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A Future Framework for Application of In Vitro Metabolism and  
QIVIVE Models to Inform Risk Assessment  
Strategies to overcome the “human metabolism”  
bottleneck in regulatory risk assessment of the 21st century

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# Overview

1. Introduction
2. Two decades of metabolism **methods** for regulatory purposes
3. Framework and activities to characterise *in vitro* metabolism **methods**  
(including species differences)
4. An example of standardisation of *in vitro* metabolism **methods**:  
CYP induction validation study
5. Current regulatory needs for *in vitro* metabolism **methods**

# 1. Introduction

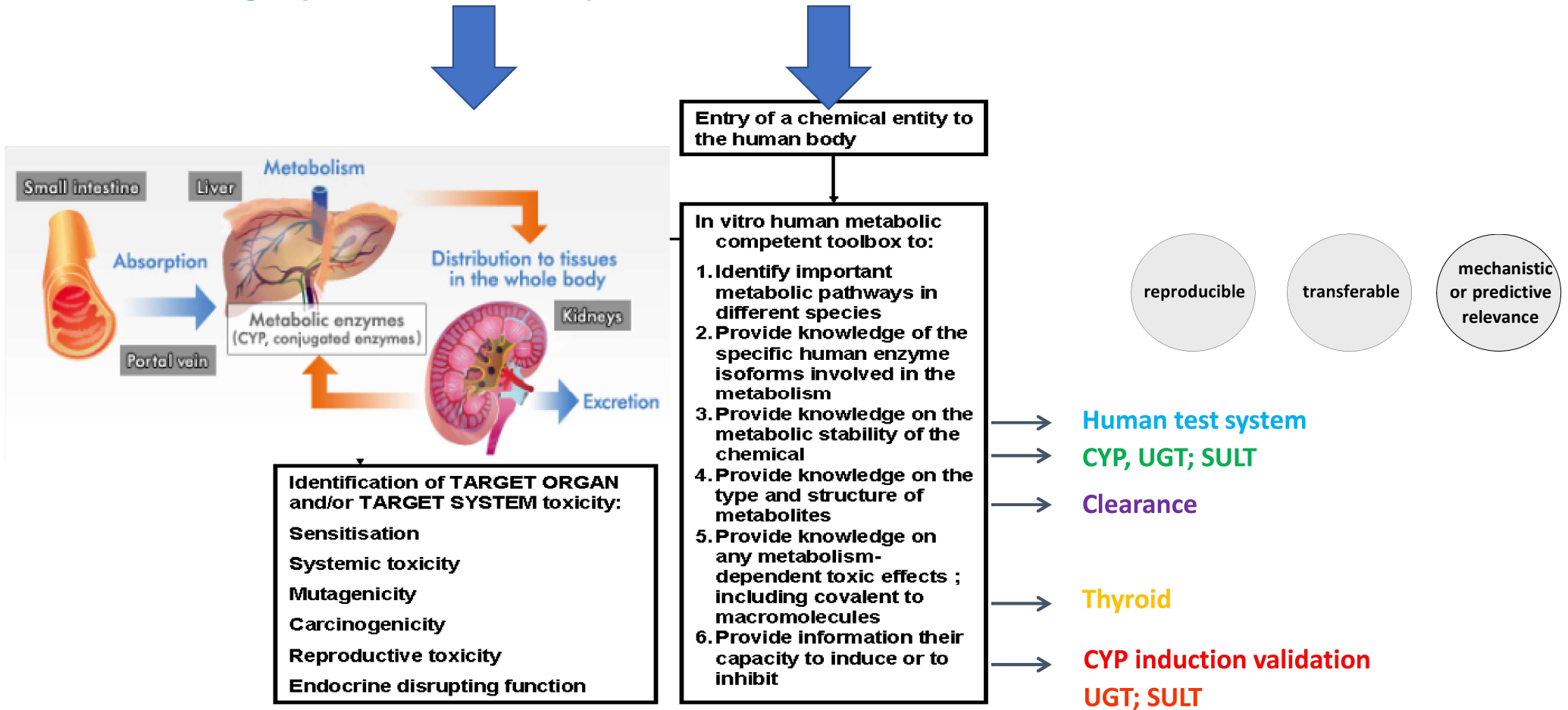
## Strategies to overcome the “human **metabolism**” bottleneck in regulatory risk assessment of the 21st century

- Early consideration of the multiplicity of factors that govern the biological fate of foreign compounds in living systems is a necessary prerequisite for the quantitative in vitro-in vivo extrapolation (QIVIVE) of toxicity data.
- Substantial technological advances in in vitro methodologies have facilitated the study of in vitro metabolism and the further use of such data for in vivo prediction.
- However, extrapolation to in vivo with a comfortable degree of confidence, requires continuous progress in the field to address challenges such as e.g., in vitro evaluation of chemical-chemical interactions, accounting for individual variability but also analytical challenges for ensuring sensitive measurement technologies.
- Discusses the current status of in vitro metabolism studies for QIVIVE extrapolation, serving today's hazard and risk assessment needs.



**Metabolism methods** are key components in any framework for the application of new approach methods

*Assessing systemic toxicity and toxicokinetics*



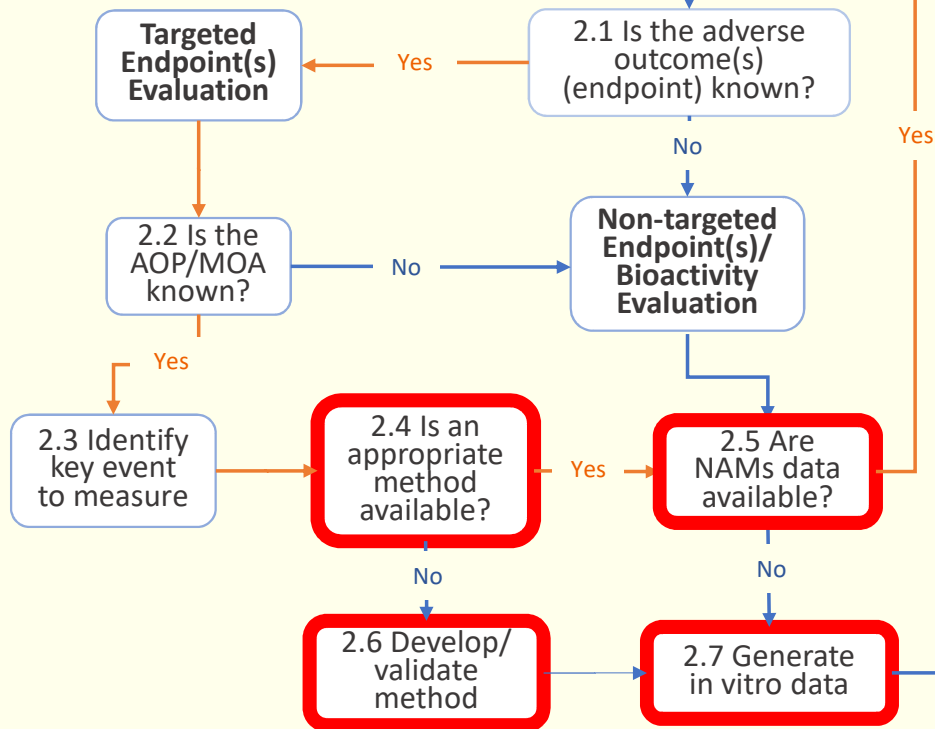


# Framework for the Application of New Approach Methods: **Metabolism considerations**

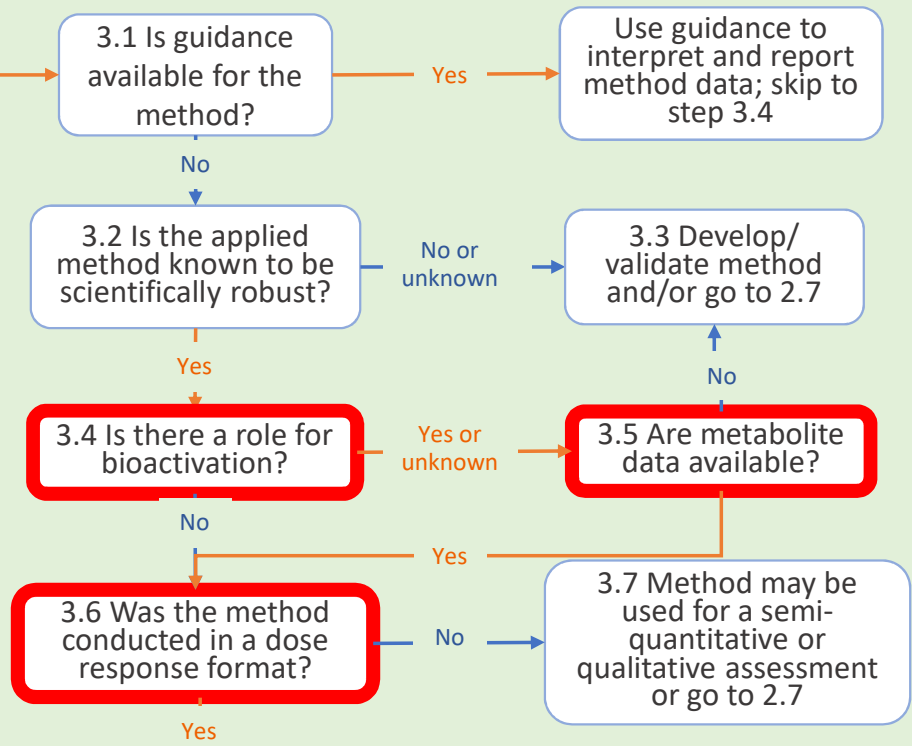
## 1. Purpose of the Assessment

- 1.1 Define the problem formulation
- 1.2 Identify key components
- 1.3 Consider toxicokinetics

