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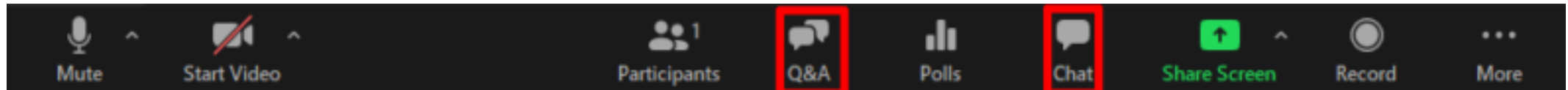
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# Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Key Findings on Laboratory Study of Chemicals in Nail Products
- Questions and Answers
- Closing Remarks





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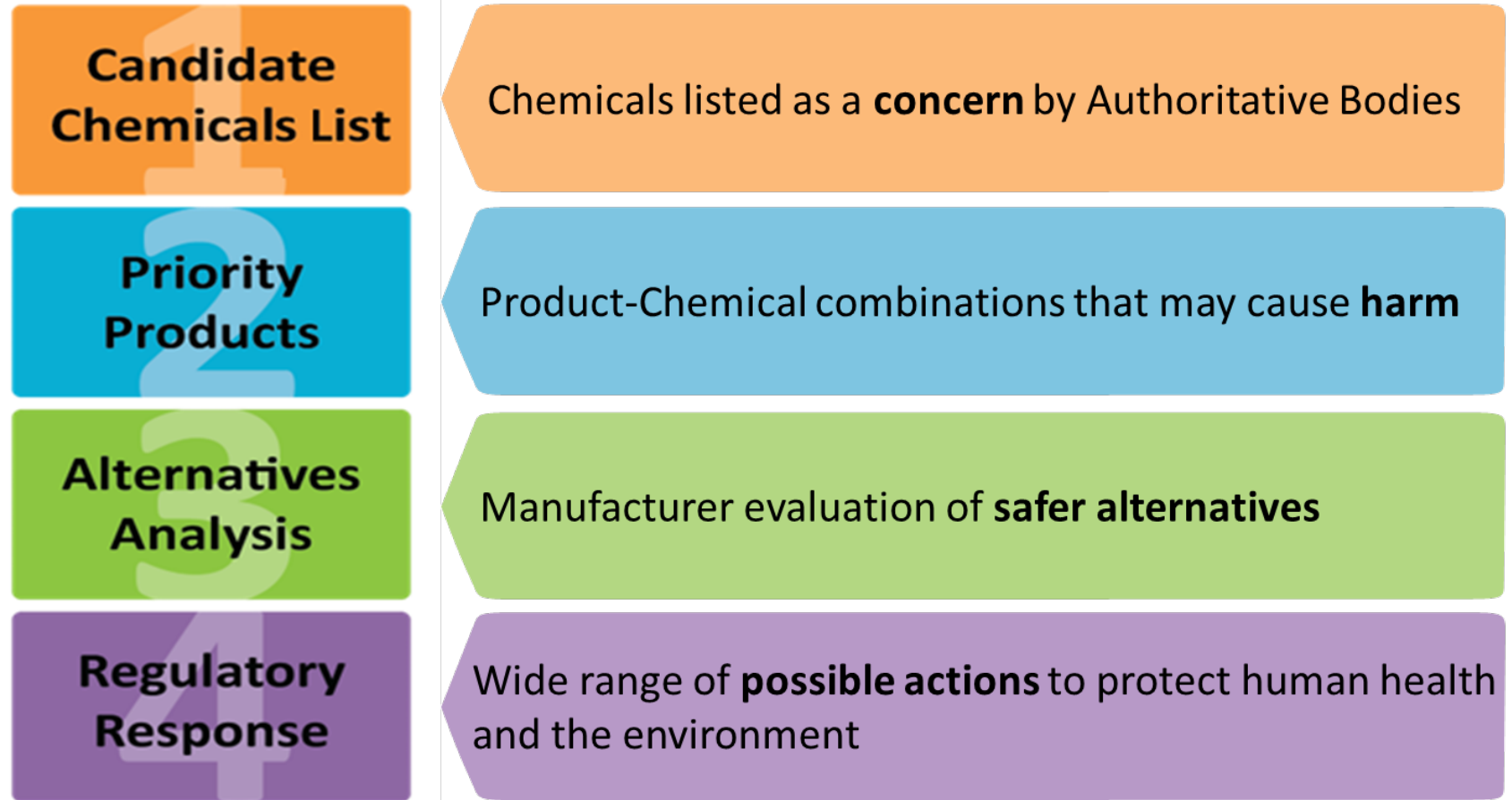
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# Overview

- SCP Regulatory Framework
- DTSC's Nail Product Efforts
- Summary of Key Findings from Laboratory Study
- Questions and Answers



# Safer Consumer Products (SCP) Regulatory Framework



SCP website:

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/scp/>



# DTSC's Nail Product Efforts

- Tested nail products (2012)
  - [DTSC tested limited number of nail products](#)
- Evaluated chemicals in nail products (2016 – 2021)
  - [Screening research](#) and [information call-in](#)
- Priority Products
  - [Nail products containing toluene \(adopted January 1 2023\)](#)
  - [Nail products containing methyl methacrylate \(proposed\)](#)
  - Nail products containing triphenyl phosphate (proposed)



# Goals of Laboratory Study

1. Measure chemicals in both retail and professional-use nail products
2. Follow up on DTSC's 2012 nail product study
3. Potentially identify additional Priority Products





# Research Questions

1. What were the detection frequencies and concentrations of Candidate Chemicals in different nail products?
2. Do nail product labels accurately identify ingredients?
3. Do nail polishes categorized as professional or retail and by price contain different Candidate Chemicals or concentrations?



## Research Questions (cont.)

4. What Candidate Chemicals are detected in products marketed to children or marketed as safe for children?
5. Have retail stores met their public commitments not to sell nail products with certain chemicals?



# How Were Products Chosen?

- Include wide variety of product types
- Represent professional and retail use
- Price
- Explore various marketing claims
- Marketed to children or as safe for children

