

# Application of a next generation risk assessment framework for skin sensitisation using new approach methodologies (NAMs)

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# Agenda

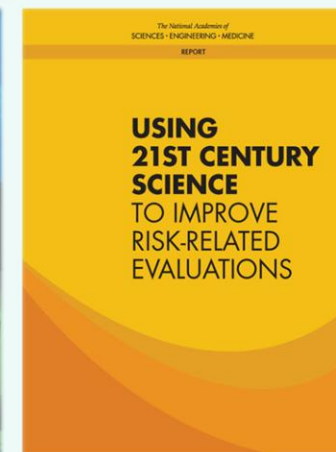
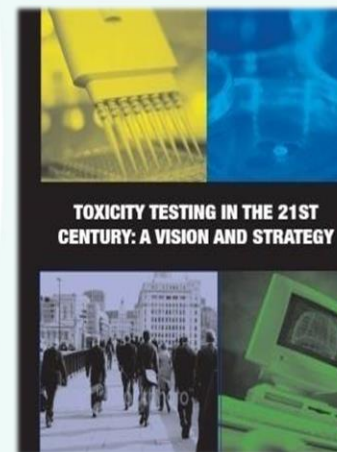
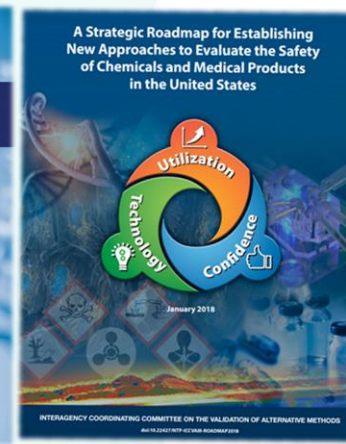
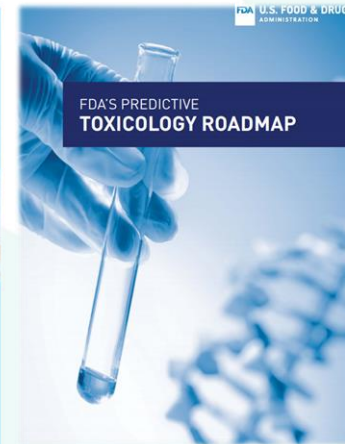
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2. Skin allergy risk assessment evolution
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4. Next generation risk assessment (NGRA) framework for skin allergy
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7. Conclusions & Next Steps

# Assessing ingredient & product safety without animal testing

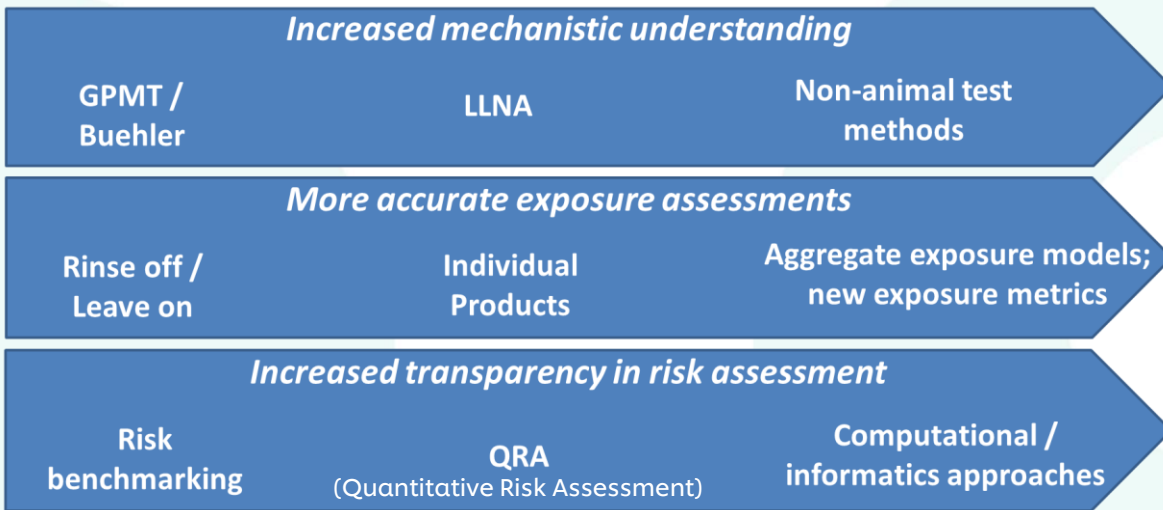
## Next Generation Risk Assessment (NGRA)



Is it safe to include x% of chemical y in product z?



# Skin allergy risk assessment evolution



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### Dermal sensitization quantitative risk assessment (QRA) for fragrance ingredients

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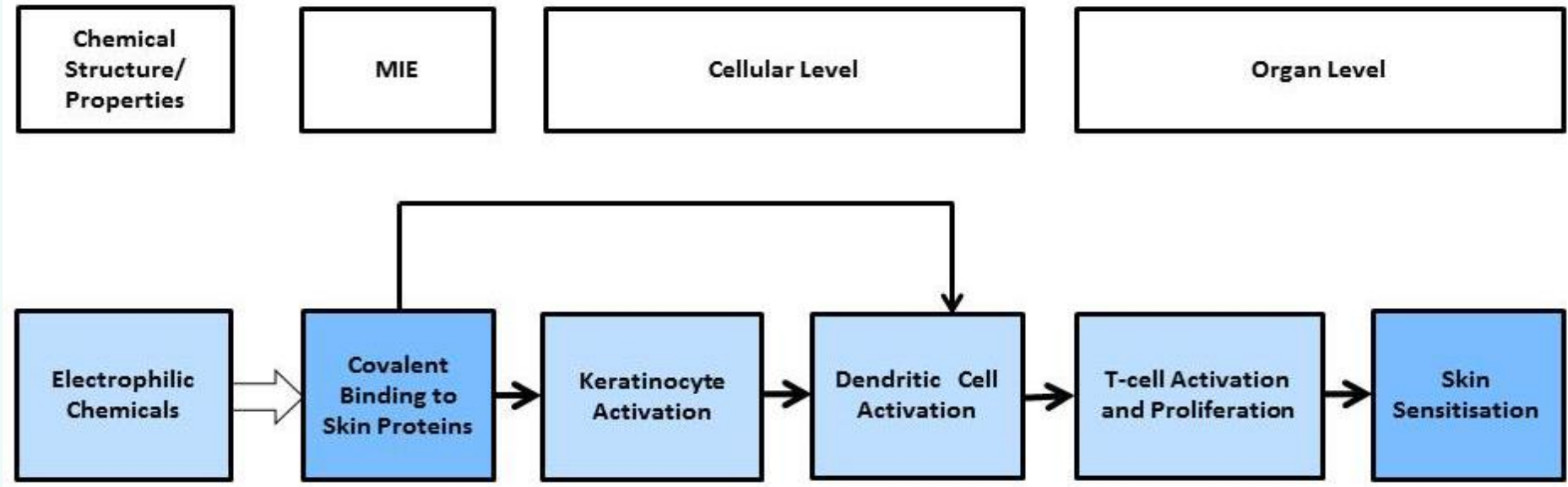
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# Success in skin allergy NGRA - NAMs aligned to skin sensitisation AOP



