

## Monsanto, expert witness spar over validity of IARC's glyphosate-cancer finding

An agricultural economist refuted [Monsanto](#)'s assertion that the International Agency for Research on Cancer "cherry picked" studies to conclude that Monsanto's herbicides cause cancer, testifying during a landmark California jury trial [July 27th] that the IARC based its findings on sound science.

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...Charles Benbrook told a 16-member jury that the IARC based its findings on [peer-reviewed] studies, in which "the science is transparent." Meanwhile, regulatory agencies largely base their findings...on studies conducted by the registrant of the pesticide at issue, which in this case is Monsanto. Benbrook said there were 17 scientists who reached the IARC finding and they weren't financially tied to the outcome of the studies.

"They had no dog in the fight," he said. "They were a group of scientists."

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Monsanto's defense team has repeatedly characterized the agency as an outlier, arguing that its findings differ from those of European and American regulatory agencies, which found the chemical wasn't dangerous.

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During cross-examination, Benbrook conceded that there are "many different sources of science," and regulatory agencies can't review all of them.

"There is a lot of science going on around the world and it wouldn't surprise me if any regulatory agency wouldn't know about all of it," he said.

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