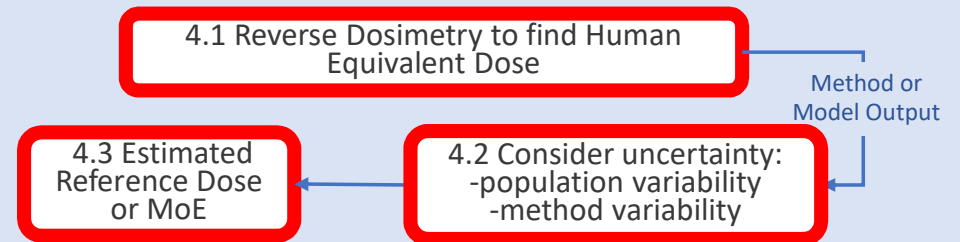
## 2. Dynamics - Bioactivity



## 3. Method Interpretation



## 4. Kinetics - IVIVE (In vitro to In vivo Extrapolation)



## 2. Two decades of **metabolism methods** for regulatory purposes

.....and the age of liver perfusions and metabolism



.....and the use of cooking pots in the experimental design

*Human liver perfusion, Marseille, April 1992*



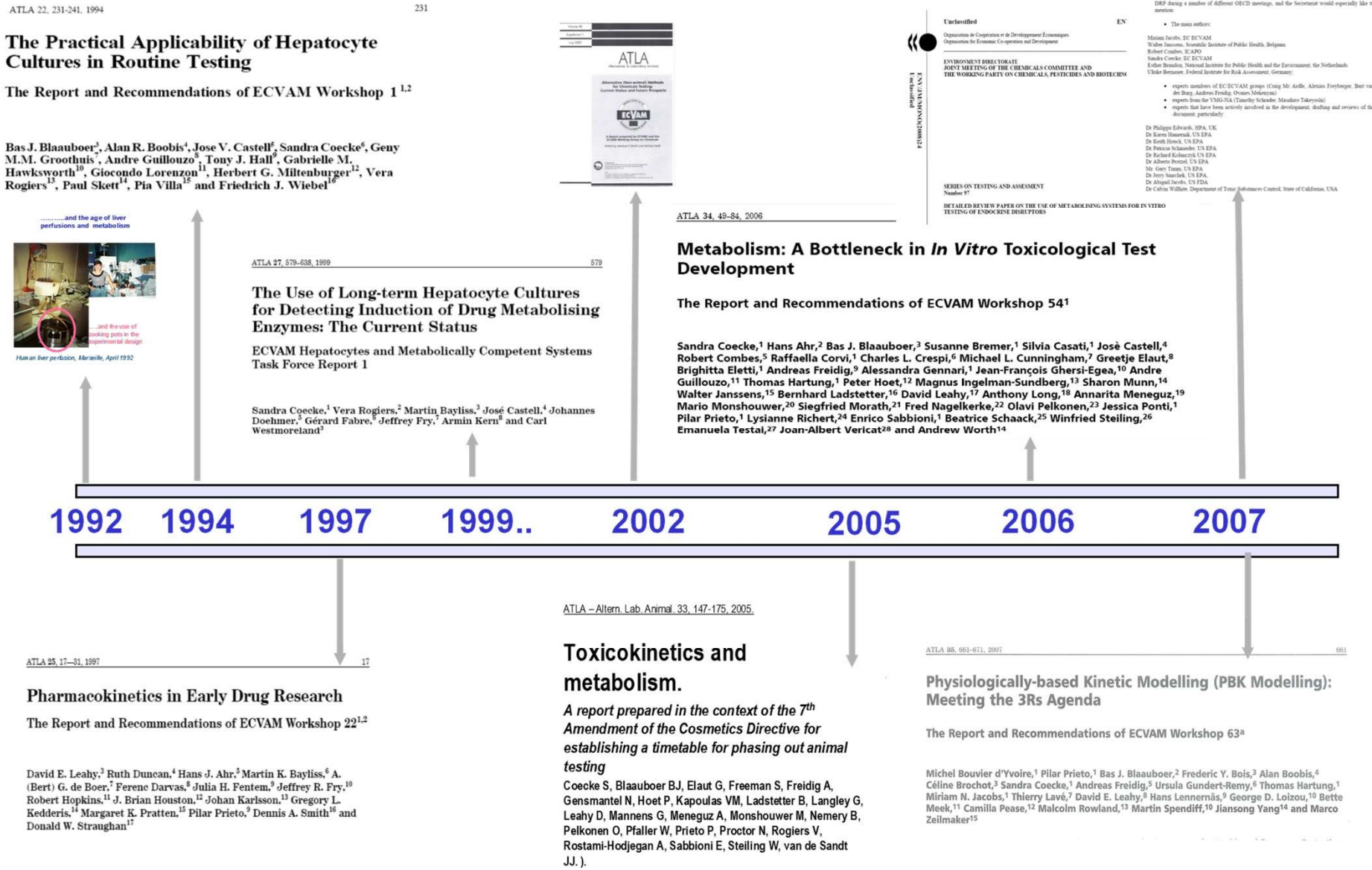
# 2. Two decades of **metabolism methods** for regulatory purposes (cont.)

Metabolism

dynamics



kinetics  
**15 YEARS  
LATER**





# 2. Two decades of **metabolism methods** for regulatory purposes (cont.)

new EU Cosmetics Regulation (EC 1223/2009)

2010 ECVAM DG Sanco

Alternative (non-animal) methods for cosmetics testing: current status and future prospects—2010

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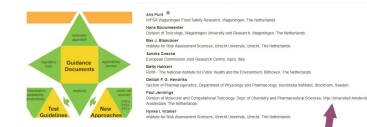
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New approach methodologies (NAMs) for human-relevant biokinetics predictions



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**Comparison of Metabolic Stability and Metabolite Identification of 55 ECVAM/ICCVAM Validation Compounds between Human and Rat Liver Homogenates and Microsomes – a preliminary Analysis**  
Olavi Pelkonen<sup>a</sup>, Ari Tolonen<sup>a</sup>, Timo Rouss<sup>a</sup>, Larissa Turusa<sup>1</sup>, Mia Turpinen<sup>1</sup>, Juhon Hokkanen<sup>1</sup>, Jouko Usutalo<sup>1</sup>, Michel Bouvier<sup>2</sup> Yvoire<sup>2</sup> and Sandra Coecke<sup>3</sup>

Toxicokinetics as a key to the integrated toxicity risk assessment based primarily on non-animal approaches<sup>1,2</sup>  
Sandra Coecke<sup>3</sup>, Olavi Pelkonen<sup>3,4</sup>, Sofia Batista Leite<sup>4,5</sup>, Ulrike Bernauer<sup>4</sup>, Jos GM Bessems<sup>6</sup>, Frederic Y. Bois<sup>7</sup>, Ursula Gundert-Remy<sup>8</sup>, George Loizou<sup>9</sup>, Emanuela Testai<sup>1</sup>, José-Manuel Zaldivar<sup>1</sup>

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Workshop Report  
PBTK modelling platforms and parameter estimation tools to enable animal-free risk assessment  
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Bio-transformation in vitro: An essential consideration in the quantitative in vitro-to-in vivo extrapolation (QIVIVE) of toxicity data  
Iwona Wilk-Zasadna<sup>1</sup>, Camilla Bernasconi<sup>2</sup>, Olavi Pelkonen<sup>3</sup>, Sandra Coecke<sup>4</sup>

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Establishing a systematic framework to characterise in vitro methods for human hepatic metabolic clearance  
Varvara Gouliarmou<sup>1,2</sup>, Alfonso Maria Testai<sup>3</sup>, Sandra Coecke<sup>4</sup>, Camilla Bernasconi<sup>5</sup>, Jos Bessems<sup>6</sup>, Jean-Louis Dorne<sup>7</sup>, Stephen Ferguson<sup>8</sup>, Emanuela Testai<sup>9</sup>, Ursula Gundert-Remy<sup>10</sup>, J. Brian Houston<sup>11</sup>, Mario Monshouwer<sup>12</sup>, Andy Nong<sup>13</sup>, Olavi Pelkonen<sup>14</sup>, Siegfried Morath<sup>15</sup>, Barbara A. Wemmer<sup>16</sup>, Andrew Worth<sup>17</sup>, Jo Zanello<sup>18</sup>, Maria Chiara Zorzo<sup>19</sup>, Maurice Whelan<sup>20</sup>

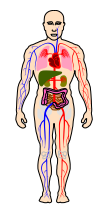
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Metabolism

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kinetics



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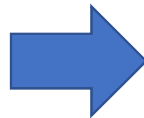
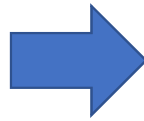


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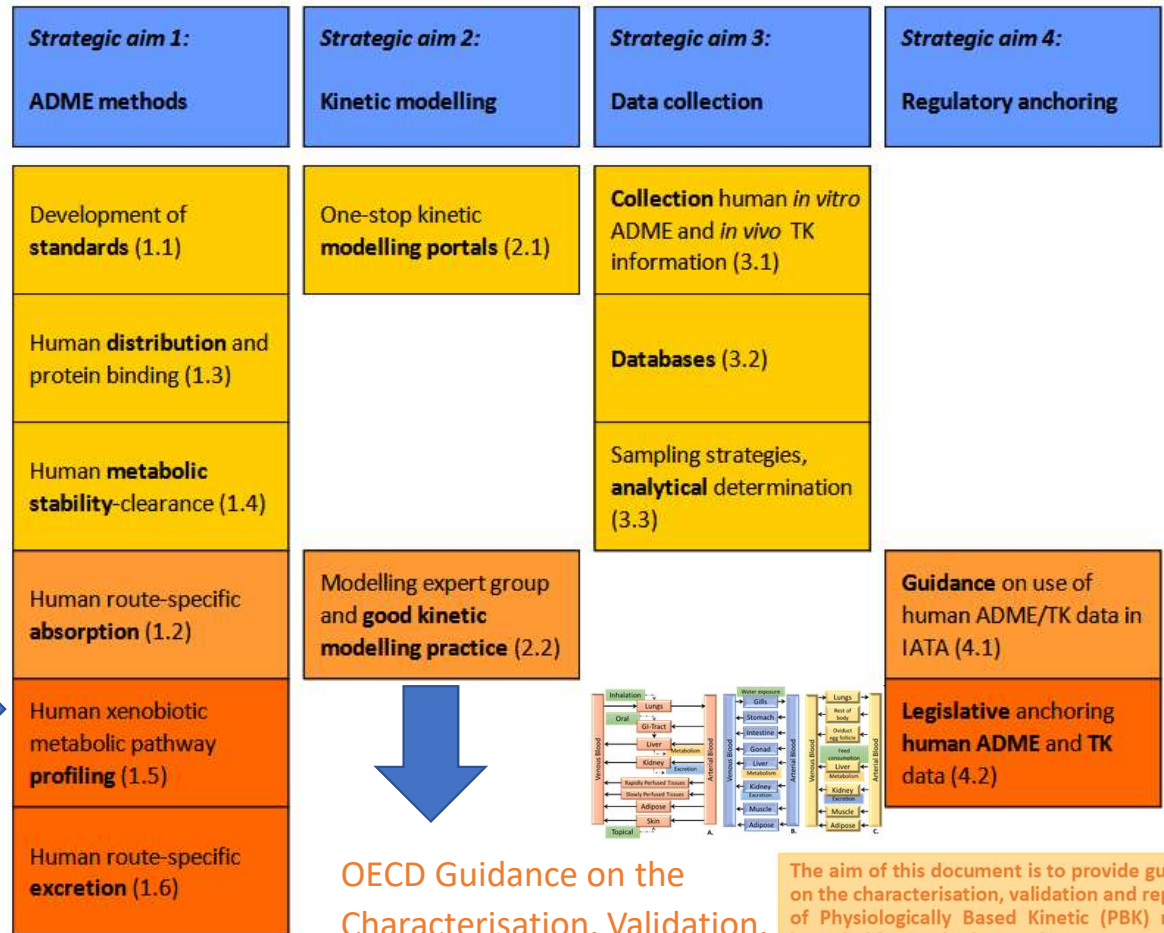
EURL ECVAM strategy for achieving 3Rs impact in the assessment of toxicokinetics and systemic toxicity

Jos Bessems  
Sandra Coecke  
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2015



Framework for the Application of New Approach Methods:  
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OECD Guidance on the Characterisation, Validation, and Reporting of Physiologically Based Kinetic (PBK) Models (2021)

The aim of this document is to provide guidance on the characterisation, validation and reporting of Physiologically Based Kinetic (PBK) models intended for use in the regulatory assessment of chemicals in cases where no *in vivo* kinetic data are available for model validation.

