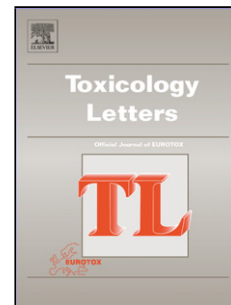


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Highlights

- > We developed an easy-to-use organophosphate skin disclosure kit.
- > The kit is highly sensitive, generic, rapid, of small dimension and weight.
- > The kit allowed the detection of low concentrations of the nerve agent VX (200 ng) on rat skin.
- > The kit enables the early diagnosis of skin exposure by (persistent) organophosphates.

Abstract

Various organophosphorus compounds (OP), primarily the nerve agent VX and other V-agents, are highly toxic to humans after skin exposure. Percutaneous exposure by such OP results in a delayed onset of toxic signs which enables the initiation of specific countermeasures if contamination is detected rapidly.

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