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A framework to characterize *in vitro* hepatic metabolism across species for regulatory applications

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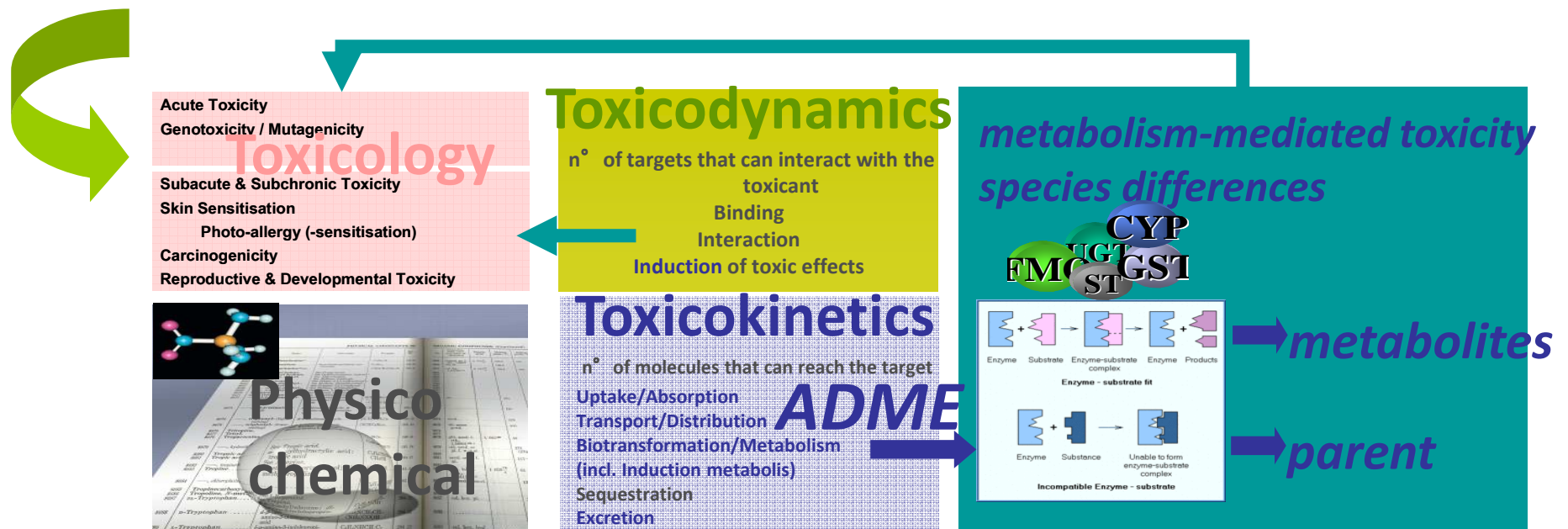
Overview

- Introduction: Metabolism/ADME as essential parts of IATA
- Two decades of *in vitro* methods for test development and validation for regulatory purposes: ADME *in vitro* methods
- Framework and activities to characterise *in vitro* metabolism methods (including species differences)
- An example of standardisation of *in vitro* metabolism methods: CYP induction
- Current regulatory needs for *in vitro* metabolism methods

Introduction

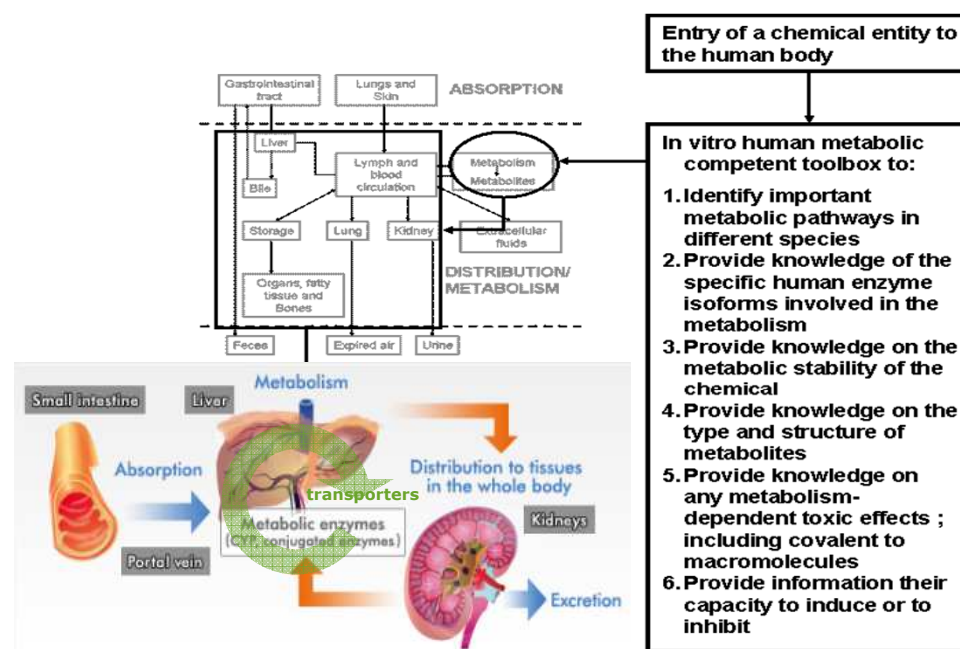
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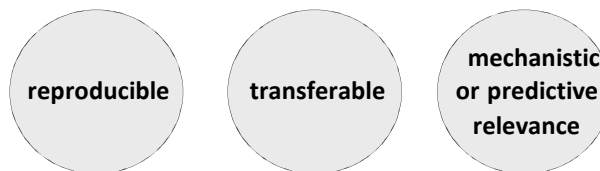
ADME systems as essential parts of IATA's for systemic toxicity



ADME / Metabolism as key components of IATA

In vitro ADME platform for assessing metabolism and toxicity





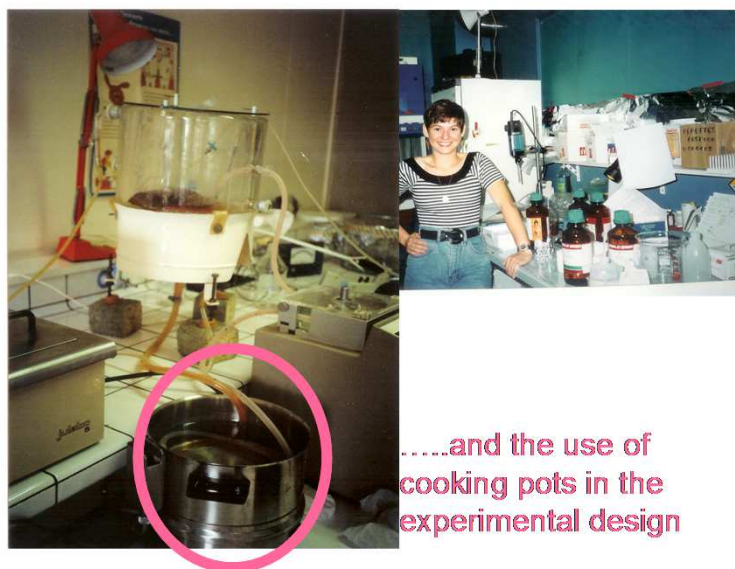
Metabolism/Biotransformation: need for reliable, relevant, easily accessible human metabolic competent test systems

PBTK is currently regarded as the most adequate approach to simulate the fate of compounds in the human body (1R)

**Two decades of *in vitro* methods for test
development and validation for regulatory
purposes:**

***ADME in vitro* methods**

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



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Toxicokinetics as a key to the integrated toxicity risk assessment based primarily on non-animal approaches¹

