

Adverse Outcome Pathways for skin sensitization assay

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Update on the alternative to skin sensitization assay in Japan

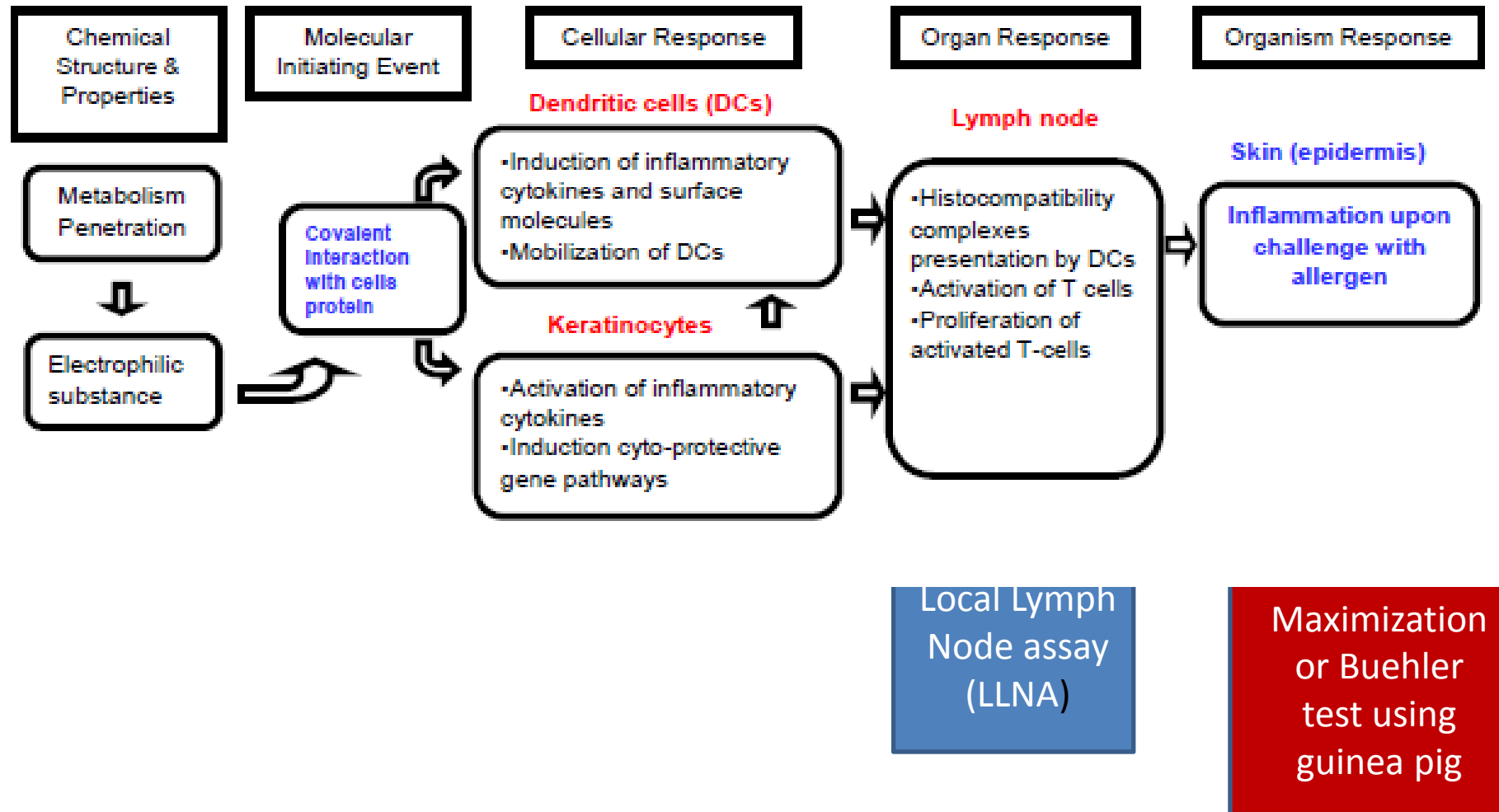


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LLNA update

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### **Skin Sensitization: Local Lymph Node Assay**

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# Revised points on LLNA TG 429 from 2002 to 2010 versions

1. Reduced LLNA (rLLNA)
2. Limitation  
pesticide formulations
3. Pre-screen  
Erythema and ear-thickness
4. Performance standard

