



# Skin Sensitization Next Generation Risk Assessment Framework and Case Study

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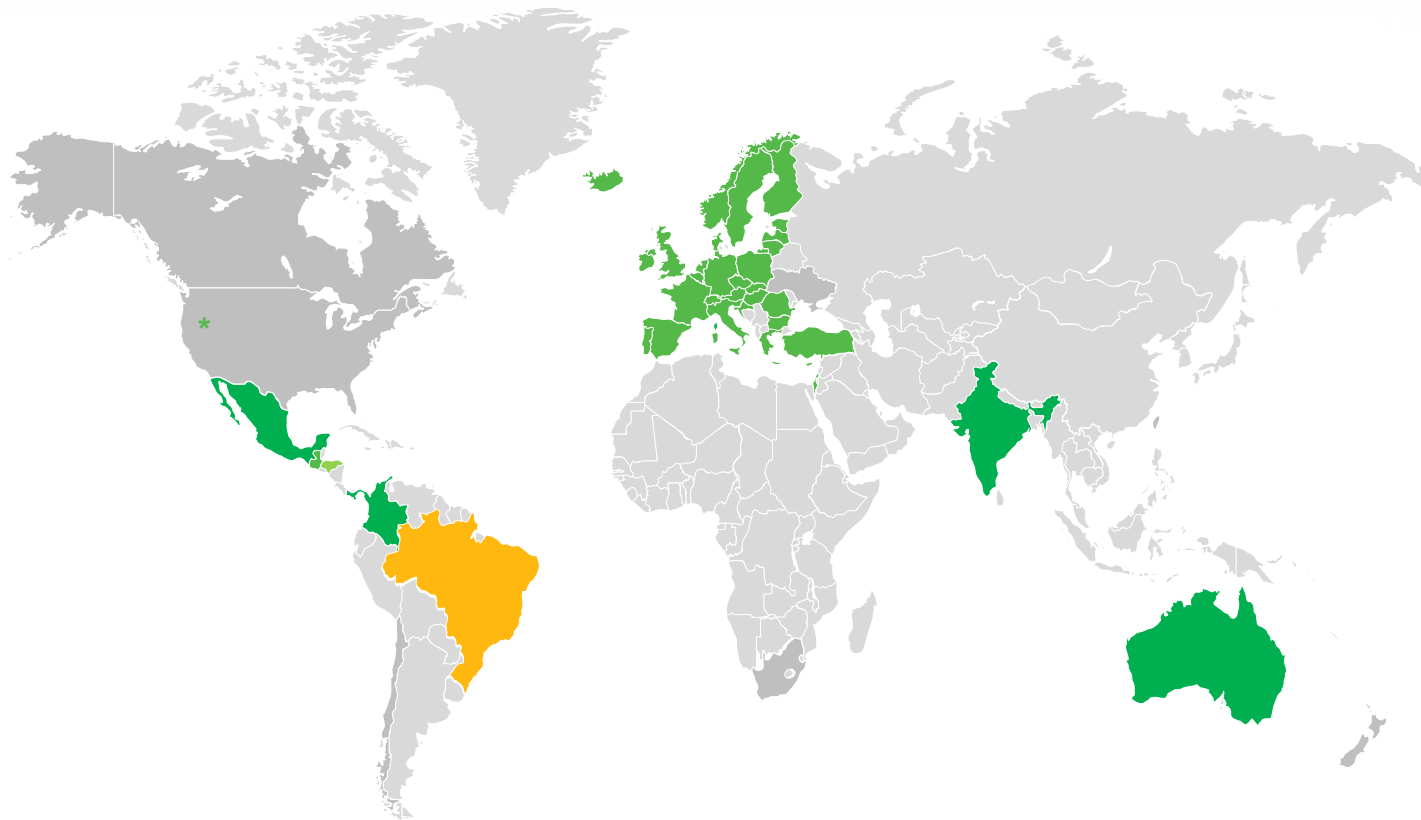