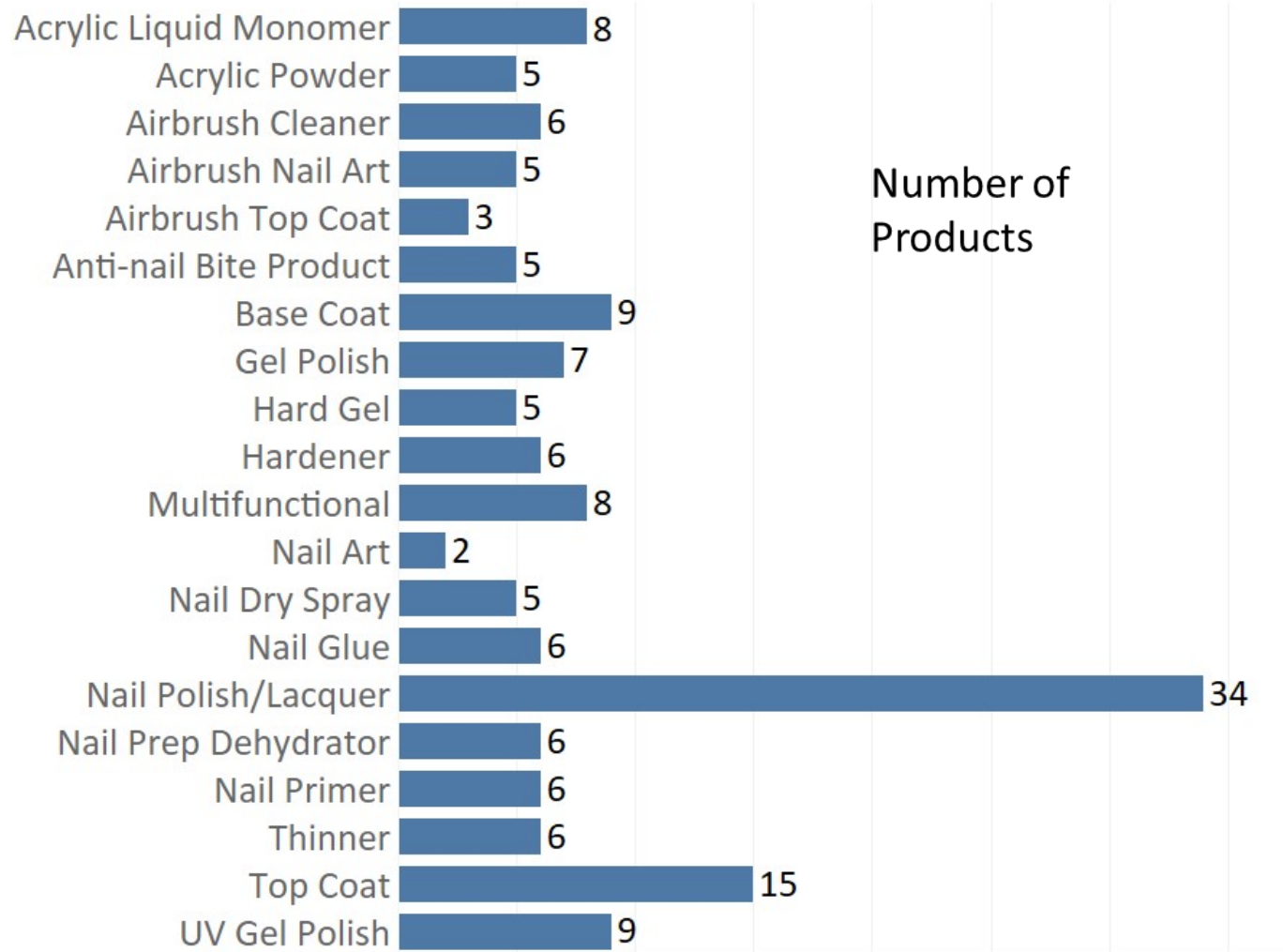


## How Were Products Chosen? (cont.)

- Ability to answer research questions
- Suggestions from stakeholders
- Review of ingredient labels
- Include products tested in DTSC's 2012 study
- Availability



# Product Types



# Analysis

- 156 different nail products
- 52 target analytes
- Instrumentation
  - Gas chromatography/  
mass spectrometry (GC/MS)



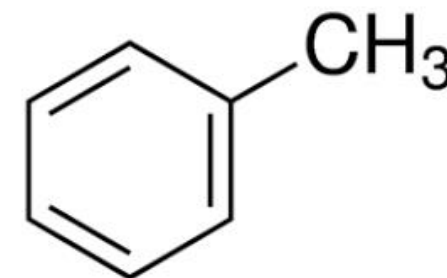
# Overview of Results

- Quantified **29** different target analytes, of which **24** were Candidate Chemicals
- Tentatively identified an additional **154** compounds, of which **23** were Candidate Chemicals



# Toluene Detections

- Detected in **27** samples
- 31 – 187,000 µg/mL



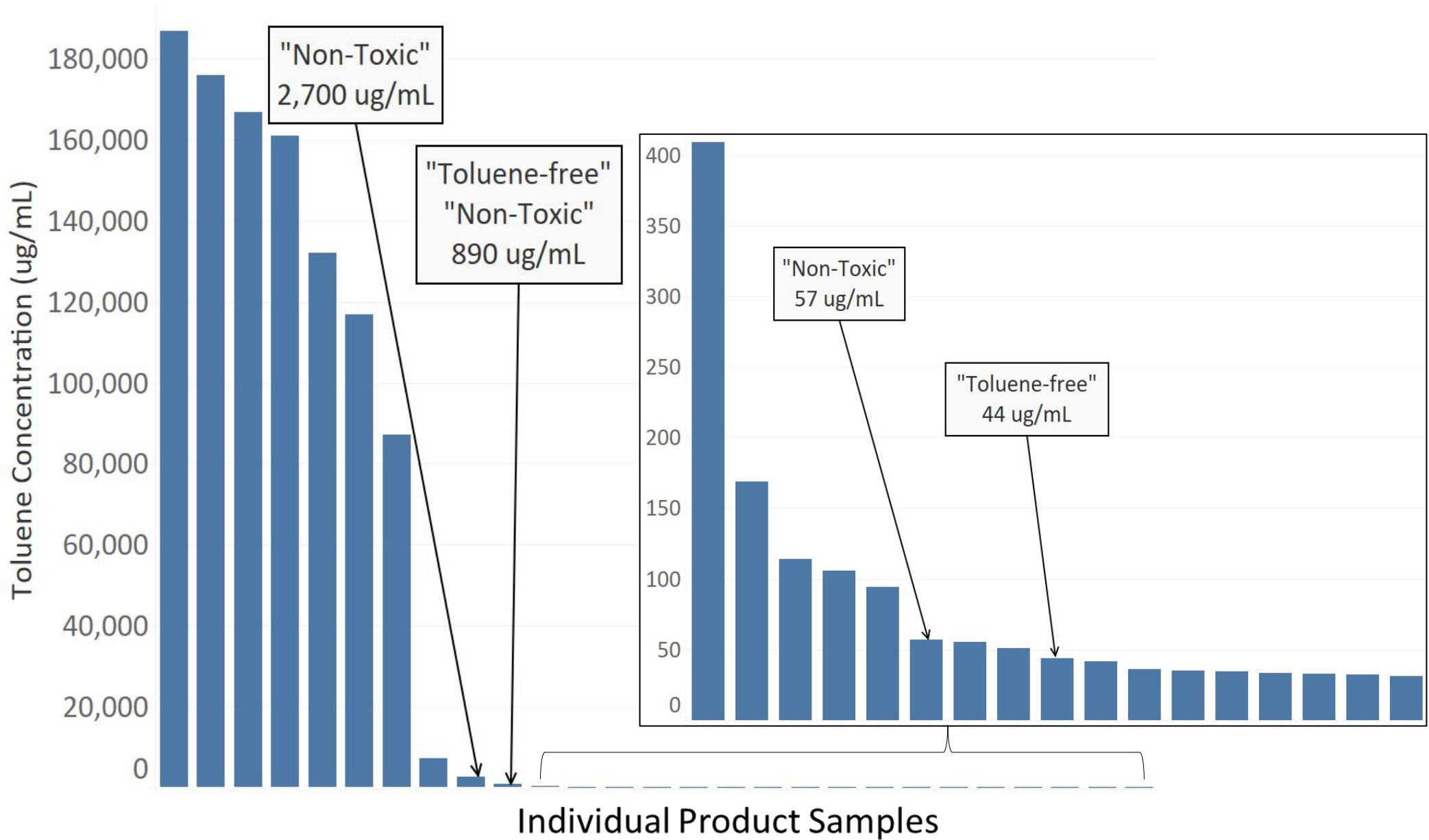
Product Type	Concentration Range (µg/mL)
Airbrush Top Coat	117,000 – 187,000
Hardener	161,000
Thinner	167,000 – 176,000
Top Coat	87,200 – 132,000