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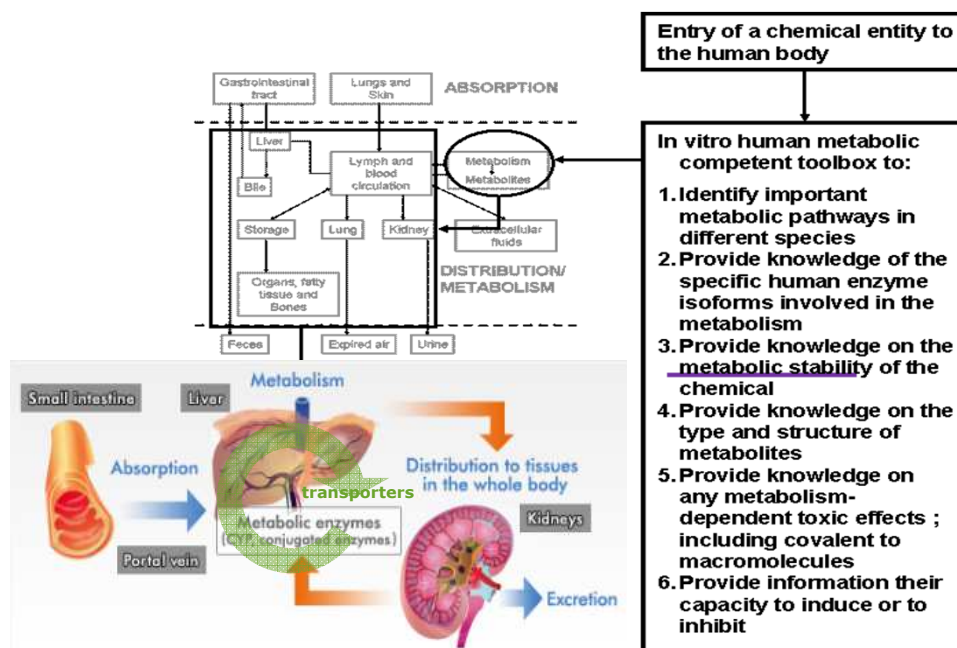
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Biotransformation in vitro: An essential consideration in the quantitative in vitro-to-in vivo extrapolation (QIVIVE) of toxicity data

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**Framework and activities to characterise
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→ Clearance

2009: Identify the main metabolites and the HUMAN clearance rates of the parent compound and/or its metabolites

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Qualitative and quantitative species differences

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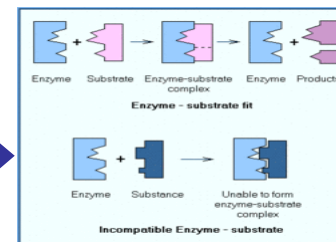
Hepatocytes

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Comprehensive categorical survey of the results

Compound	Preparation	Apparent disappearance ¹		Metabolites formed ²	
		Human	Rat	Human	Rat
Carbamazepine	Homogenate	very slow	slow	1	1
	Microsome	very slow	very slow	1	1
Amitriptyline	Homogenate	very slow	very fast	4 (1)	9 (4)
	Microsome	very slow	very fast	4 (1)	9 (5)
Digoxin	Homogenate	very slow	very slow	none	none
	Microsome	very slow	very slow	none	none
Orphenadrine	Homogenate	slow	fast	3	4 (1)
	Microsome	slow	moderate	3	4 (1)
Propranolol	Homogenate	moderate	fast	5 (1)	7 (3)
	Microsome	slower	slow	5 (1)	7 (3)
Compound	Preparation	Human	Rat	Human	Rat
	Homogenate	slow	moderate	1 (1)	1 (1)
Methadone	Homogenate	slow	moderate	1 (1)	1 (1)
	Microsome	slow	moderate	11 (1)	17 (3)
Thioridazine	Homogenate	moderate	moderate	11 (1)	17 (3)
	Microsome	moderate	moderate	11 (1)	17 (3)
Maprotiline	Homogenate	slow	moderate	1	4 (1)
	Microsome	slow	slow	4	9 (3)
Diphenhydramine	Homogenate	slow	moderate	3	6 (1)
	Microsome	slow	moderate	3	6 (2)
Haloperidol	Homogenate	slow	slow	6 (2)	6 (2)
	Microsome	slow	slow	6 (2)	7 (3)
Atropine	Homogenate	very slow	fast	3	5 (1)
	Microsome	very slow	slow	2	5 (1)
Disopyramide	Homogenate	slow	slow	1	3
	Microsome	very slow	slow	1	3
Diphenylhydantoin	Homogenate	very slow	slow	1	1
	Microsome	very slow	slow	1	1
Warfarin	Homogenate	slow	slow	3	4
	Microsome	slow	slow	3	3
Chloramphenicol	Homogenate	?	moderate	none	1
	Microsome	?	very slow	none	1
Rotenone	Homogenate	moderate	fast	7	7
	Microsome	moderate	moderate	8	8
Diethylphthalate	Homogenate	very fast	very fast	1	1
	Microsome	very fast	very fast	1	1
Diethylphthalate	Homogenate	very fast	very fast	2 (1)	2 (1)
	Microsome	very fast	very fast	2 (1)	3 (1)
Ibuprofen	Homogenate	fast	moderate	1	1
	Microsome	moderate	moderate	1	1
Gibberellic acid	Homogenate	no met	very slow	none	none
	Microsome	no met	no met	none	none
Propylparaben	Homogenate	very fast	very fast	2 (1)	2 (1)
	Microsome	very fast	very fast	3 (1)	3 (1)
Nicotine	Homogenate	moderate	moderate	3 (1)	1
	Microsome	slow	slow	3 (1)	none
Quindine	Homogenate	moderate	moderate	5 (1)	6 (1)
	Microsome	slow	slow	5 (1)	5 (1)
Verapamil	Homogenate	fast	fast	8 (2)	9 (2)
	Microsome	moderate	moderate	7 (2)	8 (2)
Diazepam	Homogenate	slow	moderate	3 (2)	7 (2)
	Microsome	slow	moderate	3 (2)	6 (3)
Malathion	Homogenate	rapid	rapid	4	4
	Microsome	fast	fast	4	3
Phenobarbital	Homogenate	none	slow	none	none
	Microsome	none	slow	none	none
Pentobarbital	Homogenate	very slow	slow	none	2
	Microsome	very slow	slow	none	1
Fenpropatrin	Homogenate	slow	moderate	3	5
	Microsome	moderate	moderate	4	5
Chlorpyrifos	Homogenate	moderate	moderate	6 (3)	3
	Microsome	moderate	moderate	2 (1)	2 (1)
Carbaryl	Homogenate	moderate	moderate	3 (1)	2
	Microsome	slow	slow	4 (2)	4

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¹Categories for substrate depletion: very slow (<5%), slow (5-19%), moderate (20-50%), fast (50-80%), very fast (>80%) in the first 15-min incubation. Consistency of substrate loss curve was generally assessed on the basis of the whole substrate depletion curve over 60 minutes.

²The first figure is the number of all identified metabolites; the figure in parentheses means the number of major metabolites.

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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

Some conclusions:

- LC-MS–based analytical methods OK for disappearance and formation and tentative identification of metabolites.
- microsomes and homogenates: differences were not large for most of the substances...microsomes as an enzyme source would not produce most phase II metabolites (e.g. paracetamol-sulphate).
- For most compounds, microsomes are still suitable for stability and metabolism screening, but it is difficult to anticipate the extent and significance of wrong conclusions, consequent to the selection of microsomes over homogenates as an enzyme source.

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Some conclusions (cont.):

- A tentative categorical analysis indicated that differences between human and rat preparations were rather modest for most of the substances. There were a number of exceptions, e.g. amitriptyline and aflatoxin B1 regarding substrate loss.
- Qualitative differences in metabolite profiles were relatively common, about a third of compounds displayed a difference in major metabolite(s) and in about a half of the compounds some minor metabolites were different.

