



# Is It Safe? – Deriving a Point-of-Departure for Skin Sensitization

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## Skin Sensitization: Biology-Mapped Methods

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### **Types of Defined Approaches**





### **Current List of Available Defined Approaches for Potency**

	Input	Output	Species	Conversion to	Open source	Source	Regulatory
ITSv1/ITSv2	DPRA, h-CLAT, KeratinoSens, DEREK/OECD Toolbox	Potency Sub- category (GHS)	Human	N/A	Yes	(OECD, 2021)	GL 497
STS	h-CLAT, DPRA	Potency Sub- category (GHS)	Human	N/A	Yes	(EPA, 2018; Takenouchi et al., 2015)	EPA Interim Science Policy
BN-ITS3	DPRA, h-CLAT, KeratinoSens, TIMES-SS, bioavailability (solubility at pH 7, Log D at pH 7, plasma protein binding, fraction ionized)	pEC3 (Point of Departure)	Mouse	Yes	No	(Jaworska et al., 2015)	
Shiseido ANN	DPRA, h-CLAT, KeratinoSens/LuSens	EC3 (Point of Departure)	Mouse	Yes	Yes (Kleinstreuer et al., 2018)	(Hirota et al., 2015)	
2of3 Regression	Combination of: DPRA, kDPRA, h-CLAT, KeratinoSens/LuSens, Vapor Pressure	pEC3 (Point of Departure)	Mouse	Yes	Yes	(Natsch and Gerberick, 2022)	
SARA-ICE	Any combination of: HRIPT, LLNA, DPRA, kinetic DPRA, KeratinoSens, h-CLAT, U-SENS	ED01 (Point of Departure)	Human	Yes	Yes (in the future)	(Reynolds et al., 2022, 2019)	Under evaluation for addition to GL 497



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#### **Artificial Neural Network Models**

- Continuous EC3 prediction
- Can be translated into potency classes: NS, Weak/Moderate, Strong/Extreme
- Built using proprietary software (QwikNet), reproduced in R
- Two models: DPRA, hCLAT
  DPRA, hCLAT, KeratinoSens
  - Run over multiple iterations and averaged



### **The SARA-ICE model**

The SARA-ICE model is a high dimensional probability distribution built from a set of assumptions around conditional probability relationships.



Parameters of the model are "learnt" using Bayesian updating.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Bayes theorem is applied to calculate the conditional probability distribution of each parameter given the available data. The primary variable of interest includes the ED<sub>01</sub>, defined as the HPPT dermal dose at which there is a 1% sensitisation rate.



The ED<sub>01</sub> is converted to GHS classification probabilities for classification and labelling.



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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<sub>01</sub>, the dose at which there is a 1% chance of sensitization in an HPPT-eligible population
- 2. Probability that a consumer exposure to some chemical is 'low risk', conditional on the available data and the model

Reynolds et al 2022 <a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35835397/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35835397/</a>



### **Development history of the SARA-ICE model**



Reference: Reynolds et al. Probabilistic prediction of human skin sensitizer potency for use in next generation risk assessment. Comput Toxiol 9:36:49. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comtox.2018.10.004 G\*

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### Modification of SARA to create SARA-ICE DA for Regulatory Application

#### 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).

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ICE: Integrated Chemical Environment (nih.gov)

#### **Risk benchmarking**

De-emphasize the risk benchmarking component of the model – previous set of benchmarks limited to use of consumer goods. Use the model for human PoD estimation for quantitative risk assessment.

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#### **GHS** classification

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

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Figure (a) Example estimate of  $ED_{01}$  distribution with overlay of GHS subcategories 1A, 1B and NC defined thresholds, (b) probability of each GHS subcategory from  $ED_{01}$  distribution

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

**Decision model**:

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 $\theta_{\text{bin}}$  = selected probability threshold for making a binary classification (1/NC)

 $\theta_{sub}$  = selected threshold for making a sub-classification of 1A of 1B, contingent on class 1 being true

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### **Model assumptions**

#### HPPT

- 1. There is a dermal dose at which there is a 1% chance of inducing sensitisation in a randomly selected individual from a HPPT-eligible population.
- 2. The probability of inducing sensitisation in a HPPT increases with dose.
- 3. Each individual within a HPPT-eligible population has a personal threshold for sensitisation to any given chemical. This threshold may be greater than the maximum possible dose.
- 4. The distribution of the base-10 logarithm of personal thresholds has a Gaussian shape. The standard deviation is chemical-specific; different chemicals have different variabilities within the human population with respect to sensitivity to induction of sensitisation.
- 5. The number of individuals sensitised in a HPPT study follows a logit-normal-binomial compound distribution.

