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# **Non-Animal 6-Pack for Pesticide Testing: Update**

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# Agencies that Use Acute Oral Toxicity Data



**Hazard**



- I ( $\leq 50\text{mg/kg}$ )
- II ( $>50 \leq 500\text{mg/kg}$ )
- III ( $>500 \leq 5000\text{mg/kg}$ )
- IV ( $>5000\text{mg/kg}$ )



**Hazard**



Highly toxic ( $\leq 50\text{mg/kg}$ )

Toxic ( $>50-5000\text{mg/kg}$ )



**Packing Group**



- I ( $\leq 5\text{mg/kg}$ )
- II ( $>5 \leq 50\text{mg/kg}$ )
- III ( $>50 \leq 300\text{mg/kg}$ )
- IV ( $>300 \leq 2000\text{mg/kg}$ )



**Hazard**

**GHS**



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### Status of acute systemic toxicity testing requirements and data uses by U.S. regulatory agencies



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# Predictive Models for Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity

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Predictive models for acute oral systemic toxicity: A workshop to bridge the gap from research to regulation



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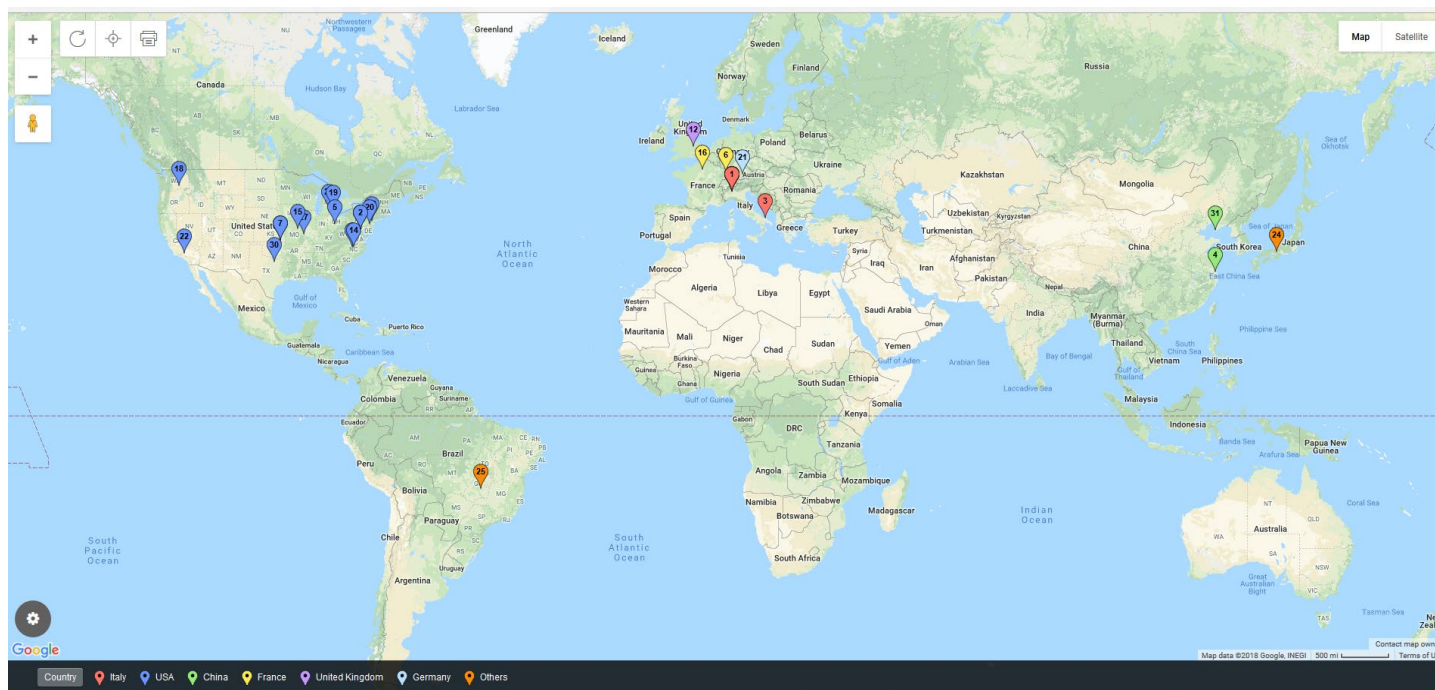
- April 2018 workshop at NIH, USA
- <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/tox-models>