Project Started in October 2017 under OECD working groups WPHA and EAGMST

- ✓ EU frameworks REACH, Cosmetics, Plant protection products and Biocides require and/or recommend ADME information
- ✓ ADME information is critical to reduce and replace animal testing
- ✓ Perform safety assessment based on internal concentrations
- ✓ Tissue/ internal concentrations are considered better dose descriptors (animal toxicity studies as well as human exposure)
  - ❖ Improved scientific basis for route-to-route extrapolation
  - ❖ Facilitating use of *in vitro* points of departure (BMC10, EC50) for human risk assessment purposes



# EURL ECVAM & The European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA) – Modelling projects

- EURL ECVAM Strategy Document on Toxicokinetics (2015)–Objectives to enable prediction of systemic toxicity by applying new approach methods
- Workshop on physiologically based kinetic modelling(2016)–Establishing model credibility, dealing with uncertainty

## Tools to Support Application of Physiologically-Based Kinetic Modelling in Safety Assessment



**Project Responsible:** Judith Madden (PI); Peter Penson (Co-I); Steve Webb (Co-I)

**Objectives:** Systematic review<sup>1</sup> (SR) and assessment of chemical space<sup>2</sup> of existing PBK models; investigation of appropriate similarity metrics to identify PBK modelling-relevant analogues<sup>3</sup> and development of a software tool to assist analogue selection<sup>4</sup>

**Status:**

- Continuing data extraction from full texts (3,120 abstracts identified).
- Capturing: Name; CAS; SMILES; PubMed ID; COSMOS ID; INChIKey Species (Primary & Secondary Category); Gender; Lifestage; Admin. Route; Availability of Equations; Reference; Notes
- Currently completed 1,301 abstracts; equates to 1,412 unique chemicals and 5634 models
- Presentation at ASCCT virtual conference October 2020
- (Virtual) meeting of project partners to be held 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020; demonstration of data capture
- Courtney Thompson (PhD student) successfully completed LJMU "progression viva" on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Next Milestones:** Complete extraction process for all abstracts; finalise spreadsheet; complete systematic review

**Issues:** Current working situation is slowing progress.

Data extraction due to be completed M15 Dec 2020 – Delayed to Q1 2021

## Testing an algorithm for quantitative in vitro to in vivo extrapolation (QIVIVE)



• **Project Responsible:** George Loizou

• **Objective:** To test the effectiveness of a computational algorithm developed to convert in vitro concentration-response data to in vivo dose-response data and its applicability to Bisphenol A, Chlorpyrifos and Perfluorooctanoic acid.

• **Status:**

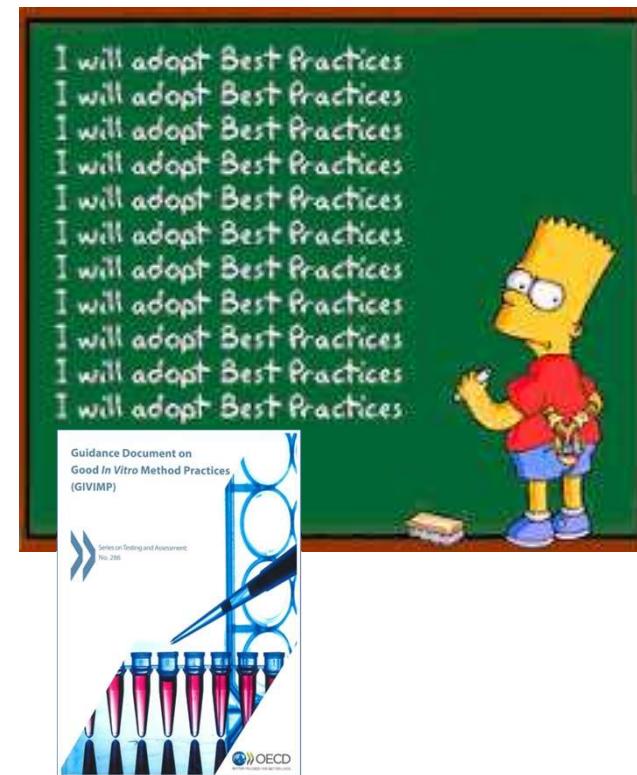
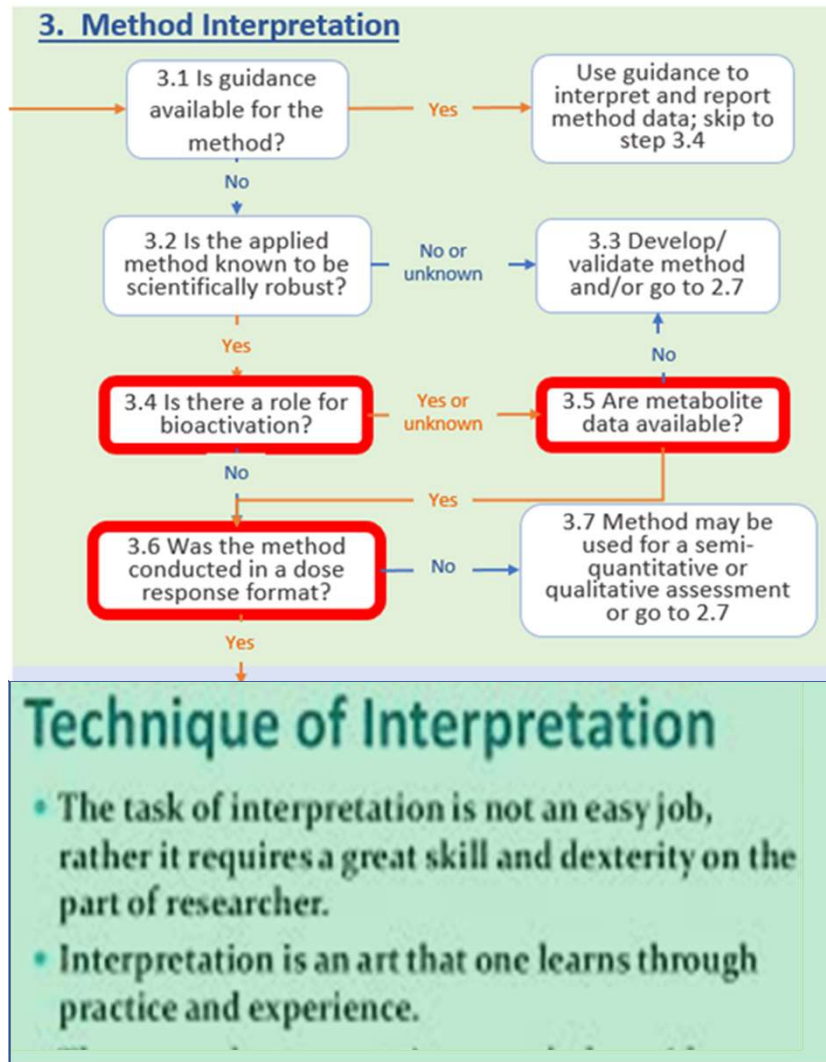
1. Manuscript for QIVIVE of Perfluorooctanoic acid will be submitted to a special issue of Environment International for publication.
2. PBPK model for Chlorpyrifos has been built. In vitro data downloaded and being evaluated.
3. Bisphenol A in vitro data downloaded and is being evaluated.

• **Next Milestones:** Test algorithm with chlorpyrifos model and in vitro concentration – response data.

• **Issues:**

**PROSPERO Protocol:** Systematic review to determine the chemical space of existing physiologically-based kinetic (PBK) models; Courtney Thompson, Judith Madden, Peter Penson. PROSPERO 2020 CRD42020171130 [https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospere/display\\_record.php?ID=CRD42020171130](https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospere/display_record.php?ID=CRD42020171130)

# 3. Framework and activities to characterise in vitro metabolism methods (including species differences)



# Metabolic stability and metabolite identification

## Comparison of Metabolic Stability and Metabolite Identification of 55 ECVAM/ICCVAM Validation Compounds between Human and Rat Liver Homogenates and Microsomes – a preliminary Analysis<sup>1</sup>

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Tab. 4: Similarities and differences in the presence/absence and major/minor metabolite(s) between human and rat liver homogenates and microsomes

	Human homogenate vs microsomes	Rat homogenate vs microsomes	Homogenate human vs rat	Microsomes human vs rat
No metabolites detectable	10	10	8	10
metabolite(s) in one, but not in the other	5	3	6	6
only one metabolite	8	9	7	6
major metabolite(s) same	21	18	14	14
major metabolite(s) different	10	15	20	17
minor metabolite(s) same	11	7	2	2
minor metabolite(s) different	18	22	28	28

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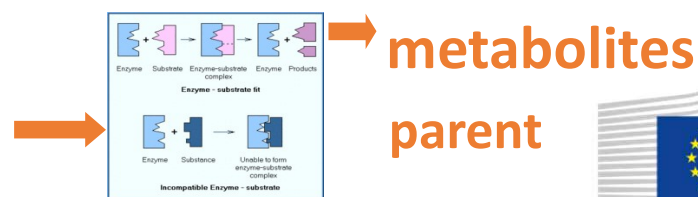
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## EFSA Workshop on *in vitro* comparative metabolism studies in regulatory pesticide risk assessment

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TEST SYSTEM??  
microsomes  
homogenates  
Hepatocytes  
HepaRG

- Unique metabolites
- Disproportionate metabolites



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# Essential oils as feed additives and interspecies metabolic difference

1. Phytogetic feed additives' (PFA): **Essential oils**, spices, herbs or plant extracts, combine bioactive ingredients and flavouring substances; categorised as 'sensory additives' according to European legislation. PFAs improve growth rate, nutrient digestibility and gut health in animals. These properties of PFAs project them as a suitable alternative to Antibiotic growth promoters (AGPs) in animal production.
2. The inconsistency of phytogetic feed additives' (PFA) effects on the livestock industry
3. Risk for their use as **a replacement for antibiotic growth promoters.**
4. Information is limited about the PFA mode of action.
5. Complexity of compounds present in essential oils(EOs) and factors that influence biological effects of PFA.
6. Need various controls and optimization parameters that influence the processes for the standardization of these products.
7. The chemical composition of EOs depends on plant genetics, growth conditions, development stage at harvest, and processes of extracting active compounds.
8. Their biological effects are further influenced by the interaction of phytochemicals and their bioavailability in the gastrointestinal tract of animals.
9. PFA effects on animal health and production are also complex due to various EO antibiotic, antioxidant, anti-quorum sensing, anti-inflammatory, and digestive fluids stimulating activities.
10. Focus on reliable methods to identify and control the quality and effects of EOs.



