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Food Safety Aspects of Integrated Food Systems

Harmonised methodologies for the risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals: Principles and Applications

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The "Cocktail Effect"

Limoncello

Bagnolino

Nocino

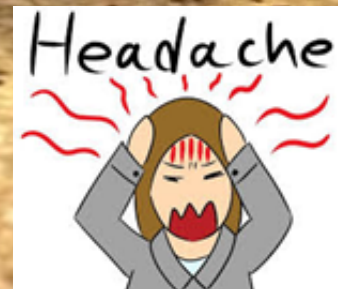
Hazardous
mixture

**Be Careful With
This One !**

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MIXTOX Guidance Document (2019)

GUIDANCE



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Guidance on harmonised methodologies for human health, animal health and ecological risk assessment of combined exposure to multiple chemicals

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- **Harmonised Guidance**
 - **Whole Mixture approach**
 - **Component-based approach**
 - Include interactions

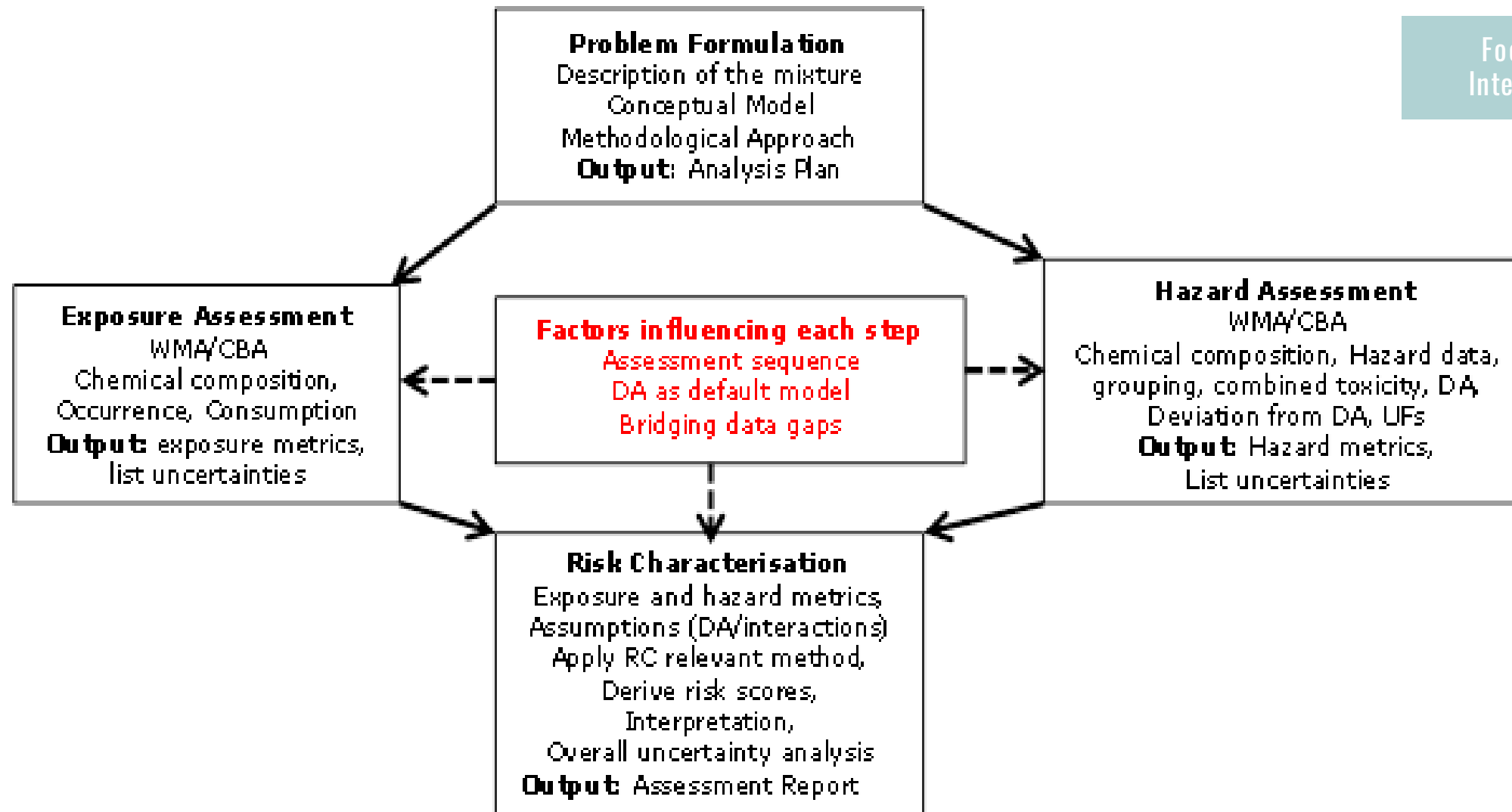
Problem Formulation

Exposure and Hazard Assessment

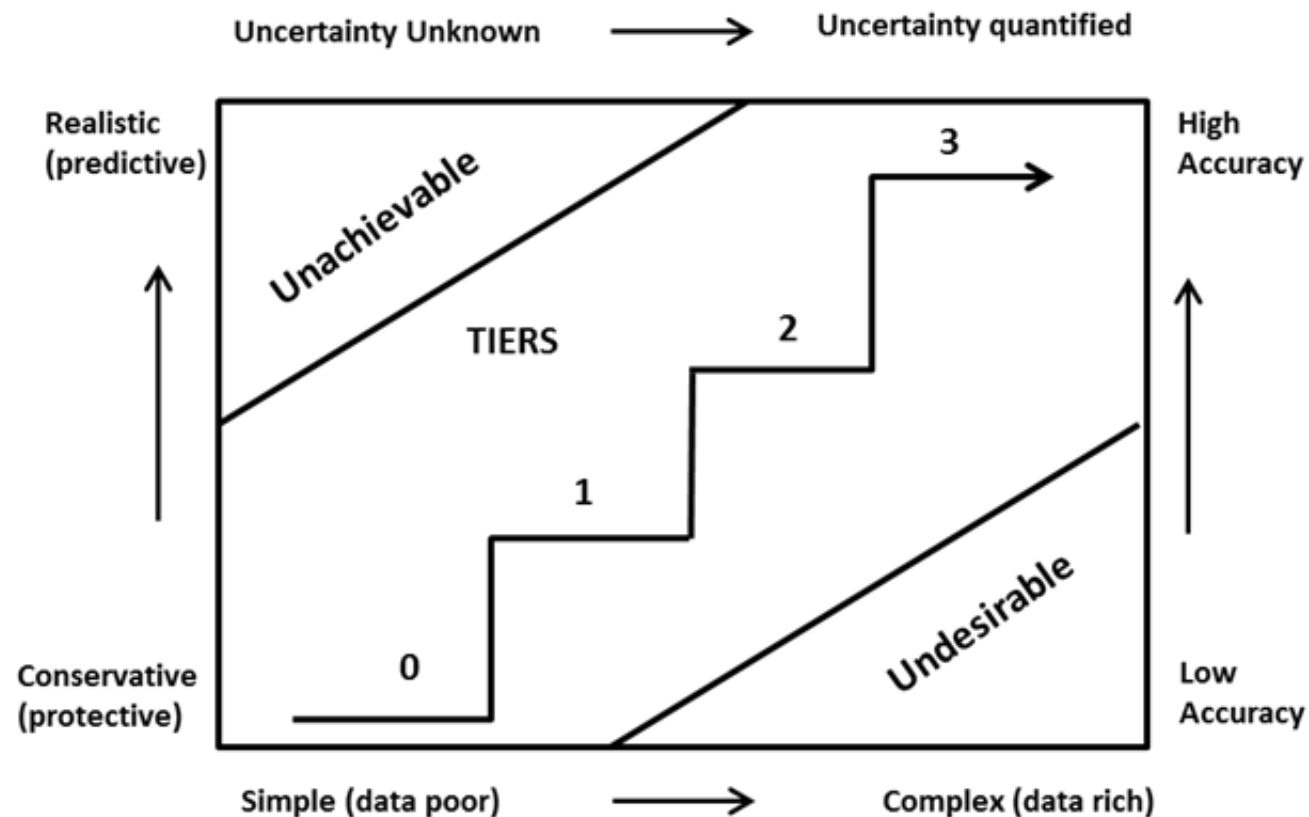
Risk Characterisation

- **Reporting Table**
 - Human Health, Animal Health
 - Environment

Harmonised Framework

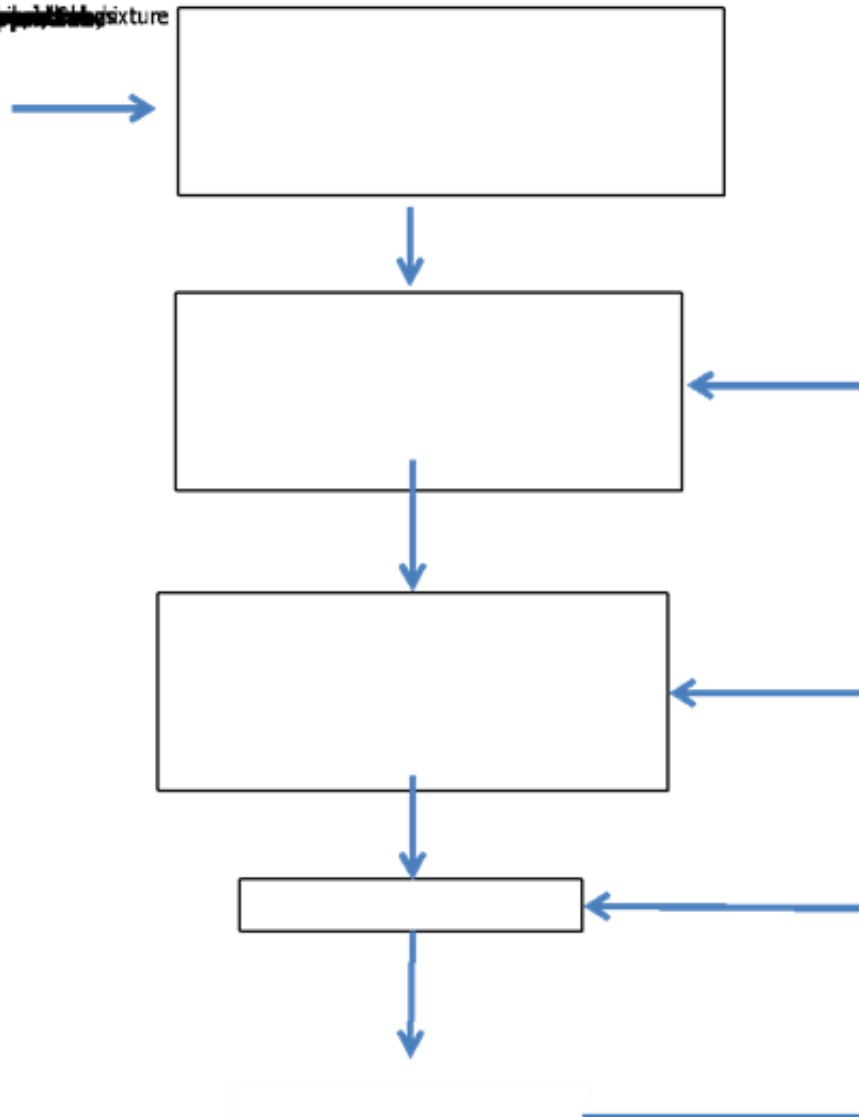


Tiering Principles



Relationships between tiers, data availability, uncertainty, accuracy and outcome of a risk assessment. Solomon et al. (2006) and MIXTOX GD.

Problem Formulation



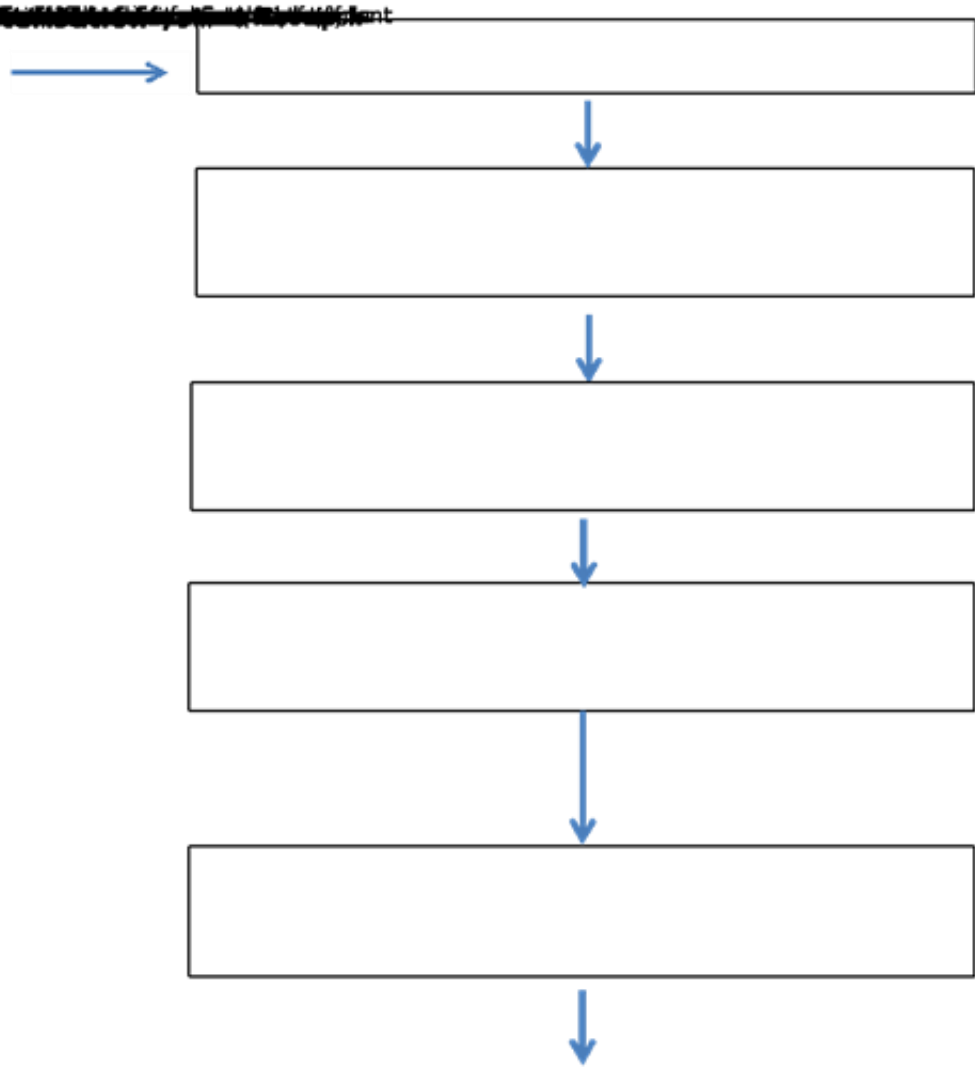
- **What is the question, species to assess and the multiple chemicals “mixture” ?**
- **How do we deal with it for risk assessment (RA) ?**
- **Plan to perform the RA**

Exposure Assessment

Available data includes information on the occurrence of different components of a mixture

- Amount of each chemical in food
- How much food is consumed ?
- Combine the two together for each chemical

