



# A Defined Approach to Skin Sensitisation: Integrating Derek Nexus with *In Chemico/In Vitro* Assays Based on Exclusion Criteria

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# Agenda

- Lhasa Limited
- Skin sensitisation
- Non-animal approaches
- Lhasa's defined approach
- Conclusions

# Introduction to Lhasa Limited

- Established in 1983
- Not-for-profit & Educational Charity
- HQ located in Leeds, United Kingdom
- Facilitate collaborative data sharing projects in the chemistry-related industries
  - Shared Knowledge, Shared Progress
- Creators of knowledge base, statistical and database systems



# What is skin sensitisation?

- Common occupational disease
- Not life-threatening but lifelong

- Many people are not aware of the risk of skin sensitisation, making it difficult to predict and prevent



*EU REACH*

*Cosmetics Regulation*



*Korea REACH*



*China REACH*



*USA – Amended TSCA*



*Turkey KKDİK*



*Brazil cosmetics ban?*

# How is it assessed *in vivo*?

- Traditionally assessed *in vivo* using mice or guinea pigs

**OECD/OCDE**

**429**

Adopted:  
22 July 2010



**OECD**

**406**

Adopted:  
17.07.92

**OECD GUIDELINE FOR TESTING OF CHEMICALS**

Adopted by the Council on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1992