Product Type	Number of Products
Top Coat	5
UV Gel Polish	3
Multifunctional	3



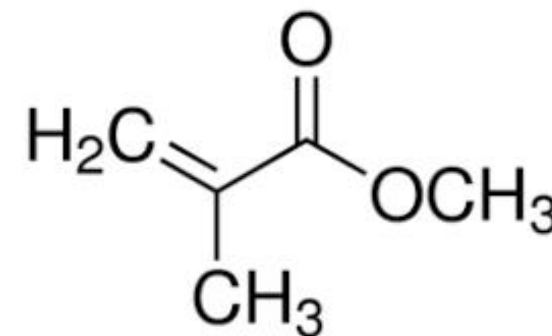


# Toluene Detections



# Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) Detections

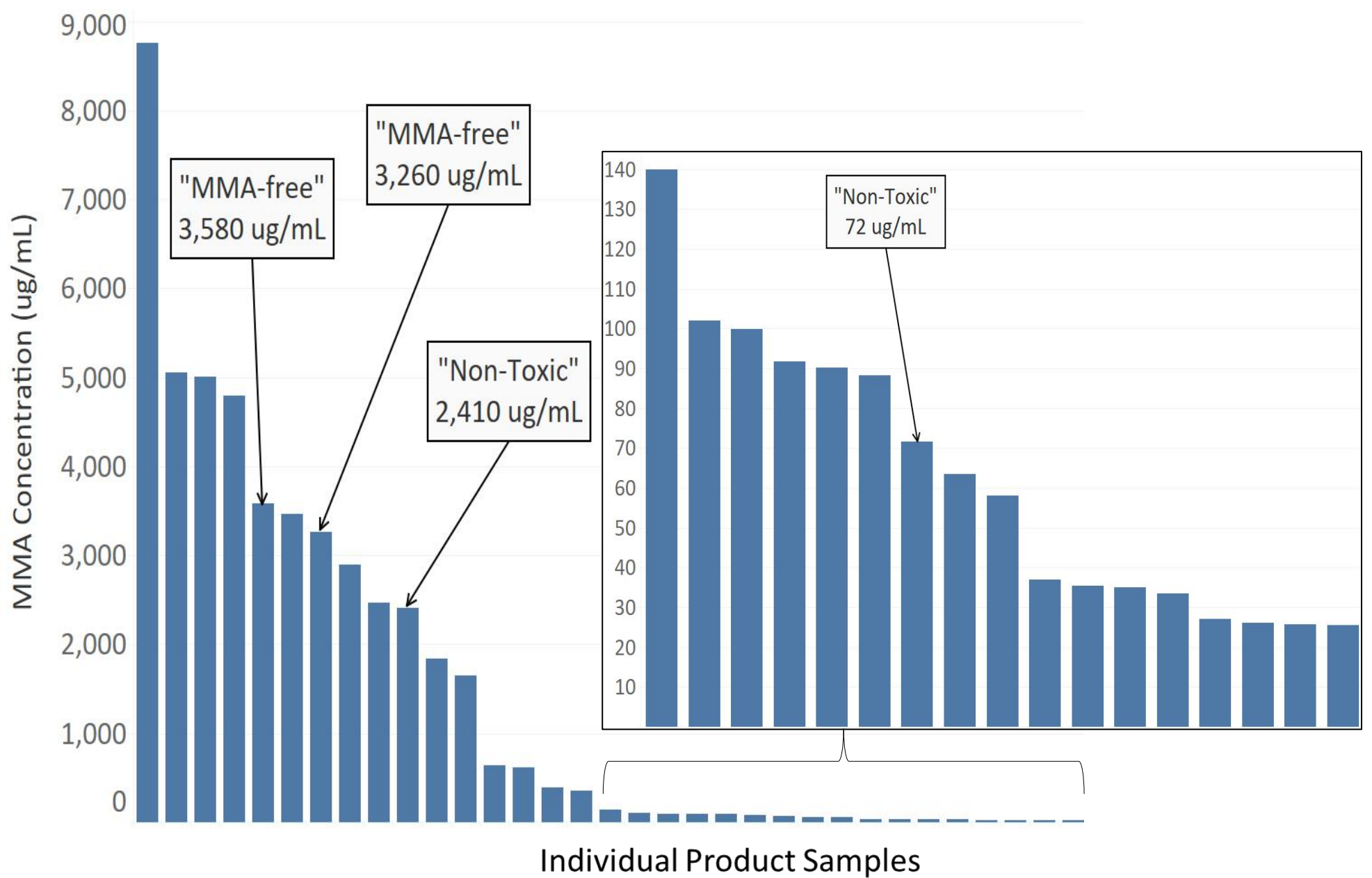
- Detected in **33** samples
- 26 – 8,760 µg/mL
- 38 – 450 µg/g in acrylic powders



Product Type	Concentration Range (µg/mL)
Acrylic Liquid Monomer	1,650 – 8,760
Airbrush Top Coat	2,470
Anti-nail Bite Product	2,410
Multifunctional	4,800

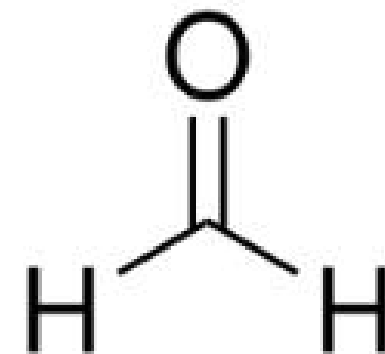


# MMA Detections



# Formaldehyde Detections

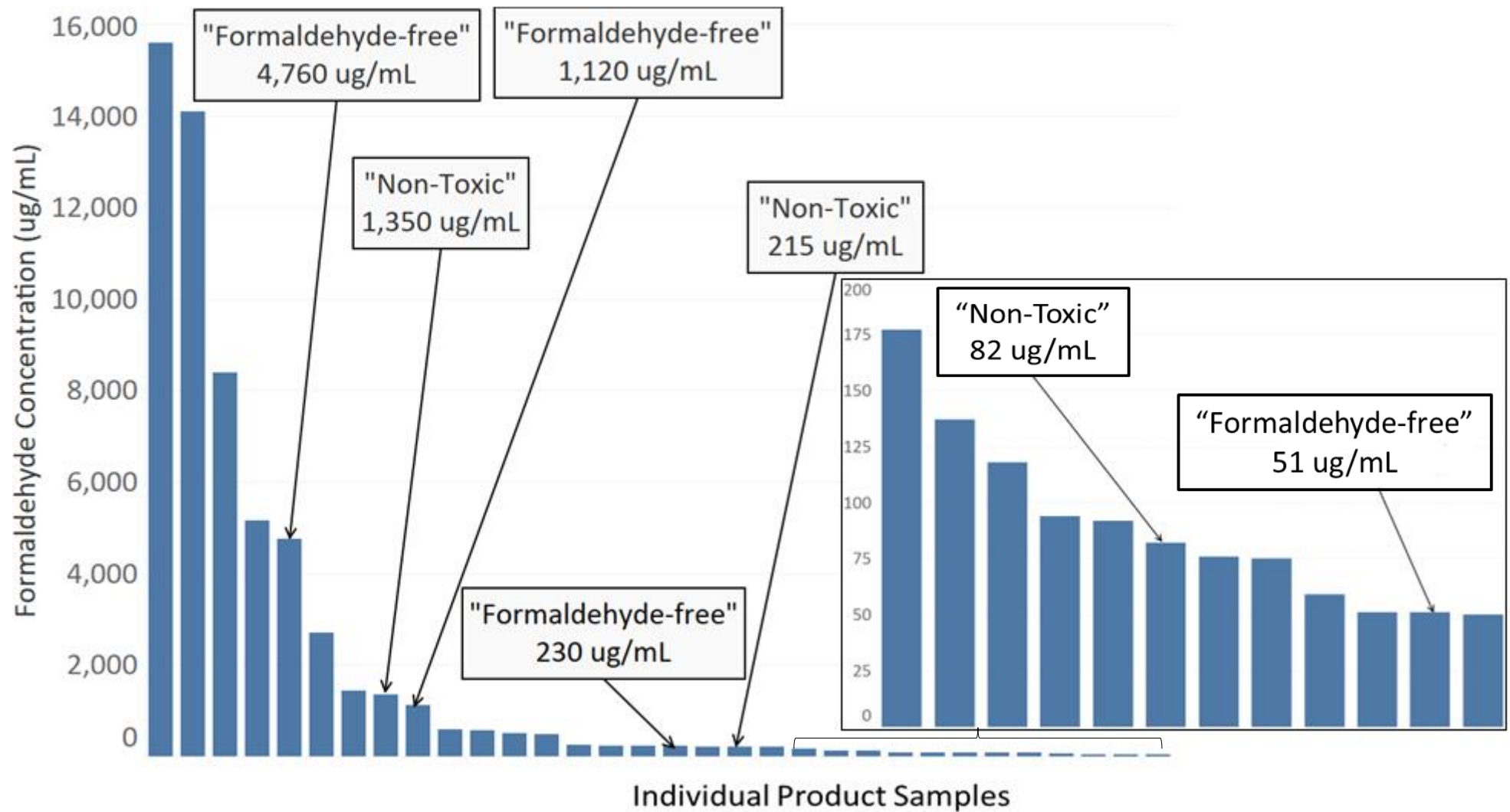
- Detected in **35** samples
- 50 – 15,600 µg/mL
- 110 – 230 µg/g in acrylic powders