## Consortium Comprised 35 Participating Groups

- Very Toxic: 32 models
- Non-toxic: 33 models
- EPA categories: 26 models
- GHS categories: 23 models
- LD50: 25 models

**Total: 139 models**



- Models were qualitatively and quantitatively assessed and combined into consensus models



# Predictive Models for Acute Toxicity: Performance vs Animal Data



Rat Oral LD50: Reproducibility

Consensus Model Performance (Tr/Ts Avg)

	Sensitivity	Specificity	BA	Sensitivity	Specificity	BA
VT	63%	99%	81%	77%	95%	86%
NT	96%	82%	89%	82%	92%	87%
EPA	74%	91%	82%	62%	94%	78%
GHS	66%	92%	79%	54%	92%	73%


	R2	RMSE	R2	RMSE
LD50	0.8	0.42	0.74	0.42

# Availability of Collaborative Acute Toxicity Modeling Suite (CATMoS)

- Consensus models for acute oral toxicity
- Implemented in OPERA v2.1; available on the NIEHS GitHub repository (<https://github.com/NIEHS/OPERA/releases>). Two versions:
  - Graphical user interface: [OPERA2.1\\_UI\\_win\\_web.zip](#)
  - Command line interface: [OPERA2.1\\_CL\\_win\\_web.zip](#)
- Predictions on US EPA's CompTox Chemicals Dashboard (<https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard>) in the future
- Manuscript to be submitted for publication this Spring




Model	Property
AOH	Atmospheric Hydroxylation Rate
BCF	Bioconcentration Factor
BioHL	Biodegradation Half-life
RB	Ready Biodegradability
BP	Boiling Point
HL	Henry's Law Constant
KM	Fish Biotransformation Half-life
KOA	Octanol/Air Partition Coefficient
LogP	Octanol-water Partition Coefficient
MP	Melting Point
KOC	Soil Adsorption Coefficient
VP	Vapor Pressure
WS	Water solubility
RT	HPLC retention time



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## OPERA models for predicting physicochemical properties and environmental fate endpoints

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## Recent Updates:

- Structural properties
- pKa
- Log D
- ER activity (CERAPP)  
(<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/15-10267/>)
- AR activity (CoMPARA)  
(<https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.19612.80009>,  
<https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.21850.03520>)
- Acute toxicity (CATMoS)  
(<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comtox.2018.08.002>)

# Acute Dermal Pesticide Formulation Toxicity Testing

- Collaboration between EPA & NIEHS/NICEATM
- Analyze the relative contribution of data from acute oral and dermal toxicity tests to pesticide hazard classification and labelling
- Collected acute dermal and oral lethality data from rat studies with pesticide formulations
- EPA intends to expand the dermal waiver guidance to include technical ingredients (drafted and under review)



**US Environmental Protection Agency  
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**Guidance for Waiving Acute Dermal Toxicity Tests for Pesticide  
Formulations & Supporting Retrospective Analysis**

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### Alternative approaches for acute inhalation toxicity testing to address global regulatory and non-regulatory data requirements: An international workshop report



