

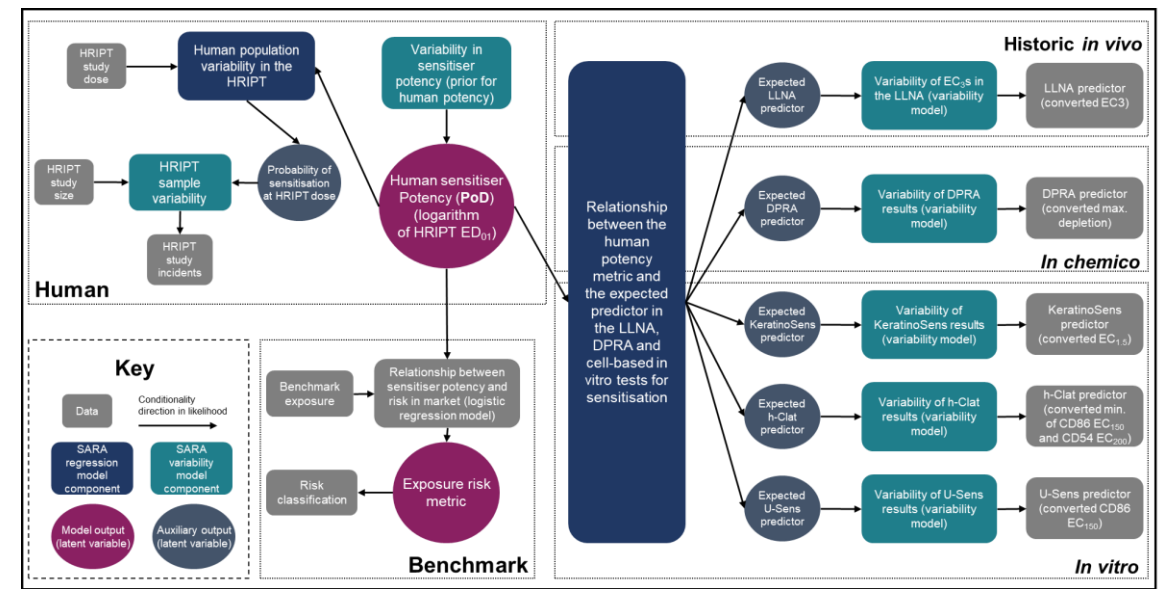
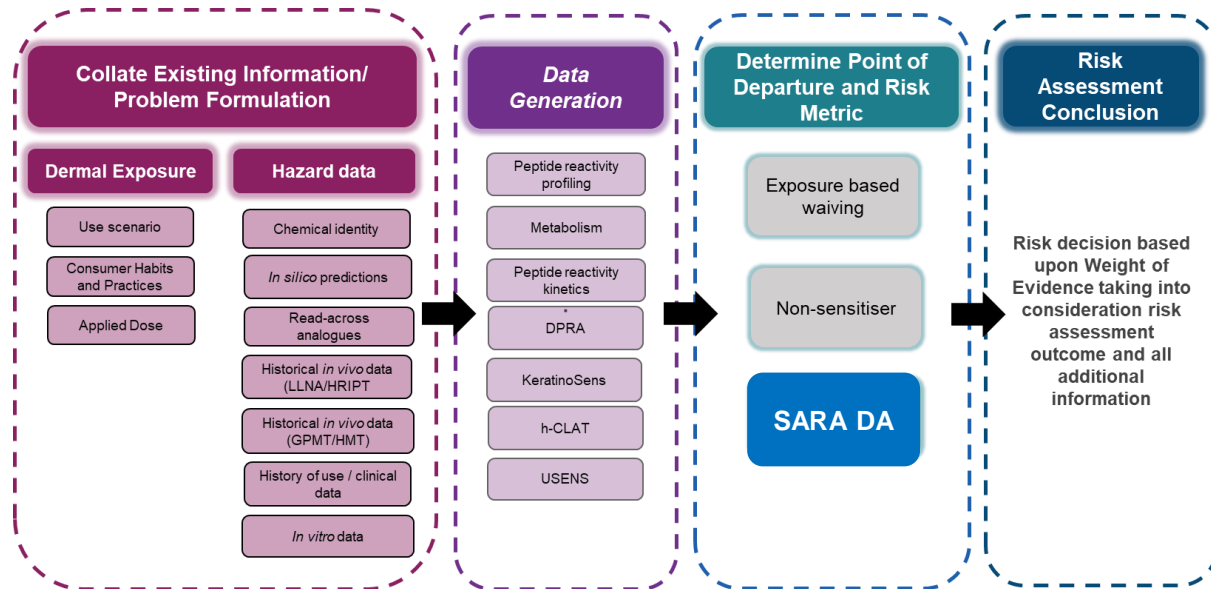
# The SARA-ICE Model for Predicting Skin Sensitizer Potency