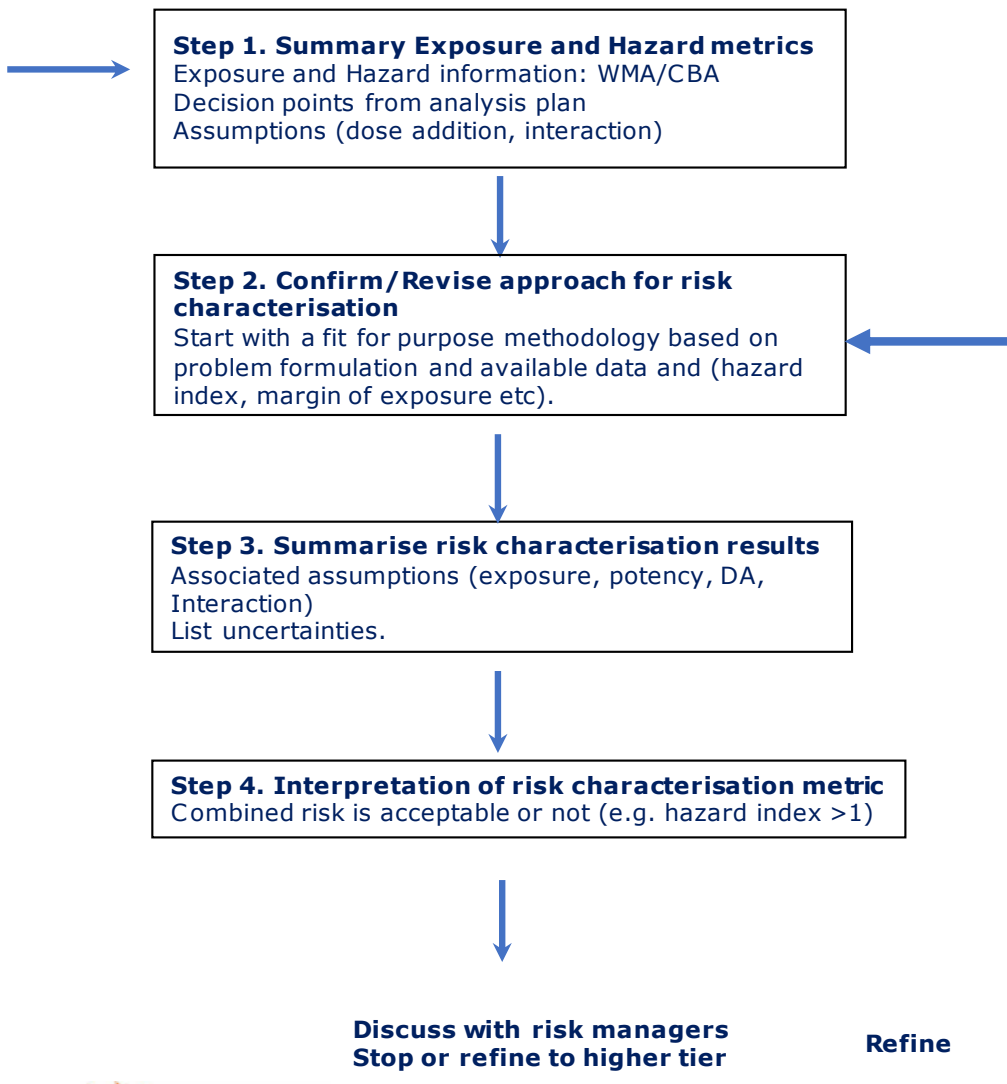
Hazard Assessment



- **How toxic is each chemical ?**
- **Get the toxicity values for each chemical**
- **Do they interact and become more toxic together ?**

Risk Characterisation

Risk characterisation
Human/Sub-population(s)
Farm/Companion Animals
Environmental Specie(s)
Ecosystem(s)



○ **Combine exposure and toxicity data for all chemicals to get risk values**

○ **Is there a health or environmental concern ?**

○ **If No, stop**

○ **If yes , What is next ?**

Refine or discuss with risk managers to reduce exposure ?

Reporting Table

Problem formulation	Description of the mixture	Simple or complex mixture, Composition, Data availability for components or whole mixture
	Conceptual Model	Question/Terms of reference, Source, exposure pathways, Species/sub-population, Regulatory framework, Other ?
	Methodology	Overview of available data whole mixture or component-based approach or a mixture of the two. Assessment group, Other ?
	Analysis Plan	
Exposure assessment	Characterisation Whole Mixture Components Assessment group Summary Occurrence (concentration) data	
	Summary exposure	Assumptions, Exposure metrics
Hazard Assessment	Mixture Composition WMA/CBA	
	Reference points Reference values	
	Summary Hazard metrics	Assumptions combined toxicity (DA, RA), hazard metrics
		Uncertainties
Risk Characterisation	Summary Exposure and hazard metrics	
	Risk characterisation Approach	
	Summary Risk Metrics	Associated Assumptions (DA, RA, interactions), Risk metrics
		Uncertainties

Implementing MIXTOX in Practice

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Human risk assessment of multiple chemicals using component-based approaches: A horizontal perspective

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Animal Health Risk assessment of multiple chemicals in essential oils for farm animals

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MYCHIF: Mycotoxin Mixtures

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Mycotoxin mixtures in food and feed: holistic, innovative, flexible risk assessment modelling approach:

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Article

Occurrence and Co-Occurrence of Mycotoxins in Cereal-Based Feed and Food

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- Exposure: Co-occurrence and consumption patterns
- Hazard : Collect hazard data for each mycotoxin using EFSA OpenFoodTox.
- Risk Characterisation: Combined Margin of Exposure for humans and farm animals

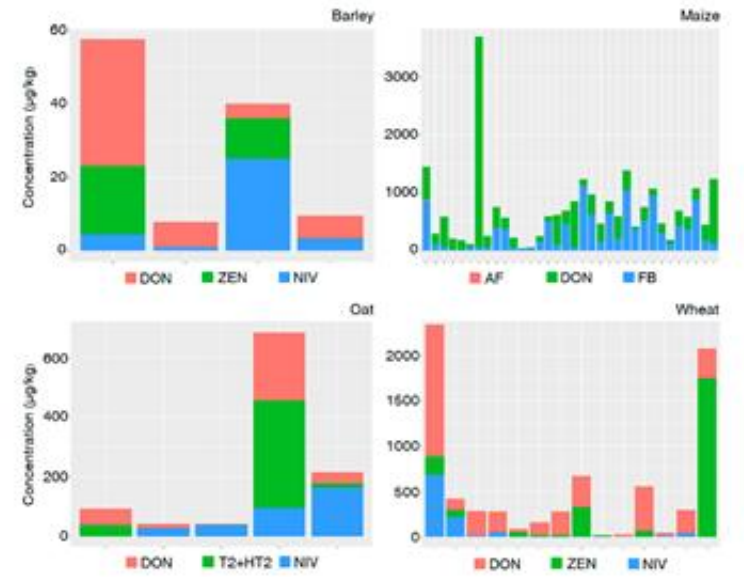


Figure 7. Concentrations of each co-occurring mycotoxin for barley, maize, oat, and wheat.



MIXTOX2



1 Draft Guidance Document on
2 Scientific criteria for grouping
3 chemicals into assessment groups for
4 human risk assessment of combined
5 exposure to multiple chemicals

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Background

▪ **EFSA request for scientific opinion on criteria for grouping chemicals for Human RA Mixture**

- **Setting cumulative assessment groups for human RA of pesticides as requested by DG-SANTE and relevance to EFSA Panels:**
- **CONTAM: Grouping contaminants** (PFAs, brominated FR etc)
- **FEEDAP: Mixture RA of essential oils/botanicals**
- **FAF: smoke flavourings and grouping.** Include chemical properties (e.g structure, class, functional group etc). Use ECHA read across GD and OECD QSAR toolbox.
- **Overall support all panels dealing with chemical RA**

