

# Skin sensitization assessment without conducting animal tests

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## Objective:

Regulatory accepted, animal free test  
strategies enabling cosmetics industry to  
conduct skin sensitization safety assessments



# Agenda: the 4-Phase Program

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Method Identification  
and Prioritisation

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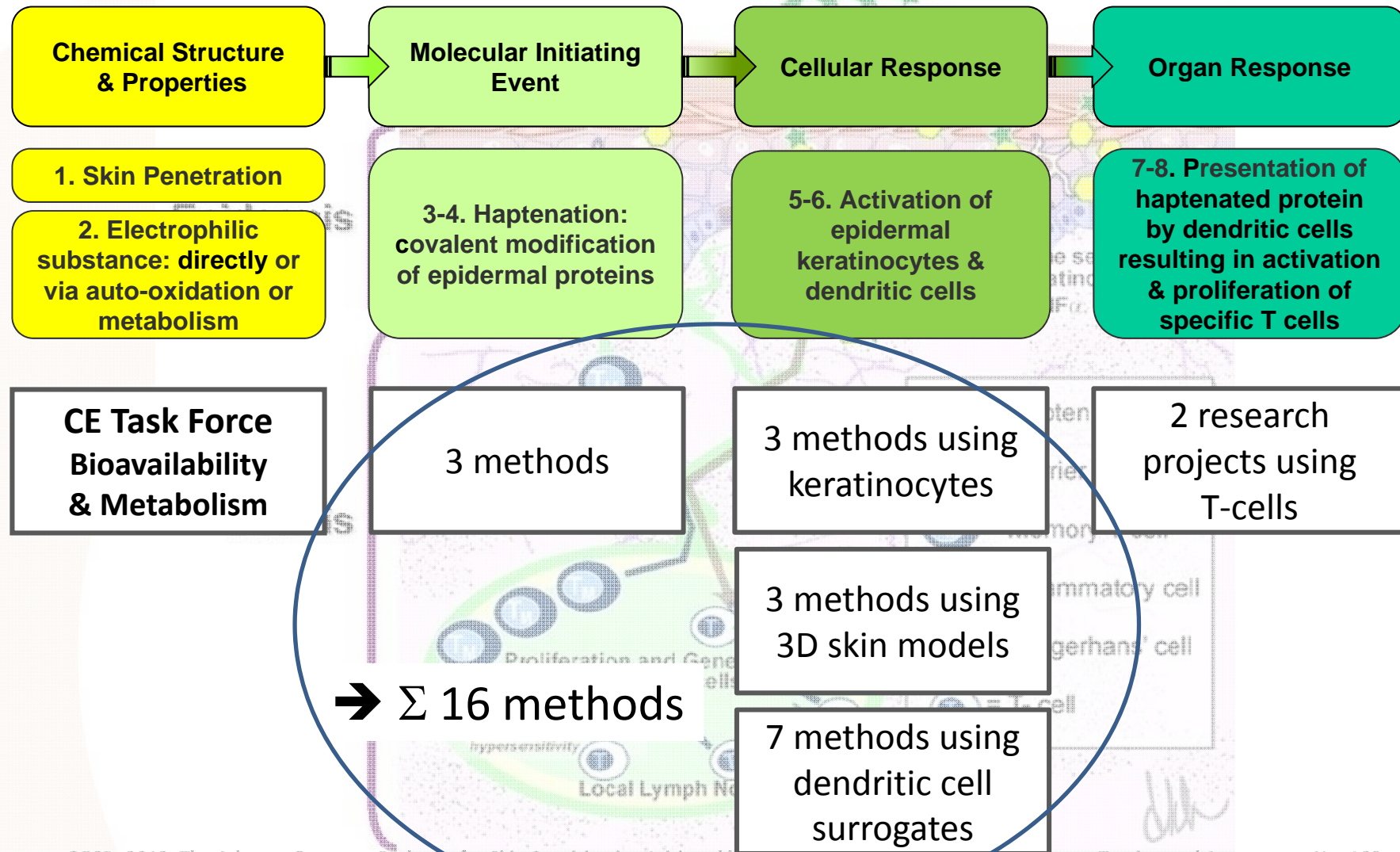
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\*Assessment & Development

