

The DASS App: A Web Application to Predict Skin Sensitization Using Defined Approaches

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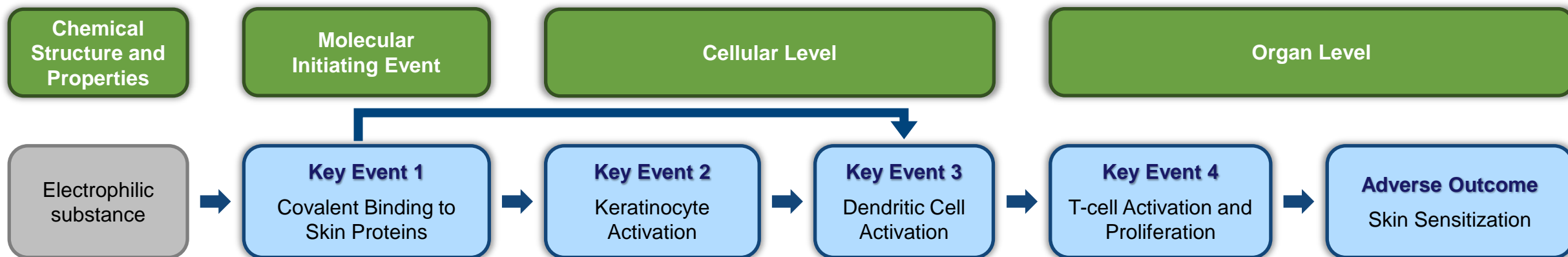
Skin Sensitization

- Up to 20% of the population suffer from skin sensitization reactions¹.
- Regulatory frameworks, e.g., REACH, ask for information on predicting skin sensitization potential in **humans**.
- Opportunity: implement superior approaches based on an understanding of human biology and the adverse outcome pathway (AOP).



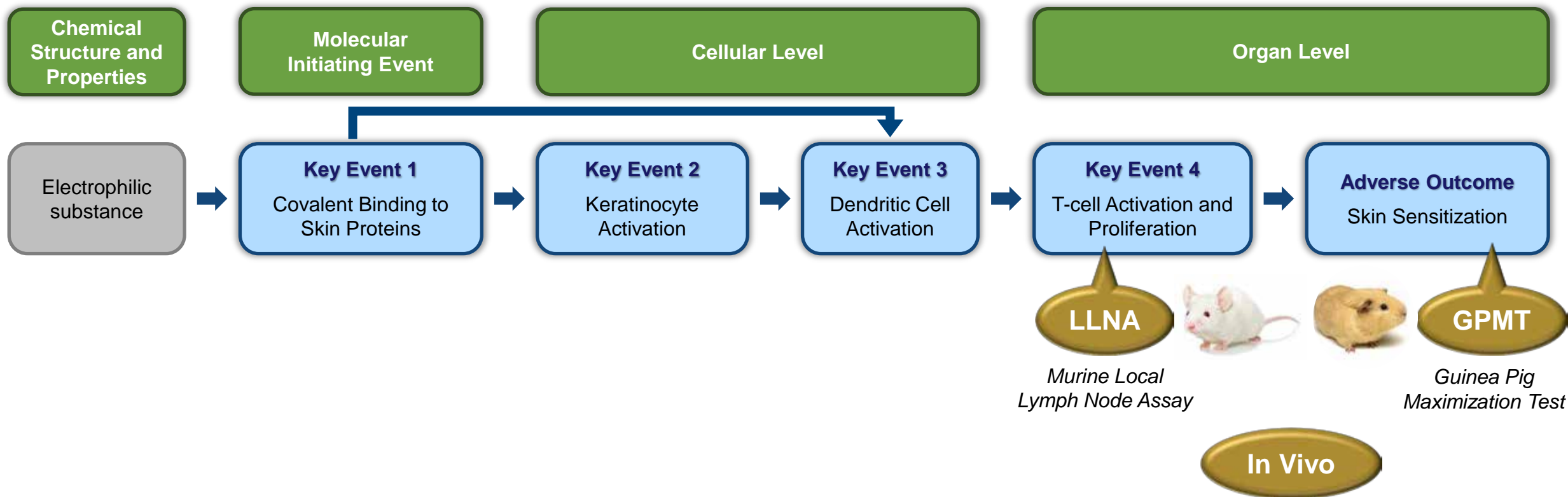
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For sensitization initiated by covalent binding to proteins



