



**PREMIER**

PRIORITISATION AND RISK EVALUATION  
OF MEDICINES IN THE ENVIRONMENT

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Tools to assess the environmental impact of  
pharmaceuticals in Europe

*Instrumenten voor milieurisicobeoordeling van  
medicijnen in Europa*



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# PREMIER KENGETALLEN



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Jaren: 6 (2020-26)



EFPIA bedrijven: 10  
Academisch & MKB's: 15



Totaal Budget: € 9 Miljoen  
IMI bijdrage: € 4,5 Miljoen (in cash)  
EFPIA bijdrage : € 4,5 Miljoen (in kind)



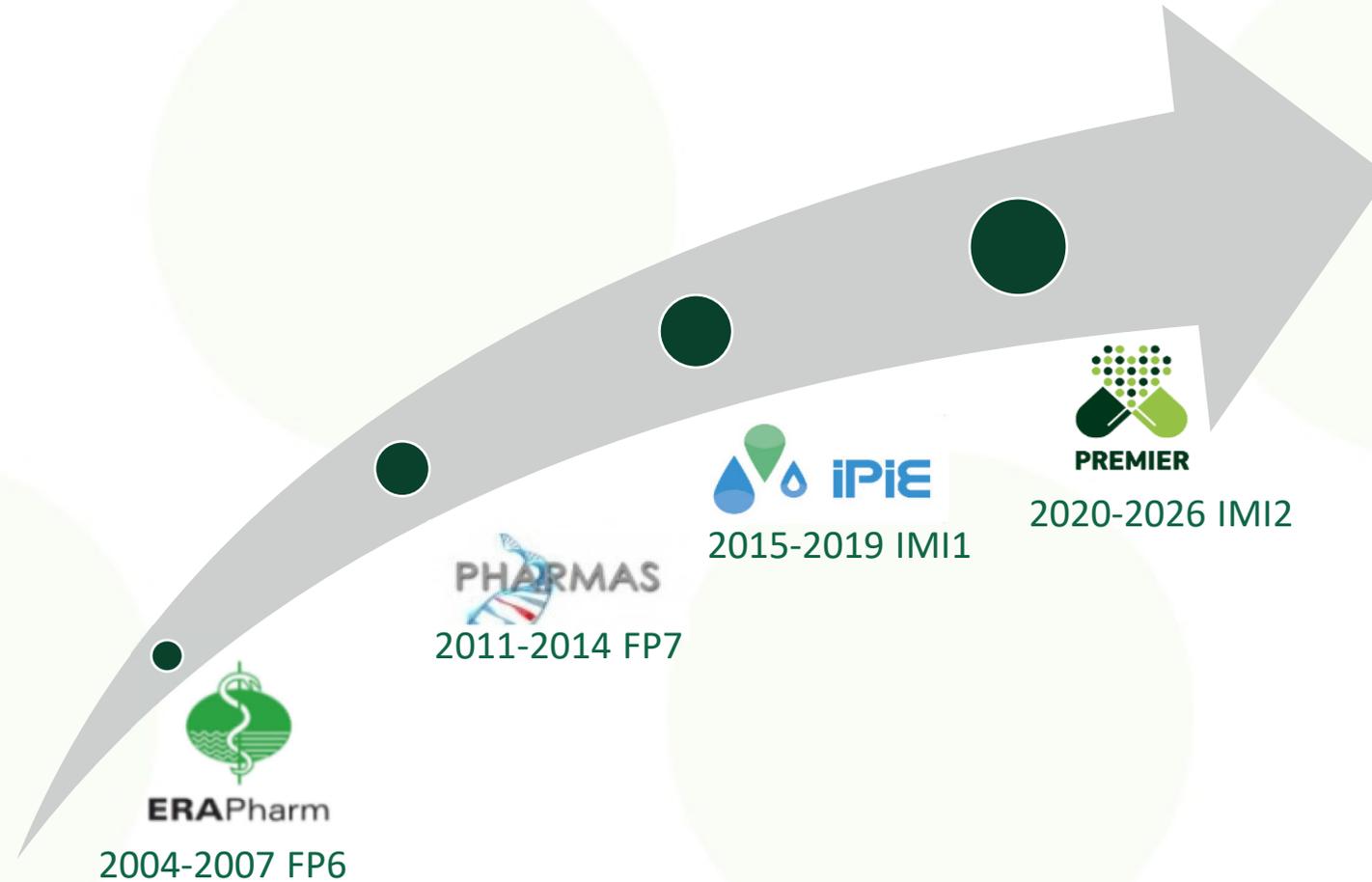
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# Historie van onderzoek naar medicijnresten



# De uitdaging van PREMIER

De huidige strategie voor milieurisicobeoordeling van medicijnen is lastig te implementeren voor medicijnen die al voor 2006 op de markt waren, omdat:



Tijdrovend



Kostbaar



Dierenleed (dierproeven)



Gestuurd obv marktautorisatie  
(toelating)



Geef focus op medicijnen die de  
grootste problemen veroorzaken

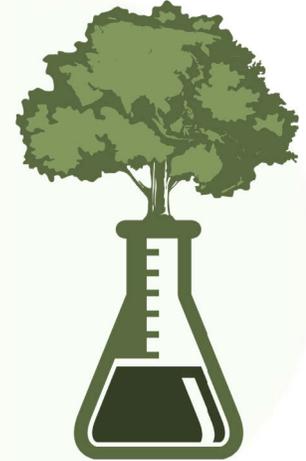


Vereist een geïdentificeerde eigenaar  
die de tests uitvoert en betaalt



# VISIE

Bijdragen aan een duurzame toekomst door  
de milieurisico's van medicijnen  
pro-actief te beheersen



# MISSIE

## Doelstellingen:



1 Instrumenten voor milieurisicobeoordeling van medicijn(rest)en ontwikkelen



2 De haalbaarheid van **groene medicijnen** onderzoeken



3 Instrumenten voor **prioritering** van milieurisico's van medicijnen



4 Het genereren van milieurelevante gegevens van **25 medicijnen**



Toegankelijke **database** met milieurelevante eigenschappen van geneesmiddelen.



