

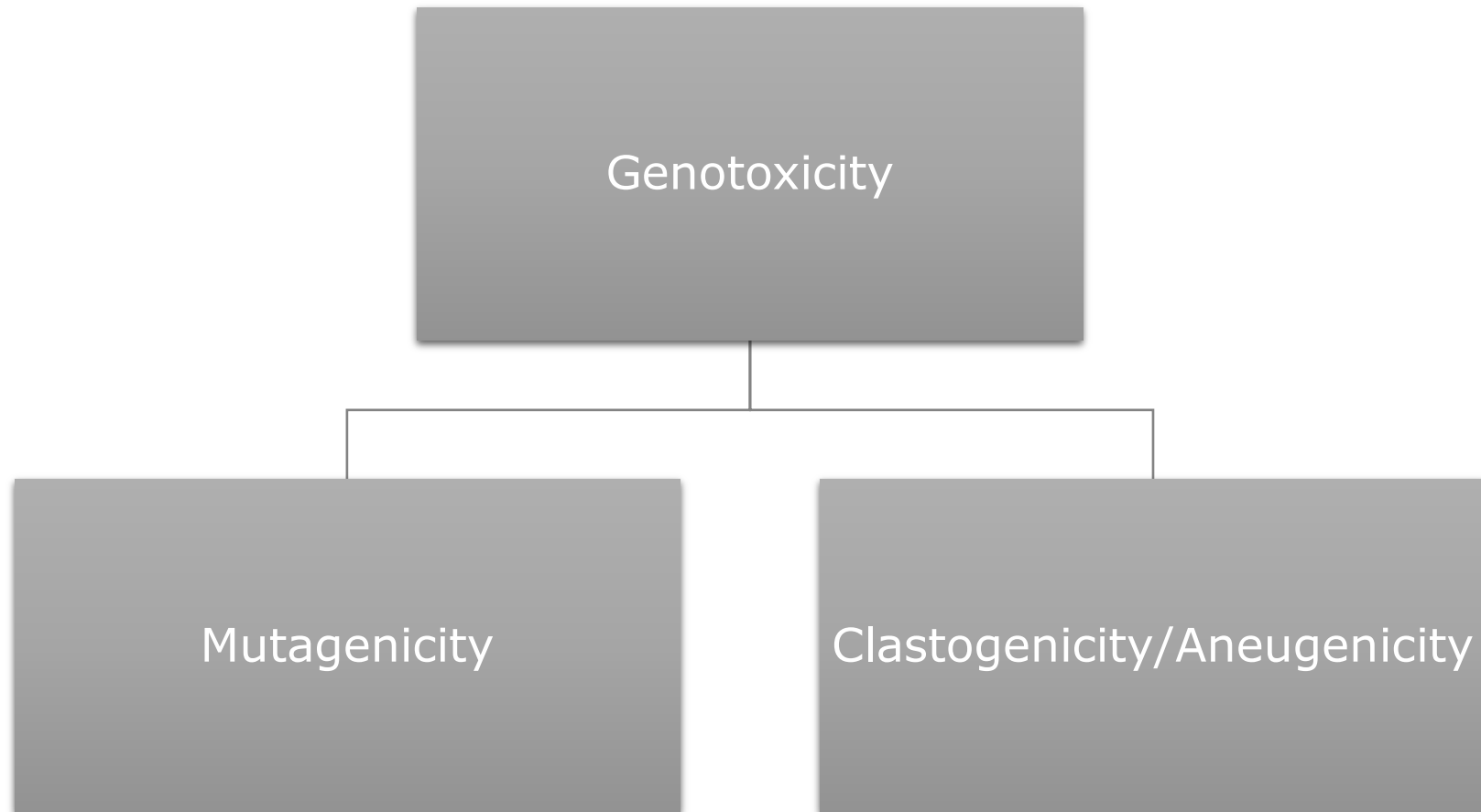
# GTA 2023

Use of Chicken egg assay as an animal alternative testing model to evaluate the genotoxic potential of Drugs and chemicals

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# INTRODUCTION

A mutagen causes genetic mutations versus a clastogen which induces chromosomal/DNA strand breakages

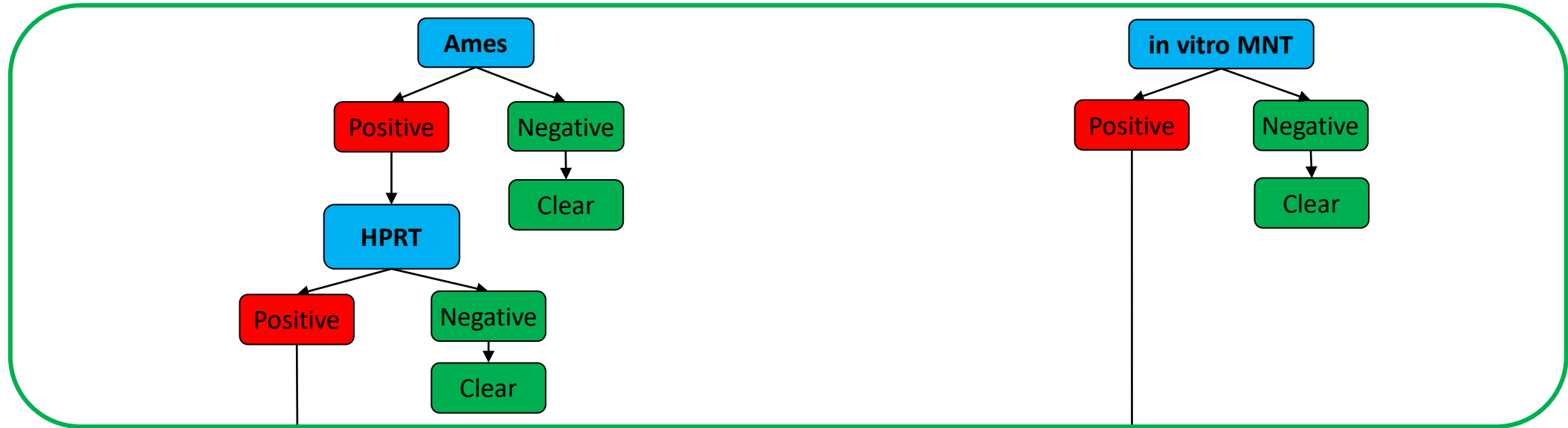


# Step wise approach to genotoxicity testing

## Mutagenicity

## Clastogenicity/Aneugenicity

In vitro



In vivo

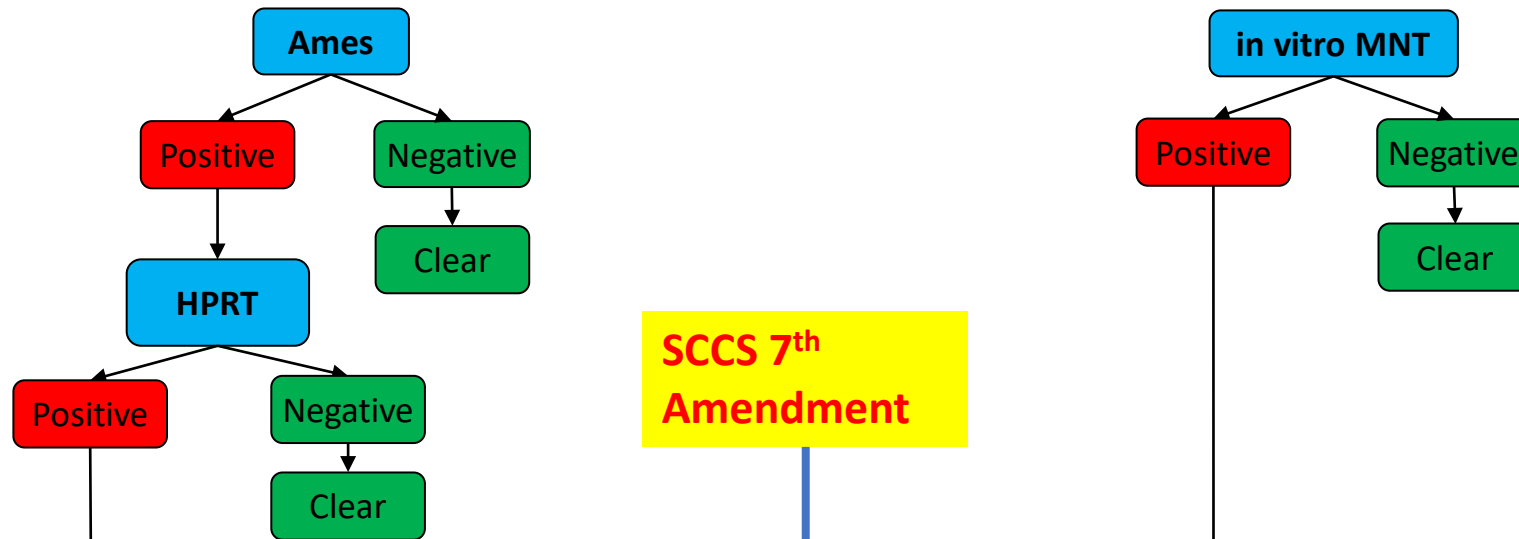


# The SCCS (Scientific Committee on Consumer safety) 7th amendment ban on animal testing has significant impact on the follow-up *in vivo* testing