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# Skin Allergy Risk Assessment Defined Approach (SARA DA) was developed for application as part of a tiered, WoE NGRA framework



- **Unilever NGRA framework for Skin Allergy** was designed to use a WoE based upon all available information, accommodate range of consumer product exposure scenarios and provide a quantitative point of departure and risk metric → **SARA DA**

The use-case of the **SARA DA** is to estimate:

1.  $ED_{01}$ , for all chemicals in the SARA database (which may include data for some chemical of interest)
2. probability that a consumer exposure to some chemical is 'low risk', conditional on the available data and the model



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#### **NICEATM to Collaborate with Unilever on Development of Predictive Model for Skin Sensitization**

NICEATM has entered into an agreement with consumer products company Unilever to collaboratively test and further develop their Skin Allergy Risk Assessment (SARA) predictive model. SARA is a computational model that uses a variety of input data to estimate a probability that a chemical will cause an allergic skin reaction in humans. NICEATM will test the SARA model using a variety of chemical data sets, including chemicals of interest to U.S. and international regulatory agencies. NICEATM and Unilever will also work together to expand the SARA model to include data generated by NICEATM. The intent is to make the SARA model openly available for public use along with other NICEATM predictive models. Availability of the SARA model will help further reduce animal use for the endpoint of skin sensitization, and will improve upon existing efforts by providing points of departure for quantitative human risk assessment.

[Information about other NICEATM projects](#) to evaluate alternatives to animal use for skin sensitization is available at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/ACDtest>.

Reference: [Reynolds et al.](#) Probabilistic prediction of human skin sensitizer potency for use in next generation risk assessment. *Comput Toxicol* 9:36-49. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comtox.2018.10.004>

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# Modification of SARA DA to create SARA-ICE

## Database

Aim to expand the core dataset underpinning the model using data in the ICE database (relaxing the constraint that chemicals be limited to cosmetic ingredients).

## Risk benchmarking

Drop the risk benchmarking component of the model – the current set of benchmarks are limited to use of consumer goods. Use the model for human potency estimation for quantitative risk assessment.

## GHS classification

Add functionality to predict GHS classification (estimated as a class probability) to communicate uncertainty in classification.



Integrated Chemical Environment

[ICE: Integrated Chemical Environment \(nih.gov\)](http://ice.niehs.nih.gov)