[Safety and efficacy of feed additives consisting of expressed lemon oil and its fractions from \*Citrus limon\* \(L.\) Osbeck and of lime oil from \*Citrus aurantiifolia\* \(Christm.\) Swingle for use in all animal species \(FEFANA asbl\)](#)

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[Safety and efficacy of a feed additive consisting of expressed mandarin oil from the fruit peels of \*Citrus reticulata\* Blanco for use in all animal species \(FEFANA asbl\)](#)

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[Risk for animal and human health related to the presence of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in feed and food](#)

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# Essential Oil Composition and Biosynthesis

EOs contain various compounds, including

1. terpenes,
2. terpenoids,
3. phenylpropenes, and
4. phenolics

that all contribute to the specific and often unique aromatic and bioactive properties of a range of herbs and spices .

Species differences in metabolism

Electramed to identify with AI deep learning accurately **chemical synonyms** in relevant papers

*The chemical name, ID or CAS-number of the test compound was given.*

Computer Science > Computation and Language

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**ELECTRAMed: a new pre-trained language representation model for biomedical NLP**

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The overwhelming amount of biomedical scientific texts calls for the development of effective language models able to tackle a wide range of biomedical natural language processing (NLP) tasks. The most recent dominant approaches are domain-specific models, initialized with general-domain textual data and then trained on a variety of scientific corpora. However, it has been observed that for specialized domains in which large corpora exist, training a model from scratch with just in-domain knowledge may yield better results. Moreover, the increasing focus on the compute costs for pre-training recently led to the design of more efficient architectures, such as ELECTRA. In this paper, we propose a pre-trained domain-specific language model, called ELECTRAMed, suited for the biomedical field. The novel approach inherits the learning framework of the general-domain ELECTRA architecture, as well as its computational advantages. Experiments performed on benchmark datasets for several biomedical NLP tasks support the usefulness of ELECTRAMed, which sets the novel state-of-the-art result on the BC5CDR corpus for named entity recognition, and provides the best outcome in 2 over the 5 runs of the 7th BioASQ-factoid Challenge for the question answering task.

GIVIMP & SciRAP AI tool



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Review  
**Essential Oils as Feed Additives—Future Perspectives**

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- EOs predominantly contain monoterpenoids (C10) and sesquiterpenoids (C15) (Drug relevance) relevant
- Apart from terpene compounds (mono-, sesqui-, and diterpenes),
  - **EO: contain alcohols, esters, aldehydes, acids, ketones, epoxides, amines, and sulfides**
- Isoprenoids or terpenoids, the main compounds of essential oils, are formed by combining of isoprene units (C5H8), which further build monoterpenes (C10), sesquiterpenes (C15), and diterpenes (C20) of two, three, or four isoprene units, respectively.
- The basic carbon terpene skeleton is additionally modified by isomerization, oxidation, reduction, and conjugation, leading to a range of different terpenoid compounds.
- Monoterpenes include hydrocarbons aldehydes, ketones, alcohols, ethers, and lactones, whereas the sesquiterpenes exhibit a high range of structures with more than 100 different skeletons.
- Terpenoids are formed by multiple biosynthetic pathways where two main precursors, isopentenyl diphosphate (IPP) and its isomer dimethylallyl diphosphate (DMAPP), are formed by two independent reaction chains of a plant cell.
- The acetate-mevalonate pathway of a cytoplasm, starting with the condensation of acetyl-CoA, results in the creation of sesquiterpenoids, whereas the plastidial methylerythritol phosphate (MEP) pathway that uses pyruvate and glyceraldehydes 3-phosphate results in the synthesis of isoprene, monoterpenes, and diterpenes.
- Many of resulting monoterpenes (e.g., limonene, thymol, carvacrol, *p*-cymene,  $\gamma$ -terpinene, and menthol) and sesquiterpenes (e.g., caryophyllene, cadinene, humulene, germacrene, and zingiberene) have a cyclic structure.
- However, the complex route that evolved for terpene biosynthesis in plants has been reported, where monoterpenes are synthesized in plastids and the cytosol by canonical monoterpene synthases, in addition to existence of a terpene synthase-independent pathway.
- High variability in the chemical structure of terpenoid compounds is a consequence of the diversity of terpene synthases, which can convert a phenyl diphosphate into different products through a range of reaction cycles.
- Aromatic compounds of essential oils, which are less reported than the terpenoids, are synthesized by a separate shikimate pathway.

# Technologies to harmonize evaluations

Computer Science > Computation and Language

[Submitted on 19 Apr 2021]

**ELECTRAmed: a new pre-trained language representation model for biomedical NLP**

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The overwhelming amount of biomedical scientific texts calls for the development of effective language models able to tackle a wide range of biomedical natural language processing (NLP) tasks. The most recent dominant approaches are domain-specific models, initialized with general-domain textual data and then trained on a variety of scientific corpora. However, it has been observed that for specialized domains in which large corpora exist, training a model from scratch with just in-domain knowledge may yield better results. Moreover, the increasing focus on the compute costs for pre-training recently led to the design of more efficient architectures, such as ELECTRA. In this paper, we propose a pre-trained domain-specific language model, called ELECTRAmed, suited for the biomedical field. The novel approach inherits the learning framework of the general-domain ELECTRA architecture, as well as its computational advantages. Experiments performed on benchmark datasets for several biomedical NLP tasks support the usefulness of ELECTRAmed, which sets the novel state-of-the-art result on the BCSCDR corpus for named entity recognition, and provides the best outcome in 2 over the 5 runs of the 7th BioASQ-factoid Challenge for the question answering task.

## Example of SciRap reporting criterion

*The chemical name, ID or CAS-number of the test compound was given.*

Human Readable PubMed Article



Expert Inputs the ID of Article



Machine Readable Article



Text fed into the models



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Exposure to selected limonene oxidation products: 4-OPA, IPOH, 4-AMCH induces oxidative stress and inflammation in human lung epithelial cell lines.

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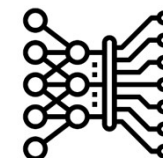
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ronmental chemical exposure has been linked to a wide range of human health hazards including respiratory disorders, cardiovascular disease and cancer (Pope et al., 2004, Uzoigwe et al., 2004). Volatile organic compounds present in living surroundings and are widely used in cleaning and personal care products (Sarwar et al., 2004, Steingard et al., 2004). Outdoor ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) as well as with hydroxyl radicals (OH) leads to various oxidation products (TOPs) can act as carcinogens, asthma products. Although previous studies have provided information about the health effects of these terpenes oxidation products (TOPs), little attention has been given to the potential health risks of the carbonyl species: 4-OPA, IPOH, 4-AMCH. For example, 4-OPA is a typical key oxidation reaction product of limonene (Nazaroff and Weschler, 2004). Squalene - present in the outermost layer of human skin (Fruekilde et al., 1998). Besides 4-OPA, both IPOH and 4-AMCH were detected



## What the output looks like for this criterion

ABSTRACT

**Limonene**, a monoterpene abundantly present in most of the consumer products (due to its pleasant citrus smell), easily undergoes ozonolysis leading to several **limonene** oxidation products (LOPs) such as **4-acetyl-1-methylcyclohexene** (4-AMCH), **4-oxopentanal** (4-OPA) and **3-isopropenyl-6-oxoheptanal** (IPOH).

Toxicological studies have indicated that human exposure to **limonene** and **ozone** can cause **adverse airway** effects. However, little attention has been paid to the potential health impact of specific LOPs, in particular of IPOH, **4-OPA** and **4-AMCH**.

Lipsa et al. (2016) Inflammatory effects induced by selected limonene oxidation products: 4-OPA, IPOH, 4-AMCH in human bronchial (16HBE14o-) and alveolar (A549) epithelial cell lines. Toxicol Lett 262:70-79. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.toxlet.2016.08.023>

# The case of Alpha-Pinene

## $\alpha$ PN rates among the most important monoterpenes of human exposure

EFSA (2011) EFSA panel on food contact materials, enzymes, flavourings and processing aids (CEF). Consideration of aliphatic and alicyclic and aromatic hydrocarbons evaluated by JECFA (63rd meeting) structurally related to aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons evaluated by EFSA in FGE.25Rev2. EFSA J 9(6:2178):69. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2011.2178

### SCIENTIFIC OPINION



ADOPTED: 1 December 2015

PUBLISHED: 05 January 2016

doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2016.4339

## Safety and efficacy of eight compounds belonging to chemical group 31 (aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons) when used as flavourings for all animal species and categories

### EFSA Panel on Additives and Products or Substances used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP)

The FEEDAP Panel concluded that E-pinene, D-pinene, E-caryophyllene, myrcene, camphene, E-ocimene and  $\delta$ -3-carene are safe at the proposed maximum dose level (5 mg/kg complete feed) for all animal species, except myrcene and  $\beta$ -ocimene when 4 mg/kg would apply for cats. For valencene, the calculated safe use level is 1.5 mg/kg complete feed for cattle, salmonids and non-food producing animals, and 1.0 mg/kg complete feed for pigs and poultry. No safety concern would arise for the consumer from the use of these compounds up to the highest safe levels in feeds. The Panel is unable to conclude on user safety in the absence of specific data.

Common Name: **alpha-PINENE**

Synonyms: 2-Pinene; Cyclic DEXADIENE

Chemical Name: Bicyclo[3.1.1]Hept-2-ene, 2,6,6-Trimethyl-

Date: August 2008

Revision: April 2017

#### Description and Use

**alpha-Pinene** is an oily, colorless liquid with a *Turpentine*-like odor. It is used in the manufacture of *Camphor*, insecticides, solvents, plasticizers, perfumes, and synthetic pine oil. It is a major component of *Turpentine*.

#### Reasons for Citation

- ▶ **alpha-Pinene** is on the Right to Know Hazardous Substance List because it is cited by ACGIH, DOT and NFPA.
- ▶ This chemical is on the Special Health Hazard Substance List.

CAS Number: 80-56-8

RTK Substance Number: 0052

DOT Number: UN 2368

#### EMERGENCY RESPONDERS >>> SEE BACK PAGE

Hazard Summary		
Hazard Rating	NJDOH	NFPA
HEALTH	-	1
FLAMMABILITY	-	3
REACTIVITY	-	0

FLAMMABLE  
POISONOUS GASES ARE PRODUCED IN FIRE  
CONTAINERS MAY EXPLODE IN FIRE

Hazard Rating Key: 0=minimal; 1=slight; 2=moderate; 3=serious; 4=severe

- ▶ **alpha-Pinene** can affect you when inhaled and by passing through the skin.
- ▶ Contact can irritate the skin and eyes.
- ▶ Inhaling **alpha-Pinene** can irritate the nose, throat and lungs.
- ▶ Exposure to **alpha-Pinene** can cause headache, nausea and vomiting.
- ▶ Very high exposure may affect the nervous system causing loss of coordination, dizziness, confusion, seizures and coma.
- ▶ **alpha-Pinene** may cause a skin allergy.
- ▶ **alpha-Pinene** may damage the kidneys.