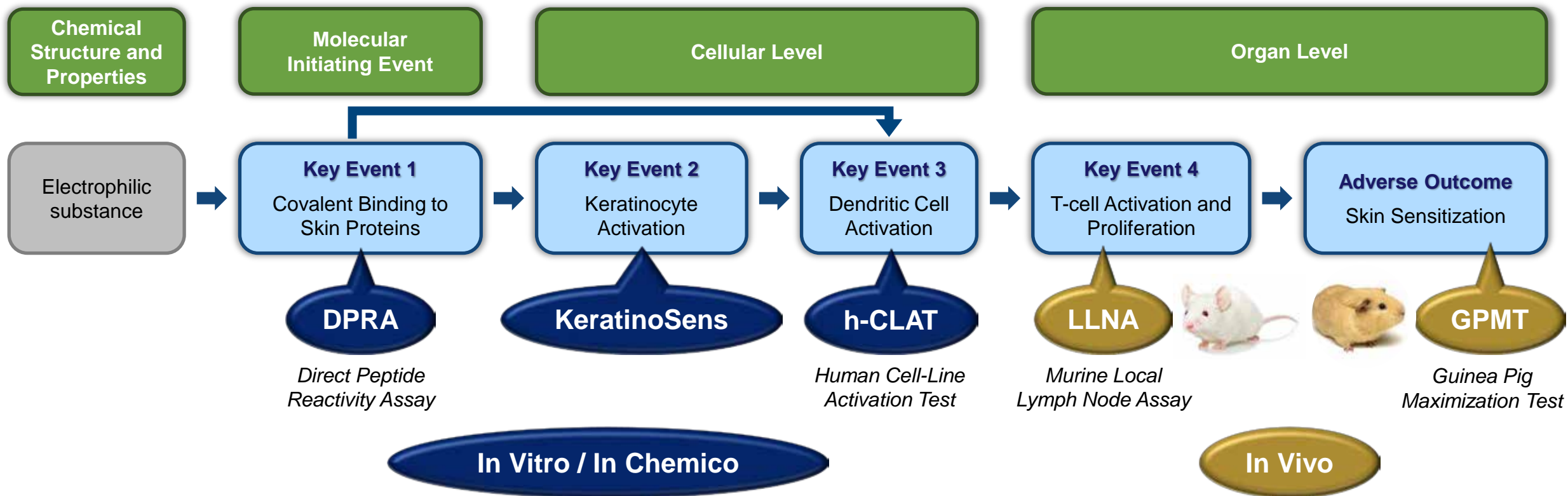
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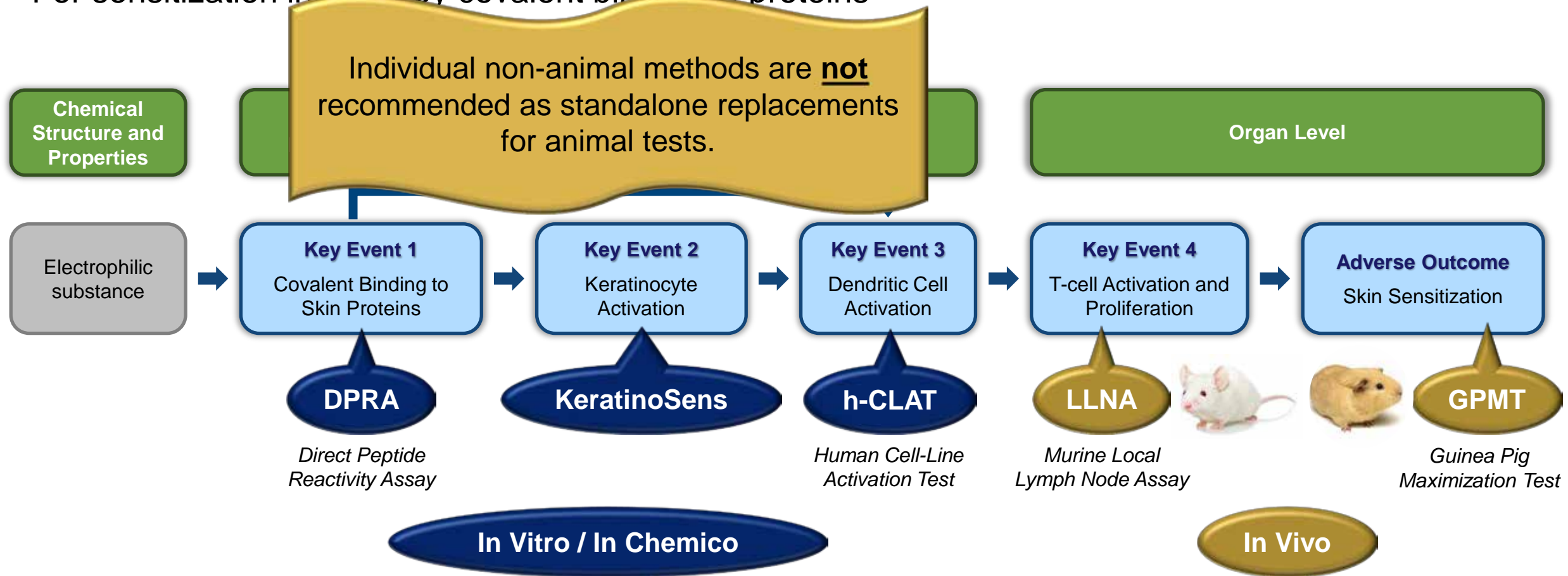
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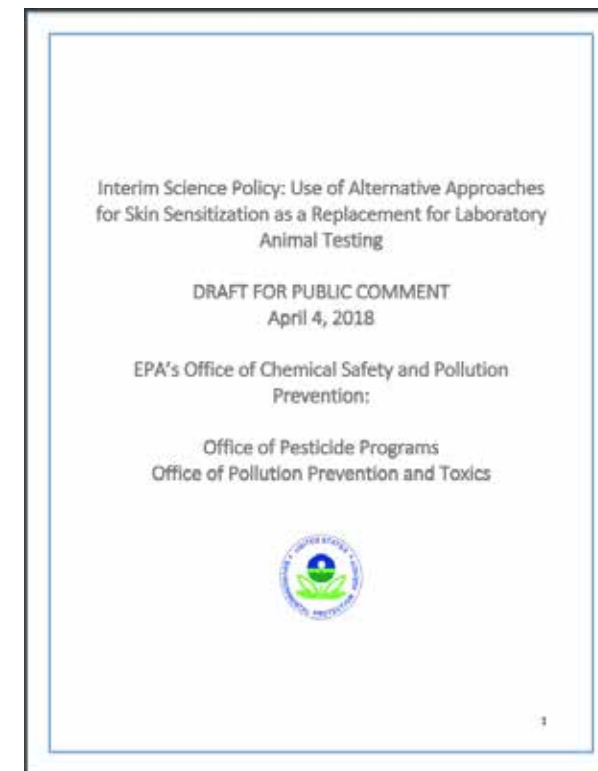
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Defined Approaches for Skin Sensitization (DASS)