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### **Model assumptions**

#### Non-HPPT data

- 1. Data from the LLNA, DPRA, kDPRA, KeratinoSens, h-CLAT and U-Sens assays can be transformed such that it is reasonable to model variability in chemical-specific data in terms of a normal distribution (transformations mostly involve logarithms).
- 2. The same transformations put data on a scale in which it is reasonable to assume linear relationships between the average transformed datapoint on the base-10 logarithm of the ED<sub>01</sub>.
- 3. The relationships between the average results can be described by a multivariate Gaussian distribution.
- 4. Variability in each test is chemical-specific. There is a latent variable for each test and each chemical which defines the variance of the chemical in the particular test.
- 5. Chemical-specific variance parameters can be estimated using partial pooling. The population of variances for each tested can be learnt and used to regularise chemical-specific estimates when limited data is available.

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### **The SARA-ICE database**

Study type	НРРТ	LLNA	DPRA	kDPRA	KeratinoSens	h-CLAT	U-Sens
Inputs into SARA- ICE	Dermal dose, number tested, number sensitised	EC <sub>3</sub> or maximum concentration tested if no response observed	% depletion of cysteine and lysine peptides	Log Kmax	EC <sub>1.5</sub> or maximum concentration tested IC50 or maximum concentration tested	$CD86 EC_{150},$ $CD50 EC_{200}$ or maximum concentration tested $CV_{75}$ or maximum concentration tested	CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> or maximum concentration tested CV <sub>75</sub> or maximum concentration tested
Number of studies in database	871	536	650	361	972	428	164
Number of unique CASRN with this study type	276	195	251	185	258	211	90

434 distinct CASRN

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### Computation

The SARA-ICE model is a mathematical model; it's assumptions and equations are expressible with pen and paper.

Learning model parameters requires numerical computation: the model is realised numerically using the programming language Stan. Python is used to process model inputs and outputs.

Computation requires many CPU cycles; however, a production version of the model has been developed to alleviate this limitation.

A standalone, downloadable version of the model has been created by NICEATM.

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### **GHS** classification

The distribution of the ED<sub>01</sub> is used to defined GHS classification probabilities:

- A threshold of 60,000 µg cm<sup>-2</sup> (maximum possible HPPT dose under standard volume and patch size) is used to define the boundary between binary categories 1 and NC.
- 2. A threshold of 500  $\mu$ g cm<sup>-2</sup> is used to define the boundary between subcategories 1A and 1B.

The area under the curve between thresholds is the probability mass attributable to that interval. This defines the probability for the GHS classification.

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#### **SARA-ICE NAM vs OECD DASS benchmarks**

#### **Binary classifications**

Human, $\Theta_{\rm bin}$ =	SARA-ICE 1	SARA-ICE NC	Inconclusive	Total
0.77				Total       55       11       66       135       33       168
<b>Reference 1</b>	37	5	13	55
<b>Reference NC</b>	0	5	6	11
Total	37	10	19	66
Sensitivity: 88%				
Specificity: 100%				
Balanced accuracy	y: 94%			
Inconclusive rate of	n reference class 1: 2	24%		
Inconclusive rate of	n reference class NC	2: 55%		
LLNA, $\Theta_{\rm bin} = 0.77$	SARA-ICE 1	SARA-ICE NC	Inconclusive	Total
<b>Reference 1</b>	89	9	37	135
<b>Reference NC</b>	2	19	12	33
Total	91	28	49	168
Sensitivity: 91%				
Specificity: 90%				
Balanced accuracy	y: 91%			
Inconclusive rate of	n reference class 1: 2	27%		
Inconclusive rate or	n reference class NC	·· 36%		

The SARA-ICE decision model has been evaluated against OECD benchmark classifications.

Estimates of the ED01 use NAM data only (1xDPRA, 1xKeratinoSens, 1xh-CLAT, 1xkDPRA)

Sensitivity, specificity and acccuracy is computed for **conclusive** classifications only.