## Mutagenicity

## Clastogenicity

In vitro

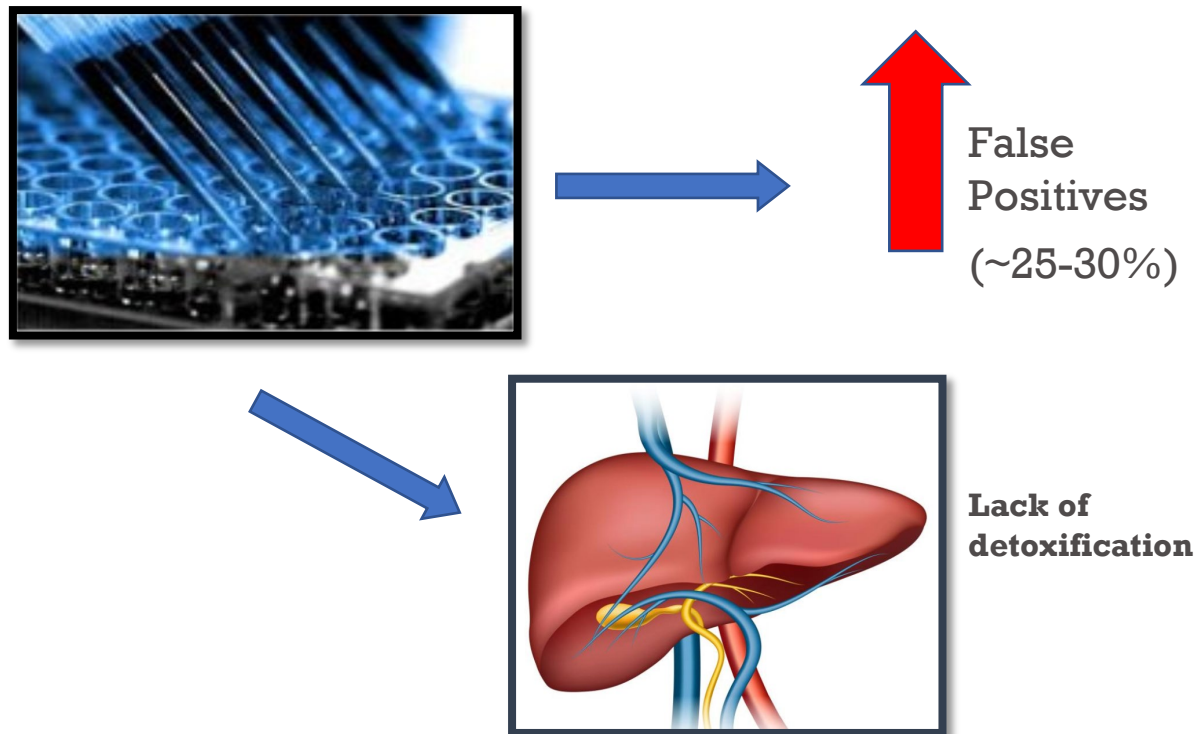


SCCS 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment

In vivo



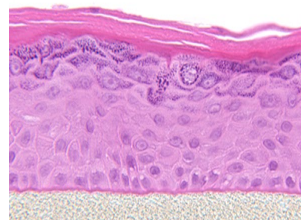
# In vitro models have some serious drawbacks



# Need for more applicable animal alternative assays addressing misleading outcomes in the existing in vitro assays



Dermally Applied products



3DRSMN



Oral intake  
(Flavoring agent)



Lip products

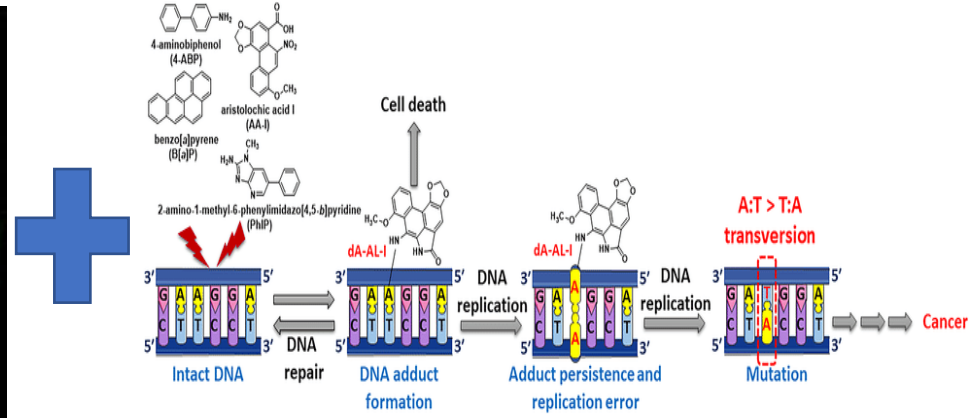
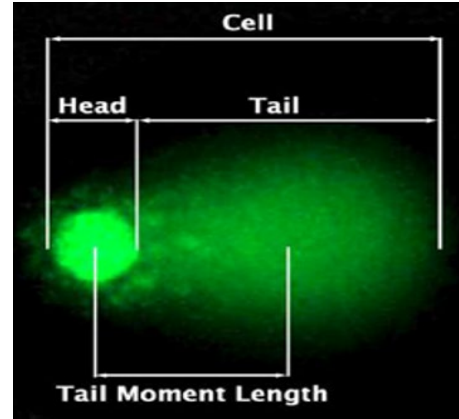
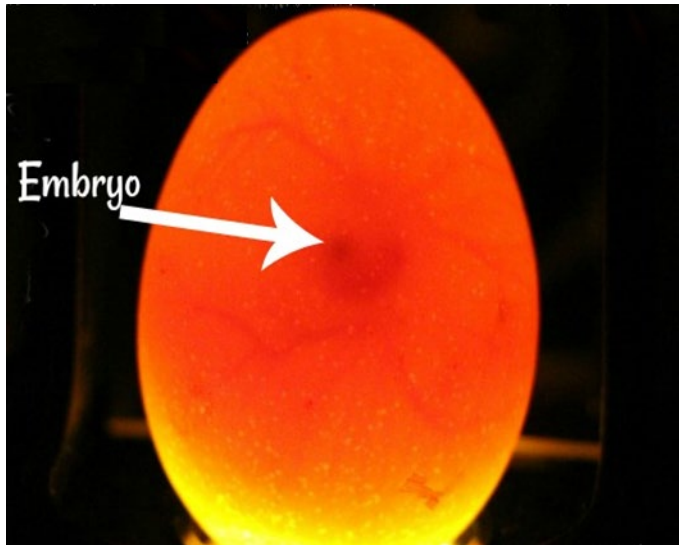


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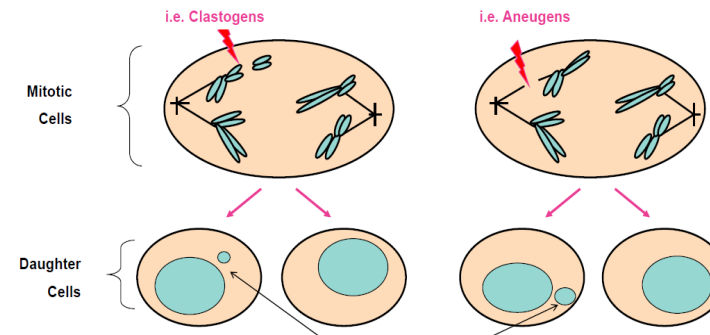
# **Evaluation of the Chicken egg model to detect the genotoxic potential for Chemicals**



# Genotoxicity end-points measured COMET/NPL and Micronucleus



**DNA strand break (Comet assay)/DNA adduct formation (NPL assay)**



**Clastogenicity/Aneugenicity  
(Micronucleus assay)**

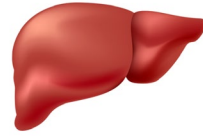
# Selection of Materials for Pilot Study

- ▶ Criteria:
  - ▶ Materials  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  unsaturated aldehyde
  - ▶ Positive data on at least one of the traditional in vitro Ames and/or in vitro micronucleus assay
  - ▶ Has been followed up in vivo COMET and/or micronucleus study
  