Een **informatie- en beoordelingssysteem** van milieurisico's van humaan medicijngebruik



Handleidingen voor eindgebruikers



# UITDAGINGEN



Maximalisatie van  
dataintegriteit



Voorkomen van duplicatie



Optimaal databeheer en het voorkomen  
foutieve risico-interpretaties



# DEELNEMERS – CONSORTIUM

## Onderzoeksinstituten



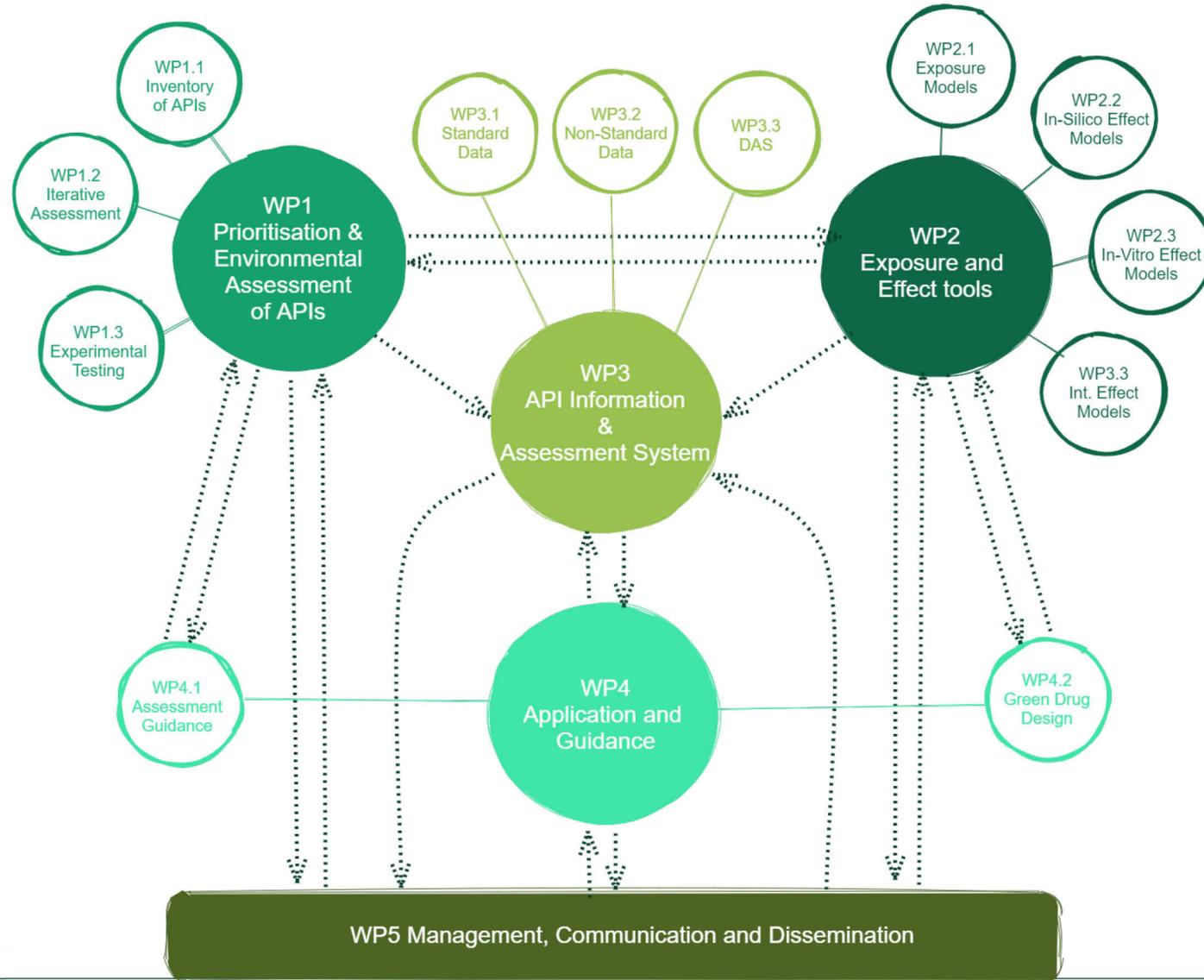
## Regulerende instanties



## Farmaceutische Industrie



# STRUCTUUR



# WP LEIDERS

WP1  
Prioritisation &  
Environmental Assessment  
of APIs

WP2  
Exposure and Effects Tools

WP3  
API Information &  
Assessment System

WP4  
Guidance & Application

WP5  
Management,  
Communication and  
Dissemination



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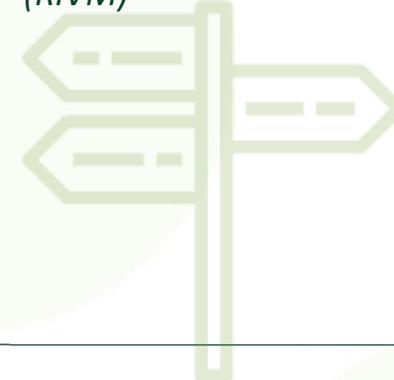
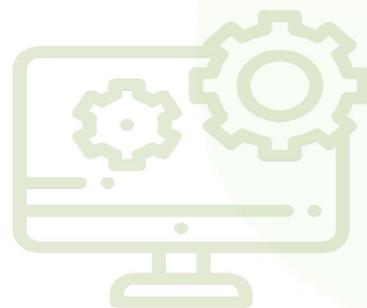
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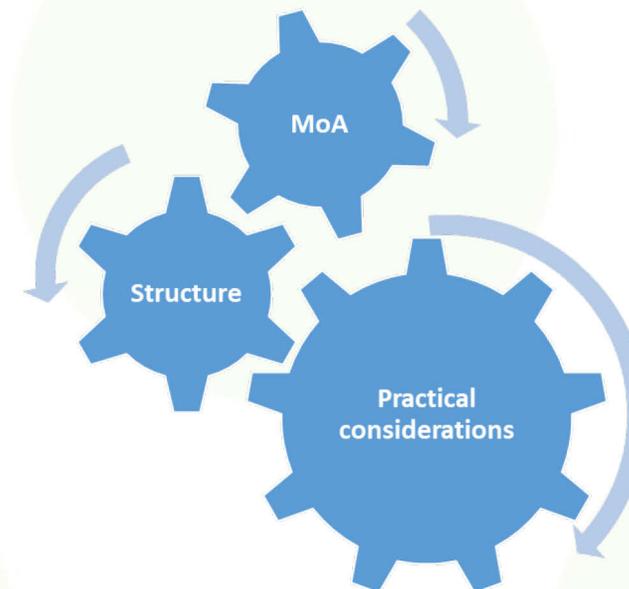
# PRIORITERING EN SELECTIE VAN STOFFEN