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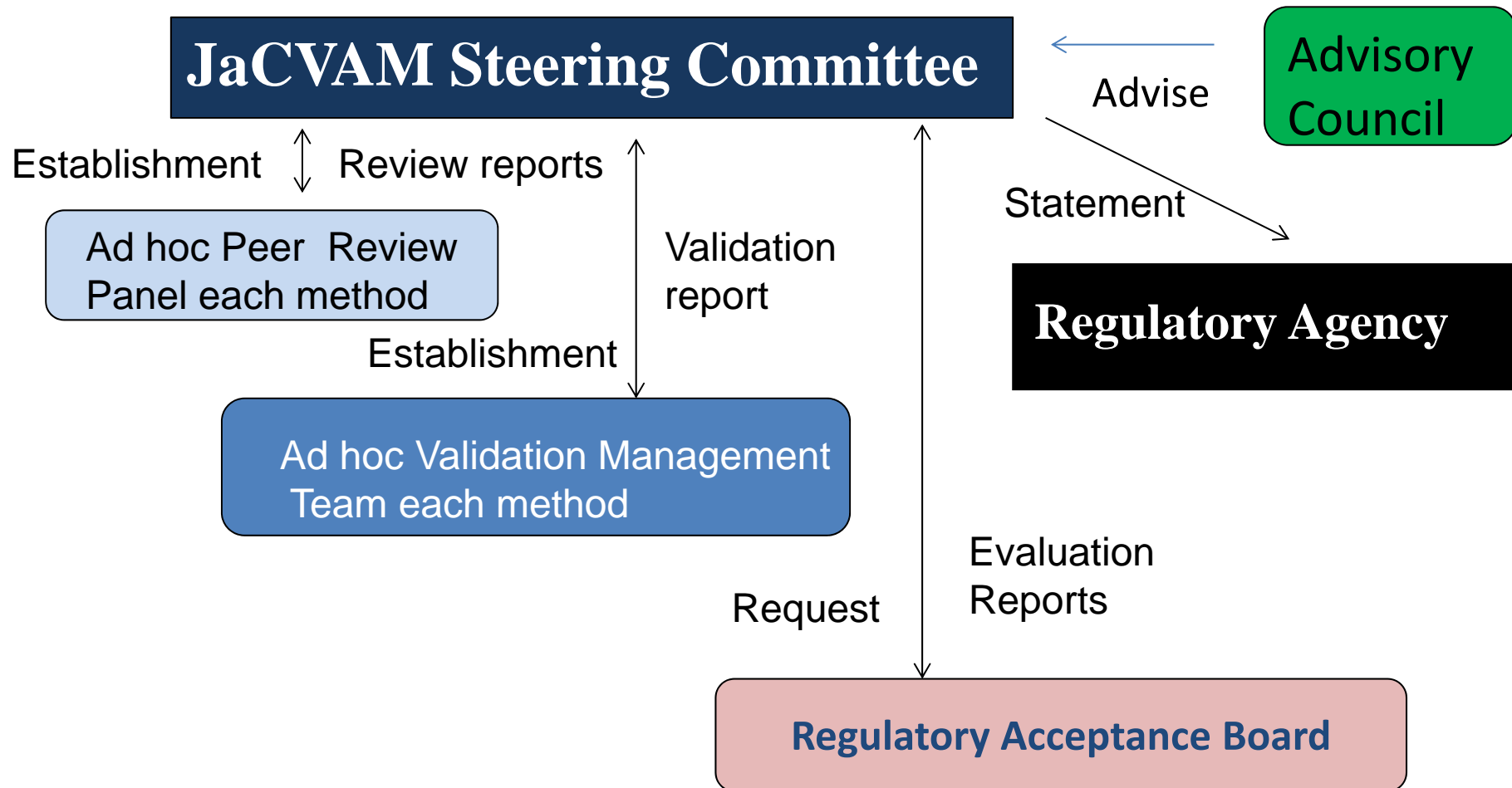
## Comparison of LLNA methods in OECD Test Guideline \*

	LLNA	LLNA:DA	LLNA:BrdU-ELISA
Species	CBA/Ca or CBA/J	CBA/J	CBA/JN
Number of application	3	4	3
Experiment periods	7	8	6
Period after final test substance application (day)	2	3 (Between 3 and 4 application)	1
Determination of cellular proliferation	RI uptake	ATP contents	BrdU uptake
Application of endpoint volume and site	20 $\mu$ Ci/250 $\mu$ L in tail vein	—	BrdU 5mg/0.5mL in i.p
Lymph node extraction after final test substance application	77	24-30	48
SI values	> 3	>1.8、1.8-2.5 : want to consider additional information	>1.6、1.6-2.9: want to consider additional information
rLLNA	Yes	No	No
Others		SLS1% solution pre-treatment for one hour	None

-: Not Described

\* : Different parts among test methods

# Organization of JaCVAM



## Accepted methods by the JaCVAM regulatory acceptance board

- ◆ The Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability (BCOP) Test Method for Identifying Ocular Corrosives and Severe Irritants
- ◆ The Isolated Chicken Eye (ICE) for Identifying Ocular Corrosives and Severe Irritants
- ◆ **Skin sensitization assay, LLNA : DA**
- ◆ **Skin sensitization assay, LLNA : BrdU-ELISA**
- ◆ *In vitro* skin irritation testing: EPISKIN
- ◆ *In vitro* skin corrosion testing: Vitrolife-Skin, EpiDerm
- ◆ *In vitro* cytotoxicity test methods for estimating starting doses for acute oral systemic toxicity tests
- ◆ **rLLNA for skin sensitization assay**
- ◆ Epiderm and SkinEthics for skin irritation assay

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JaCVAM の活用促進について

医薬部外品の承認申請資料の作成においては、下記に示す JaCVAM のホームページに掲載されている情報も参考の上、適切な資料を作成し、また化粧品のポジティブリスト改正要望等においても活用が図られるよう、貴管下関係業者に対し周知をお願いします。

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## Administrative Notice for quasi-drug

RE: JaCVAM activities to promote the use of test results obtained from alternatives to animal testing in applications for approval of quasi drugs

We invite you to make reference to information available on the JaCVAM Website (<http://jacvam.jp/>) in **ensuring proper preparation of applications for approval of manufacturing and sales of quasi drugs as well as to requests for revisions to positive lists for cosmetics**. We also kindly request that you publicize this information to applicable businesses and other concerned parties operating under your jurisdiction.

