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# HAWC: Presentation Outline

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  - Animal bioassay data extraction and visualization
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## Contributors and collaborators

**HAWC was originally my graduate-school master's thesis; now an open-source development project with a steering committee/support from multiple organizations.**

- NIEHS/NTP
  - Office of Health Assessment and Translation (OHAT)
  - Program Operations Branch (POB)
- WHO/IARC Monographs Program
- US EPA National Center for Computational Toxicology
- Graduate committee
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  - Rebecca Fry (UNC Chapel-Hill)
  - Fred Wright (NC State University)

### Support provided by:





# Literature based human health assessments are hard

1. Multiple increasingly complex datastreams and areas of expertise
2. No database currently exists which contains data used in the production of these assessments
3. Best practices to improve transparency are more data driven and are difficult to manage using conventional approaches

## **HAWC software goal:**

**Web-based content management system to create, store, share, and display data and results in order to conduct human health assessments**





# Overall HAWC project requirements

- **Team collaboration** – multiple users can work on a single assessment
- **Automate** report generation, and **standardize** the process of building an assessment, based on existing guidance
- **Modular** architecture based on key components in assessment process such as literature search, data extraction, and synthesis
- Facilitates **integration** with existing tools and information
- Enables **stakeholders** to engage, participate, and **dive into the details**
- Makes the process more **transparent**
- **Open source**; should be free to use, and easy to collaborative with

Create a HAWC account or view public-assessments:

<https://hawcproject.org>

*Actively under development; feedback is appreciated.*

Compatible browsers:



Chrome\*



IE 9+



Safari



Firefox

\*Recommended browser



# Content management system with tiered access

HAWC Settings

Home /

[Select an Assessment](#)

## Welcome, Paul Bunyan.

Welcome to the HAWC portal screen. Here you're able to create new assessments, or work on existing assessments. Each assessment is a unique risk assessment profile.

### Assessments you're managing:

Name	Year	Latest Version	Date Created
<a href="#">Dihydrogen monoxide (2009)</a>	2009	1	Jan. 31, 2013, 8:08 p.m.

### Assessments you're a team-member on:

Name	Year	Latest Version	Date Created
<a href="#">test_cases (2013)</a>	2013	v2	Jan. 25, 2013, 7:50 p.m.
<a href="#">Nitrofen (2012)</a>	2012	1	Jan. 28, 2013, 12:32 p.m.

[Create a New Assessment](#)

## Levels of access:

- **Project managers:** change permissions settings, including who can edit assessment content and which modules are enabled
- **Team members:** add, edit, and delete content
- **Reviewers:** view assessment and potentially add comments before assessment is public
- **Public:** if an assessment is made public, the general-public can view and potentially add comments (if commenting is enabled)

## Update Nitrofen (demo) (2012)

Update an existing assessment to be saved in HAWC. Assessments are the base component, to which additional components can be added.

Assessment Name

Chemical Identifier (CAS)

Assessment Year

Assessment Version

Project Manager(s)  ✕

Have full assessment control, including the ability to add team members, make public, or delete an assessment

Team Member(s)  ✕ ✕

Can view and edit assessment components, when the project is editable

Reviewers(s)  ✕

Can view assessment components in read-only mode; can also add comments.

Editable  Team-members are allowed to edit assessment components.

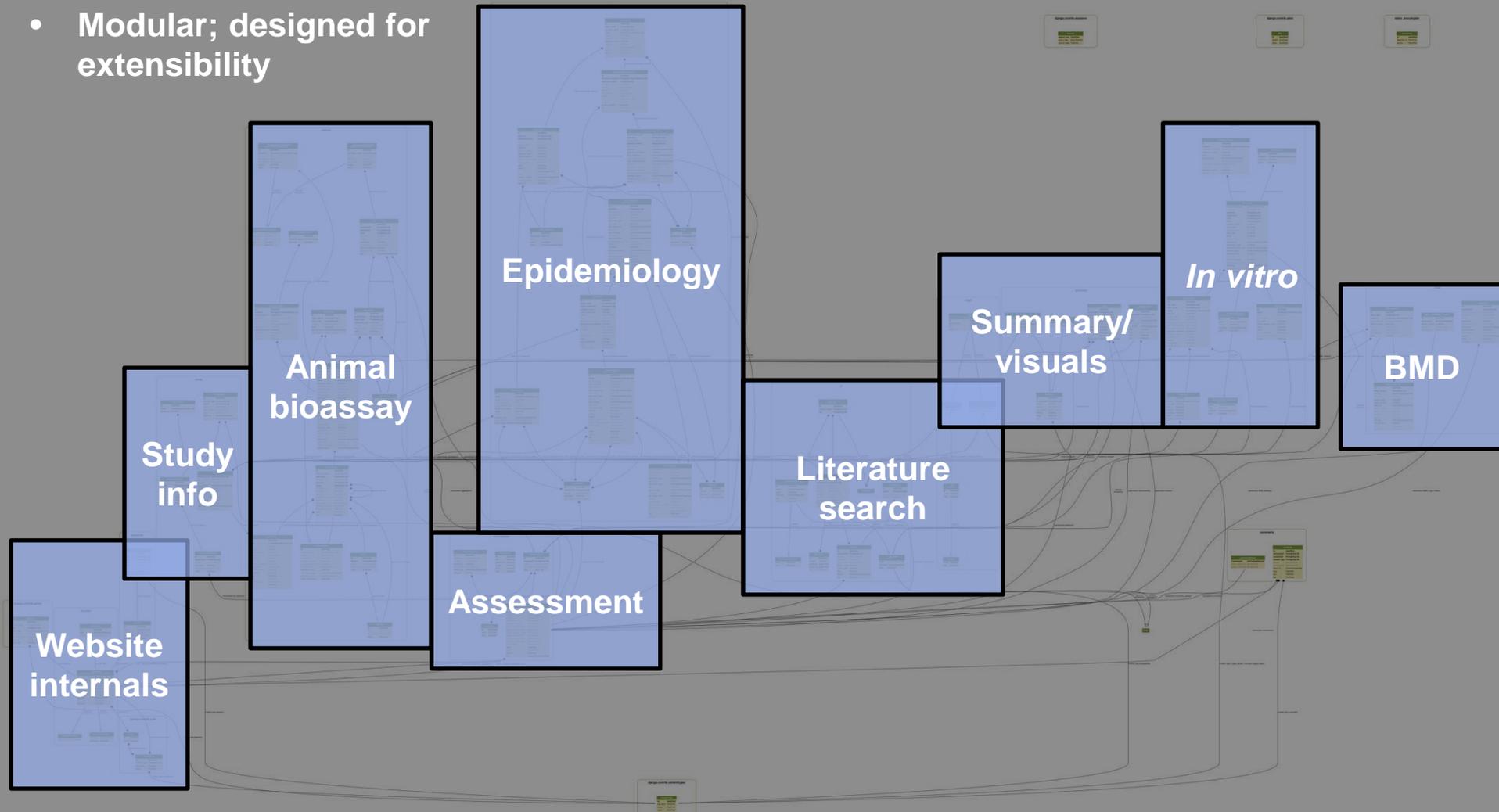
Public  The assessment and all components are publicly assessable.