## Prioritization Pipeline

823 APIs without ecotox data

### Art 57 Database

1	UGOT_Name	UGOT_CAS	UGOTID	ART57_Naam	ART57_CAS	ART57_SMILES
2	L-alpha-Glycerophosphorylethanolamin	33049-08-0	UGOT1106	(R)-Alpha-Glycerophosphorylethanolamine	33049-08-0	C(COP(=O)(O)OCC(C
3	1,4-Benzoquinone	106-51-4	UGOT1107	1,4-Benzoquinone	106-51-4*	C1=CC(=O)C=CC1=O
4	lobenguane (131i)	77679-27-7	UGOT1108	131i-Meta-Iodobenzyl-Guanidine Sulfate	-	-
5	Methacetin methoxy-C-13	72156-70-8	UGOT1109	13c-Methacetin	72156-70-8	CC(=O)NC1=CC=C(C=
6	2-(2-Aminoethoxy)ethanol	929-06-6	UGOT1110	2-(2-Aminoethoxy)ethanol	929-06-6	C(COCCO)N
7	2,2,3,3-Tetrahydroxy-2,3-dihydronapht	100343-43-9	UGOT1111	2,2,3,3-Tetrahydroxynaphthalene-1,4-Dione	100343-43-9	C1=CC=C2C(=C1)C(=
8	2,3-Dimercapto-1-propanesulfonic acid	74-61-3	UGOT1112	2,3-Dimercapto-1-propanesulfonic acid	74-61-3	C(C(CS(=O)(=O)O)S)
9	Dichlorobenzyl alcohol	1777-82-8	UGOT1113	2,4 Dichlorobenzyl Alcohol	1777-82-8	C1=CC(=C(C=C1Cl)Cl
10	2-mercaptobenzothiazole	149-30-4	UGOT1114	2-mercaptobenzothiazole	149-30-4	C1=CC=C2C(=C1)NC(
11	2-Naphthol	135-19-3	UGOT1115	2-naphthol	135-19-3*	C1=CC=C2C=C(C=CC
12	Isopropyl alcohol	67-63-0	UGOT1116	2-propanol	67-63-0*	CC(C)O
13	Butedronic acid	51395-42-7	UGOT1117	3,3-Diphosphono-1,2-Propanedicarboxylic Acid	51395-42-7	C(C(C(P(=O)(O)O)P(=
14	3-Aminophenol	591-27-5	UGOT1118	3-Aminophenol	591-27-5	C1=CC(=CC(=C1)O)N
15	4-(Isopropylamino)diphenylamine	101-72-4	UGOT1119	4-(Isopropylamino)diphenylamine	101-72-4	CC(C)NC1=CC=C(C=C
16	4-Dimethylaminophenol hydrochloride	5882-48-4	UGOT1120	4-Dimethylaminophenol-Hydrochloride	5882-48-4	CN(C)C1=CC=C(C=C1
17	Aminolevulinic acid	106-60-5	UGOT1121	5-Aminolevulinic Acid	106-60-5	C(CC(=O)O)C(=O)CN
18	5-Ethyl-1-aza-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]oct	7747-35-5	UGOT1122	7-Ethylbicyclooxazolidine	7747-35-5	CCC12COCN1COC2
19	Abacavir	136470-78-5	UGOT1123	Abacavir	136470-78-5*	C1CC1NC2=C3C(=NC
20	Abemaciclib	1231929-97-7	UGOT1124	Abemaciclib	1231929-97-7	CCN1CCN(CC1)CC2=
21	Acamprosate	77337-76-9	UGOT1125	Acamprosate	77337-76-9	CC(=O)NCCCS(=O)(=
22	Acarbose	56180-94-0	UGOT1126	Acarbose	56180-94-0	CC1C(C(C(C(O1)OC2