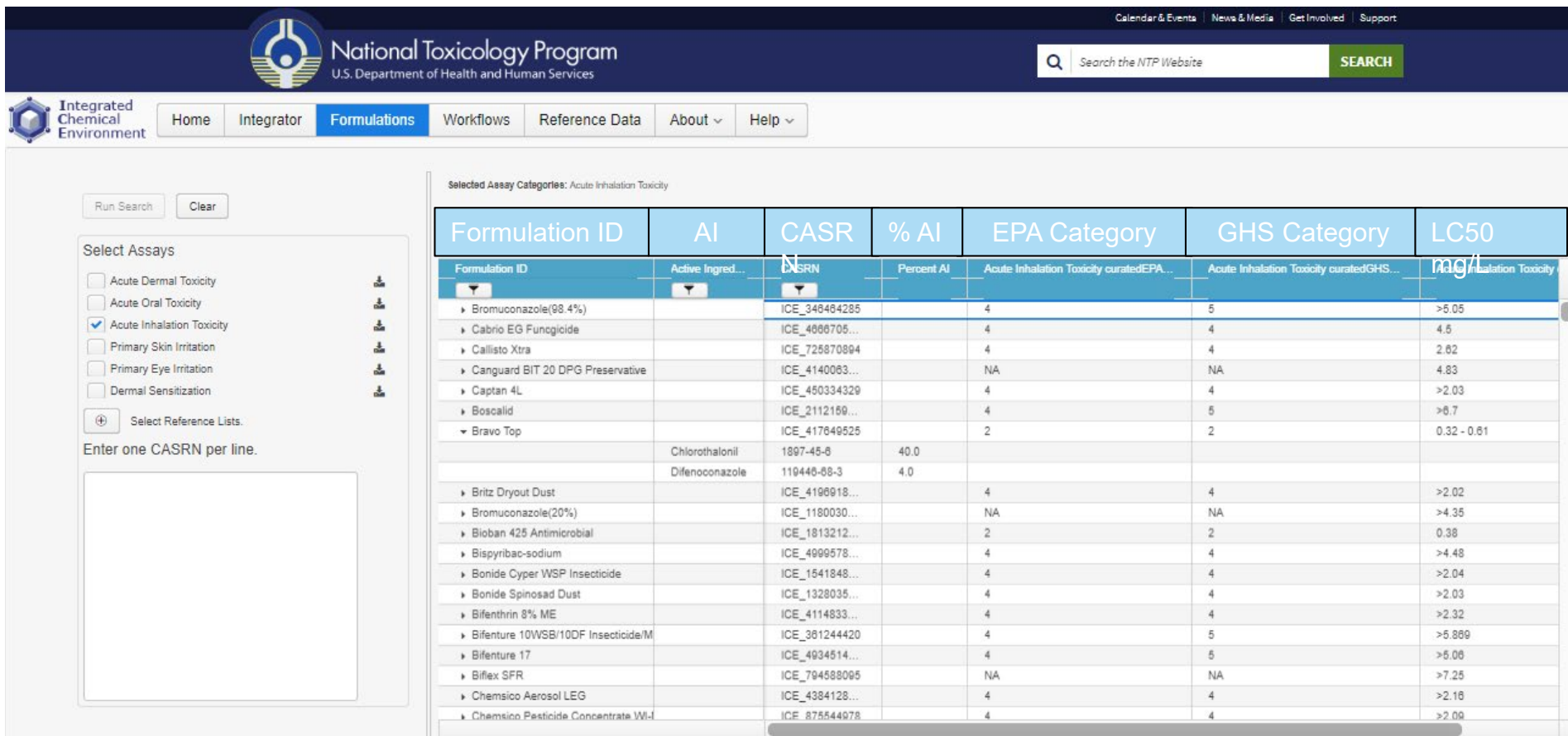
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- Workshop on Alternative Approaches for Acute Inhalation Toxicity Testing
- Co-organized by the PETA International Science Consortium and NICEATM





# Establish a Database of Existing Acute Inhalation Toxicity Data



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- ☐ Acute Dermal Toxicity
- ☐ Acute Oral Toxicity
- ☒ Acute Inhalation Toxicity
- ☐ Primary Skin Irritation
- ☐ Primary Eye Irritation
- ☐ Dermal Sensitization

Select Reference Lists.

Enter one CASRN per line.

Selected Assay Categories: Acute Inhalation Toxicity

Formulation ID	AI	CASRN	% AI	EPA Category	GHS Category	LC50
Formulation ID	Active Ingre...	CASRN	Percent AI	Acute Inhalation Toxicity curatedEPA...	Acute Inhalation Toxicity curatedGHS...	mg/L Acute Inhalation Toxicity
▶ Bromuconazole(98.4%)		ICE_348464285		4	5	>5.05
▶ Cabrio EG Fungicide		ICE_4666705...		4	4	4.5
▶ Callisto Xtra		ICE_725870894		4	4	2.82
▶ Canguard BIT 20 DPG Preservative		ICE_4140063...		NA	NA	4.83
▶ Captan 4L		ICE_450334329		4	4	>2.03
▶ Boscalid		ICE_2112159...		4	5	>6.7
▼ Bravo Top		ICE_417649525		2	2	0.32 - 0.61
	Chlorothalonil	1897-45-6	40.0			
	Difenoconazole	119446-68-3	4.0			
▶ Britz Dryout Dust		ICE_4196918...		4	4	>2.02
▶ Bromuconazole(20%)		ICE_1180030...		NA	NA	>4.35
▶ Bioban 425 Antimicrobial		ICE_1813212...		2	2	0.38
▶ Bispyribac-sodium		ICE_4999578...		4	4	>4.48
▶ Bonide Cyper WSP Insecticide		ICE_1541848...		4	4	>2.04
▶ Bonide Spinosad Dust		ICE_1328035...		4	4	>2.03
▶ Bifenthrin 8% ME		ICE_4114833...		4	4	>2.32
▶ Bifenture 10WSB/10DF Insecticide/M		ICE_361244420		4	5	>5.889
▶ Bifenture 17		ICE_4934514...		4	5	>6.06
▶ Biflex SFR		ICE_794588095		NA	NA	>7.25
▶ Chemsico Aerosol LEG		ICE_4384128...		4	4	>2.16
▶ Chemsico Pesticide Concentrate WL-I		ICE_875544978		4	4	>2.09