Product Type	Concentration Range (µg/mL)
Nail Hardener	15,600



# Formaldehyde Detections



# Other Candidate Chemical Detections

Chemical Name	Number of Products
Ethyl acetate	112
Acetone	92
1-Butanol	85
Isopropyl alcohol	82
Acetonitrile	23
Triphenyl phosphate (TPhP)	16



# Tentatively Identified (TIC) Candidate Chemicals

## Volatile Organic Compounds

Chemical Name	Number of Products
Heptane	7
Acrylonitrile	3
Isopropyl benzene	3
Methyl acrylate	3
Butane	3
Isobutane	2
Ethyl acrylate	2

Chemical Name	Number of Products
n-Hexane	2
Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4)	1
1,2-Dichloroethane	1
Vinyl acetate	1
1-Butanol	1
2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	1



# Tentatively Identified Candidate Chemicals

## Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds

Chemical Name	Number of Products	Chemical Name	Number of Products
Isophorone diisocyanate	9	Diethylene glycol dimethyl ether	1
Phthalic anhydride	5	Oxybenzone	1
Ethylene glycol monobutyl ether	3	Pyromellitic dianhydride	1
Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5)	3	$\alpha$ -Methyl styrene	1
Ethyl methanesulfonate	2	Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4)	1





# Comparison of TIC Data with Ingredient Labels

- Candidate Chemical TICs\*
  - **18 out of 23** were not listed on ingredient labels
- Non-Candidate Chemical TICs\*
  - **105 out of 131** were not listed on ingredient labels

\*TIC: Tentatively Identified Compound

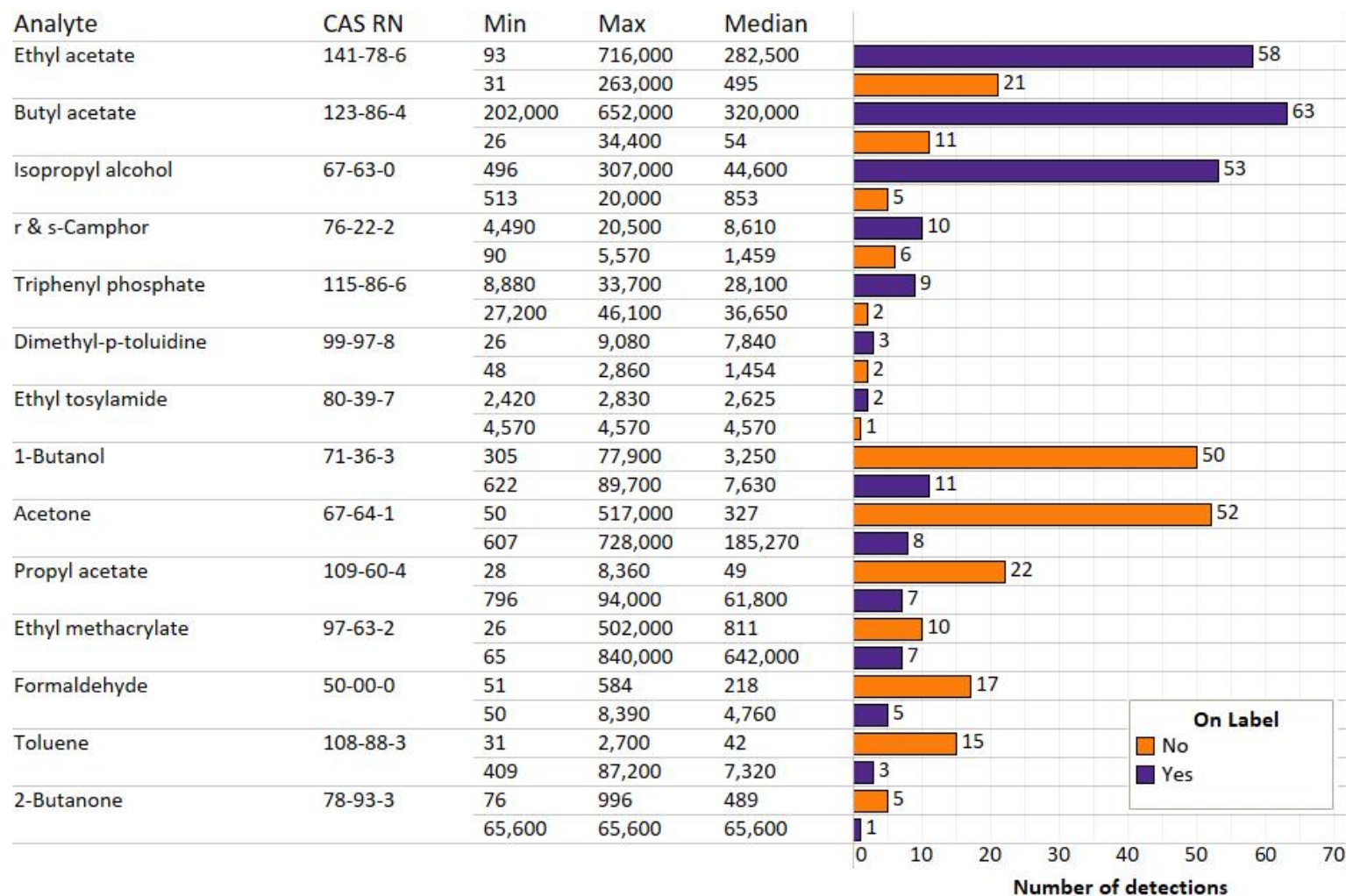


# Nail Products Marketed to Children

- **17** products marketed for use by children
- Detected **15** Candidate Chemicals
  - Example: N-Methyl pyrrolidone (NMP)
    - Detected in two nail polishes marketed to children
    - NMP is a developmental and reproductive toxicant