[Update assessment](#) [Cancel](#)



# HAWC database schema

- 102 tables
- 9 modules
- Modular; designed for extensibility





## Different assessments demonstrate HAWC features

- WHO/IARC Monograph 112: Parathion
  - **Literature search and initial screening**
- NTP/OHAT Fluoride assessment
  - **Risk of bias evaluation**
  - **Animal bioassay data extraction**
- NTP/OHAT Folic Acid assessment
  - **Epidemiological data extraction**
- NTP/OHAT BPA analogues (ongoing)
  - ***In vitro* data extraction**



## Literature search and initial screening

### Section 4.2.4- Parathion epigenetics

[Actions ▾](#)

Description	Section 4.2.4 Epigenetics
Search Type	Search
Search Database	PubMed
Search Text	("parathion"[MeSH Terms] OR "parathion"[All Fields] OR ("paraoxon"[MeSH Terms] OR "paraoxon"[All Fields]) NOT ("methyl parathion"[MeSH Terms] OR "methyl parathion"[All Fields]) AND ("rna"[MeSH Terms] OR "rna"[All Fields] OR "na, messenger"[MeSH Terms] OR "na"[All Fields] OR "messenger na"[All Fields] OR "mrna"[All Fields] OR "histones"[MeSH Terms] OR "histones"[All Fields] OR "epigenetic"[All Fields] OR "miRNA"[All Fields] OR "methylation"[All Fields])
Created	Sept. 29, 2014, 7:43 a.m.
Last Updated	June 8, 2015, 8:52 a.m.

### Literature Tagging Statistics

Total References	62
Total Tagged	62
Total Untagged	0
Reference details	<a href="#">View by tag</a> <a href="#">Visualization</a>

### Results from queries

Date last executed	Total references found	References added	References removed
March 2, 2015, 3:16 a.m.	62	0	0
Feb. 11, 2015, 4:02 a.m.	62	0	0
Sept. 29, 2014, 7:43 a.m.	62	62	0



## Literature search and initial screening

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### References

#### Tagged

Abo-Amer A 2011  
**Aviram M and Rosenblat M 2008**  
Ben-Shaul Y et al. 2006  
Benke GM and Murphy SD 1974  
Boesch-Saadatmandi C et al. 2010  
Brophy VH et al. 2000  
Bustos-Obregón E, Díaz O, and Sobarzo C 2001  
Chang PA, Chen R, and Wu YJ 2005  
Chang PA, Long DX, and Wu YJ 2007  
Charoenying T et al. 2011  
Corbett MD et al. 1988  
Damiri B et al. 2012  
Dombrowski T et al. 1966  
Geyer BC et al. 2012  
Gudmundson C and Semb H 1971  
Hatcher JF and Swaminathan S 1992

### Tags for current reference

**Section 4/Inclusion/Toxicokinetics/Metabolism/Human**

[Save and go to next untagged](#) [Remove all tags](#)

### Reference details:

Methods Mol. Biol. 2008; 477 ():259-76

#### **Paraoxonases (PON1, PON2, PON3) analyses in vitro and in vivo in relation to cardiovascular diseases.**

Aviram M and Rosenblat M

Mammalian paraoxonases (PON1, PON2, PON3) are a unique family of calcium-dependent hydrolases, with enzymatic activities toward a broad range of substrates (lactones, thiolactones, carbonates, esters, phosphotriesters). Although PONs physiological substrates were not yet identified, some studies suggest that they could be some lactones, or some specific oxidized phospholipids, or products of both enzymatic and nonenzymatic oxidation of arachidonic and docosahexaenoic acid, as well as N-acyl-homoserine lactones (which are quorum-sensing signals of pathogenic bacteria). Since no endogenous substrates for PONs activity determination are available yet, synthetic substrates such as paraoxon, phenyl acetate, and several lactones are used for PONs activity assays. All three members of the PON family (PON 1/2/3) were shown to protect from atherosclerosis development. Their anti-atherogenic biological activities were studied in vitro using serum or cell cultures, and also in vivo, using PON 1/2/3 knockout or transgenic mice, as well as humans - healthy volunteers and atherosclerotic patients (diabetics, hypercholesterolemic, and hypertensives).