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# Review of Mechanisms of Acute Inhalation Toxicity, Dosimetry, and Non-Animal Methods

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## Review

## Pathway-based predictive approaches for non-animal assessment of acute inhalation toxicity



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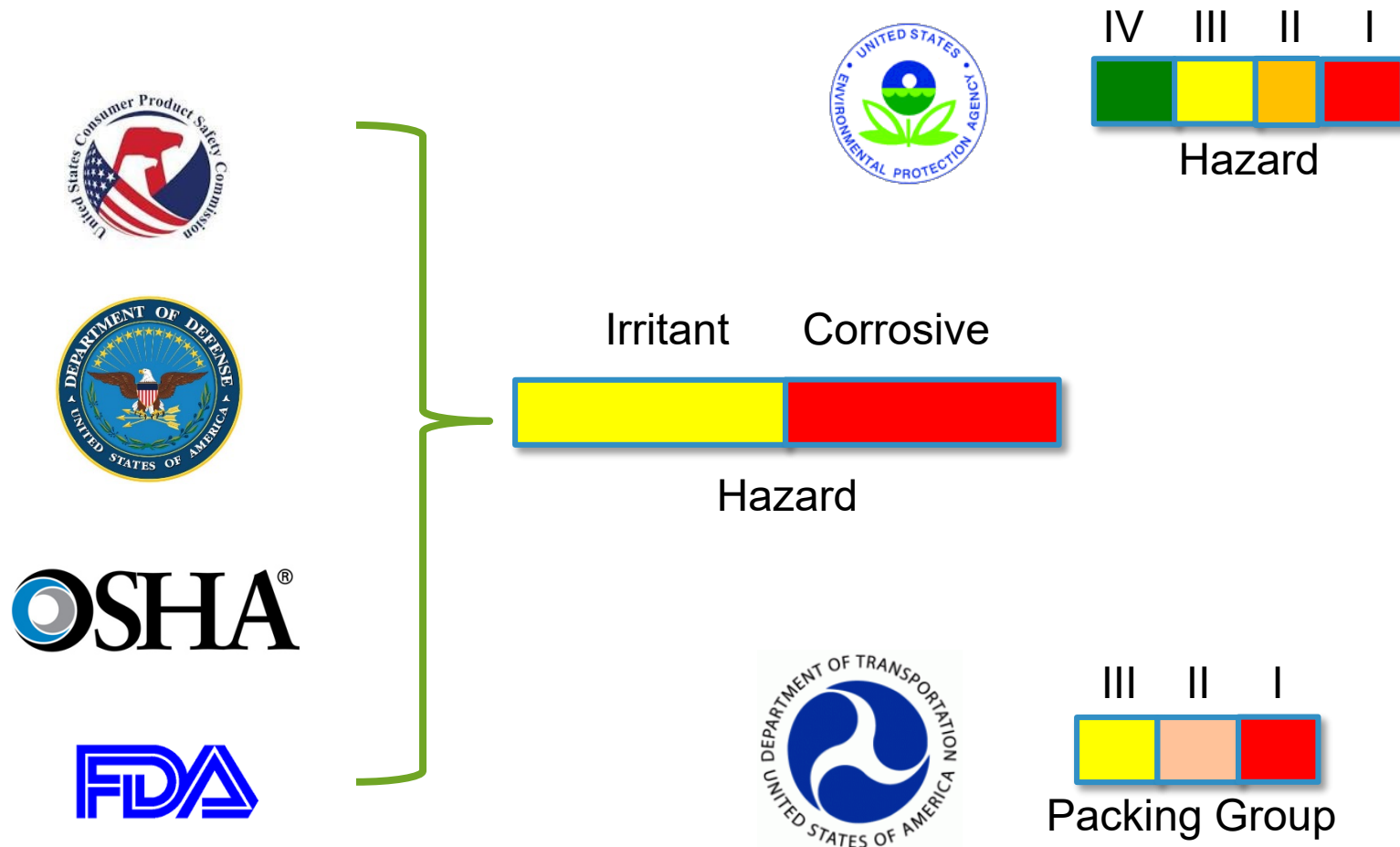
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# Agencies that Use Ocular and Dermal Data



