

# **Integrated Safety Testing and Assessment of Topical Drug Products**

Human Dermal Safety Testing for Topical Drug Products  
FDA Public Workshop

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# Summary and Conclusion

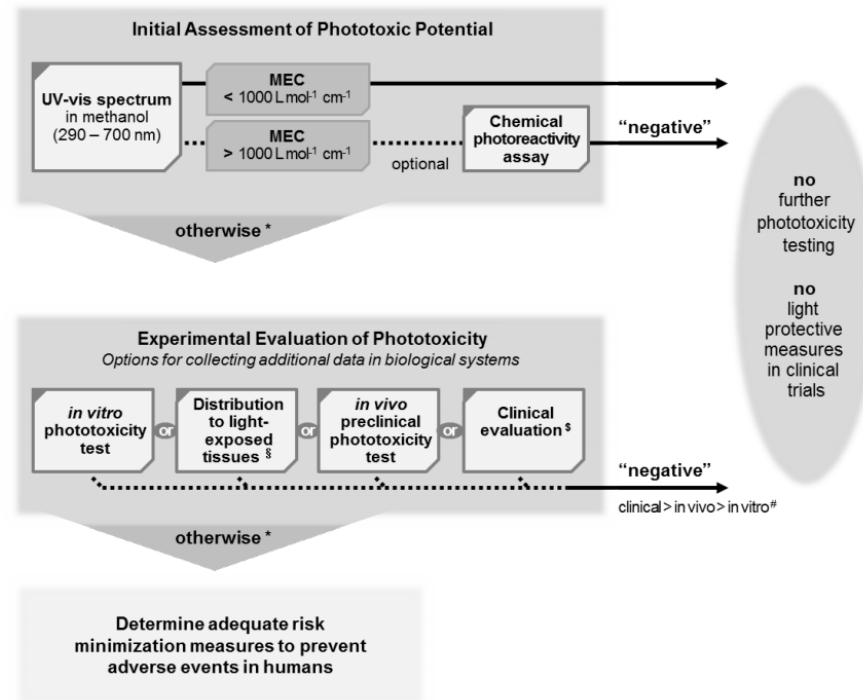
- Assessment of photosafety, skin irritation and skin sensitization potential have integrated testing approaches built from an understanding of adverse outcome pathways (AOP).
- Mechanistic-based dermal toxicity testing has been designed to improve predictivity of adverse events in humans following topical product application.
- Collaboration amongst academics, industry, regulatory authorities and nongovernmental organizations have helped progress such testing approaches and criteria used to assess adverse outcomes.

# II. Photosafety Testing

- **Physiochemical properties: UV/visible light absorption**
  - Bauer et al. (2014): “A molar extinction coefficient (MEC) of  $1000 \text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$  has been confirmed as a reliable and sensitive threshold in order to identify compounds that absorb light of 290-700 nm.
    - If  $\text{MEC} < 1000 \text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ , no further testing
- ***In vitro* Testing**
  - 3T3 Neutral Red Uptake (NRU) Phototoxicity Test - OECD 432 - OECD Guideline for testing of chemicals - Guideline 432: *In vitro* 3T3 NRU phototoxicity test Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, adopted 13 April 2004.
  - Epidermis models, e.g., Episkin, phototoxicity testing, i.e., insoluble, finished formulae
    - If “negative” outcome, no further testing is needed. If “positive”, next step is *in vivo* testing.
- ***In vivo* Testing**
  - **Preclinical** (for review preclinical models see: Spielmann et al. 2000; Nash, 2009)
    - Photoirritation (ingredient or formulation)
    - Photoallergy (ingredient or formulation)
  - **Human Clinical Testing**
    - Confirmatory phototoxicity/photoirritation – formulation: Kaidbey and Kligman (1978)
    - Confirmatory Photoallergy – formulation : Kaidbey and Kligman (1980)
- **Clinical Trials**
  - Risk assessment and minimization, e.g., light avoidance
  - Biomarkers
    - Noninvasive: erythema, pigment changes
    - Invasive: histopathology, e.g., “sunburn” cells

# From: ICH S10 Photosafety Evaluation of Pharmaceuticals. Guidance for Industry (January 2015)

Figure 1: Outline of Possible Phototoxicity Assessment Strategies for Pharmaceuticals Given via Systemic and Dermal Routes



\* "otherwise": data do not support a low potential for phototoxicity or have not been generated (assay/test/evaluation not conducted)

# A "negative" result in an appropriately conducted *in vivo* phototoxicity study supersedes a positive *in vitro* result. A robust clinical phototoxicity assessment indicating no concern supersedes any positive nonclinical results. A positive result in an *in vitro* phototoxicity test could also, on a case-by-case basis, be negated by tissue distribution data (see text). In the United States, for products applied dermally, a dedicated clinical trial for phototoxicity on the to-be-marketed formulation can be warranted in support of product approval.

