

The University of Hertfordshire Veterinary Substances DataBase - Terms and Conditions of Use

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Lewis, K.A., Tzilivakis, J., Warner, D. and Green, A. (2016). An international database for pesticide risk assessments and management. *Human and Ecological Risk Assessment: An International Journal*, **22**(4): 1050-1064. DOI: 10.1080/10807039.2015.1133242

When referring to wild bee toxicity data, the below may be more appropriate:

Lewis, K.A. & Tzilivakis, J. (2019). Wild bee toxicity data for pesticide risk assessments. *Data*, **4**(3): 98. DOI: 10.3390/data4030098

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Obtaining a copy of the MS Access database

The database can also be obtained as an MS Access file on request. This is useful for persons working off-line or for direct linking to third-party software. Please contact us if you wish to integrate the VSDB into your computerised tools as this will be subject to a modest licence fee to cover the production and updating costs. The actual cost will depend upon the intended use of the data and the amount of data required. When contacting us please provide the following information:

- Intended purpose of the data (e.g. in-house proposes, research project, commercial application, etc.).
- What data is required (all or specific sub-set?).
- Whether or not regular updates are required.
- Your contact details.

You will be required to sign a licence agreement and, in some cases, the licence may be time limited. The licence will prohibit the transfer of the data to third parties and use of the database must be acknowledged (see above).

We also offer an updating service. We can provide updates on demand at a one-off cost or we can set up updating agreements whereby a new version of the database is provided at regular intervals over a one or two year period at a fixed and pre-agreed price.

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