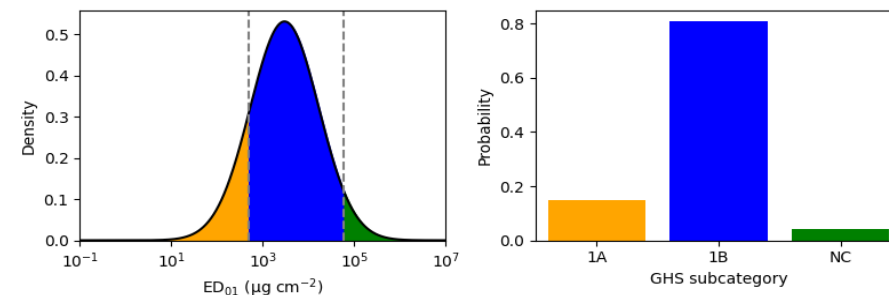
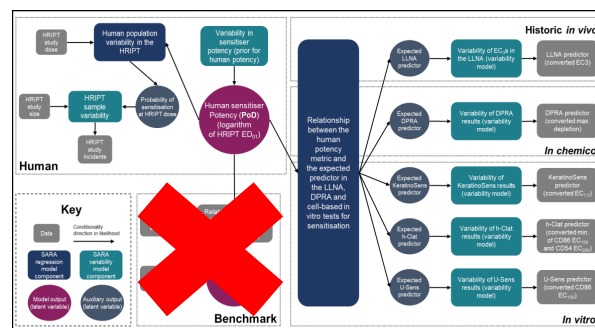
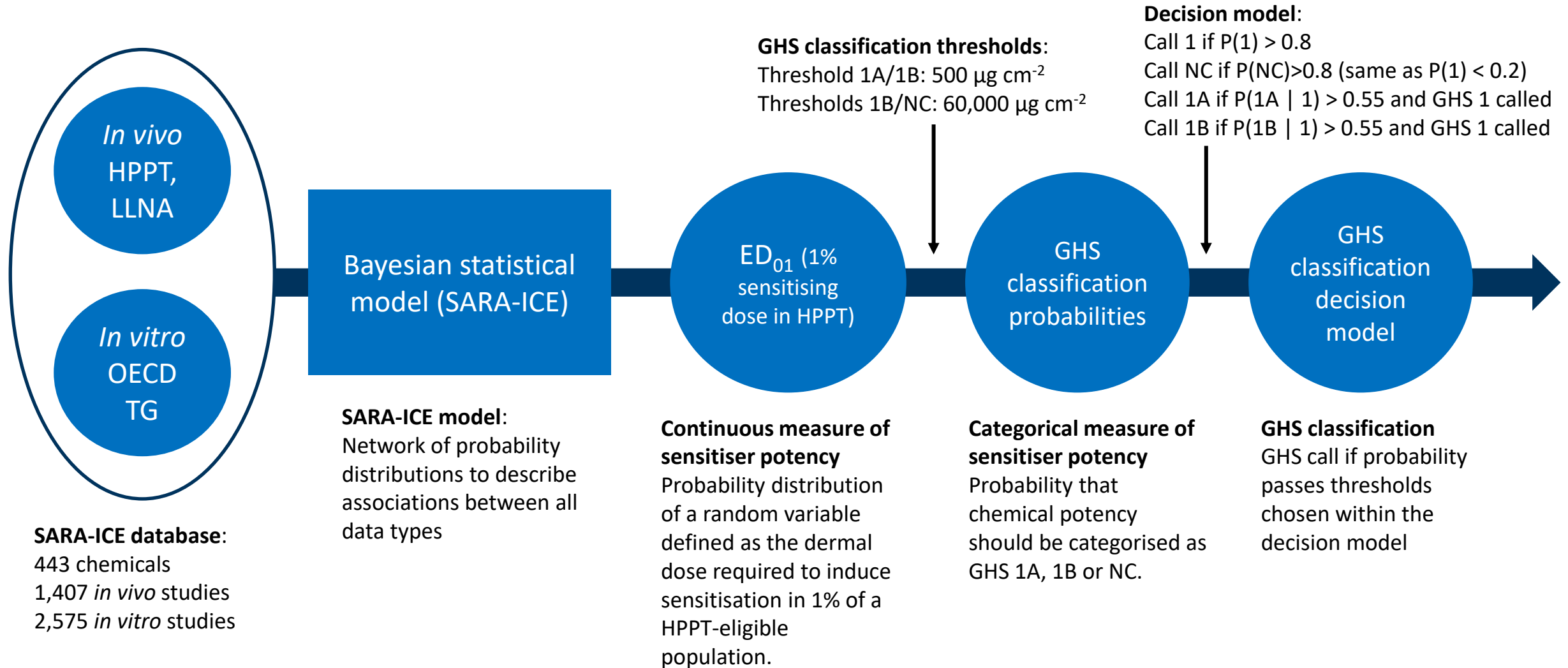