§ Clinical evaluation could range from standard reporting of adverse events in clinical studies to a dedicated clinical photosafety trial.

§ Tissue distribution is not a consideration for the phototoxicity of dermal products.

# III. Skin Irritation: Testing\*

- Physicochemical properties
  - e.g., pH, acid/alkaline reserve, oxidants, exothermic
- *In silico*
  - (Q)SAR, read-across, expert rules-based systems, e.g., DEREK, TOPKAT
- *In vitro*
  - OECD 430, 431 & 435: *In vitro* skin corrosion testing
  - OECD 439: *In vitro* skin irritation: reconstructed human epidermis (RHE) test method.
- *In vivo*
  - Preclinical
    - OECD 404 Acute dermal irritation/corrosion
  - Human Clinical Testing:
    - Confirmatory formulation testing: Acute (3, 24 or 48 hr) and/or cumulative (4 – 21 day) irritation patch test
- Clinical Trials
  - Biomarkers
    - Noninvasive: IL-1 $\alpha$ , IL-1ra
    - Invasive: histological evidence of inflammation

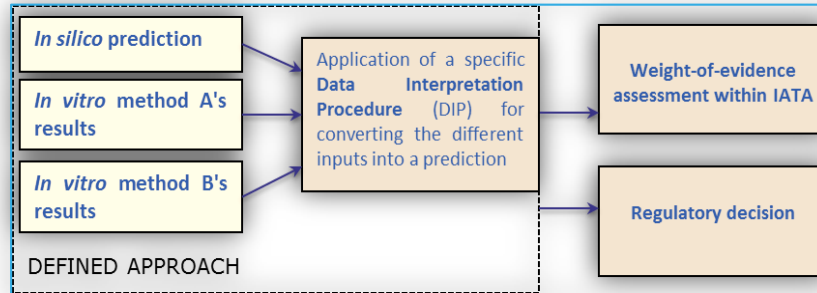
\*OECD (2017) *Guidance Document on an Integrated Approach on Testing and Assessment (IATA) for Skin Corrosion and Irritation* .

# IV. Skin Irritation: Testing

- Integrated Approach on Testing and Assessment (IATA) modules
- Application possible for formulations

Part (*)	Module	Data
Part 1 (Existing information, physico-chemical properties and non-testing methods)	1	Existing information - Existing human data <i>a) Non-standardised human data on local skin effects</i> <i>b) Human Patch Test (HPT)</i>
	2	- <i>In vivo</i> skin irritation and corrosion data (OECD TG 404)
	3	- <i>In vitro</i> skin corrosion data <i>a) OECD TG 430</i> <i>b) OECD TG 431</i> <i>c) OECD TG 435</i>
	4	- <i>In vitro</i> skin irritation data (OECD TG 439)
	5	- Other <i>in vivo</i> and <i>in vitro</i> data <i>a) In vitro</i> skin corrosion or irritation data from test methods not adopted by the OECD <i>b) Other in vivo and in vitro</i> dermal toxicity data
	6	Physico-chemical properties (existing, measured or estimated) - e.g., pH, acid/alkaline reserve
	7	Non-testing methods - for substances: (Q)SAR, read-across, grouping and prediction systems; - for mixtures: bridging principles and theory of additivity
Part 2 (WoE analysis)	8	Phases and elements of WoE approaches
Part 3 (Additional testing)	(5b)	<i>Other in vivo</i> and/or <i>in vitro</i> dermal toxicity testing (if required by other regulations)
	(3)	<i>In vitro</i> skin corrosion testing
	(4)	<i>In vitro</i> skin irritation testing
	(5a)	<i>In vitro</i> skin irritation testing in test method not adopted by the OECD
	(2)	<i>In vivo</i> skin irritation and corrosion testing