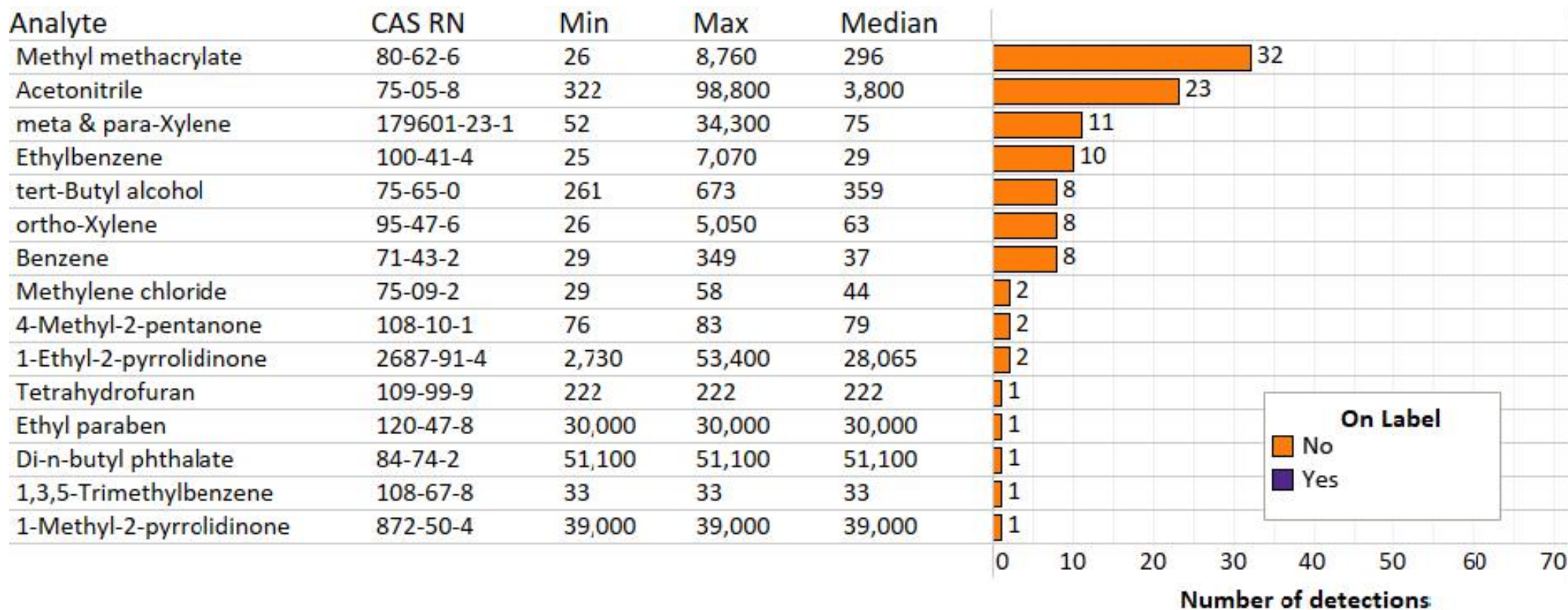
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Concentrations for each target analyte are in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$



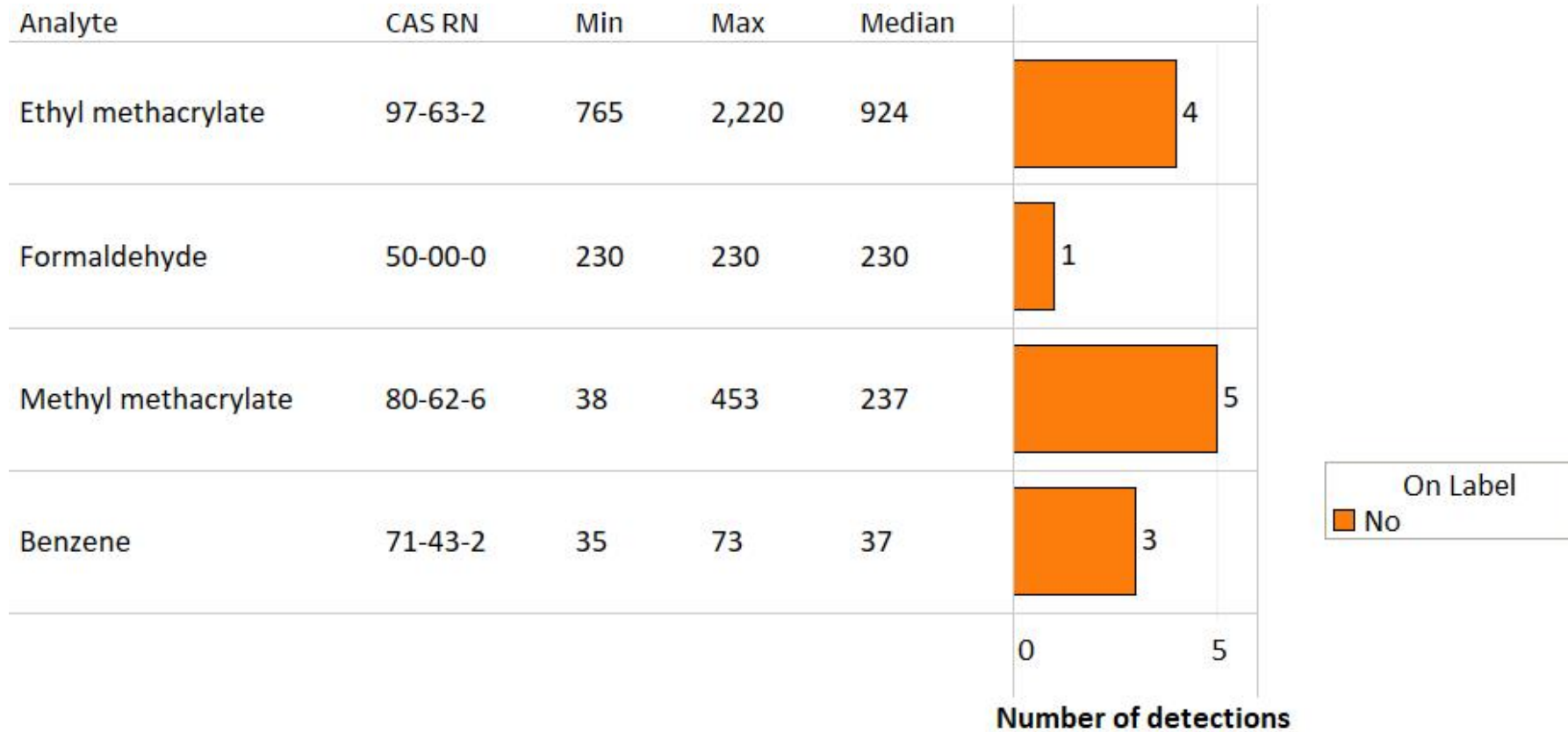
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# Do Nail Polishes Categorized as Professional or Retail Contain Different Candidate Chemicals or Concentrations?

- Categorized products as “Professional” or “Retail”
- Only included nail polish/lacquers, top coats, hardeners, and multifunctional products
  - Classified as solvent-based nail coatings
- Compared median concentrations and detection frequencies



# Do Nail Polishes Categorized as Professional or Retail Contain Different Candidate Chemicals or Concentrations? (cont.)