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REVIEW ARTICLE



## United States regulatory requirements for skin and eye irritation testing

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# Alternative Assays: Eye Irritation

- NICEATM analyzed paired *in vivo* and *in vitro* data for approximately 200 agrochemical formulations provided by 5 companies
- Conclusions:
  - Insufficient data from multiple assays to establish a defined approach
  - Prospective testing needed to fill data gaps

## Prospective Testing

- Focus on the most common formulation types
  - suspension concentrates (SC)
  - emulsifiable concentrations (EC)
  - soluble liquids (SL)
- Balanced design with respect to hazard classification
- Careful consideration of available in vivo data
- Formulations donated by Crop Life America (CLA) partner companies
  - BASF; Bayer; FMC; Dow-DuPont (Corteva Agriscience); Monsanto; Syngenta
- Coded formulations distributed to testing labs by NTP

## Methods Included in Prospective Testing

Test Method	OECD TG	Testing Laboratory
Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability	OECD TG 437	Institute for In Vitro Sciences
Neutral Red Release	-	Institute for In Vitro Sciences
Isolated Chicken Eye	OECD TG 438	Citoxlab
EpiOcular (EO) (EIT method)	OECD TG 492	MatTek
EO (Time-to-toxicity method; ET50-neat protocol)	-	MatTek
EO (Time-to-toxicity method; ET50-dilution protocol)	-	MatTek
Porcine Cornea Reversibility Assay	-	MB Research Labs

- Co-organized by NICEATM and the PETA International Science Consortium, with stakeholders from ICCVAM, ODIWG, EURL ECVAM, PMRA, and industry



# Study Phases

Phase	Activities	Completion Dates
<b>Pre-Study Phase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formation of stakeholder study group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists representing ICCVAM agencies, industry, and international regulatory and non-governmental organizations</li> <li>Assist with formulation procurement, study evaluation, and data review</li> </ul> </li> <li>Selection of <i>in vitro</i> test methods</li> </ul>	March 2018
<b>Phase 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing of six formulations (three Category I/Category 1 and three Category IV/Not Classified formulations) in all <i>in vitro</i> test methods</li> </ul>	September 2018
<b>Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing of 10 formulations in all <i>in vitro</i> test methods</li> </ul>	March 2019
<b>Phase 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing of approximately 30 formulations in selected <i>in vitro</i> test methods</li> </ul>	September 2019

- Funding to date provided by NICEATM, PISC, and CLA

## Study Status

- Phase 1 results showed that no single test method correctly classified all the pesticide formulations relative to classifications based on in vivo testing.
- Phase 2 testing is currently ongoing; pesticide formulations with a broader range of eye irritancy classifications than Phase 1 are being tested using all in vitro methods.
- Based on Phase 1 and 2 results, one or more of the test methods may be used in Phase 3 to test an expanded set of pesticide formulations.
  - The outcomes of this analysis will suggest endpoints that can form the basis of a defined approach for pesticide formulations testing for eye irritation/corrosion potential.

## Skin Irritation: Private-Public Partnership

- Optimization of 3D skin model for testing agrochemicals and antimicrobial cleaning products (AMCPs)
- Companies donated agrochemical formulations and AMCPs
- Protocol optimization studies conducted at IIVS
- Regular stakeholder teleconferences to discuss updates, data needs, etc.
  - PISC, PCRM
  - EPA and NTP
  - Industry

## Additional Efforts

- Investigate the feasibility of developing new approaches, particularly for classes of substances that are poorly predicted by the existing in vitro models
  - Reflect on published work and OECD
  - Interrogate in vivo variability
- Investigate incorporation of other data inputs
- Consider machine learning and other computational approaches, where feasible

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# Skin Sensitization: U.S. Agency Requirements/Needs