Figure (a) Example estimate of ED<sub>01</sub> distribution with overlay of GHS subcategories 1A, 1B and NC defined thresholds, (b) probability of each GHS subcategory from ED<sub>01</sub> distribution

# SARA-ICE DA: Skin Allergy Risk Assessment - Integrated Chemical Environment Defined Approach



**SARA-ICE database:**  
443 chemicals  
1,407 *in vivo* studies  
2,575 *in vitro* studies

**SARA-ICE model:**  
Network of probability distributions to describe associations between all data types

**Continuous measure of sensitiser potency**  
Probability distribution of a random variable defined as the dermal dose required to induce sensitisation in 1% of a HPPT-eligible population.

**Categorical measure of sensitiser potency**  
Probability that chemical potency should be categorised as GHS 1A, 1B or NC.

**GHS classification**  
GHS call if probability passes thresholds chosen within the decision model

## SARA-ICE NAM vs OECD DASS benchmarks

### *Binary classifications*

| <b>Human, <math>\theta_{bin} = 0.80</math></b> | <b>SARA 1</b> | <b>SARA NC</b> | <b>Inconclusive</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>OECD 1</b>                                  | 37            | 4              | 14                  | 55           |
| <b>OECD NC</b>                                 | 0             | 4              | 7                   | 11           |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | 37            | 8              | 21                  | 66           |

Sensitivity: 90%

Specificity: 100%

**Balanced accuracy: 95%**

| <b>LLNA, <math>\theta_{bin} = 0.80</math></b> | <b>SARA 1</b> | <b>SARA NC</b> | <b>Inconclusive</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>OECD 1</b>                                 | 87            | 6              | 42                  | 135          |
| <b>OECD NC</b>                                | 2             | 19             | 12                  | 33           |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | 89            | 25             | 54                  | 168          |

Sensitivity: 94%

Specificity: 90%

**Balanced accuracy: 92%**

## SARA-ICE NAM vs OECD DASS benchmarks

### *Subcategory classifications*

| <b>Human, <math>\theta_{bin} = 0.80, \theta_{sub}=0.55</math></b> | <b>SARA 1A</b> | <b>SARA 1B</b> | <b>SARA NC</b> | <b>Inconclusive</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>OECD 1A</b>  | 14             | 2              | 0              | 5                   | 21           |
| <b>OECD 1B</b>  | 4              | 9              | 4              | 14                  | 31           |
| <b>OECD NC</b>  | 0              | 0              | 4              | 7                   | 11           |
| <b>Total</b>  | 18             | 11             | 8              | 26                  | 63           |

Sensitivity 1A: 88%, Specificity 1A: 81%, Balanced accuracy 1A: 84%

Sensitivity 1B: 53%, Specificity 1B: 90%, Balanced accuracy 1B: 71%

Sensitivity NC: 100%, Specificity NC: 88%, Balanced accuracy NC: 94%

**Average balanced accuracy: 83%**

| <b>LLNA, <math>\theta_{bin} = 0.80, \theta_{sub}=0.55</math></b> | <b>SARA 1A</b> | <b>SARA 1B</b> | <b>SARA NC</b> | <b>Inconclusive</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>OECD 1A</b>   | 28             | 4              | 0              | 6                   | 38           |
| <b>OECD 1B</b>   | 16             | 22             | 5              | 42                  | 85           |
| <b>OECD NC</b>   | 0              | 1              | 19             | 13                  | 33           |
| <b>Total</b>   | 44             | 27             | 24             | 61                  | 156          |