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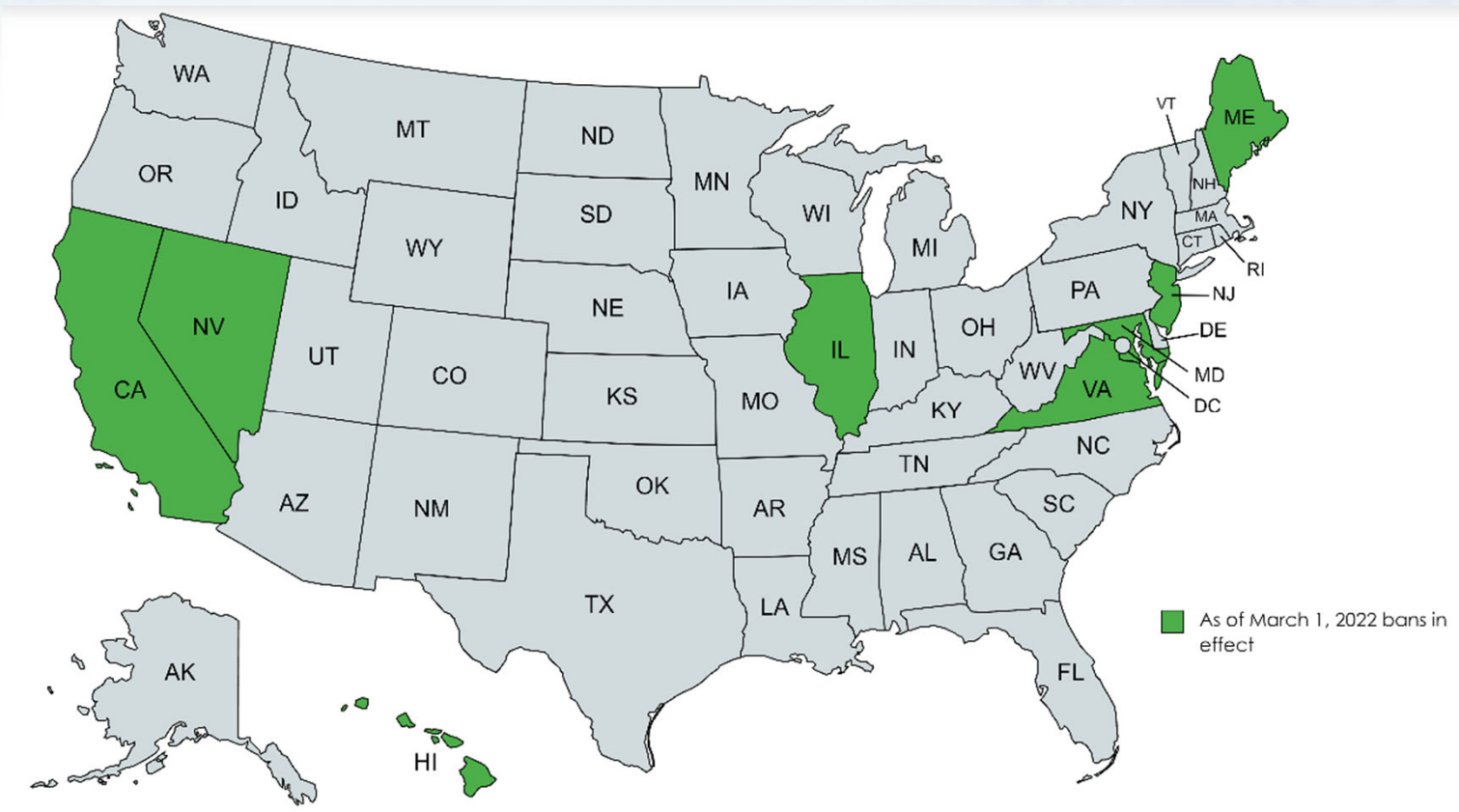
# Cosmetic Industry needs Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA) Approaches for Skin Allergy that ...