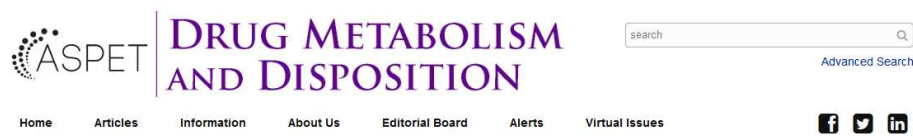
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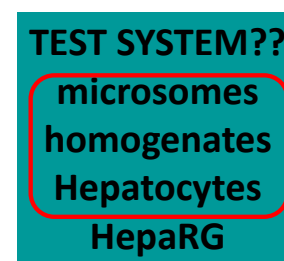


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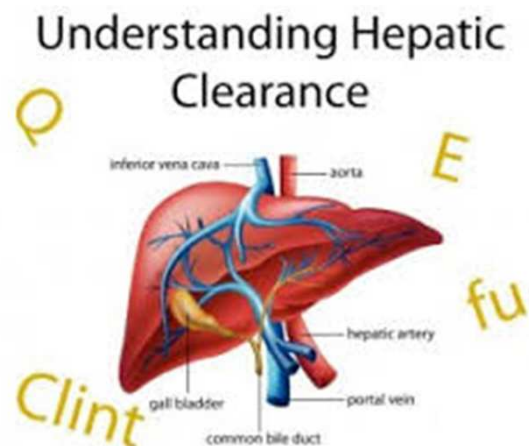
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Establishing a systematic framework to characterise *in vitro* methods for human hepatic metabolic clearance

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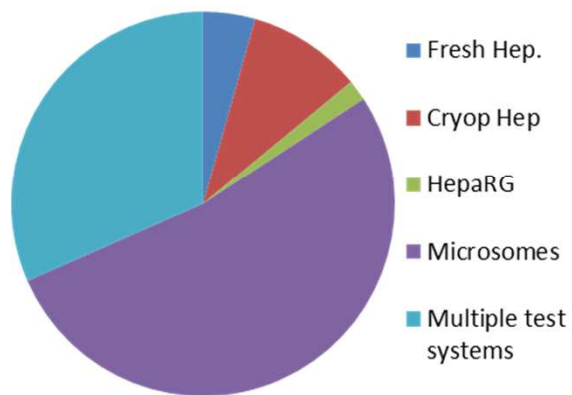


2015 - Literature search and call for clearance methods

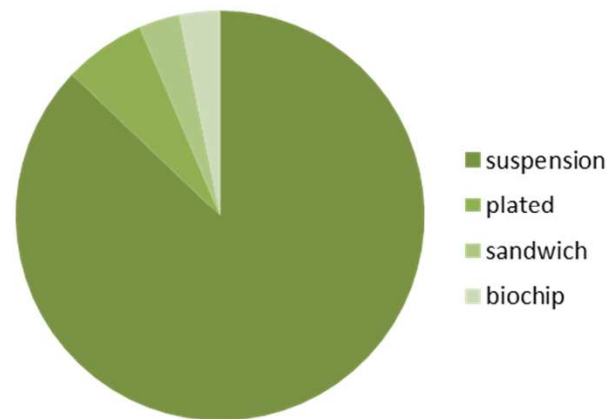
Searching criteria: human based clearance methods and published 1998-2014

Inclusion of 115 published studies

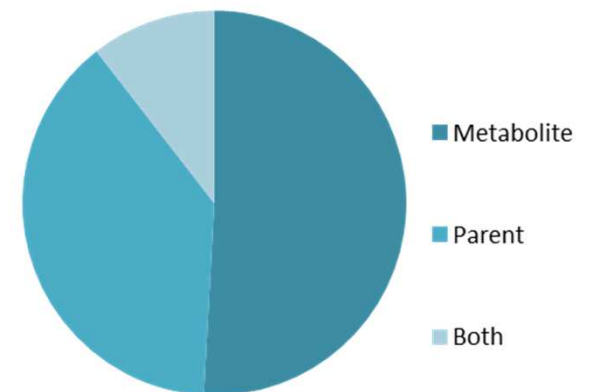
Test system



Test system configuration



Measured parameter



2018 Lead NL: OECD 4.132 Feasibility study TG development

Results 2018 literature analysis:

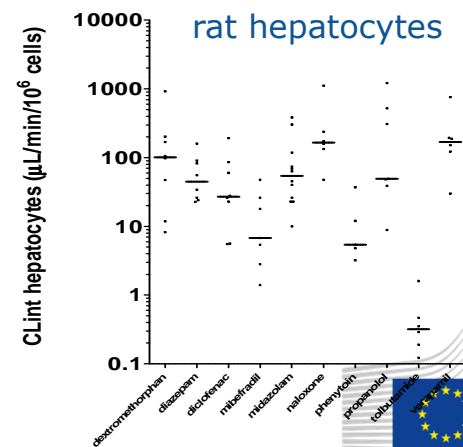
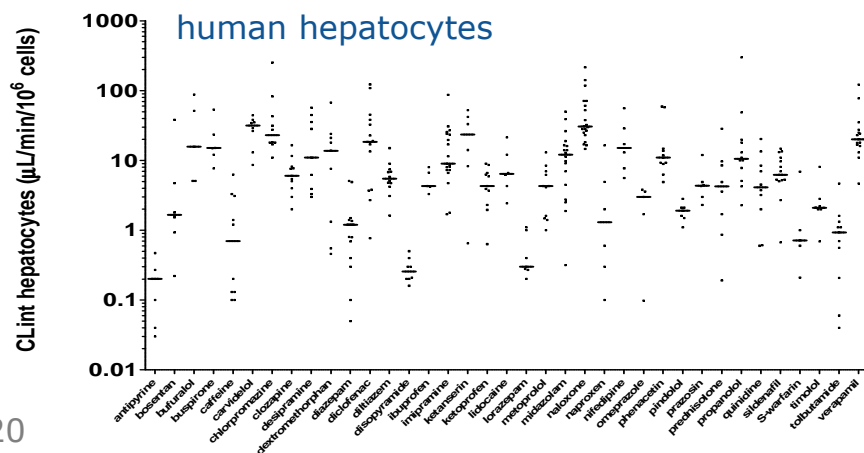
Human data on 37 chemicals from 30 publications

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)