- ▶ 4 Materials were identified which satisfy the above criteria

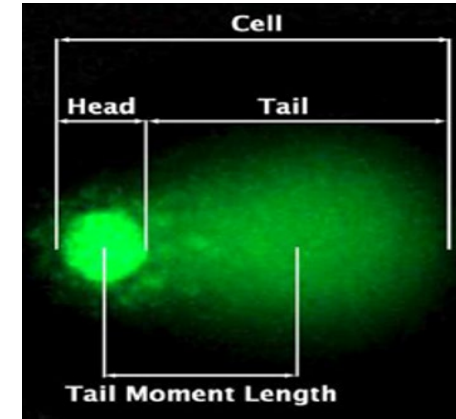
# Study Design

## CEGA COMET/NPL

Incubation period,  
days



Liver sample  
collection



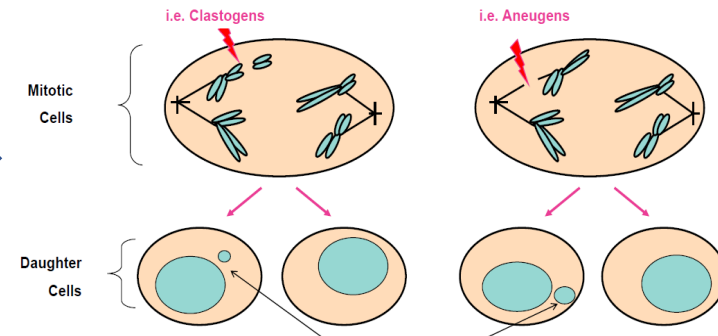
DNA Adduct  
formation

## HET-MN

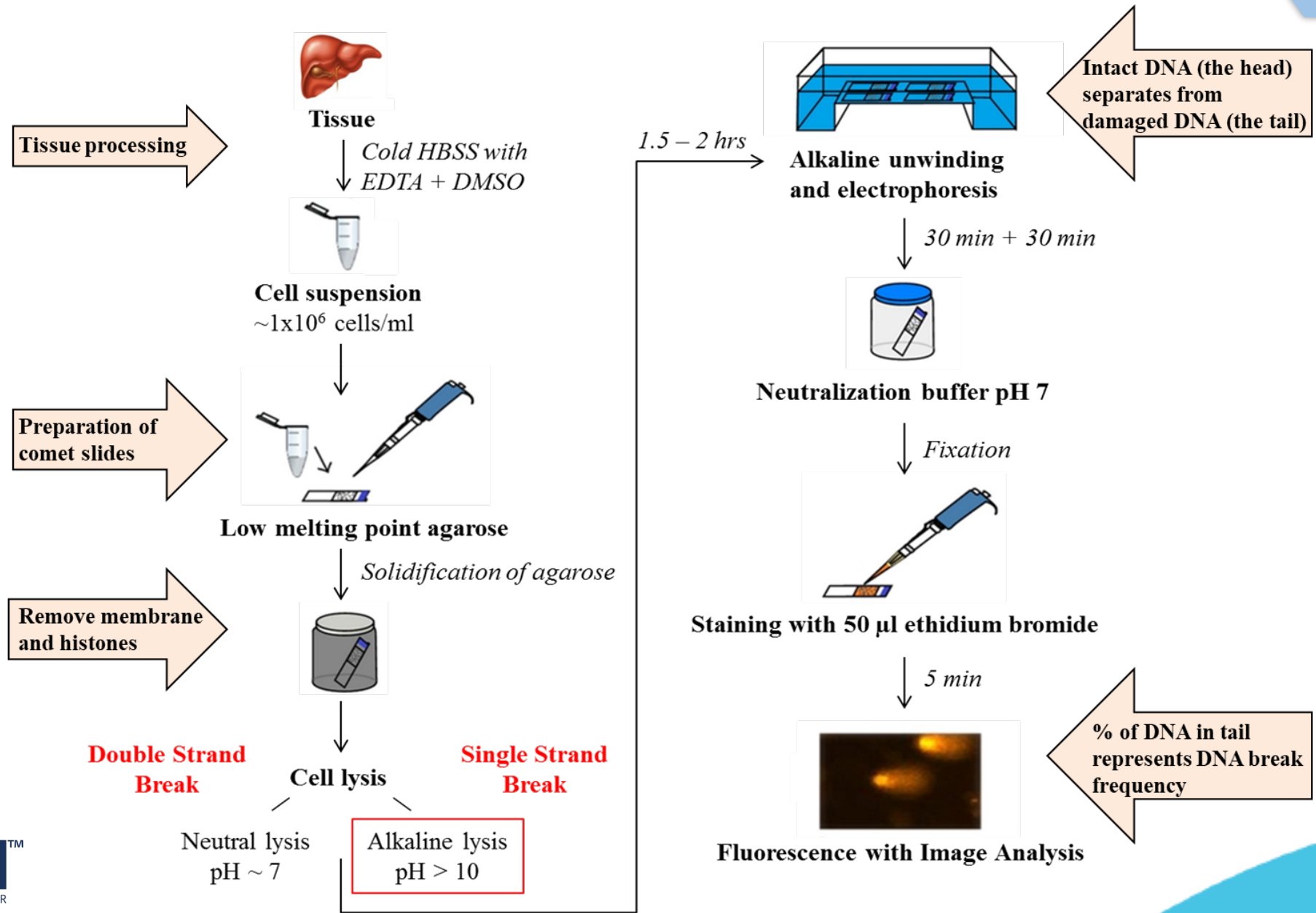
Incubation period,  
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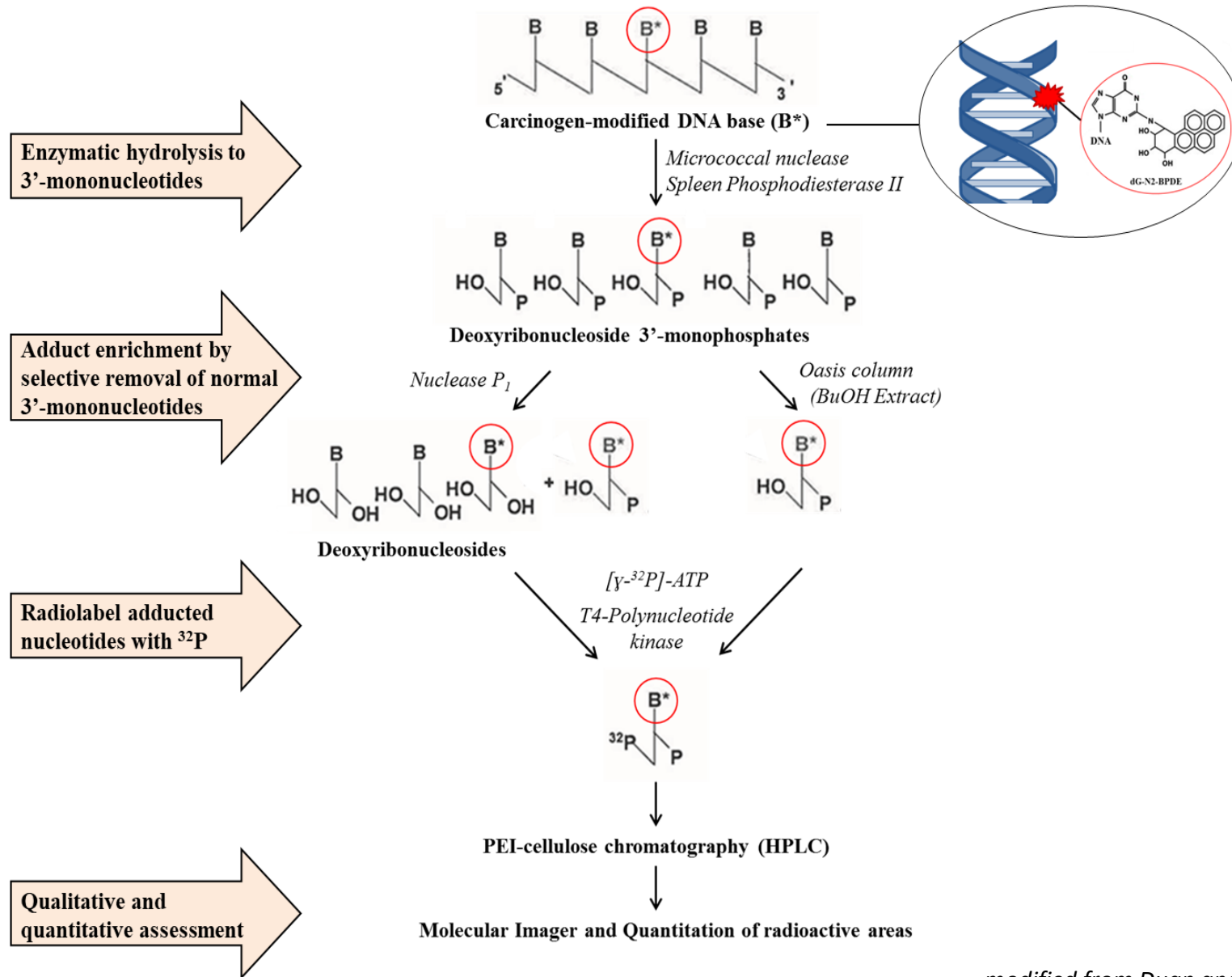
Fixation of umbilical  
artery and blood  
collection



# COMET ASSAY



# <sup>32</sup>P-NUCLEOTIDE POSTLABELING ASSAY

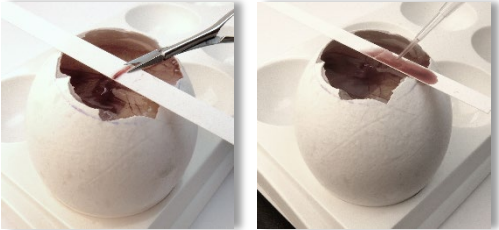


# HET-MN methodology

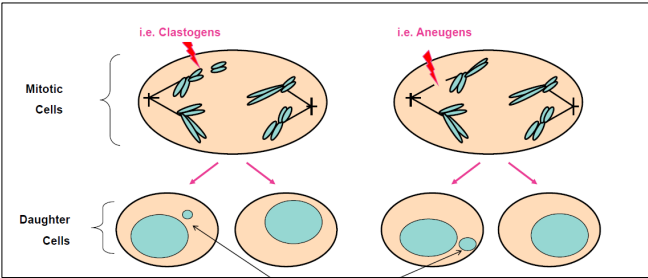
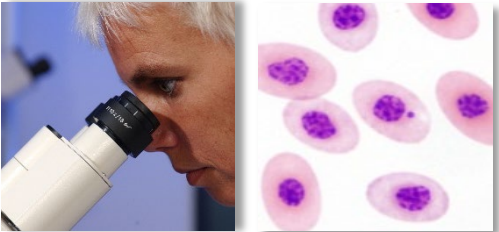
## Application day 8