**Ongoing Research Funding (e.g. T-Cells)**

# Phase I: Method Identification



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

# Phase I: Method Prioritisation

Ref: Reisinger and Hoffmann et al. / Toxicology in Vitro 29 (2015) 259–270

## Evaluation of 16 methods based on AOP

- common dataset of 10 coded substances
- Test description
- Transferability
- Reproducibility
- Predictivity
- Legal aspects
- Accessibility
- ...

### Phase I substances

	Hazard	Potency
4-Nitrobenzylbromide	S	Extreme
Methyldibromoglutaronitrile	S	Strong
Lauryl gallate	S	Strong
2-Mercaptobenzothiazole	S	Moderate
Cinnamal	S	Moderate
Tetramethyl thiuram disulphide	S	Moderate
Phenyl benzoate	S	Weak
Salicylic acid*	NS	Neg
Lactic acid	NS	Neg
Sodium lauryl sulphate**	NS	Neg / IRR

\*Poorly water-soluble \*\* False positive in LLNA (not in human)

➔ Outcome: 8 methods prioritized

# Phase I: Prioritized 8 Test Methods

3-4. Haptentation:  
covalent modification  
of epidermal proteins

**DPRA**

**PPRA**

**AREc32**

5-6. Activation of  
epidermal Keratinocytes  
& Dendritic cells

**KeratinoSens**

**LuSens**

**NCTC 2544 IL-18**

**SENS-IS**

**EE Potency assay**

**SenCeeTox**

7-8. Presentation of  
haptentated protein  
by dendritic cell  
resulting in  
activation &  
proliferation of  
specific T cells

**Human T cell  
proliferation**

**Human T cell  
priming**

**h-CLAT**

**U-SENS**

**VITOSens**

**GARD**

**SensiDerm**

**mMUSST**

**PBMDC**

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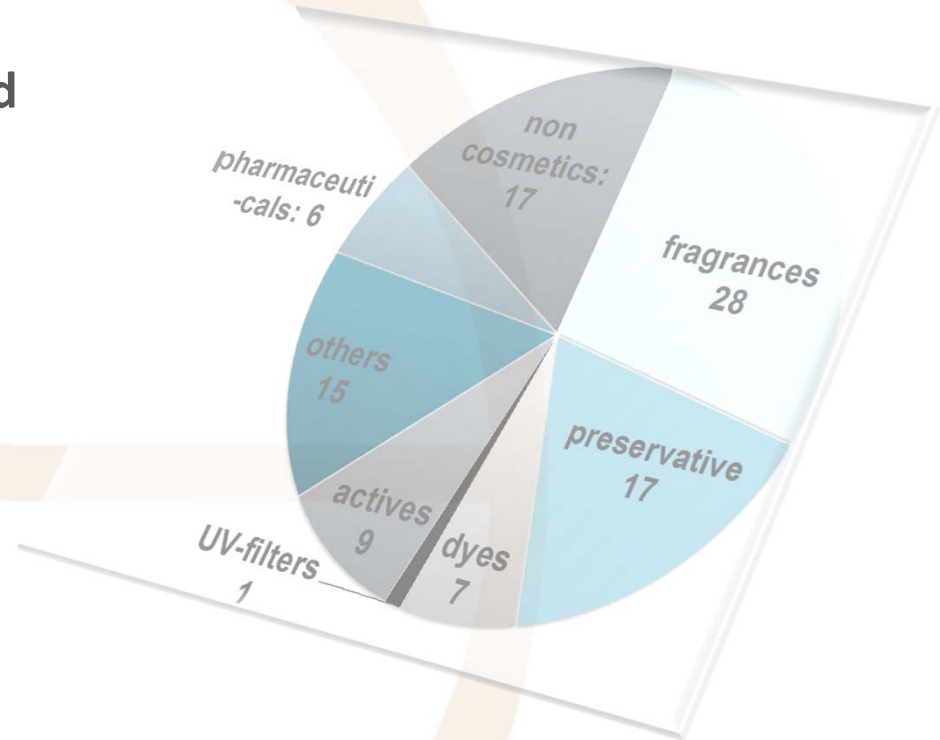
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# Phase II: Data Collection

