### QSAR TOOLBOX

The OECD QSAR Toolbox for Grouping Chemicals into Categories

### OECD QSAR Toolbox v.4.1

Implementation AOP workflow in Toolbox: Skin Sensitization

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## **Background**AOP concept and description

• The OECD has developed the AOP concept as a means of providing transparent mechanistic justification and weight-of-evidence to reduce uncertainty in the predictions for complex toxicological endpoints and it is considered to be the focal point of the future development of the Toolbox\*.



\*Slide presented on last MG WebEx (April 2013)

## Background AOP concept and description (contd.)

- A proof-of-concept AOP for skin sensitization is implemented in Toolbox
- The AOP scheme is a directed graph including a sequence of roots
- The AOP workflow uses filtered Toolbox functionalities
- New endpoint-specific AOP databases and profilers are implemented in Toolbox
- The implemented AOP scheme is used only to demonstrate example using AOP functionalities based on data rich chemicals

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### **Objectives**

### This presentation demonstrates a number of functionalities of the Toolbox\*:

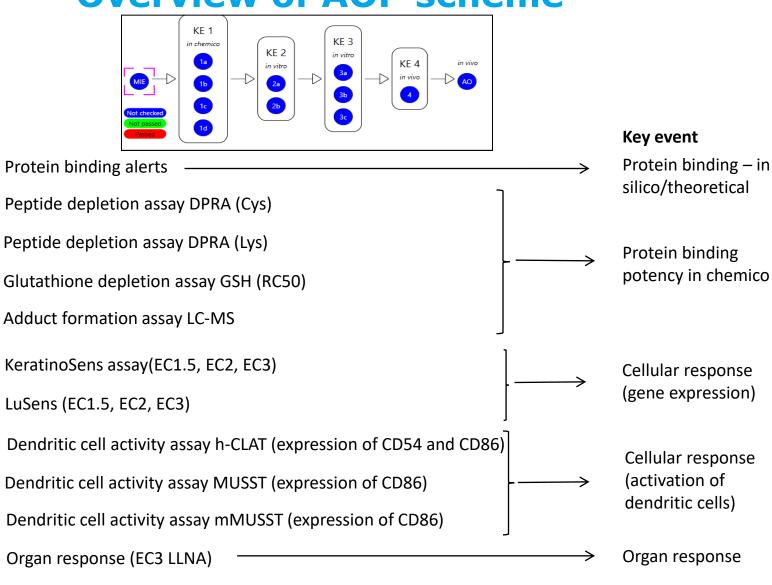
- Simulating skin metabolism for the target chemical
- Identifying analogues of the active metabolite
- Predicting sensitization potential for potentially active metabolites
- Assigning of the prediction for the metabolite to the parent chemical
- Predict skin sensitization potential using implemented AOP

Disclaimer - for the purposes of the tutorial on the use of the workflow and do not represent a guidance on the prediction for the particular chemicals which are rich in data in each node of the workflow

<sup>\*</sup>Demonstrated examples are obtained with Toolbox v4.1

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### **Overview of AOP scheme**



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Organism response

In chemico

**Key node** 

KE1

KE2

KE3

KE4

Organism response (GPMT)

