



Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods

Update on NICEATM Activities

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Department of Defense • Department of Energy • Department of the Interior • Department of Transportation
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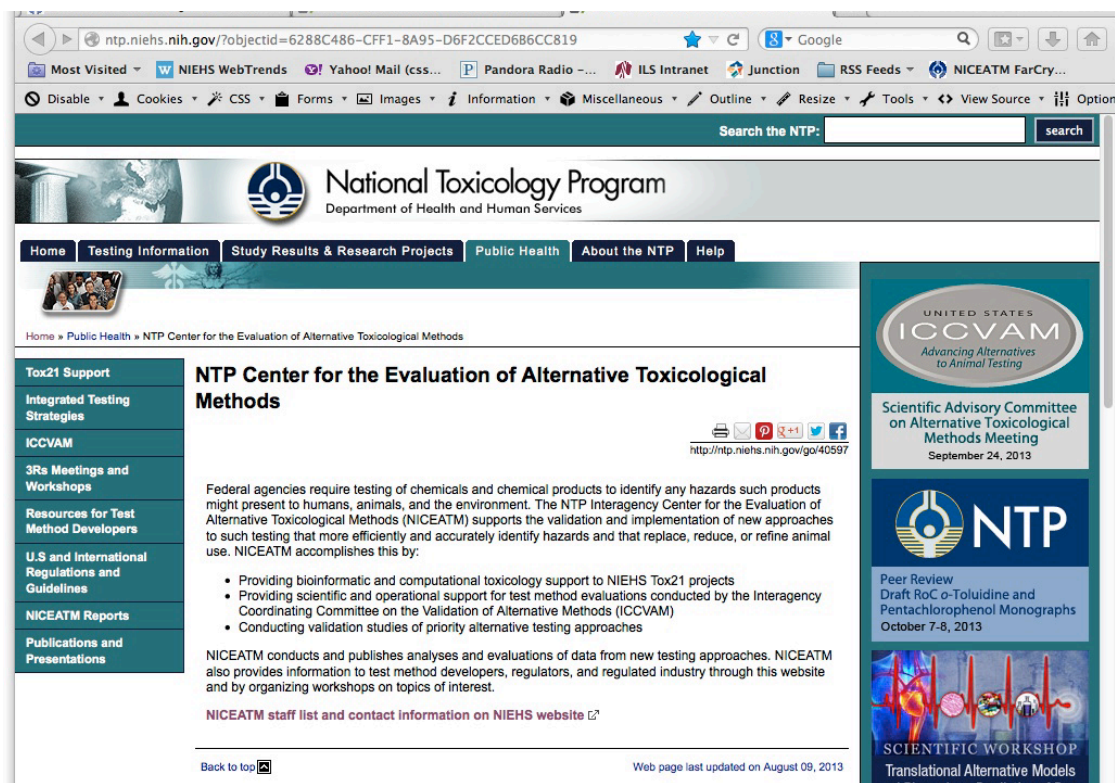
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- Added expertise in Computational Toxicology, Cheminformatics, Data Management

New NICEATM Website



- Available mid-October: announcement will be on NTP web site and sent via ICCVAM-all listserv

New NICEATM Website

- Streamlined and reorganized for better navigation
- ICCVAM section will contain:
 - Consolidated 3R activities in federal agencies
 - “Ask ICCVAM”, with posted Q&A
 - Funding opportunities
 - ICATM Updates
 - OECD Updates

Workshops



National Toxicology Program
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Scientific Workshop Translational Alternative Models and Biomarkers Predictive of Drug or Chemical Cardiovascular Risk

October 10–11, 2013

Rodbell Auditorium, Building 101
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, USA

*Presented by: The National Toxicology Program Interagency Center
for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM)
and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

For more information and to register, visit the workshop Web page at
http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conference/cardiovascular_toxicity/index.cfm
or contact NICEATM at 919-541-3398 or niceatm@niehs.nih.gov

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in this event should contact Linda Litchfield at
919-541-3398 or litchf1@niehs.nih.gov. TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339.
Requests should be made at least 5 days in advance of the event.