PubMed link: [19082953](#)

### Available Tags

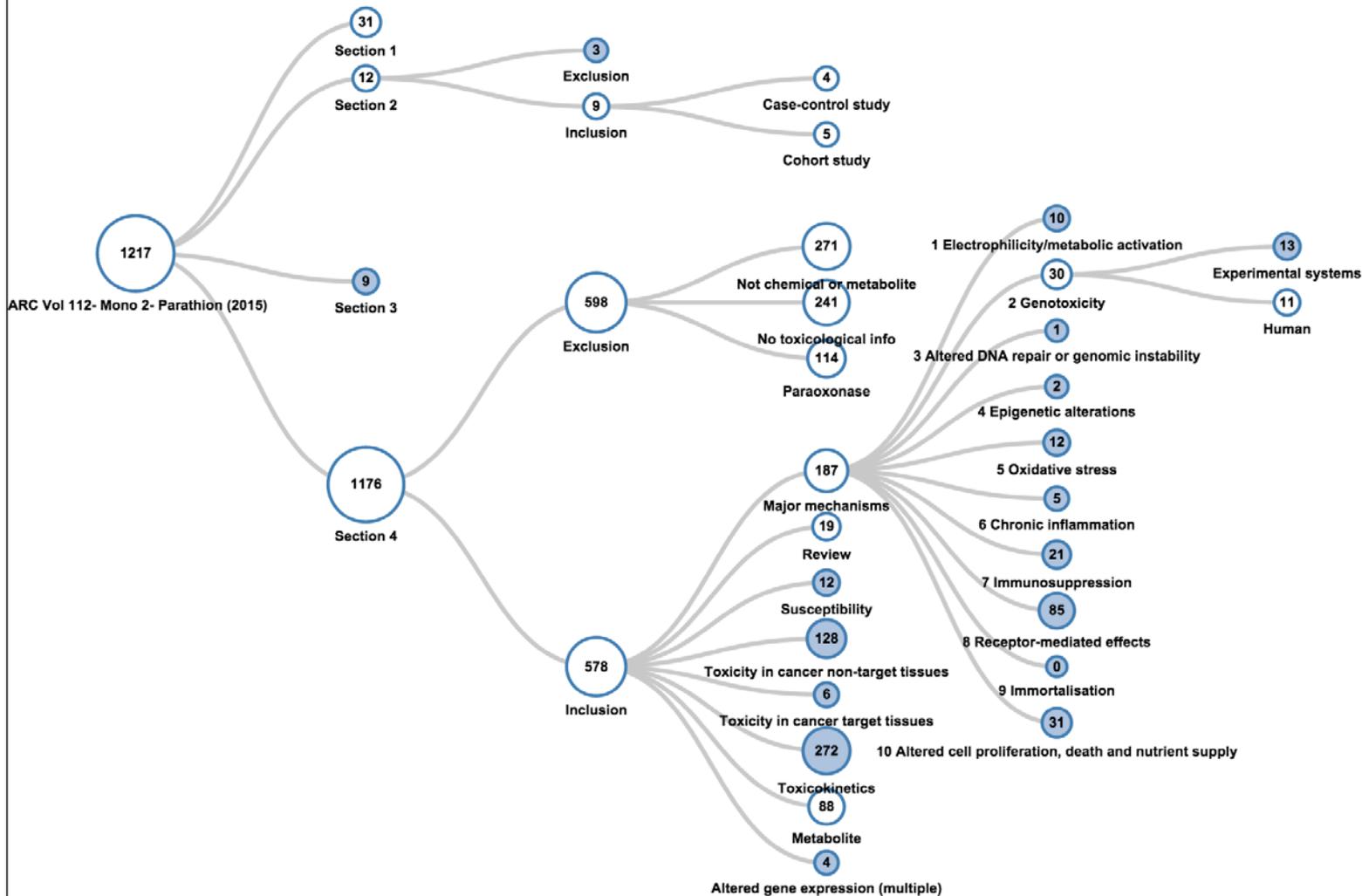
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- Section 1
- + Section 2
- + Section 3
- Section 4
  - Exclusion
    - Not chemical or metabolite
    - No toxicological info
    - Paraoxonase
  - Inclusion
  - Major mechanisms
    - 1 Electrophilicity/metabolic activation
      - Human
    - 2 Genotoxicity
    - Experimental systems
      - Bacteria
      - Drosophila
      - Fish and marine organism
      - Mouse
      - Non-human primates
      - Other
      - Plant
      - Rat
      - Human
    - 3 Altered DNA repair or genomic instability
      - Human
    - 4 Epigenetic alterations
      - Human