**Skin Sensitisation**



- Interest in non-animal approaches has been increasing

# Adverse Outcome Pathway

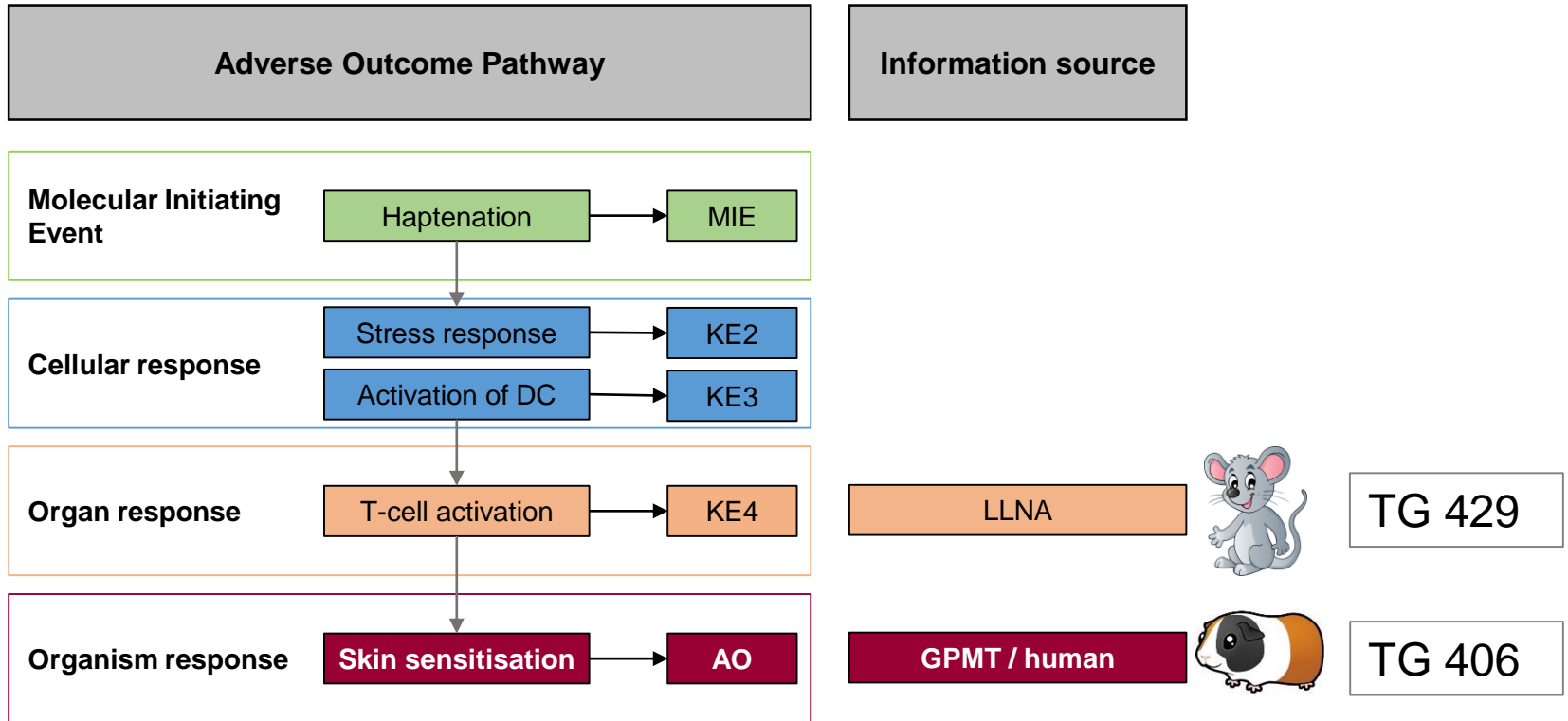
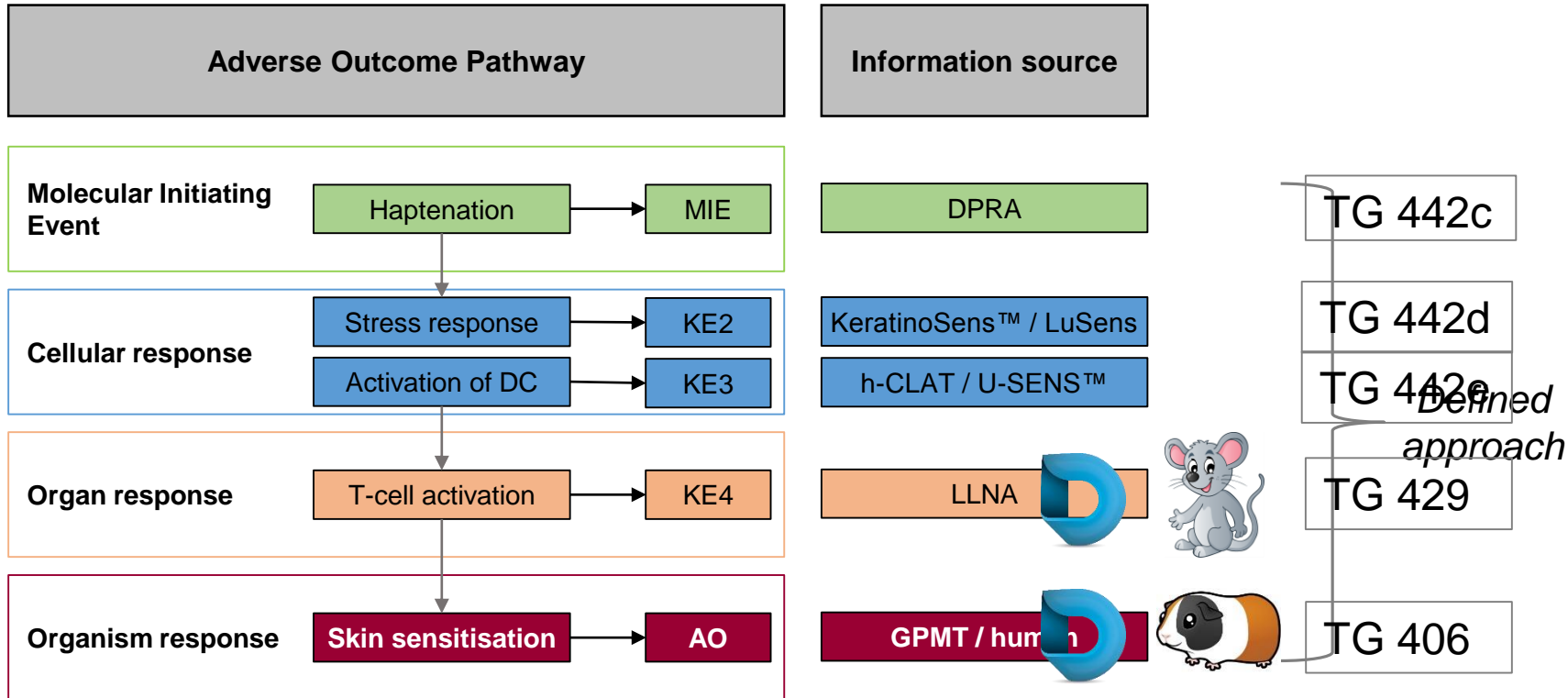


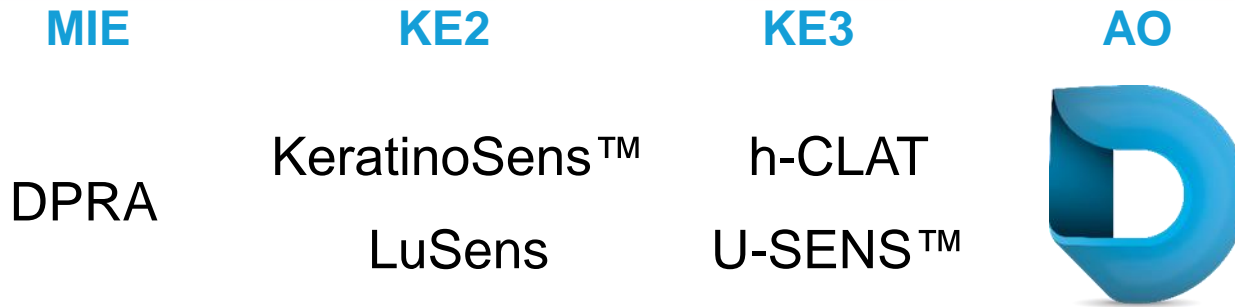
Figure adapted from OECD 2012, *The Adverse Outcome Pathway for Skin Sensitisation Initiated by Covalent Binding to Proteins Part 1: Scientific Evidence, Series on Testing and Assessment, No. 168.*