**The JaCVAM Website is available at <http://jacvam.jp/>.**

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薬務主管課 御中

厚生労働省医薬食品局審査管理課

皮膚感作性試験代替法及び光毒性試験代替法を化粧品・医薬部外品の  
安全性評価に活用するためのガイドンスについて

今般、皮膚感作性試験代替法及び光毒性試験代替法について、その利用促進を図るため、平成23年度レギュラトリーサイエンス総合研究事業（研究代表者 小島肇）において、それぞれ化粧品・医薬部外品の安全性評価に活用するためのガイドンスを作成したので、貴管下関係業者に対して周知願います。

なお、その他の代替法に関するガイドンスについては、順次、作成する予定です。

## Administrative Notice for quasi-drug

### **Re: Guidance on the use of alternative methods to animal testing for skin-sensitization potency and phototoxicity in the safety assessment of quasi-drug and cosmetic products**

- As part of its activities during 2011, a Regulatory Science Research program chaired by Dr. Hajime Kojima has prepared **guidance on the use of alternative methods to animal testing for skin-sensitization potency and phototoxicity in the safety assessment of quasi-drug and cosmetic products** and has made the guidelines available in order to promote the use of alternative methods. We kindly request that you publicize this information to concerned parties operating under your jurisdiction.
- The Evaluation and Licensing Division prepares and publishes guidance on the use of these and other alternative methods to animal testing as such information become available.

# International collaboration



# Acute Contact Dermatitis Test Methods 1

Method	Current status	Lead Organization	International acceptance
Murine Local lymph Node Assay (LLNA)	Completed		OECD TG 429 (2002), ISO (2002)
Updated LLNA	Completed		Updated OECD TG 429 (2010), ISO (2010)
Reduced LLNA (rLLNA)	Completed		Updated OECD TG 429 (2010)
LLNA:DA	Completed		OECD TG442A (2010)
LLNA:BrdU-ELISA	Completed		OECD TG 442B (2010)
Harminized performance standard for the LLNA	Completed		Updated OECD TG 429 (2010)

## Acute Contact Dermatitis Test Methods 2

Method	Current status	Lead Organization	International acceptance
LLNA:BrdU-Flow Cytometry	ICCCAM international peer review, 2009, KoCVAM Validation study started	NICEATM-ICCVAM, KOCVAM	
In vitro skin sensitization assays (h-CLAT, MUSST)	Validation study ends in Fall, 2012	EURL ECVAM	
In vitro skin sensitization assay, DPRA	Peer review ongoing	EURL ECVAM	SPSF approved
In vitro skin sensitization assay, KeratinoSense	Peer review ongoing	EURL ECVAM	SPSF approved
In vitro skin sensitization assay, IL-8 Luc assay	METI-sponsored Validation study ongoing	JaCVAM	

*in vitro* assay validation study update

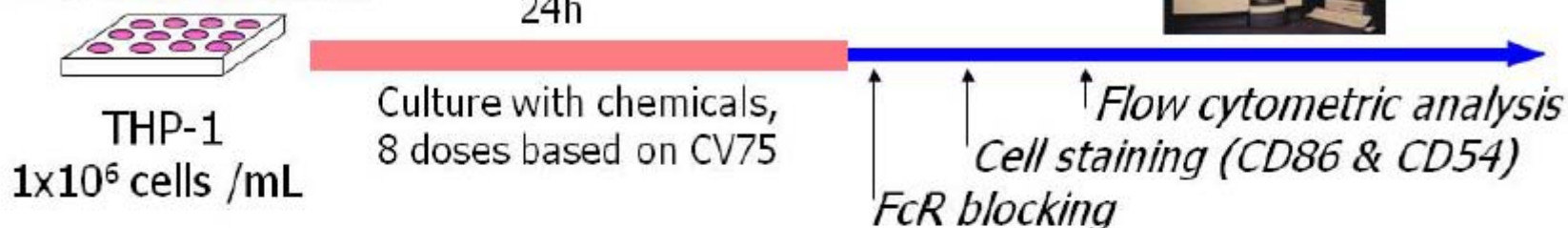
## JaCVAM correlated on-going International validation studies

1. h-CLAT assay for **skin sensitization** testing (with ECVAM)
2. IL-8 reporter gene assay for **skin sensitization** testing (with ICATM)
3. Stable transfected transcriptional activation (STTA) antagonist assay for endocrine disruptor screening (with OECD VMG-NA)
4. SIRC-CVS cytotoxicity assay for eye irritation testing (with ICATM)



## Human Cell Line Activation Test (h-CLAT)\*

### ● Procedure



### ● Relative Fluorescence Intensity (RFI)

$$\text{RFI} = \frac{\text{MFI of chemical treated cells} - \text{MFI of chemical treated Isotype control cells}}{\text{MFI of vehicle control cells} - \text{MFI of vehicle Isotype control cells}} \times 100$$