- In Vitro Approaches to Assessing Risk of Cardiovascular Toxicity
- In Silico Approaches to Cardiovascular Toxicity Risk
- Modeling Sensitive or Susceptible Individuals and Populations

A collaborative workshop on Aquatic models and 21st century toxicology, Spring 2014

- Leveraging small aquarium fishes to advance understanding of environmentally influenced human disorders and diseases
- Co-sponsored and hosted by **North Carolina State University**



The James B. Hunt Jr. Library, NCSU

Regulatory Applications of Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs)

- *Co-hosted with American Society for Cellular and Computational Toxicology (ASCTT)*
- *September, 2014, NIH Campus, Bethesda MD*



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- Lebrun Labs LLC nominated the OptiSafe test method, an *in vitro* bottom up approach to predict non-surfactant ocular irritants
- NTP provided 34 blind coded samples (Sep 2013) selected by NICEATM staff

Lebrun Labs LLC

SBIR/STTR: Three Phase Program

PHASE I

- Ü Feasibility Study
- Ü \$150K and 6- 12 month

PHASE II

- Ü Full Research/R&D
- Ü \$1 M and 2-year Award

PHASE IIb (Bridge to Commercialization)

- Ü Validation and Commercialization Steps
- Ü \$1 M/year for 3 years

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- Companies required to coordinate studies through NICEATM

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Database of Reference Chemicals for Assessing Estrogenic Activity

- Database of Reference *In Vivo* Data
 - Comprehensive review, starting with reference chemicals (chosen by NICEATM, EPA, NTP)
 - High quality *in vivo* data
 - Use to validate chemical prioritization models
 - Use results to better inform and target *in vivo* screening assays

Develop Database of Existing *In Vivo* Data

Literature Searches

- PubMed, Scopus, SciFinder, etc.

Data Extraction

- Standardized ontology
- Local PDF repository

Data Quality Review

- Customized R script to apply modified Klimisch criteria

Add to Database

- Data classified as reliable used to evaluate *in silico* and HTS results

In Vivo data including:

- Uterotrophic
- Fish reproductive
- Zebrafish
- Pubertal
- Multigenerational

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- Developed by **Klimisch** and published in 1997, a systematic approach was developed to classify the reliability of published data. **ToxRTool** (ECVAM) uses 21 criteria to classify *in vivo* studies.

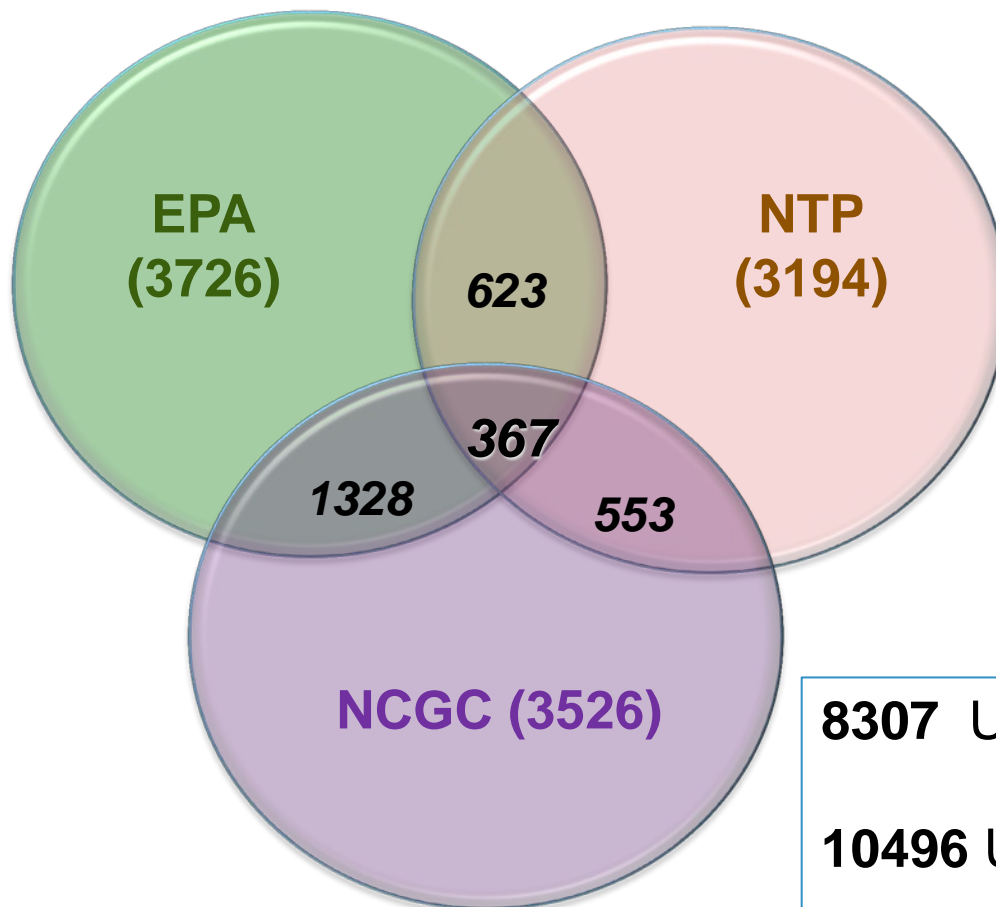
- **1 – Reliable without restriction**
- **2 – Reliable with restrictions**
- **3 – Not reliable**
- **4 – Not assignable**