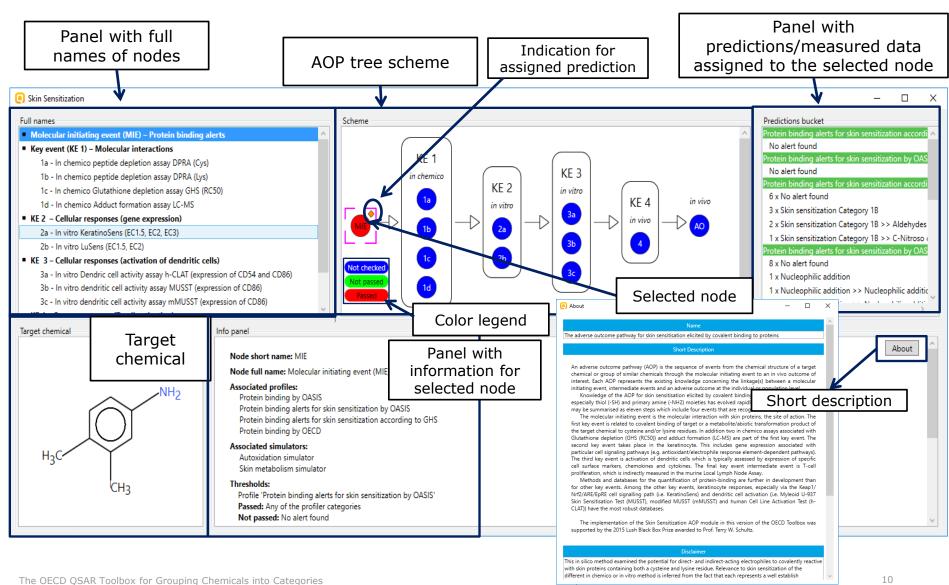
In vitro

vivo

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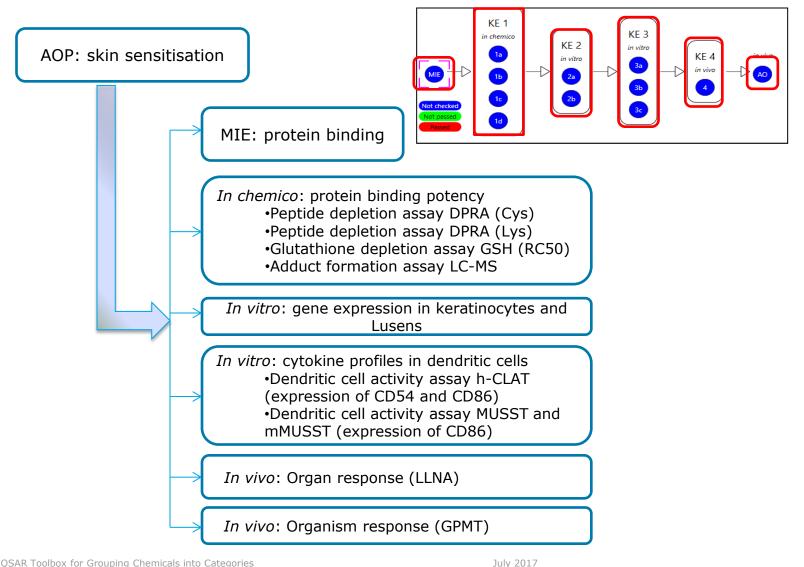
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#### AOP workflow for skin sensitization



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## Overview of the AOP scheme as implemented in Toolbox Implemented thresholds for the AOP nodes

- Thresholds are implemented for each AOP node
- Each threshold is indicated within description panel of the AOP node
- Threshold are identified based on assay data related to the corresponding node
- The status of the each node (passed/not passed) depends on the implemented thresholds

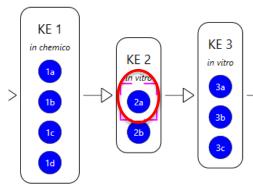
• Thresholds of the AOP nodes determined by expert group are provided on the slide 15:

#### Thresholds:

Scale name 'Gene expression EC (ordinal)' Scale type 'Ordinal'