Sensitivity 1A: 88%, Specificity 1A: 75%, Balanced accuracy 1A: 81%

Sensitivity 1B: 51%, Specificity 1B: 90%, Balanced accuracy 1B: 71%

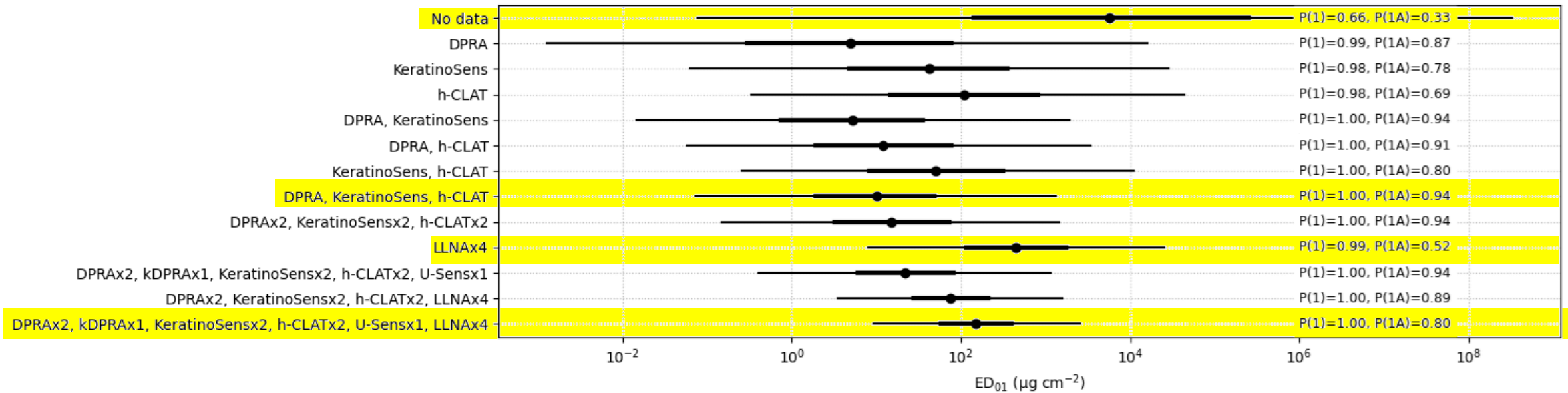
Sensitivity NC: 95%, Specificity NC: 93%, Balanced accuracy NC: 94%

**Average balanced accuracy: 82%**

| Chemical | DPRA   | KDPRA  | KeratinoSens™   | h-Clat   | U-Sens™   | Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA)   |
|----------|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| MIT      | Cysteine depletion: 97.9%<br><br>Lysine depletion: 0%<br><br><i>Source:</i> Natsch et al., 2013      | Log Kmax: $-0.25 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$<br><br><i>Source:</i> Natsch & Gerberick, 2022 | EC <sub>1.5</sub> : 11.78 $\mu\text{M}$<br>IC <sub>50</sub> : 139 $\mu\text{M}$<br><br><i>After unit conversion</i><br>EC <sub>1.5</sub> : 1.4 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>IC <sub>50</sub> : 16 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br><br><i>Source:</i> Natsch et al., 2013 & Urbisch et al., 2015 (Imax) | CD54 EC <sub>200</sub> : 7.89 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> : 9.23 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>CV75: 24.7 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br><br><i>Source:</i> Urbisch et al. 2015       | CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> : 9 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>CV75: 44.3 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br><br><i>Source:</i> Piroird et al., 2015 |   |
|          | Cysteine depletion: 100%<br><br>Lysine depletion: 0%<br><br><i>Source:</i> Kleinstreuer et al., 2018 |  | EC <sub>1.5</sub> : 9.54 $\mu\text{M}$<br>IC <sub>50</sub> : 108.25 $\mu\text{M}$<br><br><i>After unit conversion</i><br>EC <sub>1.5</sub> : 1.1 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>IC <sub>50</sub> : 12 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br><br><i>Source:</i> Kleinstreuer et al., 2018                       | CD54 EC <sub>200</sub> : 11.6 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> : 11.8 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br>CV75: 24.6 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$<br><br><i>Source:</i> Kleinstreuer et al., 2018 |   | EC <sub>3</sub> : 2.2%<br>EC <sub>3</sub> : 0.4%<br>EC <sub>3</sub> : 0.863%<br>EC <sub>3</sub> : >4.5%<br><br><i>Source:</i> Kleinstreuer et al., 2018 |