Industrial  
chemicals

Accepted  
Animal  
Method

Not required

Evaluation  
Needs



Hazard, risk



Pesticides



LLNA

NS S



Hazard



Workplace  
chemicals



LLNA  
GPMT  
Buehler

NS 1B 1A

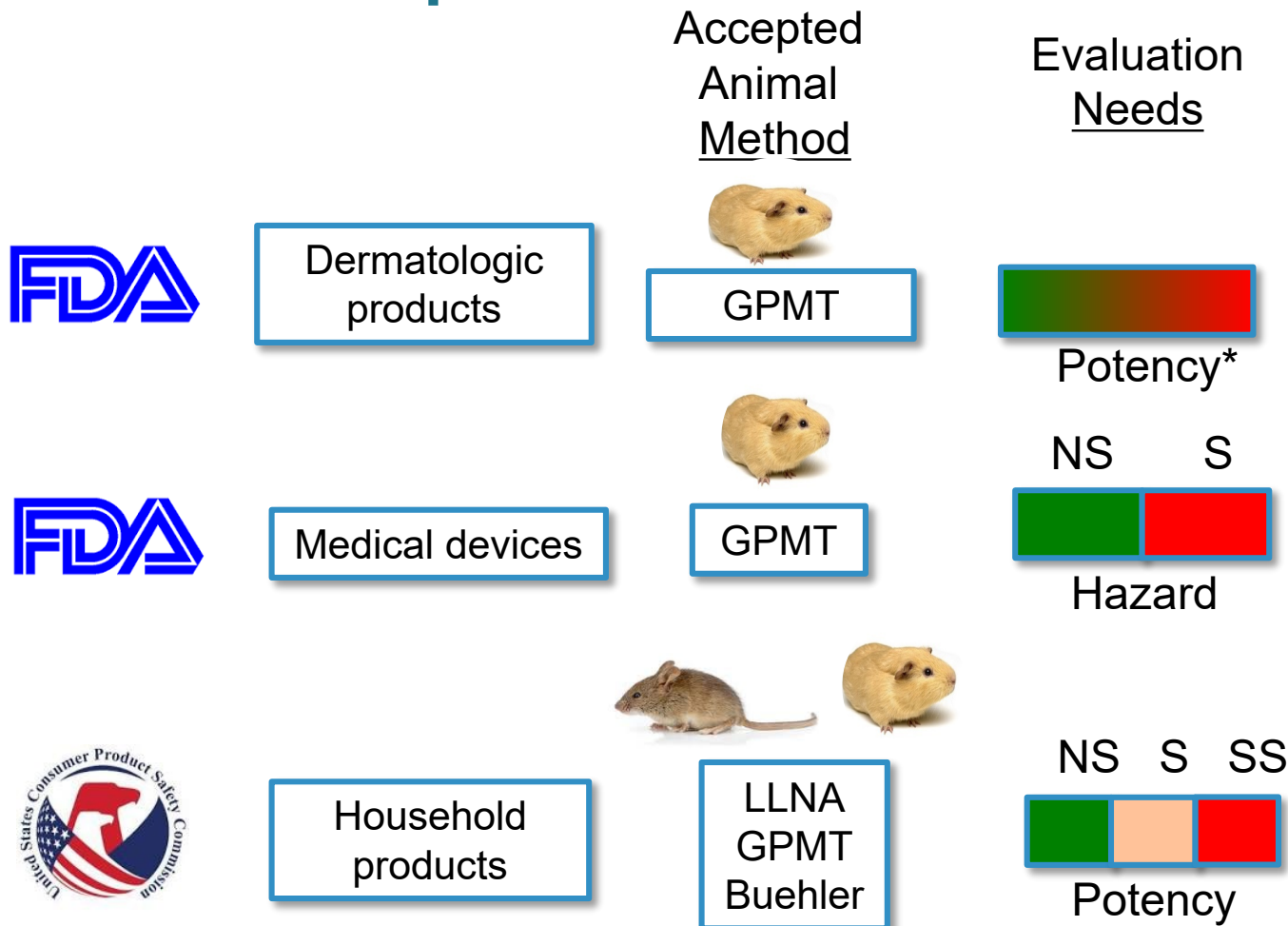


Potency

Non-animal alternatives considered on a case-by-case basis



# Skin Sensitization: U.S. Agency Requirements/Needs







Non-animal alternatives considered on a case-by-case basis, except for medical devices.