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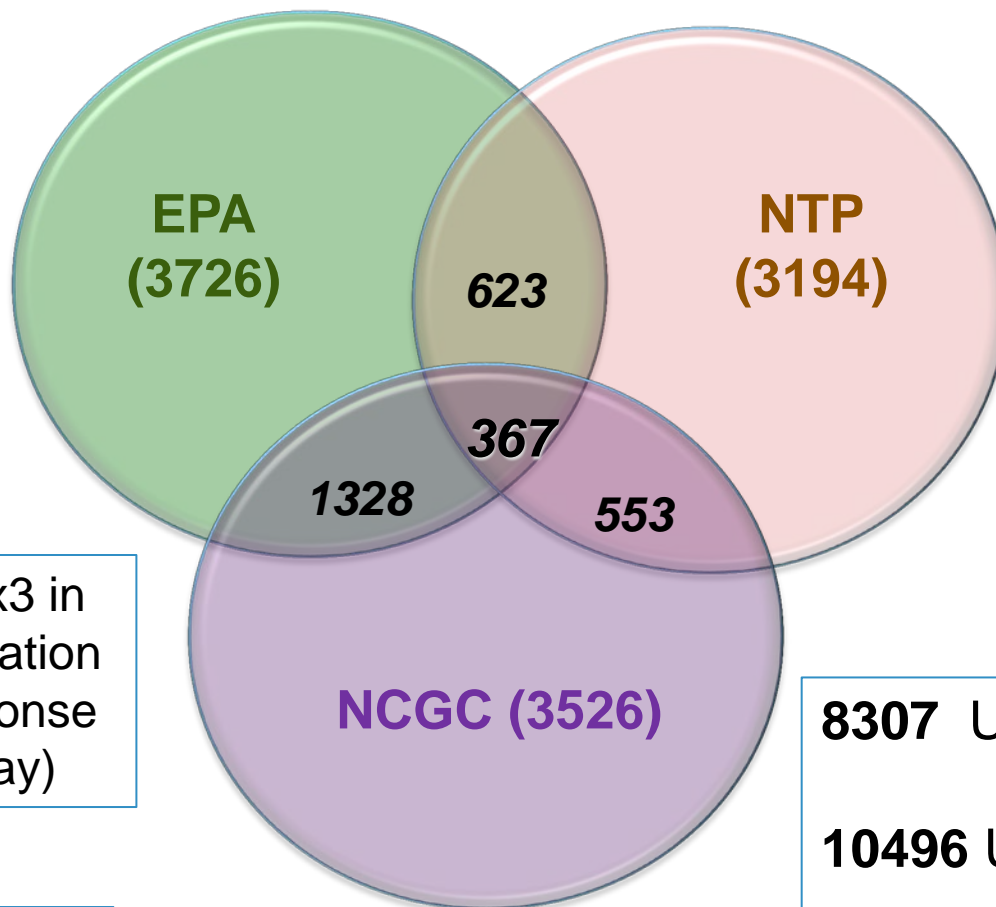