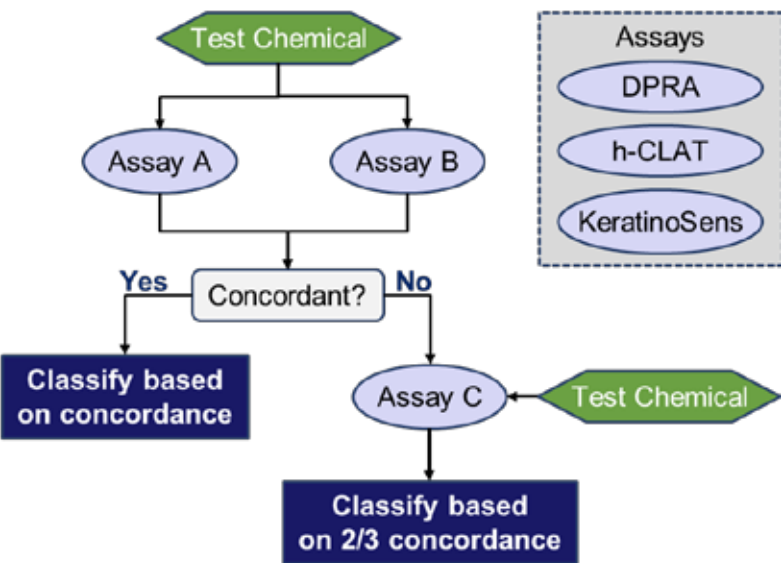
- Results from multiple assays representing KEs of the skin sensitization AOP can be combined to predict skin sensitization hazard and potency using defined approaches.
- **Defined approaches for skin sensitization (DASS)** have been developed and accepted by the OECD for hazard and potency predictions and by the U.S. EPA for hazard predictions.