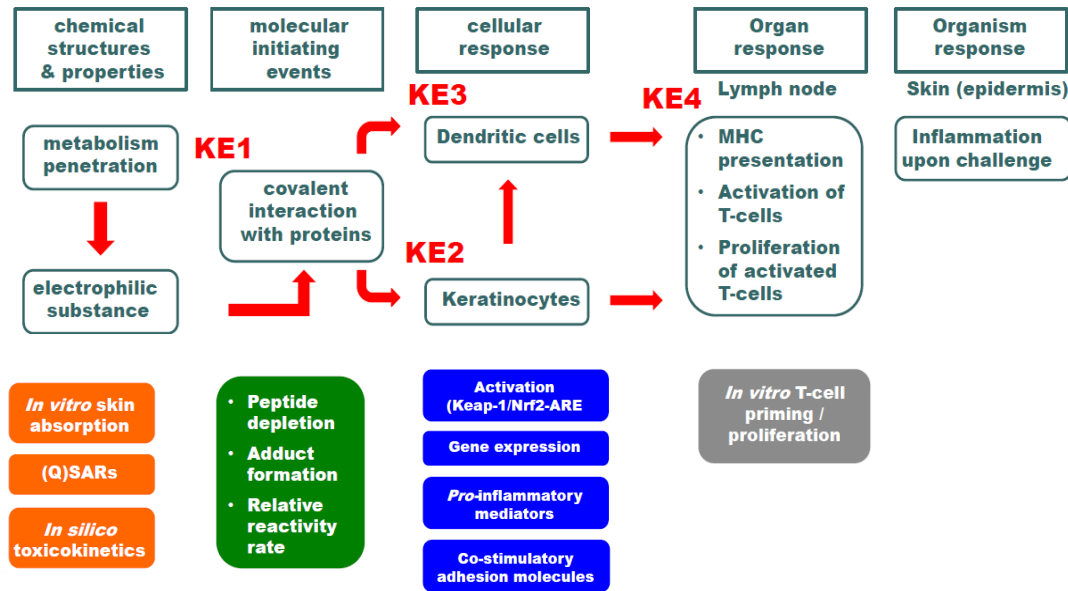
# IV. Skin Sensitization: Testing



- Physicochemical Assessment
  - Log P (oil/water partition coefficient), pKa, Wat solubility etc.
- *In silico*
  - Structural alerts, (Q)SAR, read-across, expert rules-based systems, e.g., DEREK, TOPKAT, TIMES etc.
- *In chemico*
  - Direct Protein Reactivity Assay (DPRA) – OECD TG 442c. Screening method for evaluation of skin sensitization potential (haptens, prehaptens)
- *In vitro*
  - Keratinocyte response: ARE-Nrf2 Luciferase Test Method KeratinoSens™- OECD TG 442d
  - Dendritic cell response: h-CLAT (Human Cell Line Activation Test) – OECD TG 442e
- *In vivo*
  - Preclinical: Local lymph node assay (LLNA) – OECD 429
  - Human: Repeat Insult Patch Testing (HRIPT) – Formulation testing. Confirmatory
- Clinical Trials
  - Formulation testing
  - No established biomarker



# IV. Skin Sensitization: AOP



OECD, 2012. *The Adverse Outcome Pathway for Skin Sensitisation Initiated by Covalent Binding to Proteins. Series on Testing and Assessment No. 168.*



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AOP Key event measured <sup>59</sup>	Test method	Validation status, regulatory acceptance	EU Test Methods/ OECD test guideline	Outcome according to the test method/guideline	EURL ECVAM DB-ALM protocol Nr.
<b>Skin sensitisation</b>					
<b>Key Event 1</b> Peptide/protein binding	DPRA	Validated and regulatory acceptance	B.59/TG 442C	SS or NS with complementary information	154
<b>Key Event 2</b> Keratinocyte response	KeratiSens™	Validated and regulatory acceptance	B.60/TG 442D	SS or NS with complementary information	155
	LuSens <sup>60</sup>	Under validation assessment	N.A/N.A	SS or NS with complementary information	184
	SENS-IS <sup>61</sup>	Under validation assessment	N.A/N.A	SS or NS with complementary information	N.A
<b>Key Event 3</b> Monocytic /Dendritic cell response	h-CLAT	Validated and regulatory acceptance	N.A/TG 442E	SS or NS with complementary information	158
	U-SENS™ <sup>60</sup>	Validated and under regulatory adoption	N.A/draft TG available	SS or NS with complementary information	183
	IL-8 Luc Assay <sup>62</sup>	Validated and under regulatory adoption	N.A/draft TG available	SS or NS with complementary information	N.A.
<b>Key Event 4</b> <sup>63</sup> T-cell response	N.A	N.A	N.A/N.A	N.A.	N.A.

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