Terms of Reference

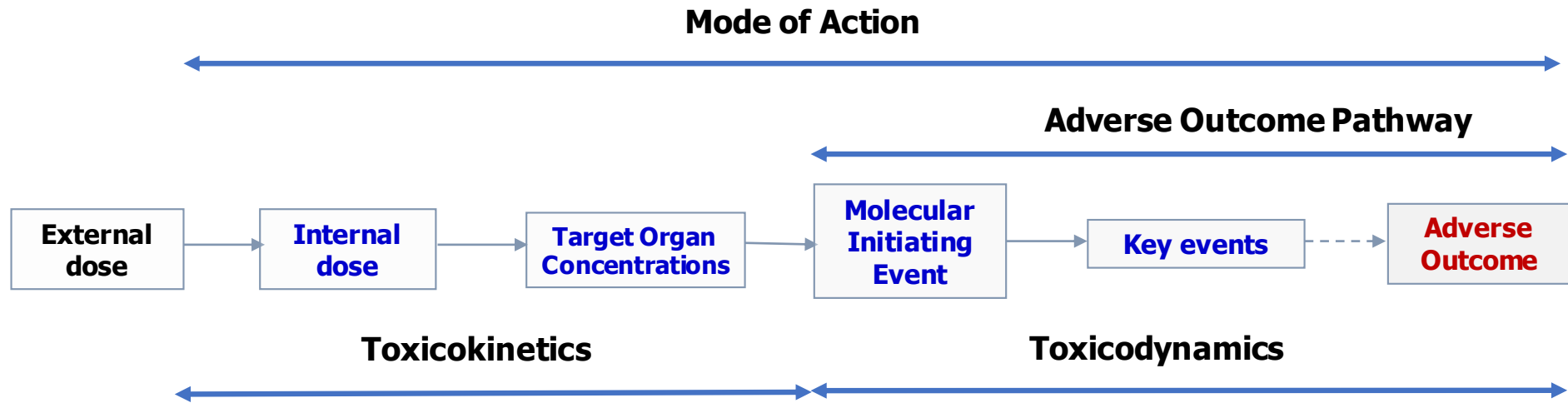
- **Guidance Document on scientific criteria for grouping chemicals into assessment groups**
 - **Scientific principles and relevant cross-cutting guidance**
 - **Context of risk assessment (priorities, urgent, pre- and post-market)**
 - **Tiering and fit for purpose scenarios consider available data**
 - **Prioritisation approaches: Risk-based and exposure-driven**
 - **Relevant EFSA areas and international activities**
 - **Harmonisation, avoid duplication**
 - **Publication for public consultation (PC)**

Content

- **Introduction: Background, Terms of Reference/ Interpretation**
- **General principles: Problem formulation and Grouping**
- **Hazard-driven criteria**
- **Prioritisation methods: Risk-based and exposure-driven**
- **Recommendations**

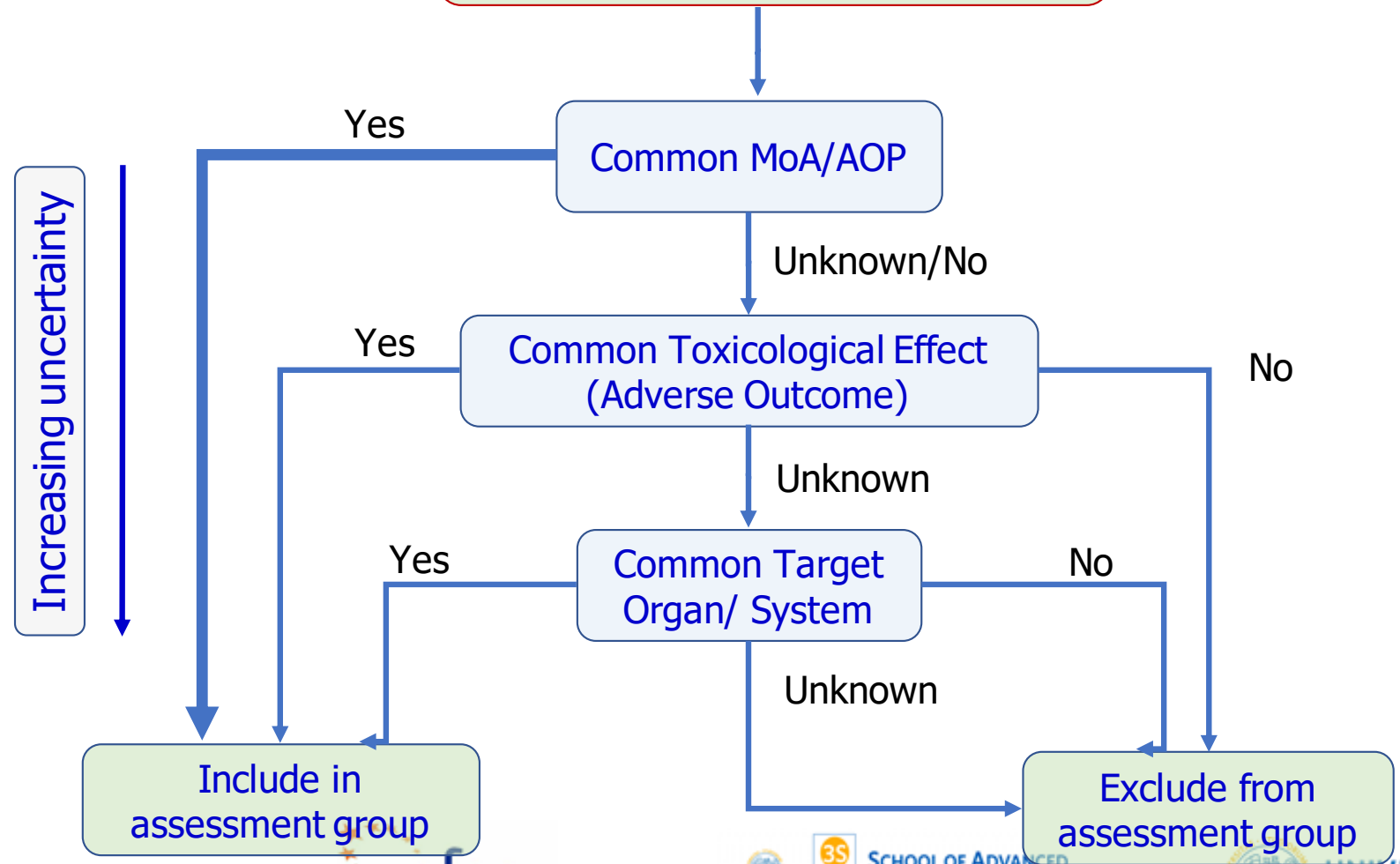
- Annexes
 - Annex A: Glossary
 - Annex B: Generic WoE methodology for grouping using hazard-driven criteria
 - Annex C: Prioritisation method for grouping pesticides (risk metrics for single chemicals)
 - Annex D: Prioritisation method: grouping contaminants in breast milk (combined exposure metrics)

Mode of Action and Adverse Outcome Pathways



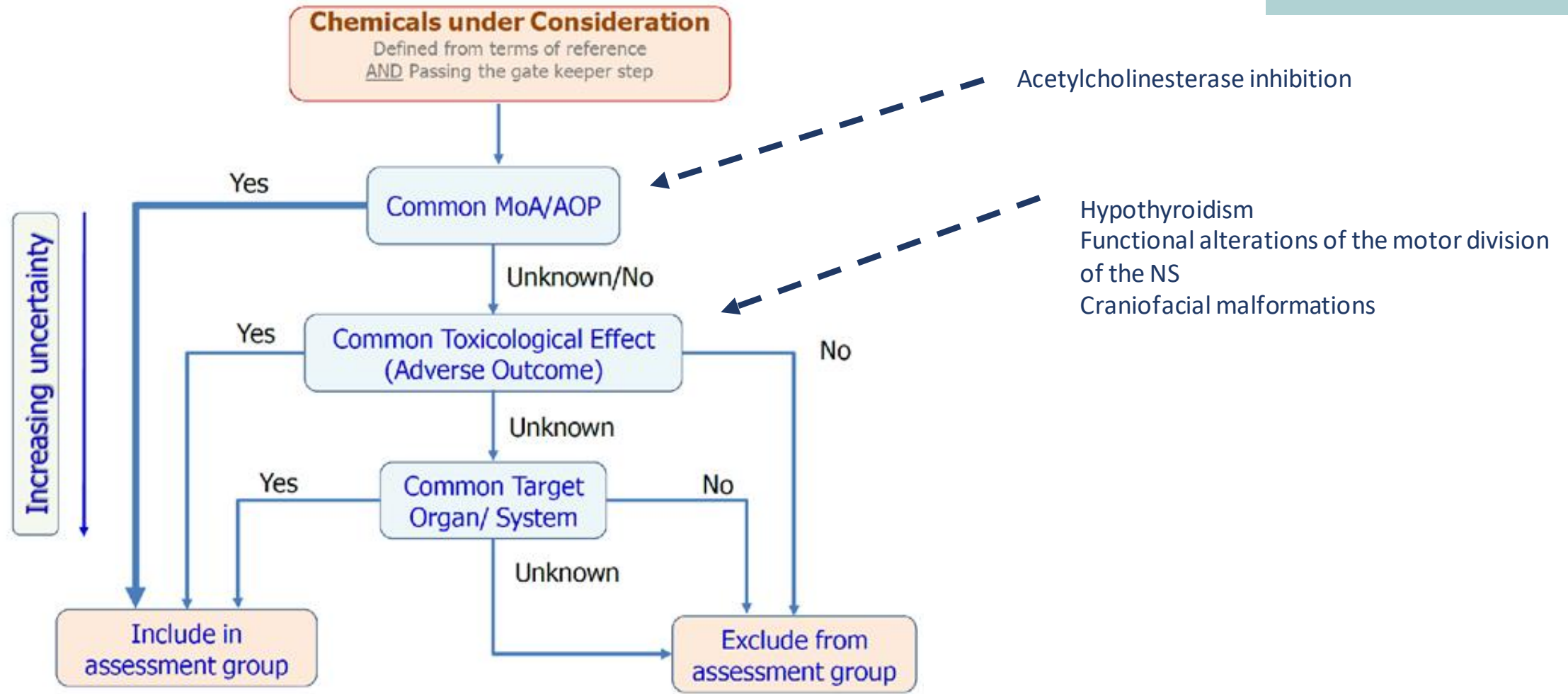
Hazard-Driven Criteria for groupin chemicals into assessment groups