- Chemicals with five times difference in median concentrations between “Professional” and “Retail”
  - Propyl acetate
  - MMA
  - N-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone (NEP)
  - Toluene



# Comparison of Chemical Concentrations





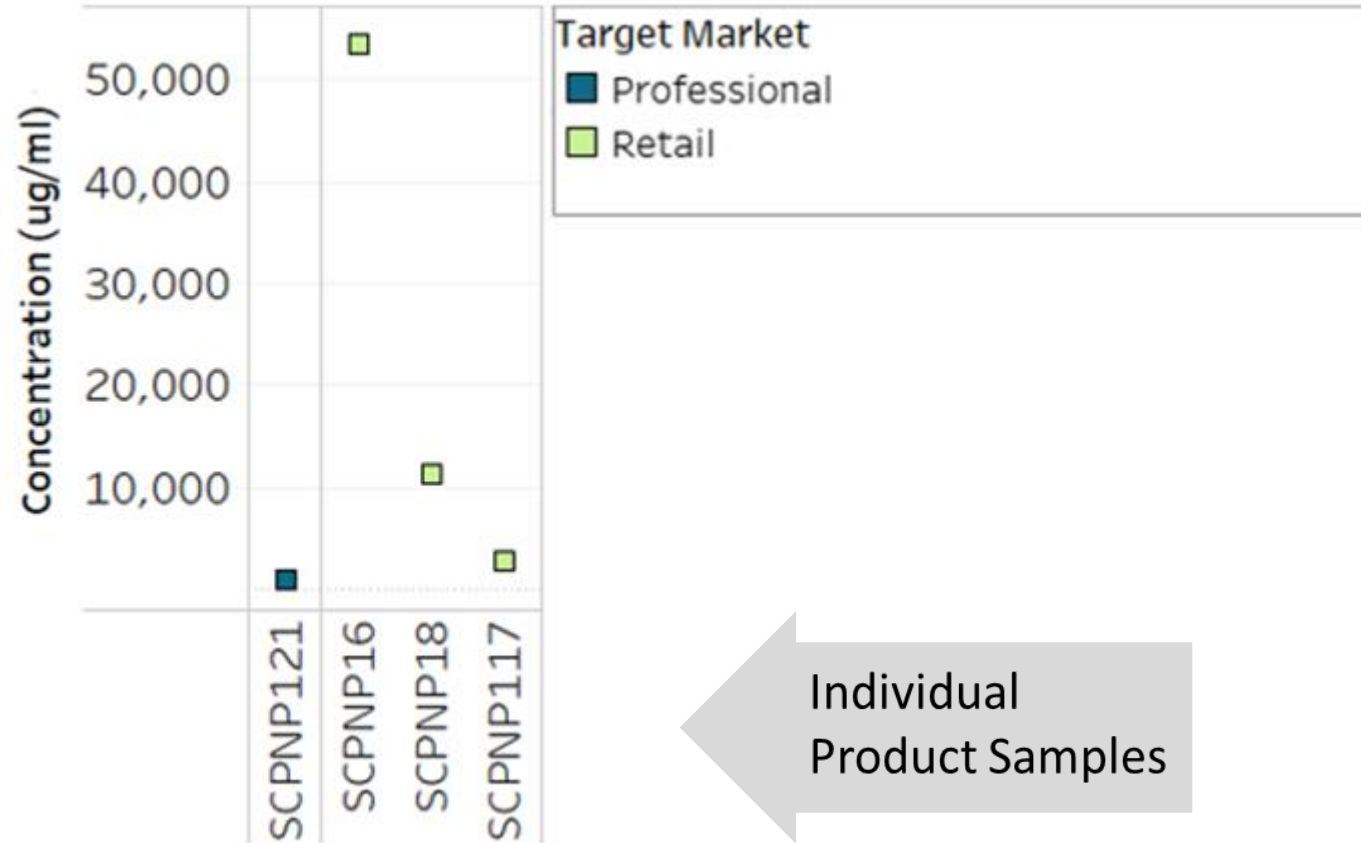
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Methyl methacrylate (MMA)



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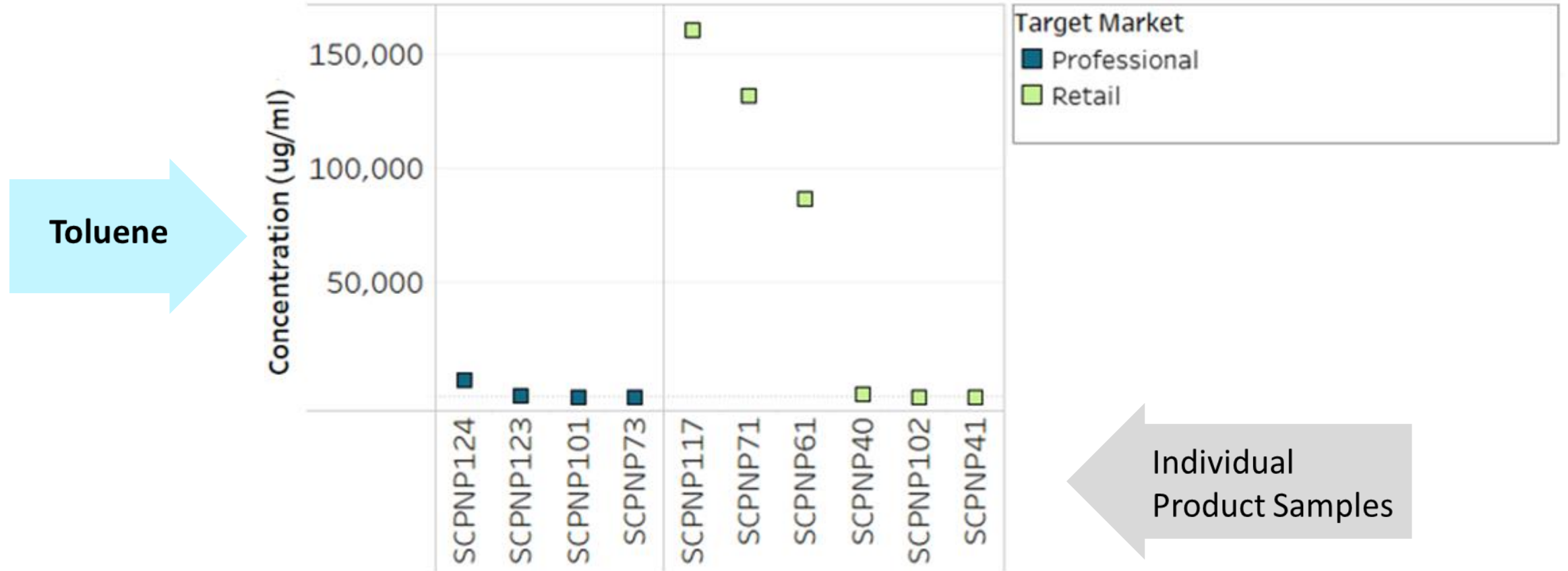
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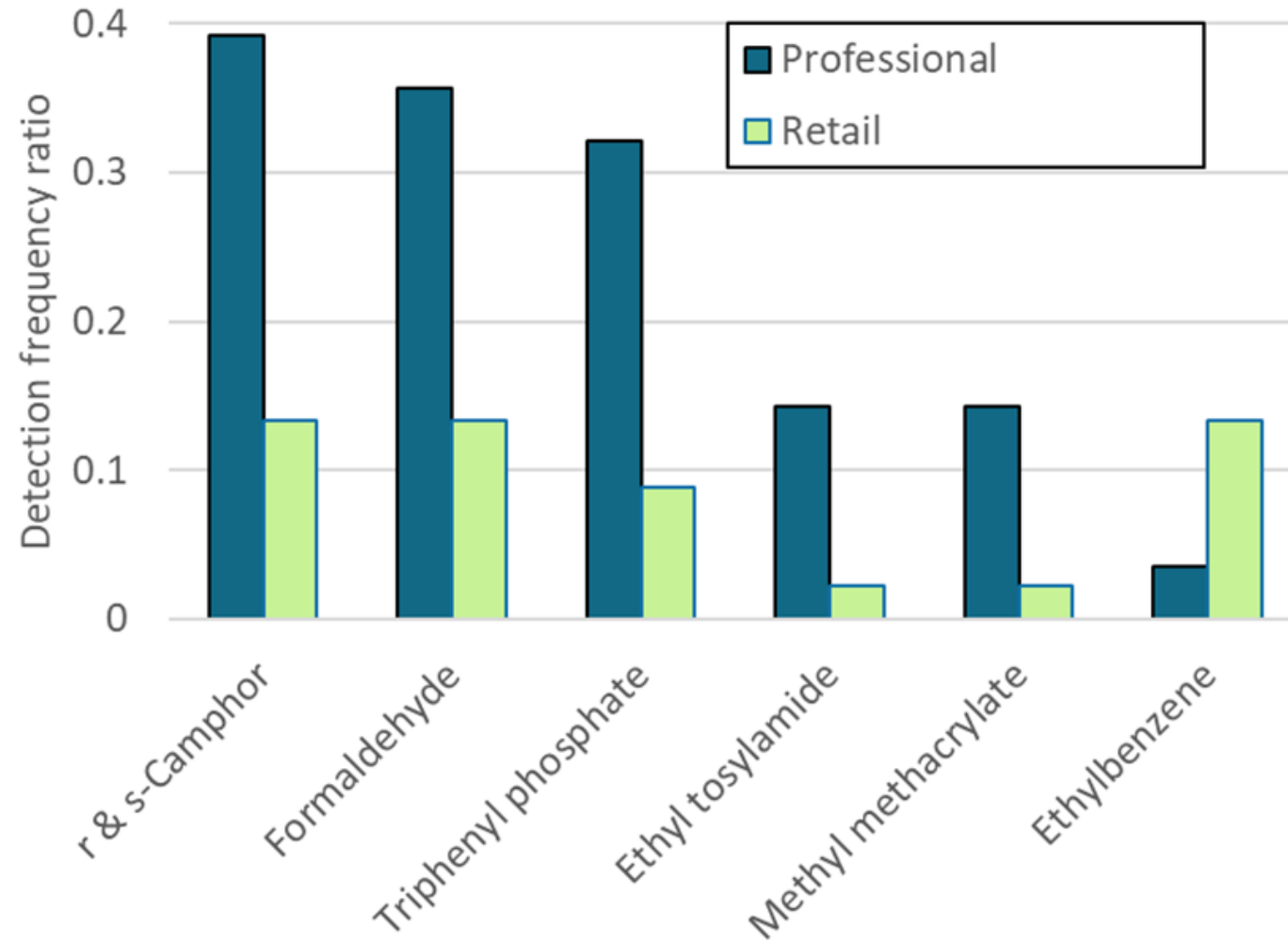
Individual Product Samples