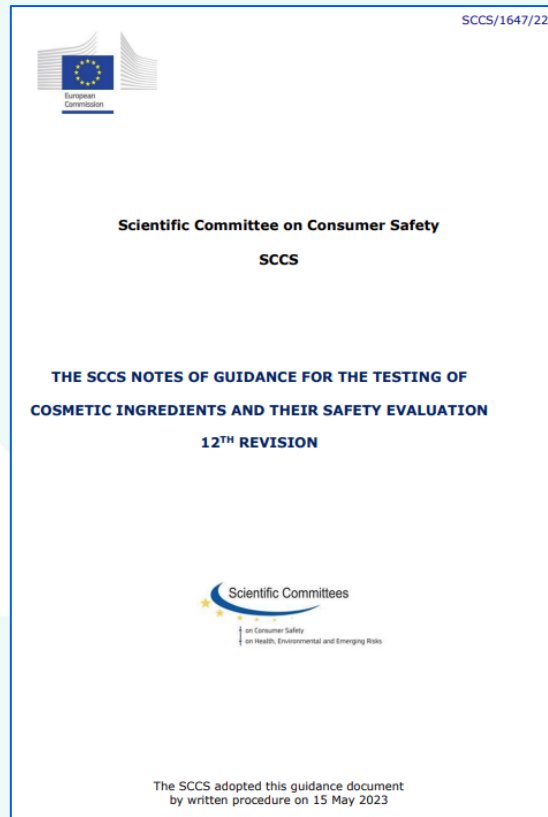
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For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DEREK-NEXUS</li> <li>OECD QSAR Toolbox</li> <li>TIMES</li> <li>ToxTree</li> </ul>	<a href="#">OECD TG 442C</a> Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADRA</li> <li>DPRA</li> <li>kDPRA</li> </ul>	<a href="#">OECD TG 442D</a> Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KeratoSens™</li> <li>LuSens</li> </ul>	<a href="#">OECD TG 442E</a> Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h-CLAT</li> <li>IL-8 Luc Assay</li> <li>U-Sens™</li> <li>GARD™skin</li> </ul>	For Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human T cell proliferation assays (hTCPA)</li> </ul>	<a href="#">OECD TG 429</a> : mouse local lymph node assay (LLNA) & variants <a href="#">TG442A</a> & <a href="#">442B</a>  <a href="#">OECD TG 406</a> : Buehler & Guinea Pig Maximisation Test (GPMT)  Human evidence e.g. <a href="#">Human Repeat Insult Patch Test (HRIPT)</a>

  *in silico* NAM    
   *in chemico/vitro* NAM    
   *in vivo* evidence

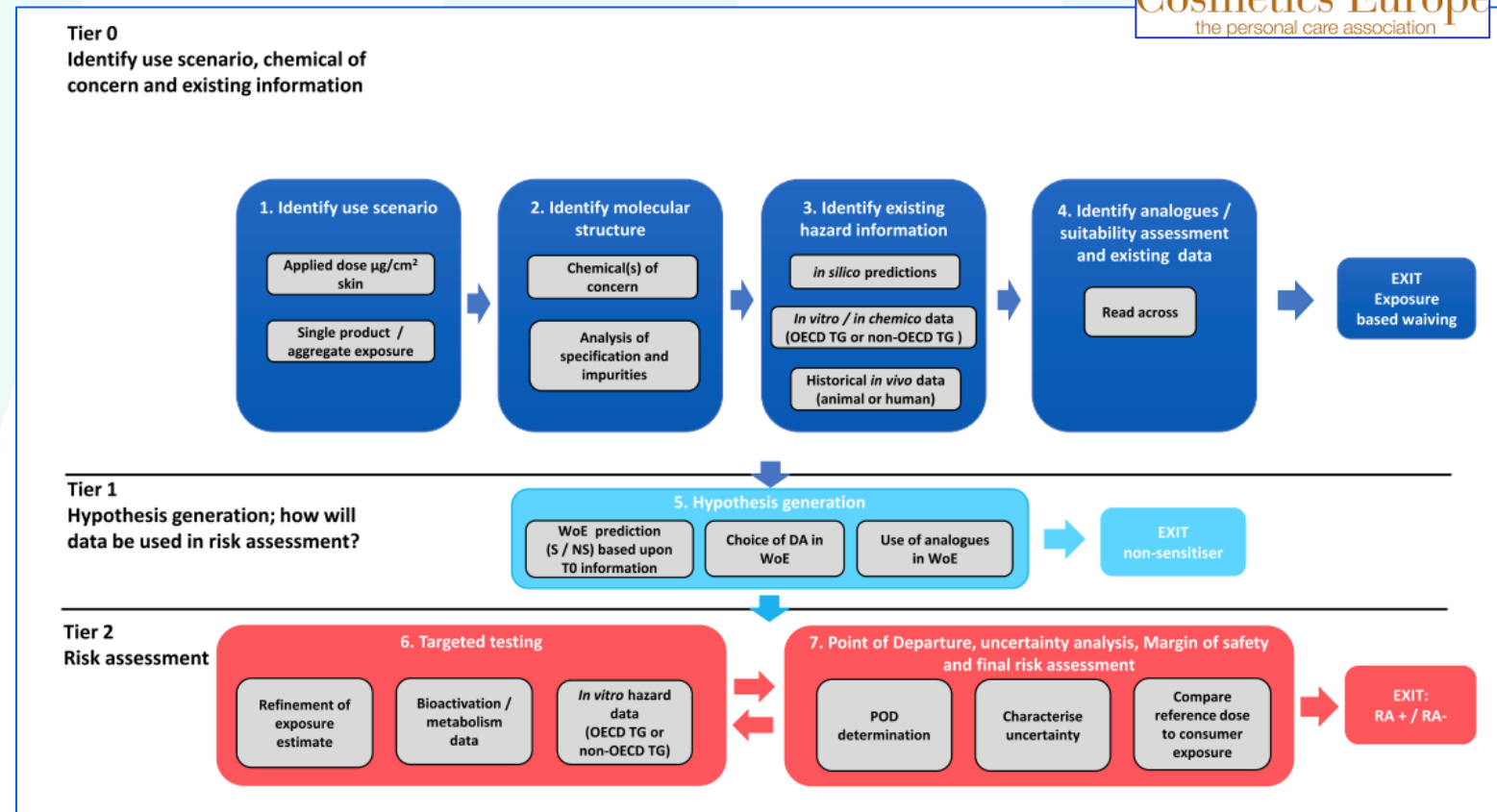


# Skin allergy risk assessment evolution

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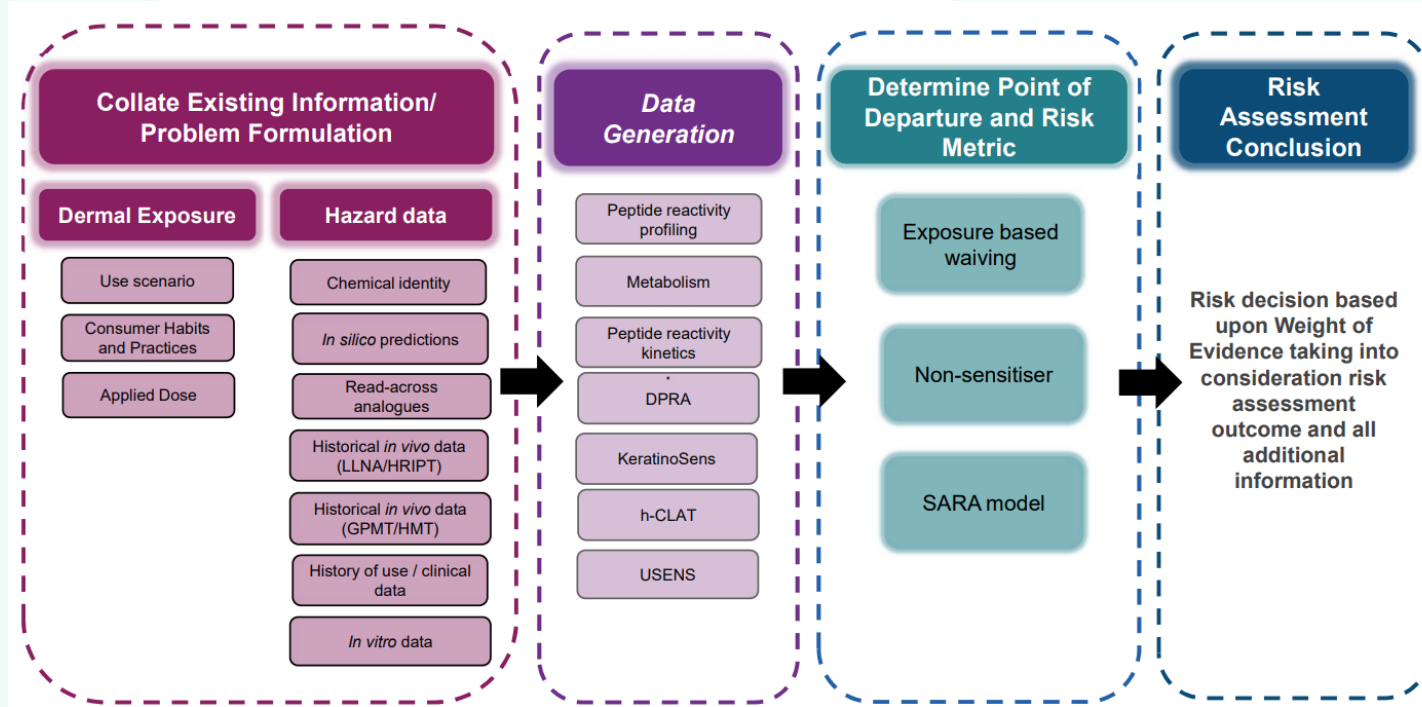


