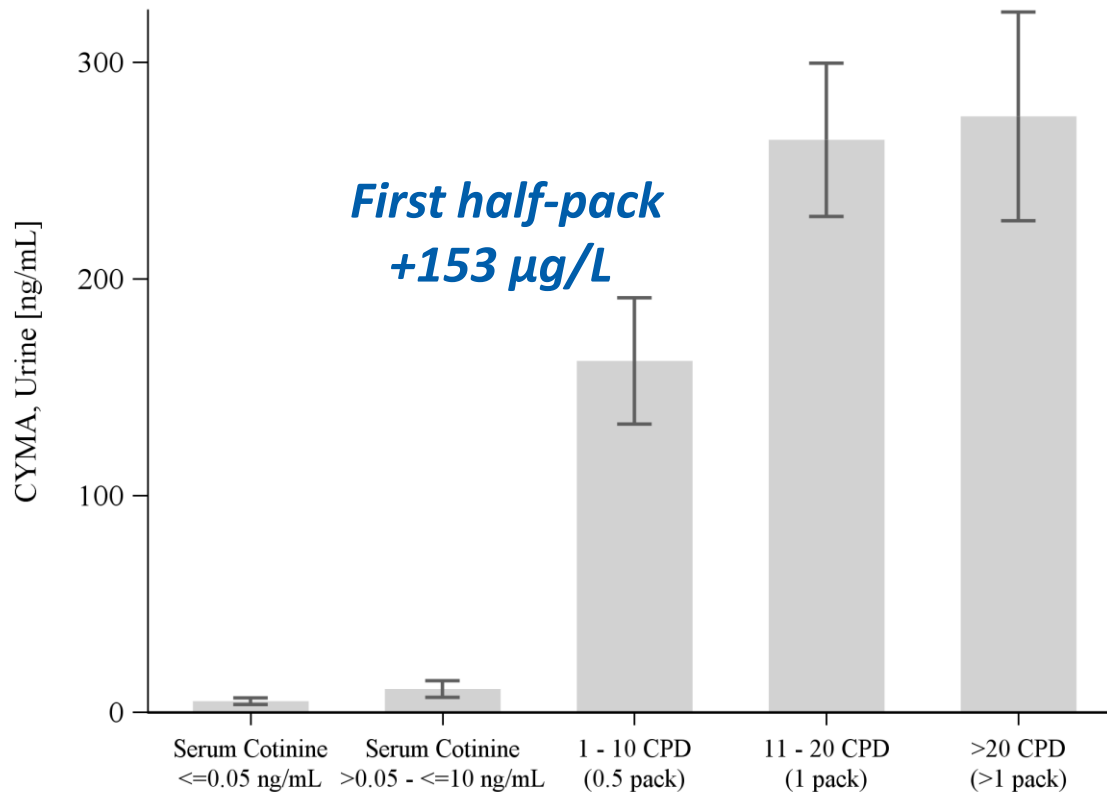
Exclusive combusted tobacco users (“smokers”)

Non-users

# Urinary CYMA Predictor Variables

- CPD and Serum Cotinine
- Sex
- Age
- Race/ethnicity
- BMI
- Creatinine, Urine
- Fasting time
- Impoverishment
- NHANES Cycle
- Roasted Nuts and Seeds
- Chocolate
- Coffee, Brewed
- Meats, Smoked
- Alcohol
- **Plus 9 USDA Major Food Groups**
  - Milk Products; Meat, Poultry; Eggs;
  - Legumes, Nuts, Seeds; Grain Products;
  - Fruits; Vegetables; Fats, Oils, Salad Dressings; Sugars, Sweets, Beverages

# Smoke Exposure Increases Urinary CYMA



# Dietary Exposure

Food Group	Non-Users	Smokers
Meats, Smoked	+	+
Alcohol	+	NS
Fruits	-	-
Nuts & Seeds, Roasted	NS	NS
Chocolate	NS	NS
Coffee, Brewed	NS	NS

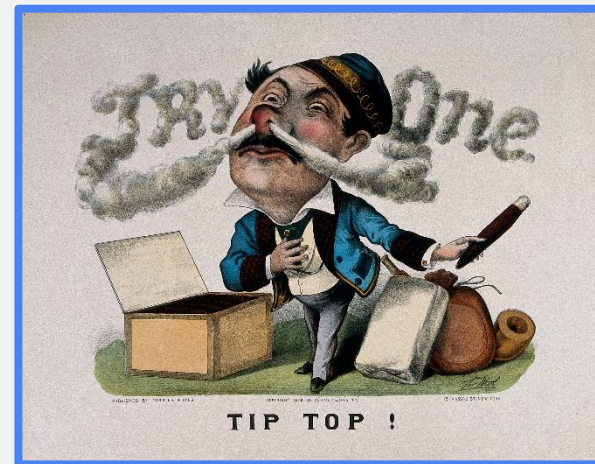
# Smoking predicts higher CYMA than Diet

- Cigarettes: First half-pack smoked associated with major increase in urinary CYMA (153  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ )
- Smoked Meat Consumption
  - Statistically significant but median meat consumed = 0); even at 95<sup>th</sup> %tile meat consumed, only modest CYMA increase (2.9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ )
- Alcohol Consumption (non-user model only)
  - Median wine consumption (1 glass) predicts 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$  increase in CYMA



# Conclusions

- Characterization of US population exposure to acrylonitrile
- Tobacco Smoke is a major source
- Ingested smoked meats and alcohol are minor sources of acrylonitrile exposure



# CYMA Smoke Biomarker

- Biomass Combustion
  - General applicability
- Tobacco Smoke Exposure
  - Excellent indicator
- Measurement in Urine
- Frequently Detected (>90%)



# Limitations

- Cross-sectional study design
- Smoking, Tobacco Smoke exposure self assessment
- Diet
  - Food classification
  - Sufficient mass

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