- are protective for consumers
- do not require the generation of animal data
- allow to set appropriate human induction thresholds
- are exposure-led and use novel exposure scenarios
- are robust and transparent
- are fit for purpose and use the weight of evidence

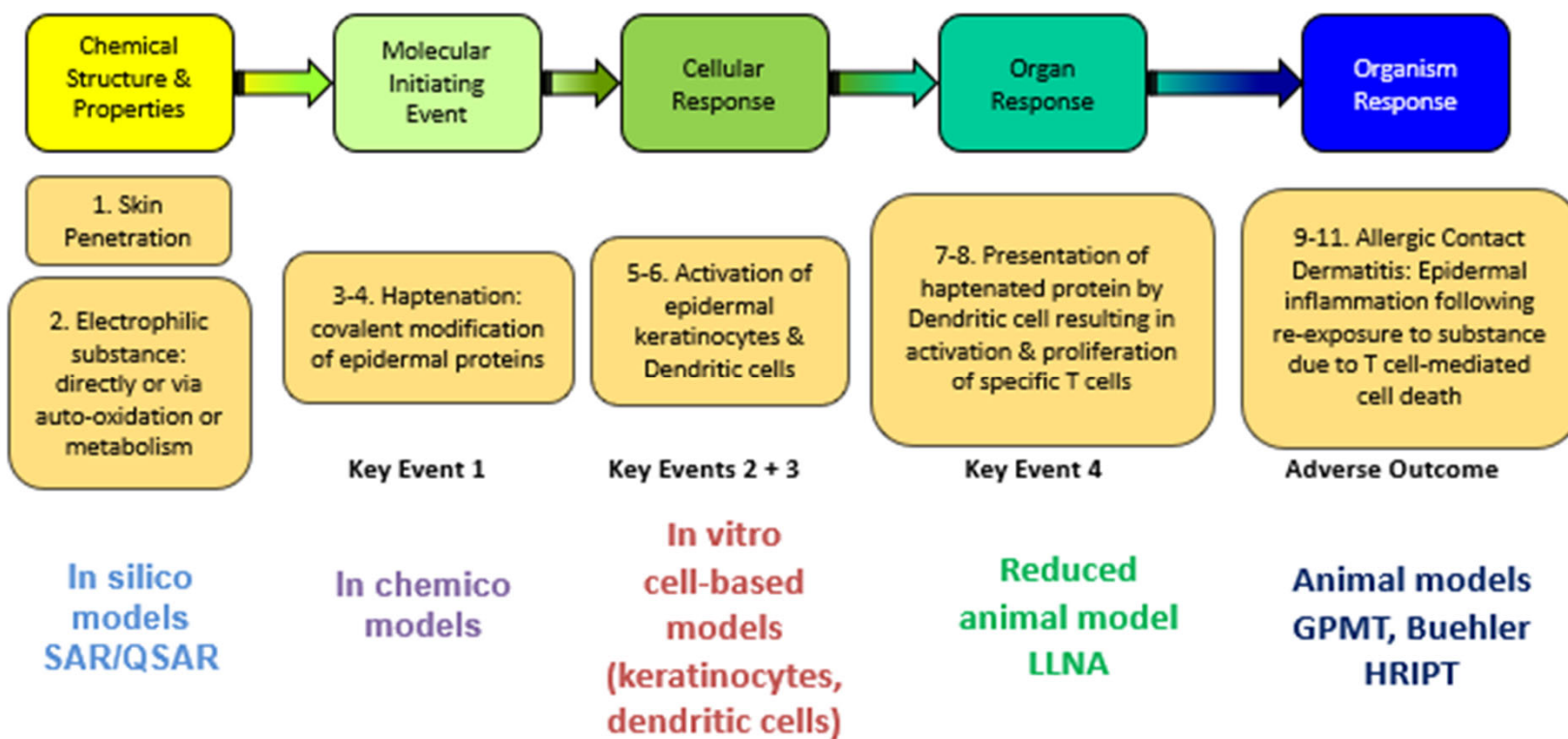
# Animal Testing Bans for Cosmetic Ingredients Now Extends Beyond Europe



# Animal Testing Bans for Cosmetic Ingredients in USA



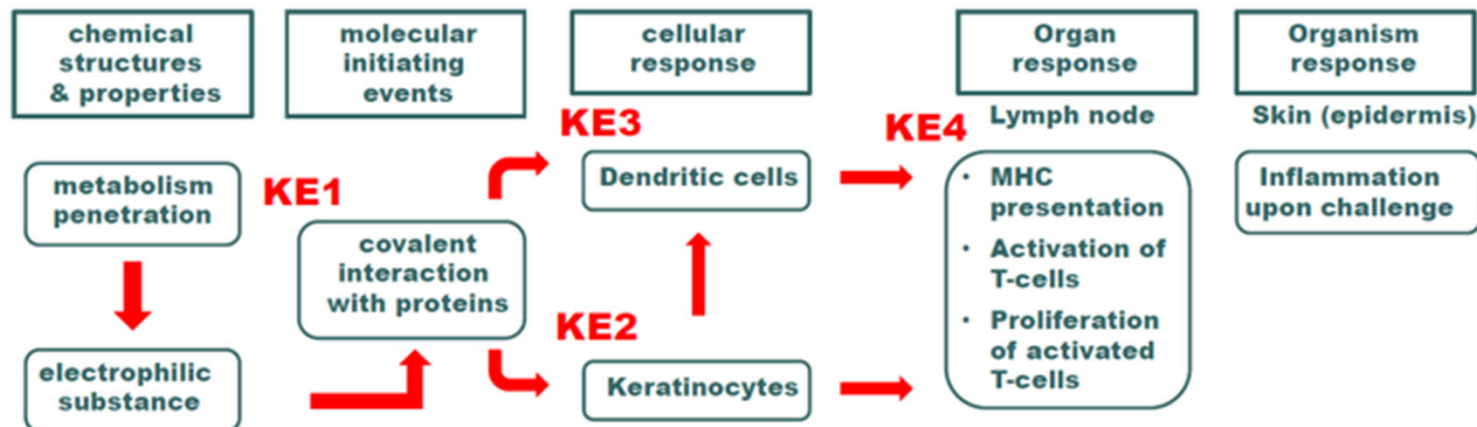
# Adverse Outcome Pathway and Predictive Testing



Modified version of flow diagram from "The Adverse Outcome Pathway for Skin Sensitisation", OECD report 2012



# Adverse Outcome Pathway and Predictive Testing



**DPRA** Direct Peptide Reactivity Assay  
**ADRA** Amino acid Derivative Reactivity Assay

Are-Nrf2 Luciferase test methods: **Keratinosens™**  
**LuSens**

**h-CLAT** Human Cell line Activation Test  
**U-SENS™** U937 Cell line activation test  
**IL-8-Luc** Interleukin-8 Reporter Gene Assay