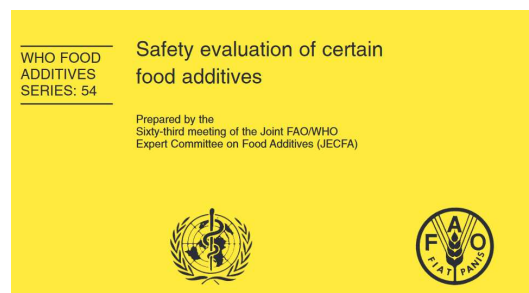


Table 1. (contd)

Flavouring agent	No.	CAS No. and structure
$\alpha$ -Pinene	1329	80-56-8





# The case of Alpha-Pinene (cont.)

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Research Article

## Daily Inhalation of $\alpha$ -Pinene in Mice: Effects on Behavior and Organ Accumulation

Tadaaki Satou, Hikaru Kasuya, Kazumi Maeda, Kazuo Koike

First published: 26 December 2013 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/ptr.5105> | Citations: 28



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## Differences in essential oil yield, composition, and bioactivity of three juniper species from Eastern Europe

T. Radoukova<sup>a</sup>, V.D. Zheljzkov<sup>b,\*</sup>, I. Semerdjieva<sup>c</sup>, I. Dincheva<sup>d</sup>, A. Stoyanova<sup>e</sup>, M. Kačániová<sup>f,g</sup>, T. Marković<sup>h</sup>, D. Radanović<sup>h</sup>, T. Astatkie<sup>i</sup>, I. Salamon<sup>j</sup>

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## Toxicokinetic evaluation of the common indoor air pollutant, $\alpha$ -pinene, and its potential reactive metabolite, $\alpha$ -pinene oxide, following inhalation exposure in rodents

Suranya Waidyanatha<sup>a,\*</sup>, Michael Hackett<sup>b</sup>, Sherry R. Black<sup>c</sup>, Mathew D. Stout<sup>a</sup>, Timothy R. Fennell<sup>a</sup>, Melanie R. Silinski<sup>a</sup>, Scott L. Watson<sup>a</sup>, Joseph Licause<sup>c</sup>, Veronica G. Robinson<sup>a</sup>, Barney Sparrow<sup>a</sup>, Reshan A. Fernando<sup>c</sup>, Stephen Cooper<sup>c</sup>, Cynthia V. Rider<sup>a</sup>

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## IMAP Group Assessment Report, Australia, 2020

This group assessment contains chemicals related to alpha-pinene. Three of the chemicals in this group are: alpha-pinene (unspecified isomer) (CAS No. 80-56-8), the (1S,5S)- or (-)-alpha-pinene (CAS No. 785-26-4) isomer and the (1R,5R)- or (+)-alpha-pinene isomer (CAS No. 7785-70-8). They are closely structurally-related and are expected to have similar toxicological properties. The chemicals are naturally-occurring and the racemic mixture of both enantiomers does not occur in nature. In this assessment, 'alpha-pinene', refers to the unspecified isomer, unless stated otherwise. This assessment also includes the chemical 'oil of turpentine, alpha-pinene fraction' (CAS No. 65996-96-5). This chemical is the distillation fraction of turpentine oil containing >80% alpha-pinene. While this fraction is expected to also contain small amounts of the other terpene hydrocarbons in turpentine (beta-pinene, delta-3-carene, camphene, terpinolene, carene and limonene), its toxicological profile is expected to be closely related to that of alpha-pinene (CAS No. 80-56-8)

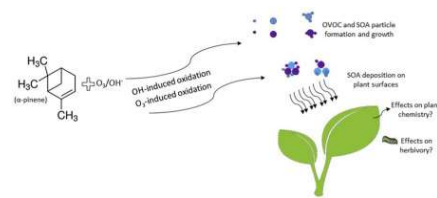


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TOXICOKINETICS AND METABOLISM

## Human metabolism of $\alpha$ -pinene and metabolite kinetics after oral administration

Lukas Schmidt<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Göen<sup>1</sup>



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## Therapeutic Potential of $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -Pinene: A Miracle Gift of Nature

<https://www.mdpi.com/2218-273X/9/11/738>  
by Bahare Salehi<sup>1</sup>, Shashi Upadhyay<sup>2</sup>, Ilkay Erdogan Orhan<sup>3,\*</sup>, Arun Kumar Jugran<sup>4</sup>, Sumali L.D. Jayaweera<sup>5</sup>, Daniel A. Dias<sup>6</sup>, Farukh Sharopov<sup>6</sup>, Yasaman Taheri<sup>7</sup>, Natália Martins<sup>8,9</sup>, Navid Baghalpour<sup>7</sup>, William C. Cho<sup>10,\*</sup> and Javad Sharifi-Rad<sup>11,\*</sup>

## MOLECULAR ECOLOGY

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Strategies in herbivory by mammals revisited: The role of liver metabolism in a juniper specialist (*Neotoma stephensi*) and a generalist (*Neotoma albigula*)

Teri J. Orr, Smitika Kitanovic, Katharina M. Schramm, Michele M. Skopek, P. Ross Wilderman, James R. Halpert, M. Denise Dearing

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## The cytochrome P450 CYP6DE1 catalyzes the conversion of $\alpha$ -pinene into the mountain pine beetle aggregation pheromone *trans*-verbenol

Christine C. Chiu, Christopher I. Keeling & Joerg Bohlmann

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<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-018-38047-8>



Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology Part C: Pharmacology, Toxicology and Endocrinology  
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## Induction of xenobiotic metabolising enzymes in the common brushtail possum, *Trichosurus vulpecula*, by *Eucalyptus* terpenes

Georgia J. Pass<sup>a</sup>, Stuart McLean<sup>a</sup>, Ieva Stupans<sup>b</sup>

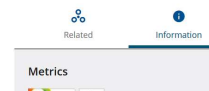


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## Deposition of $\alpha$ -pinene oxidation products on plant surfaces affects plant VOC emission and herbivore feeding and oviposition



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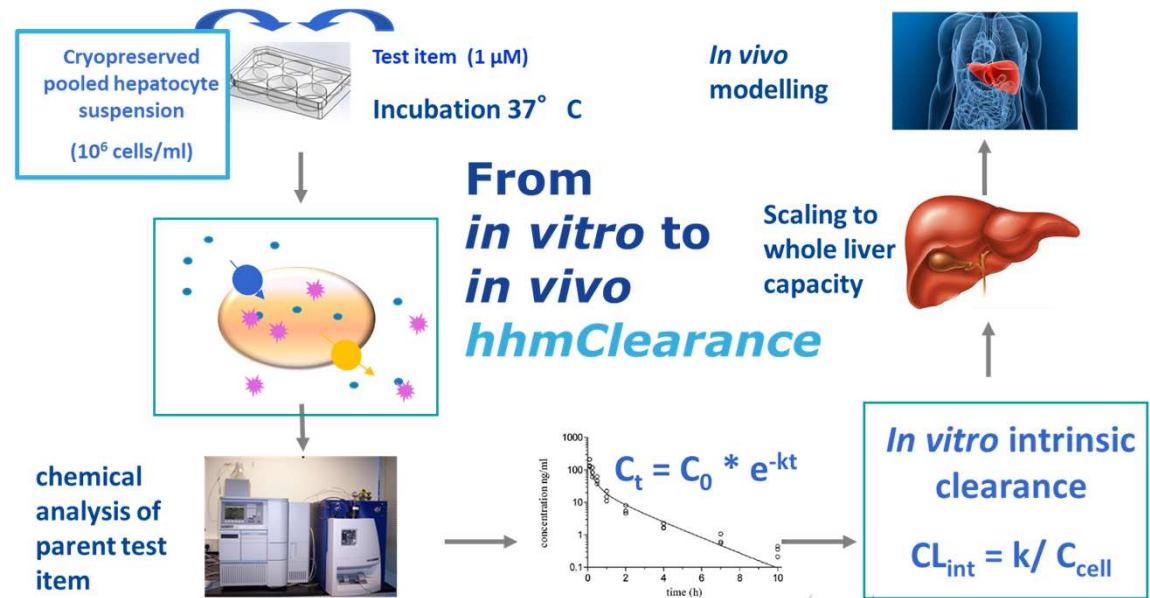
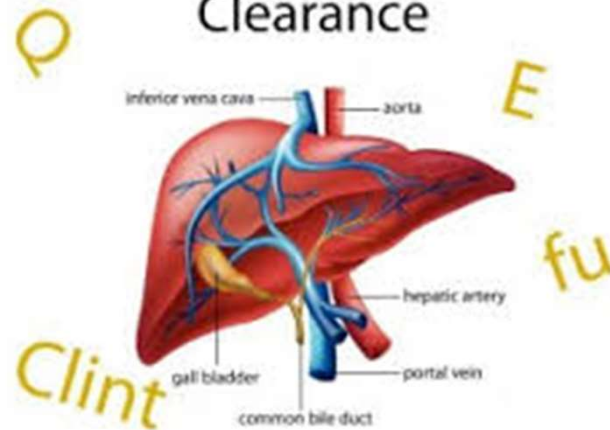




## Establishing a systematic framework to characterise *in vitro* methods for human hepatic metabolic clearance

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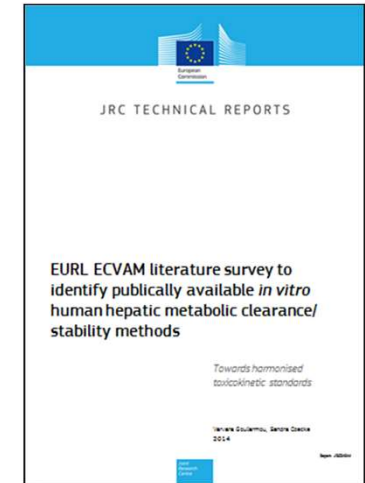
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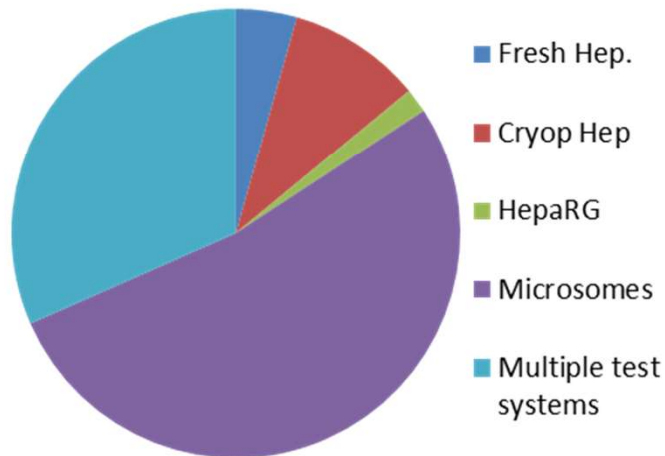
# 2015 - Literature search and call for clearance methods

