
Introduction and Public Health Impact of Chemically Induced ACD

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Welcome to NIH: The Nation’s Biomedical Research Agency

- Mission: Science in the pursuit of fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems, and the application of that knowledge to extend healthy life and to reduce the burdens of illness and disability
- 27 Institutes and Centers
- 31.2 $ Billion Budget (FY10)
  - 83% awarded in 50,000 grants
  - 3,000 universities, medical schools, international research organizations
    - All 50 states and 90 countries
What is NICEATM?

- The National Toxicology Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods

- A Center of the U.S. NTP, headquartered at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), NIH, DHHS
  - NIEHS is one of the 27 NIH Institutes and Centers
  - NIEHS is the headquarters for the NTP, which coordinates toxicity testing programs across the federal government
  - Located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

- Administers and provides scientific support for the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM)

- Conducts international validation studies
What is ICCVAM?

- The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods was established by the NIEHS in 1997
- Members represent the heads of 15 U.S. Federal regulatory and research agencies
- Duties include:
  - Advising on test method development and validation
  - Conducting technical reviews of new safety testing methods
  - Transmitting formal recommendations to Federal agencies
  - Promoting regulatory acceptance of valid methods
  - Fostering national and international harmonization
- Began as ad hoc committee, 1994
- Standing committee, 1997
  - Permanent committee under NICEATM
## The 15 ICCVAM Member Agencies

### Regulatory Agencies (7)
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Department of Agriculture\(^1\)
- Department of the Interior\(^1\)
- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency\(^1\)
- Food and Drug Administration\(^1\)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration

### Research Agencies (8)
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health-CDC
- National Cancer Institute
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- National Library of Medicine
- National Institutes of Health
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy

\(^1\) Also has research component
ICCVAM’s Mission

- To facilitate and promote development, validation and regulatory acceptance of new and revised regulatory test methods that
  - Reduce, refine, and replace the use of animals in testing
  - Maintain and promote scientific quality and the protection of human health, animal health, and the environment

- Critical role in translating science from the bench to public health practice

- Together with NICEATM, provides the translation infrastructure for validation, evaluation, and regulatory acceptance

1Adopted by ICCVAM February 2004. All of ICCVAM’s activities are grounded in the U.S. Principles for the Utilization and Care of Vertebrate Animals Used in Testing, Research, and Training. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/references/phspol.htm#USGovPrinciples
NICEATM and ICCVAM Progress

- 37 alternative safety testing methods accepted/endorsed by U.S. regulatory agencies since 1999
- Recommendations for R&D, translation, and validation activities to further advance methods
- International guidances
  - Five new or updated test guidelines for ocular safety and ACD testing adopted by OECD 2009-2010
- International partnerships:
  - International Cooperation on Alternative Methods (ICATM): Japan, Europe, Canada, and Korea
NICEATM-ICCVAM Five-Year Plan: 2008-2012

Areas of Emphasis:
- Priority test method activities with the greatest 3Rs impact
  - ACD testing
  - Ocular safety testing
  - Biologics testing
  - Acute toxicity testing
- Application of new science and technology
- Partnerships
- International cooperation

Available at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm
Why Evaluate the Skin Sensitization Potential of Chemicals and Products? - 1

- ACD is a significant public health problem
  - ACD accounts for more than 7 million outpatient visits each year\(^1\)
  - 12% (8.9 million) of children in the United States had ACD in 2009\(^2\)
  - More than 3700 substances have been identified as contact allergens\(^3\)

1 Allergy Principles and Practice. 5th Edition, 1998. See [http://www.aafa.org/display.cfm?id=9&sub=30#_ftn4](http://www.aafa.org/display.cfm?id=9&sub=30#_ftn4)
Why Evaluate the Skin Sensitization Potential of Chemicals and Products? - 2

- Occupational skin diseases, including ACD, comprise at least 15% of all reported occupational diseases, and is the most common type of occupational illness¹

- 20% of occupational skin dermatitis cases are ACD²

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¹ BLS. 2010. Available at [http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/osh/os/charts2009/charts.htm#Figure3](http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/osh/os/charts2009/charts.htm#Figure3)

² NIOSH. 2010. Available at [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/skin/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/skin/)
Common Allergens

- Most frequent positive ACD reactions in 4454 patients with suspected ACD for 65 substances tested in 13 dermatology centers (North American Contact Dermatitis Group 2005-2006)

- American Contact Dermatitis Society named neomycin Contact Allergen of the Year in 2010

![Frequency of Positive Response (%)](image)

Why Regulate Products That Cause ACD?