# Adverse Outcome Pathway



- *In chemico/in vitro* assays can't be used in isolation
- *In silico* predictions may provide valuable information

# Lhasa's defined approach



- Our hypothesis:
  - Use Derek information alongside assay data (grouped into key events in the AOP)
  - Apply **exclusion criteria** to take into account applicability domain
  - Ensure the most relevant information source(s) are used for specific chemicals



# Summary of exclusion criteria

Exclusion criteria		Derek	MIE	KE2	KE3	Comment
Metabolism	Prohaptens	✓	X	✓	✓	Assays lacking metabolic competency are deprioritised as they are less likely to predict prohaptens well

# Hazard prediction

Chemical of interest

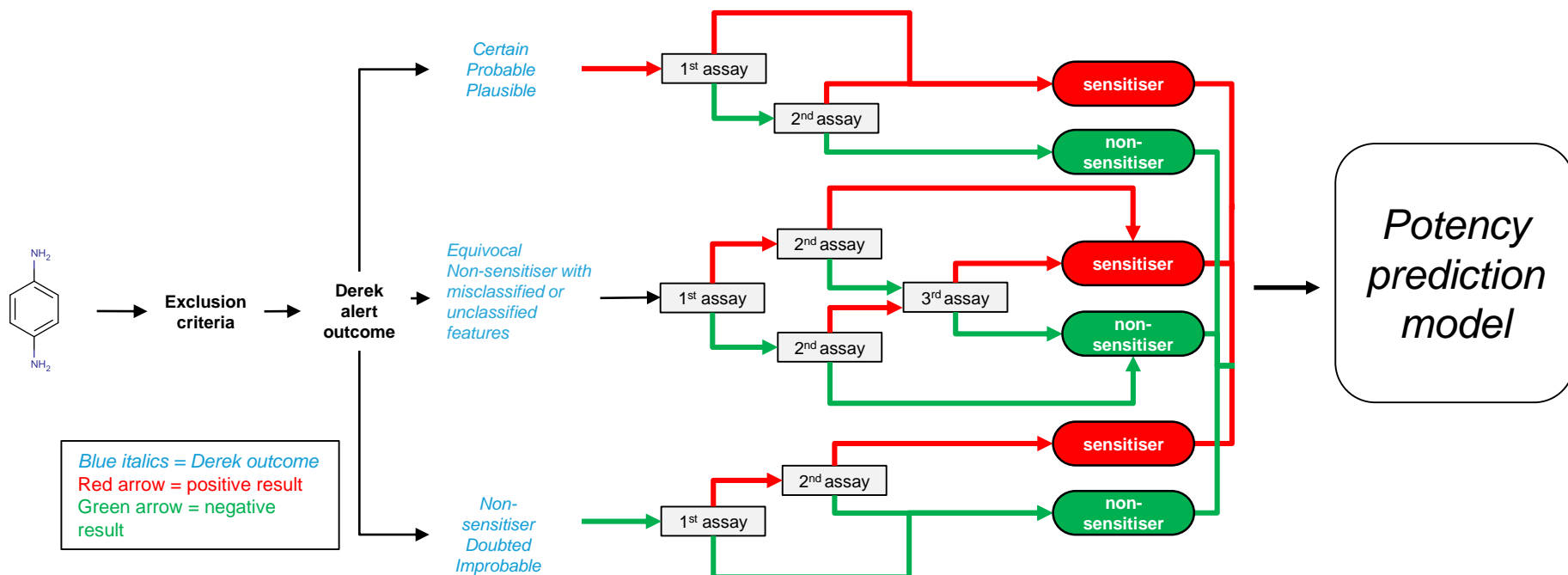
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Use Derek outcome to determine decision tree branch

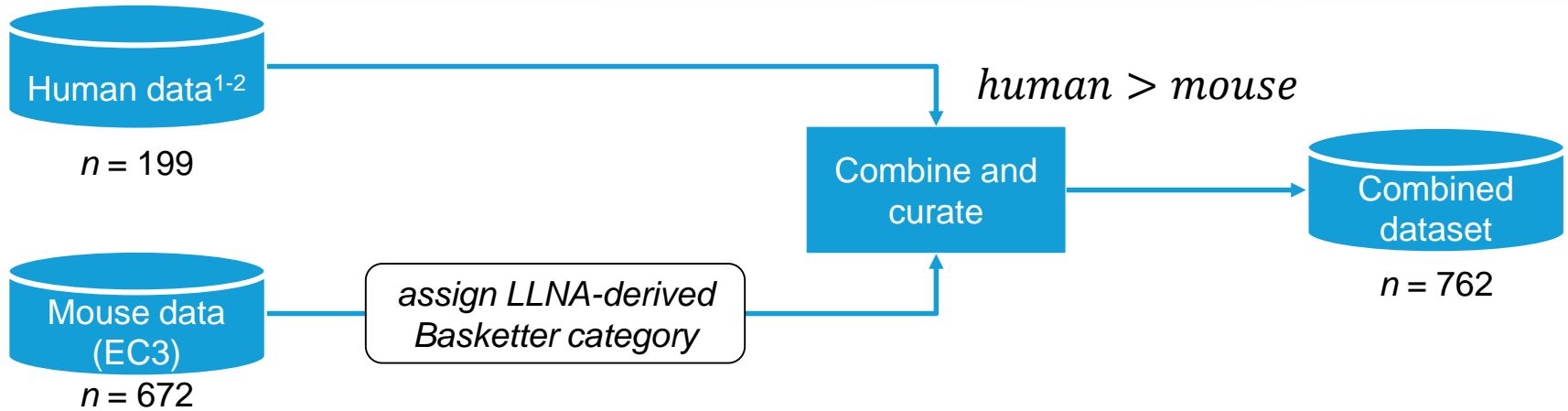
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Hazard prediction using '2 out of 3' approach