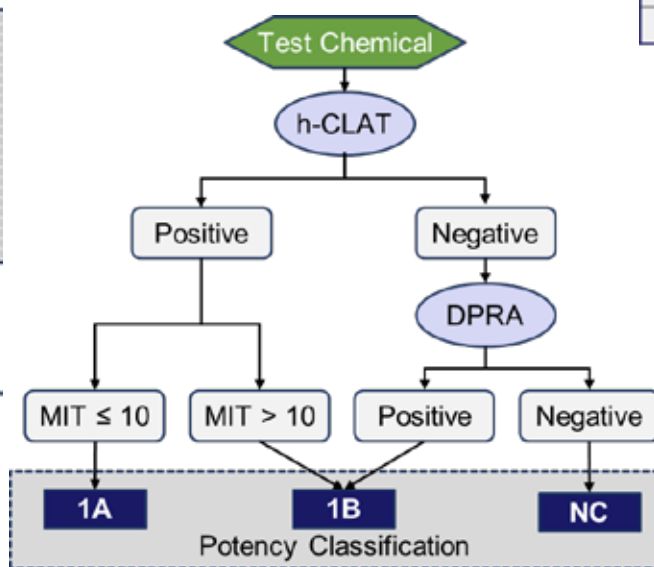
Defined Approaches for Skin Sensitization (DASS)

- DASS combine data from multiple information sources using fixed data interpretation procedures.