**OECD 442C**  
*In chemico* (KE1)

**OECD 442D**  
*In vitro* (KE2)

**OECD 442E**  
*In vitro* (KE3)

## Summary of available *in chemico/in vitro* skin sensitization test methods and defined approaches (European Chemicals Agency, October 2021)

| Latest update | AOP key event measured                 | Test method    | Validation status, regulatory acceptance | OECD test guideline | Outcome according to the test method/guideline |
|---------------|--|----------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 2021          | Key Event 1 (peptide /protein binding) | DPRA           | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 442C        | SS or NS with complementary information        |
| 2021          |  | ADRA           | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OCD TG 442C         | SS or NS with complementary information        |
| 2021          |  | kDPRA          | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 442C        | Cat 1A or Cat 1B/NS                            |
| 2018          | Key Event 2 (Keratinocyte response)    | Keratinos ens™ | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 442D        | SS or NS with complementary information        |
|               |  | LuSens         | Validated/under regulatory review        | OECD TG 442D        | SS or NS with complementary information        |

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| 2018          | Key Event 3 (Monocytic / dendritic cell response) | h-CLAT       | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 442E        | SS or NS with complementary information        |
| 2018          |   | U-SENS™      | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 442E        | SS or NS with complementary information        |
| 2018          |   | IL-8 Luc     | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 442E        | SS or NS with complementary information        |
| 2021          | Defined approach                                  | 2 out of 3   | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 497         | SS or NS                                       |
| 2021          |   | ITS v1 or v2 | Validated and regulatory acceptance      | OECD TG 497         | SS (Cat 1A or 1B) or NS                        |

**Abbreviations:** SS = skin sensitiser, NS = non-sensitiser, Cat 1A = extreme/strong sensitiser according to CLP, Cat 1B = moderate sensitiser according to CLP.

**Note:** In all cases, the most recent version of the test guideline should be used.

All of the methods above have been validated by an international validation body before adoption by the OECD or EU.



# Direct Peptide Reactivity Assay (DPRA) OECD 442C

- AOP Molecular Initiating Event
- Key Event 1 – Haptenation: Covalent modification of epidermal proteins
- In chemico method used for supporting the discrimination between skin sensitizing chemicals and non-sensitizing chemicals
- Quantifies the reactivity of chemicals towards model synthetic peptides containing either lysine or cysteine
- Endpoint is % depletion of peptide
- ECVAM DB-ALM Protocol 154: [https://jeodpp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ftp/jrc-opendata/EURL-ECVAM/datasets/DBALM/LATEST/online/DBALM\\_docs/154\\_P\\_%20Direct%20Peptide%20Reactivity%20Assay.pdf](https://jeodpp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ftp/jrc-opendata/EURL-ECVAM/datasets/DBALM/LATEST/online/DBALM_docs/154_P_%20Direct%20Peptide%20Reactivity%20Assay.pdf)

# KeratinoSens™ (ARE-Nrf2 Luciferase) OECD 442D

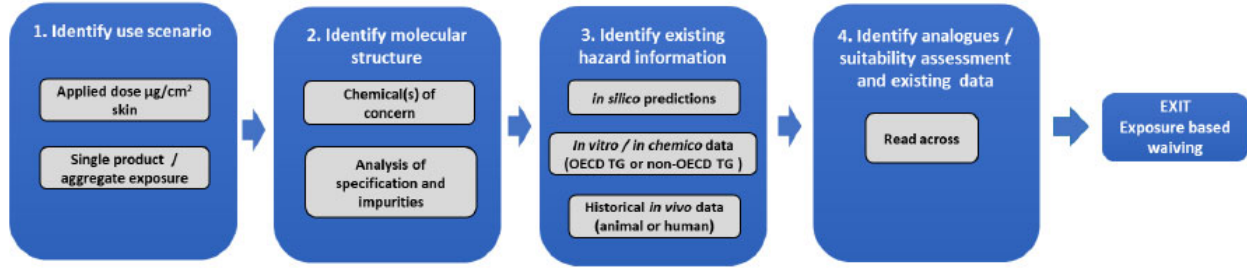
- AOP Cellular Response
- Key Event 2 – Activation of epidermal keratinocytes
- The release of pro-inflammatory cytokines and the induction of cyto-protective pathways in keratinocytes is the second key event in skin sensitization
- In vitro method designed to support the discrimination between skin sensitizing chemicals and non-sensitizing chemicals
- Quantifies luciferase gene induction as a measure of the activation of the Keap1-Nrf2-antioxidant/electrophile response element (ARE)-dependent pathway in an immortalized adherent cell line derived from HaCaT human keratinocytes transfected with a selectable plasmid
- Endpoints EC 1.5, EC2 and EC3 (concentration needed for luciferase induction), IC30 and IC50 (concentration needed to reduce viability), and  $I_{\max}$  (maximum fold induction of the luciferase gene over solvent control)
- ECVAM DB-ALM Protocol 155: [https://jeodpp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ftp/jrc-opendata/EURL-ECVAM/datasets/DBALM/LATEST/online/DBALM\\_docs/155\\_P\\_%20KeratinoSens.pdf](https://jeodpp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ftp/jrc-opendata/EURL-ECVAM/datasets/DBALM/LATEST/online/DBALM_docs/155_P_%20KeratinoSens.pdf)