## Sampling day

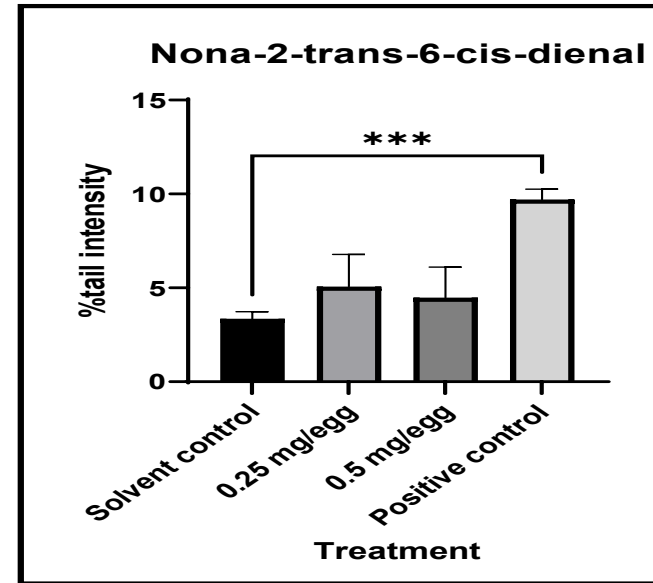
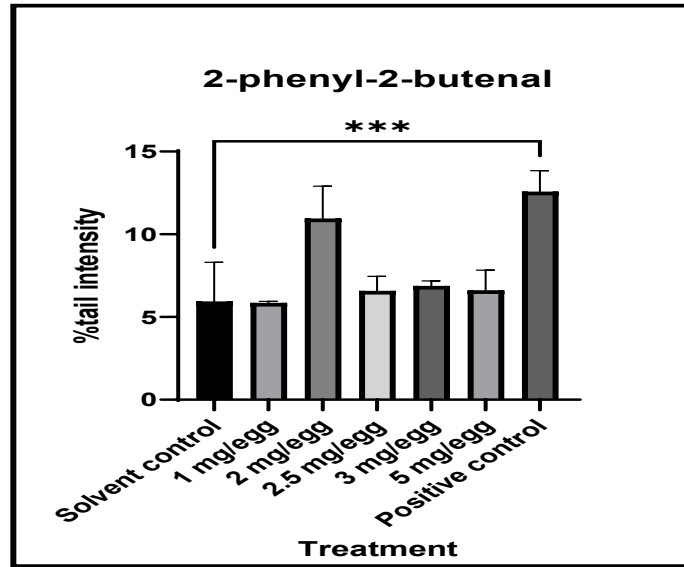


## Analysis



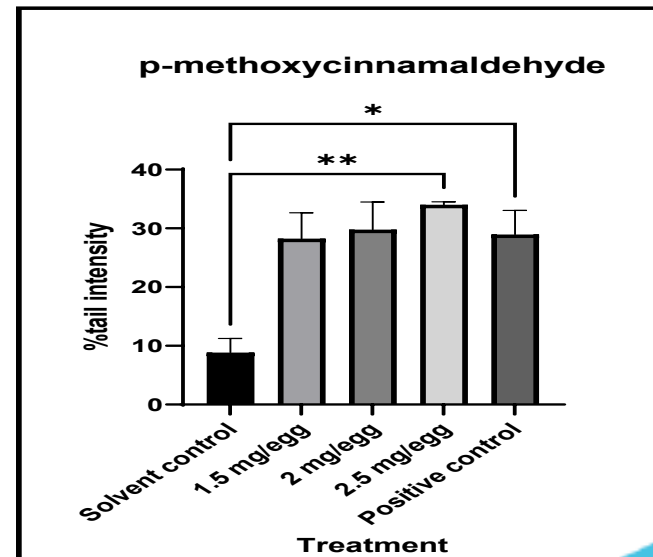
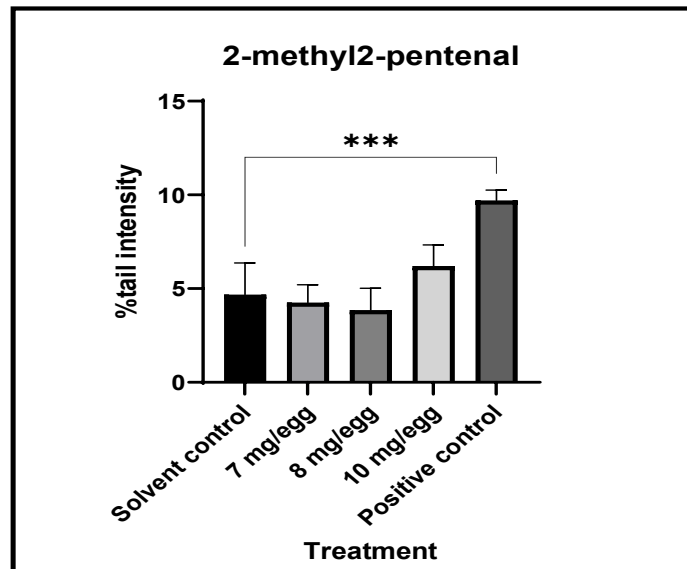
# COMET assay results