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## REGULATORY TOXICOLOGY



## Skin sensitization testing needs and data uses by US regulatory and research agencies

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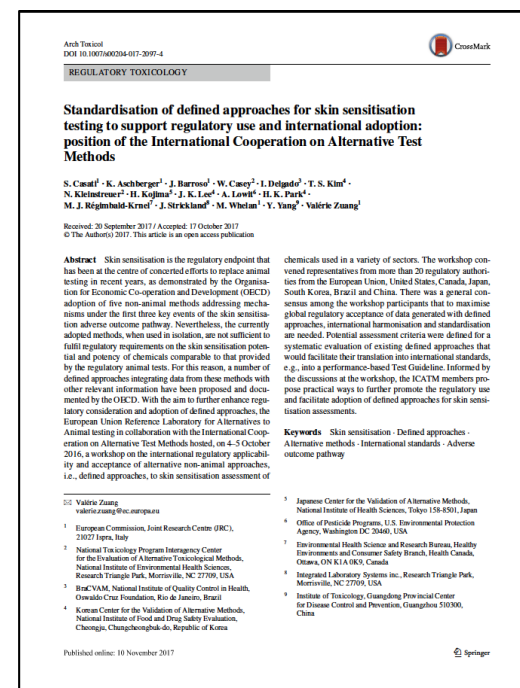
# Global Skin Sensitization Project

- Objective: analysis of available non-animal defined approaches (DAs)
- NICEATM collaboration with Cosmetics Europe