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#### **SARA-ICE NAM vs OECD DASS benchmarks**

#### Subcategory classifications

Human, O <sub>bin</sub> = 0.77, O <sub>mb</sub> =0.62	SARA 1A	SARA 1B	SARA NC	Inconclusive	Total										
Reference 1A	14	2	0	5	21										
Reference 1B	3	7	5	16	31										
<b>Reference NC</b>	0	0	5	6	11										
Total	17	9	10	27	63										
Sensitivity 1A: 88%, Specificity 1A: 85%, Balanced accuracy 1A: 86%															
Sensitivity 1B: 47%, Specificity 1B: 90%, Balanced accuracy 1B: 69%															
Sensitivity NC: 100%, Specificity NC: 84%, Balanced accuracy NC: 92%															
Average balanced accuracy: 82%															
Inconclusive rate o	on reference class 1A	: 24%													
Inconclusive rate on reference class 1B: 52%															
Inconclusive rate o	n reference class NC	C: 55%													
LLNA, $\Theta_{\rm bin} =$	SA <b>D</b> A 1A	SADA 1B	SADA NC	Inconclusivo	Total										
<b>0.77</b> , Θ <sub>sub</sub> =0.62	SAKATA	SAKA ID	SARAIC	Inconclusive	IUtal										
Reference 1A	27	3	0	8	38										
<b>Reference 1B</b>	12	22	8	43	85										
<b>Reference NC</b>	0	1	19	13	33										
Total	39	26	27	64	156										
Sensitivity 1A: 90%, Specificity 1A: 81%, Balanced accuracy 1A: 85%															
Sensitivity 1B: 52%, Specificity 1B: 92%, Balanced accuracy 1B: 72%															
Sensitivity NC: 95%, Specificity NC: 89%, Balanced accuracy NC: 92%															
Average balanced	accuracy: 83%		-												
Inconclusive rate o	on reference class 1A	: 21%													
Inconclusive rate o	n reference class 1B	: 51%													
Inconclusive rate o	n reference class NC	C: 39%			Inconclusive rate on reference class NC: 39%										

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Sensitivity, specificity and acccuracy is computed for **conclusive** classifications only.

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### **Case Study Application of DAs to Isothiazolinones**

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Isothiazolinone biocides are used as material preservatives to prevent the growth of microbial organisms and are used in industrial processes and consumer products

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/14/2020-10376/pesticide-registration-review-draft-human-health-and-ecological-risk-assessments-for-several

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### **IT Compounds**

Common Name	Chemical Name	CAS #
BBIT	1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one, 2-butyl	4299-07-4
BIT	1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one	2634-33-5
CMIT/MIT	Mixture	55965-84-9
DCOIT	4,5-Dichloro-2-octyl-3(2h)-isothiazolone	64359-81-5
МІТ	2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one	2682-20-4
OIT	2-n-Octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one	26530-20-1

CMIT = 5-Chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one

- Collaboration between EPA OPP, industry, and DTT/NICEATM
- DTT tested 6 isothiazolinones in three different in vitro assays
- Collect and analyze all available in vivo data
- Consider methods for using in vitro data for risk assessment and compare to results using in vivo methods

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#### **Quantitative EC3 Prediction for Isothiazolinones - ANN**

Chemical	Dow LLNA EC3 (%)	NICEATM LLNA EC3 (%) <sup>a</sup>	DA: ANN D_hC <sup>b</sup> EC3 (%) <sup>a</sup>	DA: ANN D_hC_KSº EC3 (%)ª
DCOIT	0.004	0.008 (0-0.053)	0.0566 (0.0555 – 0.0578)	0.023 (0.02 – 0.026)
CMIT/MIT	0.002	0.018 (0.0011-0.034)	0.121 (0.119 – 0.123)	0.492 (0.4 – 0.605)
OIT	0.2-0.25	0.361 (0.029-0.69)	0.0569 (0.0559 – 0.058)	0.015 (0.013 – 0.017)
МІТ	0.863	1.154 (0-3.476)	1.775 (1.732 – 1.818)	0.826 (0.759 – 0.9)
BIT	1.54	10.57 (0-23.36)	0.934 (0.909 – 0.959)	0.341 (0.317 – 0.367)
BBIT	NA	NA	0.148 (0.146 – 0.151)	0.061 (0.055 - 0.068)

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in parentheses are the 95% confidence intervals

<sup>b</sup> Model 1 from Hirota et al. 2015: DPRA + h-CLAT

<sup>c</sup> Model 4 from Hirota et al. 2015: DPRA + h-CLAT + KeratinoSens

### Example SARA-ICE Application – Isothiazolinones

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

ED01 estimates represented as centered 90% credible intervals (thin line), 50% credible intervals (thick line) and median (bullet). Red lines indicate the reference NESIL, blue lines are plotted at the EPA POD and green lines are plotted at the reference LLNA EC3.

