Identifying Occupational Carcinogens: Example of an *IARC Monographs* Meta-assessment*

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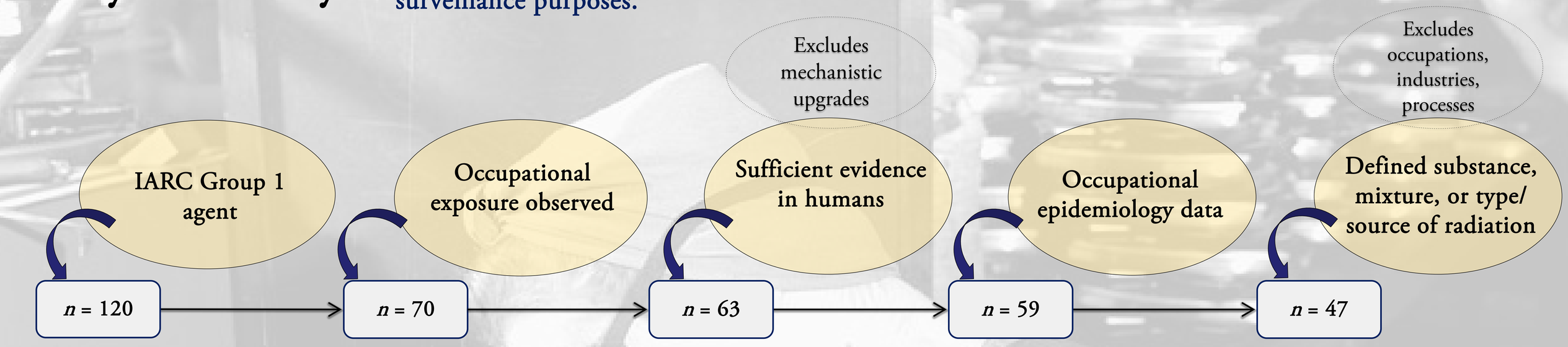
Why this study?

It is important to identify occupational carcinogens for research, prevention, compensation, and surveillance purposes.



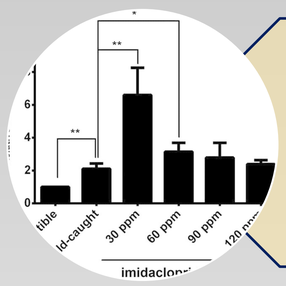
47 Occupational carcinogens identified (Volumes 1–120)

Class

Chemicals: 15
Chemical mixtures: 4
Airborne particles: 8
Airborne complex mixtures: 3
Metals & metal compounds: 5
Radiation & radionuclides: 12

Group 1 Classification
(first instance)

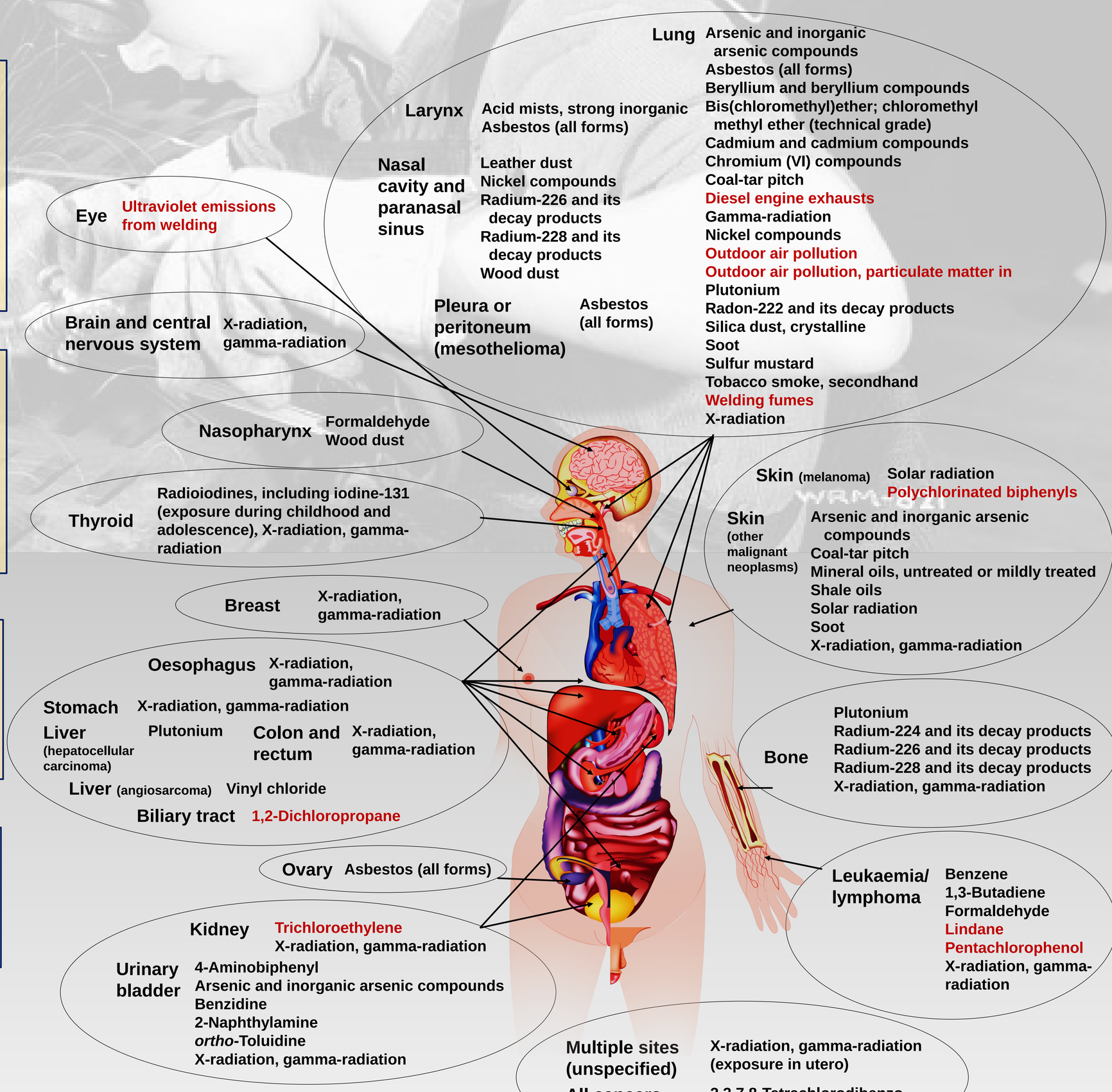
1971–1980: 11
1981–1990: 6
1991–2000: 8
2001–2010: 11
2011–2017: 11



Quantitative Exposure–Response Data Reported in Monograph: 29

Primary Exposure Route(s)

Inhalation: 34
Ingestion: 18
Dermal absorption: 4



Points to consider

- Pace of occupational carcinogen identification is increasing over time
- Many occupational exposures have not yet been evaluated for their carcinogenicity
- Improvements in study quality (e.g. reporting quantitative exposure–response data) strengthen causal inference and evaluations

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