Compilation of readily available information

- Extraction of data for >100 substances (from Basketter et al. 2014)
- Concordant human + LLNA data
- 6 human potency classes covered
- Broad chemical spectrum represented
  
- Collection of in vitro data for 8 prioritized methods  
→ Set up of data matrix 
  
- Gap analysis of data matrix  
→ Generation of new data 

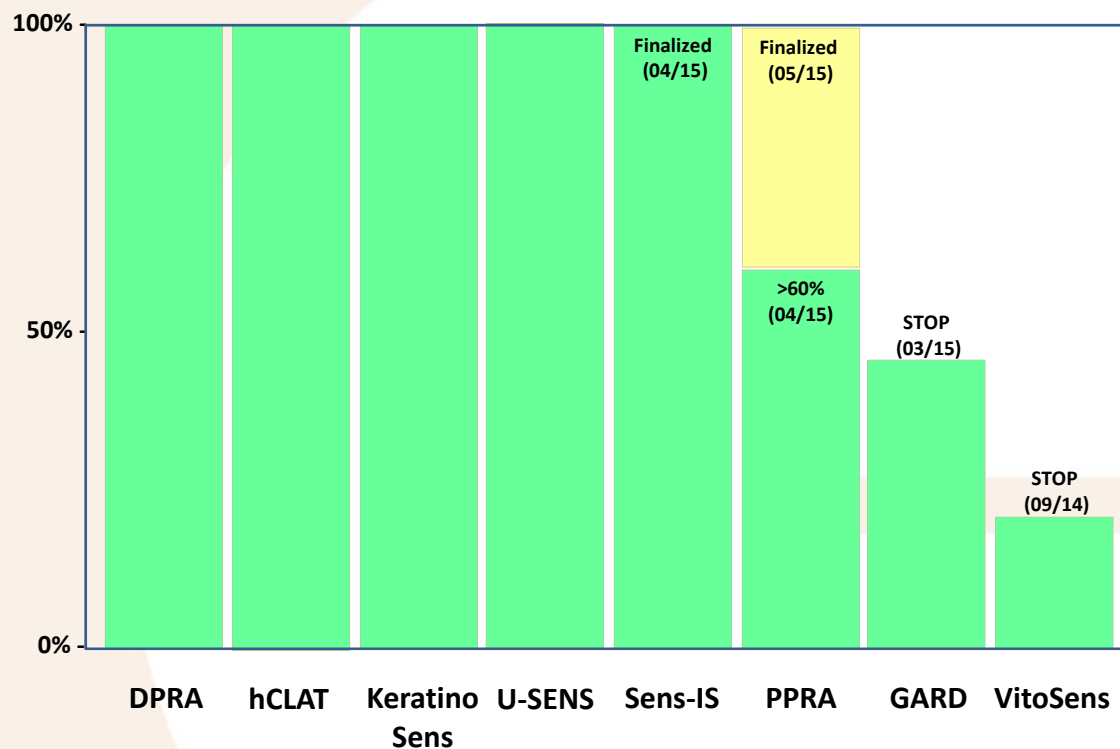


# Phase II: Data Generation

to fill gaps in CE data matrix

## Objective:

Generate a completed matrix of data for >100 chemicals



## Next steps:



- Evaluate existing ITS's (Integrated Testing Strategies)
- Eventually develop new ITS's