**MFI = geometric mean fluorescence intensity**

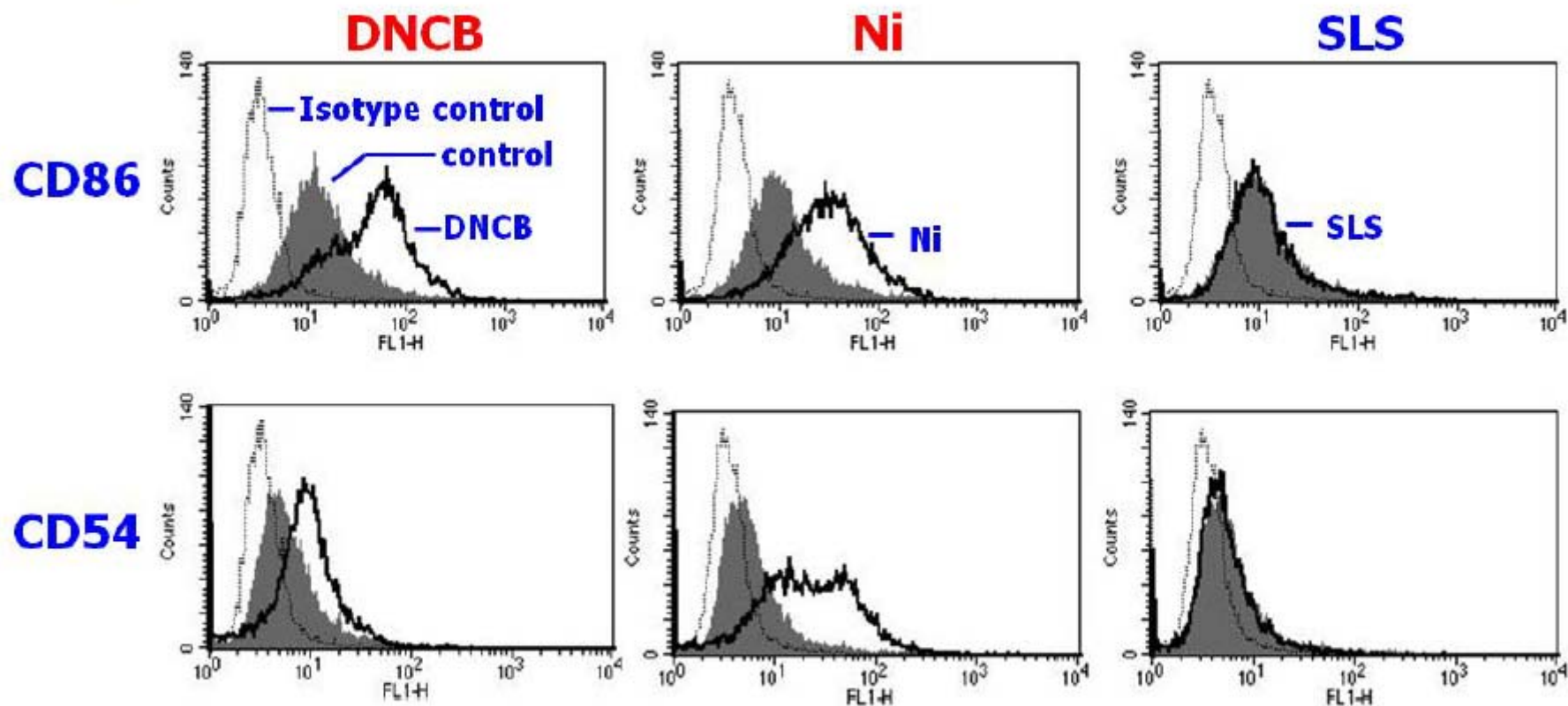
### ● Prediction Model

- Viability  $\geq 50\%$  by Propidium Iodide
- Positive criteria: CD86 RFI  $\geq 150\%$  and/or CD54 RFI  $\geq 200\%$
- Positive: 2 of 3 independent data at any dose should exceed the positive criteria

\*: Ashikaga et al., 2006 Toxicol In Vitro 767-73., Sakaguchi et al., 2006 Toxicol In Vitro 774-84.



## Histogram of CD86 / CD54 expression



***DNCB and Ni (typical allergens) enhanced both CD86 and CD54 expressions but SLS (non-allergen) did not.***



## Comparative evaluation with LLNA and human

### h-CLAT vs LLNA

		h-CLAT	
		+(83)	-(34)
LLNA	+(85)	75	10
	-(32)	8	24

Sensitivity: 75/85 (88%)  
 Specificity: 24/32 (75%)  
 Positive predictivity: 75/83 (90%)  
 Negative predictivity: 24/34 (71%)  
**Accuracy: 99/117 (85%)**

### h-CLAT vs human

		h-CLAT	
		+(51)	-(20)
Human	+(55)	46	9
	-(16)	5	11

Sensitivity: 46/55 (84%)  
 Specificity: 11/16 (69%)  
 Positive predictivity: 44/51 (90%)  
 Negative predictivity: 11/20 (55%)  
**Accuracy: 57/71 (80%)**

