

CASE STUDY 11: High throughput methods for prioritization for safety evaluation: defining low-tox or no-tox levels.

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Regulatory context: REACH

Regulatory Question

Challenge

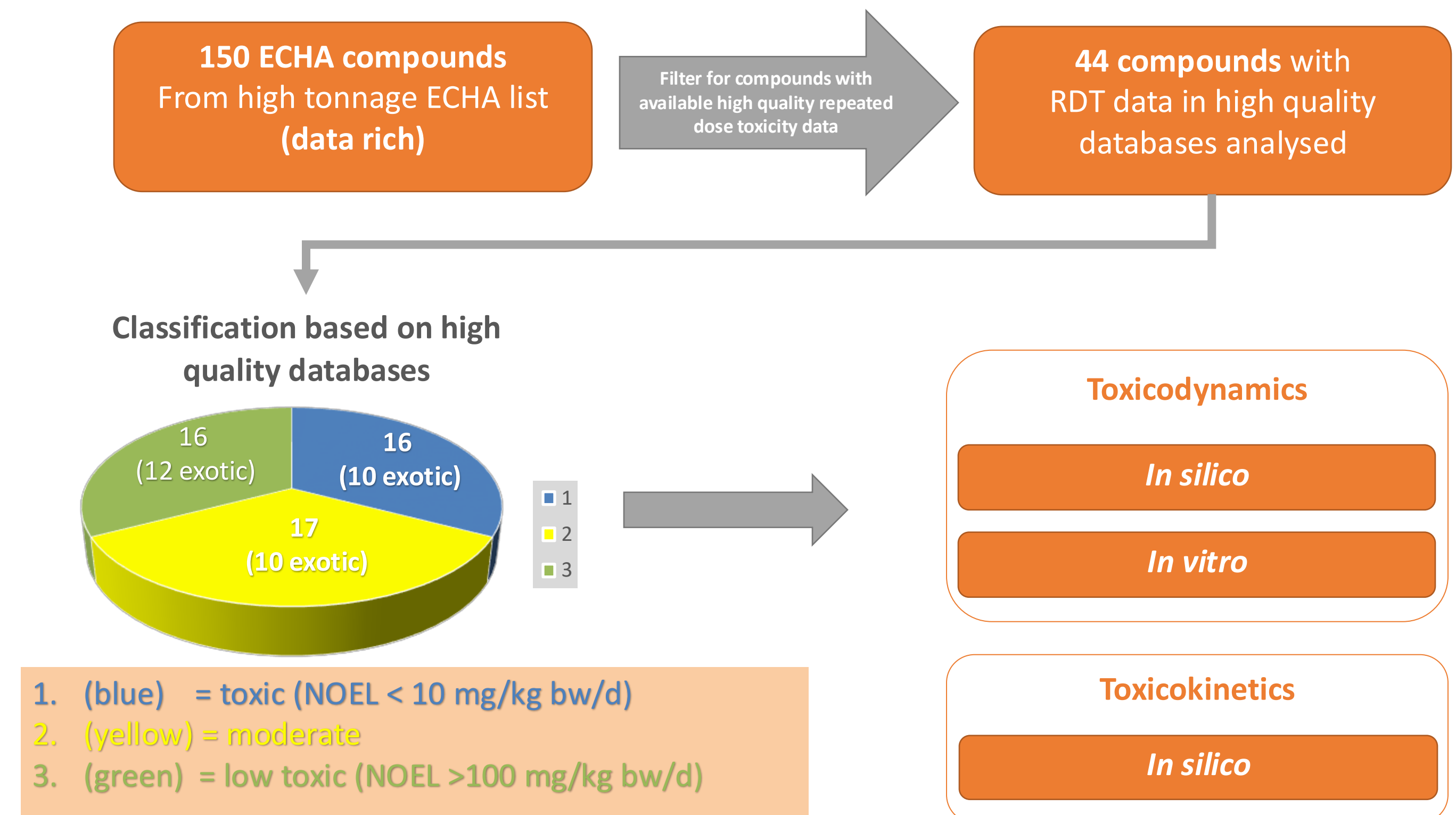
Prioritization for further testing of REACH chemicals that lack safety data.