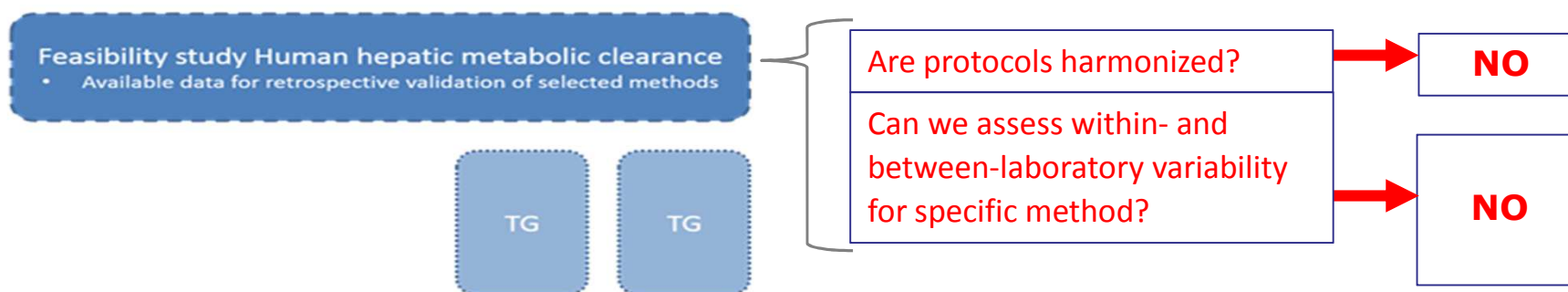


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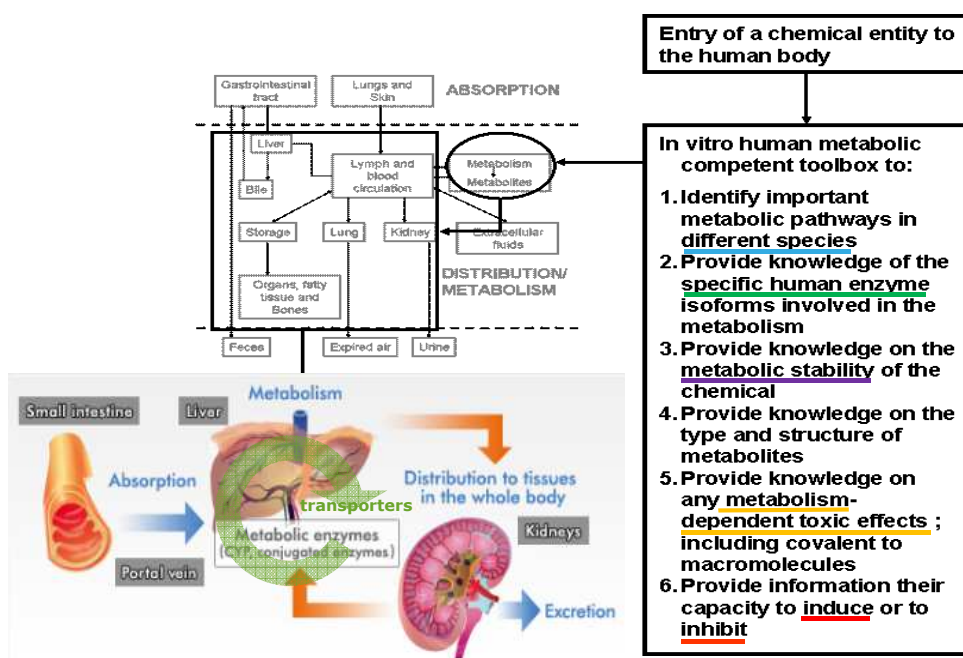
No harmonised protocol used in literature

Large between-laboratory variability



An example of standardisation of *in vitro* metabolism methods: CYP induction

CYP induction



Human test system (PHH; HepaRG)

CYP, UGT; SULT

Clearance

Thyroid

CYP induction validation

UGT; SULT

MiniReview

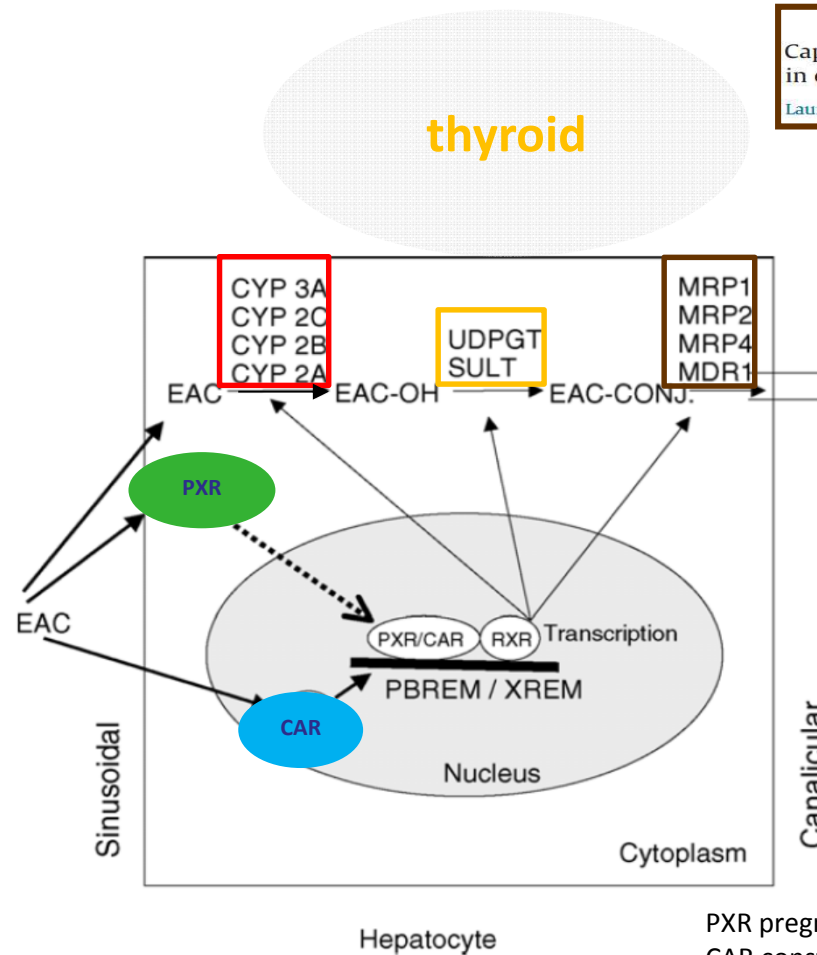
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Human test systems (PHH, HepaRG)

CYP isoforms

CYP induction

PXR and CAR activation by EDCs

Type of EDC	EDC	Affected hormone system
Other	Benzophenone (metabolic products)	Estrogen agonist; antiandrogens
	Bisphenol-A (BPA)	Estrogen agonist
	Triclosan	Potential weak androgen
	Cyproterone acetate	Antiandrogen
	Spirolactone	Antiandrogen; aldosterone antagonist; progestational activity
	Alachlor	Disruption of thyroid hormone levels; antiestrogen; antiandrogen
	Aldrin	Potential EDC
	Chlordane	Increases estrogen agonist effects of other EDC (synergism); mimicry of male sex steroids; antiandrogen
	Chlordecone (kepone)	Estrogen agonist and antiestrogen
	Chlorpyrifos	Potential EDC; estrogen agonist
	Cypermethrin	Disruption of reproductive function
	DDE (1,1-dichloro-2,2-bis(<i>p</i> -chlorophenyl) ethylene)	Antiandrogen
	DDT	Estrogen agonist; antiandrogen
	Dieldrin	Potential EDC; estrogen agonist; antiandrogen
	Endosulfan	Estrogen agonist; antiandrogen
	Endrin	Potential EDC
	Fenvalerate	Potential EDC
	Lindane (γ -BHC)	Interference with or without estrogen-mediated events (mechanism unknown); disruption of reproductive cycle
	Methoxychlor (metabolic products)	ER α agonist, ER β antagonist, AR antagonist
	Mono-OH-methoxychlor	Estrogen agonist
	Bis-OH-methoxychlor	Estrogen agonist
	<i>Trans</i> -nonachlor	Progesterone and estrogen agonist
	Trifluralin	Reproductive and metabolic effects
	Vinclozolin	Antiandrogen
	Phthalic acid	Antiandrogen
	Mono(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (MEHP)	Breakdown product of DEHP. Potential antiandrogen
	Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)	Antiandrogen
	Di- <i>n</i> -butyl phthalate (DBP)	Weakly estrogenic
	Nonylphenol	Estrogen agonist
	PCBs (highly chlorinated)	Estrogen agonist; inhibit estrogen catabolism; antiestrogen