Passed: High | Low | Moderate | Very High

Not passed: Negative



### **Overview of the AOP scheme as implemented in Toolbox**

### Implemented thresholds for the AOP nodes

| Node name                                                                                                         | Data thresholds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Node status: Pass                                                                   | Node status: Not pass                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| MIE - Protein binding alerts                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | presence of alert                                                                   | absence of alert                                    |
| 1a and 1b in chemico DPRA Cys and Lys                                                                             | Peptide depletion, PD (%):<br>PD > 9 - Passed<br>PD <=9% - Not passed                                                                                                                                                                                      | > 9 % - Passed                                                                      | <=9 % - Not passed                                  |
| 1c - <i>in chemico</i> Glutathione depletion assay GSH (RC50)                                                     | RC50 (mmol/L) $\leq$ 0.099 – Extremely reactive 0.1 $\geq$ RC50 $\leq$ 0.99 – Highly reactive 1 $\geq$ RC50 $\leq$ 15 – Moderately reactive 16 $\geq$ RC50 $\leq$ 70 – Slightly reactive 70.1 $\geq$ RC50 $\leq$ 135 – Suspect RC50 $>$ 135 – Not reactive | Extremely Reactive  Highly<br>Reactive   Moderately<br>Reactive   Slightly Reactive | Suspect   Not Reactive   Not reactive at saturation |
| 1d - <i>in chemico</i> Adduct formation assay LC-MS                                                               | Adduct formation (%) $\geq$ 30% - Positive Adduct formation (%) < 30% - Negative                                                                                                                                                                           | Positive                                                                            | Negative                                            |
| 2a - in vitro Keratinocyte<br>(EC1.5, EC2, EC3)<br>AND<br>2b - in vitro LuSens (EC1.5, EC2)                       | EC3 (%) $\leq$ 20 - Very High<br>20 > EC3 $\leq$ 50 - High<br>50 > EC3 $\leq$ 100 - Moderate<br>100 > EC3 $\leq$ 2000 - Low<br>EC3 > 2000 - Negative                                                                                                       | Very High   High   Moderate  <br>Low                                                | Negative                                            |
| 3a;3b and 3c <i>in vitro</i> Dendritic cell activity assay h-CLAT; MUSST and mMUSST (expression of CD54 and CD86) | expression of CD54 and CD86<br>Positive<br>Negative                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Positive                                                                            | Negative                                            |
| 4 - in vivo Organ response<br>(LLNA)                                                                              | $0 \ge EC3$ (%) <50 - Positive<br>EC3 $\ge 50$ - Negative                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Positive                                                                            | Negative                                            |
| AO - in vivo Organism response (GPMT)                                                                             | Data provided:<br>Strong sensitizer; Moderate sensitizer;<br>Weak sensitizer; Non sensitizer                                                                                                                                                               | Strong sensitizer  Moderate sensitizer                                              | Weak sensitizer  Non sensitizer                     |

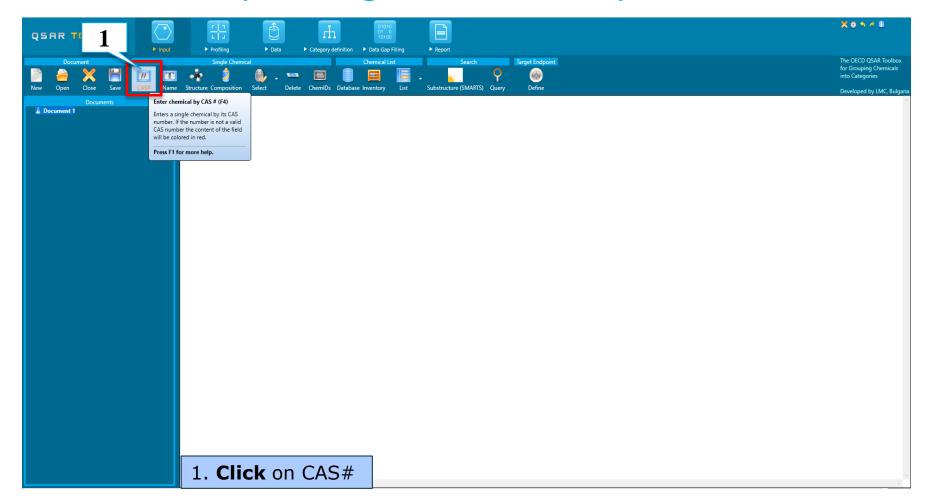
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    - Input

## Chemical Input Input Screen

- Open the Toolbox.
- The six modules in the workflow are seen listed next to "QSAR TOOLBOX" title.
- Click on "Input" (see next screen shot)



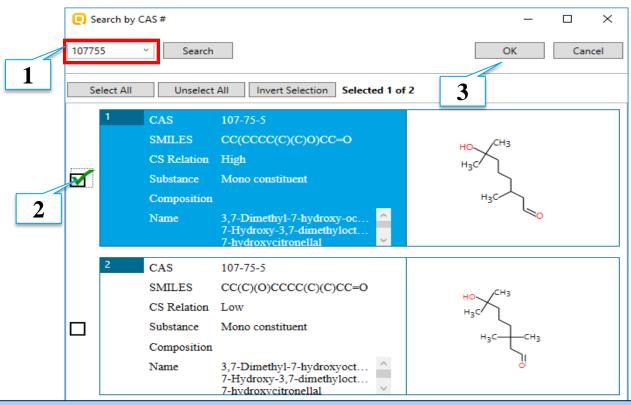
# Chemical Input Input target chemical by CAS#