NESILs (ECHA; Burnett et al., 2021; Novick et al., 2013; Ladics et al., 2020); EPA POD (EPA DOCKET (<u>https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0720-</u> 0011); LLNA EC3 (Strickland et al., 2023) Reinke et al., 2024, under rev

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### SARA-ICE - MIT (2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one) – input data

Chemical	DPRA	kDPRA	KeratinoSens™	h-Clat	U-Sens™	Local Lymph Node Assay (LLNA)
MIT	Cysteine depletion: 97.9% Lysine depletion: 0% <i>Source</i> : Natsch et al., 2013	Log Kmax: -0.25 M <sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> <i>Source</i> : Natsch & Gerberick, 2022	EC1.5: 11.78 μM IC50: 139 μM <i>After unit conversion</i> EC1.5: 1.4 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> IC50: 16 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> <i>Source</i> : Natsch et al., 2013 &	CD54 EC200: 7.89 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> CD86 EC150: 9.23 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> CV75: 24.7 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> <i>Source</i> : Urbisch et al. 2015	CD86 EC <sup>150</sup> : 9 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> CV75: 44.3 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> <i>Source</i> : Piroird et al., 2015	
	Cysteine depletion: 100% Lysine depletion: 0% <i>Source</i> : Kleinstreuer et al., 2018		Urbisch et al., 2015 (lmax) $EC_{1.5}$ : 9.54 µM $IC_{50}$ : 108.25 µM After unit conversion $EC_{1.5}$ : 1.1 µg ml <sup>-1</sup> $IC_{50}$ : 12 µg ml <sup>-1</sup> <i>Source</i> : Kleinstreuer et al., 2018	CD54 EC <sub>200</sub> : 11.6 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> CD86 EC <sub>150</sub> : 11.8 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> CV75: 24.6 μg ml <sup>-1</sup> <i>Source</i> : Kleinstreuer et al., 2018		EC <sub>3</sub> : 2.2% EC <sub>3</sub> : 0.4% EC <sub>3</sub> : 0.863% EC <sub>3</sub> : >4.5% <i>Source:</i> Kleinstreuer et al., 2018

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### Example SARA-ICE Application – Isothiazolinones

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ED01 estimates represented as centered 90% credible intervals (thin line), 50% credible intervals (thick line) and median (bullet). Red lines indicate the reference NESIL, blue lines are plotted at the EPA POD and green lines are plotted at the reference LLNA EC3. NESILs (ECHA; Burnett et al., 2021; Novick et al., 2013; Ladics et al., 2020); EPA POD (EPA DOCKET (<u>https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0720-</u> <u>0011</u>); LLNA EC3 (Strickland et al., 2023) Reinke et al., 2024, under rev

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

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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.

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

Input Data	ED <sub>01</sub>		ED <sub>01</sub>	percentil	es (µg cm⁻²)	Prob(1A)	Prob(1B)	Prob(NC)		
	(µg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	2.5th	25th	50th	75th	97.5th				
No data	5,600	0.077	140	5700	>100,000	>100,000	0.33	0.33	0.34	
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	
DPRA, KeratinoSens <sup>TM</sup>	9.8	0.072	1.9	9.9	49	1,300	0.94	0.058	0.0004	
h-CLAT										
DPRAx2, KeratinoSensx2, h-CLATx2	15	0.15	3.2	15	73	1,500	0.94	0.064	0.0003	
LLNA x4	440	8.1	110	440	1,800	26,000	0.52	0.47	0.011	
DPRAx2, kDPRAx1,KeratinoSensx2, h- CLATx2,U-Sensx1	22	0.41	6	22	81	1,200	0.94	0.058	0.0001	
DPRAx2, KeratinoSensx2, h-CLATx2, LLNAx4	76	3.5	28	75	210	1,600	0.89	0.11	0	
DPRAx2, kDPRA KeratinoSens <sup>TM</sup> x2, h-CLATx2, U-Sens <sup>TM</sup> LLNAx4	150	9.4	59	150	400	2,600	0.8	0.2	0	

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

Innut combination	Exposure (μg cm <sup>-2</sup> )											
Input combination		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 ED01 estimates (based on different combinations of inputs) and probability that exposures are the less than the ED01. 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>).

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#### Conclusions

- SARA-ICE DA is being adapted for regulatory use through expanded data and functionality, and would be the first probabilistic defined approach included in an OECD TG.
- SARA-ICE DA shows good concordance with sensitizer binary and GHS sub-category classifications against OECD DASS benchmark data (82% 95% BA)
- Case studies demonstrate benefits of SARA-ICE DA:
  - estimates human potency (ED<sub>01</sub>) with uncertainty
  - estimates with in vitro and in vivo data inputs
  - estimates with incomplete and repeat datasets
- Evaluation of the SARA-ICE DA, including thresholds for conclusive predictions and performance impact, is ongoing within the OECD DASS expert group
- SARA-ICE is packaged for download for local implementation and is available for beta testing upon request via the NICEATM website (<u>https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/whatwestudy/niceatm</u>)

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