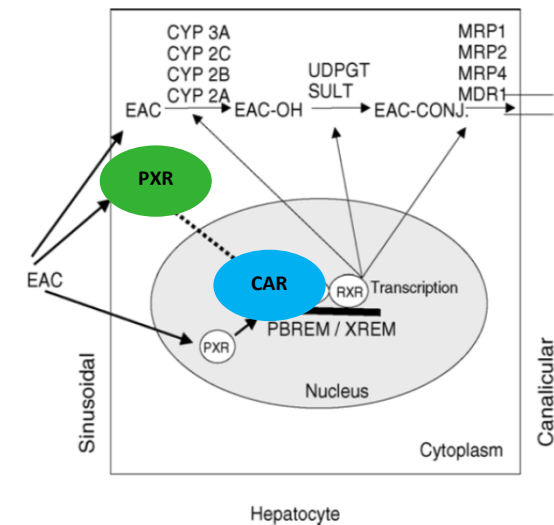
steroids

pesticides

phthalates

alkylphenol

PCBs



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Luthe et al., 2009

PXR and CAR: species differences

Agonists	hPXR	Rodent PXR	hCAR	Rodent CAR
Alachlor		ag		
Androstanol	ag	ag	ant	ant
Androstenediol				ant
Benzophenone		ag		
Bisphenol-A	ag			
Chlordane	ag	ag		
Chlordecone	ag			
Chlorpyrifos	ag			
Corticosterone	ag	ag		
Cypermethrin	ag			
Cyproterone acetate		ag		
Daidzein	ag			
DBP	ag	ag		ag
DDE		ag		ag
DDT	ag			
<i>o,p</i> -DDT	ag			ag
DEHP	ag	ag		
DHT		ag		
Dexamethasone	ag	ag		
Dexamethasone-21-acetate		ag		
Dexamethasone- <i>t</i> -butyl acetate	ag	ag		
Dieldrin	ag			ag
Diethylstilbestrol	ag			
Endosulfan	ag			
Endrin	ag			
17 β -Estradiol	ag	ag		ag
Estrone				ag
17 α -Ethinylestradiol	ag			
Fenvalerate	ag			
Genistein	ag			
Lindane	ag	ag		
Lithocholic acid	ag	ag		
MEHP	ag	ag		
Methoxychlor	ag	ag	ag	ag
Mono-OH-methoxychlor			ag	
Bis-OH-methoxychlor			ag	
<i>Trans</i> -nonachlor	ag	ag		ant
Nonylphenol	ag	ag		ag
PCBs (highly chlorinated)	ant	ag		ag
PCN		ag		
5 β -Pregnane-3,20-dione	ag		ag	
Pregnenolone		ag		
6,16 α -Dimethyl pregnenolone	ag	ag		
17 α -OH-pregnenolone	ag	ag		
Progesterone	ag	ag		ant
17 α -OH-progesterone	ag	ag		
RU486	ag	ag		
Spironolactone		ag		
Tamoxifen	ag			

Rifampicin is a potent activator of hPXR but not of mPXR

PCN is a weak activator of hPXR and a potent activator of mPXR

Hyperforin (Saint John's Wort) is a potent activator of hPXR but not of mPXR

TCPOBOP is an activator of mCAR but not of hCAR

Clotrimazole is an inverse agonist for hCAR yet has no effects on mCAR

Androstanol is an inverse agonist for mCAR but is inactive in hCAR

Several **estrogenic** EACs are only active on mCAR not on hCAR



X.C. Kretschmer, 2005

K. Abass et al., 2012

Fujiwara et al., 2018

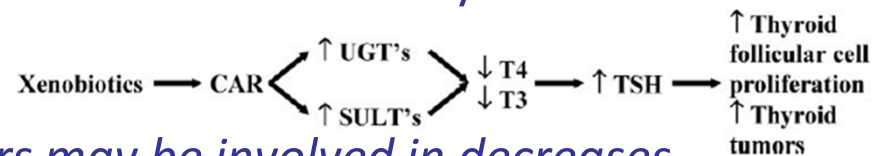


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PXR and CAR activation: key mechanistic event in deregulation of homeostasis

Proposed mechanism of thyroid tumor promotion mediated by CAR

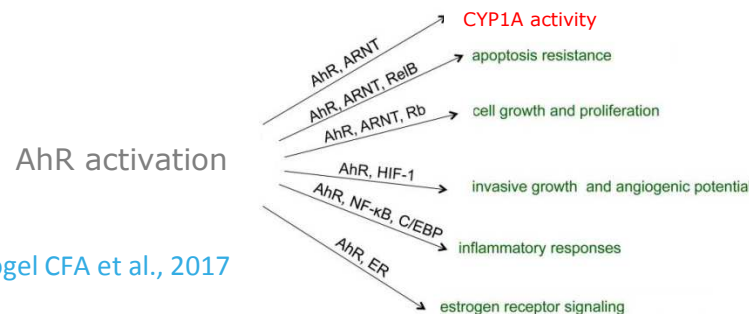
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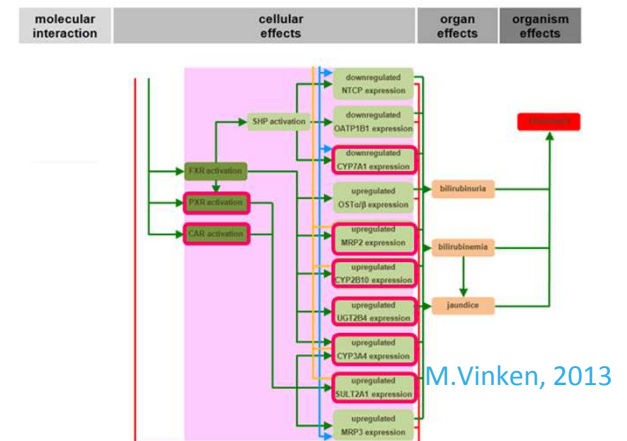
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"BDE-47 induces CYP genes through activation of human CAR in addition to the previously identified pathway through human PXR" (in PHH) Sueyoshi et al., 2014



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How to measure PXR and CAR activation resulting in phenotypic changes at enzyme activity level?Human CYP induction *in vitro* method

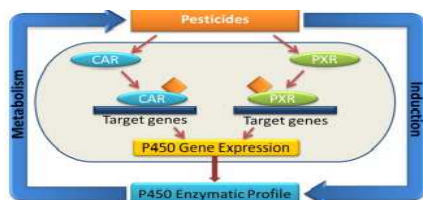
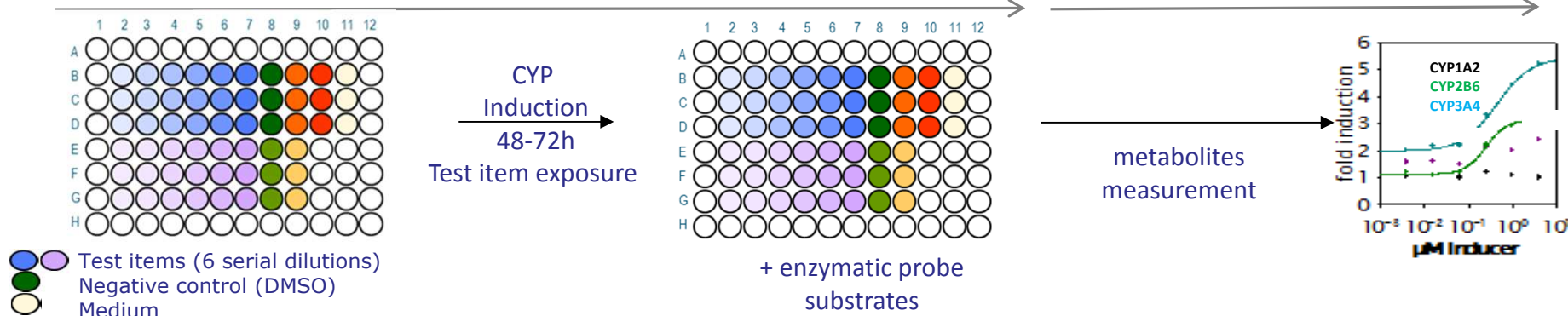
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WHY CYP activity and not mRNA? CYP induction is a slow process. CYP induction, requiring *de novo* protein synthesis, is a sensitive biomarker for evaluating phenotypic hepatic metabolic competence.