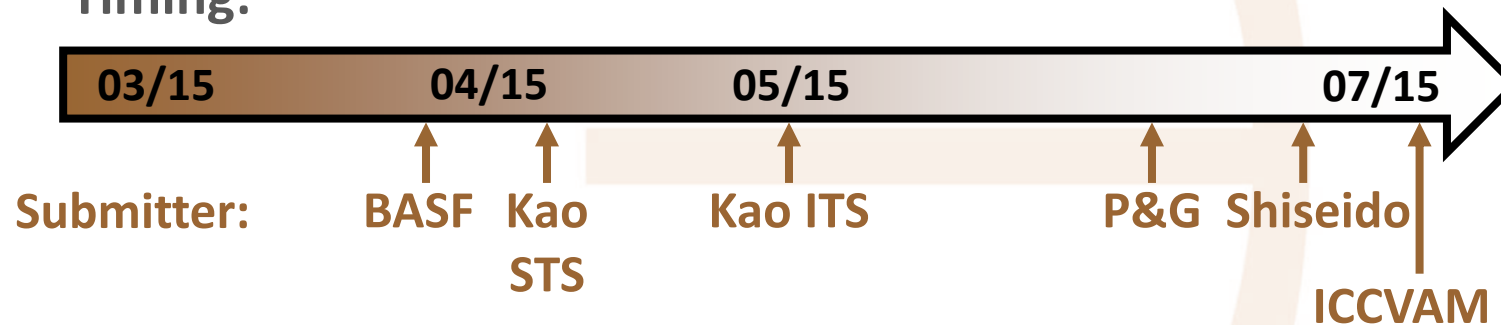
# Integrated Test Strategies Evaluation

Feed CE-data into published strategies

## Close cooperation with ILS / NICEATM / Idea consult:

- Transfer all data into relational Ambit data base 
- Quality check and data curation 
- Assessment of existing ITS's using naive data from CE

- **Timing:**



# Overview: Testing Strategies

Note	Author	Title	Purpose
Assessable using CE data as input	BASF	'2 out of 3' approach	hazard ID
	ICCVAM	Integrated Approach to Testing and Assessment (IATA)	hazard ID
	Kao ITS	Score-based battery system	hazard ID
	Kao STS	Tiered system Sequential Testing Strategy	hazard ID
	P&G	Bayesian Network Integrated Testing Strategy (ITS)	potency*
	Shiseido	Artificial Neural Network for predicting LLNA EC3	potency*
Not assessable as input data missing at CE	DuPont	Implementation of an IATA into a pipeline tool (IATA-SS)	hazard ID
	Givaudan	Data from KeratinoSens and Kinetic Peptide Binding: Global Versus Domain-Based Assessment	potency*
	L'Oréal	L'Oréal's decision strategy (DS) using a "staking" meta-model	hazard ID
	RIVM	RIVM Sequential Testing Strategy	hazard ID
	Unilever	IATA for Skin Sensitisation Risk Assessment	risk assessment