## SARA-ICE - MIT example – ED<sub>01</sub> PoD estimates



Summaries of ED<sub>01</sub> estimates for MIT conditional on different combinations of input data. Distributions are represented as centred 95% credible intervals (thin lines), centred 50% credible intervals (thick lines) and median (bullet). Predictions are ordered, from largest (top) to smallest (bottom), with respect to the uncertainty in the estimate.

## ED<sub>01</sub> estimates for MIT for different SARA-ICE data inputs

| Input Data   | ED <sub>01</sub><br>( $\mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$ ) | ED <sub>01</sub> percentiles ( $\mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$ ) |      |      |          |          | Prob(1A)    | Prob(1B)     | Prob(NC)      |
|--|---|--|------|------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
|  |   | 2.5th  | 25th | 50th | 75th     | 97.5th   |             |              |               |
| <b>No data</b>   | <b>5,600</b>                                  | 0.077  | 140  | 5700 | >100,000 | >100,000 | <b>0.33</b> | <b>0.33</b>  | <b>0.34</b>   |
| DPRa   | 4.7   | 0.0013   | 0.29 | 4.9  | 78       | 16,000   | 0.87        | 0.12         | 0.011         |
| KeratinoSens   | 42  | 0.063  | 4.8  | 42   | 360      | 28,000   | 0.78        | 0.2          | 0.015         |
| h-CLAT   | 110   | 0.33   | 15   | 110  | 820      | 44,000   | 0.69        | 0.29         | 0.02          |
| DPRa, KeratinoSens   | 5.1   | 0.014  | 0.73 | 5.2  | 36       | 1,900    | 0.94        | 0.061        | 0.0008        |
| DPRa, h-CLAT   | 12  | 0.057  | 1.9  | 12   | 77       | 3,400    | 0.91        | 0.087        | 0.0021        |
| KeratinoSens, h-CLAT   | 52  | 0.26   | 8.3  | 51   | 320      | 11,000   | 0.8         | 0.19         | 0.0049        |
| <b>DPRa, KeratinoSens<sup>TM</sup><br/>h-CLAT</b>  | <b>9.8</b>                                    | 0.072  | 1.9  | 9.9  | 49       | 1,300    | <b>0.94</b> | <b>0.058</b> | <b>0.0004</b> |
| DPRa <sub>x2</sub> , KeratinoSens <sub>x2</sub> ,<br>h-CLAT <sub>x2</sub>  | 15  | 0.15   | 3.2  | 15   | 73       | 1,500    | 0.94        | 0.064        | 0.0003        |
| <b>LLNA x4</b>   | <b>440</b>                                    | 8.1  | 110  | 440  | 1,800    | 26,000   | <b>0.52</b> | <b>0.47</b>  | <b>0.011</b>  |
| DPRa <sub>x2</sub> , kDPRa <sub>x1</sub> , KeratinoSens <sub>x2</sub> , h-<br>CLAT <sub>x2</sub> , U-Sens <sub>x1</sub>                        | 22  | 0.41   | 6    | 22   | 81       | 1,200    | 0.94        | 0.058        | 0.0001        |
| DPRa <sub>x2</sub> , KeratinoSens <sub>x2</sub> ,<br>h-CLAT <sub>x2</sub> , LLNA <sub>x4</sub>   | 76  | 3.5  | 28   | 75   | 210      | 1,600    | 0.89        | 0.11         | 0             |
| <b>DPRa<sub>x2</sub>, kDPRa<br/>KeratinoSens<sup>TM</sup><sub>x2</sub>,<br/>h-CLAT<sub>x2</sub>, U-Sens<sup>TM</sup><br/>LLNA<sub>x4</sub></b> | <b>150</b>                                    | 9.4  | 59   | 150  | 400      | 2,600    | <b>0.8</b>  | <b>0.2</b>   | <b>0</b>      |