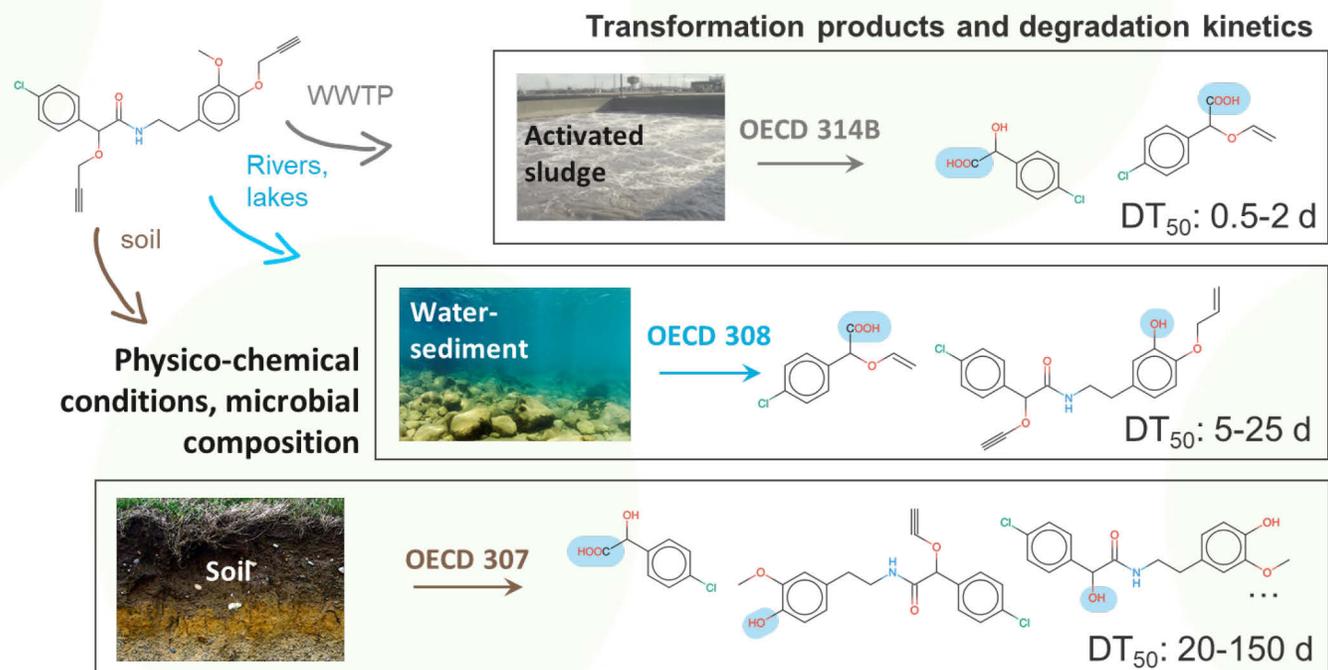
### Candidates for Testing

- Muscle relaxants
- Prostaglandin analogues
- Antipsychotic drugs
- Antithrombotic agents
- Cough suppressants



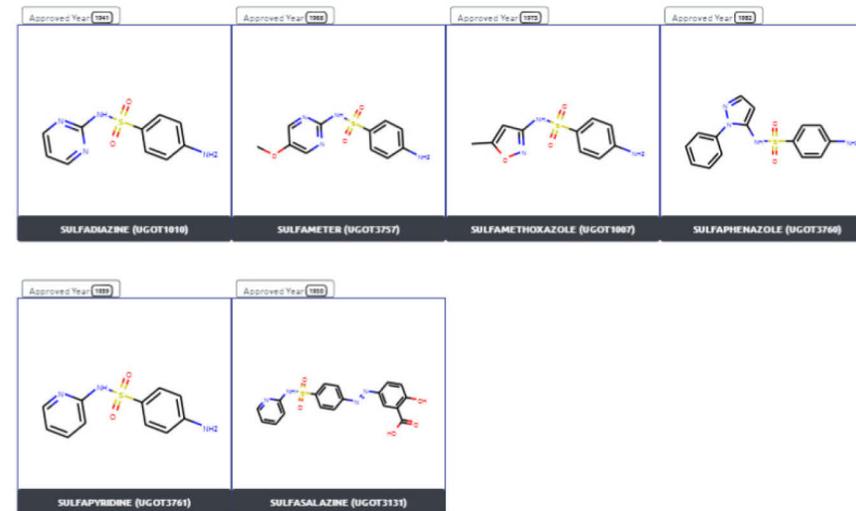
# STRUCTUURWERKINGSRELATIES

## Clustering APIs



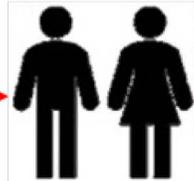
## Biodegradation Modelling

Cluster Group: cluster\_62\_0



# BLOOTSTELLINGSCONCENTRATIES: ePiE

Consumption per capita



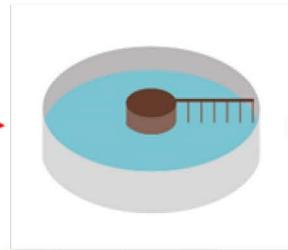
Metabolism & Excretion

Agglomerations



Connected fraction

WWTPs



SimpleTreat  
API removal

up to **secondary** treatment

Tertiary treatment?

Dilution and routing in **rivers** and **lakes**



APIs removed through:

- biodegradation
- photodegradation
- hydrolysis
- sedimentation

Bioaccumulation?

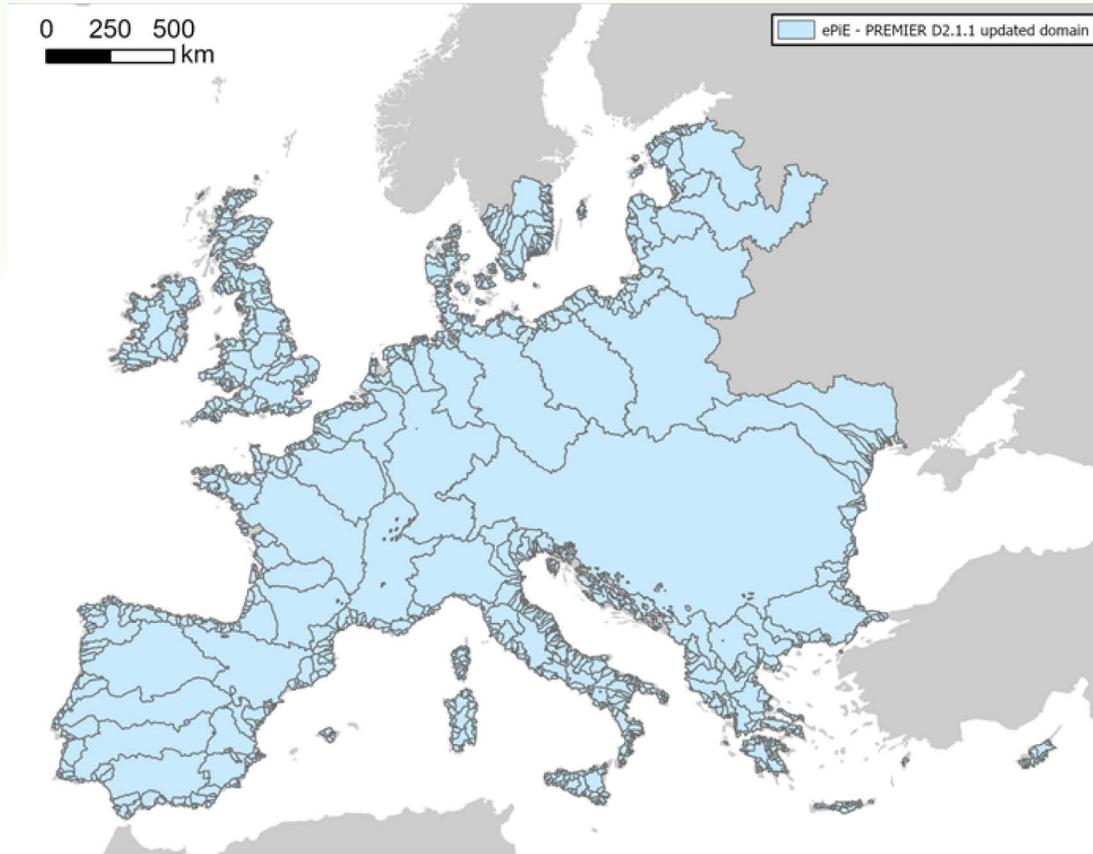
Terrestrial Compartment?