\*= more than three potency classes

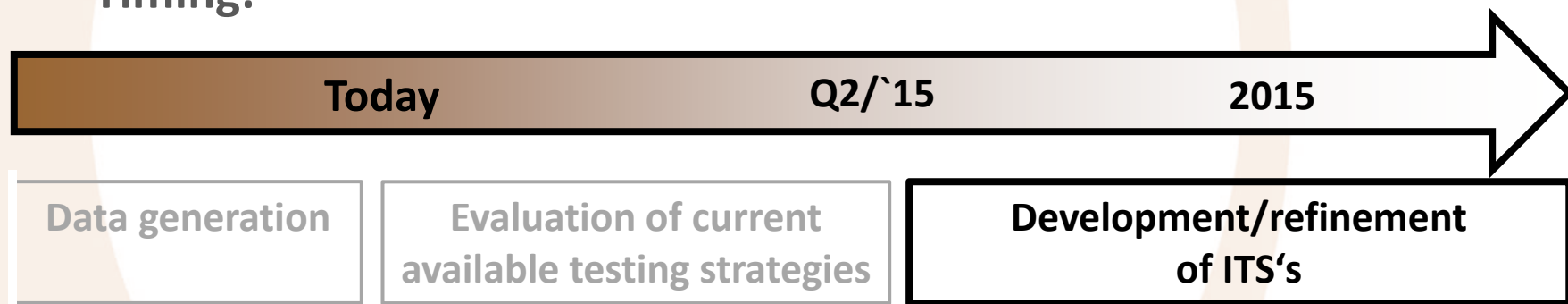
# New Integrated Testing Strategies

Utilize CE-data to develop new ITS

## Close cooperation with ILS / NICEATM / Idea consult:

- If necessary: develop (and refine) independent testing strategies
- Build on learnings from previous ITS assessments
- Strategies shall be adaptable and flexible  
(e.g. take requirements for applicability domains or new developments into account)

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# Phase III: Applicability Domain and Testing Strategies Optimisation

## Testing of especially cosmetic ingredients:

- Chemicals of utmost importance for cosmetic industry (e.g. hair dyes, UV-filter, preservatives, natural extracts)
- Especially challenging physico-chemical properties



## Status:

- List of chemicals finalized
- Testing contracted and data generation started

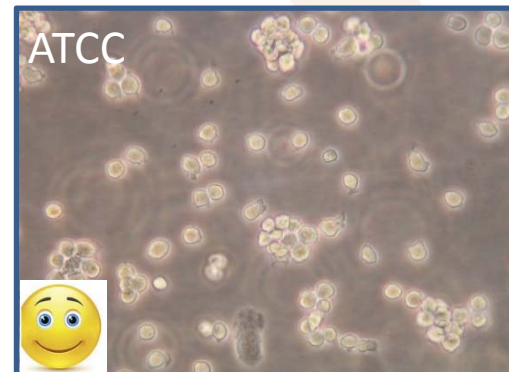
# Phase III: Assess Applicability Domain

## Some issues identified:

- h-CLAT: Integrity of THP-1 cells from different sources



- Dead cells / thawing (++++)
- Recovery phase (2-3 weeks)
- Vitality, untreated ( $\leq 90\%$ )



- Dead cells / thawing ( + )
- Recovery phase (1 week)
- Vitality, untreated ( $\geq 90\%$ )

