Integrated Testing Strategy for Skin Sensitization potential assessment

from theory to practice

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Timeline



Multi-test qWoE and ITS framework

 From structured narrative and flow charts to decision theory based

•Quantitative, transparent, consistent, objective

- Bayesian Network ITS as the probabilistic operational framework
 - •Uncertainties,
 - •dependencies between pieces of information,
 - •heterogeneous information,
 - •hypotheses can be updated when new data arrive.

Jaworska, Aldenberg, Gabbert 2010, *Reg Tox Pharm;* Jaworska & Hoffmann 2010; *Altex;* Aldenberg & Jaworska 2010 qWoE *Predictive Toxicology* Ch 17

Hypothesis (prior) X evidence (likelihood) = Revised hypothesis (posterior)



How does the final answer look like ?



P(LLNA=NS, W, M, S| evidence)

Mechanism of Contact Sensitization



BN ITS abstracted skin sensitization process embedded into a decision analytic tool



Data set of n=142 (124, 18)



BN ITS test set



Value of Information (Vol) driven Testing Strategy



- To identify optimal testing strategy BN ITS uses "One step look ahead hypothesis". It amounts to computing the mutual information MI(X, Y) for all possible observations X and choosing the one that has the highest MI with the hypothesis variable Y.
- Mutual Information MI (X, Y)- "the amount of uncertainty in Y which is removed by knowing X". MI(Y,X) = H(Y)-H(Y|X) where H (Y) is entropy of Y. Relative MI (MI(X,Y)/H(Y)) informs about % of uncertainty in Y removed by X.

Learnings from BN ITS-1

- A single generic set of tests as in vivo replacement strategy is unlikely to be the most effective.
- Effective strategy depends on the initial information, and changes based on additional information. Thus it should be adaptive, flexible, and Value of Information (Vol) driven.

Jaworska, Harol, Kern, Gerberick, Altex 2011 Integrating Non-Animal Test Information into an Adaptive Testing Strategy – Skin Sensitization Proof of Concept Case

Mutual information (LLNA, ...)





•BN ITS adapts to a generated *in silico*/analogue hypothesis about LLNA potency.

•Refinement by adding chemistry based rules ongoing

•Depending on the hypothesis, different in vitro tests are recommended as confirmatory tests.

• Current data suggests use of R and CD86 simultaneously to test NS and S hypothesis is not effective.

Flexible ITS

Many ways to get to the final decision

Many strategies with equivalent outcome BUT different cost



Flexible ITS

performance with partial evidence on test set (n=18)

Case	TIMES	В	CD86	Cys	Lys	Precision NS/W/M/S	Precision NS/S
						%	%
1	X	Х	V	V	V	58	100
2	X	V	X	V	V	63	100
3	X	V	V	X	V	63	100
4	X	V	V	V	X	69	100
5	X	Х	V	X	X	63	100
6	X	X	X	V	V	69	100
7	x	V	V	V	V	69	100
8	V	V	V	V	V	84	100

How can we use the ITS tool in practice?

- Setting success criteria
 - Performance related
 - Features related (like ability to explain)
- How does the BN prediction compare with our "classical" SAR approach?
- 1 case study

Case study: 2-Propenoic acid bis-ester



Available Data	
DEREK	Unsaturated Ester
TIMES	(non sensitizer)
Toxtree	Michael acceptor (MA) alert
Analogues	Weak to moderate potencies
DPRA	High reactivity

- SAR:
 - DPRA suggests hypothesis of Skin sensitizer
 - Due to high reactivity but MA alert, conservative estimation of moderate sensitizer was made.

Case study: BN ITS

Evidence	NS	Weak	Moderate	Strong
DPRA (Cys/Lys)	2	11	27	59
Cys/Lys/B	1	13	24	62
Cys/Lys/B/ MA	1	13	54	32
Times - M	80	7	9	4
All w/o MA	29	21	38	12
AII/MA	29	51	8	12

BN ITS with all the same evidence allows to develop a hypothesis that the chemical is a weak sensitizer. If we want to continue based on Vol CD86 will be most useful:

CD86 <= 30 mM	6	32	41	20
CD86 <= 300 mM	5	68	25	1
CD86 > 300 mM	70	33	1	1

Summary

We formalized process of WoE into a qWoE and developed a tool to run qWoE and ITS. Practical evaluation/deployment are ongoing.

- •Conflicting evidence
- •Different set of evidence
- •Bioavailability
- •Can guide testing

We are developing chemistry based rules for a refined interpretation of both individual assays and in vivo potency

Thank you for your attention