Potency prediction using k- nearest neighbours model



# Potency prediction model



6 | Top 10 Nearest Neighbours

Basketter human potency category	Basketter human potency category name	GHS category	Equivalent EC3 value (%) <sup>3</sup>
1	extreme	1A	< 0.2
2	strong	1A	0.2 – 2
3	moderate	1B	2 – 20
4	weak	1B	20 – 80
5	very weak/non-sensitiser	2	> 80
6	non-sensitiser	2	negative

0                          0.5                          1.0

● Compounds that fire alert

1. Basketter *et al.*, *Dermatitis*, 2014, 11-21
2. Api *et al.*, *Dermatitis*, 2017, 299-307
3. Basketter, 2016, *Altern. Lab. Anim.*, 431–436

Tanimoto Similarity

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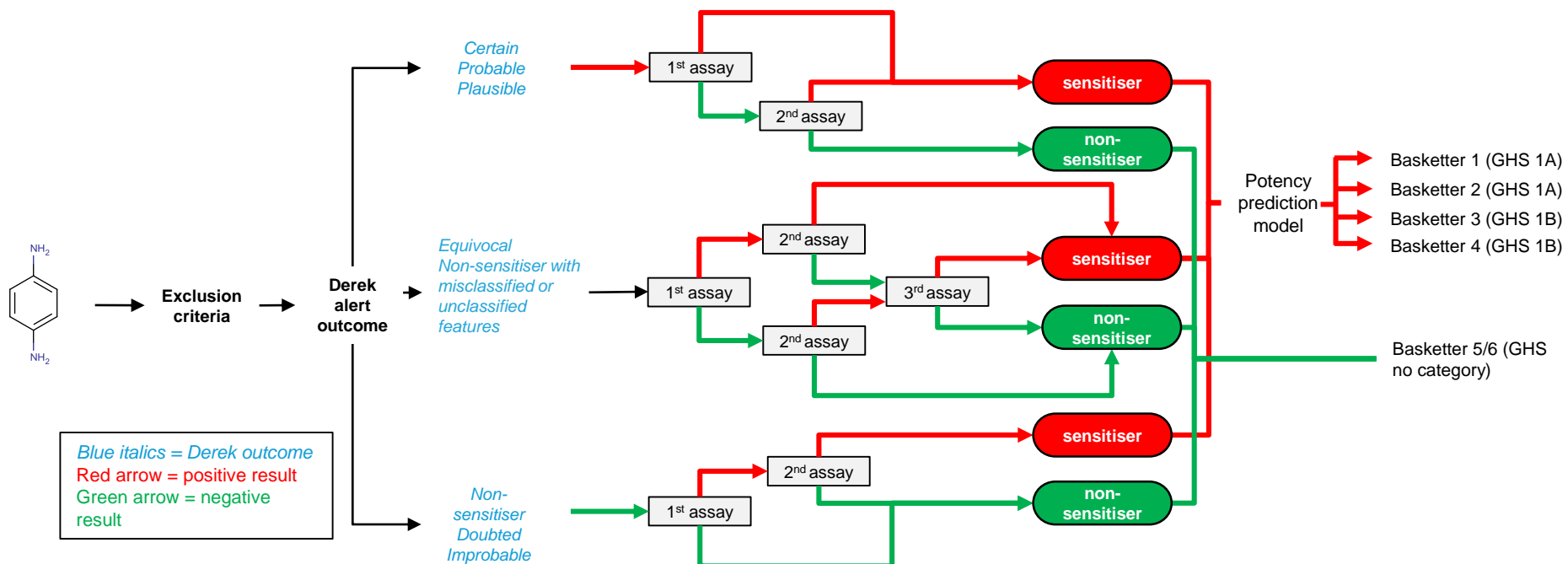
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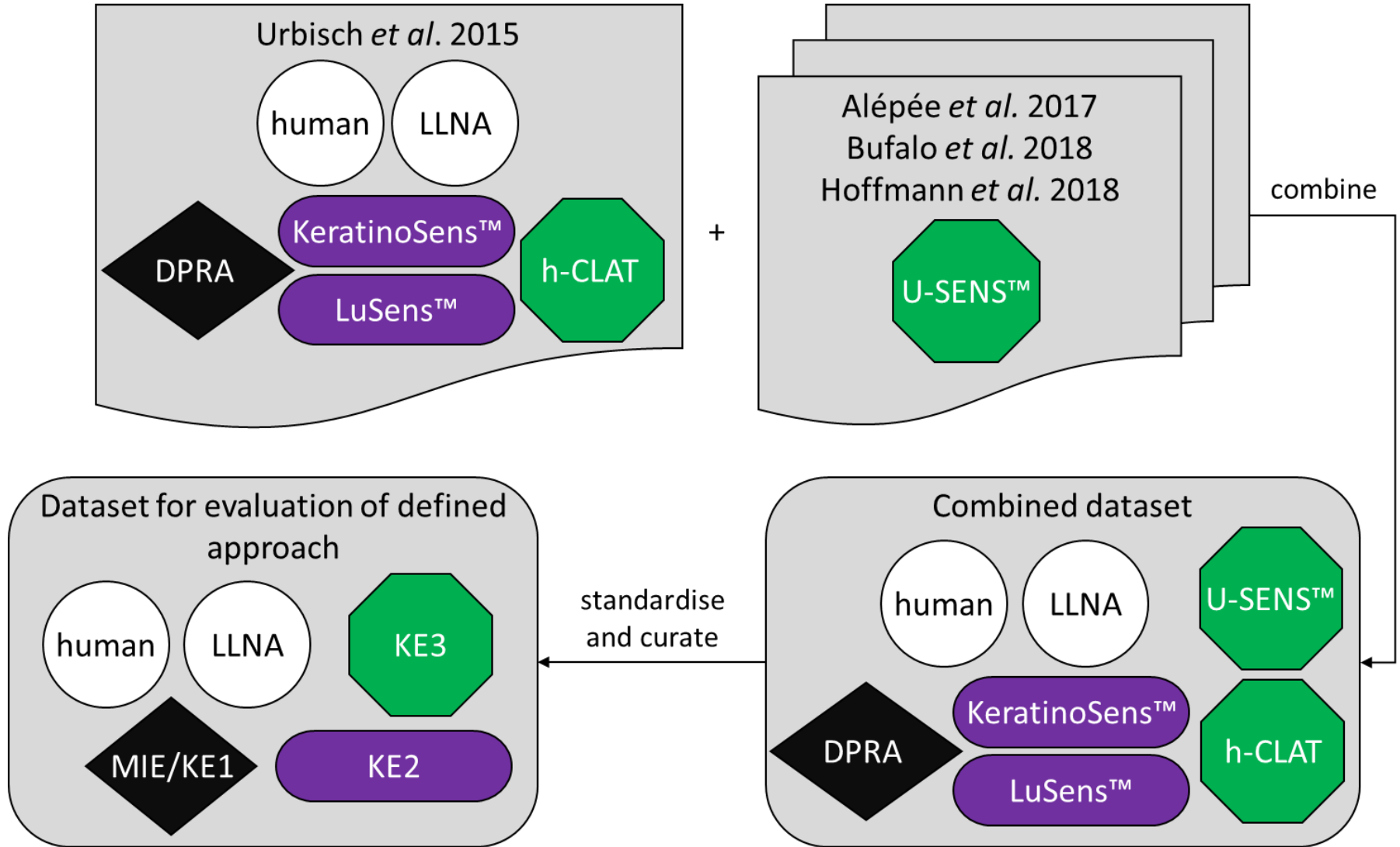
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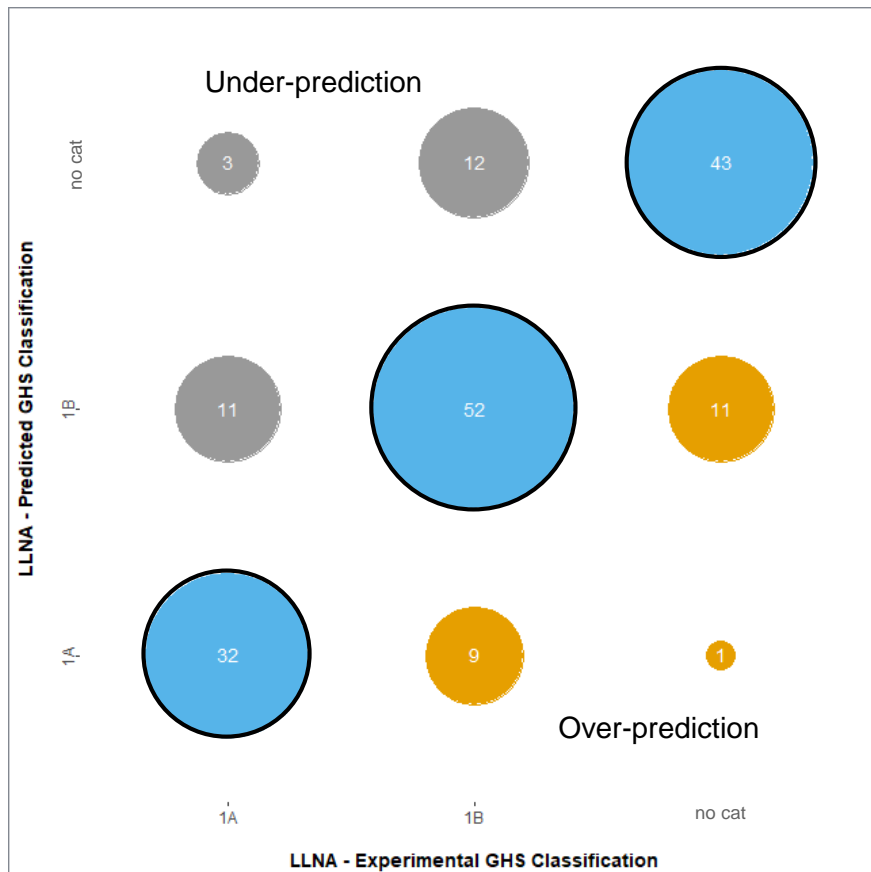