Chemicals under Consideration
Defined from terms of reference
AND Passing the gate keeper step



- Top-down hierarchical process
- Gold standard Common MoA/AOP for grouping into assessment group
- Then move to common toxicity or target organ
- If not grouping can use also *in silico/structure etc*

Implementation of the grouping criteria for pesticide residues



SCIENTIFIC REPORT



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Cumulative dietary risk characterisation of pesticides have acute effects on the nervous system

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Cumulative dietary risk assessment of chronic acetylcholinesterase inhibition by residues of pesticides

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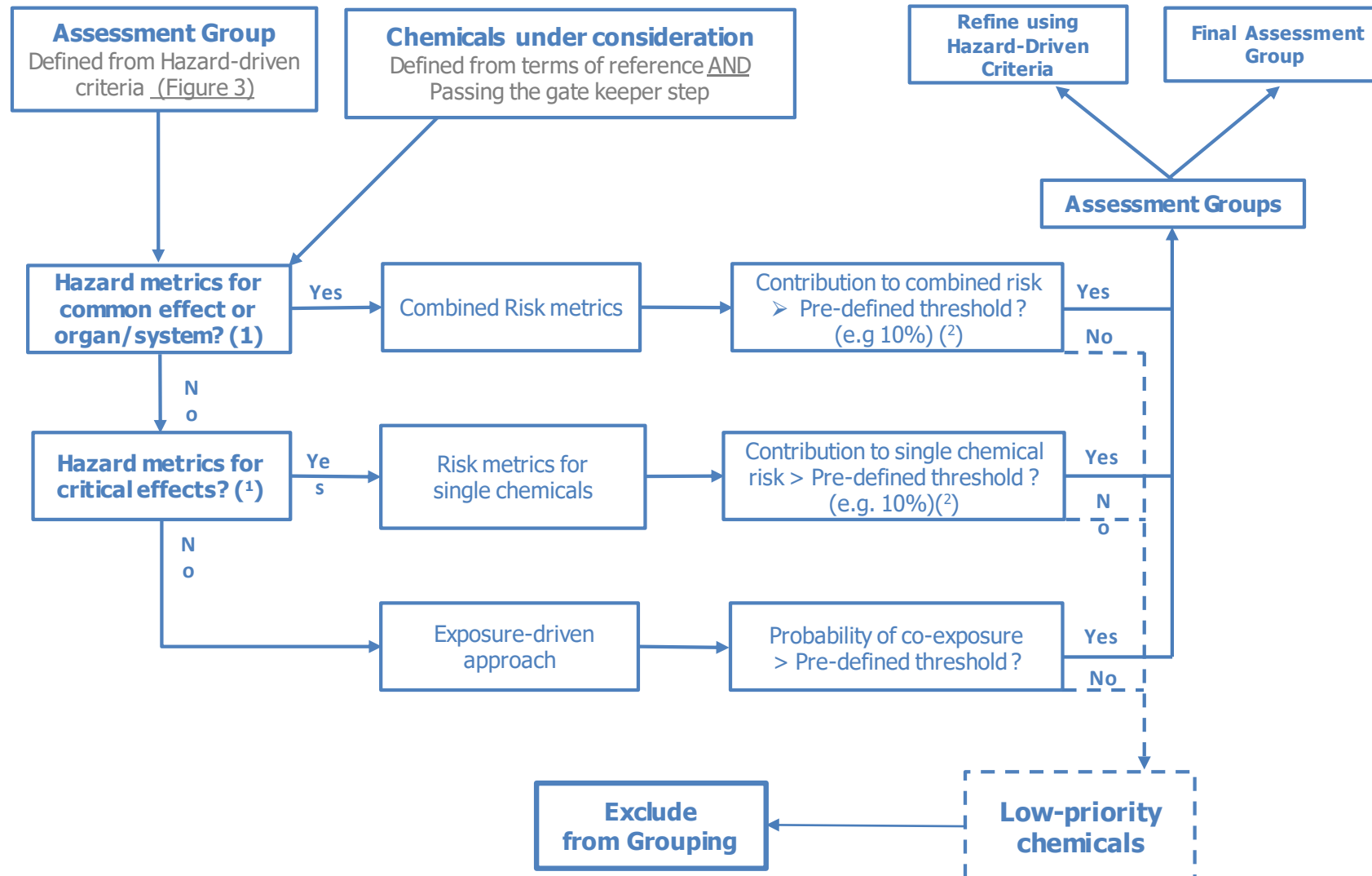
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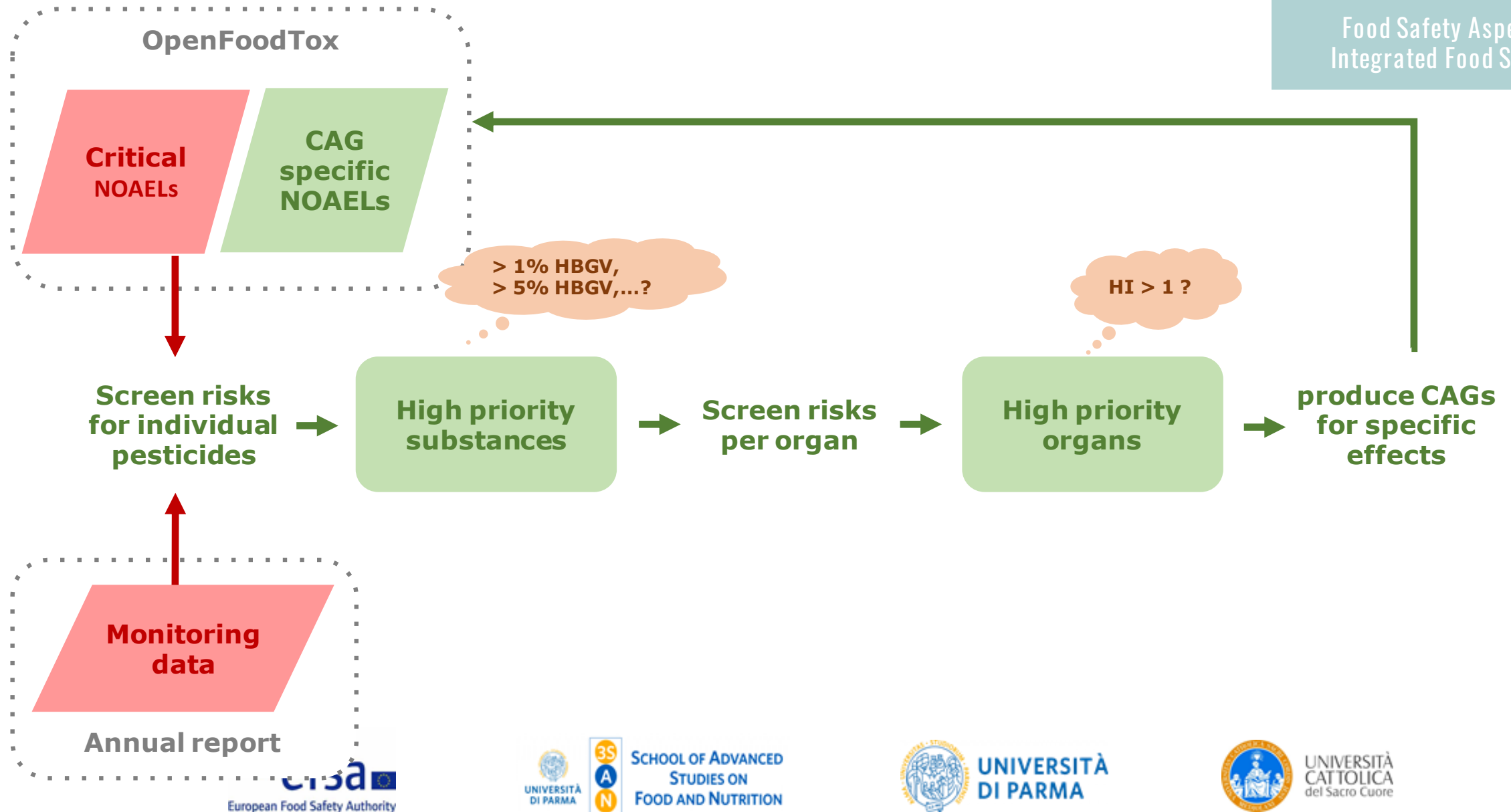
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Prioritisation Methods