## Next generation risk assessment framework for skin sensitisation



Gilmour et al. Development of a next generation risk assessment framework for the evaluation of skin sensitisation of cosmetic ingredients. Regul. Toxicol. Pharmacol. 116, 2020.

# Next generation risk assessment (NGRA) framework for skin allergy



- Our NGRA framework for skin allergy is based upon the **International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) principles**<sup>1</sup> and the previously published **NGRA frameworks for systemic tox {Safety Evaluation Ultimately Replacing Animal Testing, SEURAT-1}**<sup>2</sup> and **skin allergy {Cosmetic Europe}**<sup>3</sup>.
- Designed to use a WoE based upon all available information, accommodates range of consumer product exposure scenarios and can provide a quantitative point of departure (PoD) and risk metric:  
→ **Skin Allergy Risk Assessment (SARA) Model**

<sup>1</sup>Dent et al. Principles underpinning the use of new methodologies in the risk assessment of cosmetic ingredients. *Comput. Toxicol.* 7, 20–26, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Berggren et al. Ab initio chemical safety assessment: A workflow based on exposure considerations and non-animal methods. *Comput. Toxicol.* 4, 31–44, 2017.

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# Introduction to the Skin allergy Risk Assessment (SARA) model



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# Skin Allergy Risk Assessment (SARA) model

## SARA Model Input Data Sources

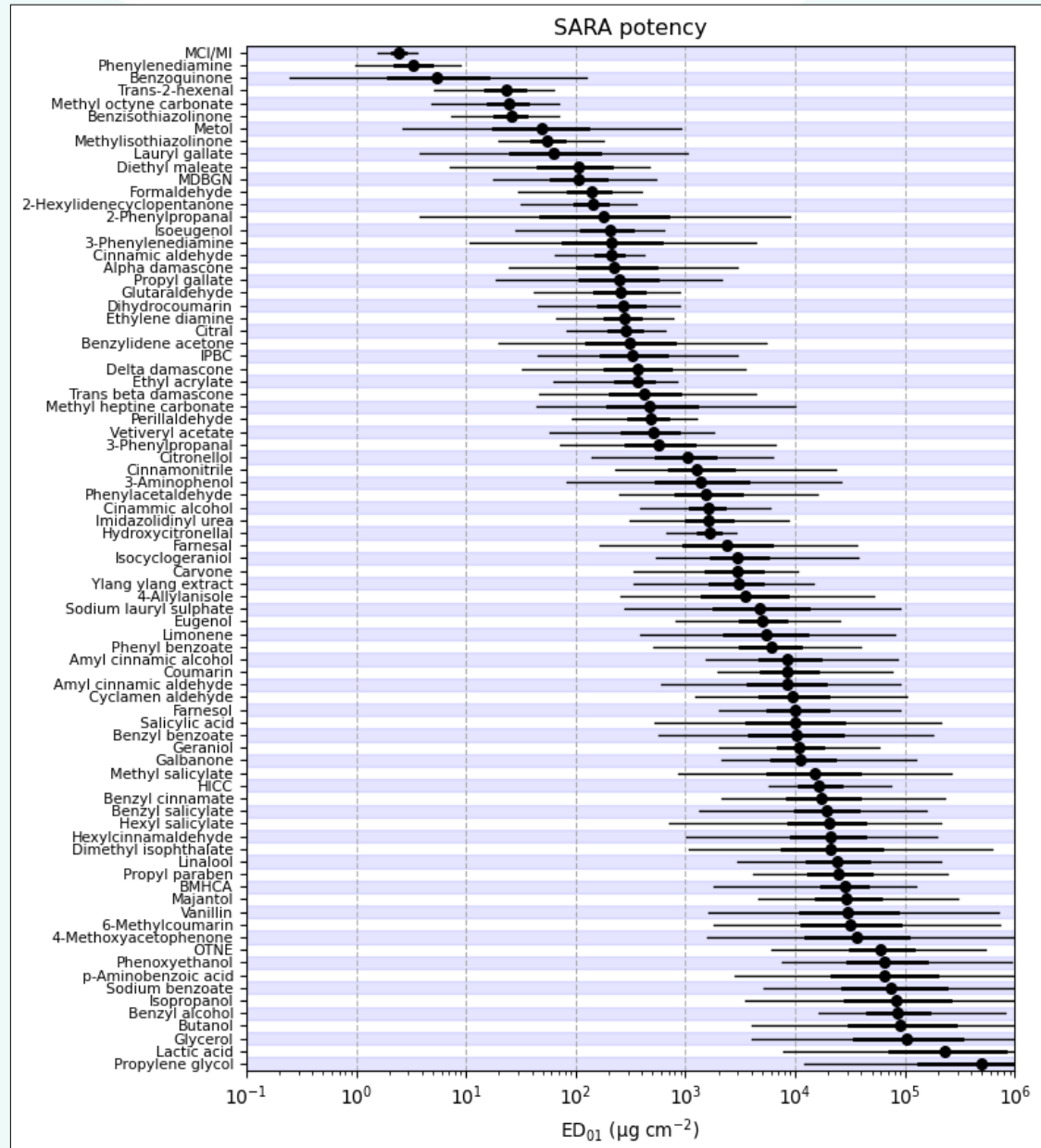
- ❖ Historical Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA) data
- ❖ Historical Human Repeated Insult Patch Test (HRIPT) data
- ❖ *In vitro* data: DPRA (OECD TG442C), KeratinoSens™ (OECD TG 442D), h-CLAT (OECD TG 442E), U-SENS™ (OECD TG 442E)

## SARA Model Output Data Sources

- ❖ Point of Departure (PoD) termed the  $ED_{01}$  – the expected dose at which there is a 1% chance of skin sensitisation in a human (HRIPT) population
- ❖ Risk metric – p(low risk) of a given chemical exposure

- **Defined approach (DA) to provide potency and risk information based upon NAMs**
- **A Bayesian statistical approach** which can make potency and risk predictions using any combination of **historical *in vivo* (LLNA, HRIPT) or NAMs (DPRA, KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT and U-SENS™) – curated database of 81 chemicals**
- **Skin sensitiser potency is expressed as the  $ED_{01}$** , the dose estimated to induce sensitisation in 1% of a HRIPT population. This is the **Point of Departure (PoD)** for the risk assessment.
- **Risk metric:** SARA model also makes use of **benchmark exposures to infer a probability that a consumer exposure to a chemical is ‘low risk’**

# Potency across the SARA database - PoDs



This graph gives the ED<sub>01</sub> and quantified uncertainty (the dot with the 50% and 95% confidence intervals denoted by the thick and thin lines either side)

# Use of consumer exposure information and clinical evidence to develop skin allergy risk benchmarks

62 low or high risk benchmark exposures using 10 human skin allergens (e.g. MCI/MI) with an established history of use in 7 cosmetic product types.