Sediment?

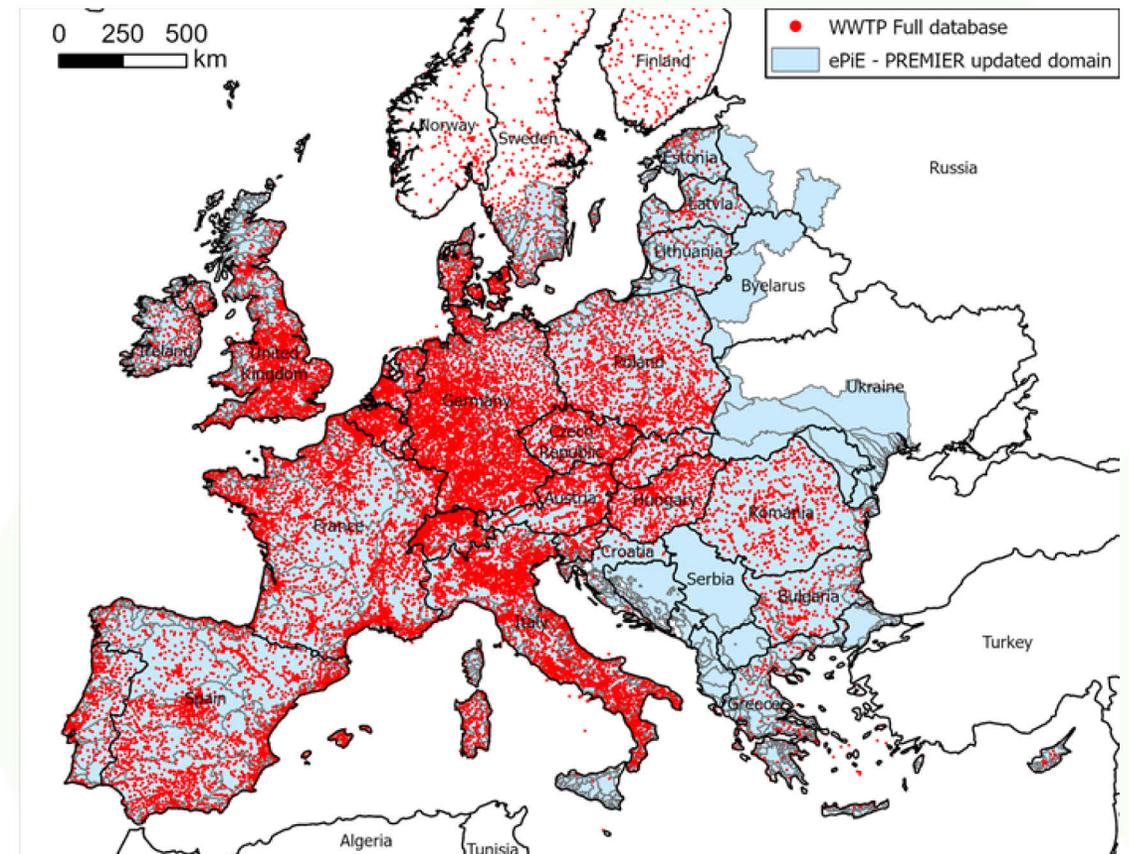


# Ruimtelijk expliciet model

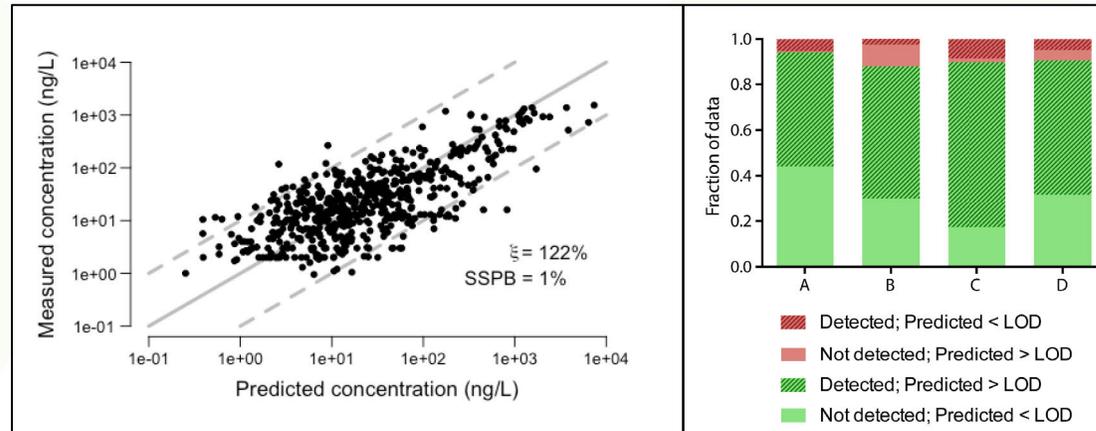
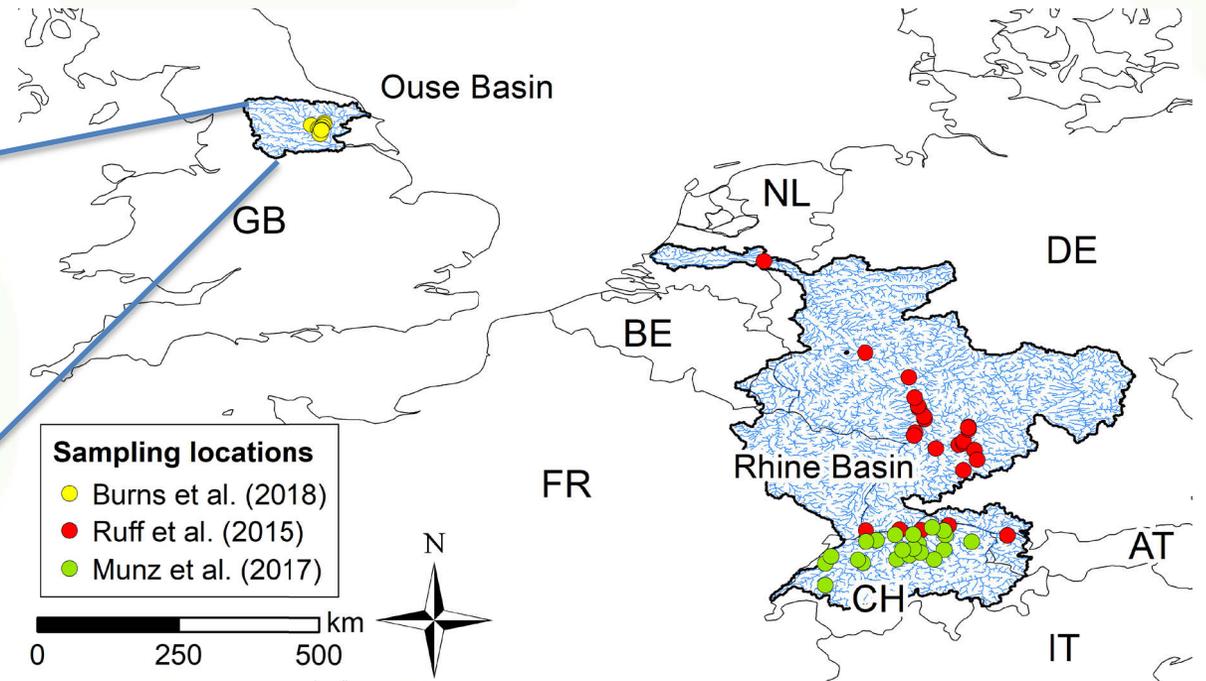
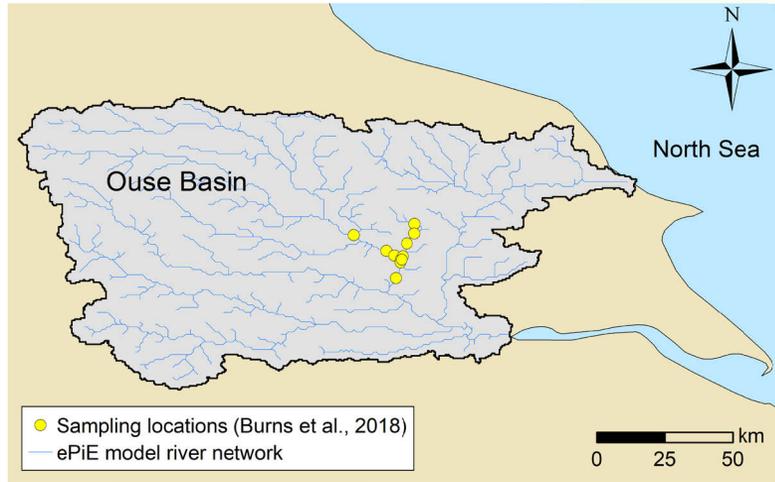
1474 river basins (>100 km<sup>2</sup>)



26,582 WWTPs



