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POSITION TITLE: Professor

EDUCATION/TRAINING (*Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.*)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
Michigan Technological University	B.S	05/1978	Chemistry
University of Toledo	M.S.	06/1980	Pharmacology
University of Kentucky	Ph.D.	12/1983	Pharmacology

#### A. Personal Statement

Obesity is a serious health condition within the United States that contributes to increasing the risk of other disease. The current statistics have reported that 33% of Americans are obese. In West Virginia the incidence of obesity is over 35%. Postmenopausal women who are obese have a higher risk of developing breast cancer. It is anticipated that almost 232,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015 and many of these individuals will be obese. The mechanism for the increased risk of cancer in obesity is not known and probably is mediated through a complex interaction of various factors. New treatment modalities are needed to address reducing the development of breast cancer.

My educational background has provided an emphasis on pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, drug metabolism and toxicology. I have published over 91 research papers, over 150 abstracts and 4 book chapters on drug pharmacokinetics, toxicity and metabolism of xenobiotics. My graduate education provided a strong background in the area of drug metabolism as well as toxicology. My graduate education included experience with measurement of drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics in cell culture, human samples as well as rodent models. I have considerable experience with HPLC analysis of drugs, biomarkers of oxidative stress, endogenous substances (prostaglandins, ADP and ATP) as well as cellular markers of toxicity. We have considerable experience examining alterations in proteins due to toxicity. My laboratory has 2 Alliance Waters HPLC systems that are dedicated to analysis of pharmaceutical agents, endogenous substances and toxins. Our laboratory is active in examination of the mechanisms of toxicity of drugs and environmental agents in vivo as well as in vitro. I have 91 research publications in the area of pharmacology and toxicology and which provides a strong expertise to direct the studies examining leucine and other amino acids in cell culture media and cell samples. The selected papers in this section depict past experience with antibiotics, HPLC analysis as well as respiratory effects of pulmonary toxins such as ozone and cigarette smoke. The papers below also demonstrate our past experience at examining post-translational modifications of proteins due to increased oxidative stress using HPLC system. I want to mention that I have been on numerous NIH study sections and have chaired more than 6 NIH study sections which reflects my competency as perceived by my professional colleagues. I also was the 2013 recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Artist and Scholars Award in Science and Technology award which is given to a faculty member as an achievement of research activity.

1. M. Valentovic, W. Lubawy. Active and passive cigarette smoking influences aortic PGI<sub>2</sub> and platelet TXA<sub>2</sub> synthesis in female rats. Res. Commun. Subst. Abuse 5(3): 233-239, 1984.
2. M.A. Valentovic, J.G. Ball and D.K. Anestis. Contribution of acetone and osmotic- diuresis to attenuation of cephaloridine nephrotoxicity by streptozotocin-induced diabetes. Toxicology 71:245-255, 1992.

3. J.L. Szarek and M.A. Valentovic. Release of prostaglandin in E2 and Leukotriene C4/D4 from airway segments isolated from rats after exposure to ozone for 20 months. Toxicology 100:111-119, 1995.
4. J.M. Brown, JG Ball, A Hogsett, T. Williams and M.A. Valentovic. Temporal study of acetaminophen (APAP) and S-adenosyl-L-methionine (SAME) effects on subcellular hepatic SAME levels and methionine adenosyltransferase (MAT) expression and activity. Toxicol Appl Pharmacol. 2010 Aug 15;247(1):1-9.

## **B. Positions and Honors**

### **Positions and Employment**

1983-1984	Postdoctoral fellow, University of Kentucky, College of Pharmacy
1984-1989	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Marshall Univ. School of Medicine
1989-1994	Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Marshall Univ. School of Medicine
1994-2016	Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Marshall Univ. School of Medicine
2016-present	Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Sciences, Marshall Univ. School of Medicine