# h-CLAT (Human Cell Line Activation Test) OECD 442E

- AOP Cellular Response
- Key Event 3 – Activation of monocytic/Dendritic cells
- The activation process in which DC change from antigen processing to antigen presenting cells is considered a key event in skin sensitization
  - Activation involves the modulation of the expression of cell surface phenotypic markers (e.g., CD54, CD80, CD86 and major histocompatibility complex class II)
- In vitro method designed to support the discrimination between skin sensitizing chemicals and non-sensitizing chemicals
- Quantifies expression of CD86 and CD54 on human monocytic leukemia cell line THP-1, used as a surrogate for human DC
- Endpoints = relative fluorescence intensity of CD86 and CD54 on cell surface by flow cytometry
- ECVAM DB-ALM Protocol 158: [https://jeodpp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ftp/jrc-opendata/EURL-ECVAM/datasets/DBALM/LATEST/online/DBALM\\_docs/158\\_P\\_human%20Cell%20Line%20Activation%20Test.pdf](https://jeodpp.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ftp/jrc-opendata/EURL-ECVAM/datasets/DBALM/LATEST/online/DBALM_docs/158_P_human%20Cell%20Line%20Activation%20Test.pdf)

# Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA) Framework for Skin Sensitisation

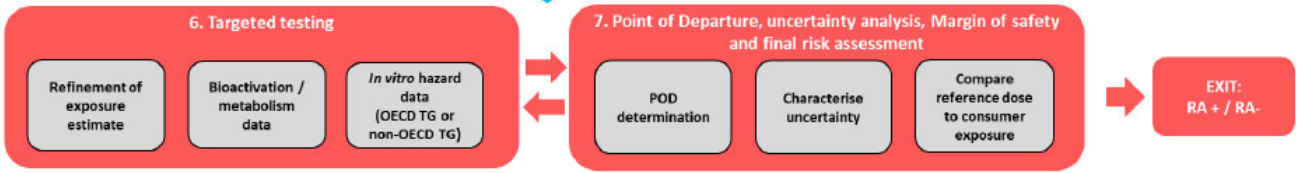
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Identify use scenario, chemical of concern and existing information



**Tier 1**  
Hypothesis generation; how will data be used in risk assessment?



**Tier 2**  
Risk assessment



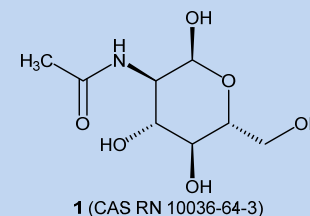
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(SCCS/1628/21)



# Skin Sensitization Risk Assessment – Acetyl glucosamine

## Tier 0 - Step 1: Identify use scenario

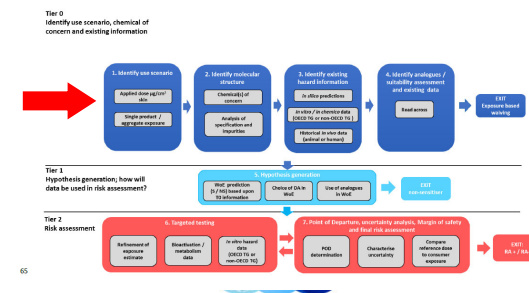
Acetyl glucosamine  
(CAS 10036-64-3)



| Product    | Product applied (g/day) | Use level (%) | Skin retention | Skin surface (cm <sup>2</sup> ) | Consum. Exp. Level (µg/cm <sup>2</sup> /d) |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Face cream | 1.54                    | 5             | 1              | 565                             | 136  |

Ref.: SCCS Notes of Guidance (SCCS/1628/21) from 2021. Section 3-3.4 (external exposure)

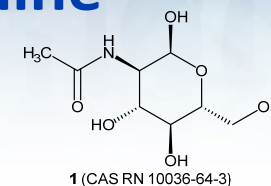
- How is the chemical used?
- Are the assumptions conservative?
- Is the exposure very low to consider an “exposure based waiving” approach?





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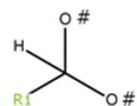
## Tier 0 - Step 3: Identify existing information



| TIMES-SS      |               | DEREK Nexus | In vitro [OECD]                             |  |   | Bio-availability                                    |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---|--|---|---|
| Parent        | Metabol.      |             | DPPA  | KeratinoS  | h-CLAT  |   |
| Out of Domain | Out of Domain | Neg./ Alert | NS<br>Mean depletion of cyst. and lysine 1% | NEG<br>KEC1.5: >2000<br>KEC3: >2000<br>IC50: >2000 | NEG<br>EC150: >10000<br>EC200: >10000<br>CV75: >10000 | Good bioavailability, readily penetrates human skin |

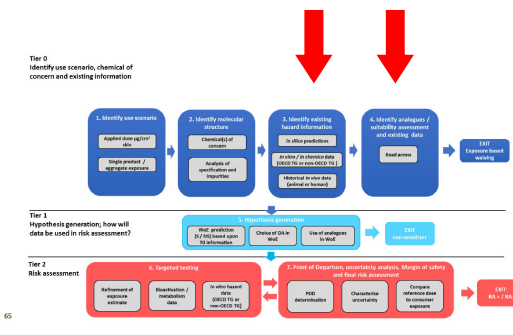
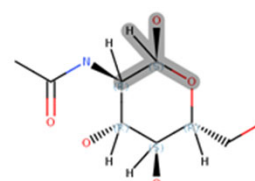
DEREK alert: alkyl aldehyde precursor. Sugars are excluded due to stability of 5- or 6-member rings. Glucosamine is an amino sugar synthesized from glucose and glutamine. ToxTree - no alerts.

