Migrating the CMM Wizard to a Robust and Accessible ASP.NET Format
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**Introduction**

- The Chemical Mixture Methodology (CMM) provides default emergency exposure guidelines for mixtures of chemicals. The CMM makes realistic but not overly conservative predictions about health risks from chemical mixtures.
- The CMM is currently offered in an Excel workbook format, although an alpha version web application CMM Wizard was developed in ASP in 2010.
- We report the development of an ASP.NET beta version of the CMM Wizard which offers new features and upgrades to CMM Wizard Alpha.

**Background**

**CMM Method**
1. Input chemicals by CASRN, receptor distance, concentration, and PAC concentration limit to calculate Health Index (HI) given by:

   \[ HI = \frac{\text{Concentration} \times \text{Receptor}}{\text{PAC}} \]

2. HIs are summed for all chemicals, and by mode/target organ, respectively.
3. The sums of the HIs for all of the chemicals and for each mode and target organ toxic effect are provided.

**CMM Workbook**
- Macro-enabled Excel workbook
- Built-in database worksheet
- Pros/Cons
  - Fast mode of consequence assessment
  - By Mode/Target Organ breakdown for emergency preparedness
  - Only calculates results for one receptor, and one PAC level at a time
  - Excel inflexible in input/output

**CMM Wizard Alpha**
- ASP web application
- Separate Access database
- Pros/Cons
  - Wizard format easy to navigate
  - Flexible inputs—search and list
  - Still only one receptor and PAC at a time
  - CMM logic inextricable from html display markup/logic
  - ASP no longer state of the art

**CMM Wizard Beta**
- New ASP.NET web application
- Same Access database as CMM Wizard Alpha

**Why ASP.NET?**
- ASP.NET state of the art
- Allows for modularized coding—separation of CMM and display logic
- Specific .NET Framework functions available for dealing with Access database
- Microsoft Visual Studio ideal for rapid application development and debugging

**New Features/Improvements**
- **Chemical Input**
  - Multiple and Search select
  - Add/Remove chemicals
- **Meteorological Data Input**
  - Differentiates data sets
- **Receptor Input**
  - Maximum 6 receptors
  - Name receptors
  - Add, Remove, Reset, Clear functions
- **Output Interface**
  - Report Items
    - Mix Name
    - Display Mode
    - Met. Data
    - Chemicals
    - Receptors
  - Display mode
    - Summary
    - By mode
    - By target organ
    - All at once
  - Receptors
    - Any one
    - All at once
  - PAC
    - Any one
    - All at once
  - Printing
    - Built into browser

**ASP.NET Benefits**
- ASP.NET written using VB.NET instead of the limited functionality VBA and VBScript Languages
- .NET Framework provides functions for reading/writing files and many other complex tasks
- ASP.NET simplifies creating displays and dynamically changing them
- ASP.NET built for creating sites that implement databases of user accounts (necessary for future work)
- ASP.NET has extensive support and reference communities

**Future Work**

**Short-Term**
- Allow users to save or load their sessions as CMM files
- Create display for seeing HI values broken down by mode or target organ for individual chemicals
- Add specific instructions to each step to help avoid user confusion

**Long-Term**
- Integrate the CMM logic into other emergency response and software (i.e. HARM, EpiCode, or ALOHA).
- Create an interface for updating the CMM database as new information develops

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