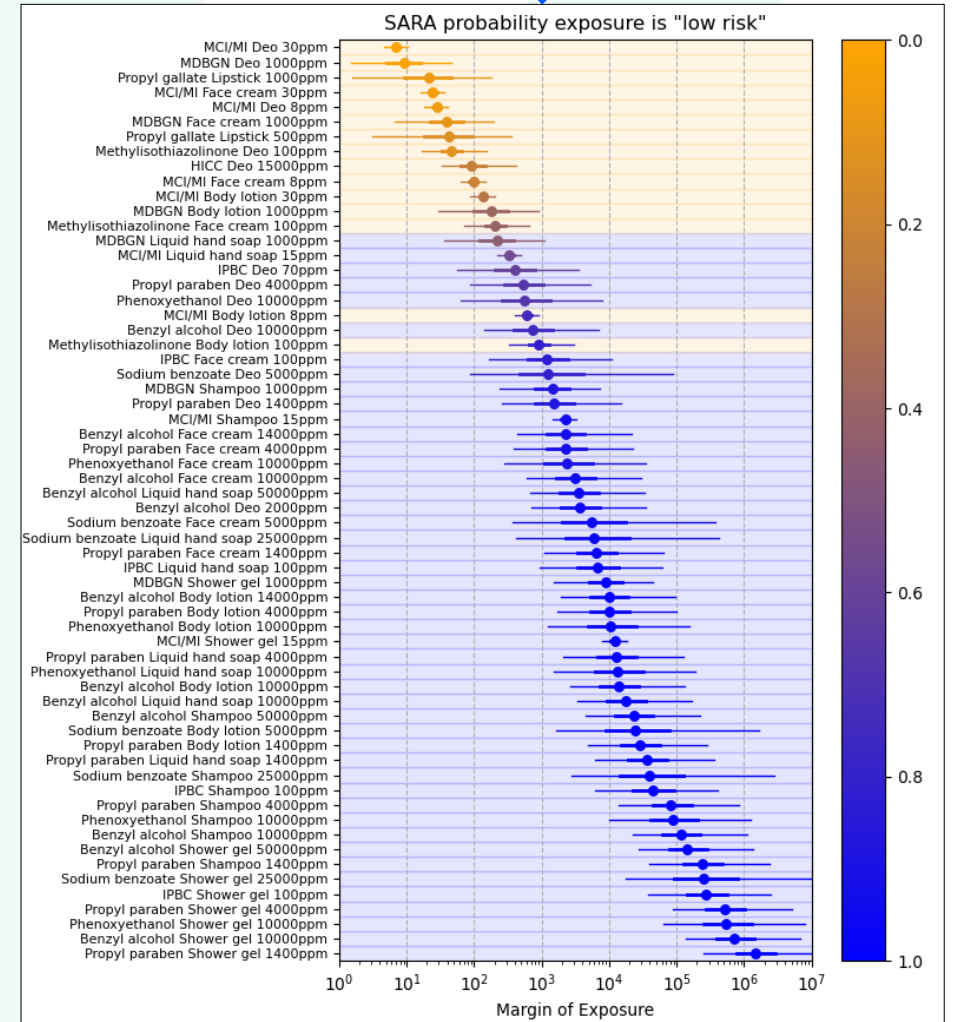
Margin of exposure (MoE) calculation (PoD/Exposure)

## Example

Material	Product type	Use level (ppm)	Consumer exposure to benchmark product (ng cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Induction risk
MCI/MI*	Deo	30	350	HIGH
		7.5	87.8	HIGH
	Face cream	30	100	HIGH
		7.5	25	HIGH
	Body lotion	30	18	HIGH
		7.5	4	HIGH
	Liquid hand soap	15	7.3	LOW
	Shampoo	15	1.1	LOW
Shower gel	15	0.2	LOW	

\*MCI/MI = Methylisothiazolinone/methylchloroisothiazolinone

- Probabilistic estimates of the MoE corresponding to each benchmark exposure at specific exposure level.
- Background colours indicate assigned risk category:
  - blue: low risk,
  - orange: high risk
- Shaded colours indicate the model-inferred risk. Ranking based on the median margin of exposure.



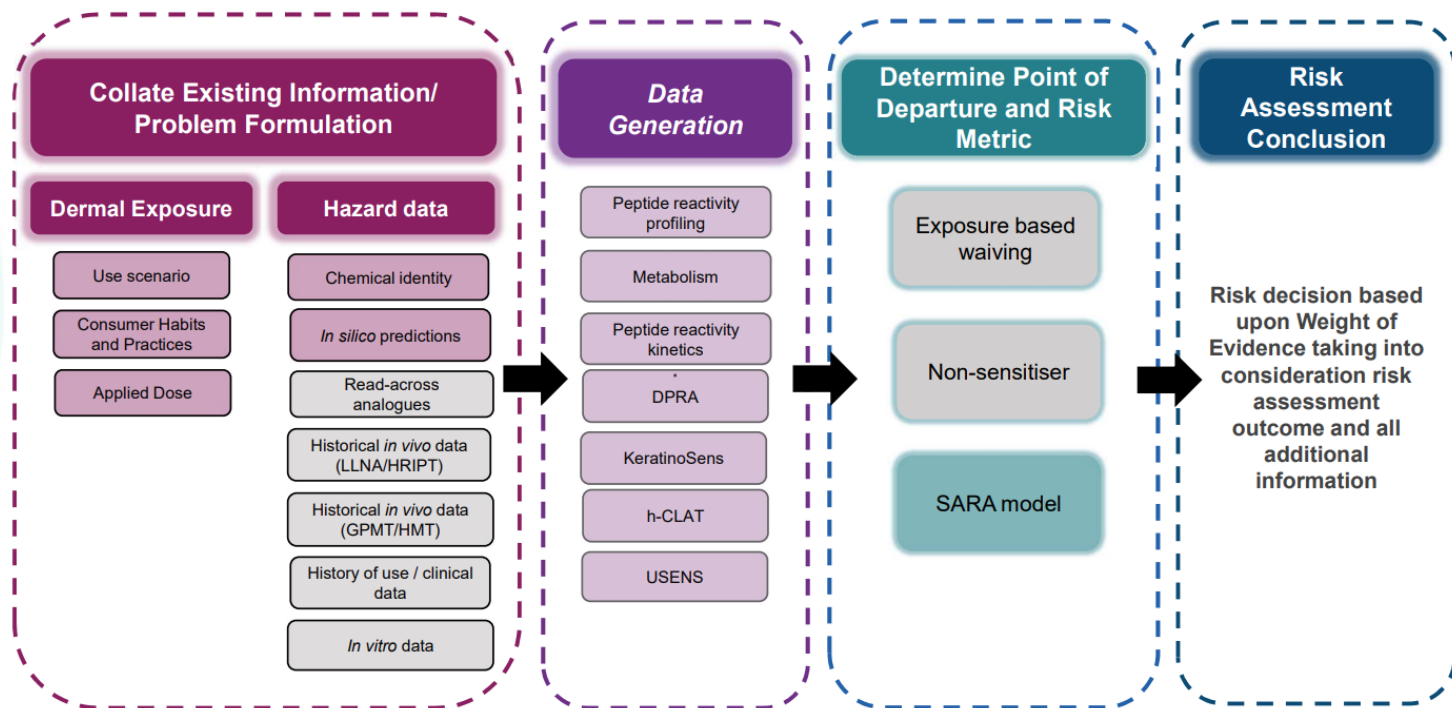
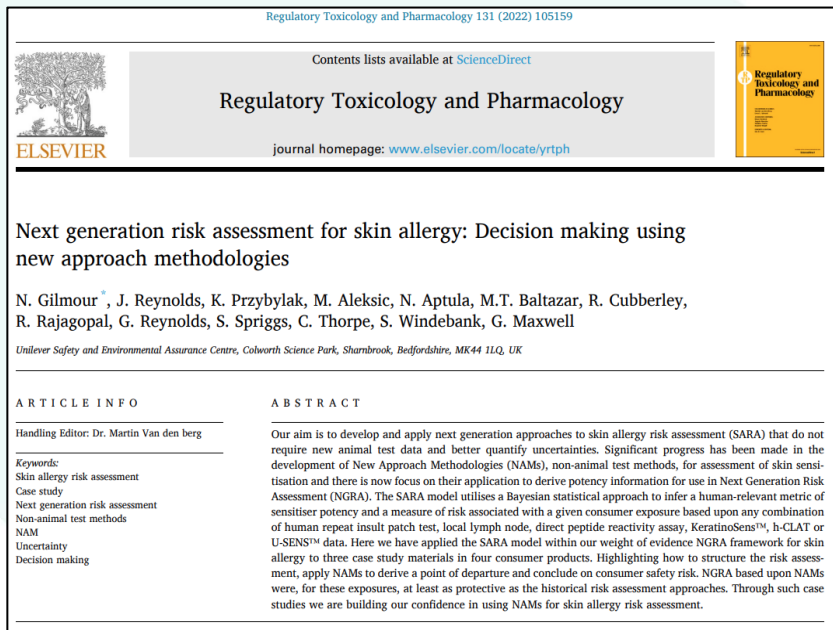
# Skin Allergy Risk Assessment (SARA) Model Case Study