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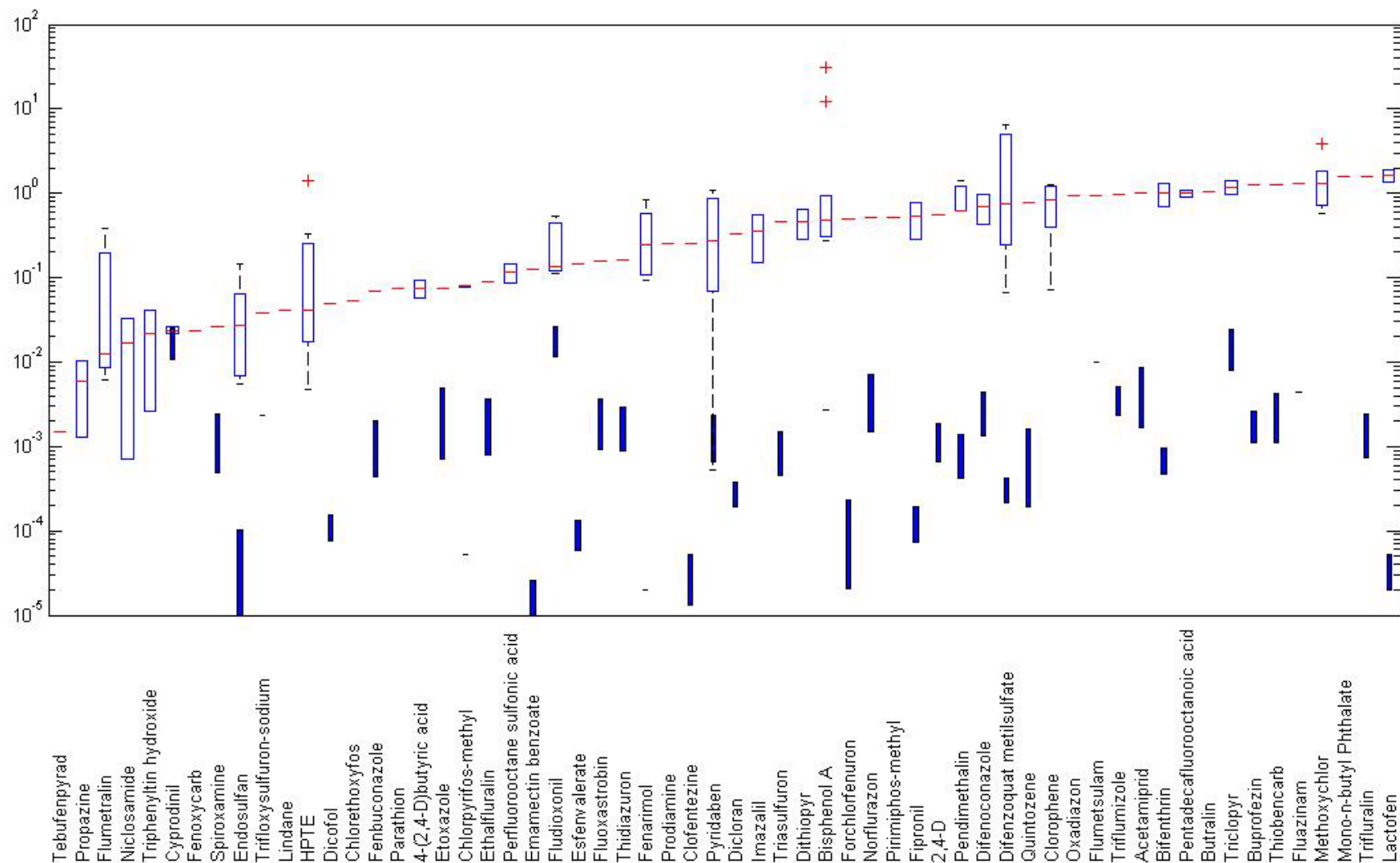
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