## Literature search and initial screening

IARC Vol 112- Mono 2- Parathion (2015): Literature Tagtree

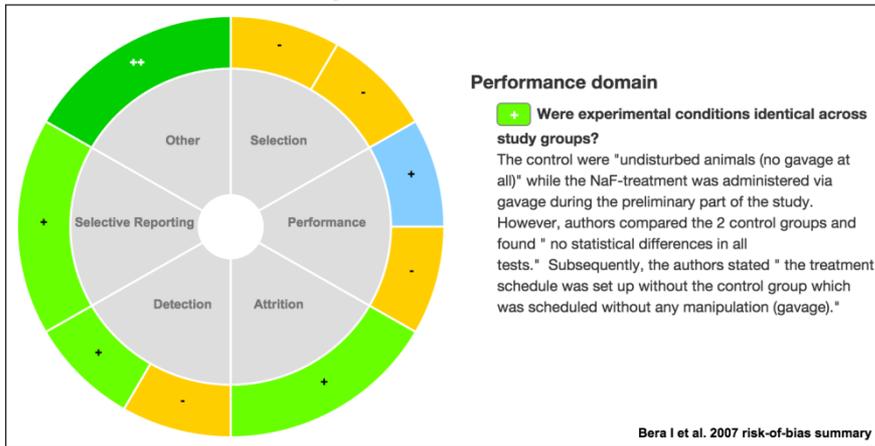




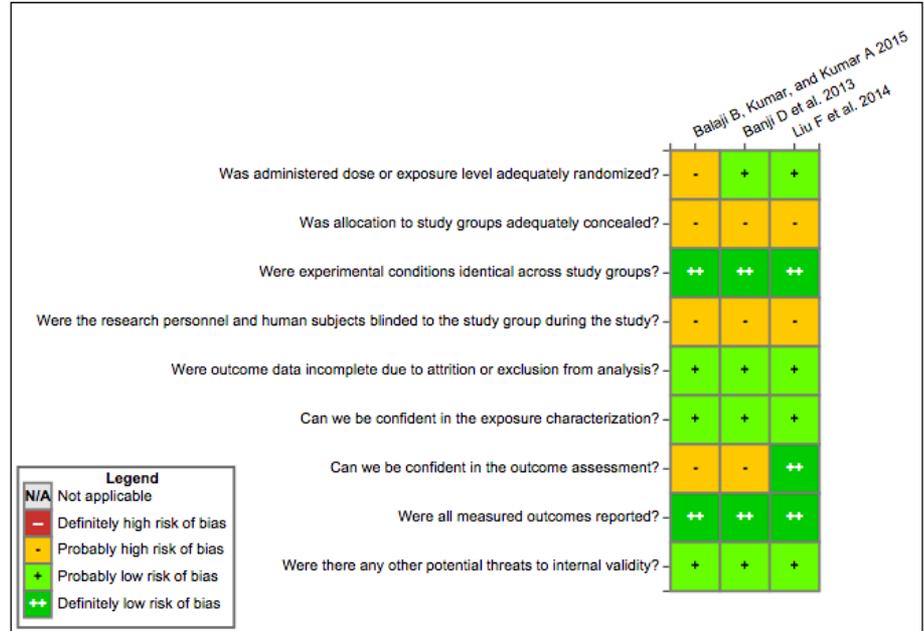
# NTP/OHAT Fluoride Assessment

## Risk of bias evaluation

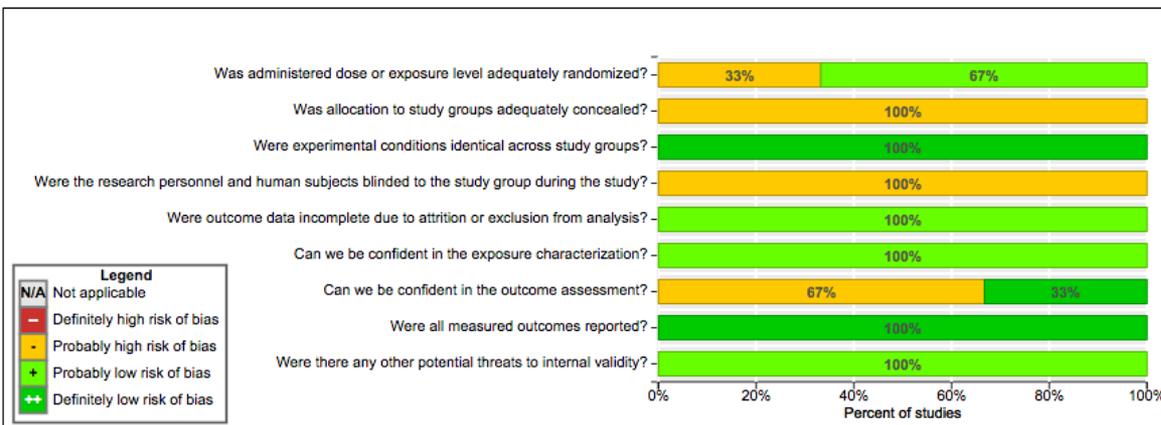
### Individual study risk of bias



### Heatmap risk of bias for study collection



### Summary of risk of bias by metric





## Animal bioassay data extraction

### Experimental protocol and dose regime

#### male Kunming mice

Name	male Kunming mice
Species	Mouse
Strain	Kunming
Sex	Male
Duration of observation	180 days
Source	Experimental Animal Center of Shanxi Medical University
Lifestage exposed	adult
Lifestage assessed	8 months
Description	Lifestage assessed: approximate values that represents

#### Dosing regime

Route of exposure	Oral drinking water	
Exposure duration	180 days	
Number of dose-groups	4	
Positive control	No	
Negative control	Vehicle-treated	
Doses	ppm	mg/kg-day
	0	0
	11	2.82
	22	5.63
	45	11.52

**Description** Sixty sexually matured male Kunming mice divided randomly into four groups: control (distilled water), low F (25 mg/L NaF), medium F (50 mg/L NaF), and high F (100 mg/L NaF) for 180 days; dose on basis of LD50 values in the mice.

### Endpoint summary

#### novel object test (time exploring object 2, training phase)

[Actions](#)

##### Endpoint Details

Endpoint name	novel object test (time exploring object 2, training phase)
System	nervous system and special sense organs
Effect	learning and memory: exploration
Diagnostic description	NOR test
Observation time	180 days
Additional tags	memory

Data reported?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data extracted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Values estimated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Location in literature	Figure 2
NOEL	45 ppm
Monotonicity	not-reported
Statistical test description	one-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni's post hoc test
Trend result	not reported
Power notes	appears underpowered (sample size is $\leq 50\%$ required), requires approximately 213 animals to detect a 20% change from control
Results notes	not significant

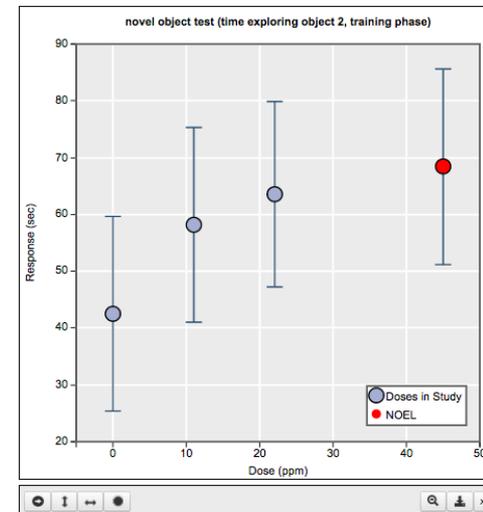
**General notes/methodology** There were 15 animals assessed in each group, and all actions were recorded by digital video. The novel object recognition (NOR) test was conducted as described below. First, the mice in each group were allowed to freely explore the open field apparatus (polyvinyl chloride plastic apparatus composed of four 40Lx40Wx40H cm chambers, floor was divided into a 5x5 grid, and each portion of the grid was equivalent to an 8x8 cm section) for 5 min.