# Comparison of Chemical Concentrations (cont.)



# Comparison of Detection Frequencies



# Do Nail Polishes Categorized by Price Contain Different Candidate Chemicals or Concentrations?

- Categorized products by price:
  - low-price (< \$5)
  - mid-price (\$5 - \$15)
  - high-price (> \$15)
- Limited analysis to solvent-based nail coatings
- Compared median concentrations and detection frequencies



# Do Nail Polishes Categorized by Price Contain Different Candidate Chemicals or Concentrations? (cont.)

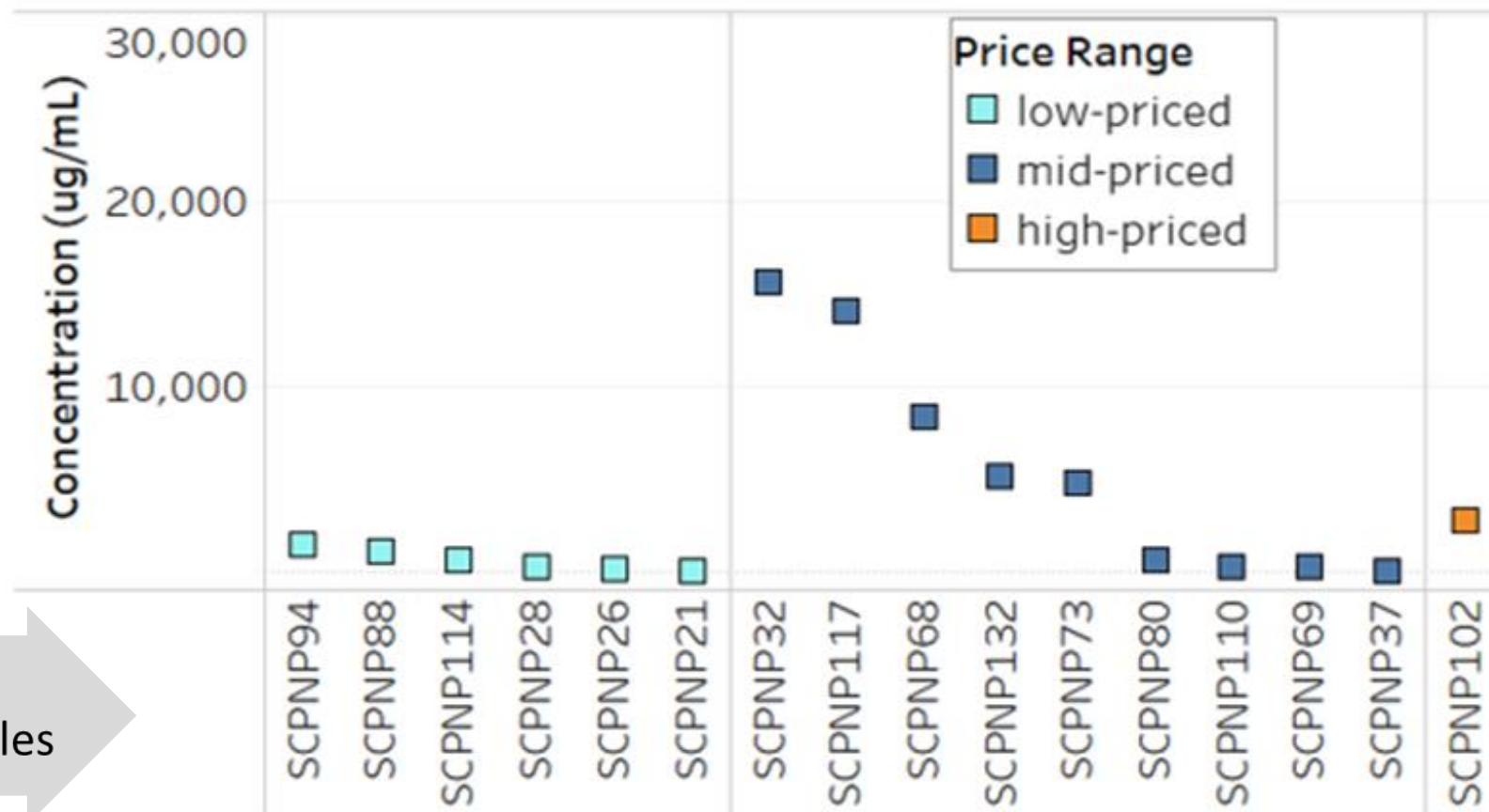
- Chemicals with five times difference in median concentrations between low-priced, mid-priced, and high-priced
  - Formaldehyde
  - N-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone (NEP)
  - Toluene
  - Ortho-xylene



# Comparison of Chemical Concentrations

Formaldehyde

Individual Product Samples



# Comparison of Chemical Concentrations (cont.)

N-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone  
(NEP)