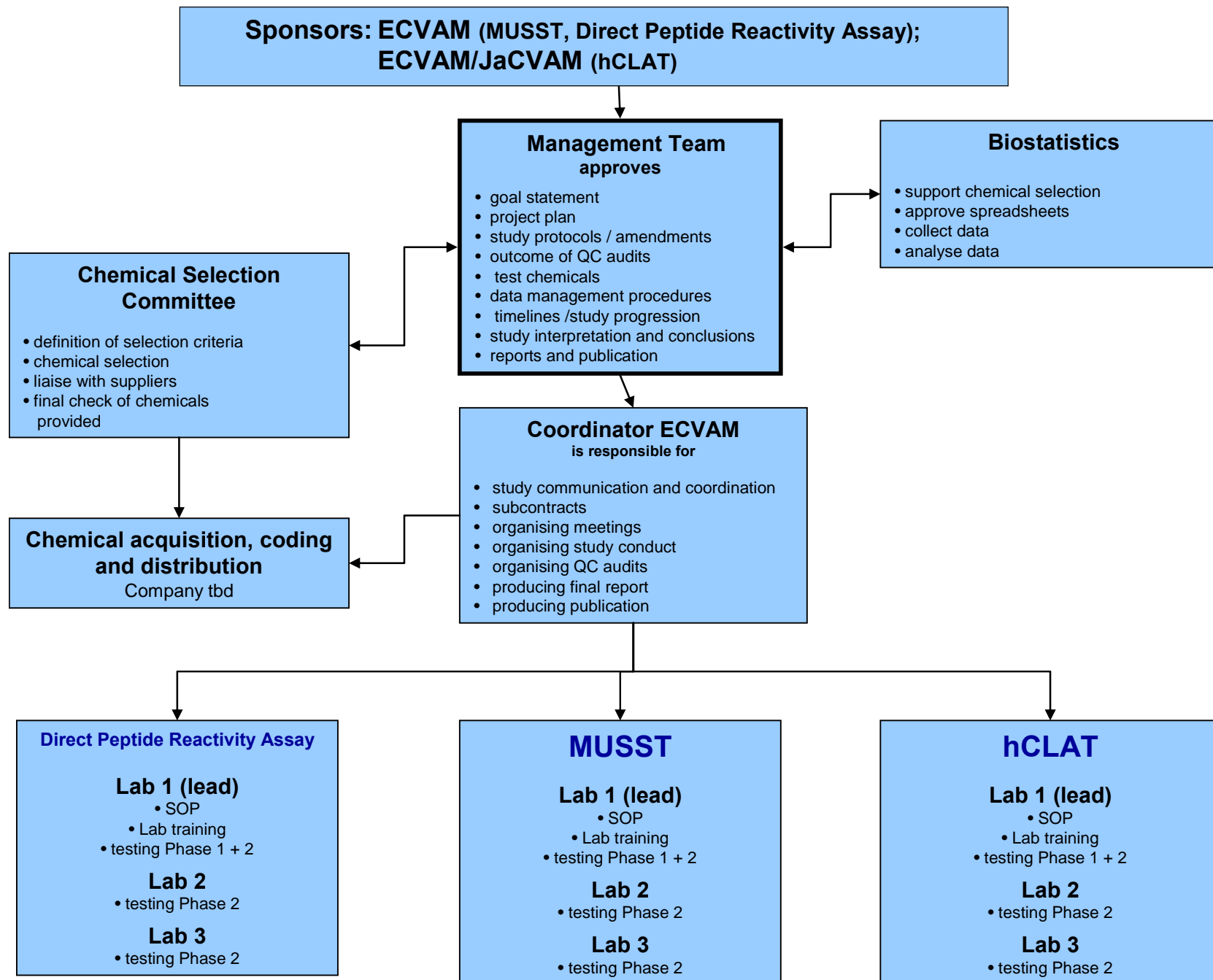
**Good predictive capacity, but some false negative / positive**