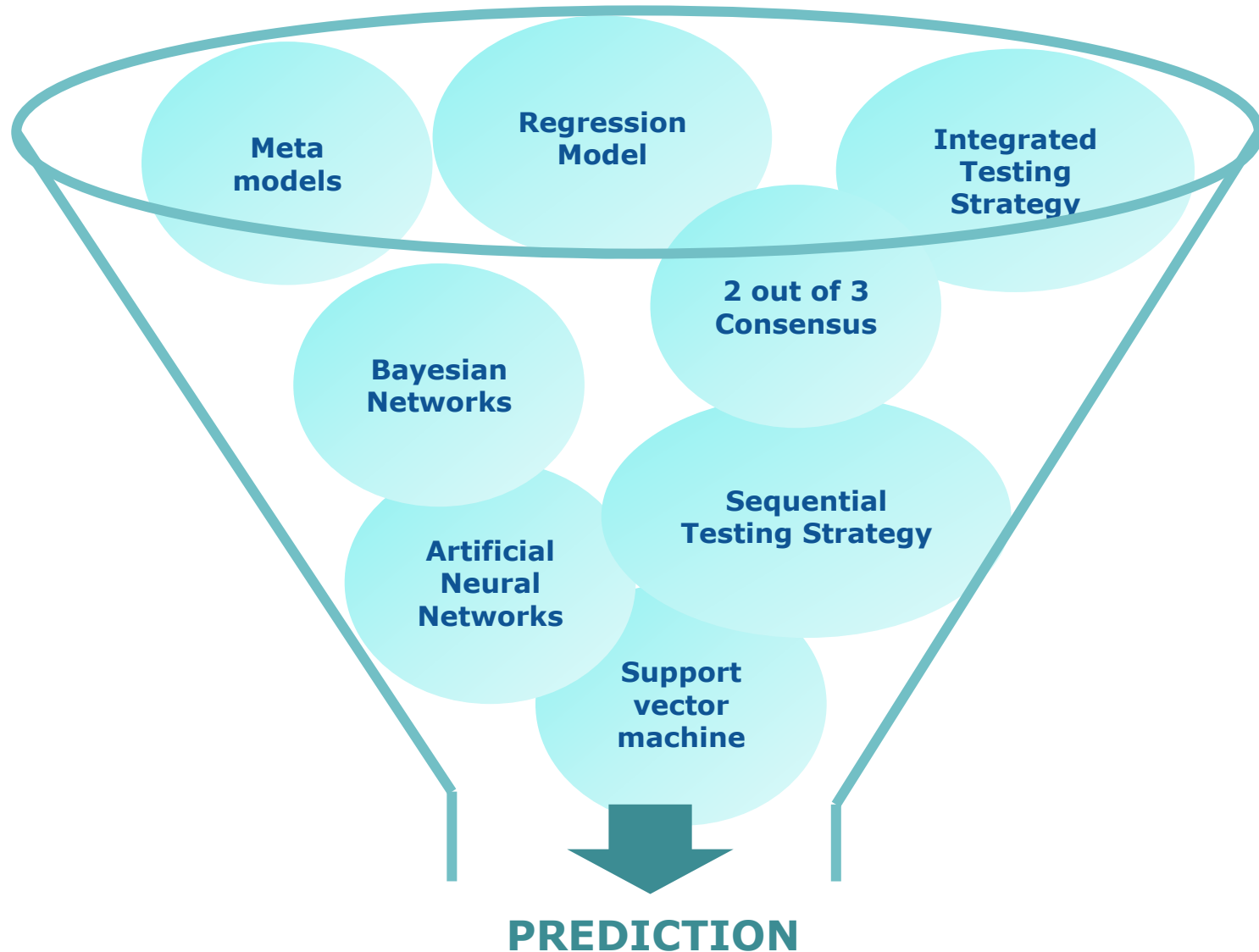


## – Curation/generation of

- in vivo LLNA and human data
- in vitro cell-based data that maps to AOP
- in silico computer predictions, chemical structural features & properties
- Qualitative and quantitative evaluation of OECD DAs as case studies (ICATM framework)
- Fully transparent approach (i.e., build open-source code packages)
- Evaluate performance against LLNA and human hazard/potency categories



# Types of Defined Approaches



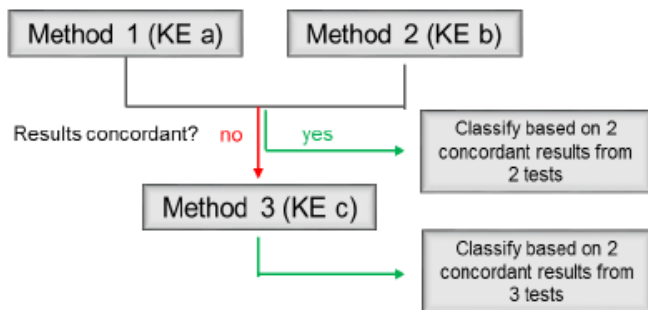
## Draft Interim Science Policy: Use of Alternative Approaches for Skin Sensitization as a Replacement for Laboratory Animal Testing

- Announced April 10, 2018 & describes the science that supports a policy to accept alternative (in vitro, in silico, in chemico) approaches for identifying skin sensitization hazard in place of animal studies.
  - Multiple non-animal testing strategies - *in vitro*, *in chemico*, and *in silico* inputs demonstrate comparable or superior performance to the laboratory animal studies.
  - Public comment period ended on June 9, 2018.
- The interim policy is the result of collaboration between
  - Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM)
  - NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM)
  - European Union Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL ECVAM)
  - Health Canada (PMRA)

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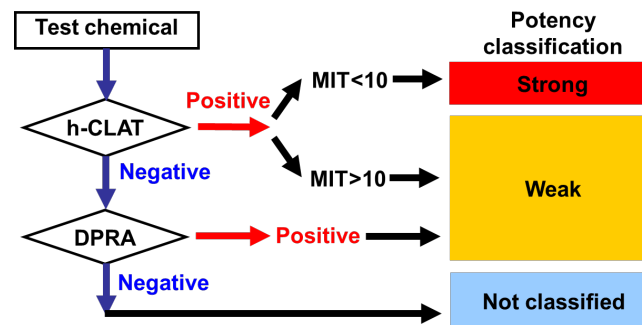
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- No differential weighting of individual test methods, or defined sequential order of testing



## Sequential Testing Strategy

- Prediction can be derived after first tier
- Depends on KE3 (e.g. hCLAT) and KE1 (e.g. DPRA)



# International Harmonization

- OECD proposal (SPSF) co-led by US, EU, and Canada
    - Create a performance based test guideline for non-animal defined approaches to skin sensitization testing
    - Included in OECD workplan April 2017, update provided April 2018
  - Special sessions of the OECD national coordinators in Dec 2017 & 2018 to review progress and discuss next steps
    - Achieved consensus on evaluation framework for DA assessment
    - Formed expert group on skin sensitization DAs, including subgroups on uncertainty and applicability domain
    - Expert review of simple, rule-based DAs complete (June 2018)
    - DA GL drafted (September 2018)
- 36 – Progress update WNT April 2019

# Expanding Coverage of Chemical Space

- NTP is supporting testing other types of chemicals in three alternative test methods: DPRA, KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT
- NTP has procured approximately 235 chemicals including: pesticides, agrochemical formulations, dermal excipients, personal care product ingredients, “challenge” chemicals
- Chemical nominations from multiple agencies
  - EPA Office of Pesticides, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, and Office of Research and Development
  - Consumer Product Safety Commission
  - Food and Drug Administration
  - NTP



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OPP representatives will be there:  
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