Cell culture

Analytics (LC-MS/MS)



CYP	Reference item for human CYP induction	Enzymatic probe substrate	Metabolite measured
1A2	β -naphthoflavone (BNF) 25 μM	phenacetin	acetaminophen
2B6	Phenobarbital (PB) 500 μM	bupropion	OH-bupropion
3A4	Rifampicin (RIF) 10 μM	midazolam	1-OH-midazolam



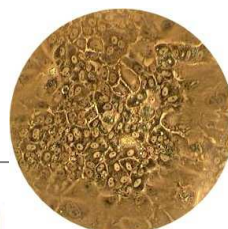
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Human CYP induction validation study

PHH



HepaRG cells



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

Laboratory	CYP1A2	CYP2B6	CYP3A4	Laboratory	CYP1A2	CYP2B6	CYP3A4
Lab 1	72% (43/60)	75% (45/60)	92% (55/60)	Lab 4	82% (42/51)	60% (30/50)	82% (41/50)
Lab 2	82% (46/60)	75% (45/60)	87% (52/60)	Lab 5	66% (39/59)	78% (46/59)	78% (46/59)
Lab 3	85% (51/60)	78% (47/60)	88% (53/60)	Lab 6	77% (54/70)	60% (42/70)	74% (52/70)




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.

<u>HepaRG</u> cell batch	CYP1A2	CYP2B6	CYP3A4	PHH cell batch	CYP1A2	CYP2B6	CYP3A4
HPR116020	95% (57/60)	82% (49/60)	90% (54/60)	B270808	80% (45/56)	67% (37/55)	71% (39/55)
HPR116035	83% (50/60)	75% (45/60)	95% (57/60)	S240408	58% (35/60)	37% (22/60)	55% (33/60)
HPR116036	68% (41/60)	70% (42/60)	90% (54/60)	S2406A	74% (52/70)	63% (44/70)	61% (43/70)

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

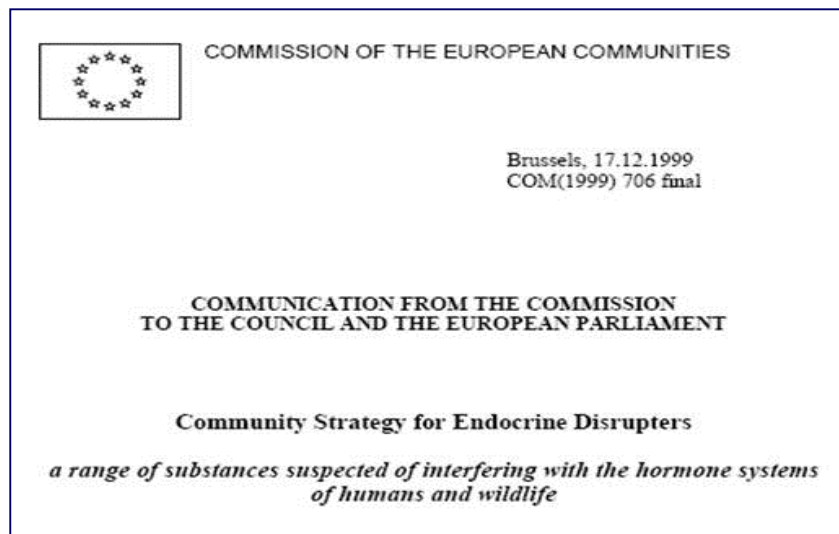
The human CYP induction in vitro method: predictivity

	HepaRG cells			PHH		
Test item	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

-  **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.

Current regulatory needs for *in vitro* metabolism methods

Community Strategy for Endocrine Disrupters - 1999

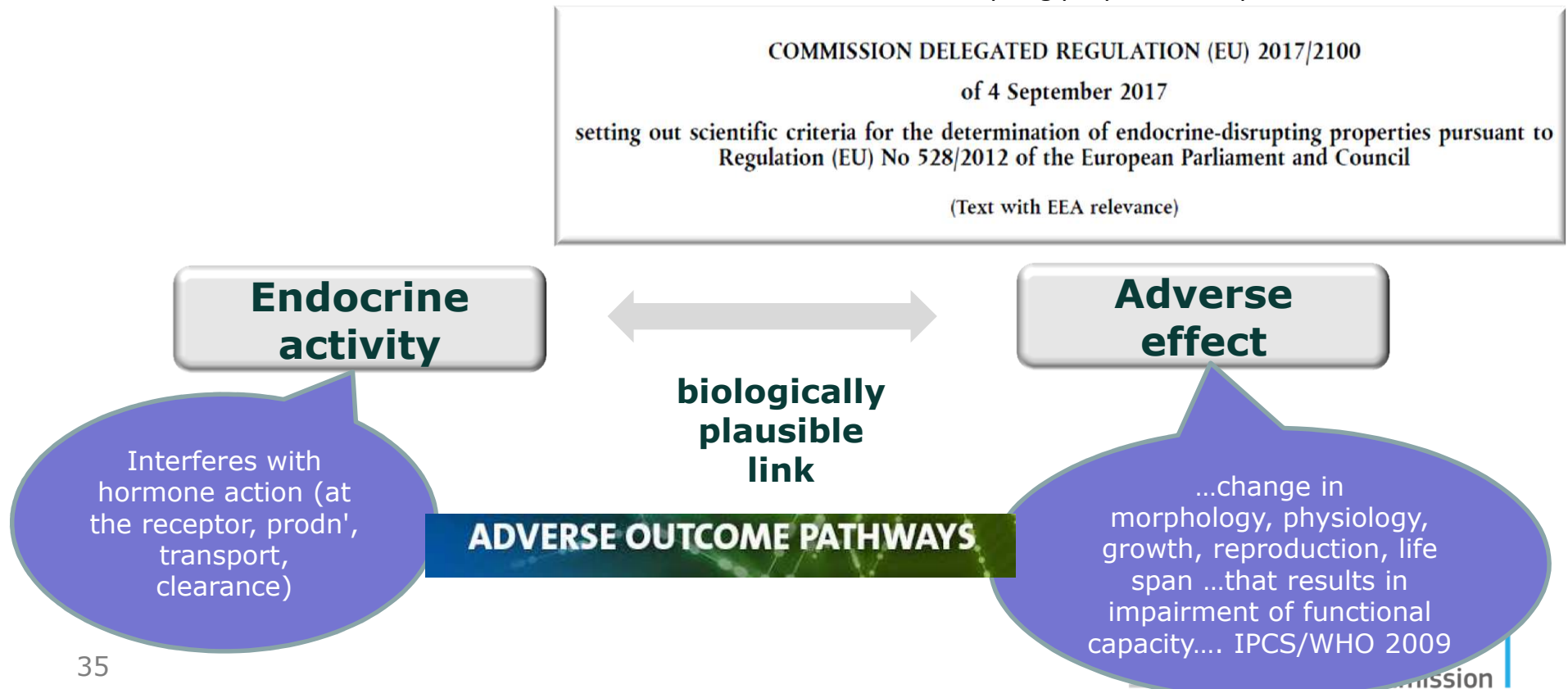


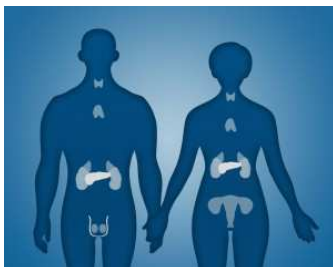
- ✓ Coordination framework outlining systematic approach for the identification and assessment of endocrine disruptors that can be applied across the different pieces of legislations.
- ✓ To identify problem of endocrine disruption, its causes and consequences
- ✓ To identify appropriate policy action