Negative



Negative

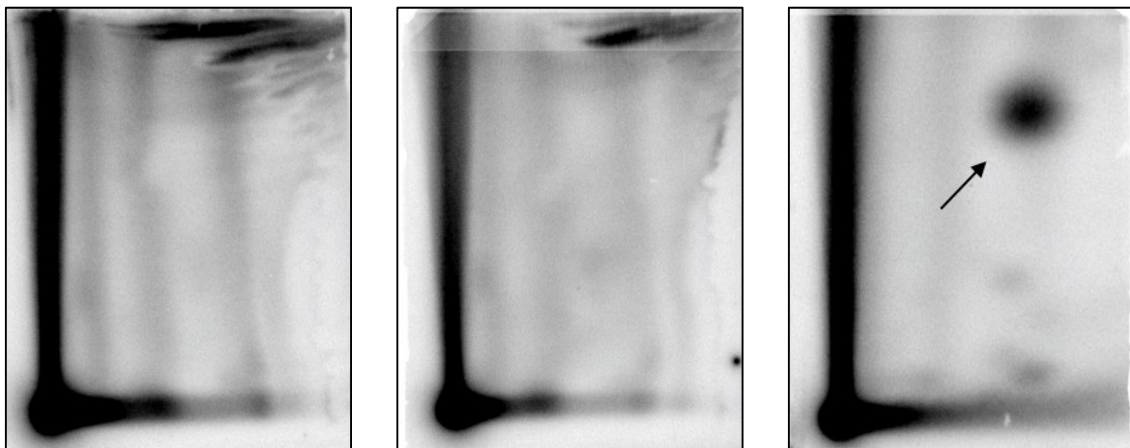
Negative



Positive

# NPL assay results

## 2-Phenyl-2-butenal



Vehicle, 20% HS 15

2-Phenyl-2-butenal, 5 mg/egg

Quinoline, 5 mg/egg

## Nona-2-trans-6-cis-dienal

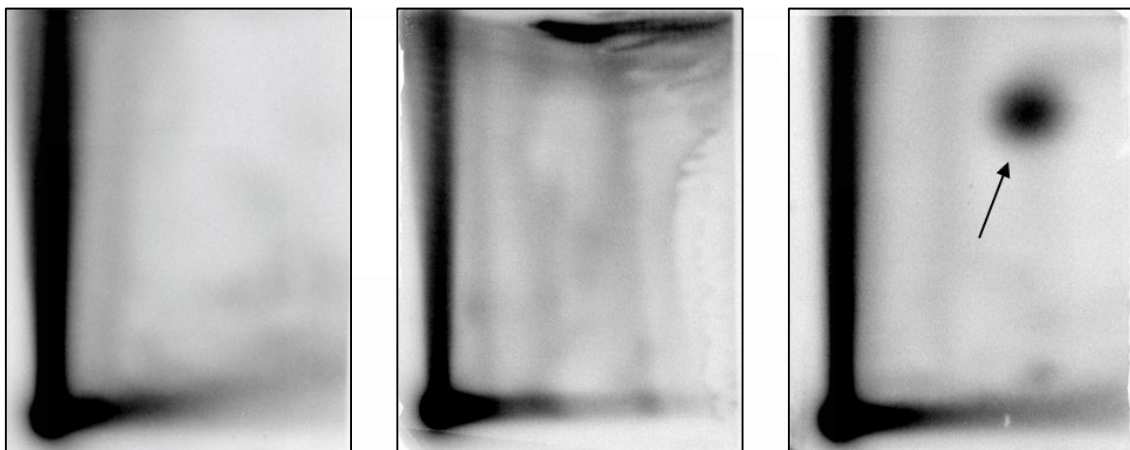


Vehicle, 20% HS 15

Nona-2 trans-6-cis-dienal,  
0.5 mg/egg

Quinoline, 5 mg/egg

## 2-Methyl-2-pentenal



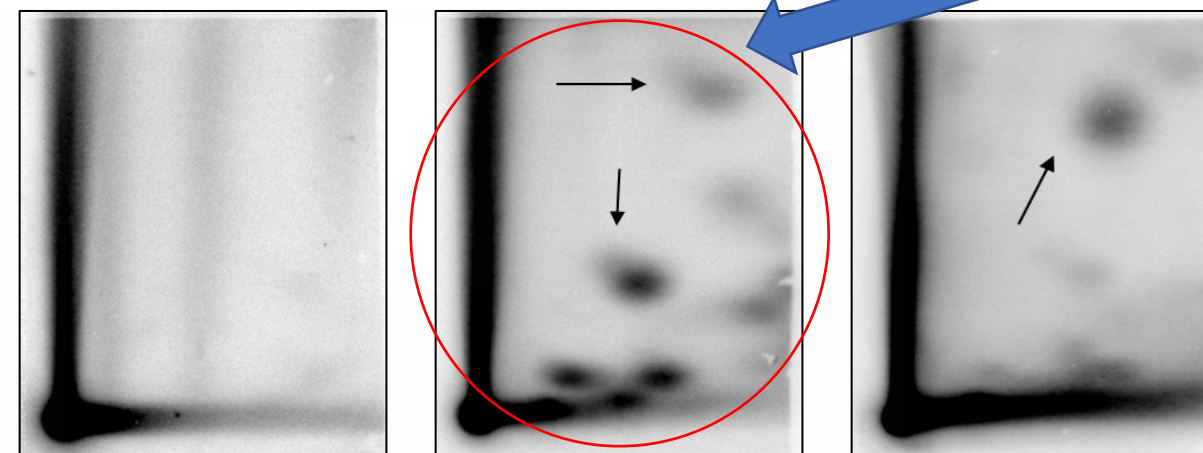
Vehicle, 20% HS 15

2-Methyl-2-pentenal, 8 mg/egg

Quinoline, 5 mg/egg

## p-Methoxy cinnamaldehyde

**Positive**



Vehicle, 20% HS 15

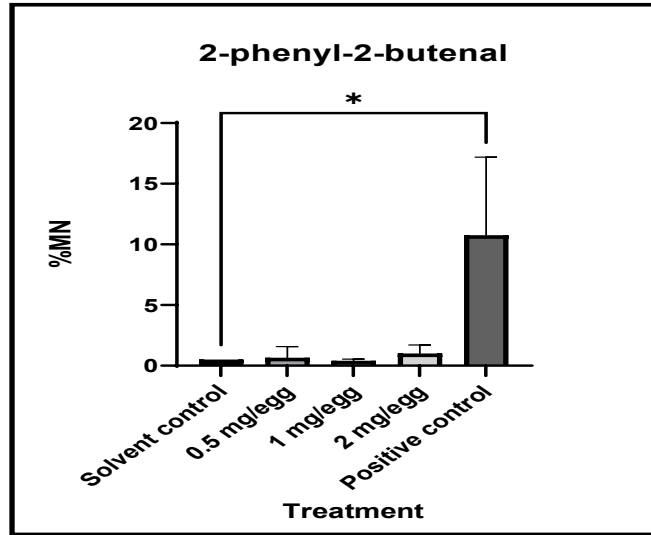
p-Methoxy cinnamaldehyde,  
2.5 mg/egg

Quinoline, 5 mg/egg

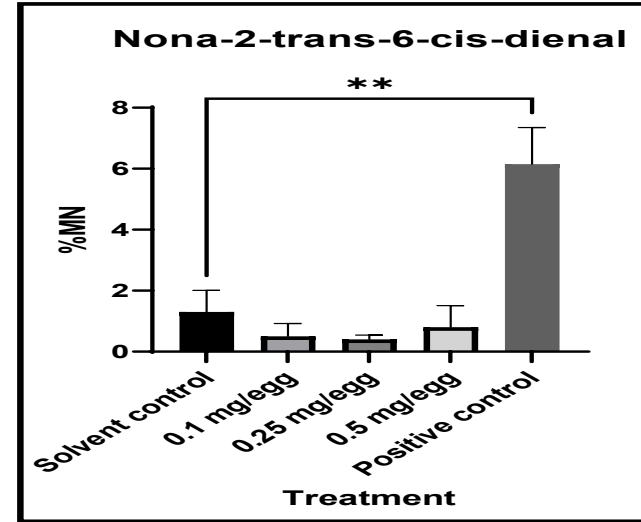


# MNT assay results

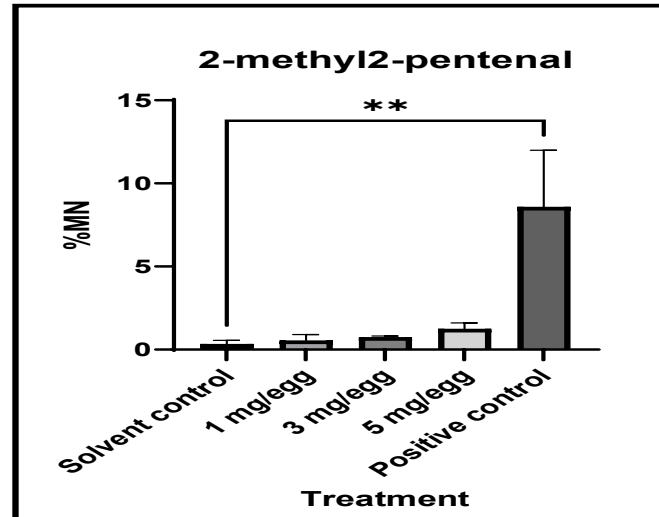
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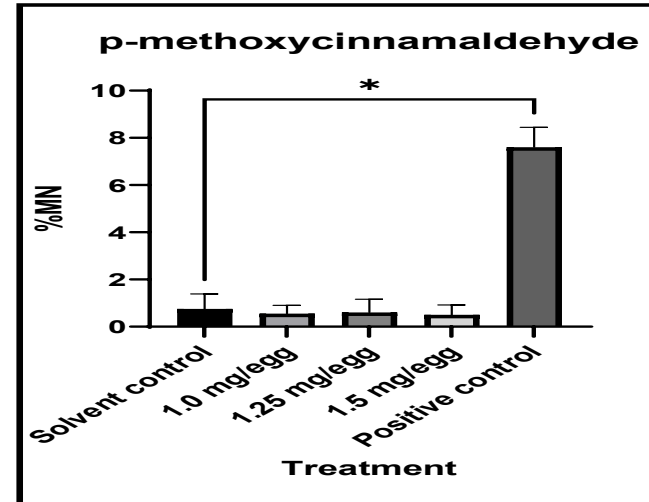
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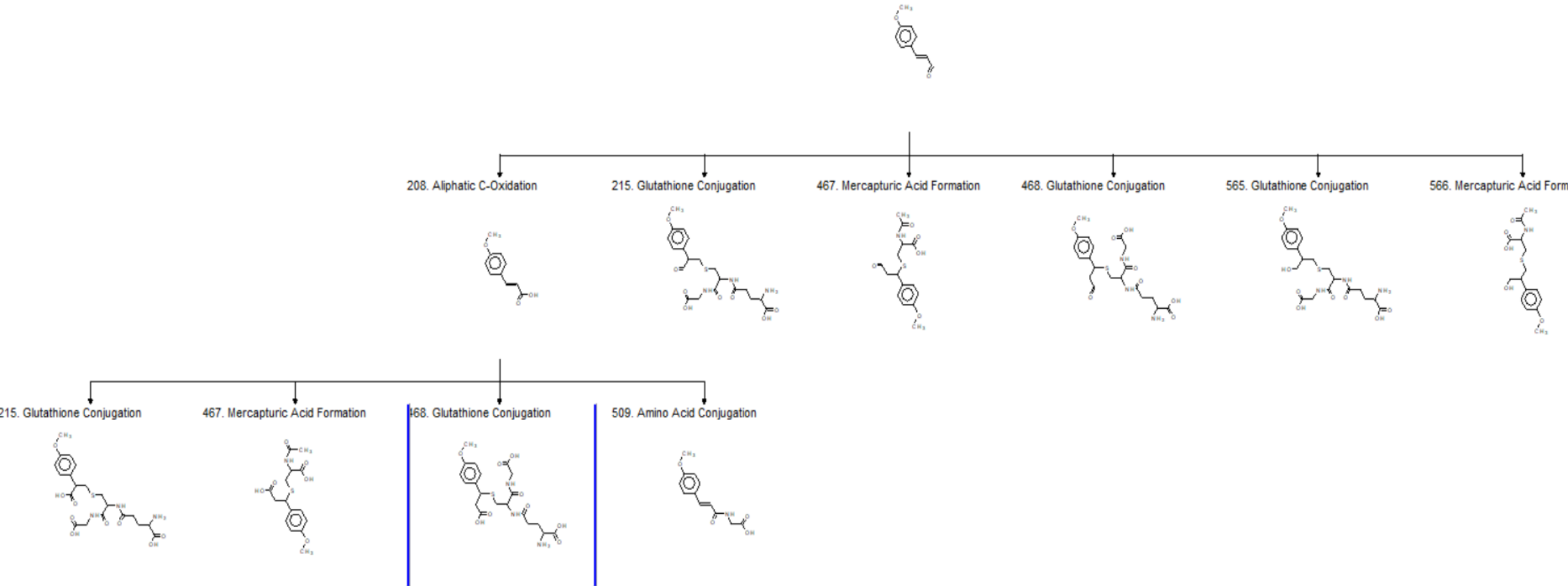
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Negative