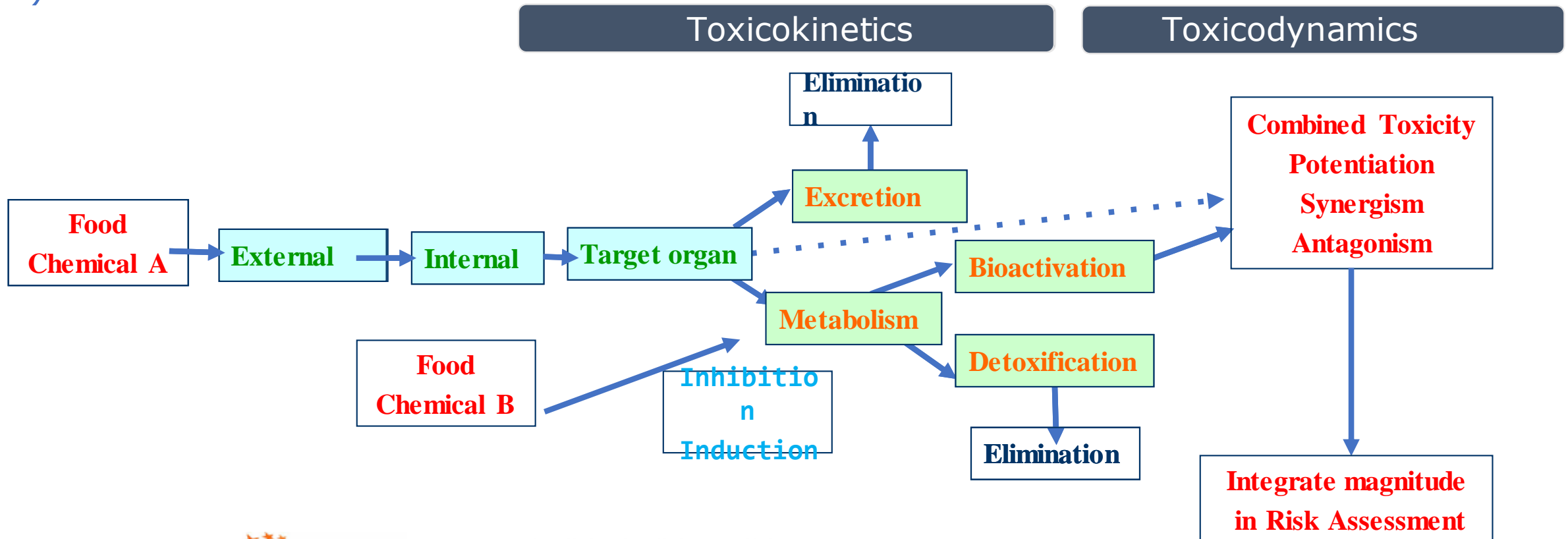


Prioritisation Method for pesticides

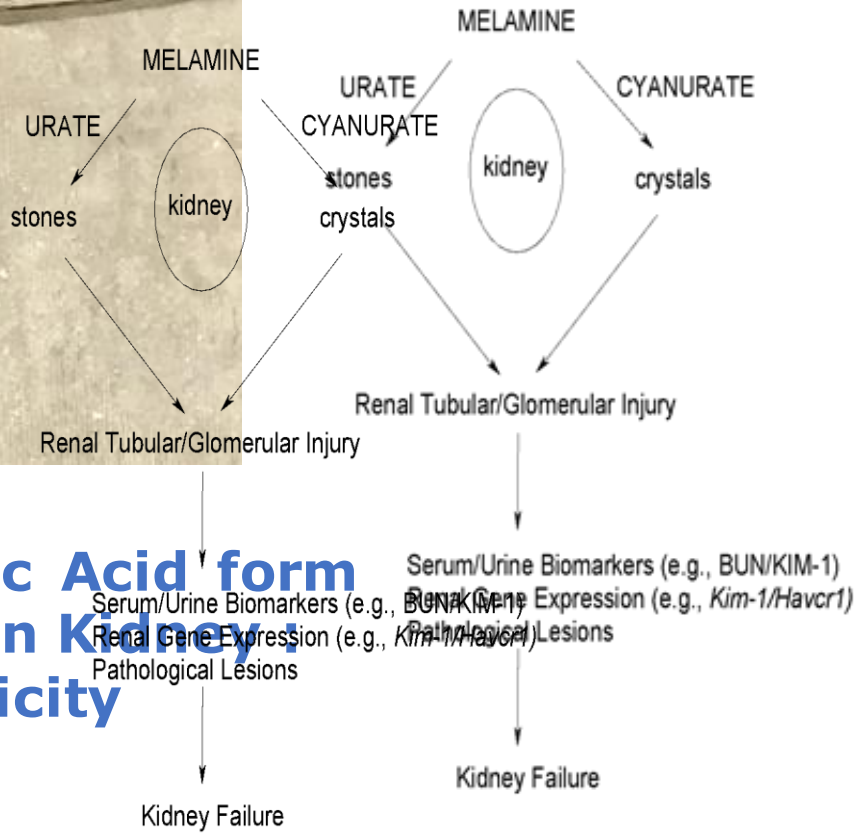


Example of Open Source Models

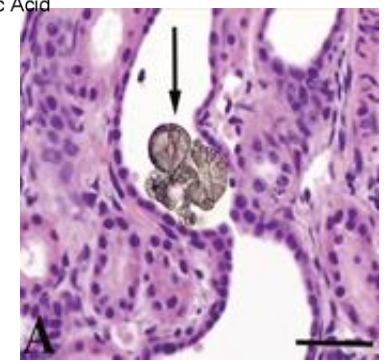
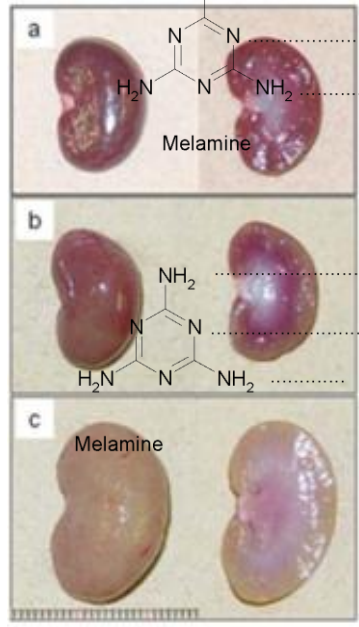
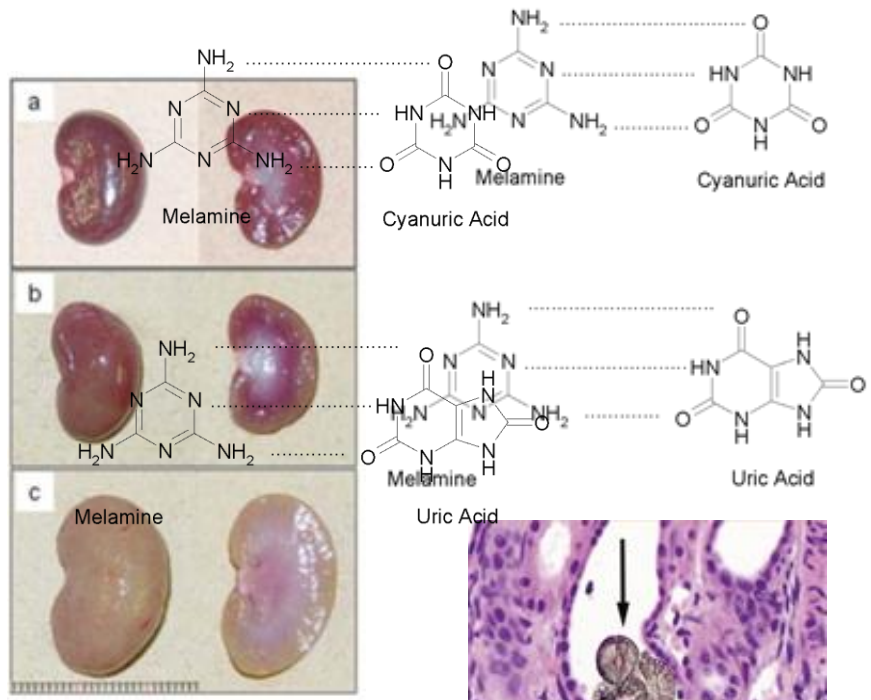
- **Mixture Toxicity** can involve **interactions**
- **Check** interactions for the RA **if occurs at current levels of exposure**
- **Integrate in risk characterisation** (extra uncertainty factor, biological-based model etc)



Melamine and Cyanuric acid



Melamine and Cyanuric Acid form a covalent complex in Kidney: Synergistic toxicity



Kobayashi et al. (2010)
Scanning electron microscope x 7000 and x 14000
A control Day 7
B Melamine
C Melamine+Cyanuric acid

Melamine and Cyanuric acid in Fish