0.02% (200ppm) geraniol in a face cream



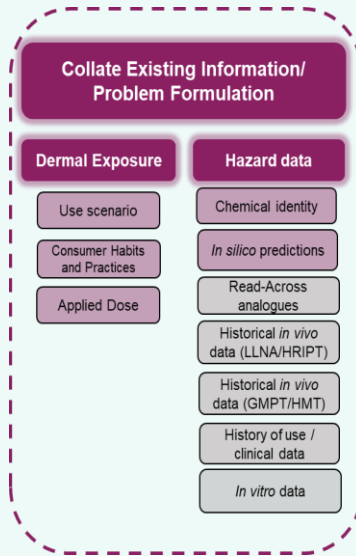
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# Application of the NGRA framework for Skin Allergy



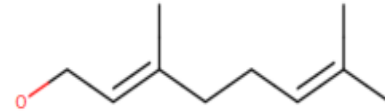
- Our NGRA framework is applied to a hypothetical skin allergy assessment of a consumer product:  
 → **0.02% (200ppm) geraniol in a face cream.**
- For the purposes of the case study, **historical *in vivo* data** and **read-across** were not used, and the use of **dermal sensitisation threshold** was not appropriate.

# Local exposure + Collate Existing Information/ Problem Formulation



## Geraniol

CAS 106-24-1



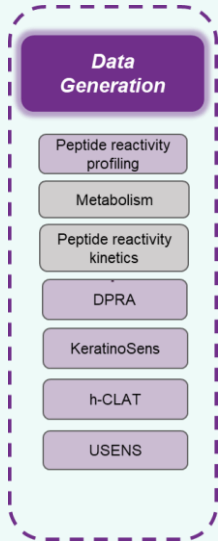
Product type	Face cream
Product used per day (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile) (g/day)	1.54
Ingredient inclusion level (%)	0.02
Skin surface area face (cm <sup>2</sup> )	565
Leave-on or Rinse-off	Leave-on
Local dermal exposure (µg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.544

\*Scientific Committee On Consumer Safety (SCCS), 2021. The SCCS Notes of Guidance for the Testing of Cosmetic Ingredients and Their Safety Evaluation. 11th Revision.

DEREK NEXUS	Alert – terpenoid EC3 model – 20% (weak)
TIMES-SS v.2.30.1.11 Skin Sensitisation model with autoxidation	Parent – Non sensitiser (in domain) Metabolites – Strong sensitiser- after autoxidation to disubstituted a,b-unsaturated aldehydes, Weak sensitiser after autoxidation to hydroperoxides
ToxTree v.3.1.0	Alert for Schiff base formation
OECD QSAR Toolbox v.4.4	<u>Protein binding by OECD</u> Parent - No alert found Skin Metabolites (2) - Direct Acting Schiff Base Formers >> Di-substituted alpha, beta-unsaturated aldehydes

- Geraniol is a reactive chemical and likely to be a skin sensitiser due to activation to a chemical capable of forming a Schiff base.
- Confidence in this prediction is high based upon chemical prediction consensus from all applied *in silico* tools.
- Data generation needs:
  - Assuming an abiotic activation mechanism (autoxidation), peptide reactivity profiling data should be generated to test this hypothesis. An estimation of potency is required to enable risk assessment for this exposure.
  - To enable a potency prediction using the SARA model DPRA, KeratinoSens<sup>TM</sup>, h-CLAT and U-SENS<sup>TM</sup> data should also be generated.

# Data Generation



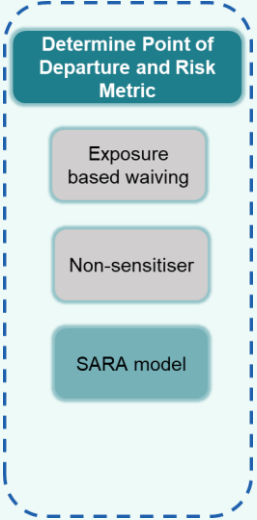
Reactivity Profiling (Aleksic et al., 2009*)	DPRA (OECD TG442C**)	KeratinoSens™ (OECD TG 442D**)	h-CLAT (OECD TG 442E**)	U-SENS™ (OECD TG 442E**)
Cys (no adducts, 73.7%) Lys (no adducts, 3.5%) His (no adducts, -11.1%) <b>Arg (double Schiff base, 15.2%)</b> Tyr (no adducts, 8.2%) <b>N-term (acylation, Schiff base, 40.2%)</b> Ala (no adducts, -2.1%)	<b>Negative</b> Cys depletion 0% Lys depletion 10%	<b>Positive</b> EC <sub>1.5</sub> 110 µM EC <sub>3</sub> >2000 µM IC <sub>50</sub> 875 µM	<b>Positive</b> CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> 123 µg ml <sup>-1</sup> CD54 EC <sub>200</sub> - µg ml <sup>-1</sup> CV <sub>75</sub> 140 µg ml <sup>-1</sup>	<b>Positive</b> CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> 53.6 µg ml <sup>-1</sup> CV <sub>70</sub> 113.9 µg ml <sup>-1</sup>

- Geraniol was confirmed to be a **reactive chemical (Schiff base following autoxidation)** by peptide profiling where adducts consistent with formation of Schiff bases following oxidative activation were observed with the Arginine and N-terminus peptide.
- Geraniol demonstrated minimal depletion of Cys and Lys in the DPRA, which is consistent with the reactivity profiling data. Positive responses were evident in the KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT and U-SENS™.
- Thus, geraniol is a **skin sensitizer via Schiff base formation**.
- **Next step:** determination of the PoD, i.e. the human potency (ED<sub>01</sub>) → SARA model

\*Aleksic et al.. Reactivity profiling: covalent modification of single nucleophile peptides for skin sensitization risk assessment. Toxicol. Sci. 108, 401–411, 2009.