##### Dataset

Dose (ppm) >	Number of Animals	Response	Standard Error
0	15	42.5	8
11	15	58.2	8
22	15	63.5	7.6
45*	15	68.4	8

\* NOEL (No Observed Effect Level)

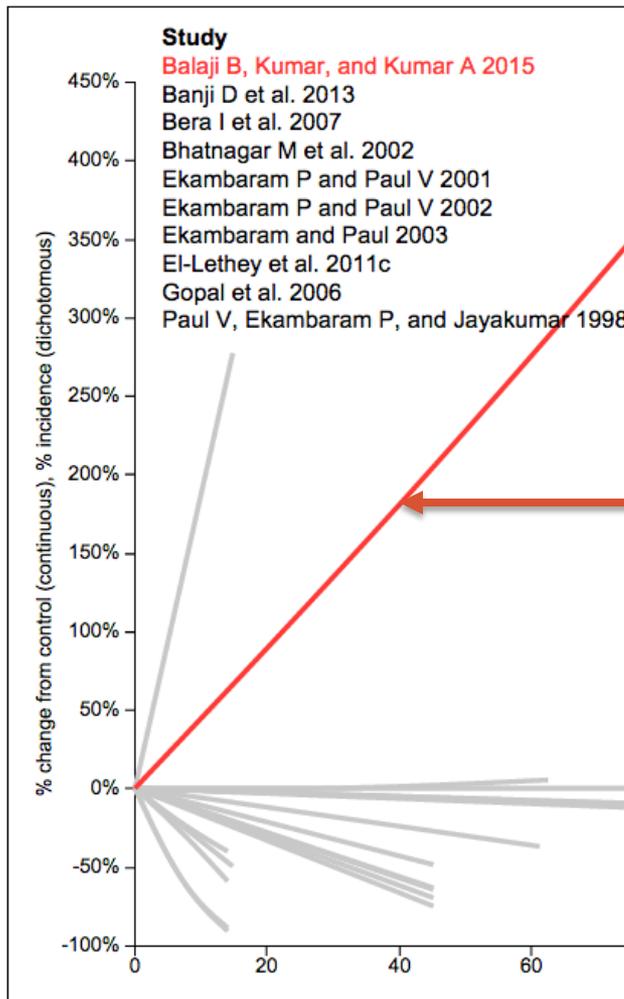
##### Plot





## Animal bioassay visualization

### Motor and Sensory Function: Movement Coordination



Balaji B, Kumar, and Kumar A 2015 / 30-day study / female Swiss albino mice / motor coordination (akinesia, latency time)

Study Experiment Animal Group Endpoint

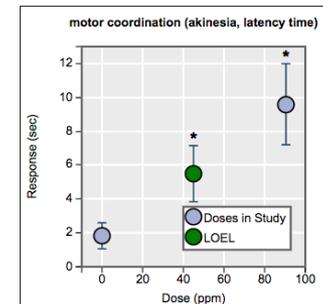
Endpoint name	motor coordination (akinesia, latency time)
System	central nervous system
Effect	motor and sensory function: movement coordination
Diagnostic description	Akinesia
Observation time	30 days
Additional tags	motor activity and sensory development
Data reported?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data extracted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Values estimated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Location in literature	Table 1
LOEL	45.25 ppm
Monotonicity	not-reported
Statistical test description	one-way ANOVA and Dunnett's t-test
Trend result	not reported
Power notes	appears underpowered (sample size is $\leq 50\%$ required), requires approximately 119 animals to detect a 20% change from control

**General notes/methodology**

Akinesia was measured by observing the latency to move all the four limbs and the test was terminated if the latency exceeded 120 s. Each mouse was initially acclimatized for 5 min on a wooden elevated (30 cm) platform (40 x 40 cm<sup>2</sup>). Using a stopwatch, the time taken by the mice to move all the four limbs was recorded. Three trials were conducted in each mouse at 5 min intervals. The experiment was performed on the 30th day of the study period.

Dose (ppm) >	Number of Animals	Response	Standard Error
0	6	1.83	0.3
45.25 <sup>a,b</sup>	6	5.5	0.65
90.49 <sup>c</sup>	6	9.6	0.93