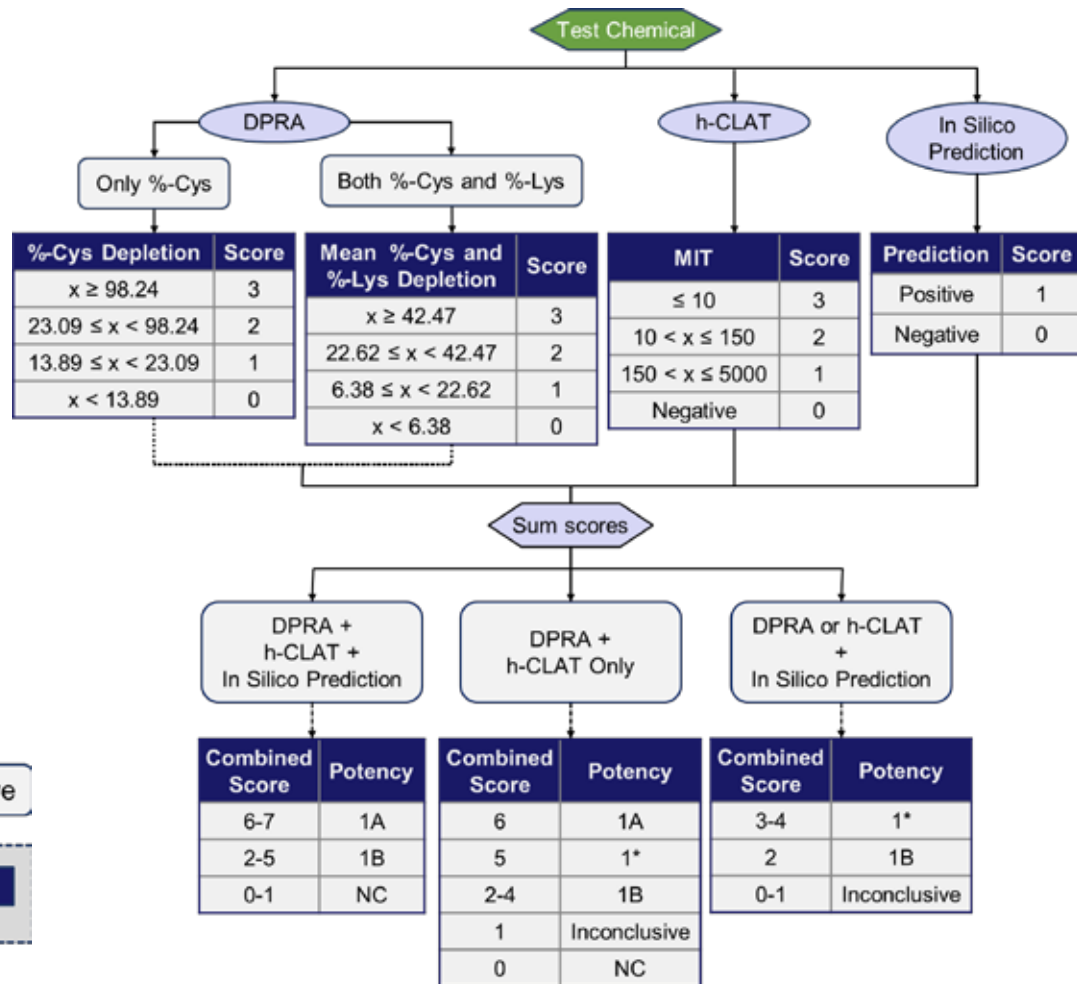
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Key Event 3/1 Sequential Testing Strategy (KE 3/1 STS)



Integrated Testing Strategy (ITS)



Accuracy of Methods Against Human Reference Data

- The DASS show higher or equivalent accuracy than the LLNA when compared to **human** reference data.

Hazard Identification

	Accuracy
LLNA	74.20%
KS	75.80%
h-CLAT	78%
DPRA	73.40%
2o3 (KS + h-CLAT + DPRA)	77.20%
KE 3/1 STS (h-CLAT + DPRA)	80.20%
ITSv1 (h-CLAT + DPRA + DEREK*)	85%

Potency

	Accuracy
LLNA	59.4%
KE 3/1 STS (h-CLAT + DPRA)	63.5%
ITSv1 (h-CLAT + DPRA + DEREK*)	69.2%

Defined Approaches for Skin Sensitization (DASS)