\*\*DPRA, KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT and USENS™ data were sourced from the Cosmetics Europe database (Hoffmann et al. Non-animal methods to predict skin sensitization (I): the Cosmetics Europe database, Crit. Rev. Toxicol. 48, 344–358, 2018).

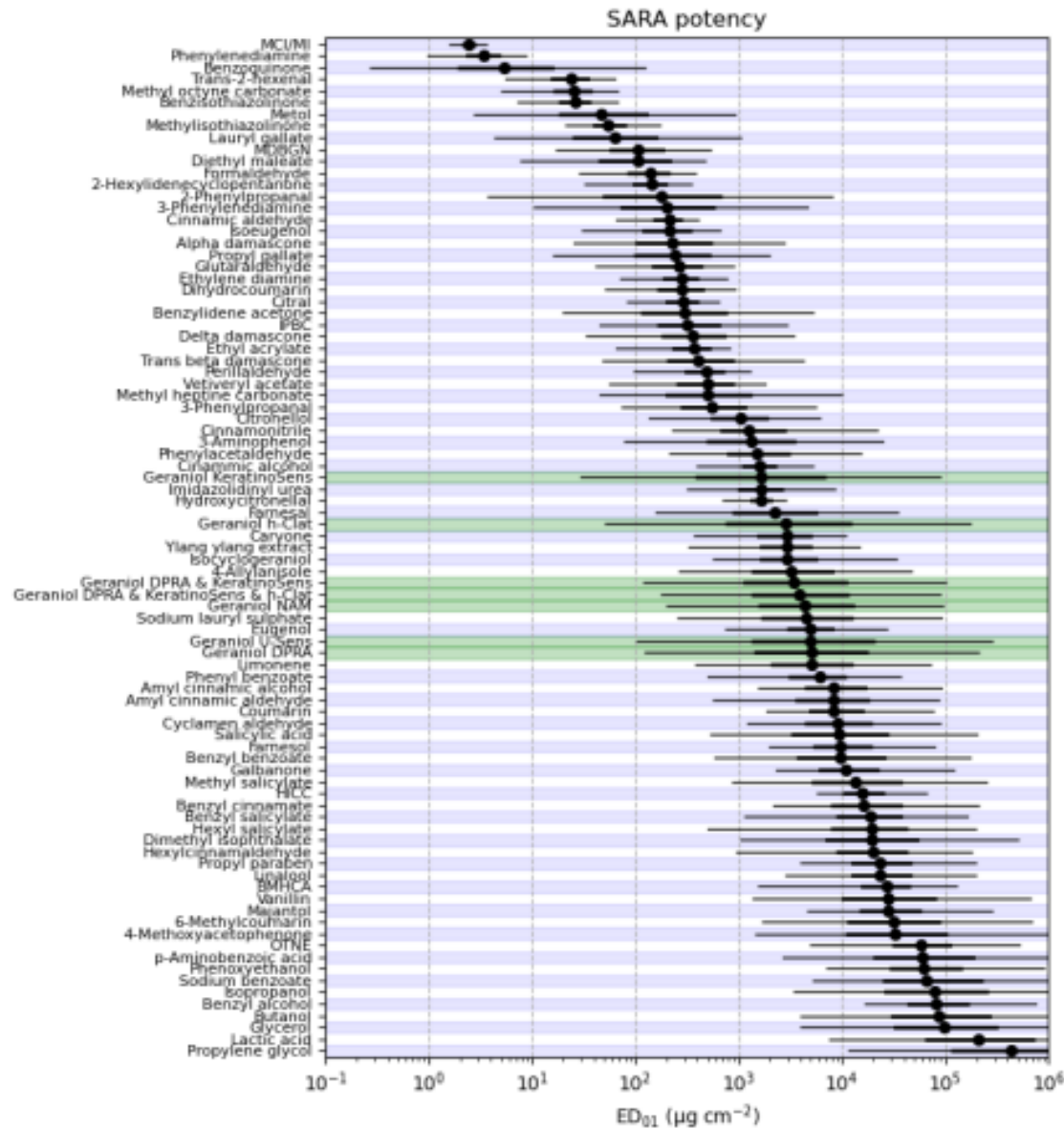
# Determine Point of departure using SARA DA



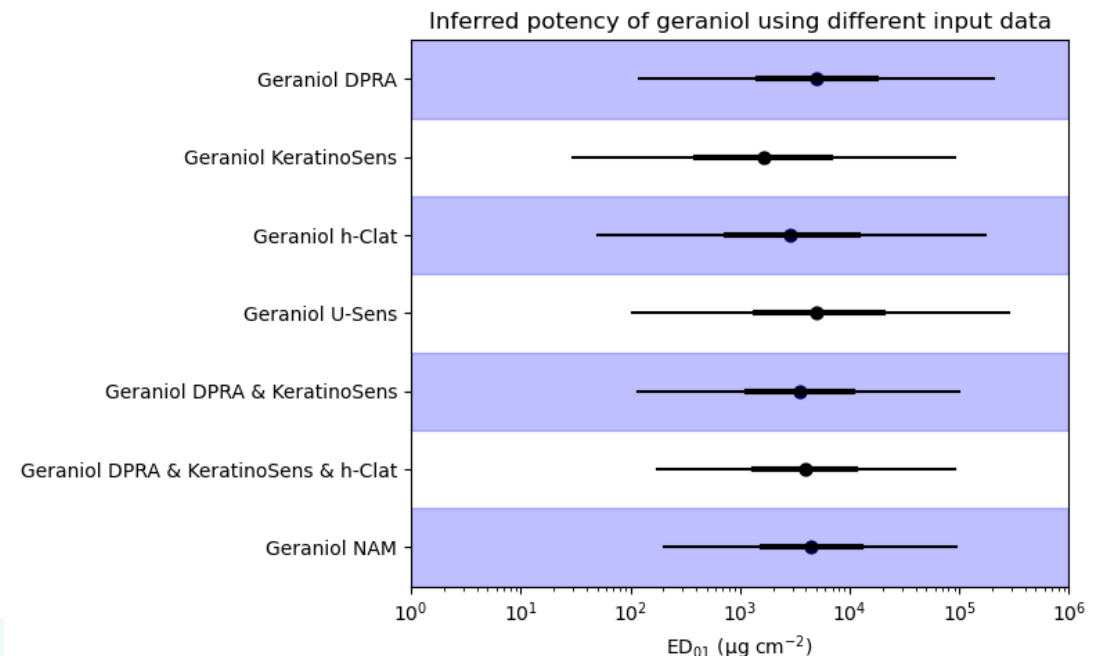
- The generated DPRA, KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT and U-SENS™ data were used as inputs into the SARA model to define a human relevant PoD (ED<sub>01</sub> i.e the 1% sensitising dose for a HRIPT population).
- For geraniol (NAM data only), the expected ED<sub>01</sub> is 4,500 µg cm<sup>-2</sup> (2.5<sup>th</sup> percentile: 180 µg cm<sup>-2</sup>, 97.5<sup>th</sup> percentile: 96,000 µg cm<sup>-2</sup>).
- Geraniol ranks with eugenol, which at least based upon LLNA data is reported to be of moderate potency