### **Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

Society of Toxicology

American Society of Pharmacology and Experiment Therapeutics

American Society of Nephrology

2016-present	Associate Editor, Pharmacotherapy and Biomedicine
1997-present	Editorial Board, J Toxicology and Environmental Health
2002-current	Presidential Council of Alumni, Michigan Technological University
2013-present	ASPET, Division of Toxicology Communication Liaison
2016-Present	ASPET Chair Elect, Division of Toxicology
2000-2001	Society of Toxicology, In Vitro Specialty Section, Vice President Elect
2001-2002	Society of Toxicology, In Vitro Specialty Section, Vice President
2002-2003	Society of Toxicology, In Vitro Specialty Section, President
1999-2004	NIH Ad Hoc Reviewer, NCI, DIG, SBIR, Drug Development and Drug Discovery
2004-2006	Society of Toxicology, Mechanisms Specialty Section, Secretary/Treasurer
2005	NIH Reviewer NIDDK ZDK1 GRB-N (01) RFA DK-05-001 July 2005
2005-2007	NIH Ad Hoc Reviewer ZRG1 DIG-A (10)
2006-2007	NIH Chair Study Section ZRG1 DIG-A July 2006; March 2007, Nov 2007
2007	NIH Reviewer NIDDK RFA DK-06-004 April 2007
2009	NIH Reviewer NIDDK ZRG1 DKUS-E (10) B March 24-25, 2009, March 18-19
2010	NIH Reviewer NCI N01-CM-07014-39 Preclinical Pharmacokinetics
2011	NIH Reviewer NIDDK ZRG1 DKUS-E (10)B March 13-14 (Co-Chair) , July 19-20 (Chair)
2012	NIH Reviewer NIDDK ZDK1 GRB-N (M6) March 30, 2012
2013	NIH Reviewer NIDDK ZDK1 GRB-N (M2) March 13-15, 2013
2014	NIH NIDDK1 GRB-B (M1) April 25, 2014
2014	NIH NIDDK HPPP June 16-17, 2014
2014	NIH NIDDK HPPP November 4, 2014
2014	NIH NIDDK ZDK1 GRB-2 (J3) December 1, 2014
2015	NIH NIDDK 2015/08 ZDK1 GRB-B (M2) April 24, 2015
2015	NIH NIDDK ZDK1 GRB-7 (J2) November 19, 2015
2016	NIH NIDDK ZDK1 GRB-B (M1 S April 11, 2016
2016	NIH NIDDK 2017/01 ZRG1 DKUS-P (82) November 8-9, 2016
2017	NIH NIDDK ZRG1 DKUS-J (82) March 28-29, 2017
2017	NIH 2017/08 ZDK1 GRB-B (M2) S April 27, 2017
2017	NIOSH June 20-21, 2017

### **Honors**

2013	Marshall University Distinguished Artist and Scholars Award in Science and Technology
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## **C. Contribution to Science**

1. We have examined cisplatin induced renal toxicity in diabetes. We have focused on drug induced alterations mediated by cancer chemotherapy drugs. We showed that attenuation of cisplatin nephrotoxicity occurs in an experimental diabetic rat model. The first author was my graduate student who has gone on to a very

successful international industrial career. We published several studies which documented that attenuation could not be attributed to marked diuresis and was mediated by cellular mechanisms. Although increased urine output due to the diabetic condition may be a mechanism, our studies showed that glucose induced diuresis can not account for the reduced toxicity. Our studies were a collaborative effort with Dr. Bob Yokel at the University of Kentucky who assisted in measuring renal and urinary Platinum levels. Most studies prior to our publication examined longer windows or renal accumulation at 24 or 48 h and we examined much earlier levels.

- a. L.A. Scott, E. Madan and M.A. Valentovic. Attenuation of cisplatin nephrotoxicity by streptozotocin (STZ) induced diabetes. *Fundamental Appl. Toxicol.* 12(3): 530-539, 1989.
  - b. L.A. Scott, E. Madan and M.A. Valentovic. Effect of streptozotocin (STZ) diabetes, dextrose diuresis and acetone on cisplatin nephrotoxicity in Fischer 344 rats. *Toxicology* 60:109-125, 1990.
2. Examination of oxidative stress by drugs and environmental chemicals: I selected the papers in this section to highlight the antioxidant protection by RES for cisplatin nephrotoxicity. These studies show that RES preserves antioxidant enzyme activity despite exposure of renal slices to cisplatin. The co-authors on this paper include 3 undergraduates who went on to medical school as well as 2 graduate students who have graduated and are working as a hospitalist and as a toxicologist industry. The second paper focused on the oxidative stress mediated by 4-aminophenol and how addition of pyruvate to renal cortical slices reduced nephrocytotoxicity. 4-Aminophenol is a metabolite of acetaminophen and it is a byproduct of many hair dye products on the market. In excess aminophenol can induce renal toxicity. This study was part of my graduate student's dissertation. Dr. Harmon was a M.D./Ph.D. graduate and currently is a gastroenterologist in Colorado.
- a. M.A. Valentovic, J.G. Ball, J.M. Brown, M.V. Terneus, E. McQuade, S. Van Meter, H.M. Hedrick, A.A. Roy, T. Williams. Resveratrol Attenuates Cisplatin Renal Cortical Cytotoxicity by Modifying Oxidative Stress. *Toxicology In Vitro* 28:248-257, 2014.
  - b. R.C. Harmon, K.K. Kinningham and M.A. Valentovic. Pyruvate reduces 4-aminophenol in vitro toxicity. *Toxicol. Appl. Pharmacol.*, 213(2):179-86.2006.
3. Examination of post translation modifications of proteins due to oxidative stress. Our research demonstrated post-translational modifications by 4-Hydroxynonenal (4HNE) following acetaminophen overdose in mice. This paper examined oxidative stress in the liver of mice treated with acetaminophen. We have several publications regarding S-adenosylmethionine attenuation of acetaminophen hepatic toxicity. This paper explored protein carbonylation and 4-HNE adduction in hepatic tissue as well as mitochondrial and extramitochondrial samples. This paper was a collaborative effort with Dr. Serrine Lau at the University of Arizona. This paper is the first publication to identify 4-HNE adducted proteins associated with acetaminophen overdose and the specific amino acids adducted. This paper had 1 undergraduate from my laboratory as well as 2 graduate students from my lab and 2 from the U of Arizona. Coordination of this work demonstrates my ability to coordinate a study with individuals outside of our university.
- a. Brown JM, Kuhlman C, Terneus MV, Labenski MT, Lamyathong AB, Ball JG, Lau SS, Valentovic MA. S-adenosyl-l-methionine protection of acetaminophen mediated oxidative stress and identification of hepatic 4-hydroxynonenal protein adducts by mass spectrometry. *Toxicol Appl Pharmacol.* 2014 Dec 1;281(2):174-84.