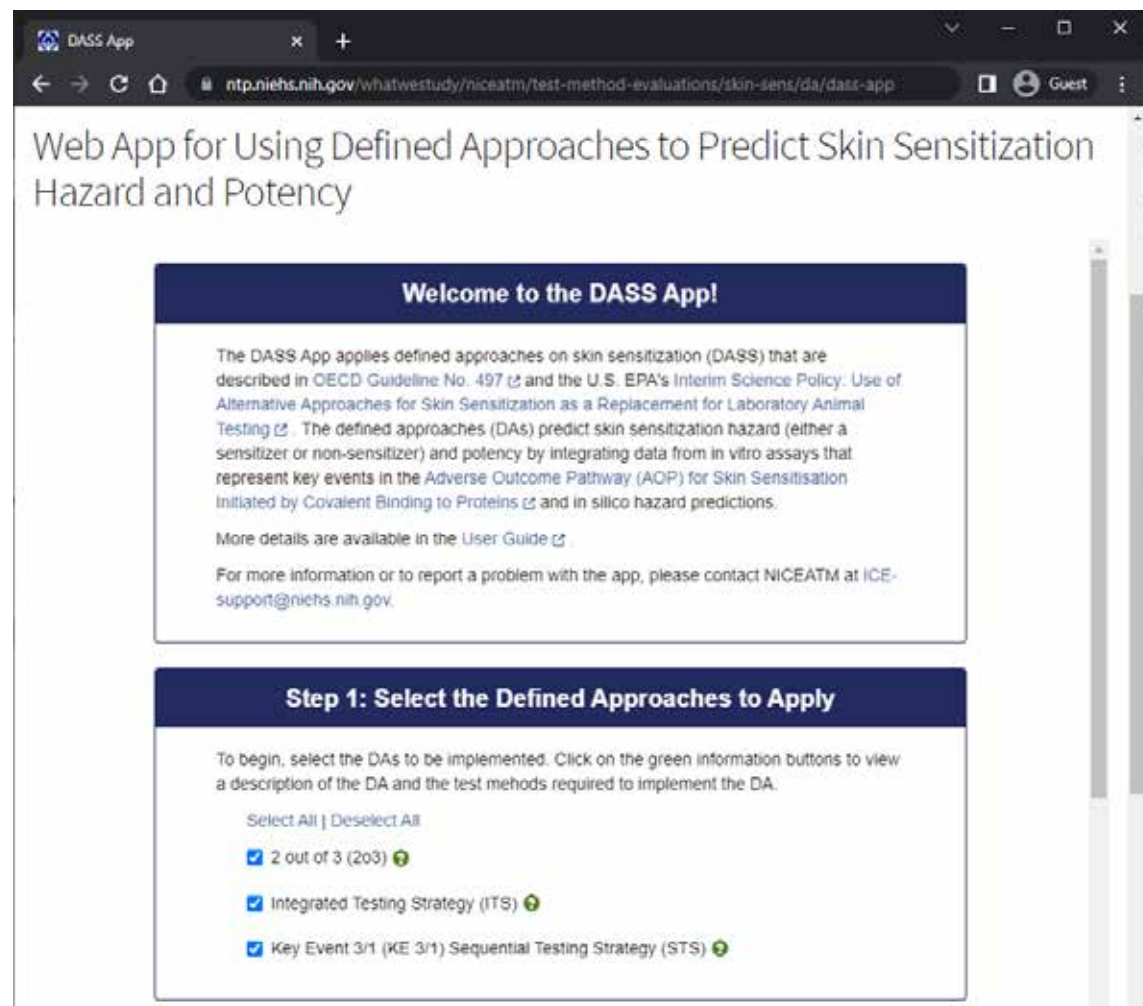
- DASS are non-animal approaches that can be used to fully replace an animal test to identify skin sensitizers.
- DASS logic can be difficult to implement or error-prone when applied manually.

The DASS App

- We created the DASS App, an open-source web application that allows users to apply DASS to their own data to derive skin sensitization hazard and potency predictions.
- The DASS App can be accessed from anywhere via the web with no account creation required. No data are retained by the app.

Access the DASS App

<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/952311>



The DASS App

- The DASS App is organized into step-by-step modules.
- In the first step, users select the defined approaches to apply.
 - The app includes the 2o3, KE 3/1 STS and ITS approaches

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Step 1: Select the Defined Approaches to Apply

To begin, select the DAs to be implemented. Click on the green information buttons to view a description of the DA and the test methods required to implement the DA.