# Validatie van ePiE



# EFFECTSTUDIES



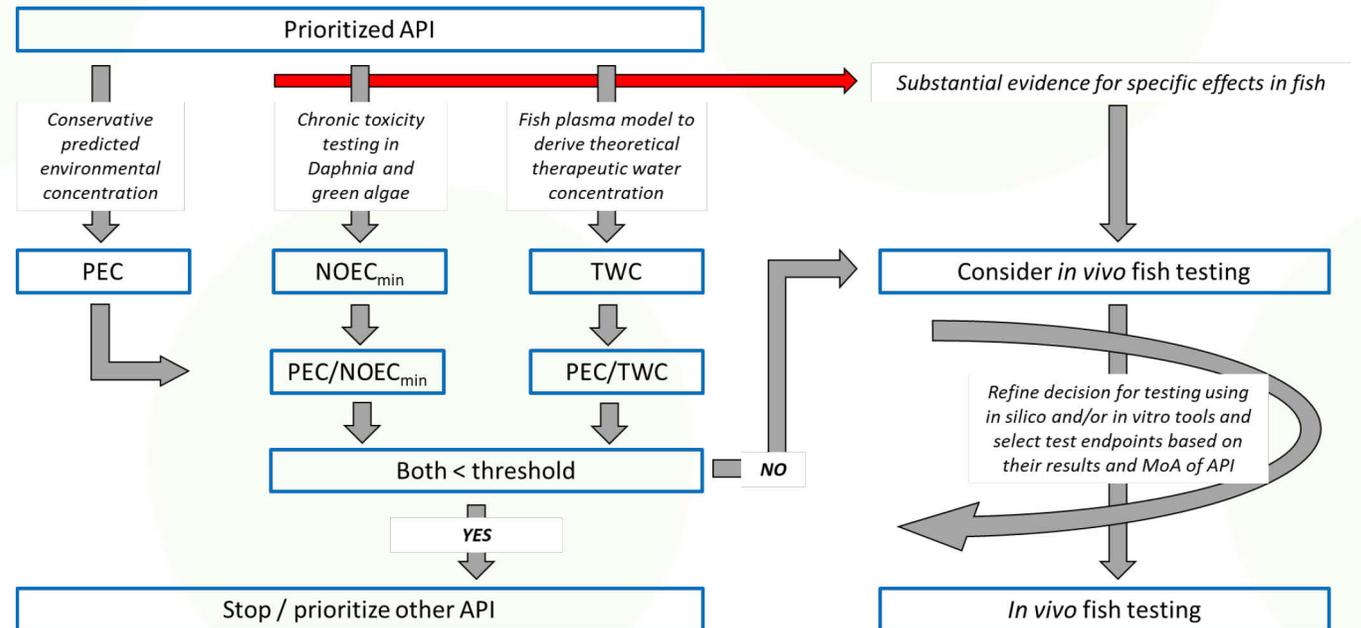
*Opinion Paper (in preparation):*

## Minimising experimental testing on fish for legacy pharmaceuticals

Anja Coors, Ross Brown, Sam Maynard, Stewart Owen, Alison Perkins, Charles R. Tyler

