Introduction

Read-across and category formation are indispensable techniques in safety assessments of chemicals. The read-across approach is used on average in 20% of the Endpoint Study Records, while QSAR is used in less than 1% of the dossiers, according to European Chemical Agency reports. Although many tools are available, only a limited number is capable to provide easy accessible data on substance identity, composition together with chemical structures and high quality endpoint data.

http://ambitlri.ideaconsult.net

Chemical substances and endpoint data in AMBIT

The AMBIT software, funded initially within the CEFIC LRI programme, provides a web service and user friendly web interface to a chemical database, various chemical structure search facilities and toxicity prediction models. AMBIT data model enables representation of chemical substances in real industry conditions by supporting complex compositions (including impurities, additives, UVVC), AMBIT is designed to enable data import from several databases, including the International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID). Currently AMBIT supports manual upload of csv/zis6 files exported from IUCLID or semi-automatic import via IUCLID or IUCLID6 Web services. The chemical structures already contained in AMBIT are automatically linked to constituents/impurities/additives of the imported substances. The flexible data storage and visualization allows for user friendly presentation of study data (physicochemical properties, fate and hazard information) and composition.

Workflow for read across and category formation

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* After gap filling and removal of inappropriate data, the final data matrix can be established


Read-across workflows in AMBIT

Comprehensive assessment workflows are developed for read-across and category formation based on all the data available in AMBIT. The assessment workflow facilitates the search for target and source structures, generating data matrices, gap filling and generating assessment reports with predefined formats automatically. The enhanced AMBIT facilitates drafting and improves quality for read-across and category formation and will be a useful tool for experts responsible for substance assessments.

Private assessments

The assessments are only visible to the owner by default, read/write access for other users are explicitly assigned. AMBIT uses role based access control.

Summary

AMBIT is an Open Source Web Application (LGPL license), LRI AMBIT-IUCLID tool is loaded with REACH data subject to the legal notice. Substance composition and IUCLID import is supported. The comprehensive search functionality allowing structure search, substructure search, and similarity search even in databases not designed for, such as IUCLID, in order to find substances appropriate for read-across and category approaches. It also enables the inclusion of impurities (important in real industrial conditions) in substance search requests. User interface for creating read across assessment and generating reports is available in online and downloadable versions.

Download and installation options

LRI AMBIT – IUCLID tool download http://cefic-lri.org/tool-boxes
- Installation on a local laptop/desktop or company Intranet server
- Shared database and web server. Clients only need a web browser.
- Publicly available online https://ambitlri.ideaconsult.net

New version https://ambitlri.ideaconsult.net/tool2 (IUCLID6 support, OpenFoodToxData, VEGA)

IT Technology

Server: Java 7, Tomcat 7; x; MySQL >= 5.6, REST API
Clients: Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Java/Servlet
Libraries: open source Java library – COD (http://ambitlri.ideaconsult.net)

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