# Dataset compilation

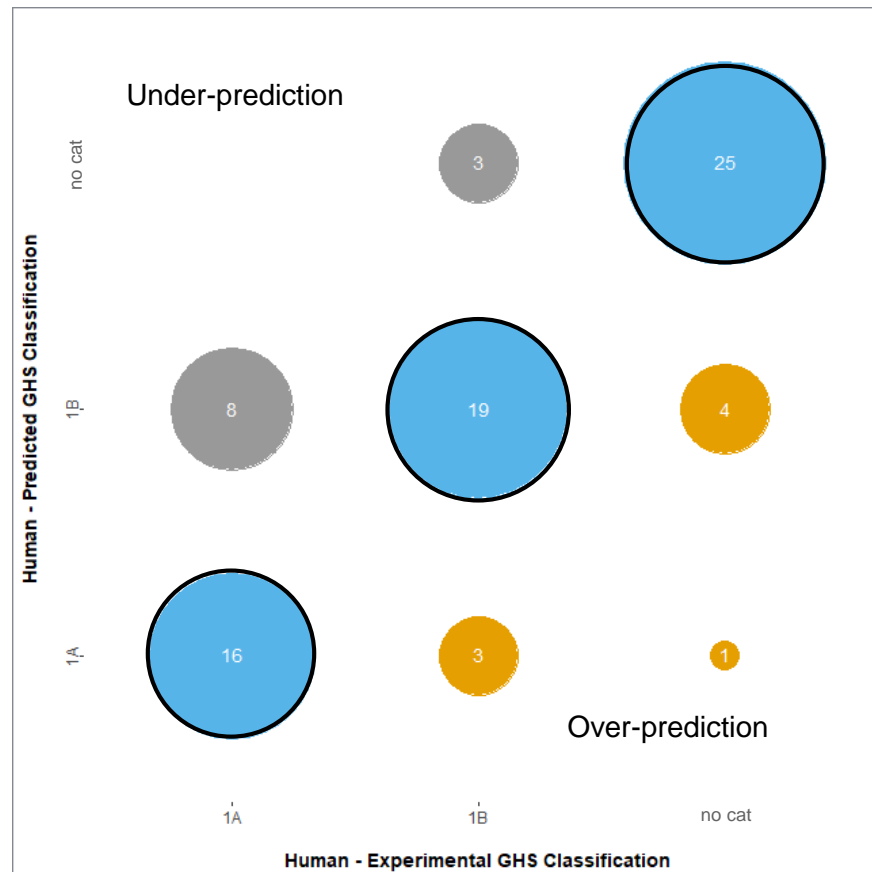


# Results

## Defined approach prediction vs *in vivo* outcome



LLNA  
 $n = 174$   
Acc = 73%



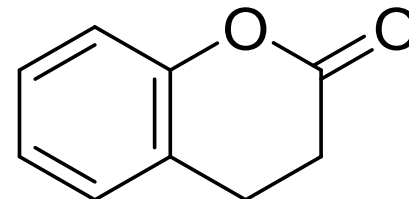
Human  
 $n = 79$   
Acc = 76%

# Example 1 - 3,4-dihydrocoumarin

**Sensitiser** in LLNA (EC3 = 5.6%)

**Sensitiser** in humans<sup>1</sup>

*Basketter category 3 / GHS 1B*

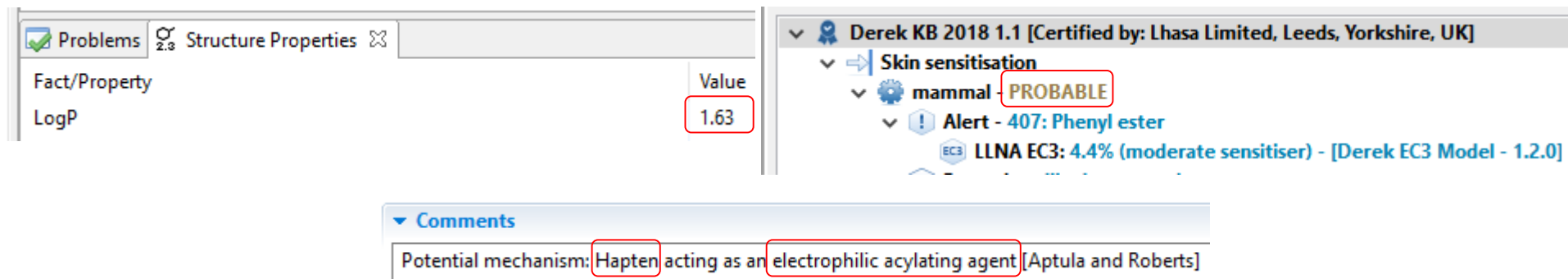


Exclusion criteria

Chemical property

Information source(s) excluded

## Information from Derek



The screenshot displays the Derek software interface. On the left, a table shows the LogP value as 1.63. On the right, a tree view shows 'Skin sensitisation' with a 'PROBABLE' result for 'mammal'. Below this, an alert is shown: 'Alert - 407: Phenyl ester' with a sub-entry 'LLNA EC3: 