Select All | Deselect All

2 out of 3 (2o3) ⓘ

Integrated Testing Strategy (ITS) ⓘ

Key Event 3/1 (KE 3/1) Sequential Testing Strategy (STS) ⓘ

Step 2: Upload Data

Step 3: Select Data Columns for Predictions

Step 4: Review Selection

Step 5: Results

The DASS App

- File formats accepted: txt, csv, xlsx
- Detailed guidance to assist users with data preparation
- No specific column names or order required

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Step 2: Upload Data



Before uploading your file, ensure that the data meet the **data and formatting requirements**.

A table template is provided in tab-delimited or Excel format. The template contains columns for every possible assay endpoint. If an assay endpoint will not be used, the corresponding column can be deleted but that is not required. Using the template is not required.

[Download Data Template \(.xlsx\)](#)

[Download Data Template \(.txt\)](#)

Click 'Browse' below and select your file.

Browse...

demo_sacatm.xlsx

Selected Worksheet: demo_data ([Change Selected Worksheet](#))

The DASS App

- In Step 3, users specify which columns correspond to a given assay endpoint.

Step 3: Select Data Columns for Predictions

DPRA Call ?

Data Source

Use DPRA Binary Call

Use %-Depletion Values

DPRA Binary Call Column

dpra_call

dpra_call

dpra_pC

dpra_pK

DPRA.mean

DPRA.potency

logDPRA

hCLAT.Call

hCLAT.CD86.EC150.uq.ml.

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The DASS App

- In Step 3, users specify which columns correspond to a given assay endpoint.
- In Step 4, the app reviews the selected data and flags invalid values.

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Step 3: Select Data Columns for Predictions

Step 4: Review Selection

DPRA Call ?

Data Source

- Use DPRA Binary Call
 Use %-Depletion Values

DPRA Binary Call Column

dpra_call

Warning: Selected data columns have been flagged for invalid values.

dpra_pK

DPRA.mean

DPRA.potency

logDPRA

hCLAT.Call

hCLAT.CD86_EC150_uq.ml

The DASS App

- Results are displayed to the user and can be downloaded as an .xlsx or .txt file.
- DASS predictions are appended to the user's uploaded data.

Step 5: Results

Download Results ▾

Excel (.xlsx)

Tab-Delimited (.txt)

Curated.name	CASRN	SMILES	dpra_call*	dpra_pC	dpra_pK	DPRA.mean	hCLAT.Call	hCLAT.MIT*	DPRA Call Input	h-CLAT MIT Input	DA KE 3/1 STS Call	DA KE 3/1 STS Potency
Abietic acid	514-10-3	CC(C)C1CC(C)C1	1	99.9	16.3	58.1	0	Inf	1	Inf	1	1B
Acetanilole	100-06-1	COc1ccc(cc1)C(=O)N	0	4.723885562	0.1	2.411942782	0	Inf	0	Inf	0	NC
2-Acetylcyclohexanone	874-23-7	CC(=O)C1CCCC1	0	5	0	2.5	1	109.7	0	109.70	1	1B
4-Allylanisole	140-67-0	COc1ccc(CC=C)cc1	1	20.62541583	0	10.31270792	1	207.5967652	1	207.60	1	1B
Allyl phenoxy	7493-74-5	C=CCOC(=O)C	0	0.61	4.08	2.345	0	Inf	0	Inf	0	NC
4-Aminobenzonitrile	150-13-0	Nc1ccc(cc1)C#N	0	10.7	0.4	5.55	0	Inf	0	Inf	0	NC
4-Amino-m-cresol	2835-99-6	Cc1cc(O)ccc1N	1	90	28.8000031	59.40000155	1	11.50004363	1	11.50	1	1B
5-Amino-o-cresol	2835-95-2	Cc1ccc(N)cc1	1	89.19999998	12.5	50.84999999	1	113.2362193	1	113.24	1	1B
2-Aminophenol	95-55-6	Nc1ccccc1O	1	96.2	18.1	57.15	1	1.1	1	1.10	1	1A

Summary

- We created the DASS App to facilitate the use of accepted DASS to integrate data from non-animal methods and provide skin sensitization hazard and potency predictions.
- The DASS App enables users to leverage computational methods to efficiently apply DAs through a user-friendly interface.

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