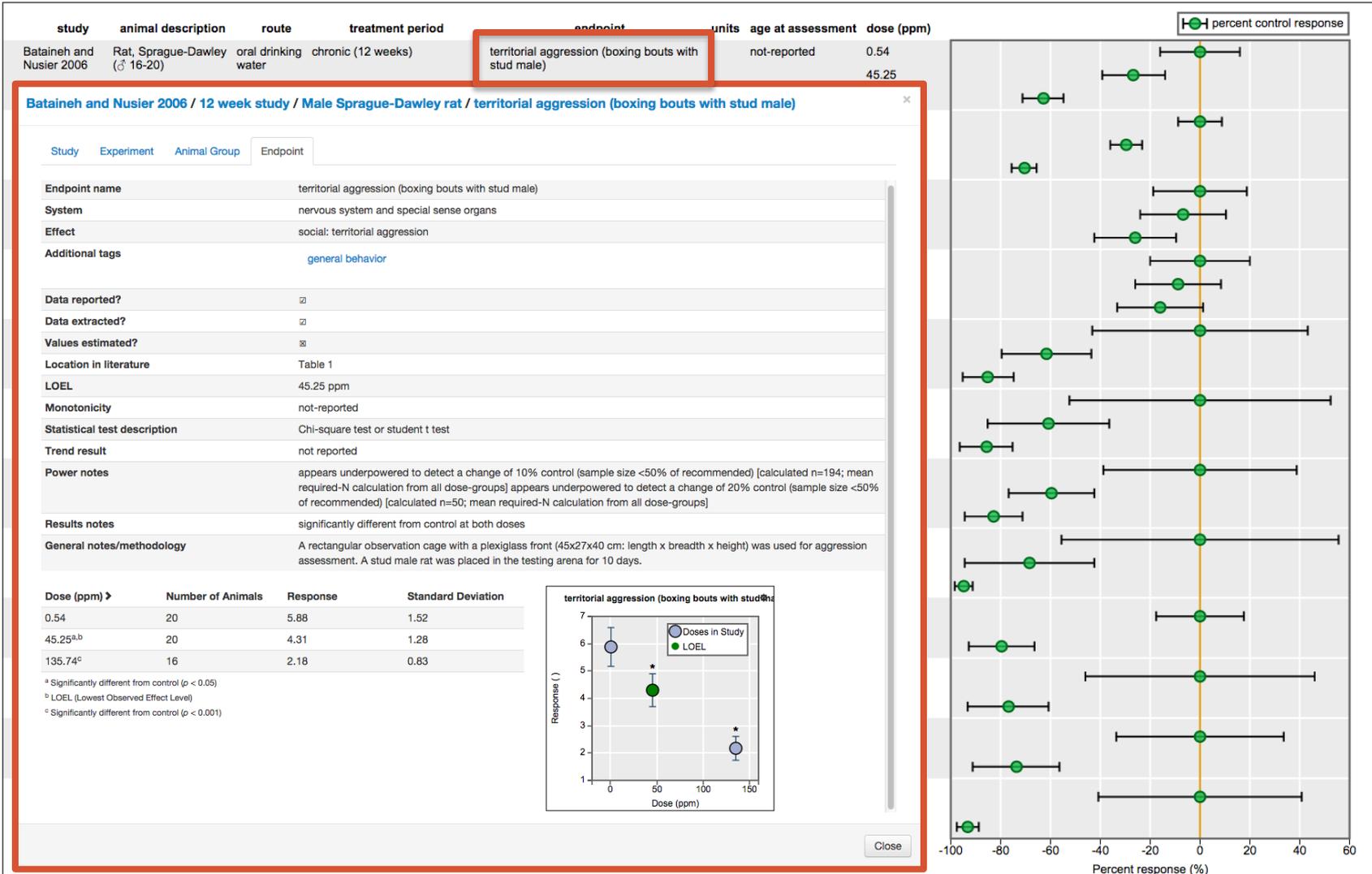
<sup>a</sup> Significantly different from control ( $p < 0.01$ )  
<sup>b</sup> LOEL (Lowest Observed Effect Level)  
<sup>c</sup> Significantly different from control ( $p < 0.001$ )





## Animal bioassay visualization

### Social: Territorial Aggression





## Epidemiology data extraction

### Study population description

#### Preschool Children in Southern Nepal: Nepal Nutrition Intervention Project

Study design	Controlled trial
Country	Nepal
Region	Southern Nepal
Inclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All children aged 1-35 months and living in study area during baseline enrollment</li><li>Eligible once 1 month old if primary residence in study area</li></ul>
N	22,841
Sex	Male and Female
Ethnicities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asian</li></ul>
Fraction male	[0.51]
Age description	children aged 1 to 36 months

### Exposure description

#### Vitamin Supplementation, <36 months

Known exposure routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oral</li></ul>
Measurement metric	intervention
Measurement description	one tablet daily (or half a tablet if 1 year old), containing: iron (12.5 mg) and folic acid (50 ug), iron and folic acid plus zinc, (or placebo) plus as part of a national program: those aged 12 months or older were given 200 000 IU of vitamin A every 6 months and those aged 6-12 months were given 100 000 IU
Measurement metric units	ug/day
Analytical method	"To confirm that the supplements used were active, we selected and tested the iron and zinc status of a sample of children aged 24 months or older after 12 months of follow-up" via blood sample, but NOT done for folate...
Control description	placebo

### Assessed outcome

#### Acute lower respiratory infection (ALRI)

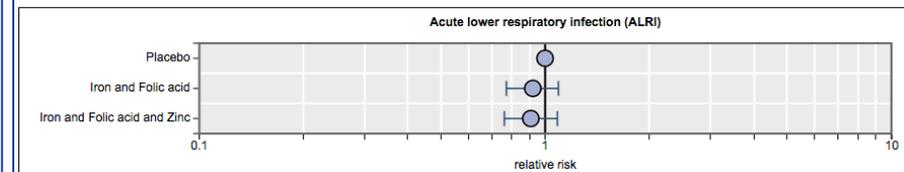
##### Assessed outcome description

Assessed outcome	Acute lower respiratory infection (ALRI)
Location in literature	Table 5
Population description	Preschool Children in Nepal, 2001-2003
Diagnostic	self-reported
Diagnostic description	Diagnosed acute respiratory infection as one or more consecutive days of fever, cough, and difficulty breathing (all three symptoms had to be present on at least 1 day during the episode) with a minimum of 7 days between episodes
Main finding supported?	inconclusive
Statistical metric presented	relative risk
Statistical metric description	We compared treatment groups by baseline household, maternal, and child characteristics to assess imbalance after randomisation. We adjusted estimates of standard error to account for the clustered randomisation, using the generalised estimating equations approach.
Statistical power sufficient?	not reported or calculated
Dose response trend?	not-applicable
Effect tags	immunological, infections, respiratory
Adjustment factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>cluster randomization</li></ul>

##### Results by exposure-group

Exposure-group	N	Relative risk	p-value
Placebo	-	1.0 (1.0, 1.0)	n.s.
Iron and Folic acid <sup>a</sup>	-	0.92 (0.77, 1.09)	n.s.
Iron and Folic acid and Zinc	-	0.91 (0.76, 1.08)	n.s.