- Prognosis may be poor\(^1\)
  - Thus, prevention of ACD is crucial

- Regulatory authorities worldwide require testing for ACD potential and appropriate hazard labeling to prevent exposure

## Legislation and Regulatory Protocol Requirements for Skin Sensitization Testing

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### Guidelines for Skin Sensitization Testing

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<td>EPA</td>
<td>Health Effects Test Guidelines OPPTS 870.2600 Skin Sensitization (2003)</td>
<td>The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention provides guidelines for skin sensitization testing that harmonizes EPA test guidelines under TSCA and FIFRA. Includes LLNA, guinea pig maximization test (GPMT), and Buehler test (BT)</td>
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Abbreviations: BT = Buehler test; EPA = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; FIFRA = Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act; GPMT = guinea pig maximization test; LLNA = murine local lymph node assay; ISO = International Organization for Standardization Organization; OECD = Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS = Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances; TG = Test Guideline.
Why Seek Alternatives to Traditional ACD Tests?

- **Potential to Reduce** animal use: one of the four most commonly required chemical safety tests
  - Requires more animals per test than any other acute safety test

- **Potential to Refine** animal use: positive results in guinea pig tests (guinea pig maximization test and Buehler test) involve painful skin reactions

- **Potential to Replace** animal use:
  - To address pending EU ban on the use of animals for safety testing of cosmetic ingredients and products in the EU: 2013 deadline for skin sensitization; just extended
  - To incorporate advances in science and technology to develop more accurate and faster safety testing methods
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<td>LLNA nominated to ICCVAM for evaluation as a stand-alone test method for ACD testing by Drs. Gerberick, Kimber, and Basketter</td>
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<td>Public LLNA Peer Review Panel Meeting</td>
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<td>Apr 2002</td>
<td>OECD adopted Test Guideline (TG) 429 Skin Sensitisation: Local Lymph Node Assay</td>
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<td>Mar 2003</td>
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<td>Jan 2007</td>
<td>Nomination from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for LLNA review activities: LLNA applicability domain, reduced LLNA, nonradioactive LLNA methods, and use of LLNA to determine relative potency</td>
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<td>Mar 2008</td>
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<td>NICEATM receives additional information and data relevant to the LLNA applicability domain and nonradioactive methods</td>
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<td>Second Public LLNA Peer Review Panel meeting</td>
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<td>Publication of Recommended Performance Standards for the LLNA and rLLNA Test Method Evaluation Report</td>
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<td>Oct 2009</td>
<td>OECD Expert Consultation Meeting on proposed updates to TG 429 and new TG proposals for two nonradioactive LLNA methods</td>
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<td>Jun 2010</td>
<td>Publication of Test Method Evaluation Reports for the LLNA applicability domain, LLNA: DA, and LLNA: BrdU-ELISA</td>
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<td>OECD adopts revised TG 429 for the LLNA and two new nonradioactive protocols, TG 442A for the LLNA: DA and TG 442B for the LLNA: BrdU-ELISA</td>
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<td>Publication of Test Method Evaluation Report for use of the LLNA to determine potency categorization of chemicals</td>
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Application of New Science and Technology: High Throughput Screening

- NIH (NIEHS and NHGRI), EPA, and FDA are collaborating to use the NIH Chemical Genomics Center: “Tox 21”
  - Robotic quantitative high-throughput in vitro screening (HTS)
  - ToxCast™: 600 assays
- Using 10,000 chemicals used to identify toxicity pathways
- NICEATM-ICCVAM Involvement
  - >900 ICCVAM reference chemicals nominated for inclusion
  - ACD hazard testing data for many of these reference substances
  - ICCVAM considers and nominates in vitro assays for HTS
  - Expect in vitro test methods incorporating pathway-based biomarkers to emerge for safety testing
NIH Regulatory Science Program

- Interagency partnership between National Institutes of Health and the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to foster regulatory science

- Specialized and inter-disciplinary area of biomedical research that serves to generate new knowledge and tools for assessing experimental therapies, preventives, and diagnostics

- Accelerate development and use of new tools, standards and approaches to efficiently develop products and to more effectively evaluate product safety, efficacy and quality

- Four grants announced September 27, 2010
  - $9.34M US awarded over 3 years
  - Co-funded by NIH Common Fund\(^1\) and U.S. FDA

\(^1\)http://commonfund.nih.gov/regulatoryscience/
Future Integrated Strategies: Potential Sources of Data and Information

Integrated ACD Hazard Assessment

- Physicochemical Properties
- Toxicogenomic Data
- Structural Alerts/QSAR
- Test Results for Similar Substances
- Other Computational Models
- Animal Toxicity Data
- In Vitro Data/HTS
- Human Data
  - Accidental exposures
  - Ethical studies


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