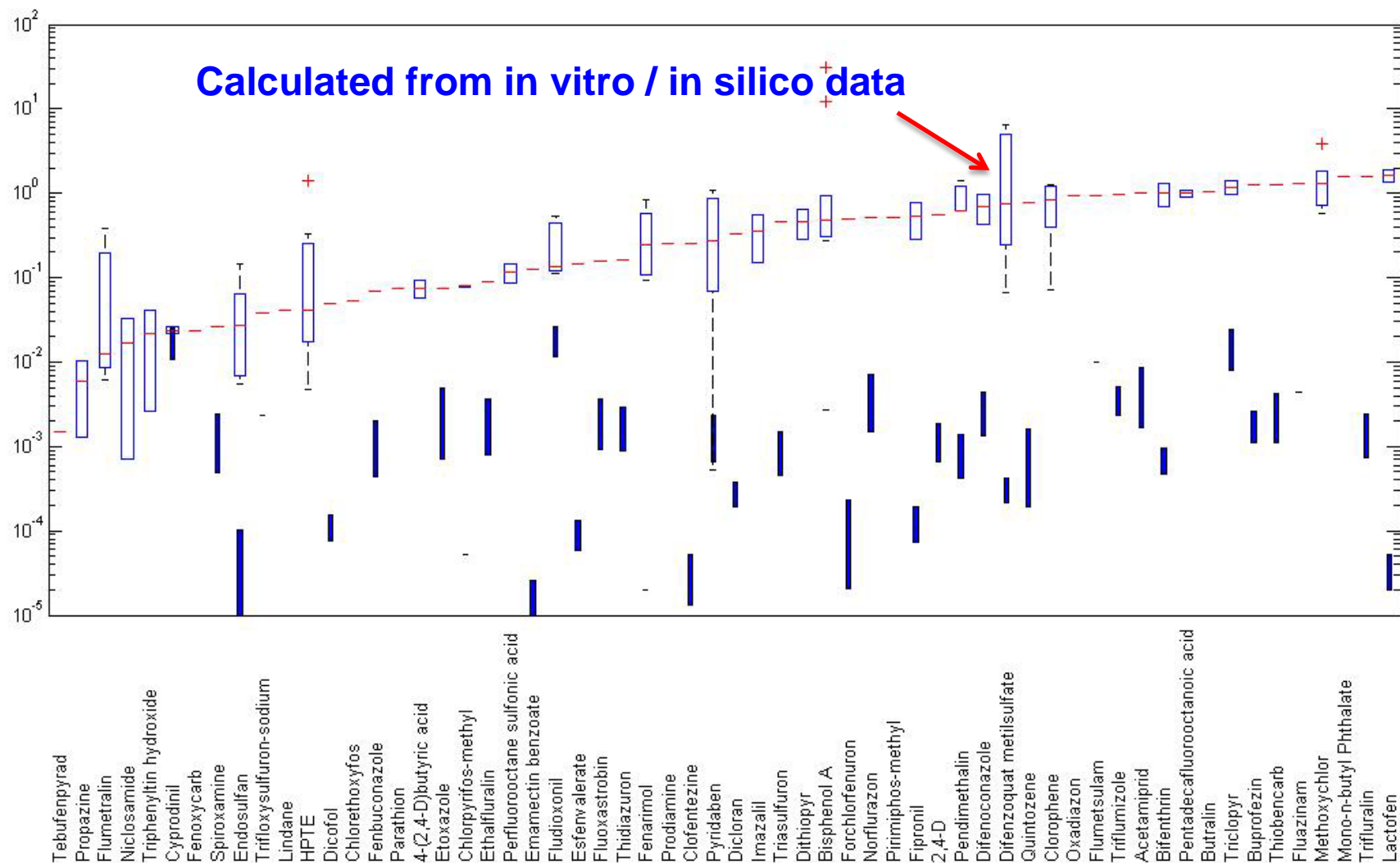
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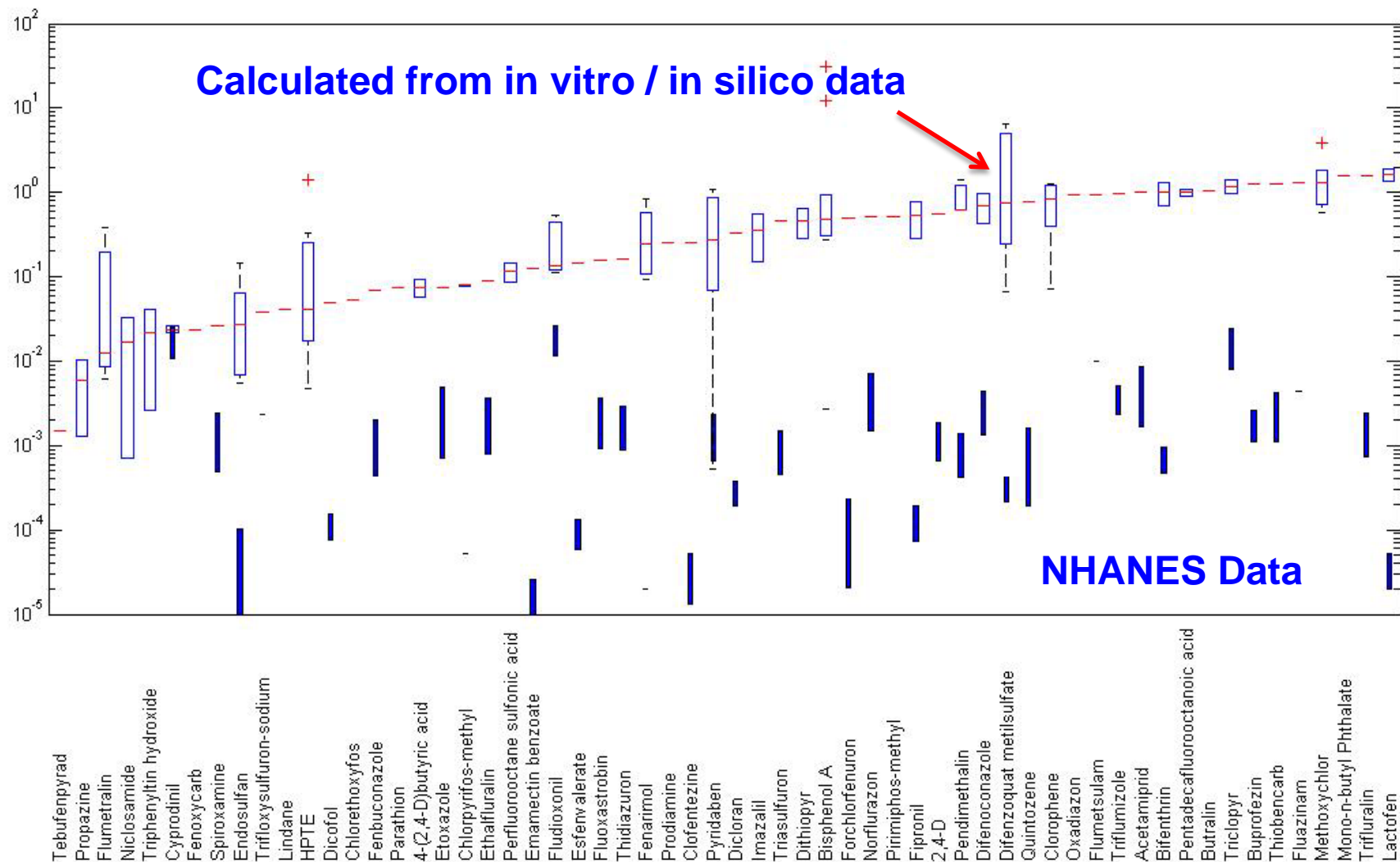