Alert Description Image



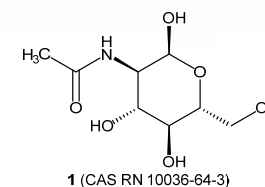
R1 = H, C (cannot be multiply bonded unless to a beta-disubstituted alkene)  
O atoms marked # cannot be attached to any additional heteroatoms

Match with query compound

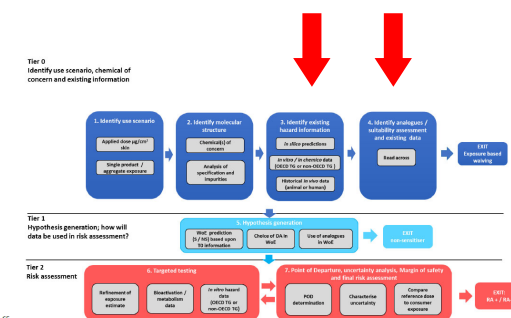


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## Tier 0 - Step 4: Identify analogues /suitability assessment and existing data



|  | CAS#       | Sensitization Data   | NAM data   |
|--|------------|----------------------|--|
|  | 10036-64-3 | HRIPT (3)<br>HMT (2) | Available (DPRA<br>NS + h-Clat neg,<br>KeratinoSens neg) |
|  | 72-87-7    | Not available        | Not available  |
|  | 7512-17-6  | Not available        | Not available  |



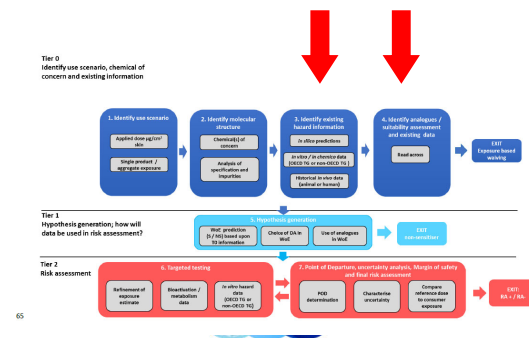
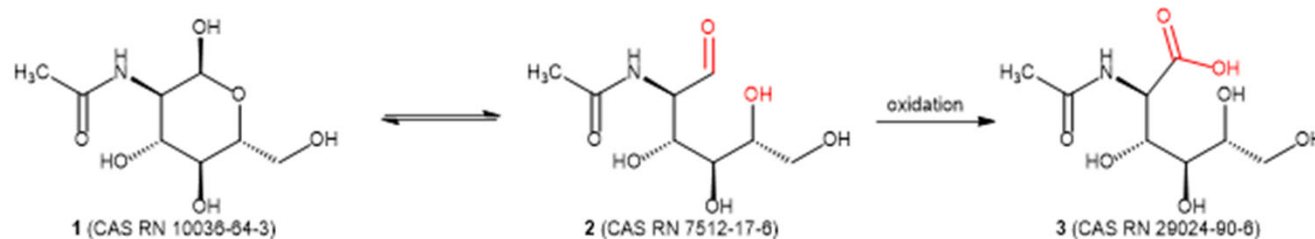
(Wu et al. 2011, Blackburn et al. 2011, Blackburn and Stuard 2014)



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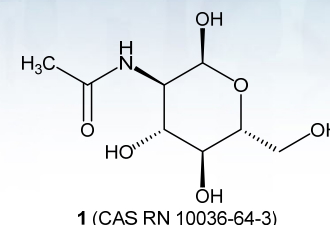
### Metabolism Information Prediction



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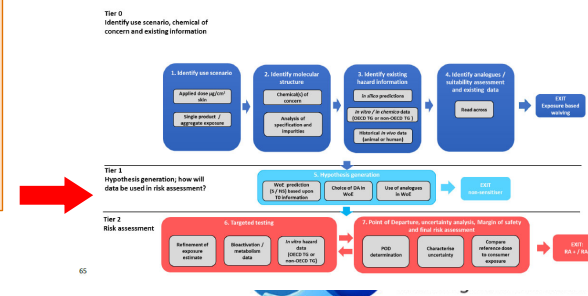
## Tier 1 – Step 5: Hypothesis generation

- Dermal penetration, readily penetrates → Bioavailable
- *In silico* prediction for Acetyl glucosamine → Non-sensitizer
- NAM data (DPRA, KeratinoSens, h-CLAT) → Non-sensitizer
- Analogues/isomers, no data → No data