## SARA-ICE – MIT example – Probability that an exposure is less than the ED<sub>01</sub>

| Input combination   | Exposure ( $\mu\text{g cm}^{-2}$ ) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |        |
|---|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|
|   | 0.01                               | 0.03 | 0.1  | 0.3  | 1    | 3    | 10   | 30   | 100  | 300   | 1000  | 3000   |
| DPRa  | 0.93                               | 0.89 | 0.82 | 0.75 | 0.65 | 0.55 | 0.43 | 0.32 | 0.23 | 0.16  | 0.096 | 0.058  |
| KeratinoSens  | 0.99                               | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.94 | 0.88 | 0.79 | 0.67 | 0.54 | 0.39 | 0.27  | 0.16  | 0.092  |
| h-CLAT  | 1                                  | 1    | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.94 | 0.89 | 0.79 | 0.67 | 0.51 | 0.37  | 0.23  | 0.14   |
| DPRa, KeratinoSens  | 0.98                               | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 0.71 | 0.57 | 0.41 | 0.27 | 0.15 | 0.084 | 0.038 | 0.018  |
| DPRa, h-CLAT  | 0.99                               | 0.99 | 0.96 | 0.92 | 0.82 | 0.7  | 0.53 | 0.37 | 0.22 | 0.12  | 0.057 | 0.027  |
| KeratinoSens, h-CLAT  | 1                                  | 1    | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.93 | 0.86 | 0.73 | 0.58 | 0.4  | 0.26  | 0.14  | 0.067  |
| DPRa, KeratinoSens, h-CLAT                                  | 1                                  | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.92 | 0.82 | 0.69 | 0.5  | 0.33 | 0.17 | 0.082 | 0.032 | 0.012  |
| DPRAx2, KeratinoSensx2, h-CLATx2                            | 1                                  | 1    | 0.98 | 0.95 | 0.88 | 0.76 | 0.58 | 0.39 | 0.21 | 0.096 | 0.035 | 0.012  |
| LLNAx4  | 1                                  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.91 | 0.77 | 0.57  | 0.34  | 0.17   |
| DPRAx2, kDPRAx1, KeratinoSensx2, h-CLATx2, U-Sensx1         | 1                                  | 1    | 1    | 0.98 | 0.94 | 0.84 | 0.66 | 0.43 | 0.22 | 0.091 | 0.029 | 0.0091 |
| DPRAx2, KeratinoSensx2, h-CLATx2, LLNAx4                    | 1                                  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0.98 | 0.91 | 0.73 | 0.43 | 0.19  | 0.047 | 0.0095 |
| DPRAx2, kDPRAx1, KeratinoSensx2, h-CLATx2, U-Sensx1, LLNAx4 | 1                                  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0.97 | 0.88 | 0.61 | 0.32  | 0.095 | 0.019  |

Comparison of ED<sub>01</sub> estimates (based on different combinations of inputs) and probability that exposures are the less than the ED<sub>01</sub>. Thresholds of 0.2 (**orange -  $\geq 80\%$  likelihood that exposure is greater than ED<sub>01</sub>**) and 0.8 (**blue -  $\geq 80\%$  likelihood that exposure is less than ED<sub>01</sub>**).

## Conclusions & Next Steps

- SARA DA is being adapted for regulatory use through inclusion of ICE database, removal of risk benchmarks and functionality added to allow GHS classification
- SARA ICE DA shows good concordance with sensitizer binary and GHS sub-category classifications against OECD DASS benchmark data
- MIT case study demonstrated benefits of SARA-ICE DA:
  - estimates human potency ( $ED_{01}$ ) with uncertainty
  - estimates with in vitro and in vivo data inputs
  - estimates with incomplete and repeat datasets
- Evaluation of the SARA-ICE DA is ongoing within the OECD DASS expert group



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