Main hypothesis

High throughput mechanism-based NAMs do properly rank order ECHA substances based on liability and potency for *in vivo* toxicity.

Impact:

Ability to determine a performance metric on concordance would lead to confidence on the application of NAMs for prioritization of chemicals.



Overview on the Case Study Approach

Viability assessment:

Liver: HepG2, HepG2 + Adv-Cyps, PHH

Lung: PBEC bronchial epithelial cells

Neuronal: LUHMES

Kidney: RPTEC-TERT1

High throughput functional screening:

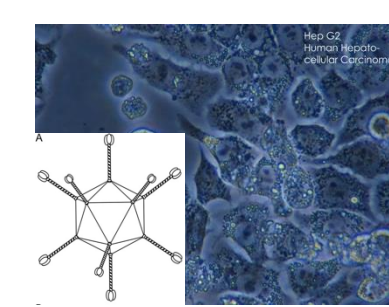
CALUX cell signaling reporters

HepG2 BAC-GFP cell stress response reporters

Transcriptomic

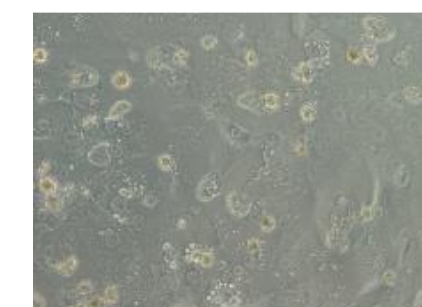
HepG2, PHH, PBEC, RPTEC, LUHMES

HepG2 AdV



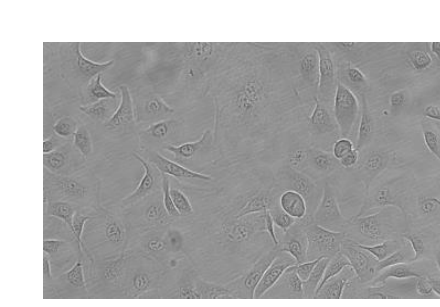
Organ system liver (metabolism)
Partner: HULAFE