# In-silco prediction

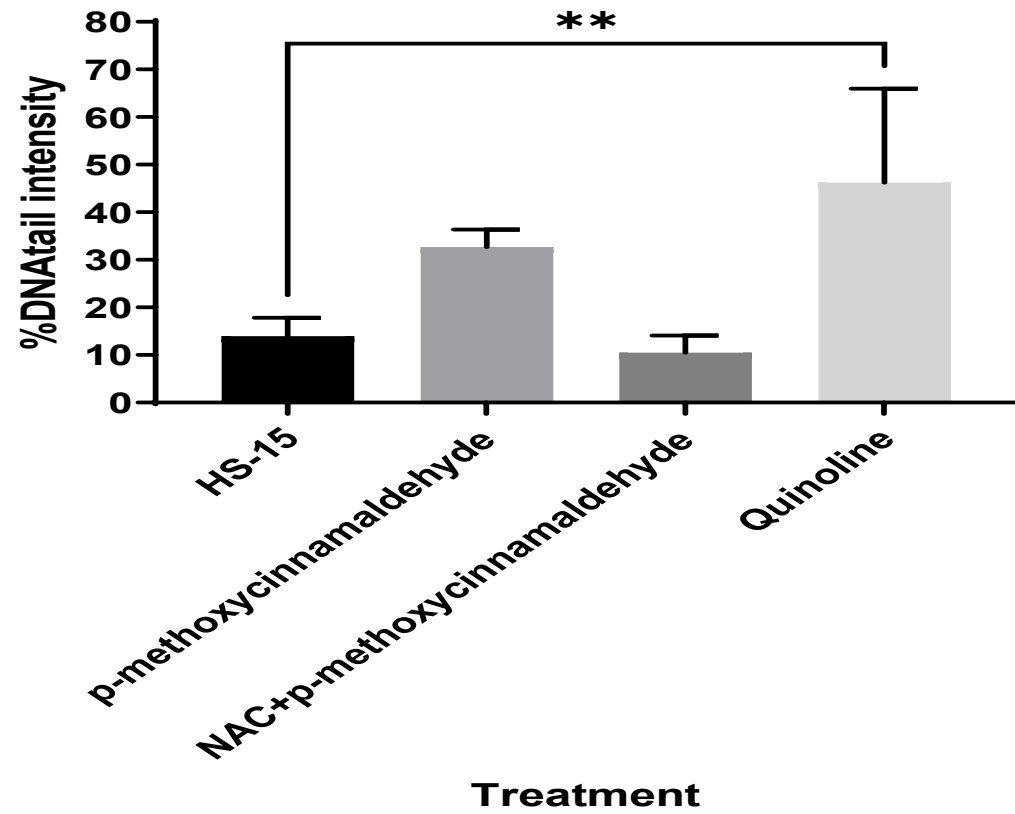


# The *In ovo* model results from a pilot study conducted using fragrance materials showed promising concordance when compared to results from *in vivo* (animal) studies

Chemical Name	CAS #	Ames	In vitro MNT	In vivo COMET	In vivo MNT	CEGA COMET/NPL	HET-MN
2-phenyl-2-butenal	4411-89-6	+		-	-	-	-
2-methyl-2-pentenal	623-36-9	-	+	-	-	-	-
Nona-2-trans-6-cis dienal	557-48-2		+	-	-	-	-
p-methoxycinnamaldehyde	1963-36-6	+	+	-	-	+	-

Glutathione depletion → Repeat using N-acetyl cysteine/NADPH

p-methoxycinnamaldehyde+N-acetylcysteine (NAC)



Negative

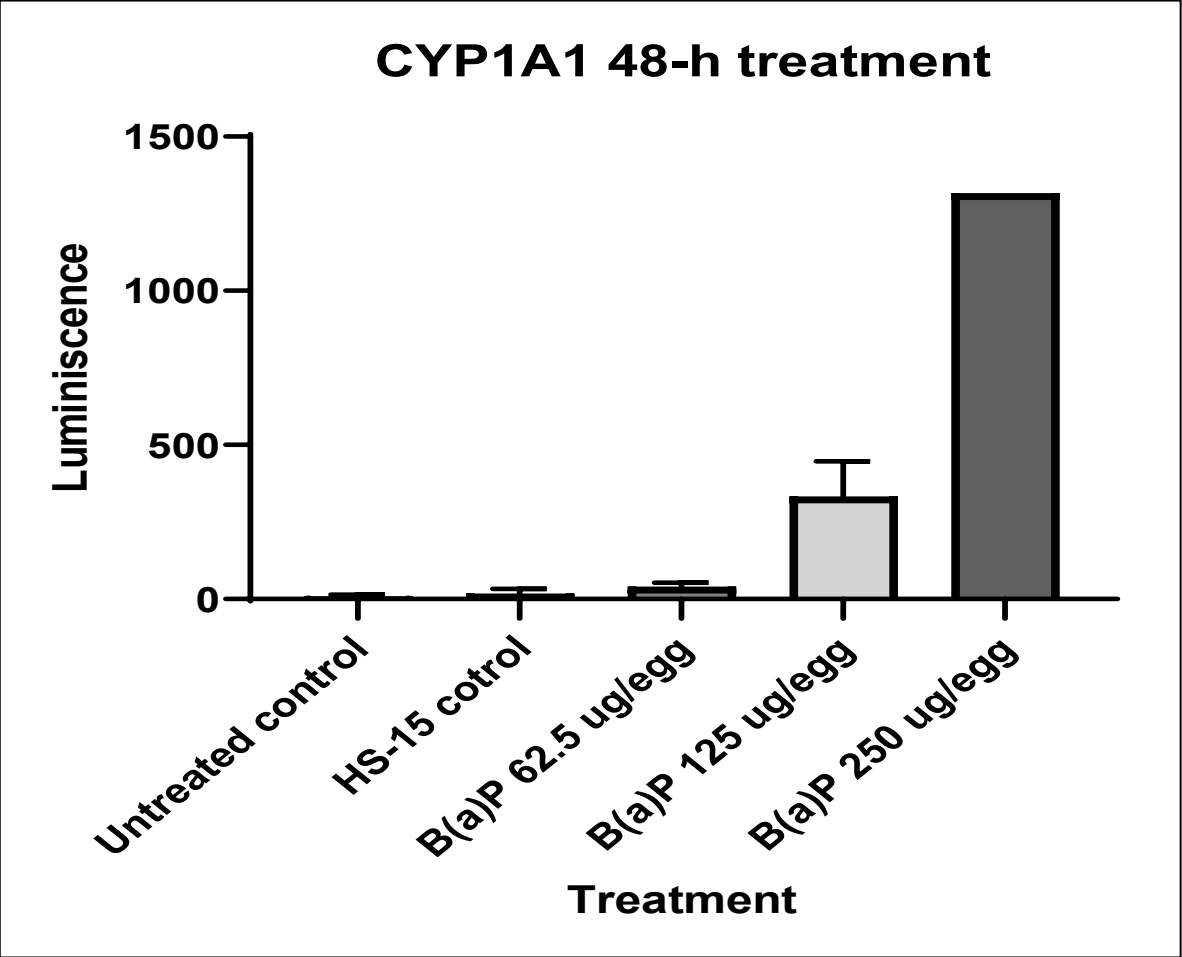
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# Enzyme activity studies