Acetyl glucosamine is probably NOT a skin sensitizer

- Apply DA ('s) with existing data
- Use of OECD 497 2 out of 3, ITS1 and ITS2 as DA
- Use of BN-ITS as DA



# OECD GL 497 Guideline on Defined Approaches to Skin Sensitisation



## Defined Approaches ...

- are designed to address pre-defined endpoint/prediction
- are from defined information sources
- the sequence is defined and next steps are rule-based
- are fixed data interpretation procedures
- provide clear regulatory conclusions

*Defined approaches remove expert judgement and are not flexible, which makes them suitable for harmonization.*

# Summary of the DAs Included in OECD GL 497

| DA/Method                      | Information Sources                  | Capability (Hazard and/or Potency) | Hazard Performance vs. LLNA N~168 | Hazard Performance vs. Human N~63 | GHS Potency Performance vs. LLNA (Accuracy) | GHS Potency Performance vs. Human (Accuracy) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 2o3 DA                         | DPRA, KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT          | Hazard                             | 84% BA, 82% Sens, 85% Spec        | 88% BA, 89% Sens, 88% Spec        | -   | -  |
| ITSv1 DA                       | DPRA, h-CLAT, DEREK Nexus v6.1.0     | Hazard, Potency (GHS)              | 81% BA, 92% Sens, 70% Spec        | 69% BA, 93% Sens, 44% Spec        | 70% NC, 71% 1B, 74% 1A                      | 44% NC, 77% 1B, 65% 1A                       |
| ITSv2 DA                       | DPRA, h-CLAT, OECD QSAR Toolbox v4.5 | Hazard, Potency (GHS)              | 80% BA, 93% Sens, 67% Spec        | 69% BA, 94% Sens, 44% Spec        | 67% NC, 72% 1B, 72% 1A                      | 44% NC, 80% 1B, 67% 1A                       |
| LLNA (provided for comparison) | <i>in vivo</i>                       | Hazard, Potency                    | -                                 | 58% BA, 94% Sens, 22% Spec        | -   | 25% NC, 74% 1B, 56% 1A                       |

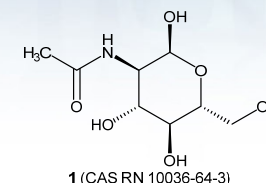
\*BA = Balanced Accuracy, average of Sensitivity and Specificity



# Skin Sensitization Risk Assessment – Acetyl glucosamine

## Tier 2 - Step 7: Define NS/S and/or POD using BN-ITS

- Predicts a skin sensitization potency (even when data are missing)
- Expressed as probability distribution of LLNA pEC3, 4 potency classes: nonsensitizers (NS), weak (W), moderate (M), and strong-extreme (S) sensitizers.



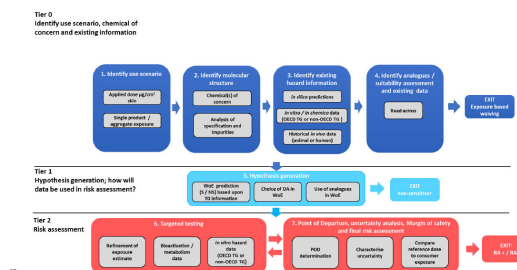
**P(LLNA=NS, W, M, S | evidence )**



**EC3% (50<sup>th</sup> or any other percentile)**

| Status | pEC3 Category |                | Bayes Factors |      |      |      | Probabilities |        |        |        | Strength of Evidence |
|--------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------|------|------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
|        | Class         | Category       | 1             | 2    | 3    | 4    | 1             | 2      | 3      | 4      |                      |
| TRUE   | C1            | Non-sensitizer | 42.94         | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.9489        | 0.0399 | 0.0111 | 0.0000 | Strong               |

- Can be used:
  - For classification and labeling under the GHS C&L scheme
  - To set POD for QRA
  - For Non-Sensitizers we do not set a POD
  - For the development of testing strategy if data are missing. Measures progress by uncertainty reduction.