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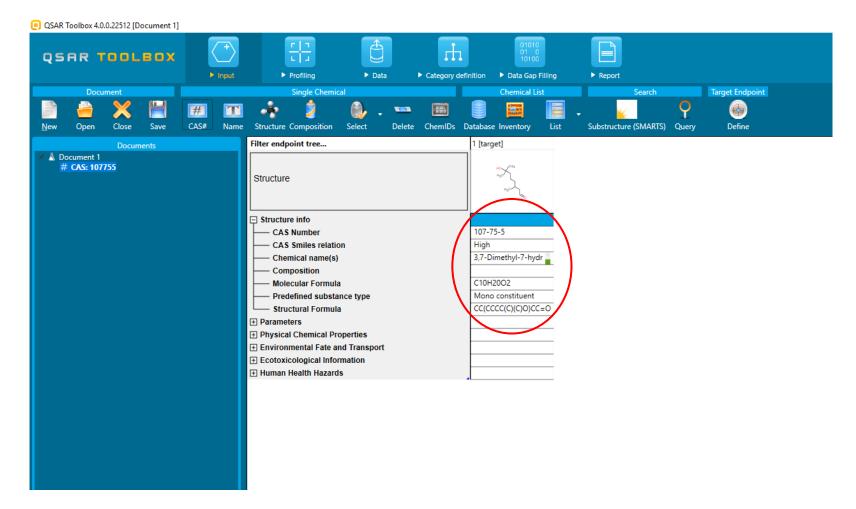
### Chemical Input Enter CAS# 107-75-5

The Toolbox now searches the databases to find out if the CAS# you entered is linked to a molecular structure stored in the Toolbox. It is displayed as a 2-demensional depiction

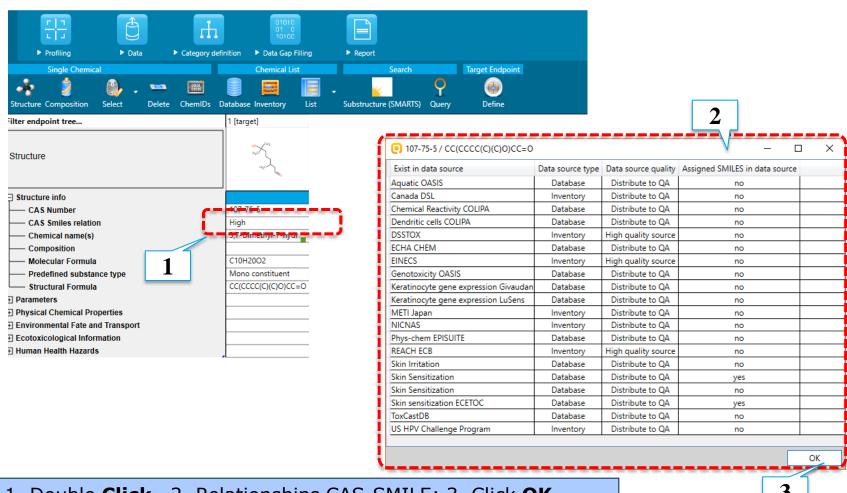


1. **Enter** the CAS# In the blank field; 2. **Click** over the box associated with chemical with high CAS-SMILES Relation (CS Relation) 3. **Click** OK

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- Double click "CAS Smiles relation" displays the chemical identification information.
- This indicates the reliability of relation CAS-Name for the target chemical (see next screen shots).



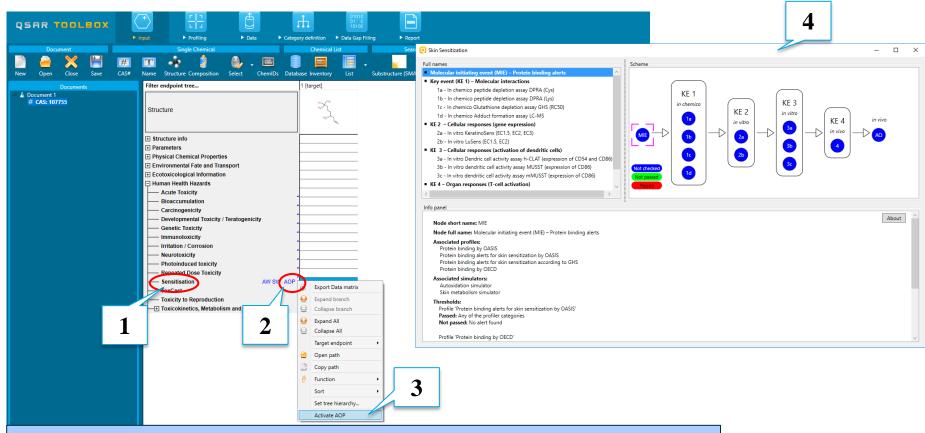
1. Double Click 2. Relationships CAS-SMILE; 3. Click OK.