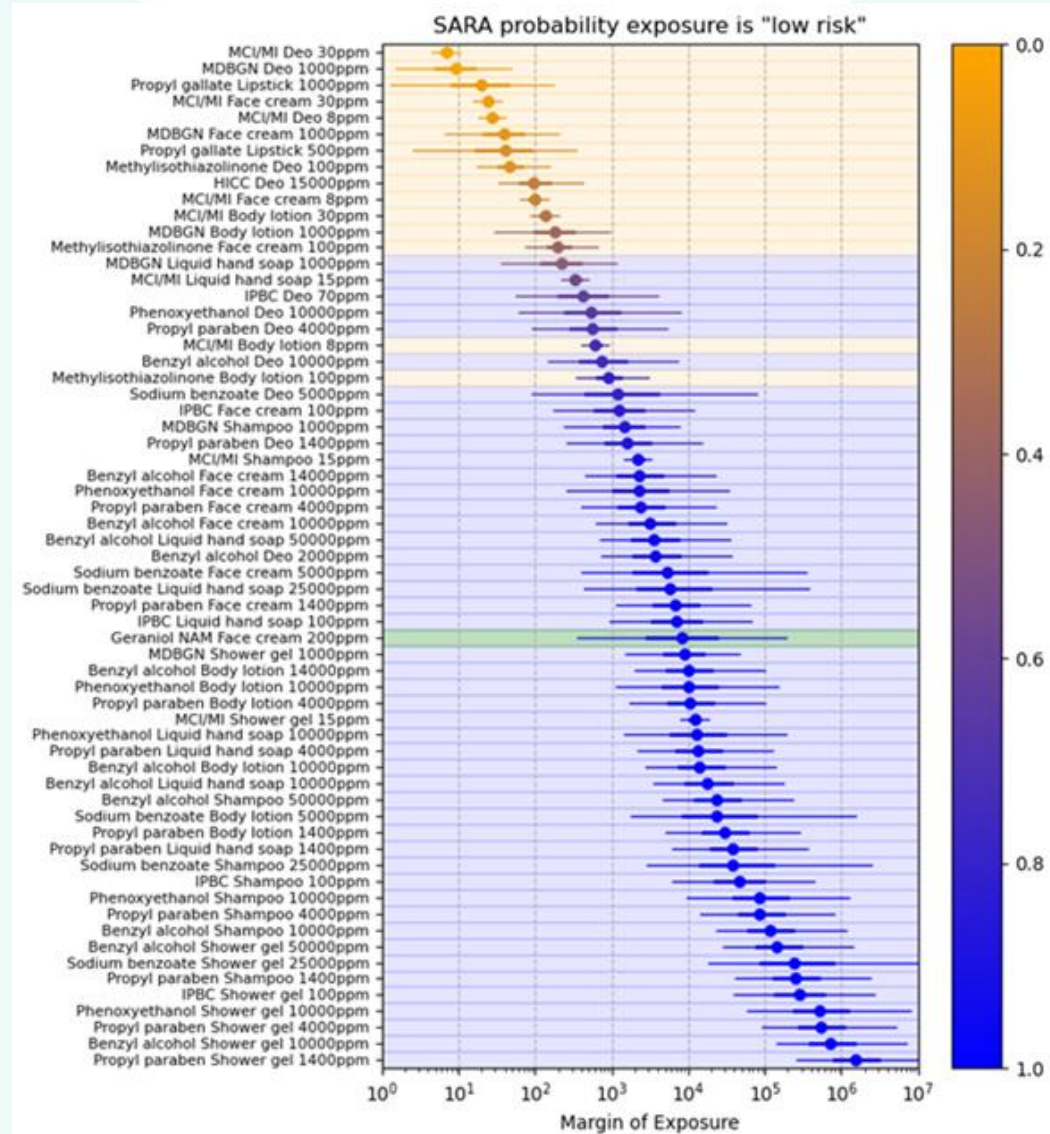
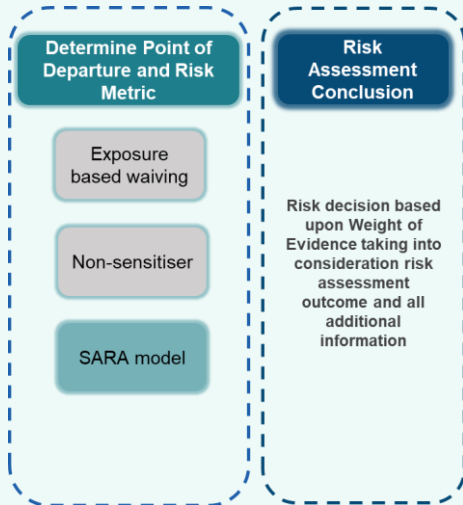
# SARA model: partial datasets



- The SARA model can make predictions based upon **any combination** of the DPRA, KeratinoSens™, h-CLAT and U-SENS™ data.
- Predictions made using just KeratinoSens™ or h-CLAT data yielded a marginally higher expected potency (lower ED<sub>01</sub>) compared with the predictions made using just DPRA or U-SENS™ data.
- Combining data increases the precision in the estimate of potency (reduced uncertainty).



# Determine MoE/Acceptable Exposure Level + NGRA conclusion



- The MoE was calculated from the ED<sub>01</sub> for geraniol and the dermal exposure for 0.02% geraniol in a face cream using SARA DA
- The MoE for 0.02% geraniol face cream exposure ranks with the low-risk benchmarks.
- The SARA DA probability that this exposure is low risk is calculated to be 0.95. Thus, there is a 95% probability that this exposure is low risk.
- Geraniol used at 0.02% (200 ppm) in a face cream is low risk for induction of skin sensitisation

# Conclusions & Next Steps

- Significant progress has been made in the last decade to apply non-animal experimental data using Defined Approaches (DAs) & tiered frameworks.
- Bayesian DAs enable experimental data variability to be modelled and uncertainty in PoDs & risk metrics to be factored into decision-making.
- Ongoing model development to expand the database, further incorporate mechanistic reactivity knowledge and explore new SARA inputs
- Recently published NGRA framework and case studies:
  - ✓ Cosmetic Europe NGRA framework (Gilmour et al., 2020)
  - ✓ Coumarin case study (Reynolds et al., 2021)
  - ✓ Unilever NGRA framework and other case studies (Gilmour et al., 2022; Gilmour et al., 2023)

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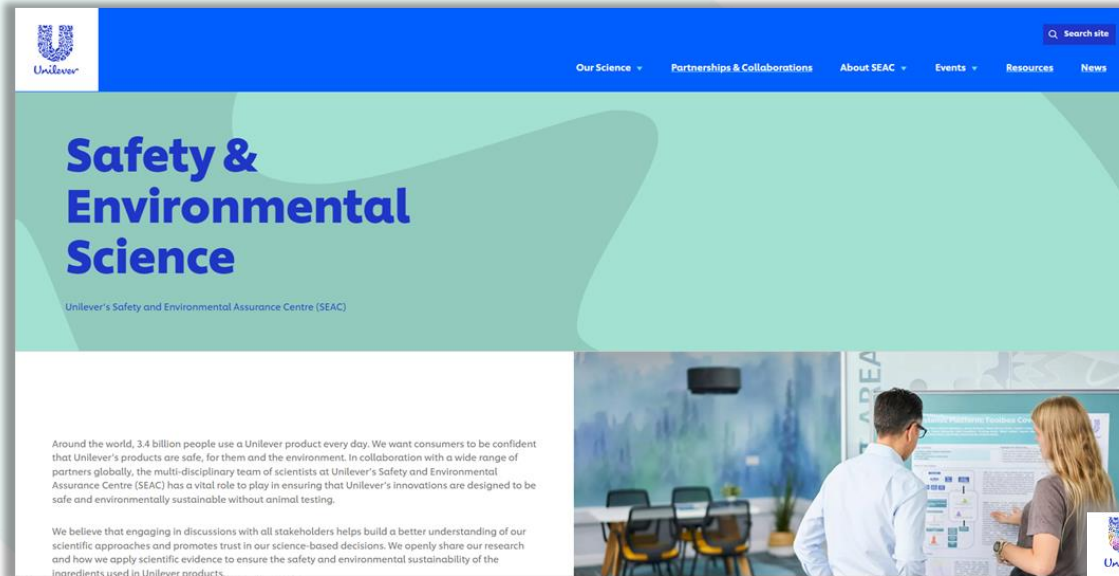
NICEATM has entered into an agreement with consumer products company Unilever to collaboratively test and further develop their Skin Allergy Risk Assessment (SARA) predictive model. SARA is a computational model that uses a variety of input data to estimate a probability that a chemical will cause an 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/qo/ACDtest>.