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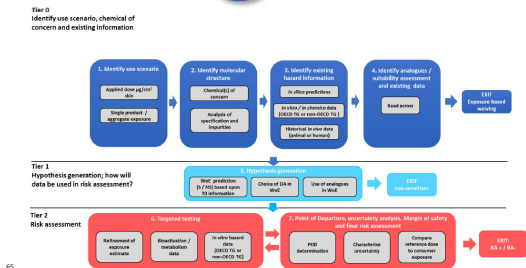
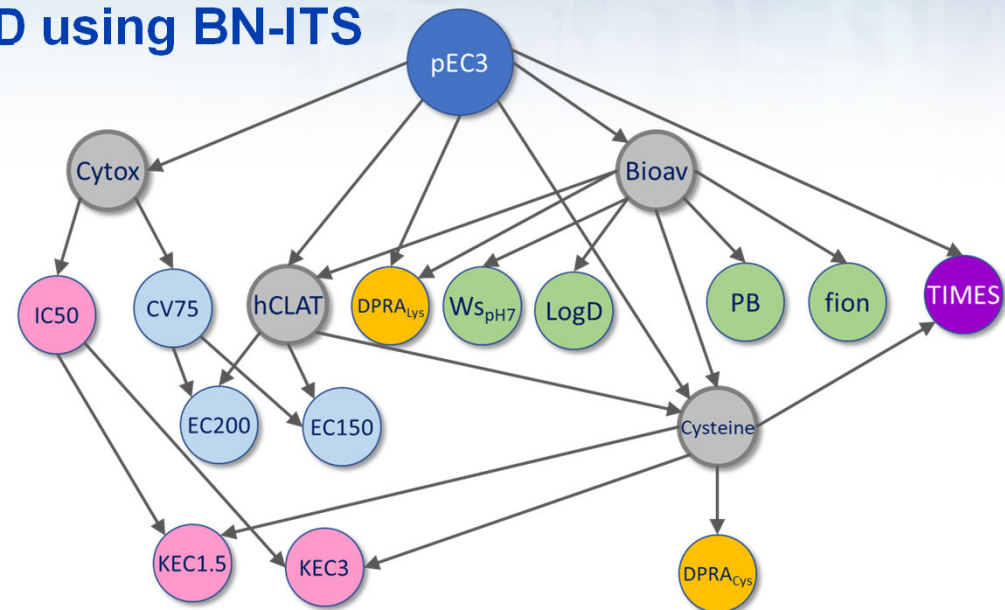
## Tier 2 - Step 7: Define NS/S and/or POD using BN-ITS

### Input Parameters

- Phys Chem properties
- In silico potency prediction considering metabolism and potential for auto-oxidation (TIMES-SS)
- **KE1:** Cys and Lys binding in DPRA
- **KE2:** KEC1.5, KEC3 and IC50 in KeratinoSens™
- **KE3:** EC150, EC200 and CV75 in h-CLAT

### Output

- **Probability distribution in each potency class**
- **Bayes factor (BF) to evaluate confidence**



# Skin Sensitization Risk Assessment – Acetyl glucosamine

## Weight of Evidence and Conclusions

### In vivo animal data:

- none

### In silico data:

- DEREK alert for skin sensitization (aldehyde precursor), however sugars are excluded.
- ToxTree = no alerts.
- TIMES prediction out of domain.

### In chemico and in vitro data:

- DPRA average depletion rate 1% = Non-Sensitizer
- KeratinoSens IC50 > 2000 uM = Negative
- h-CLAT viability >50% = Negative

### Defined Approaches:

- **Bayesian Net ITS = strong evidence (BF>40) non-sensitizer**
- *OECD 497 2 out of 3 = non-sensitizer*
- *OECD 497 ITS1 (DEREK) = non-sensitizer*
- *OECD 497 ITS2 (OECD Toolbox) = non-sensitizer*

**Acetyl glucosamine is concluded with strong evidence to be a non-sensitizer.**

# Skin Sensitization Risk Assessment – Acetyl glucosamine

## Supportive Clinical Data

- Repeated insult patch test performed in 108 subjects using a mask containing 0.005% Acetyl Glucosamine; non sensitizing; Anonymous 2018; submitted February 19, 2021 (data1\_Glucosamine\_122021) Estimated exposure under patch = 2.5 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Maximization assay performed in 25 subjects using a leave-on product containing 0.25% Glucosamine HCl; non sensitizing; Anonymous 2007; submitted February 19, 2021 (data1\_Glucosamine\_122021) Estimated exposure under patch = 55.6 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Maximization assay performed in 25 subjects using a product containing 0.01% Glucosamine; non-sensitizing; Anonymous 2005; submitted February 19, 2021 (data1\_Glucosamine\_122021) Estimated exposure under patch = 1.25 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Repeated insult patch test performed in 51 subjects using a leave-on product containing 0.005% Glucosamine HCl; Anonymous 2012; submitted February 29, 2021 (data2\_Glucosamine\_122021) Estimated exposure under patch = 1.25 – 1.90 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Repeated insult patch test performed in 105 subjects using a liquid foundation containing 2% Acetyl Glucosamine; non-sensitizing; Anonymous 2011; submitted February 11, 2022 (data\_Glucosamine\_032022; TKL Research 2011). Estimated exposure under patch = 1,000 ug/cm<sup>2</sup>.
  
- HRIPT and HMT glucosamine testing concentrations of 1.25 – 1,000 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> exceed the maximum estimated usage concentration of 136 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> by 7-fold, confirming the lack of sensitization at the maximum consumer exposure level. Therefore, this data confirms the conclusion of the Next Generation Risk Assessment for Acetyl glucosamine.

**Clinical data confirms that Acetyl glucosamine is a non-sensitizer.**

## Additional Resources and Case Studies

- October 2020 PCPC Virtual Science Symposium: Petra Kern - Assessing Skin Sensitization Potential of Cosmetic Ingredients with New Approach Methodologies.
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