<sup>a</sup> Main finding as selected by HAWC assessment authors.





## Epidemiology data visualization

### Draft: Eczema, Prospective Studies

Study	Population Name	Assessed Outcome Name	Exposure Measure	Exposure Comparison	Statistical Metric Abbreviation	Eczema
Bekkers, 2012	PIAMA birth cohort, 1996-1997	Eczema	Bekkers, 2012 / PIAMA birth cohort, 1996-1997 / Folic acid containing supplements during pregnancy / Eczema			
Dunstan, 2012	Pregnant women in Western Australia	Eczema	Dunstan, 2012 / Pregnant women in Western Australia / Eczema			
Dunstan, 2012	Pregnant women in Western Australia	Eczema	Dunstan, 2012 / Pregnant women in Western Australia / Eczema			
Dunstan, 2012	Pregnant women in Western Australia	Eczema	Dunstan, 2012 / Pregnant women in Western Australia / Eczema			
Magdelijns, 2011	KOALA Birth Cohort Study	Eczema un	Magdelijns, 2011 / KOALA Birth Cohort Study / Eczema un			
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Assessed outcome	Eczema
Population description	PIAMA birth cohort, 1996-1997
Diagnostic	self-reported
Diagnostic description	an itchy rash that came and went on typical eczema sites (the folds of the elbows or behind the knees, around ears or eyes or in front of the ankles)
Main finding supported?	inconclusive
Prevalence Incidence	0.180 - 0.142, reported by age (Table 2)
Statistical metric presented	adjusted prevalence ratio
Statistical metric description	Longitudinally, generalised estimating equations (GEEs) with a log link function were used to obtain prevalence ratios (PRs). GEEs take into account the correlation between repeated measurements in the same individual. An m-dependent correlation structure was used: m=7 for the other outcome measures. An interaction term with age was included in the GEE model to allow the association between maternal use of supplements and the outcomes to vary with age.
Statistical power sufficient?	not reported or calculated
Dose response trend?	not-applicable
Effect tags	dermal, hypersensitivity, immunological
Adjustment factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maternal allergy</li> <li>maternal education</li> <li>maternal smoking during pregnancy</li> <li>number older siblings</li> </ul>

Exposure-group	N	Adjusted prevalence ratio	p-value
No folic acid use	1302	1.0	n.s.
Folic acid-only supplements <sup>a</sup>	1998	0.98 (0.87, 1.09)	n.s.
Pre-natal vitamin supplements	287	1.07 (0.89, 1.29)	n.s.
Multivitamin or vitamin B complex supplements	199	1.04 (0.83, 1.3)	n.s.

<sup>a</sup> Main finding as selected by HAWC assessment authors.

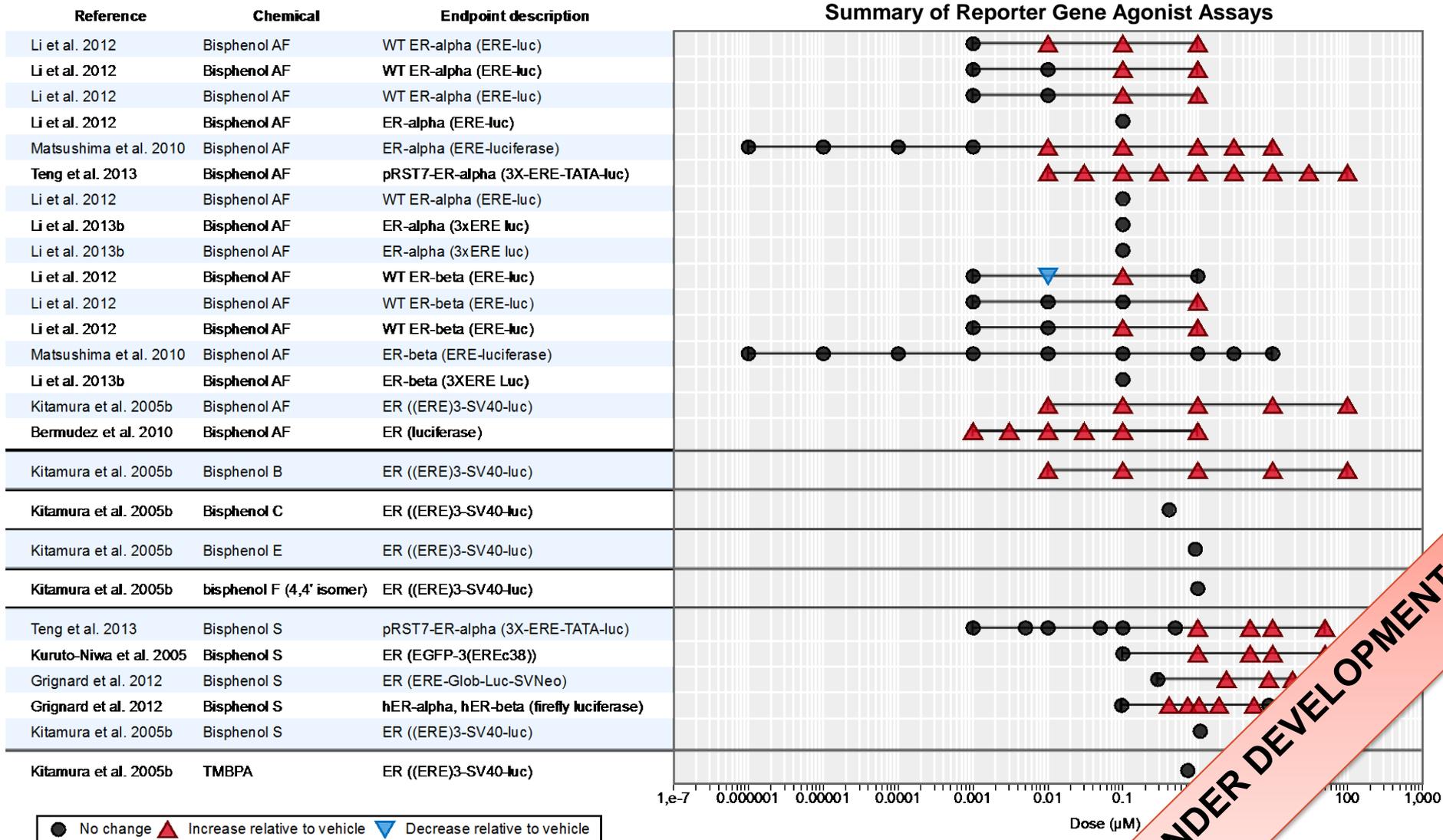
Exposure Group	Adjusted Prevalence Ratio (95% CI)
No folic acid use	1.0
Folic acid-only supplements	0.98 (0.87, 1.09)
Pre-natal vitamin supplements	1.07 (0.89, 1.29)
Multivitamin or vitamin B complex supplements	1.04 (0.83, 1.3)