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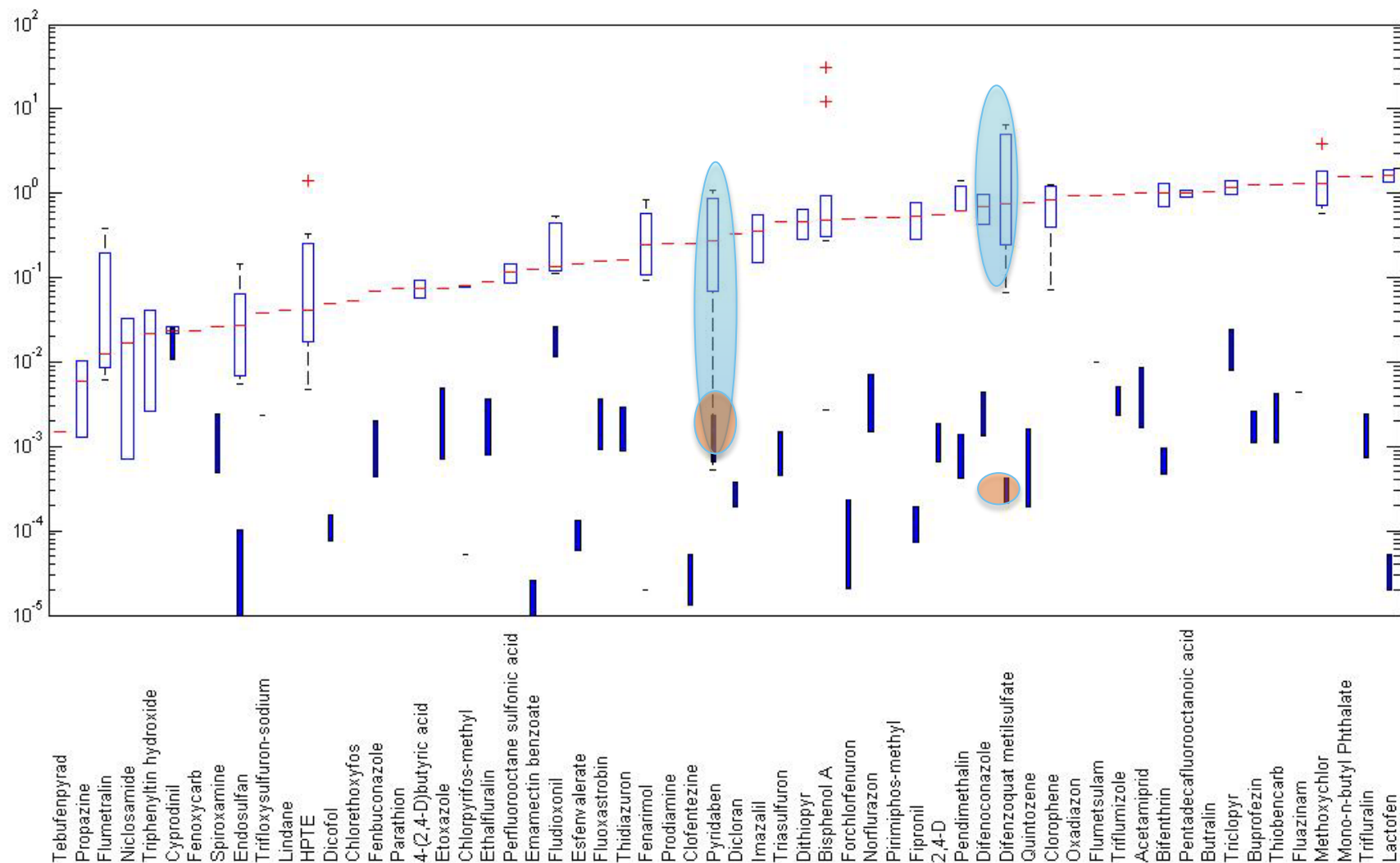
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