4.4% (moderate sensitiser) - [Derek EC3 Model - 1.2.0]'. At the bottom, a 'Comments' section states: 'Potential mechanism: Hapten acting as an electrophilic acylating agent [Aptula and Roberts]'.

Fact/Property	Value
LogP	1.63

- Derek KB 2018 1.1 [Certified by: Lhasa Limited, Leeds, Yorkshire, UK]
- Skin sensitisation
  - mammal - **PROBABLE**
  - Alert - 407: Phenyl ester
    - LLNA EC3: 4.4% (moderate sensitiser) - [Derek EC3 Model - 1.2.0]

▼ Comments

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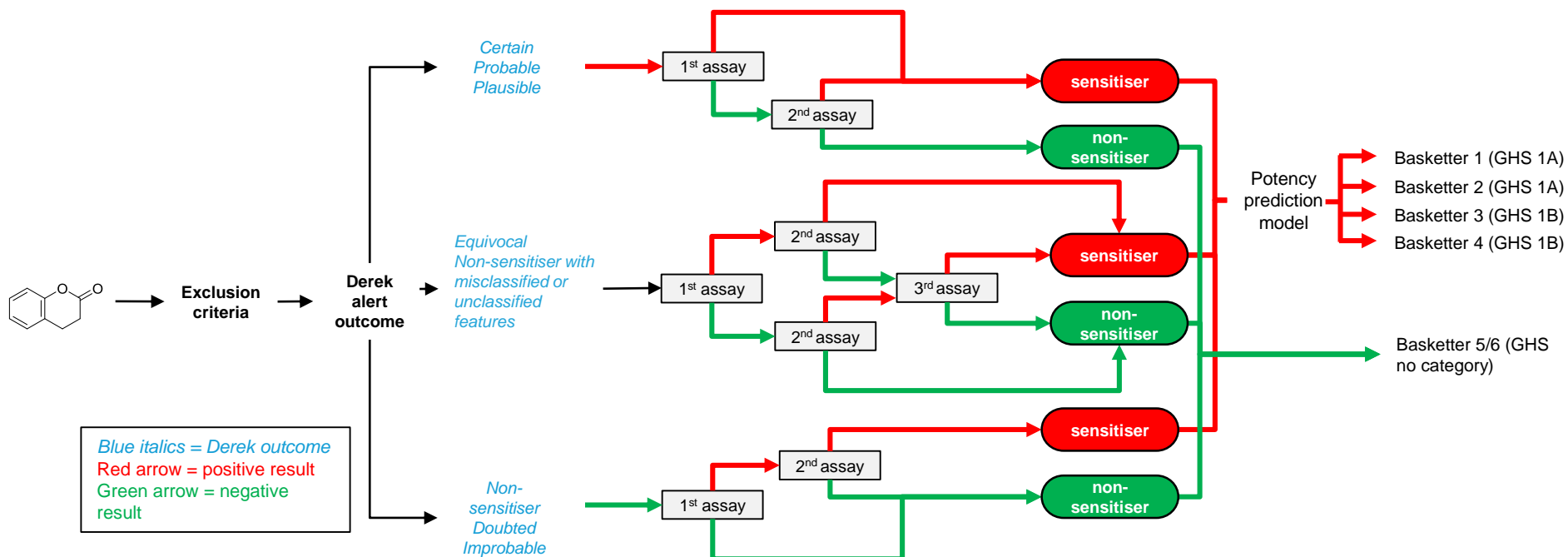
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LLNA and human	Information source	Defined approach
<b>Sensitiser</b>	DX	<b>Sensitiser</b>
Basketter category 3	DPRA	Basketter category 3
GHS 1B E2		deprioritised GHS 1B
KE3	h-CLAT/U-SENS™	<b>positive</b>