Intake  
ate Measure



# NTP/OHAT BPA analogues

## In vitro data extraction and visualization







## Web-based interactive reports

### Document tree and summary report section

- 1. Introduction >
- 2. Data Review >
- 2.1. Human studies >
- 2.2. Animal studies >
- 3. Provisional Value Derivation >
- 3.1. Oral Reference Values >
- 3.1.1. Chronic p-RfD >
- 3.1.2. Subchronic p-RfD >
- 3.2. Inhalation Reference Values >
- 3.3. Cancer Weight-of-Evidence Descriptor >
- 3.4. Provisional Cancer Potency Values >
- 3.4.1. Oral slope factor (p-QSF) >
- 3.4.2. Inhalation unit risk (p-IUR) >

### 2.2. Animal studies

#### Oral Exposures

The effects of oral exposure of animals to nitrofen have been evaluated in 7 subchronic-duration (Ambrose et al. 1971; NCI 1979; O'Hara et al. 1983), 2 chronic-duration (1971), 44 reproductive and developmental (Otsby et al. 1985), and 4 carcinogenic (NCI 1979) studies.

#### Inhalation Exposures

No studies were identified.

### 3. Provisional Value Derivation

#### 3.1. Oral Reference Values

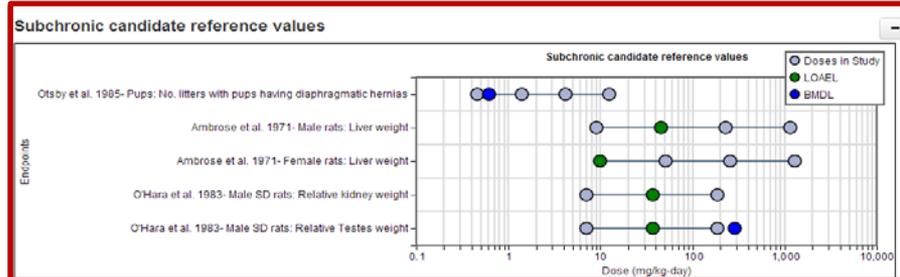
##### 3.1.1. Chronic p-RfD

Although chronic toxicity testing of nitrofen has been conducted, effects in fetal animals occurred at much lower relative doses indicating that the critical effect is developmental. The critical endpoint is **diaphragmatic hernias** as indicated by Otsby et al. 1985. This is the same critical effect used to derive the subchronic p-RfD.

Consistent with the practice of the EPA, the developmental period is recognized as a susceptible lifestage where exposure during certain time windows is more relevant to the developmental effects than lifetime exposure (U.S. EPA, 1991b). Therefore, a UF for extrapolation from less-than-chronic results is not used, and the chronic p-RfD is derived.

##### 3.1.2. Subchronic p-RfD

Although chronic toxicity testing of nitrofen has been conducted, effects in fetal animals occurred at much lower relative doses indicating that the critical effect is developmental. Therefore, the critical endpoint is **diaphragmatic hernias** as indicated by Otsby et al. 1985. This is the same critical effect used to derive the subchronic p-RfD.



Inline visualizations

Endpoint and dose-response details

### Risk of bias information

Otsby et al. 1985

Selection	Confounding	Performance	Attrition	Detection	Selective Reporting	Other
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**Selection**

Was administered dose or exposure level adequately randomized?

Randomization requires that each human subject or animal had an equal chance of being assigned to any study group including controls (e.g., use of random number table or computer generated randomization).

Probably low risk

Notes on risk of bias here.

Otsby et al. 1985 >> Developmental GDB-16 >> Pups >> No. litters with pups having diaphragmatic hernias

Dose (mg/kg-day)	Number of Animals	Incidence	Percent Incidence
0	9	0	0%
0.46	9	0	0%
1.30	11	3	27%
4.17	10	2	20%
12.5	7	3	43%

UNDER DEVELOPMENT

A web-report with headers and customizable text, similar to a standard report; however, "smart-tags" link to other HAWC components. The result is a summary of key findings written by assessment authors, which allows users to interactively dive into details instead of referring to appendices.



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## Future development

- Continued development of visualizations and tables for summarizing data findings
- Pair review and conflict resolution for literature review and risk of bias
- Specification of assessment-specific data extraction fields
- Improved QA/QC tracking and data extraction management
- Future integrations with SWIFT or other tools for literature review and automated data extraction



**Questions?**