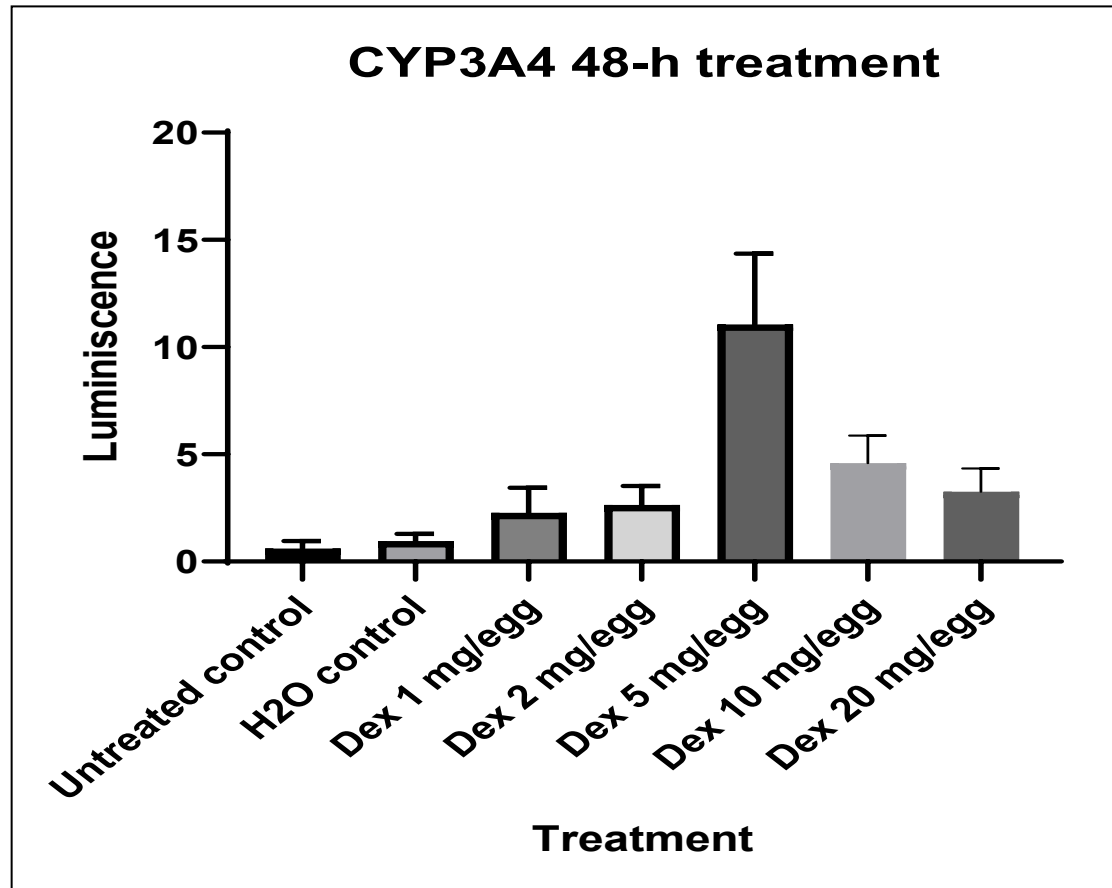
# Phase-I enzymes

- ▶ CYP1A1
- ▶ CYP3A4
- ▶ CYP2C9

# Increase in CYP1A1 activity in a dose dependent manner when treated with Benzo-a-pyrene

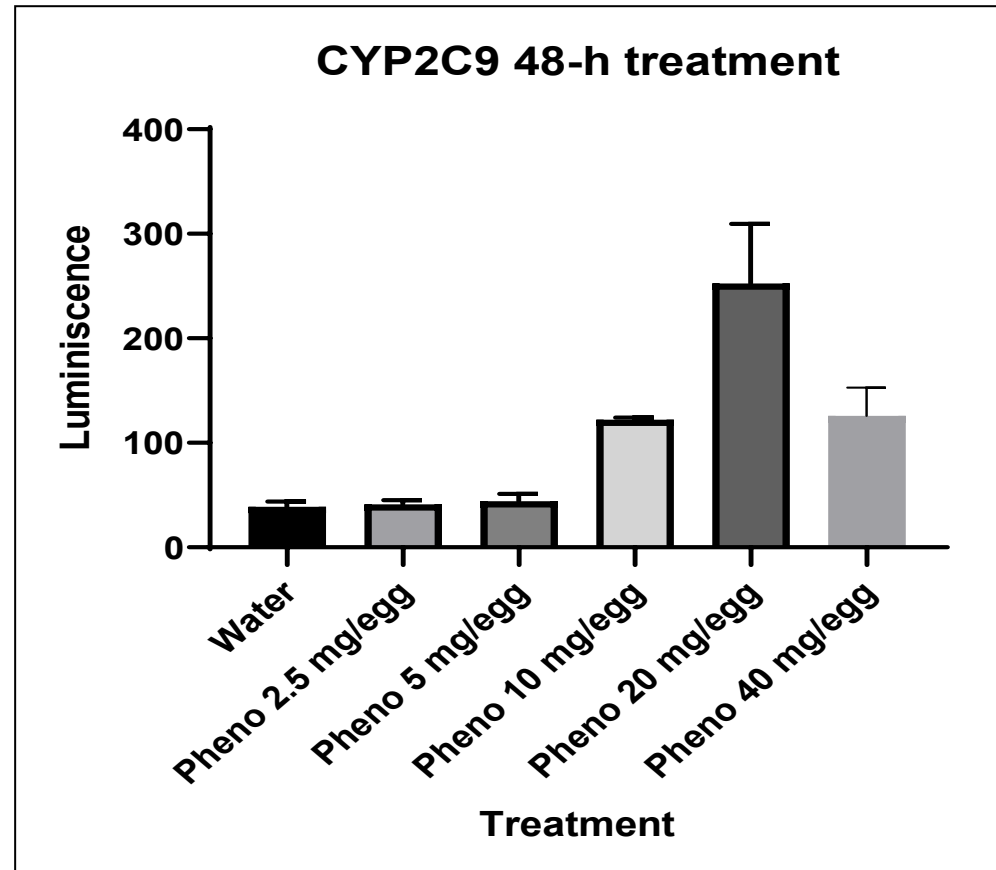


# Increase in CYP3A4 activity in a dose dependent manner when treated with Dexamethasone





# Increase in CYP2C9 activity in a dose dependent manner when treated with Phenobarbital

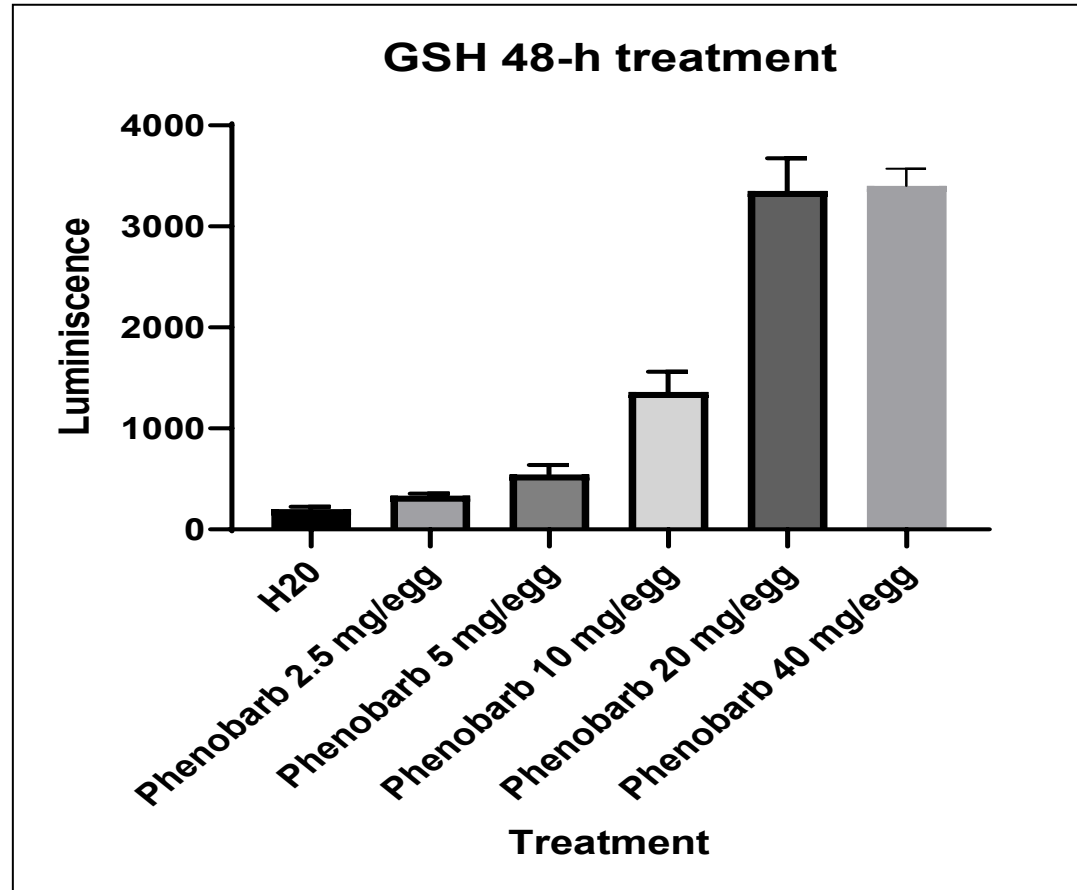


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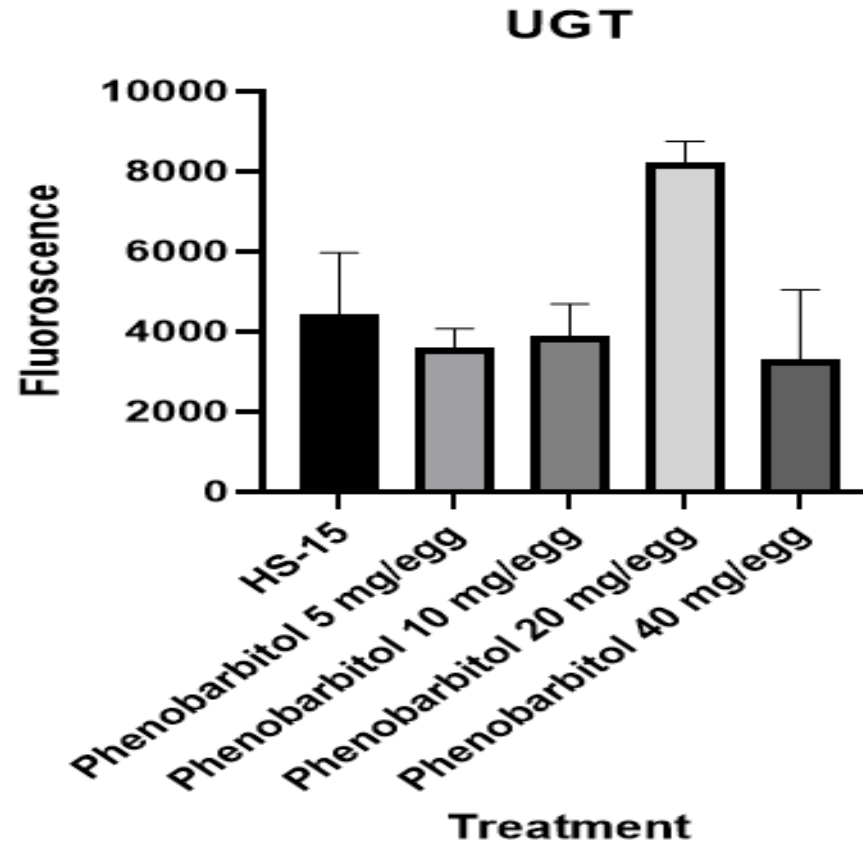
▶ GSH