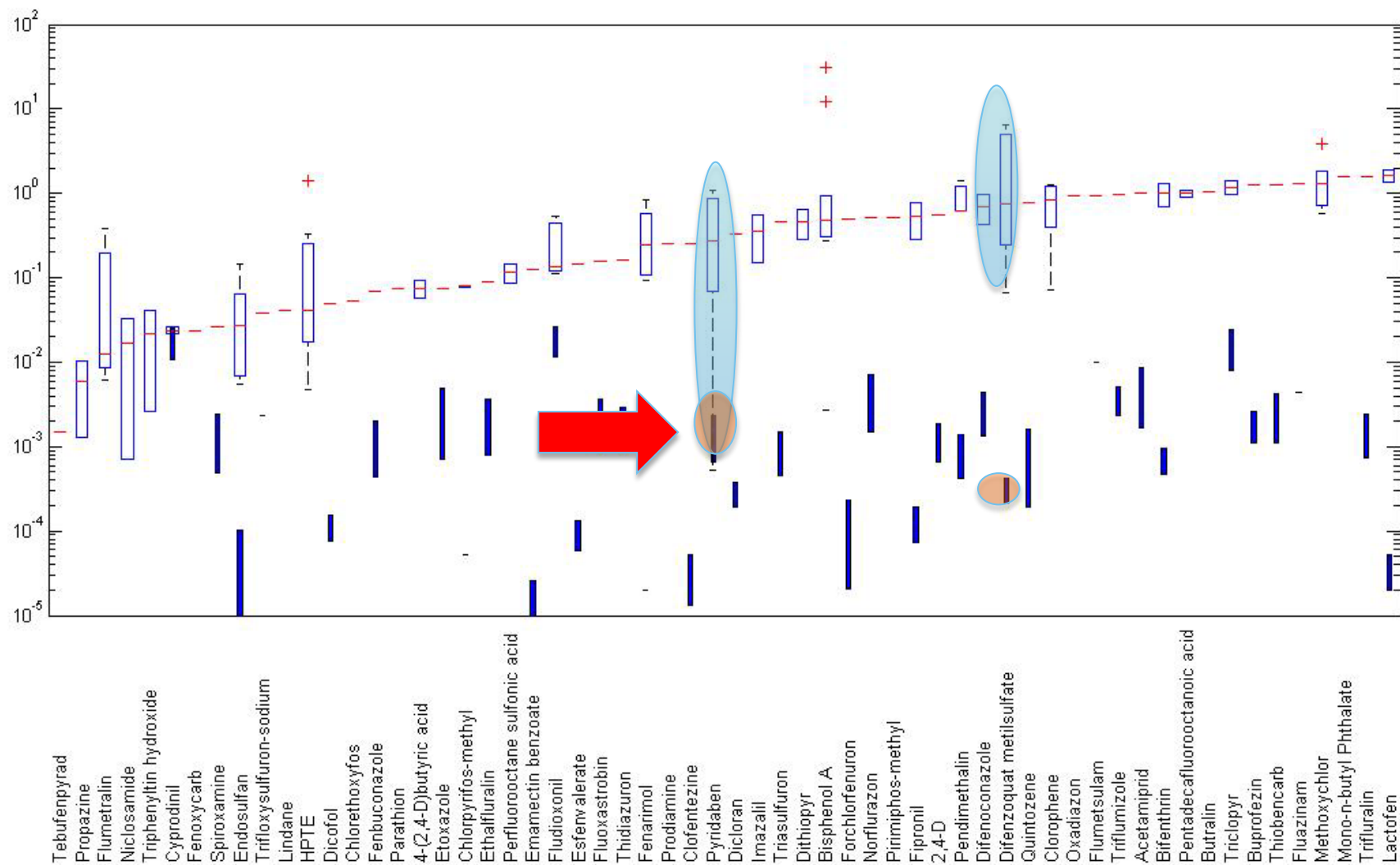
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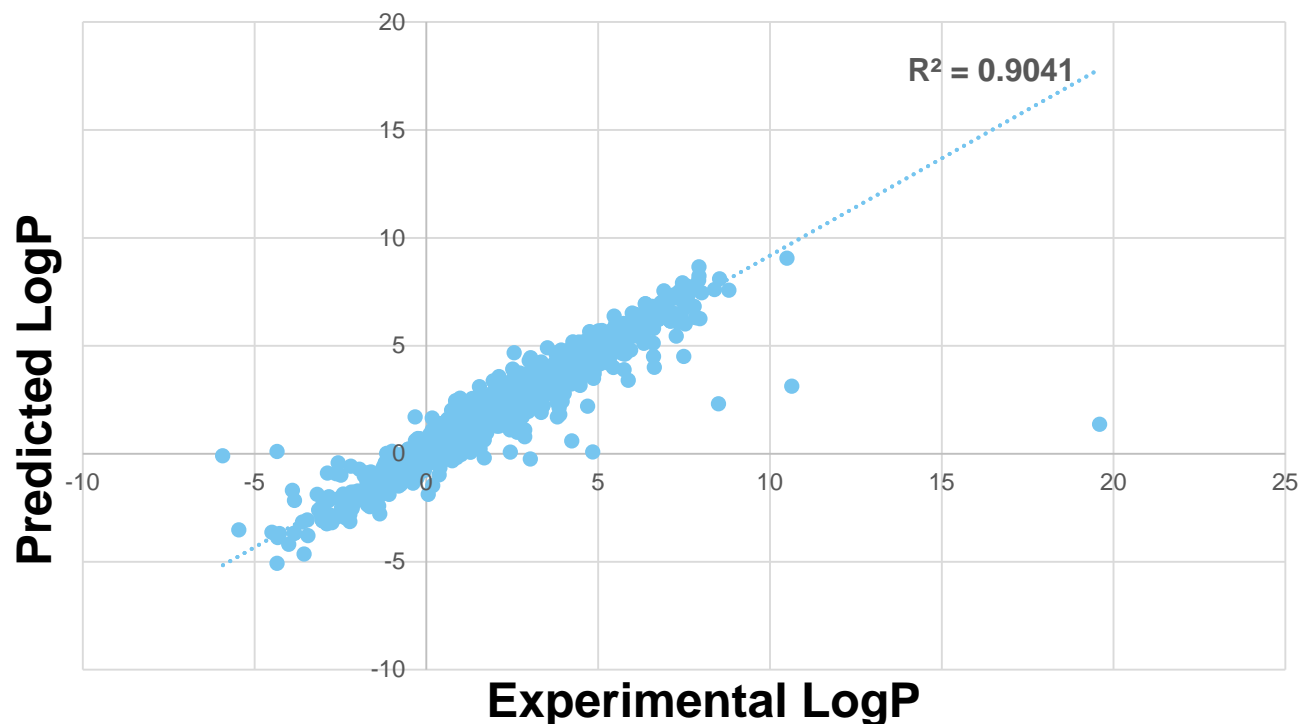