The code indicates the reliability of the chemical identifier:

- High: This reliability corresponds to high reliability of CAS-SMILES relation. This label is assigned if the chemical belongs to at least one high quality data source (database or inventory)
- Moderate: This reliability corresponds to moderate reliability of CAS-SMILES relation. The moderate label is assigned if the chemical belongs to three "Distribute to QA" data sources.
- **Low:** This reliability corresponds to poor reliability of CAS-SMILES relation. This label is assigned if the chemical belongs to less than three, but at least one "Distribute to QA" data sources.

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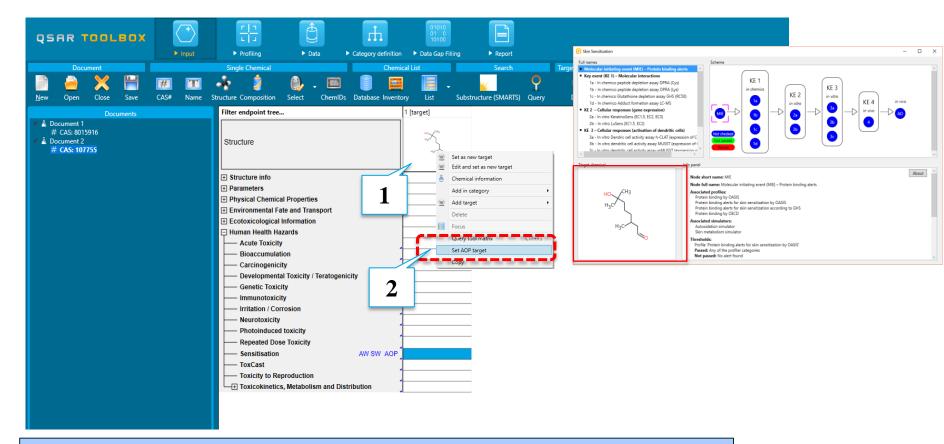
# Activate AOP Set target chemical for AOP



- 1. Expand the endpoint tree to the "Sensitization" node
- 2. Right click near the AOP label
- 3. **Select** activate AOP 4. AOP window appears

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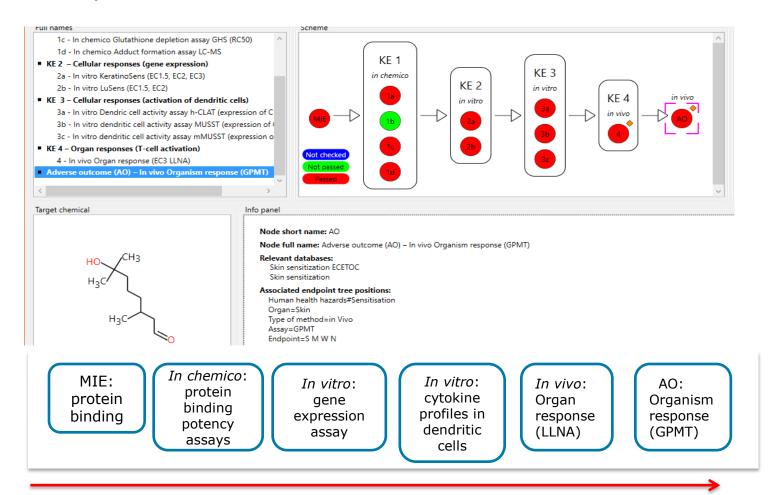
## Activate AOP Set target chemical for AOP



- 1. Right click over the structure and select "Set AOP target"
- 2. The target chemical appears in the AOP window

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    - Workflow process

Workflow process start from molecular initiating event to the in vivo organism respond



### Step 1. MIE: protein binding

#### **Example 1**

Select All Unselect All Invert

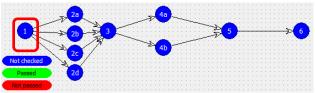
f Select All

Protein binding potency Cys (DPRA 13%)