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Investigating the interaction between melamine and cyanuric acid using a Physiologically-Based Toxicokinetic model in rainbow trout

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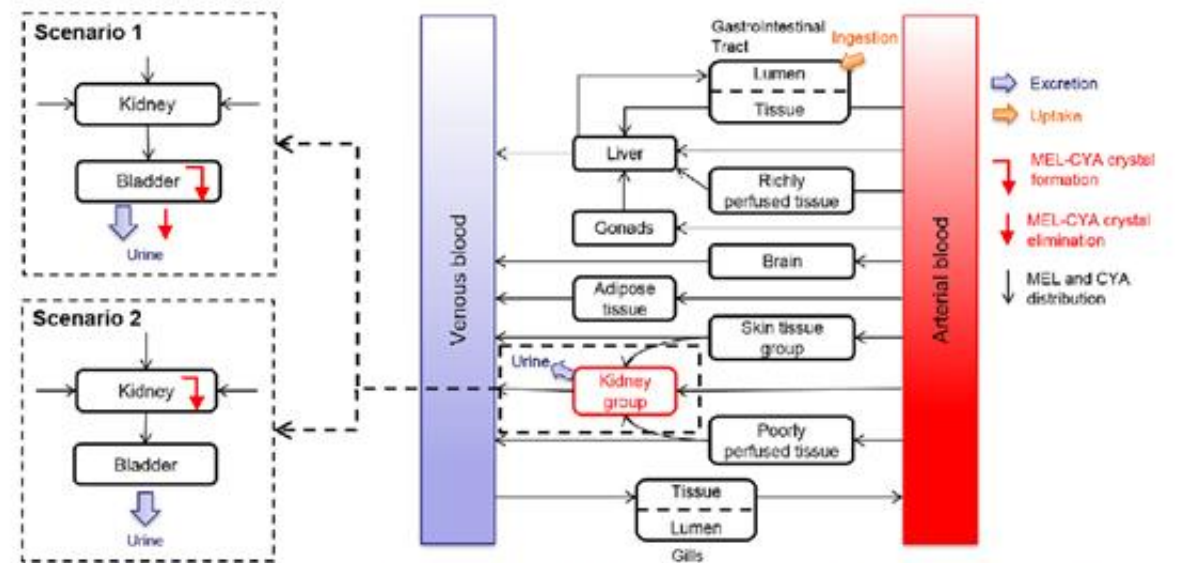


Fig. 1. Schematic description of the PBTK model for rainbow trout (Grech et al., 2019) adapted to MEL and CYA, with two scenarios of crystal formation.

Grape Fruit Juice (GJF) and Saint John's Wort (SJW)

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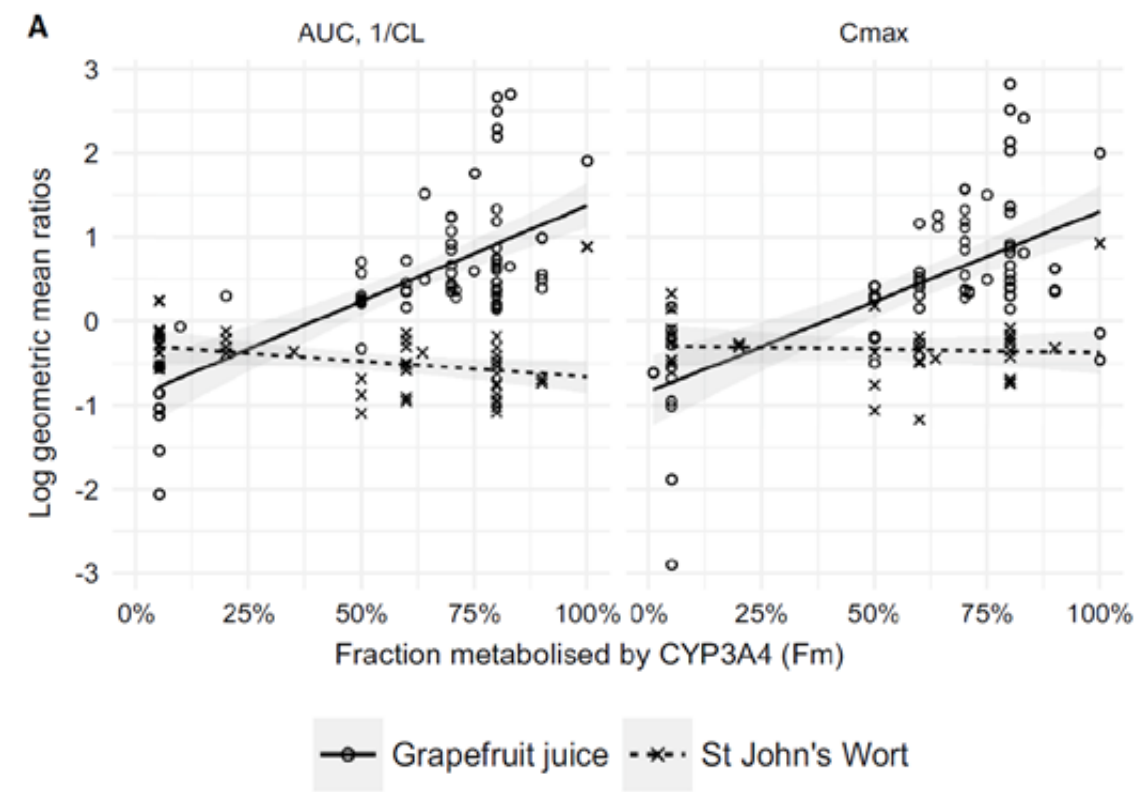


The Yin–Yang of CYP3A4: a Bayesian meta-analysis to quantify inhibition and induction of CYP3A4 metabolism in humans and refine uncertainty factors for mixture risk assessment