**Searching criteria:** human based clearance methods and published 1998-2014

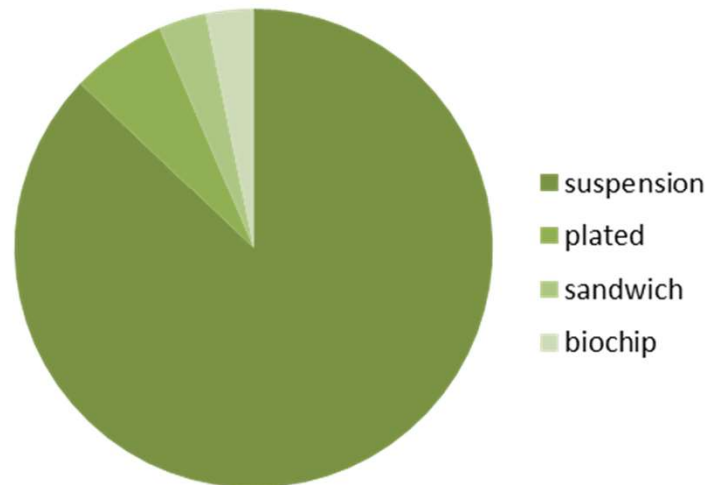
**Inclusion of 115 published studies**



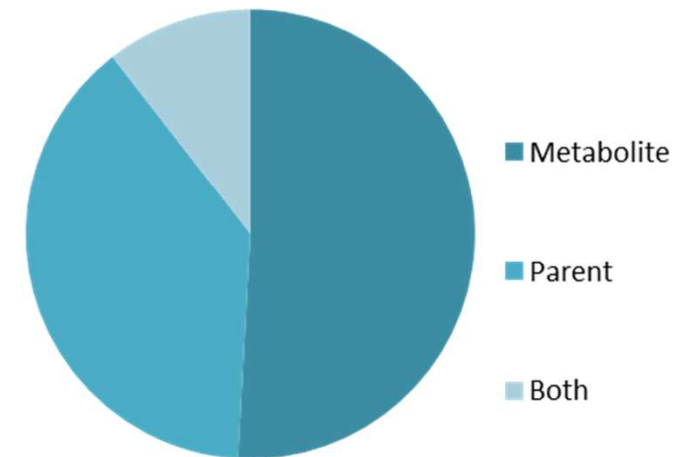
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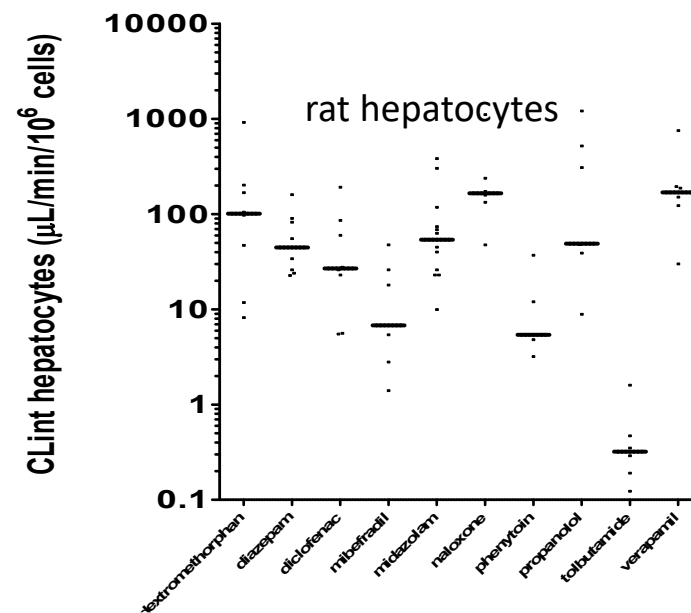
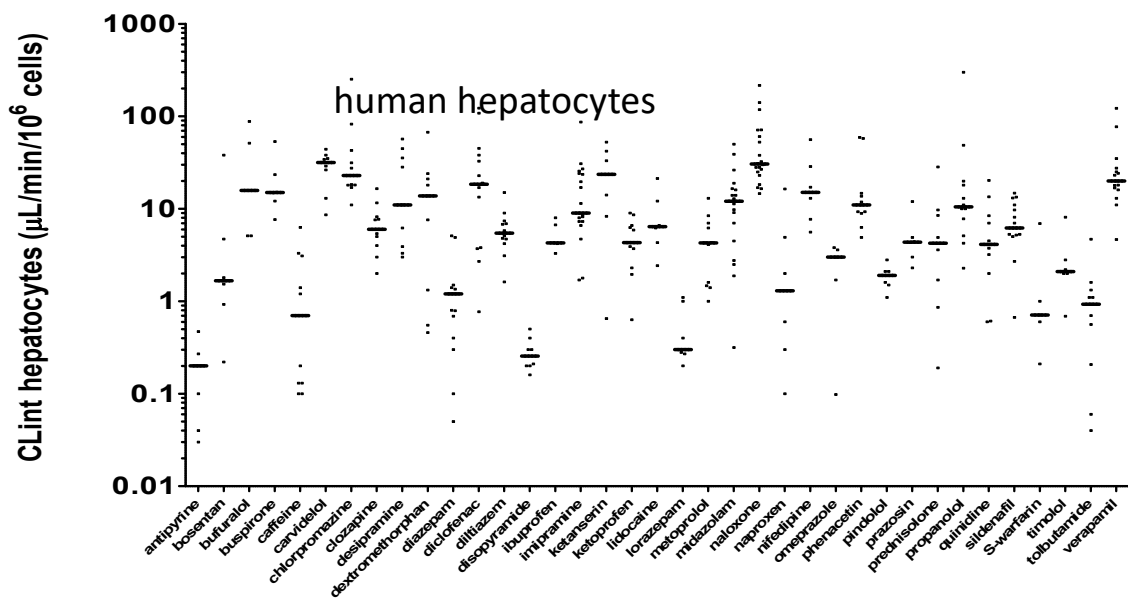
**Test system configuration**



**Measured parameter**

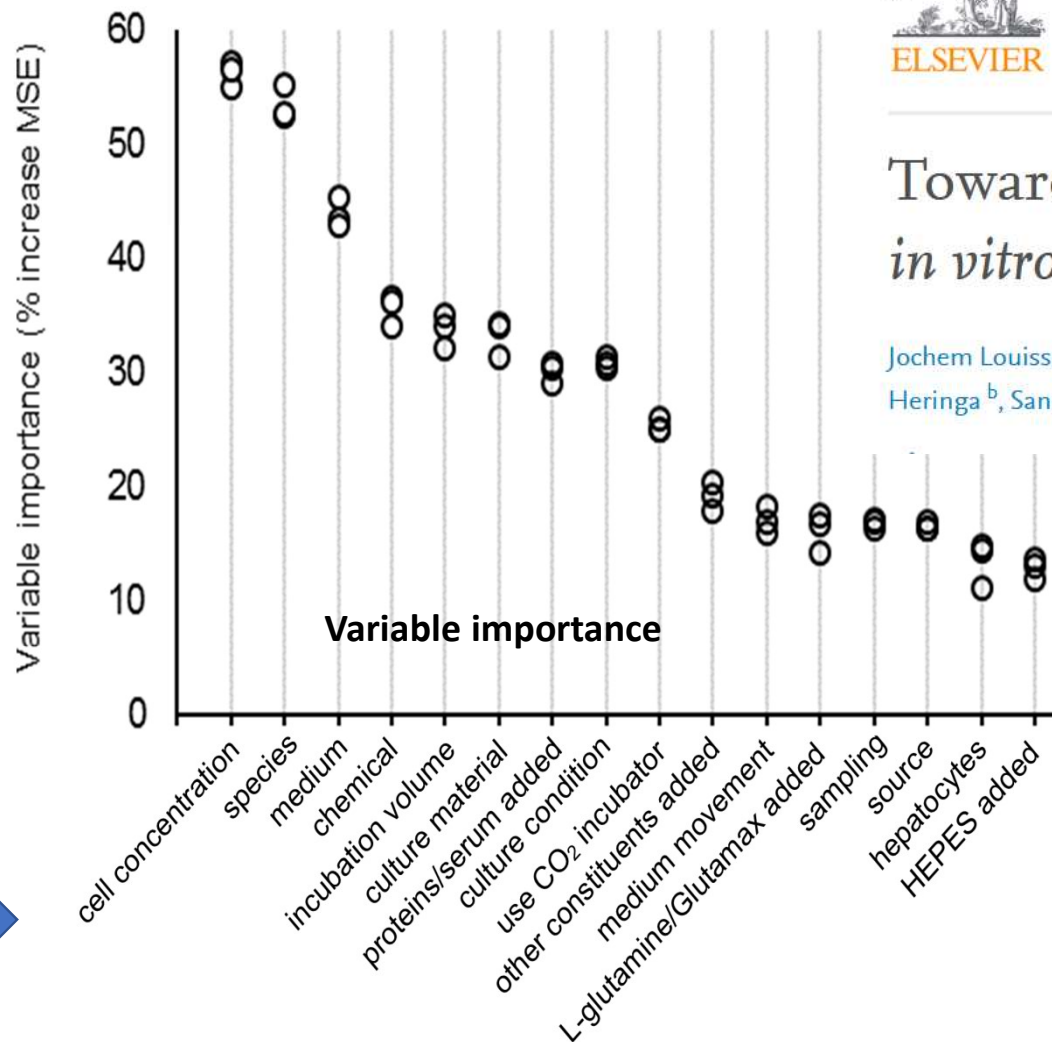


- Human data on 37 chemicals from 30 publications
- Rat data on 10 chemicals from 15 publications
- Large variation in protocols observed
- Limited information on **within-laboratory variation**
- Large between-laboratory variation (partly human variability)