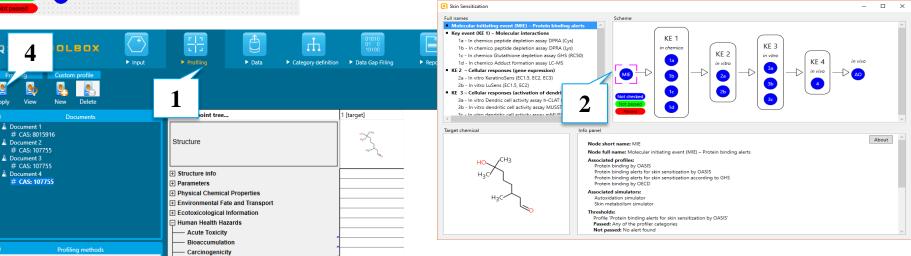
Protein binding potency Lys (DPRA 13%)

Unselect All Invert

Autoxidation simulator (alkaline medium)



Start with profiling of target chemical



- 1. Open Profiling
- 2. **Select** node #1 related to MIE.
- 3. Relevant profilers are highlighted, **select** highlighted profilers
- 4. Apply selected profilers

- Developmental Toxicity / Teratogenicity

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tic Toxicity Inotoxicity tion / Corrosion otoxicity

toinduced toxicity

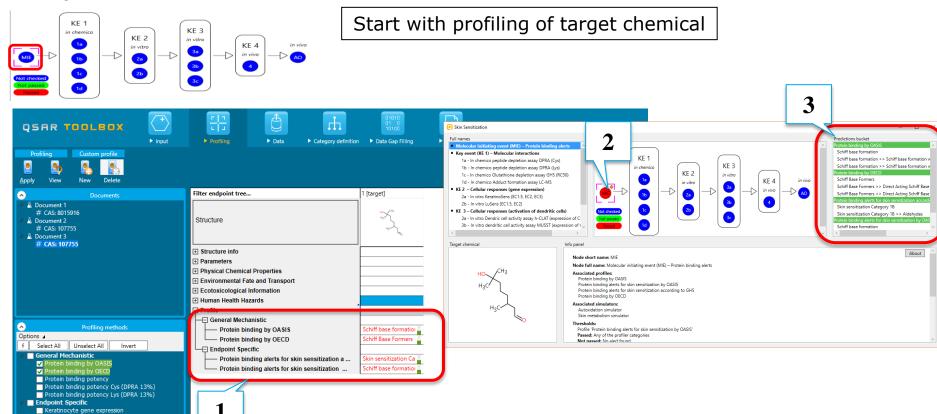
Repeated Dose Toxicity Sensitisation

— ToxCast — Toxicity to Reproduction -⊕ Toxicokinetics, Metabolism and Distribution

Step 1. MIE: protein binding

#### **Example 1**

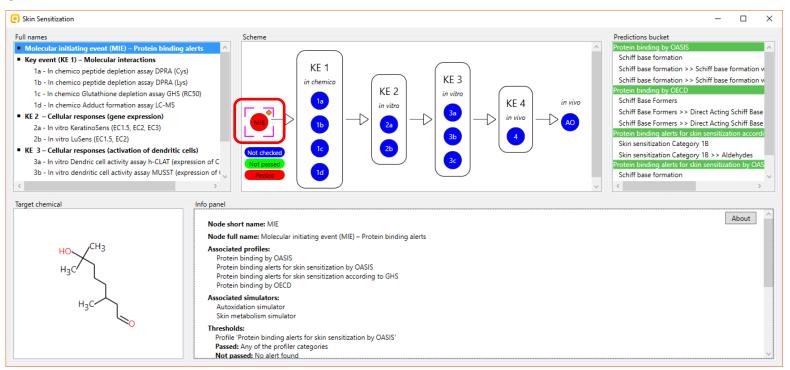
f Select All Unselect All



- 1. The target chemical has protein binding alert according to the four suitable protein binding profilers
- 2. The node is automatically changed to passed based on the profiling outcome results and implemented thresholds (see slide #15).
- 3. Profiling results assigned to the selected node appears in the panel "prediction bucket"