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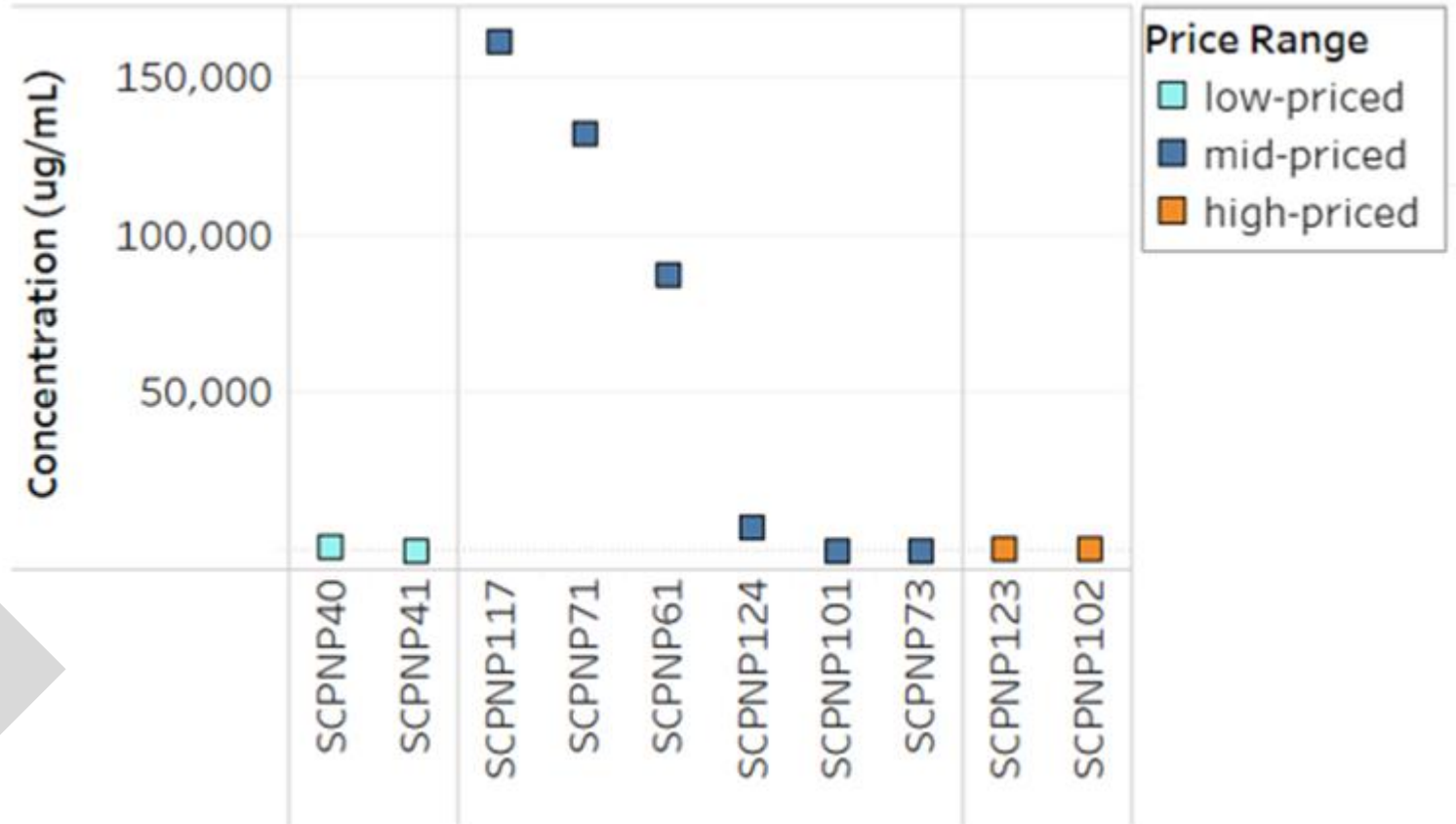




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Toluene

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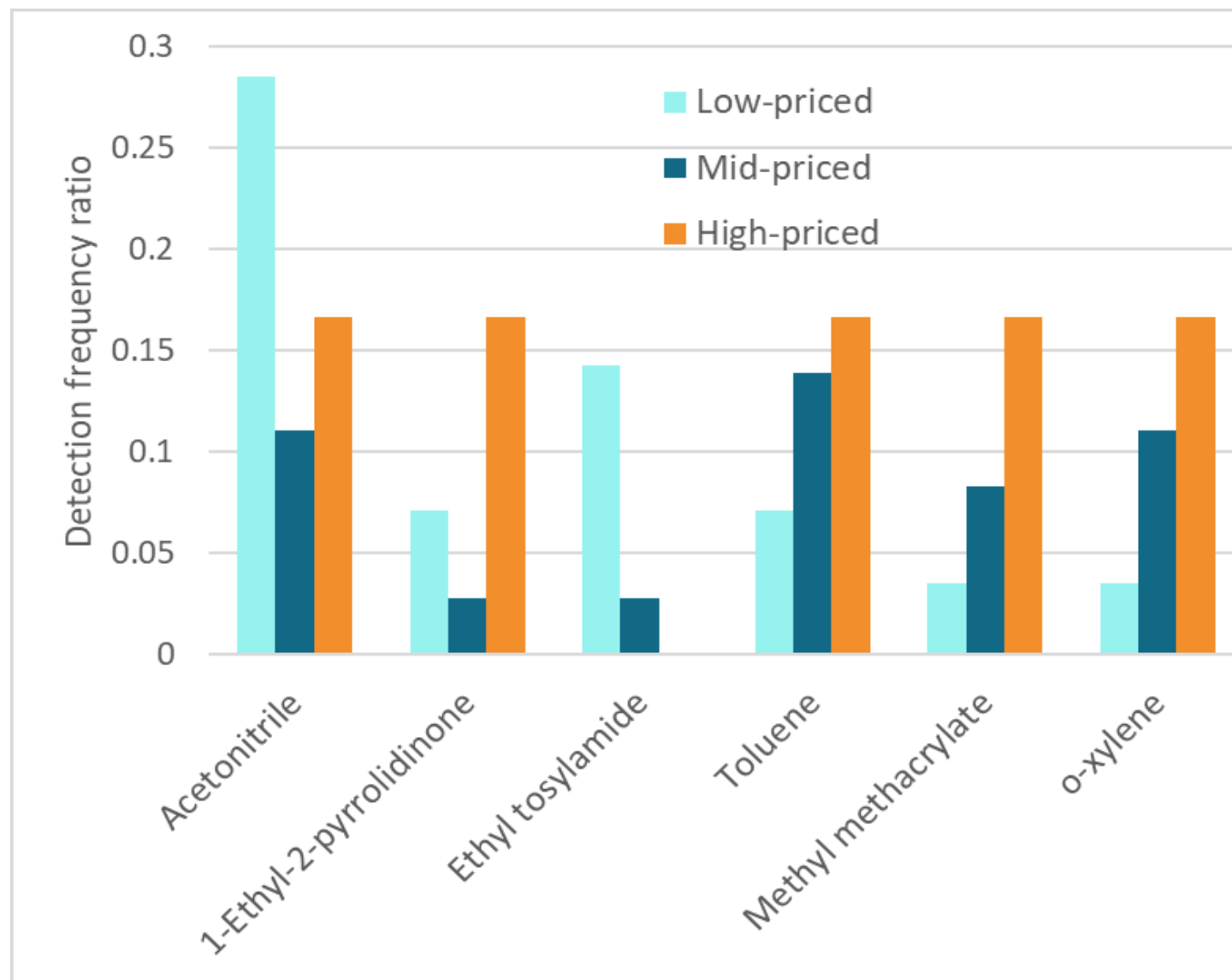
# Comparison of Chemical Concentrations (cont.)

o-Xylene

Individual Product Samples



# Comparison of Detection Frequencies



# Have Retail Stores Met Their Public Commitments to Not Sell Nail Products with Certain Chemicals?

- Compared the chemical policies of only Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Dollar Tree
  - Formaldehyde, Toluene, and Dibutyl phthalate
- In general Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Dollar Tree met their chemical policies for nail products



# Summary

- Marketing claims and ingredient labels continue to be inaccurate
- Nail products marketed to children contain various Candidate Chemicals
- Distinct differences found in Candidate Chemical detections in solvent-based nail coatings categorized by price and as professional or retail



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