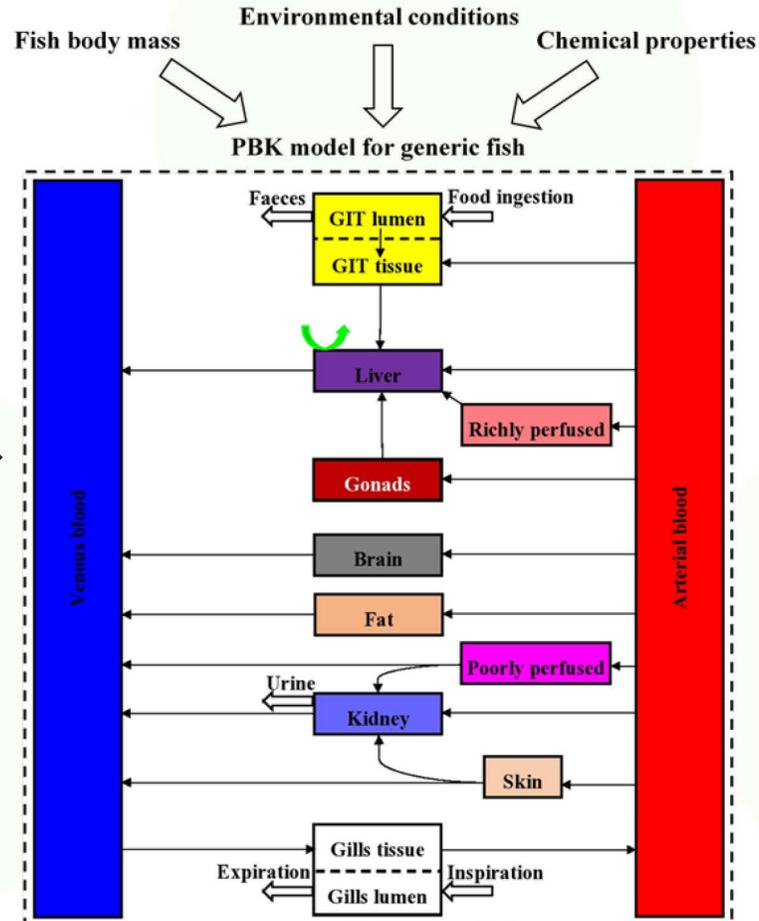
(Fish team working across PREMIER WPs 1 & 2)

- Objective: Ensure that *in vivo* testing with fish is avoided as much as possible
- Developed & verified using EPAR data (Gunnarsson *et al.* 2019)
- To be applied in WP1 to (potential) case study APIs, but also to reach out beyond just PREMIER
- Decision tree developed using a risk-based approach and available knowledge on specific effects in fish
- Planned submission to GA in October and to IEAM in November (2021)



# EFFECTSTUDIES

## TOXICOKINETIEK

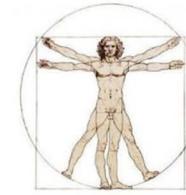


*In vitro vis* assays:

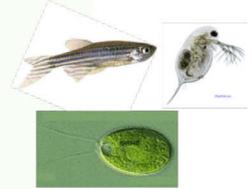
- Absorptie
- Metabolisme



## TOXICODYNAMIEK



Are pharmacological effects conserved?  
 Prediction of orthologs of drug targets  
 is a first step to answer this question



<http://ecodrug.org/>

The screenshot shows the ECoDrug website interface for Apomorphine. It includes general settings, a description of the drug, and a table of drug target interactions across various species.

**General settings:**  
 Select a Drug: APOMORPHINE (DB00714)

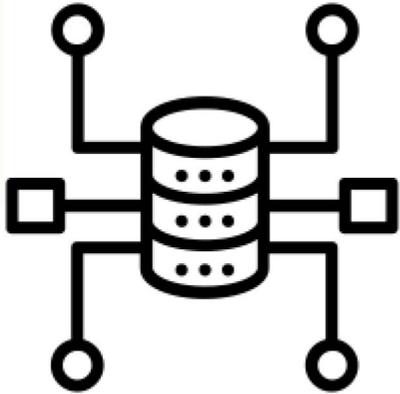
**Description:**  
 DrugbankID: DB00714  
 Type: small molecule  
 Affected: Humans and other mammals  
 Status: approved, investigational  
 ATC code: G04BE07; N04BC07  
 Mode of Action: The precise mechanism of action of apomorphine as a treatment for Parkinson's disease is unknown, although it is believed to be due to stimulation of post-synaptic dopamine D2-type receptors within the brain. Apomorphine has been shown to improve motor function in an animal model of Parkinson's disease. In particular, apomorphine attenuates the motor deficits induced by lesions in the ascending nigrostriatal dopaminergic pathway with the neurotoxin 1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (MPTP) in primates.

Target_name	Alpha-1D adrenergic receptor	Alpha-2A adrenergic receptor	Alpha-2C adrenergic receptor	D(1B) dopamine receptor	D(2) dopamine receptor	D(3) dopamine receptor	D(4) dopamine receptor
Interaction	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	agonist	agonist	agonist
UniProt_ID	P25100	P08913	P18825	P21918	P14416	P35462	P21917
eukaryota	42/62	38/62	36/62	45/62	46/62	42/62	31/62
- fungi	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5
viridiplantae	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6



# DATABASE

## Database Structure



## Importing data from iPiE



## The SALTS issue



## Data Quality

### Score

- R1 Reliable without restrictions: All critical reliability criteria contain flaws that affect the reliability of the study.
- R2 Reliable with restrictions: The study is generally well described but contains some flaws that affect the reliability of the study.
- R3 Not reliable: Not all critical reliability criteria for this study are met.
- R4 Not assignable: Information needed to make an assessment of reliability for one or more vital parameters is not available in the study.

<sup>a</sup>Adapted from Klimisch et al. [3].