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GFJ : Competitive inhibition of CYP3A4 SJW: Induction of CYP3A4

- Derive Uncertainty Factors from human clinical trials on drugs
- Changes in kinetic parameters as basis for mixture RA for CYP3A4 inhibitors/inducers



Dealing with Interactions: Combined toxicity in Bees



Investigating combined toxicity of binary mixtures in bees: Meta-analysis of laboratory tests, modelling, mechanistic basis and implications for risk assessment

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Acute contact Toxicity

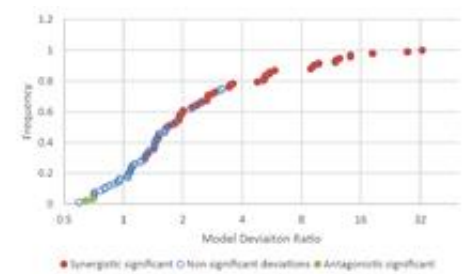
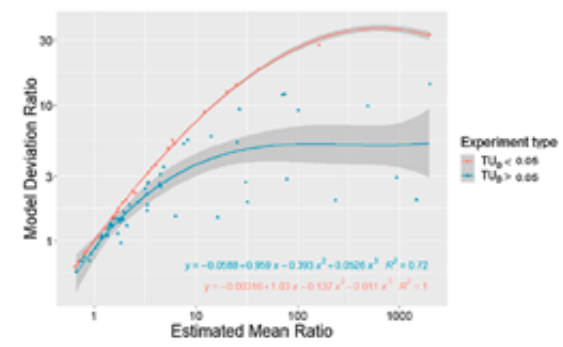
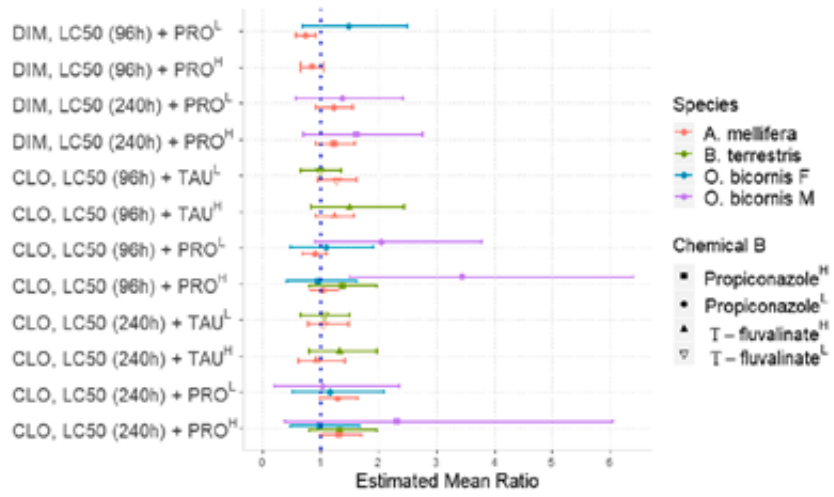


Fig. 11. Cumulated frequency of Model Deviation Ratio. MDR for statistically significant studies resulting from the meta-analysis of acute contact toxicity studies on honey bees (Iwasa et al., 2004; Johnson et al., 2013, 2006, 2009; Ellis et al., 1997). MDR > 1.25 represents "synergistic" interactions, 0.83 < MDR < 1.25 represents "additive" effects; MDR < 0.83 represents "antagonistic" interactions.



Chronic oral Toxicity



Interactions/Synergism in bees

Mostly due to inhibition of CYP metabolism

- Limited data (oral) magnitude interactions acute contact toxicity > acute oral/chronic oral
- Addressing (co)-exposure dimension
- Mortality as common metrics for risk characterisation (starting point)

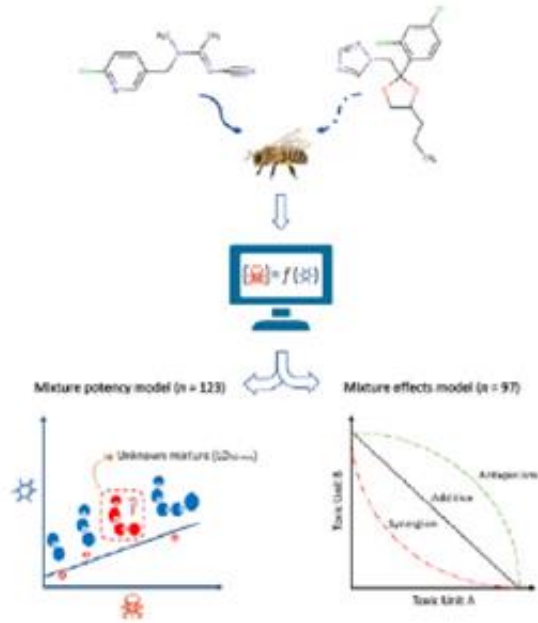
Dealing with Interactions: QSAR Development



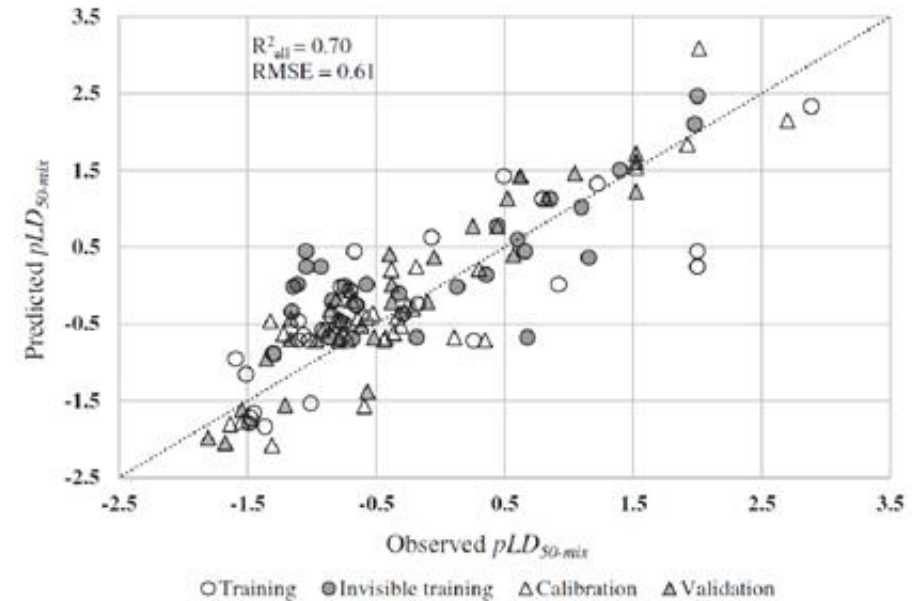
Predicting acute contact toxicity of organic binary mixtures in honey bees (*A. mellifera*) through innovative QSAR models



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- **QSAR models predicting nature of combined toxicity and binary mixture toxicity (Acute contact toxicity)**

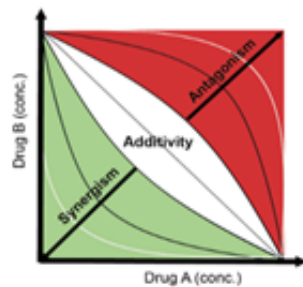


Conclusions and Future perspectives

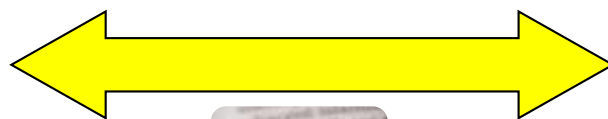
- **MIXTOX** provides **Harmonised GD for RA of multiple chemicals**
Incl. **Frameworks for each RA step** and **reporting Table as summary of results**
- **Scientific criteria for grouping: Hazard-driven criteria and prioritisation methods** Public consultation Draft Guidance: May-July 2021-Publication: Dec 2021
- **Future work in this area includes**
 - *New Approach Methodologies* for RA of multiple chemicals incl. QSARs
 - Dealing with interactions
 - Physiologically-based models and other biologically-based models
- Environmental RA: Multiple stressors for bees (MUST-B opinion-May 2021)

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Human



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