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EU Legislation – Criteria for ED identification

- ❑ Publication of scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties for pesticides and biocides





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(Text with EEA relevance)

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Abstract

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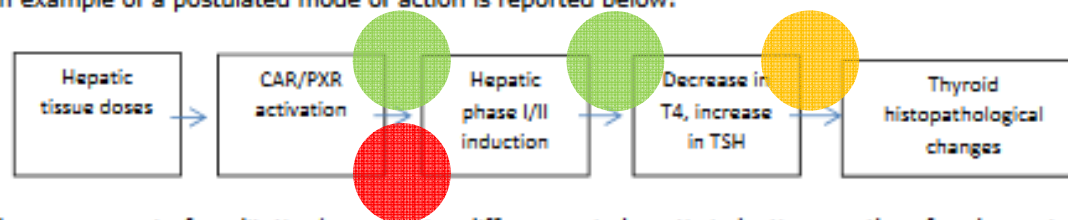
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Appendix A – Additional considerations on how to assess the potential for thyroid disruption for human health



2. Comparative studies of enzyme activity induced by the test substance in liver *in vitro* systems should be measured in both the relevant test species (e.g. rat, mouse and dog) and humans. The metabolism of the specific substance (ADME properties) in both test species and humans, and the activity of possible metabolites must be considered when this comparison is conducted.
3. The presence of other possible thyroid-disrupting modes of action such as interference with TH synthesis should also be excluded, e.g. by evaluating *in vitro* the potential for inhibition of the sodium-iodide symporter (NIS) (Cianchetta et al., 2010; Hallinger et al., 2010; Kogai et al., 2012) and thyroid peroxidase (TPO) (Kambe et al., 1997; Paul et al., 2014; Paul Friedman et al., 2016; Wu et al., 2016). It must however be acknowledged that substances may interfere with the thyroid hormone system through many different mechanisms of action, and that currently validated/standardized *in vitro* assays do not exist to investigate all these different pathways and a reasonable effort is anticipated, based on available tools and current understanding of thyroid physiology.

An example of a postulated mode of action is reported below:



The assessment of qualitative/quantitative differences in hepatic induction can therefore be part of the WoE and used to provide evidence of non-human relevance.

OECD encourages the development of no the detection of thyroid disrupters

The OECD Advisory Group on Endocrine Disrupters Testing and Assessment met on 16-17 October 2014 to discuss the development of OECD Test Guidelines and related documents for the testing and assessment of endocrine disrupters.

One important endocrine system is the thyroid pathway. Thyroid hormones are of great importance for human and animal health. OECD countries are already addressing toxicity to the thyroid hormone system in their testing and assessment guidelines.

However, non-animal test methods are also currently needed for more efficient testing. Progress is being made, but it remains a very high priority, in line with the "3-Rs" (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) principles. A [recent review](#) published at OECD aimed at scoping potential tests. OECD countries are strongly encouraged to support the development of non-animal tests for the thyroid pathway that are applicable to the screening and assessment of endocrine disruption in humans and wildlife.

Proposals to develop standardised OECD Test Guidelines for the detection of thyroid disrupters should be made via the [National Coordinators](#) of the Test Guidelines Programme.