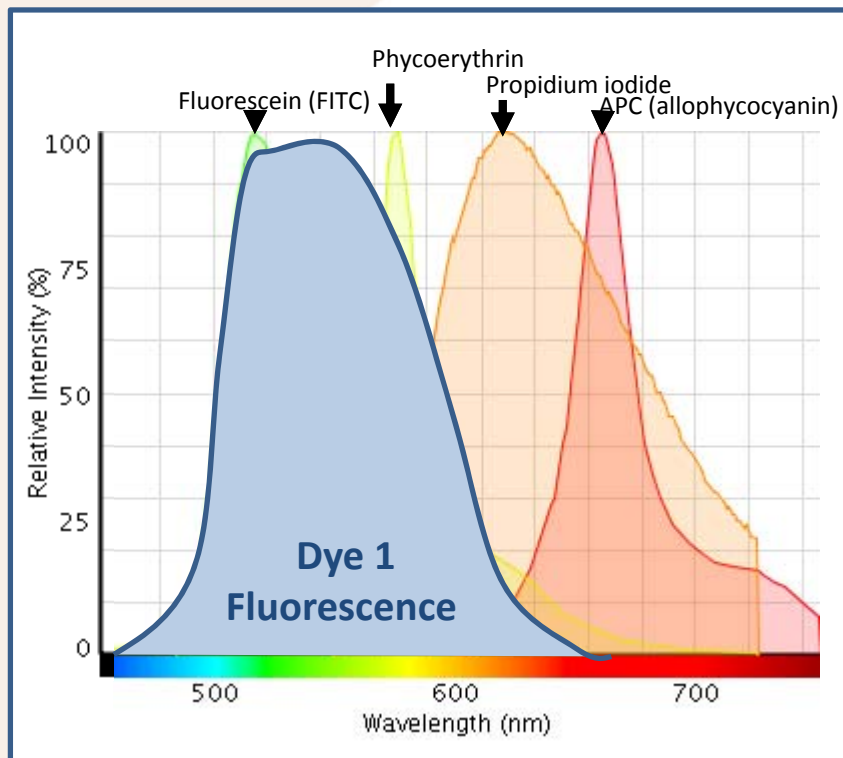
## Reco

**→ Use the cells which meet the acceptance criteria in accordance with SOP**


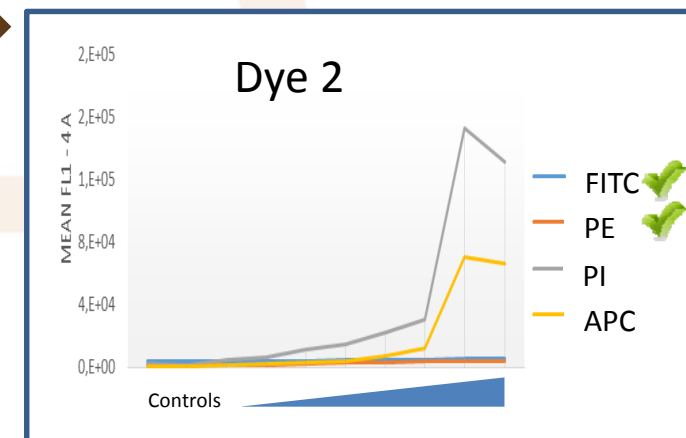
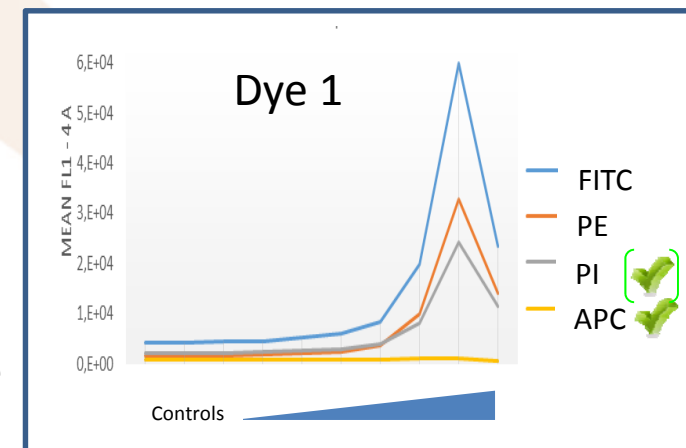
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- Fluorescence interferences

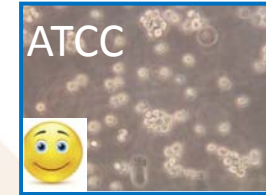


Fluorescence check

# Initial learnings

- Sufficient quality check for cells
- Fluorescence interferences:
  - Typical fluorescent substances (e.g. p-phenylenediamine) were predicted correctly using h-CLAT (Okamoto et al., AATEX, 2010)



But

- Strong fluorescent substances need special care, i.e. fluorescence checks, use of non interfering fluorescent labels

**Reco**

**➔ Confirm that available fluorescent labels can provide similar results as FITC label, by testing proficiency substances!**

( • Quenching effects from e.g. dyes when using luminescence assays (tbc) ) ?