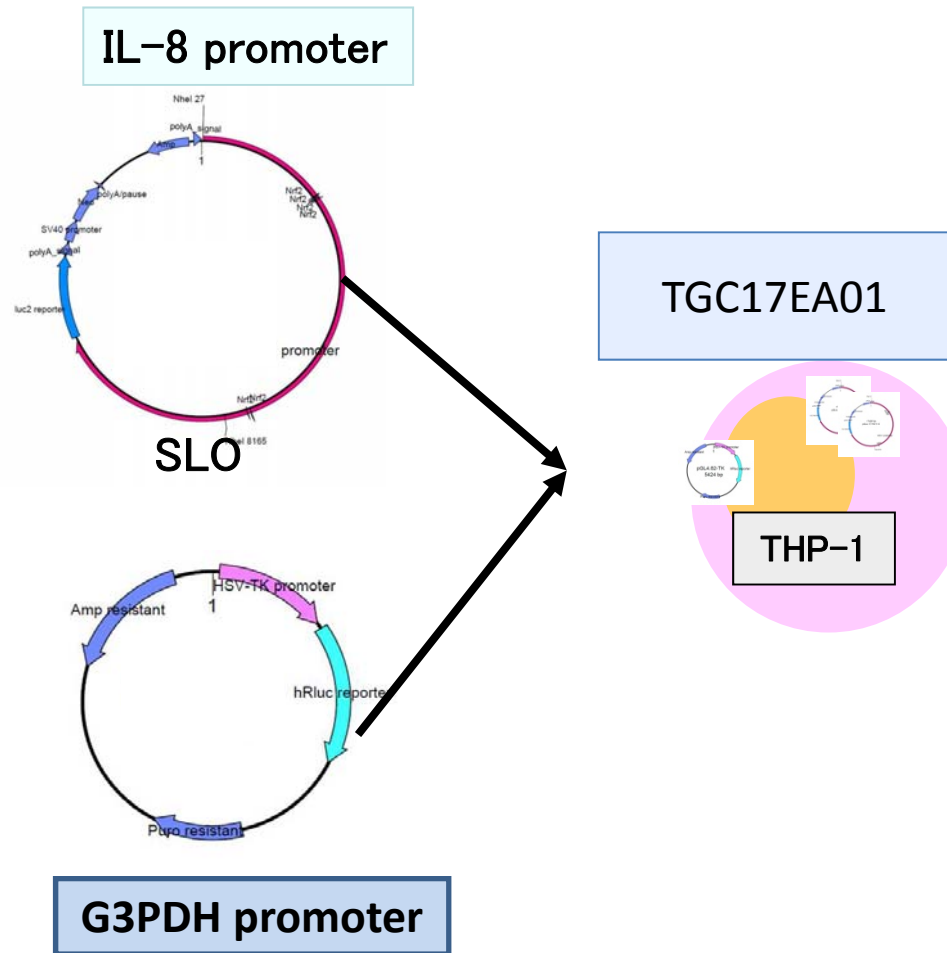
## *ECVAM prevalidation study*

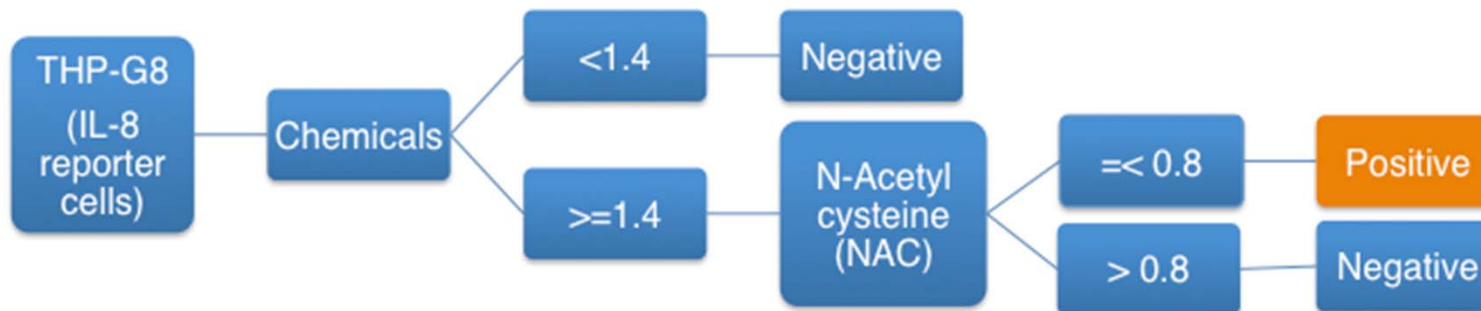
- **Liaison:**
  - JaCVAM and ICCVAM
- **Test methods:**
  - Direct Peptide Reactivity Assay (DPRA)
  - Myeloid U937 Skin Sensitization Test (MUSST)
  - **human Cell Line Activation Test (h-CLAT)**
- **Main purpose**
  - The assessment of the robustness and reliability
- **Experimental design**
  - 24 coded chemicals in three (or four) laboratories each for the assessment of the within- and between-laboratory reproducibility



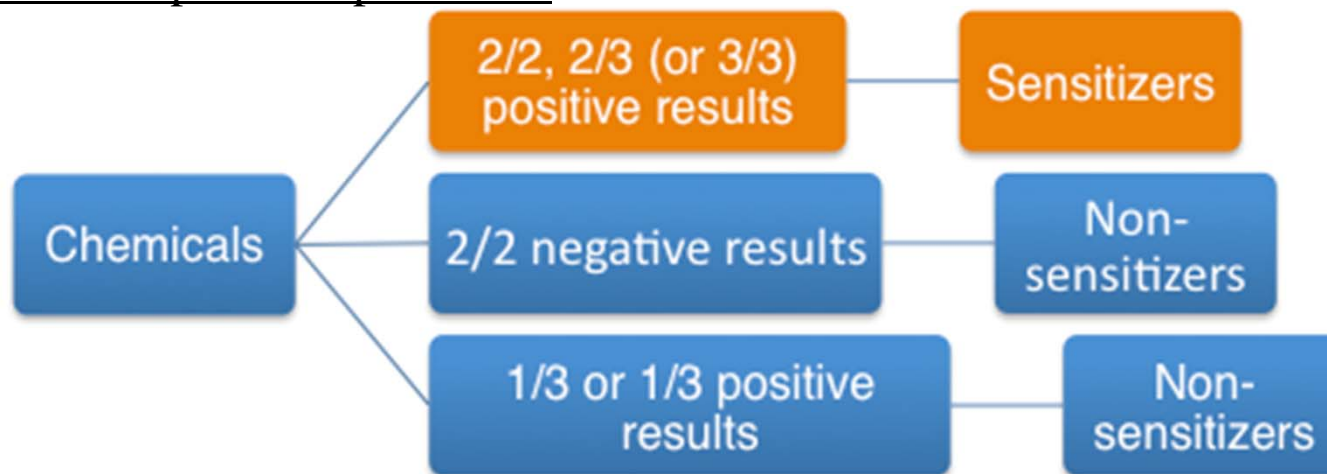


# IL-8 Luc assay





In at least two repeated experiments:

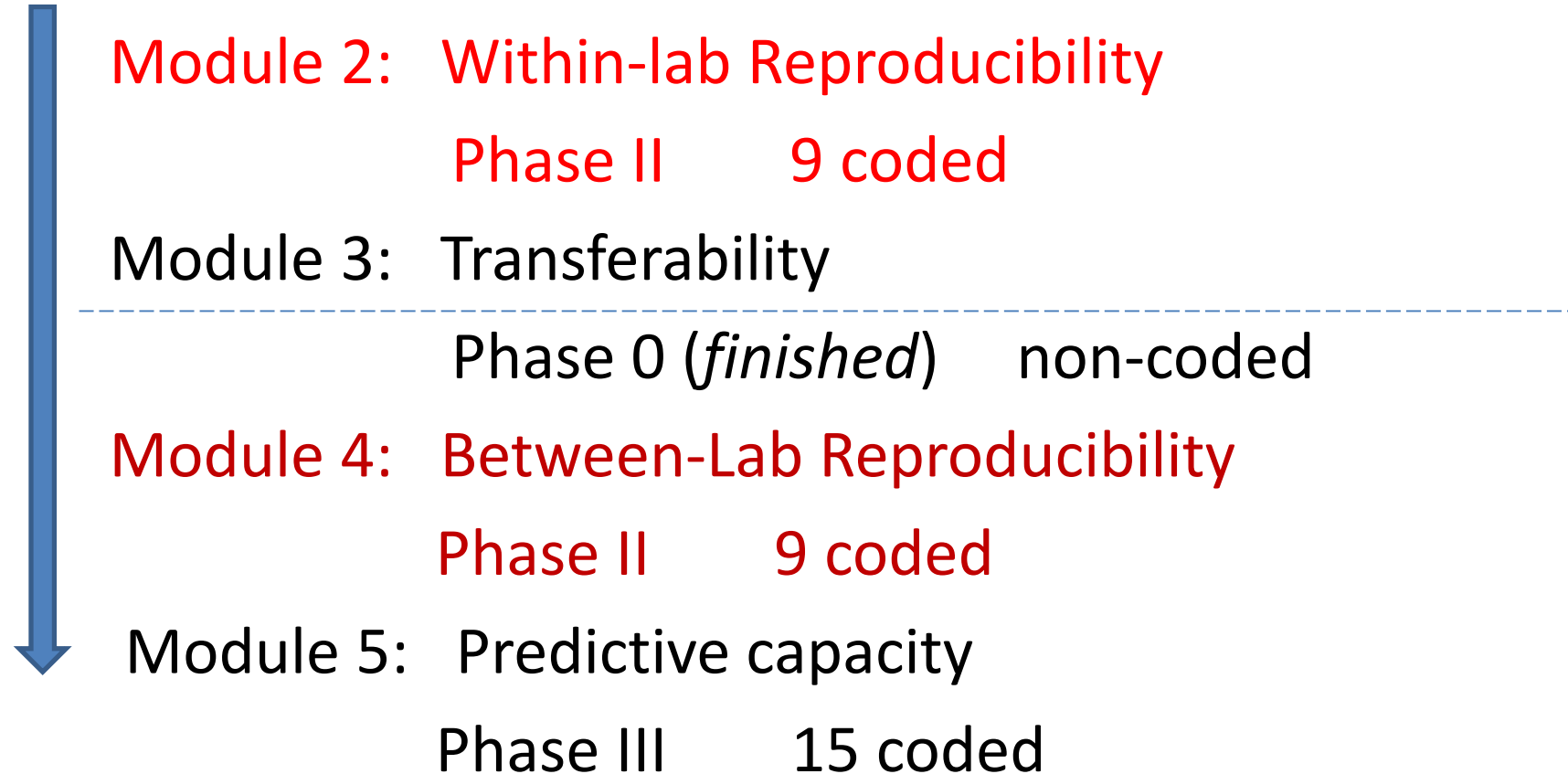


Criteria: chemicals that demonstrate  $\text{FInSLO-LA} \geq 1.4$  and  $\text{I.I.} \leq 0.8$  at the concentration of the chemical at which  $\text{I.I.-SLR-LA} \geq 0.2$  are judged as positive. If chemicals make 2 or 3 positive results in 2 or 3 different experiments are determined as sensitizers.