PHH



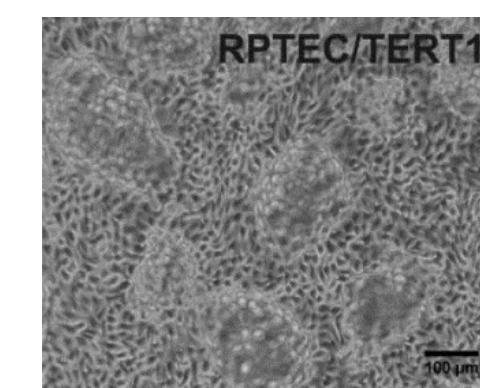
Organ system liver
Partner: Cyprotex

PBEC



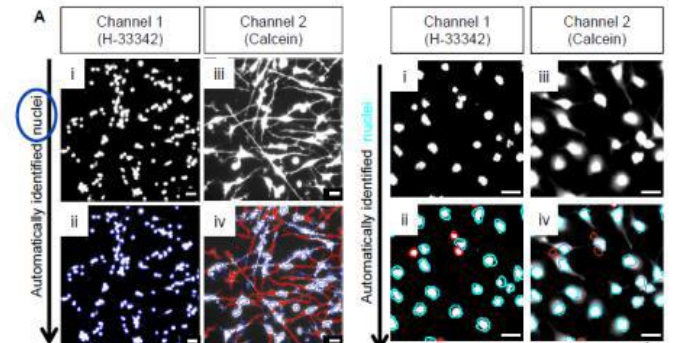
Organ system lung
Partner: LUMC

RPTEC



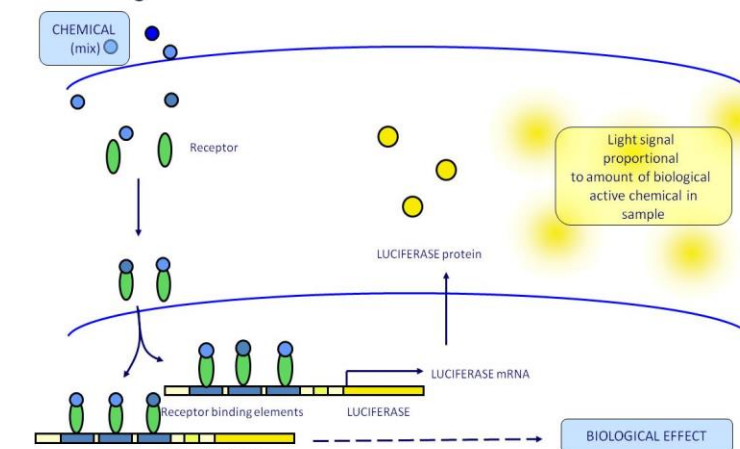
Organ system kidney
Partner: VUA

LUHMES

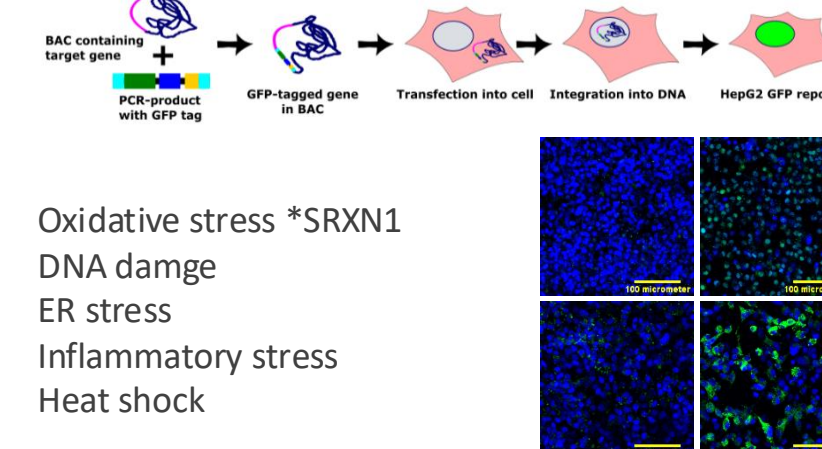


Organ system neuron
Partner: UKN

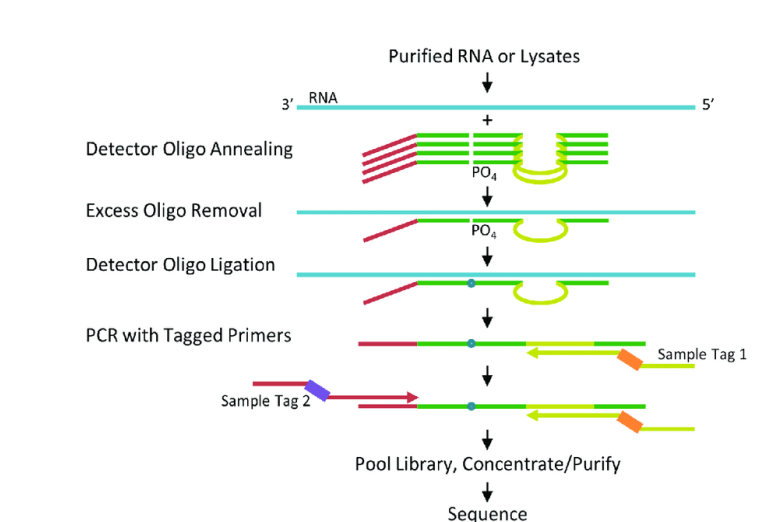
CALUX



HepG2 BAC-GFP



High throughput transcriptomics
TempO-Seq (HTTr)



1. HepG2
2. PHH
3. PBEC
4. RPTEC
5. LUHMES

Outcome of the Case Study

Integrative testing strategy to address the need of effective assessment of chemicals

- Broad set of *in vitro* test systems to support biological relevance
- High throughput assays to capture a broad set of specific MoA
- High throughput transcriptomics to capture broader biological changes in *in vitro* systems
- Support by *in silico* approaches for higher human relevance (PBTK, IVIVE)

Learnings and current remaining issues

- *In vitro* methods show largely signals according to their *in vivo* toxicity level
- Optimization of high throughput assay BMC determination needed for BAC-GFP
- HTTr is challenging for this set of chemicals
- Further data integration based on the IVIVE required