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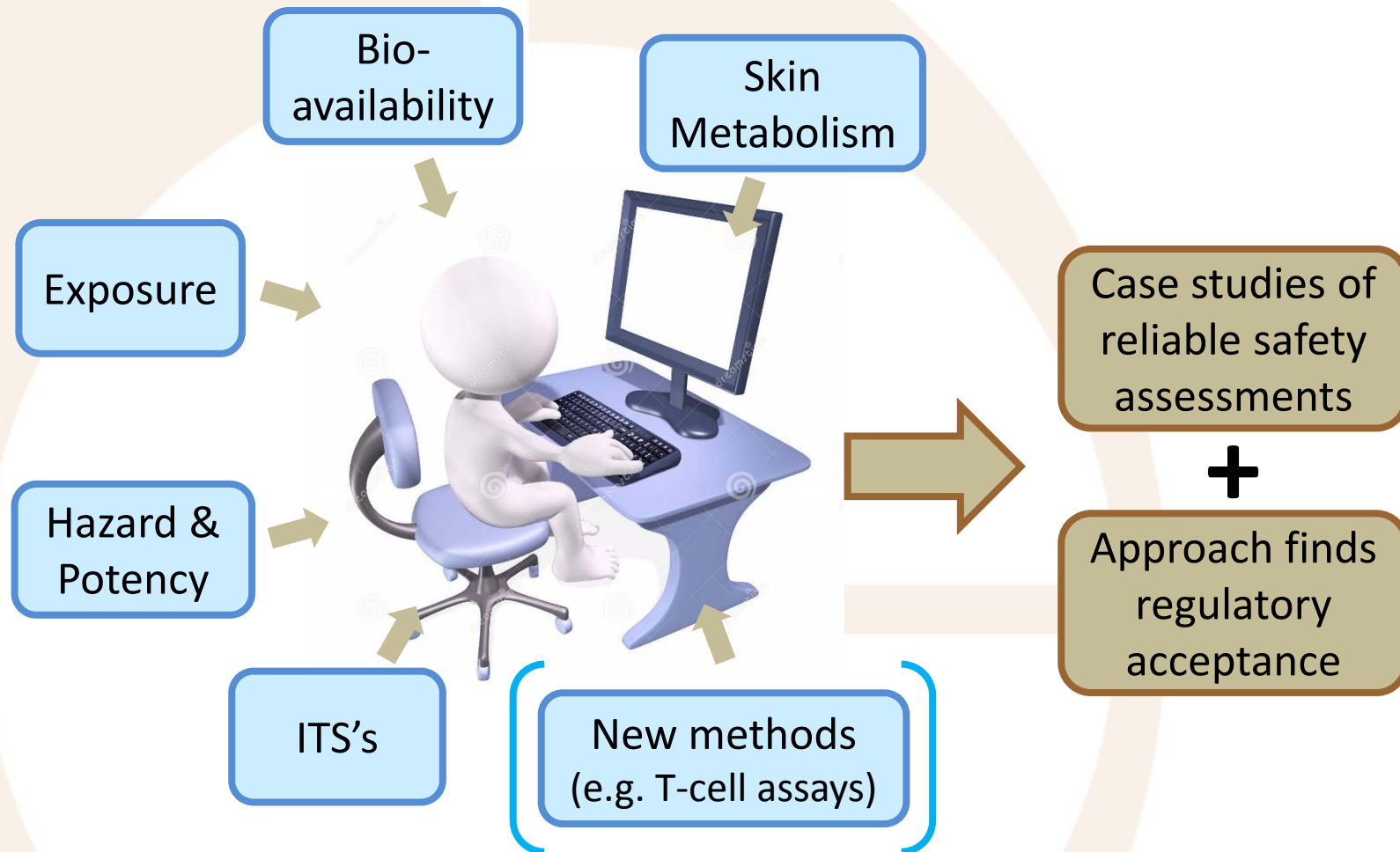
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# Phase IV: Case Studies / Risk Assessment



**Thank you for your attention!**