## Data Extraction Sheets

	AQ	AR	AS	AT	AU	AV
1	<b>Environment table:</b>					
2	<b>Environment Type</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Value Text</b>	<b>Value Lower</b>	<b>Value Upper</b>	<b>Value Unit</b>
3	Culture media	Temperature				C
4	Culture media	pH				NA
5	Culture media	Salinity				
6	Culture media	Hardness				
7	Culture media	Enter name & concentration of ion				
8	Culture media	Ionic strength				M
9	Culture media	Total Organic Carbon (TOC)				
10	Culture media	Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)				
11	Culture media	Microbial biomass				cell number
12	Culture media	Oxygen content				



# TOEPASSING & ONDERSTEUNING

## Workshop on What are greener APIs?

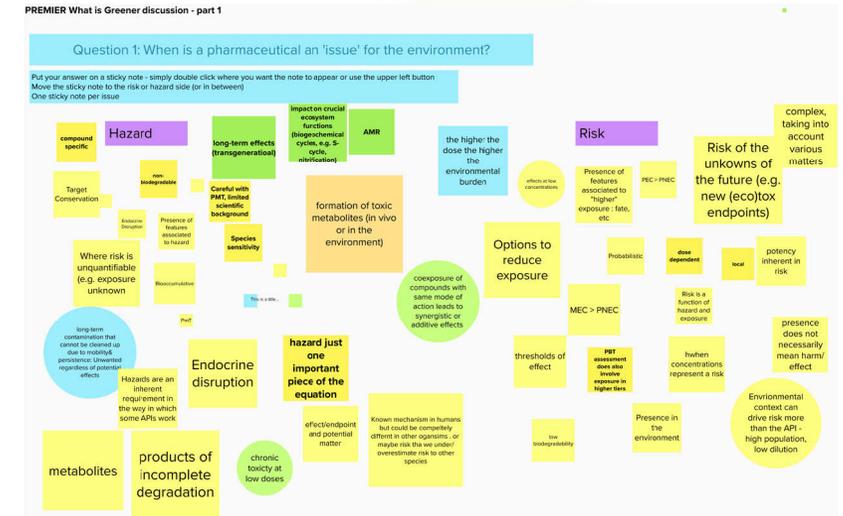
### Stakeholder Survey



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What are the needs of stakeholders regarding the environmental risk assessment of pharmaceuticals? Participate in our Survey!

The survey is now online until the 19 July!!



### Interviews on Designing Green APIs



Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research

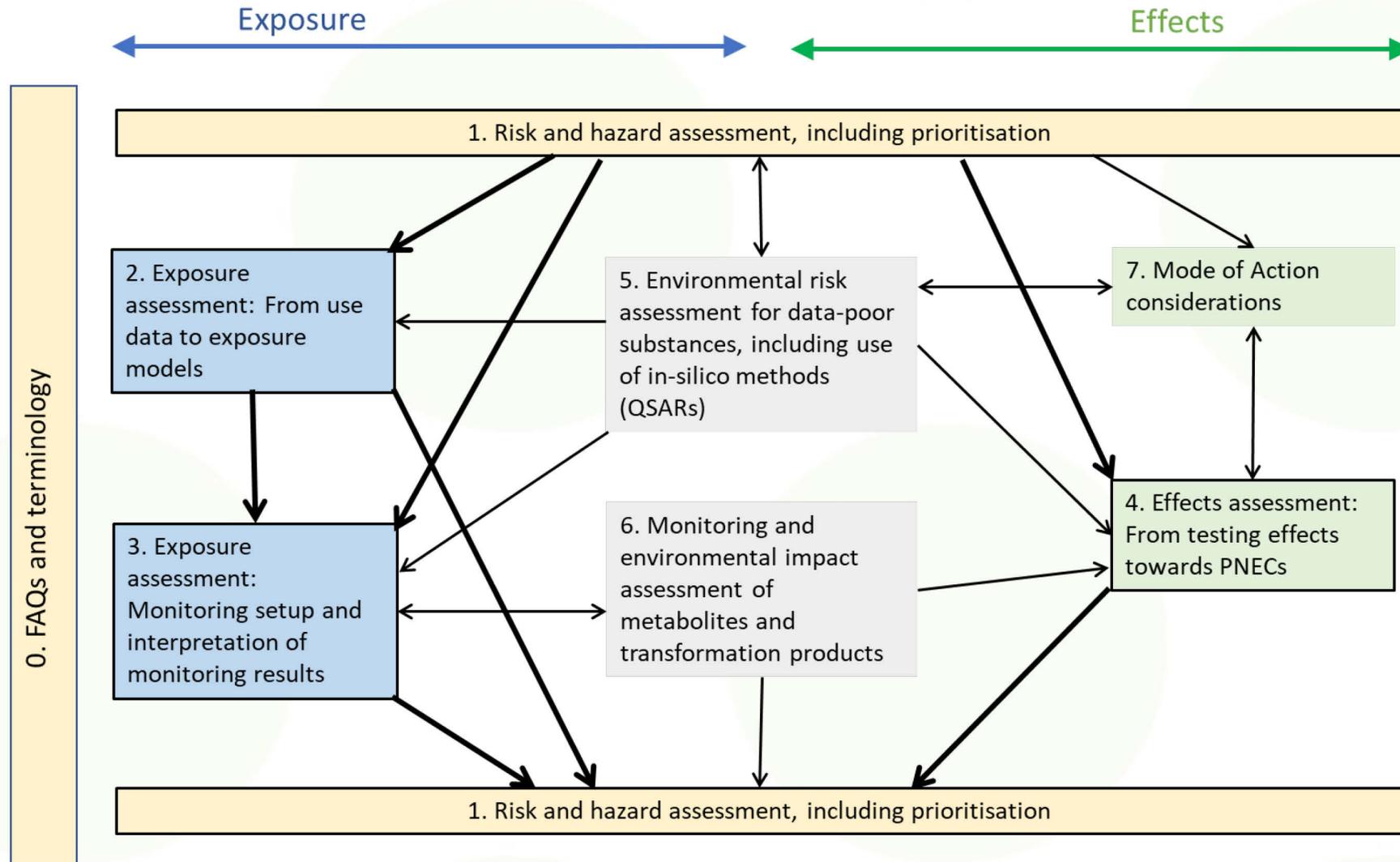
### The Drug Discovery Process in the Pharmaceutical Industry

Daniela Angst  
December 4, 2020

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# PRAKTISCHE HANDLEIDINGEN



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