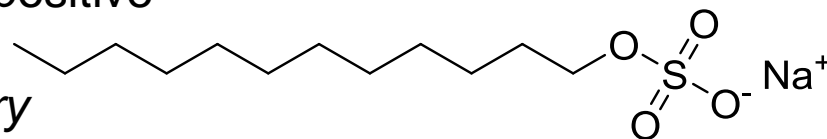


# Example 2 – sodium lauryl sulfate

**Sensitiser** in LLNA (no EC3) – known false positive

**Non-sensitiser** in humans<sup>1</sup>

*Basketter category 6 / GHS no category*



Exclusion criteria

Chemical property

Information source(s) excluded

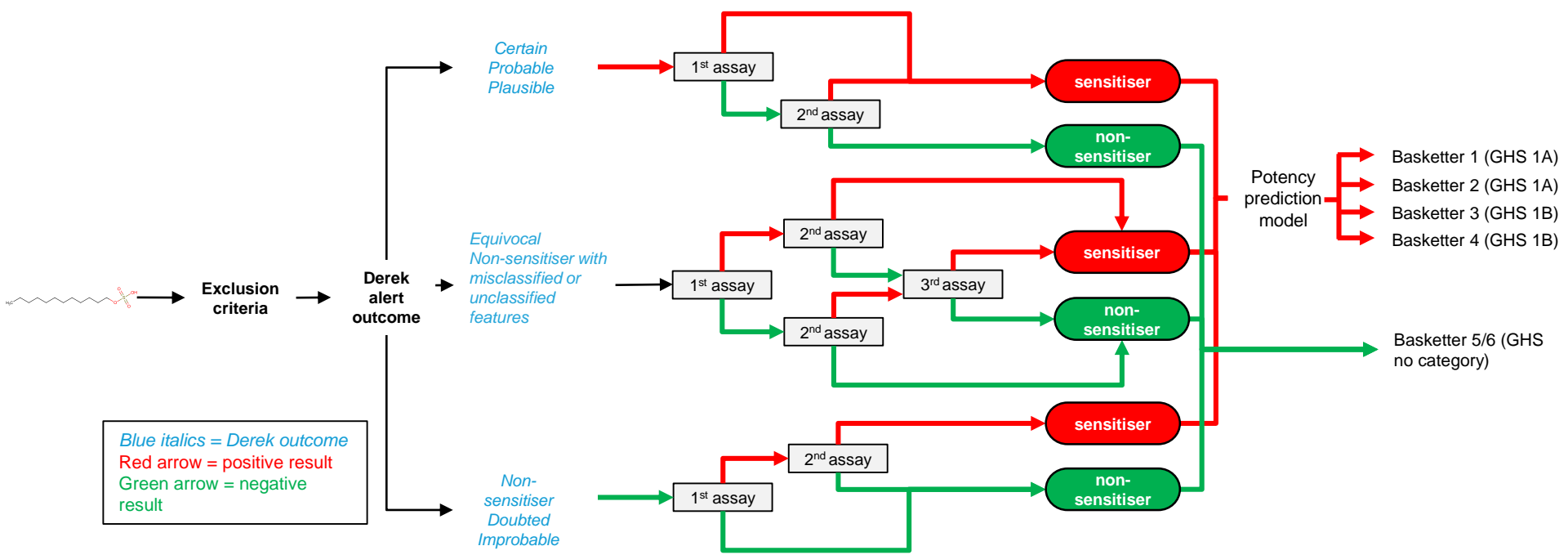
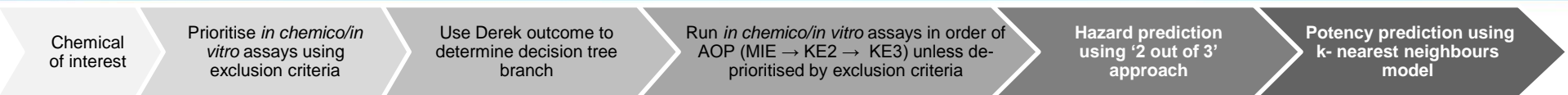
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Fact/Property	Value
LogP	The value of LogP cannot be calculated

Derek KB 2018 1.1 [Certified by: Lhasa Limited, Leeds, Yorkshire, UK]

- Skin sensitisation
  - mammal - **NON-SENSITISER**
    - No misclassified or unclassified features

# Example 2 – sodium lauryl sulfate



Human outcome	Assay / model	Defined approach
Non-sensitiser	DX	Non-sensitiser
Basketter category 6	DP	Basketter category 5/6
GHS no category	cytatoSens™ / U-Sens	GHS no category
KE3	h-CLAT / U-SENS™	no data



# Conclusions

- A simple, transparent, defined approach has been designed using exclusion criteria based on known limitations of *in chemico/in vitro* assays and Derek Nexus
- The defined approach correctly predicts:
  - ***DA vs LLNA***
    - The Basketter potency category for 59% and the GHS classification for 73%
  - ***DA vs Human***
    - The Basketter potency category for 68% and the GHS classification for 76% of chemicals