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Task Description:	<p>The anthropomorphic test devices (ATD) – the Hybrid III and THOR (Test Device for Human Occupant Restraint) – currently available to test the Occupant Protection requirements, are not well correlated to low injury risk, as these ATDs were designed for automotive use. Automotive research is directed at preventing severe injuries in very low probability events. NASA vehicles require a lower risk of injury because the vehicles will land every time, making that a high probability event. The objective of this study is to develop injury risk functions for the Hybrid III and THOR ATDs. Matched-pair tests between postmortem human surrogates (PMHS) and each ATD will be used to determine ATD-specific injury criteria. The merit of the matched-pair design is the one-to-one correspondence of the results from external loads to both surrogates. Injury outcomes from PMHS tests will be used with region-specific data, such as forces and moments either individually or in combination, to derive ATD-specific injury criteria.</p> <p>Specific Aims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify appropriate datasets for ATD comparison 2. Test Hybrid III 50th percentile male and THOR in same conditions as historical testing 3. Use historical human data to establish tolerance and injury risk focusing on lateral responses and sex differences 4. Use Bayesian analysis combined with survival analysis along with human tolerance to estimate injury risk. Use results of prior data mining and existing literature as prior distribution 5. Develop new Injury Assessment Reference Values (IARVs) based on the new statistical analysis <p>Historical human data will be selected from the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) database. The data will be selected based on loading dynamics and subject demographics. Once these data are selected, the Hybrid III 50th percentile male and THOR ATDs will be tested in identical conditions. A Bayesian analysis along with survival analysis will be used to relate the resulting ATD responses to improve injury risk predictions. The results of the Occupant Protection (OP) Data Mining and Modeling Task will be used as prior distributions.</p>
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	<p>This task meets the criteria for a Directed Task due to schedule constraints and the requirement of using the same test facilities used in the original human testing. Based on the approved Path to Risk Reduction, this task is required to be completed by the end of FY17 in order to meet the Orion schedule for EM-2. Because of this accelerated schedule, there is insufficient time to solicit this work. In addition, the testing in this task must be conducted to best replicate the original human test conditions. Because of this, testing will need to be conducted at the original test facility, excluding the ability to solicit the work.</p>
Research Impact/Earth Benefits:	<p>The outcome of this research will be improved Injury Assessment Reference Values (IARVs) for Anthropomorphic Test Devices or crash test dummies. By improving the quality of IARVs at low severity impacts in multiple directions, automotive vehicle designers can create safer cars and trucks and have the tools needed to show that a design is actually safer.</p>
Task Progress:	<p>Specific Aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify appropriate datasets for ATD comparison. Work started in February 2016. Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is currently selecting appropriate match-pair datasets from their test laboratory. Datasets selected include those eliciting low level Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) injuries in the neck and include a high number of female test data to allow study of sex differences in injury outcome. 2. Test Hybrid III 50th percentile male and THOR in same conditions as historical testing. MCW is documenting match-pair tests already completed with the Hybrid III ATD and determining what tests will be required to supplement the existing Hybrid III dataset. The OP team is drafting a Space Act Agreement (SAA) with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to use the THOR ATD for testing at MCW. 3. Use historical human data to establish tolerance and injury risk focusing on lateral responses and sex differences. This work will begin after match-pair testing is complete. 4. Use Bayesian analysis combined with survival analysis along with human tolerance to estimate injury risk. Use results of prior data mining and existing literature as prior distribution. This work will begin after match-pair testing is complete. 5. Develop new Injury Assessment Reference Values (IARVs) based on the new statistical analysis. This work will begin after match-pair testing is complete.
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