## Towards harmonization of test methods for *in vitro* hepatic clearance studies

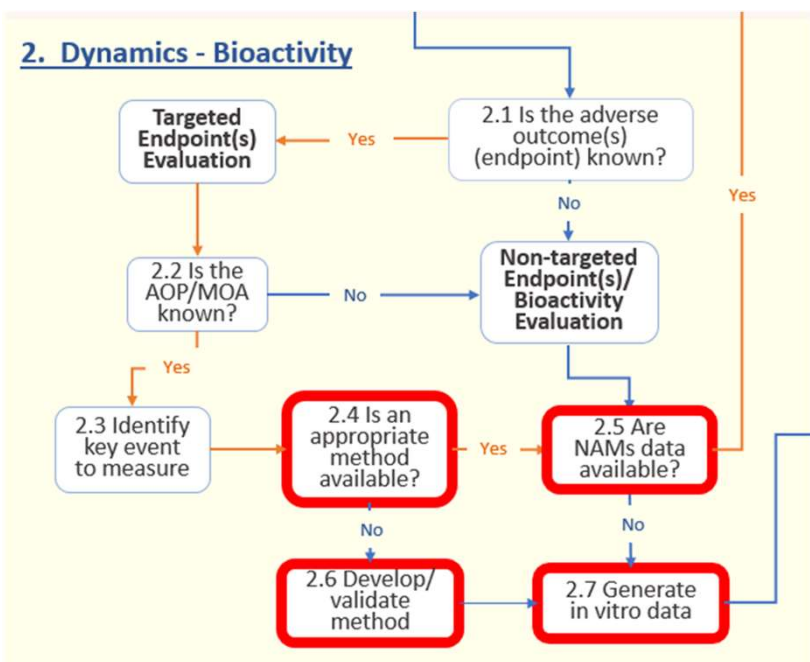
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Combine the current scientific advances with principles of quality assurance and strives for harmonisation at all levels



# 4. An example of standardisation of in vitro mechanistic metabolism methods: CYP induction validation study



## Cytochrome P450 Induction and Xeno-Sensing Receptors Pregnane X Receptor, Constitutive Androstane Receptor, Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor and Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor $\alpha$ at the Crossroads of Toxicokinetics and Toxicodynamics

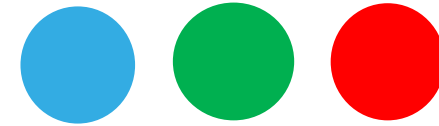
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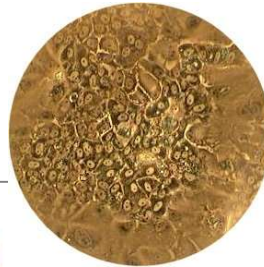
# Human CYP induction validation study



PHH



HepaRG cells



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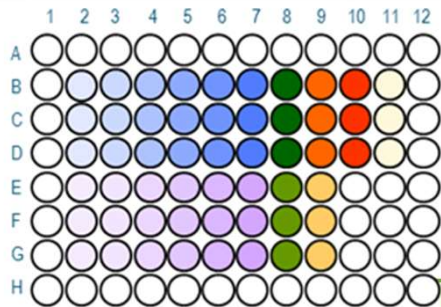


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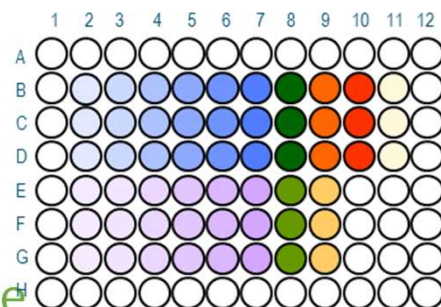
## Cell culture

## Analytics (LC-MS/MS)



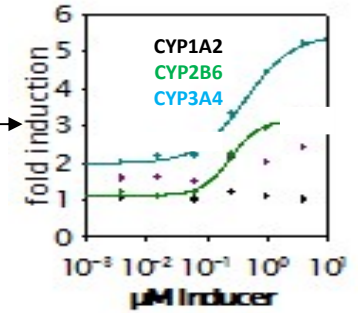
CYP  
Induction  
48-72h

Test item exposure



+ enzymatic probe  
substrates

metabolites  
measurement



- ● Test items (6 serial dilutions)
- Negative control (DMSO)
- Medium



CYP	Reference item for human CYP induction	Enzymatic probe substrate	Metabolite measured
1A2	<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <u><math>\beta</math>-naphthoflavone (BNF) 25 <math>\mu</math>M</u>	phenacetin	acetaminophen
2B6	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> <u>Phenobarbital (PB) 500 <math>\mu</math>M</u>	bupropion	OH-bupropion
3A4	<span style="color: red;">●</span> <u>Rifampicin (RIF) 10 <math>\mu</math>M</u>	midazolam	1-OH-midazolam

# The human CYP induction in vitro method: between and within labs reproducibility

WLR based on based on concordance of predictions between three batches obtained in each laboratory and based on twelve (PHH)/ten (HepaRG cells) test items.

BLR based on concordance of predictions obtained for one particular batch across the three laboratories and for 12 (PHH)/10 (HepaRG cells) test items.

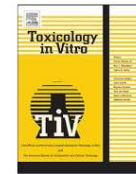
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Validation of *in vitro* methods for human cytochrome P450 enzyme induction: Outcome of a multi-laboratory study

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# The human CYP induction in vitro method: predictivity

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Test item	HepaRG cells			PHH		
	CYP1A2	CYP2B6	CYP3A4	CYP1A2	CYP2B6	CYP3A4
Omeprazole	N	N	N	N	N	N
Carbamazepine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phenytoin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Penicillin	N	N	N	N	N	N
Rifabutin	Not tested			N	Y	Y
Sulfinpyrazone	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bosentan	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Artemisinin	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Efavirenz	Not tested			N	Y	Y
Rifampicin	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Metoprolol	N	N	N	N	N	N
Sotalol	N	N	N	N	N	N

Project Report

## The GOLIATH Project: Towards an Internationally Harmonised Approach for Testing Metabolism Disrupting Compounds

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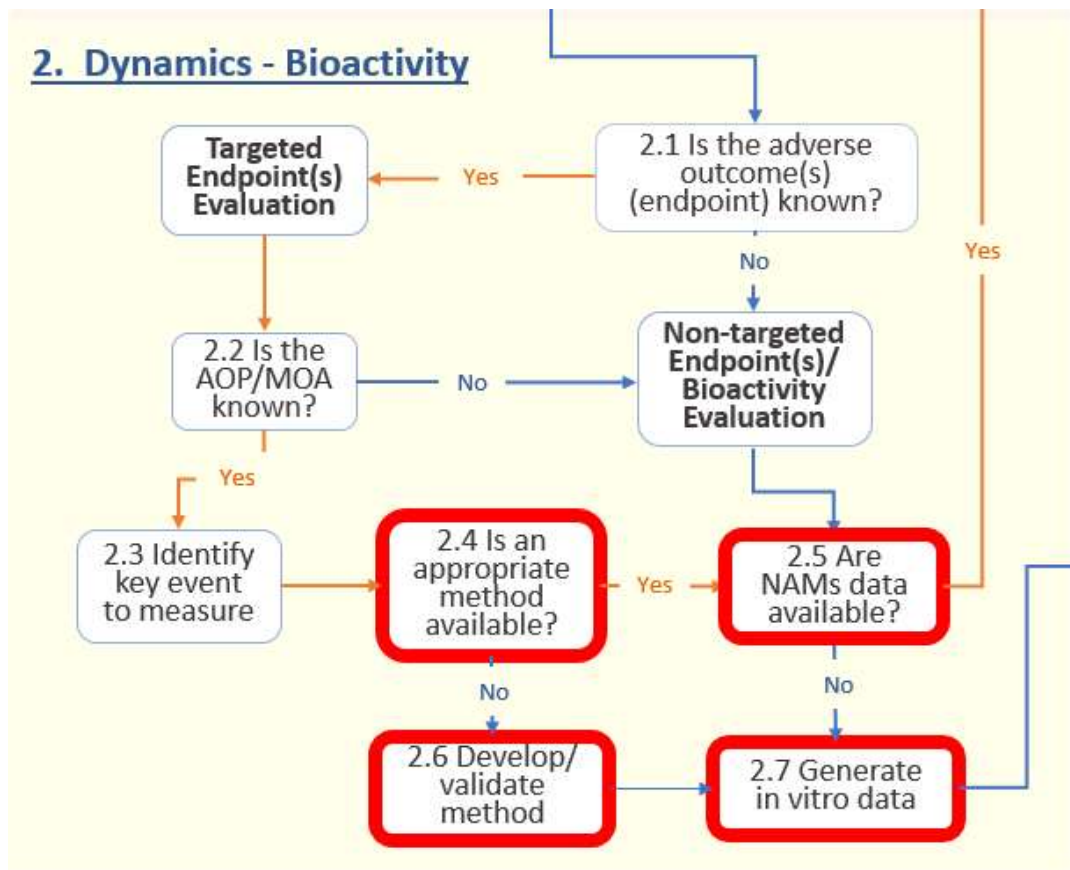


Extend applicability  
domain CYP induction  
method with industrial  
chemicals and pesticides

- correct *in vitro*-human *in vivo* prediction (i.e. true positive and true negative)
- human *in vivo* induction status **unknown** (e.g. no studies) or **conflicting** results (e.g. artemisinin)
- incorrect *in vitro*-human *in vivo* prediction.



## 5. Current regulatory needs for *in vitro* metabolism methods



Framework for the Application of New Approach Methods: **Metabolism considerations**

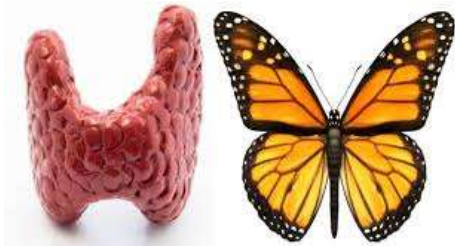


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Large scale collaborative effort to tackle global thyroid disruption health burden using a combination of mechanistic *in vitro* methods

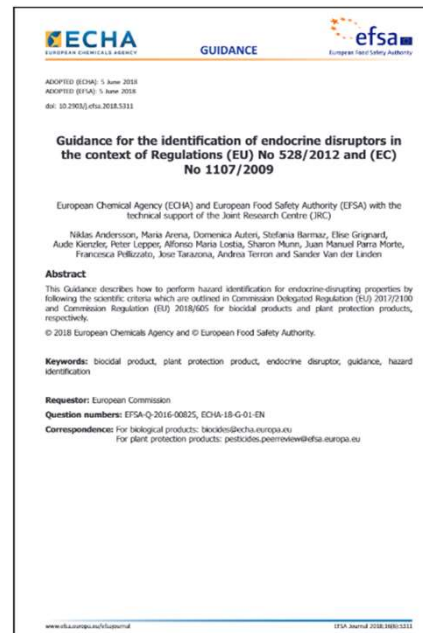
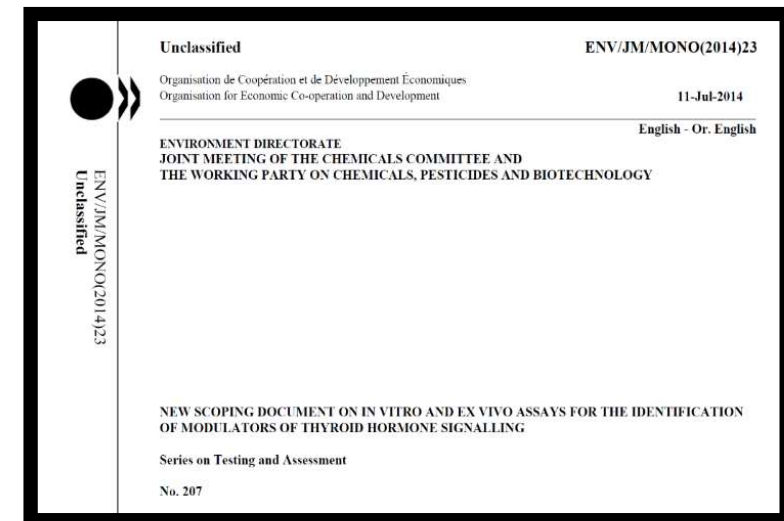