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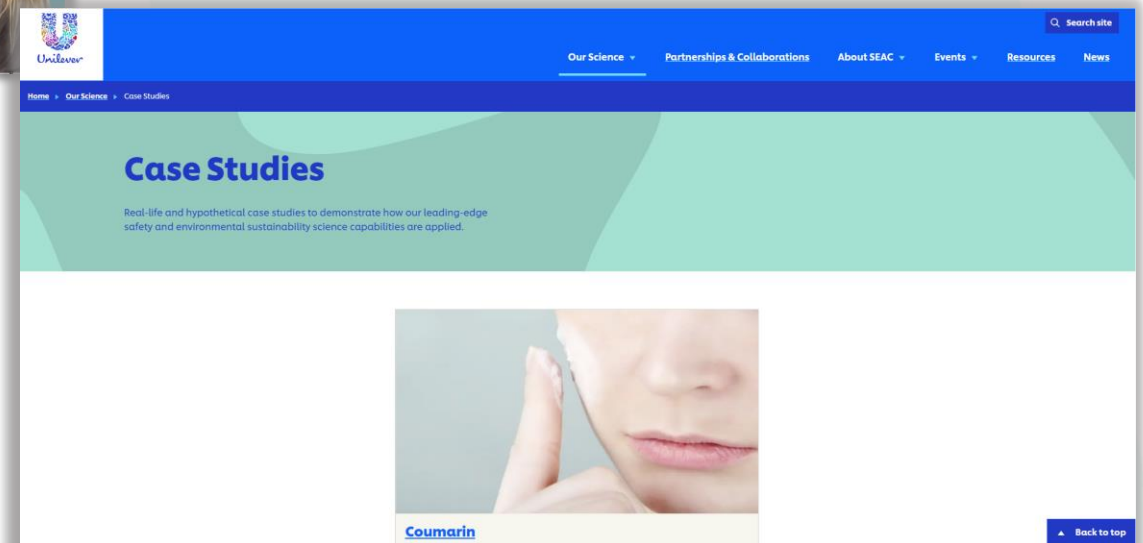
- Unilever-NICEATM CRADA underway to develop a publicly available version of the SARA Model for evaluation as part of the OECD workplan for OECD DASS TG 497

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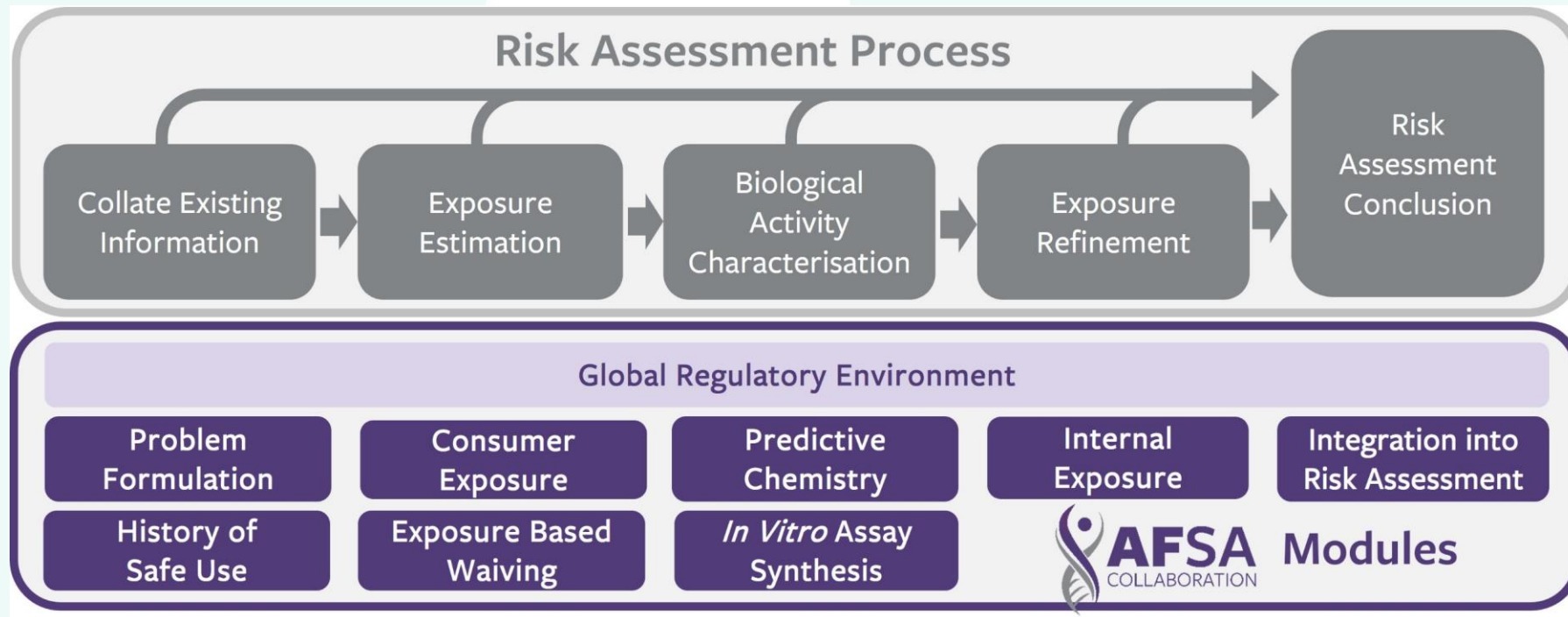
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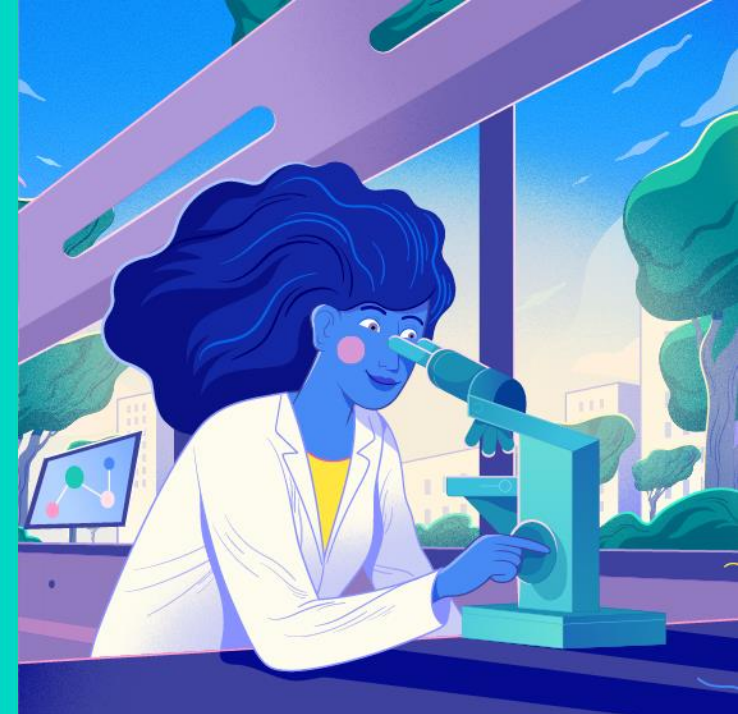
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