#### **Complete List of Published Work in MyBibliography:**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/16KOhznM5cf58/bibliography/47561182/public/?sort=date&direction=ascending>

#### **D. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance**

##### **Ongoing Research Support**

NIH Pilot Award M. Valentovic (PI) 01/15/2017-7/31/2017

Exploration of Biomarkers of Drug induced Kidney Disease

The goal of this project is to examine potential indicators of renal damage utilizing human renal proximal tubular epithelial cells.

NIH R15 P. Dasgupta (PI) 04/01/2016-03/30/2019  
Capsaicin and Small Cell Lung Cancer Therapy.  
The goal of this study is to investigate non-pungent capsaicin derivatives potential to sensitize small cell lung cancer cells to select chemotherapy agents.  
Role: Co-Investigator

NASA Graduate WV Space Consortium Research Fellowship for Rachel Murphy 06/01/2016-05/31/2017  
Mechanisms of Oxidative Stress Associated with Tenofovir Nephrotoxicity  
The goal of this study is to investigate tenofovir renal cytotoxicity in human proximal tubular cells by focusing on mitochondrial abnormalities and oxidative stress.  
Role: PI

NASA Graduate WV Space Consortium Research Fellowship for Dakota Ward  
Valentovic (PI) 06/01/2016-05/31/2017  
Mechanism of Radiocontrast Nephrotoxicity  
The goal of this study is to characterize radiocontrast renal cytotoxicity in HK-2 human kidney proximal tubular epithelial cells.  
Role: PI

NASA Undergraduate Space Consortium Research Fellowship for Mason Dial  
Valentovic (PI) 11/01/2016-05/01/2017  
Cellular Mechanisms of Kaempferol Protection of Cisplatin Renal Cytotoxicity  
The goal of this study is to investigate whether renal cisplatin cytotoxicity is reduced by kaempferol. Additional goals are to examine the mechanism of protection.  
Role: PI

### **Completed Research Support**

NASA Graduate WV Space Consortium Research Fellowship for Rachel Murphy  
Valentovic (PI) 06/01/2015-05/31/2016  
Tenofovir Induced Nephrotoxicity, A Mechanistic Study  
The goal of this study was to characterize the renal toxicity of the antiviral tenofovir in HK-2 cells.  
Role: PI

NIH R15CA161491-01A1 Dasgupta (PI) 07/01/2012-06/30/2015  
Capsaicin and Small cell Lung Cancer Therapy  
My primary responsibility was to design, conduct and analyze the capsaicin pharmacokinetic studies in tumor bearing mice. Analysis has already been verified using HPLC with an electrochemical detector.  
Role: Co-Investigator

Marshall Health Translational Grant Program Valentovic (PI) 01/01/2013-01/31/2015  
Prenatal Exposure to Heavy Metals and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons alter Umbilical Cord Blood Levels of thyroid Hormone and Vitamin D  
Goal is to analyze human umbilical cord samples between urban and rural babies for metals and DNA-PAH adducts. We are also assessing Vitamin D status with RUCA zip codes to evaluate potential health risks between urban and rural births.  
Role: PI

WV Rural Health Care Grant Valentovic (PI) 01/01/2013-07/31/2014  
Urban and Rural Differences in Prenatal Exposure to Metals and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons  
Goal is to analyze human umbilical cord samples between urban and rural babies for metals and DNA=PAH adducts.  
Role: PI

Flight Attendants Medical Research Association (FAMRA) 07/01/2009-06/30/2014  
Title: Nicotine impact on lung cancer cells  
Responsibility for experimental design and analysis of substances released by the lung in response to nicotine  
Role: Co-Investigator

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Rankin (PI)

09/24/2009-09/24/2012

West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE)

Mechanism of Resveratrol reduction of Cisplatin Renal Toxicity

Goal of this project is to characterize resveratrol attenuation of cisplatin renal toxicity. Further studies are exploring the cellular mechanism of resveratrol protection and reduction of oxidative stress mediated by cisplatin in the kidney.

Role: Project Director