

CURRICULUM VITAE
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1. General Information

Name (FAMILY NAME, First Name)	MERTENS Birgit
Nationality	Belgian

2. Education

2010: PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (VUB)
 2009: Certificate for Laboratory Animal Science A, B and C (VUB)
 2005: Master in Pharmaceutical Sciences (VUB)

3. Relevant employment

Present employment	Scientific Institute of Public Health (WIV-ISP), Belgium Senior scientist in the Toxicology Unit
Previous relevant employment	Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Drug Analysis (VUB), Belgium PhD student in Pharmaceutical Sciences

4. Relevant fields of in-depth expertise

Area of expertise	Description
1. Human Health / Toxicology	Hazards for CLP criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skin/respiratory sensitization - Local effects (skin/eye/respiratory irritation/corrosion) - Reproductive and developmental toxicity - Carcinogenicity, Genotoxicity Assessment of endocrine disrupting properties Validation of alternative testing methods Read-across (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationships (e.g. ToxTree, Derek Nexus,

2. Exposure Assessment	OECD Toolbox) Releases of substances from articles (food contact materials)
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5. Membership of relevant professional bodies

- European Registered Toxicologist
- Member of the Workgroup 'Nutrition, Food and Health, including Food Safety' of the Belgian Superior Health Council
- Member of the steering committee of the Belgian Society of Environmental Mutagenesis (BEMS)

6. Other relevant information

- National Coordinator of the OECD Test Guidelines Programme and of the Programme on Test Methods at EU level (Regulation EC 440/2008)
- National 'single point of contact' (SPOC) for advice on the regulatory relevance and suitability of alternative approaches proposed for validation (PARERE)

An up to date list of publications can be consulted on

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Birgit_Mertens/contributions