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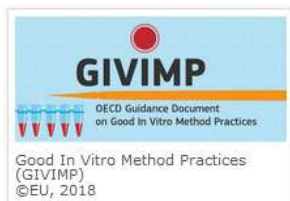
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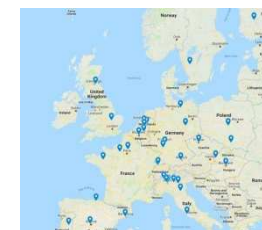
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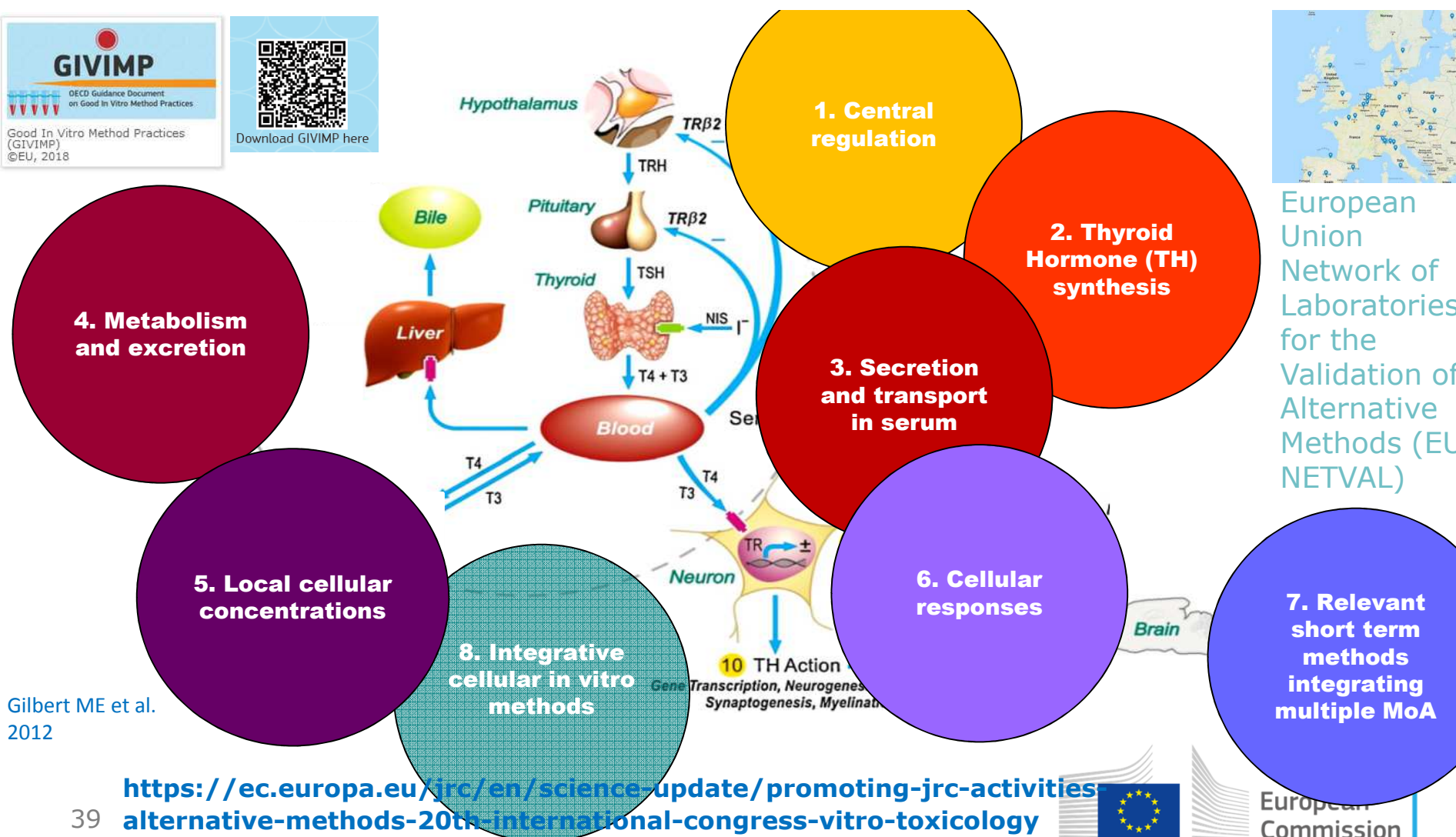
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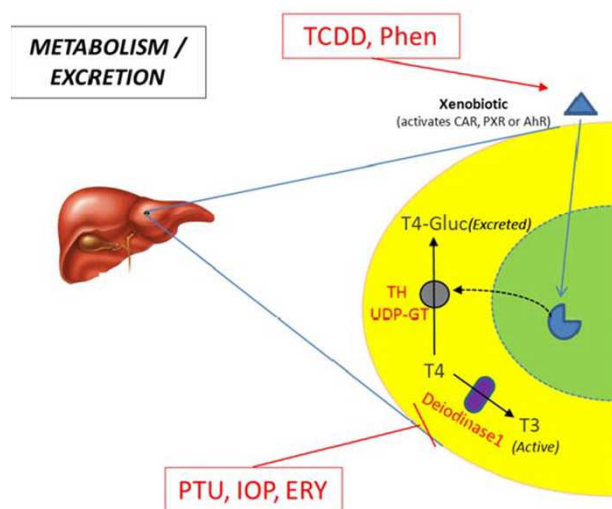
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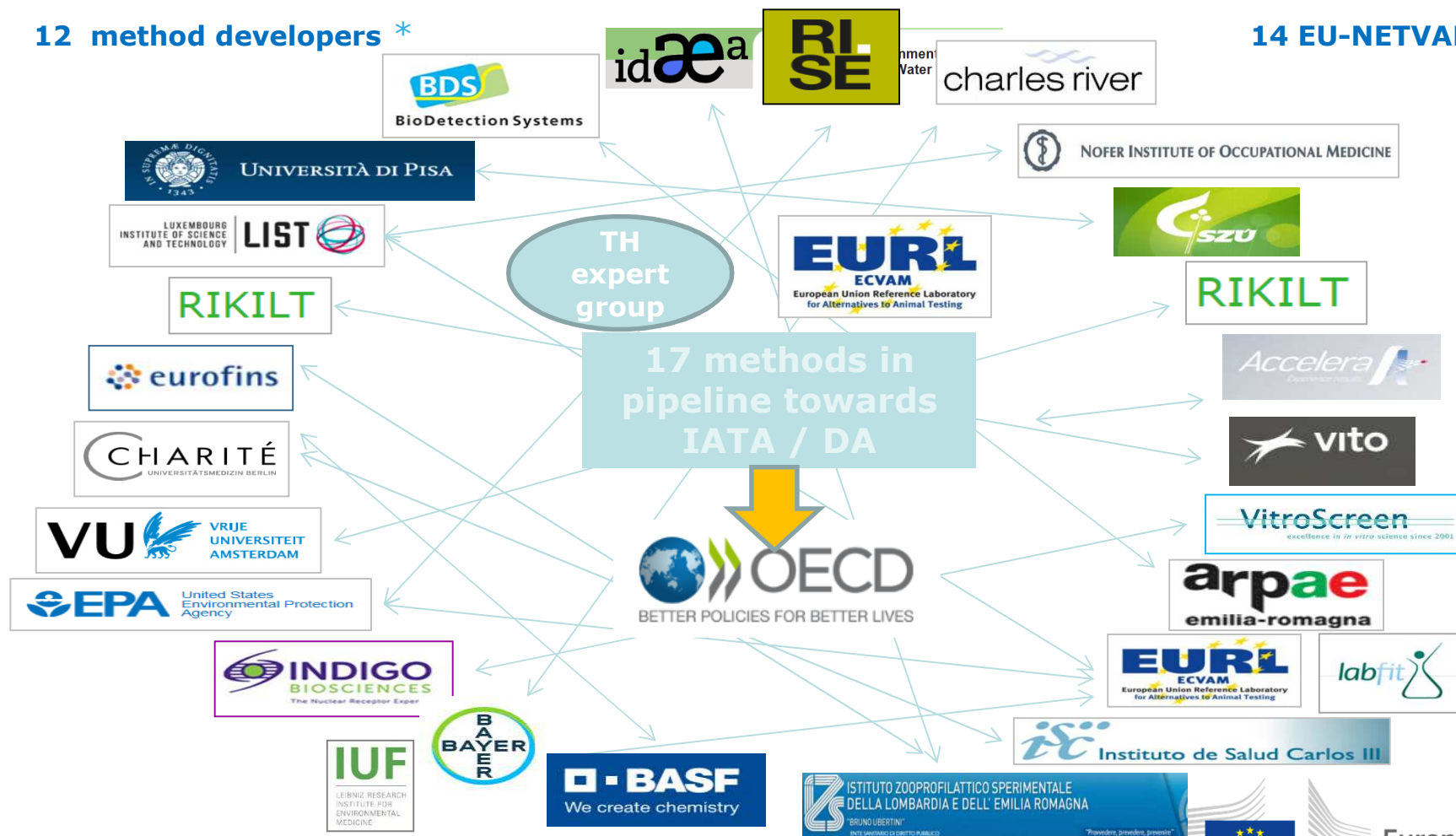
4. Metabolism and excretion



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)

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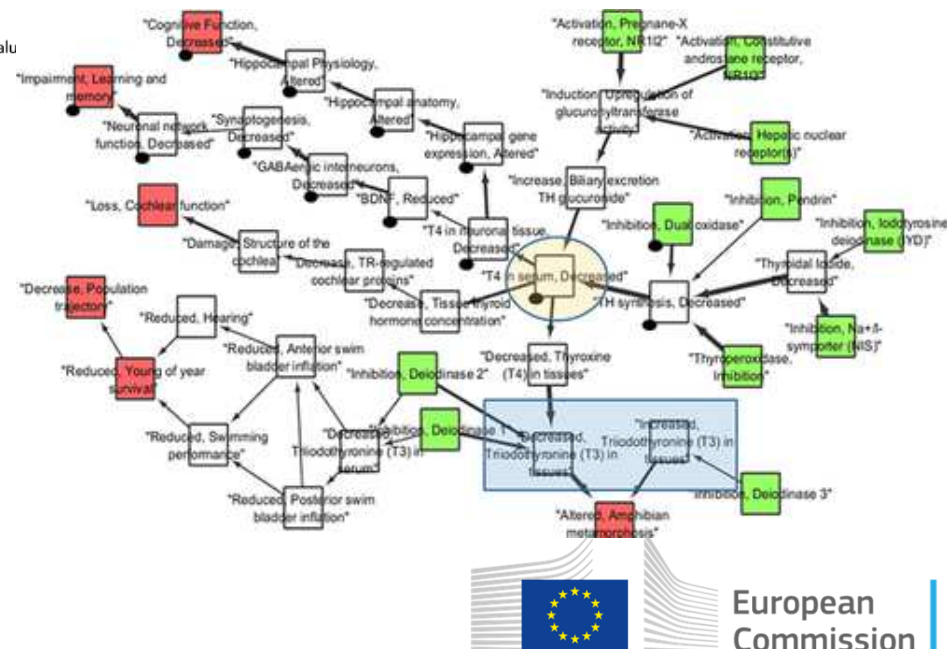
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Adverse Outcome Pathway Networks II: Network Analytics

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Example adverse outcome pathway (AOP) network 2 (thyroxine [T4]-AOP network). Shown is the network of 14 AOPs related to disruption of thyroid hormone signalling (Society for the Advancement of Adverse Outcome Pathways 2017; AOPs 8, 42, 54, 155, 156, 157, 158, 175, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, and 193;



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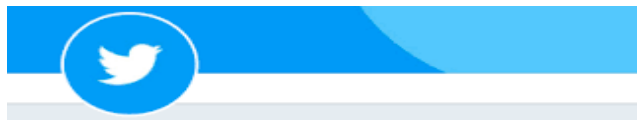


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