## 1. Purpose of the Assessment

1.1 Define the problem formulation

1.2 Identify key components

1.3 Consider toxicokinetics

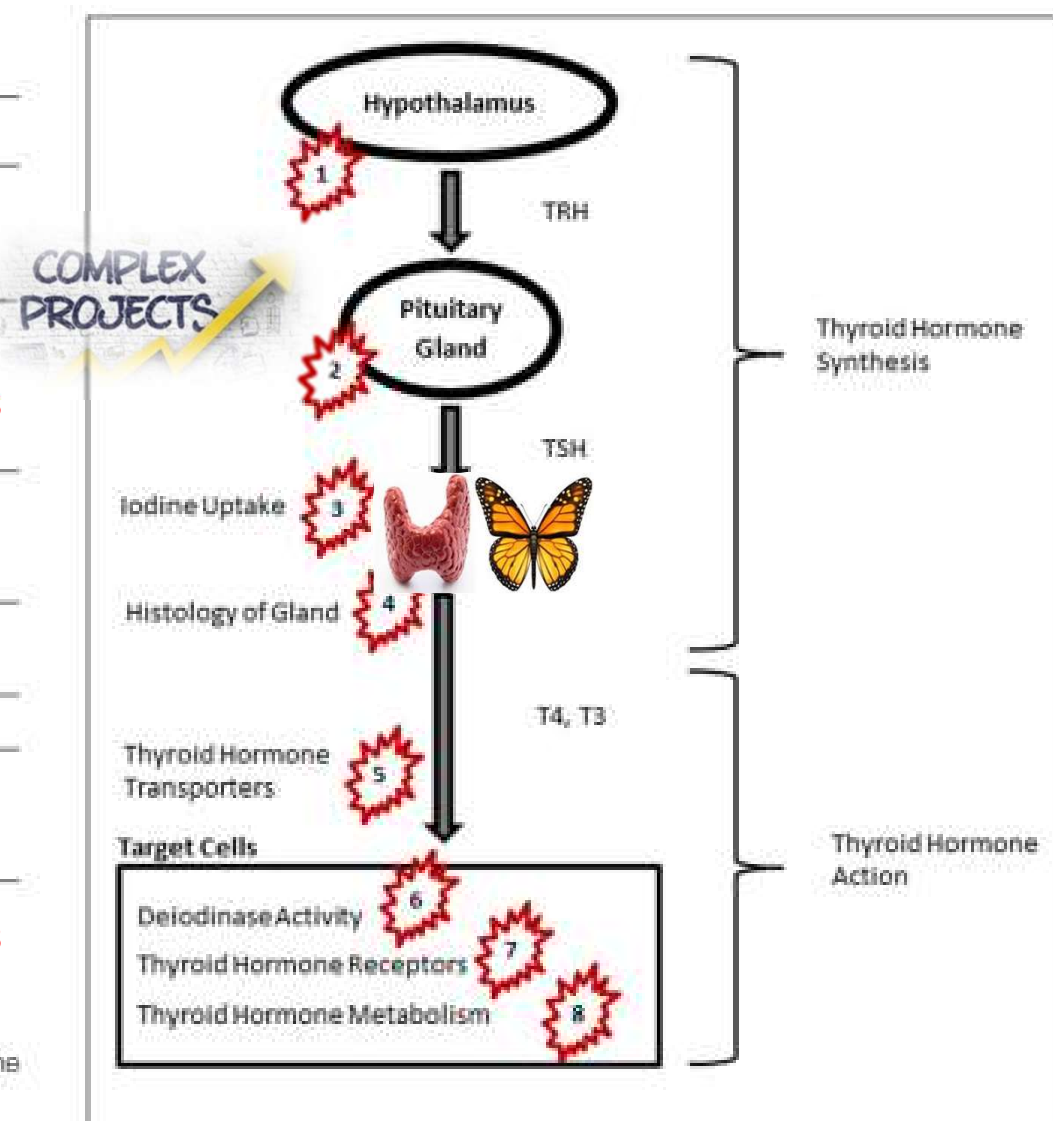


Appendix A – Additional considerations on how to assess the potential for thyroid disruption for human health

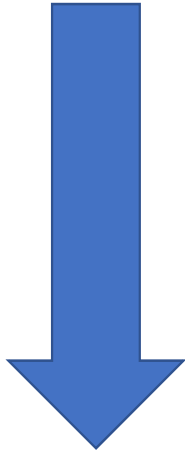


**TABLE 1** | Endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) and target of action in the hypothalamus-pituitary-thyroid axis.

Groups of EDCs	Target of action	
Polychlorinated biphenyls and polychlorinated dibenzodioxins (PCDD)	Thyroid hormone transportation Thyroid hormone receptors	5, 7
Polybrominated diphenyl ethers	Thyroid hormone transporters Deiodinase activity in the thyroid gland Thyroid hormone receptors Thyroid hormone metabolism	5, 6, 7, 8
Pesticides	Histology of thyroid gland Thyroid hormone transportation Thyroid hormone receptors	4, 5, 7
Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs)	Thyroid hormone transportation Deiodinase activity in the thyroid gland	5, 6
Sodium iodide symporters (NIS)	Iodine uptake into the thyroid gland	3
Bisphenol A and other phenols	Expression of thyroid receptor genes in the pituitary Thyroid hormone receptors	2, 7
Phthalates	Thyroid-releasing hormone receptor in the hypothalamus and pituitary Thyroid-stimulating hormone receptor in the thyroid gland Expression of genes related to thyroid hormone metabolism, synthesis, and transportation	1, 2, 5, 8



## 14+ method developers



## 18+Methods

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The European Commission Joint Research Centre's European Union Reference Laboratory for alternatives to animal testing in collaboration with European Union Network of Laboratories for the Validation of Alternative Methods has launched a validation study to assess 17-mechanistic methods to detect chemicals that may interact with the thyroid hormone system.



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### Thyroid method 2c: Tyrosine iodination using liquid chromatography

**TM Status:**  Open  
**Test Method Number:** TM2019-06 (EU)  
**Short Name of TM:** TYRO-IOD  
**Responsible Organisation:** [EURL ECVAM - European Union](#) 

**Topic(s):** Endocrine disruption



### Thyroid method 2d: Activation of the sodium iodide symporter (NIS) based on Sandell-Kolthoff reaction

**TM Status:**  Open  
**Test Method Number:** TM2019-07 (EU)  
**Short Name of TM:** NIS-SKR  
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**Topic(s):** Endocrine disruption



### Thyroid method 3a: Thyroxine-binding prealbumin (TTR) / thyroxine-binding globulin (TBG) binding using fluorescence displacement (ANSA)

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### Environmental Toxicology

### Adverse Outcome Pathway Networks II: Network Analytics

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Framework for the Application of New Approach Methods: **Metabolism methods**

Method	Principle of the test	Test system	Readout
4a. Deiodinase inhibition	redox reaction (Sandell-Kolthoff)	Liver Hepatocytes/ microsomes GMO cells Type I, II, II iodo thyronine deiodinase	spectrophotometry
4b. Glucuronidation	Inhibition/ induction UDPGT	Cryohepatocytes	Chromatography mass spectrometry (LCMS)
4c. TH sulfation	Inhibition/ induction of sulfotransferase	Cryohepatocytes	Chromatography mass spectrometry (LCMS)

**Hepa RG?**



# Application of the framework in the thyroid validation study using New Approach Methods including **Metabolism methods**

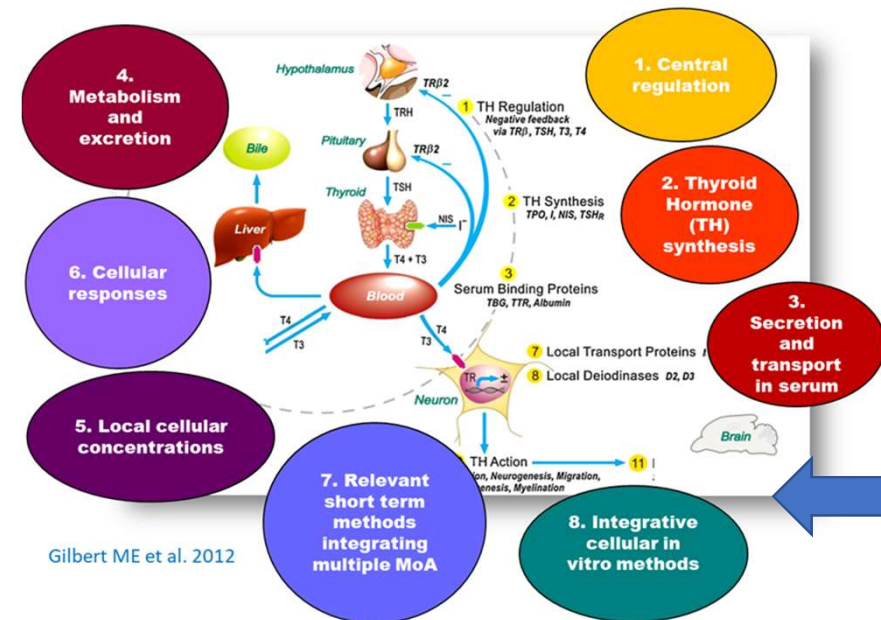
**Amiodarone** is an antiarrhythmic agent inducing adverse effects on the **nervous system**, among others.

**Amiodarone** inhibits the monodeiodination (5-deiodinase activity) of T4.

This leads to a decrease in the generation of T3 from T4, a decrease in the clearance of reverse T3 (rT3) and consequently increased rT3 accumulation

**Amiodarone** is metabolized to desethylamiodarone by the cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzyme group, specifically cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4) and CYP2C8. The CYP3A4 isoenzyme is present in both the liver and intestines

## Thyroid Validation Study



### 4. Kinetics - IVIVE (In vitro to In vivo Extrapolation)

4.1 Reverse Dosimetry to find Human Equivalent Dose

Method or Model Output

4.3 Estimated Reference Dose or MoE

4.2 Consider uncertainty:  
-population variability  
-method variability

# Special issues in MDPI

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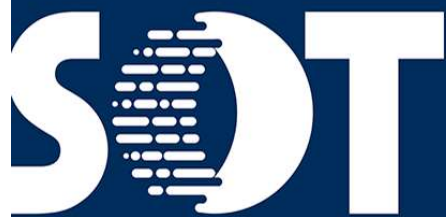
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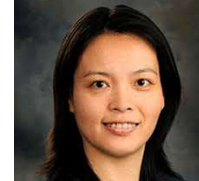


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