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Correlation between Predicted and Experimental EPISuite LogP Values



- >2300 Tox21 chemicals with predicted and experimental LogP values
- High correlation between predicted and experimental LogP values using EPISuite ($R^2 > 0.9$)

Creating an Open Source Model for Probabilistic Skin Sensitization Hazard Prediction

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Bayesian integrated testing strategy to assess skin sensitization potency: from theory to practice

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ABSTRACT: Frameworks to predict *in vivo* effects by integration of *in vitro*, *in silico* and *in chemico* information using mechanistic insight are needed to meet the challenges of 21st century toxicology. Expert-based approaches that qualitatively integrate multifaceted data are practiced under the term 'weight of evidence', whereas quantitative approaches remain rare. To address this gap we previously developed a methodology to design an Integrated Testing Strategy (ITS) in the form of a Bayesian Network (BN). This study follows up on our proof of concept work and presents an updated ITS to assess skin sensitization



Other Focus Areas

- Metabolism
- AOPs /Integrated Testing and Decision Strategies
- Mixtures

Discussion Questions:

1. Are the scientific activities of NICEATM consistent with the new operating paradigm outlined in Dr. Birnbaum's EHP editorial (*15 Years Out: Reinventing ICCVAM*) and the ICCVAM Vision statement?
2. Are there specific activities or focus areas that NICEATM should be pursuing which are not currently identified?