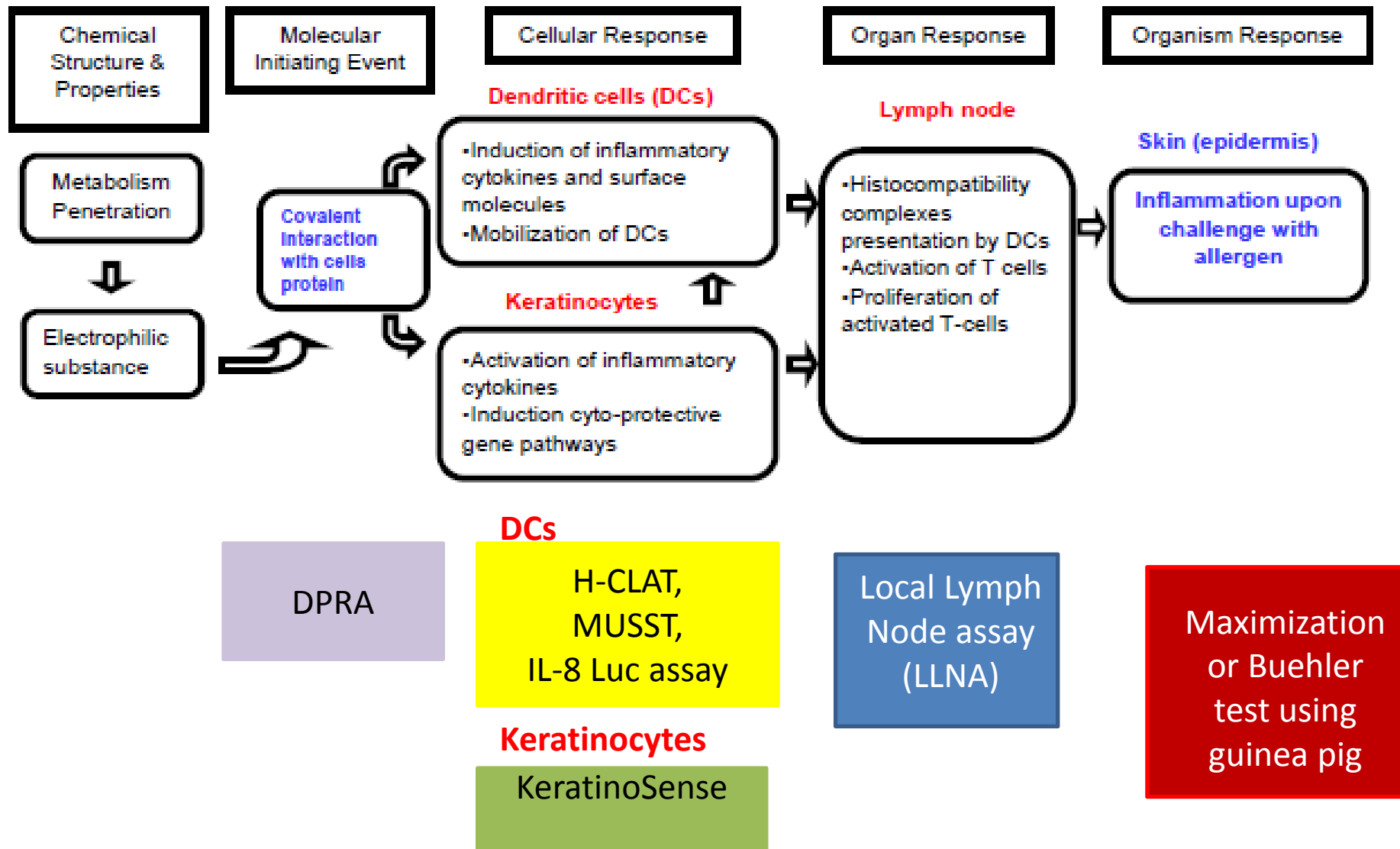
## Members for IL-8 Luc assay Validation Management Team

Name	Role and expertise	Affiliation
<b>Trial Coordinator</b> Noriho Tanaka	VMT Chairperson,	HRI and OTIP, Japan
<b>Lead Lab</b> Yutaka Kimura* Setsuya Aiba**	*VMT Co-chair **Developer of this assay Test method, expertise underlying science	Tohoku Univ., Japan
<b>Hajime Kojima</b>	Management of quality control	JaCVAM, NIHS, Japan (JaCVAM representative)
<b>Takashi Omori</b>	Data analysis, biostatistics dossier	Doshisha Univ., Japan
<b>Liaison members</b>		
<b>ECVAM liaison</b> Emanuela Corcini Joachim Kreysa	Test system expertise, multi-study validation expertise, immunotoxicity expertise	ECVAM, Italy
<b>ICCVAM liaison</b> William Stokes	Test system expertise, multi-study validation expertise	NICEATM, USA
<b>KoCVAM liaison</b> Ai-Young Lee	Test system expertise, multi-study validation expertise	KoCVAM, Korea

## Stages of IL-8 Luc assay validation study under Modular approach



# Adverse Outcome Pathways on skin sensitization assay in near future



## Alternative methods on skin sensitization assay for regulatory use

- Under the ICATM framework, JaCVAM expects to experience **more efficient test validation and review**, as well as more rapid international acceptance of scientifically valid methods.
- To ensure that new or revised tests are validated through comparison with domestically developed or internationally certified standard tests, peer reviewed, and **officially accepted by the regulatory agencies.**



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the 3Rs in animal experiments—Reduction (of animal use)

Refinement (to lessen pain or distress and to enhance animal well-being)

Replacement (of an animal test with one that uses non-animal systems or phylo-genetically lower species)  
(OECD GD34)

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