▶ UGT

# Increase in GSH activity in a dose dependent manner when treated with Phenobarbital



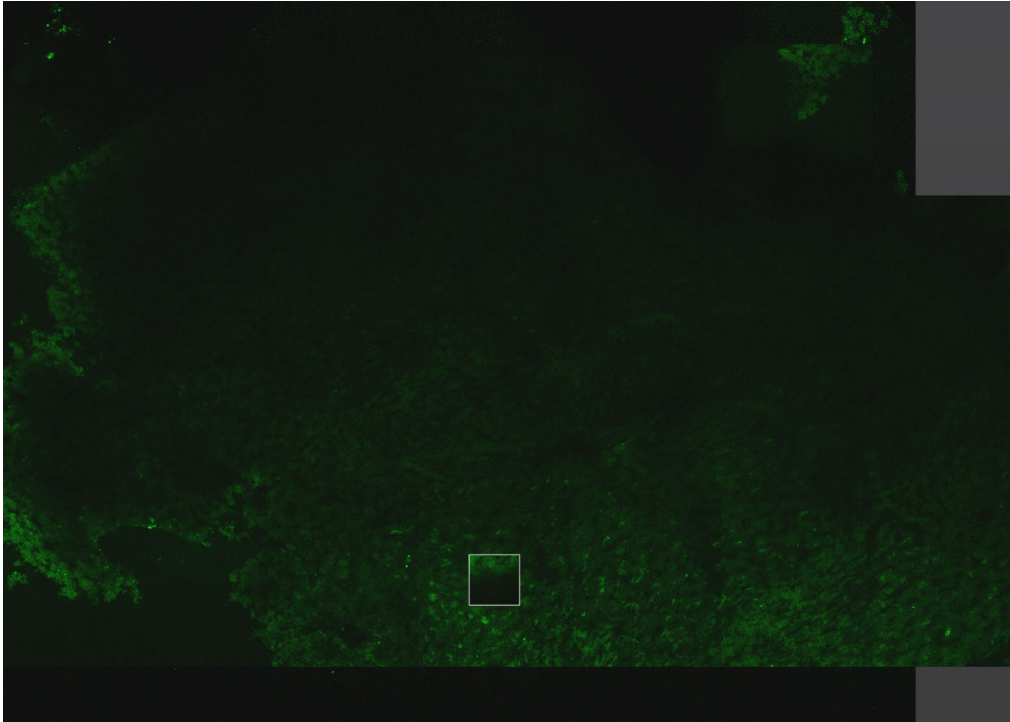
# Increase in UGT activity in a dose dependent manner when treated with Phenobarbital



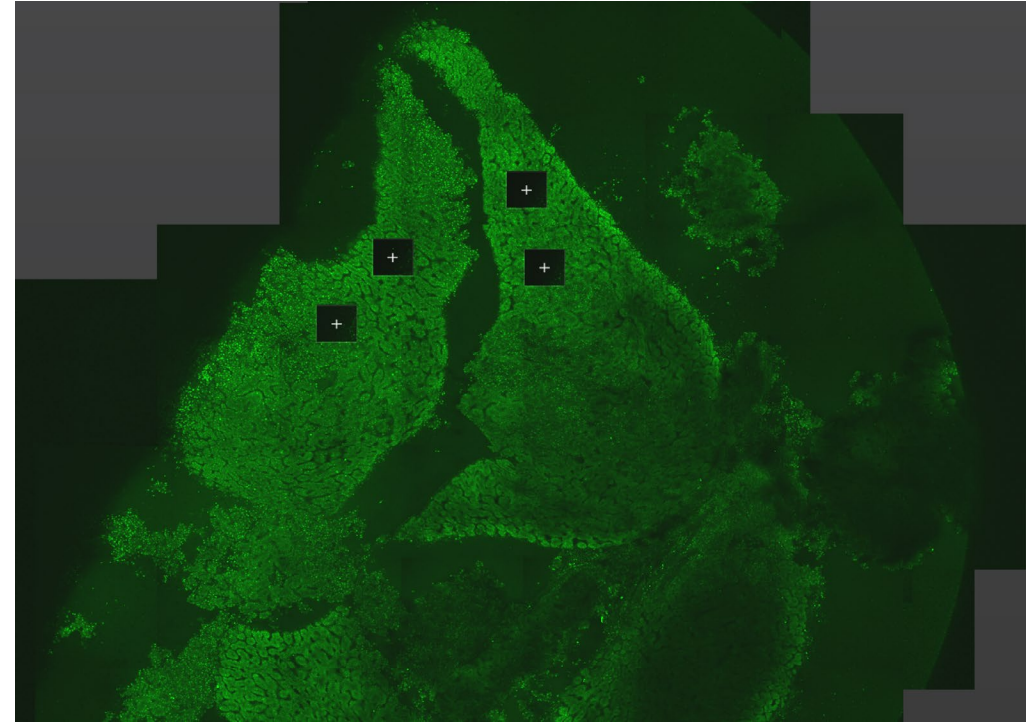
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# Target Tissue Exposure study

# Acridine Orange treatment to demonstrate target tissue exposure



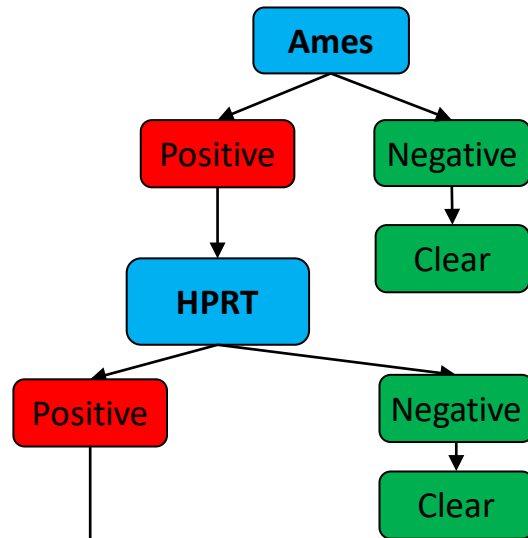
Water treatment Liver tissue



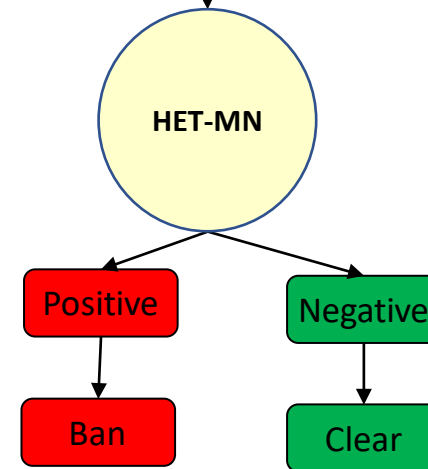
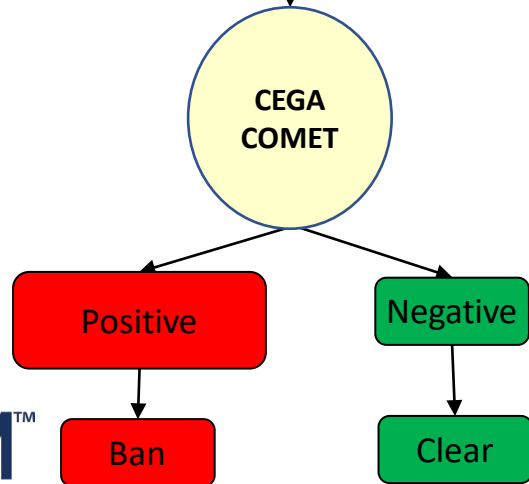
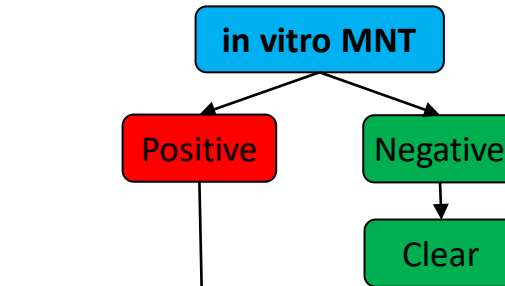
Acridine orange treatment  
Liver tissue

# Animal alternative Testing strategy

## Mutagenicity



## Clastogenicity



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**Thoughts/Suggestions/Questions?**