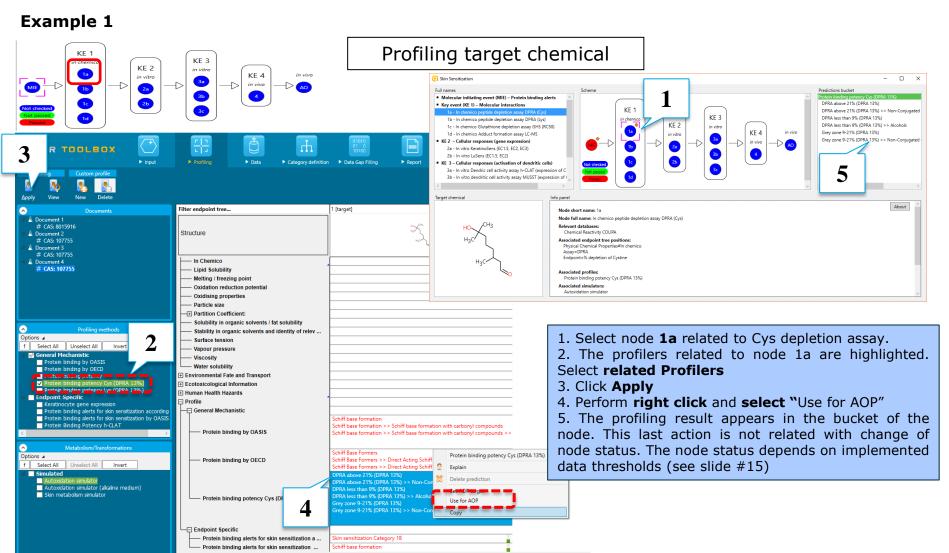
### Molecular initiating events

#### **Example 1**



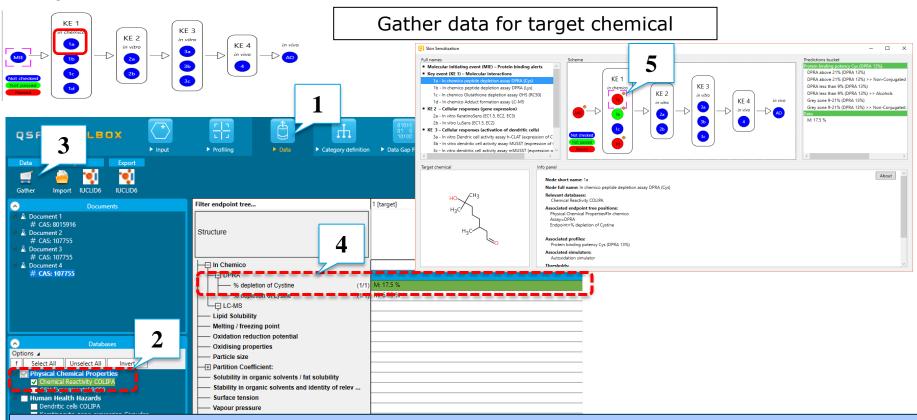
- The node MIE is passed due to the presence of protein binding alert identified for the target chemical by the two protein binding profilers
- The workflow should move further to the in chemico assay

Step 2. In chemico peptide depletion assay DPRA (Cys) (node 1a)



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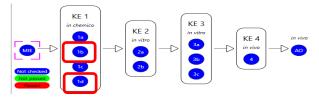
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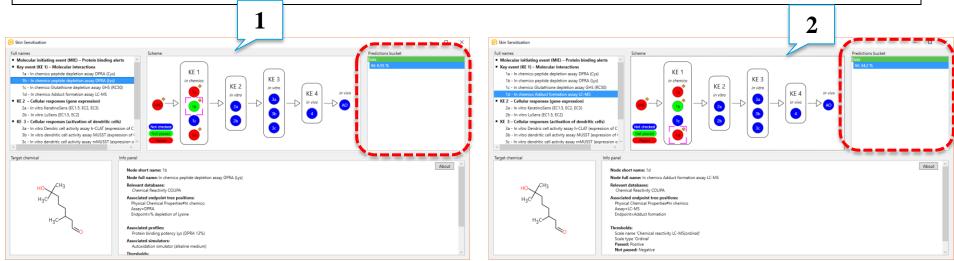
- 1. Go to Data and check are there any experimental data for the node 1a
- 2. **Select** highlighted database
- 3. Click Gather
- 4. Data appears on data matrix
- 5. Based on presence of data for the chemical and implemented thresholds (slide #15) node 1a is getting passed. Node 1b and
- 1d are automatically changed as passed based the implemented thresholds.

Step 2.In chemico peptide depletion assay DPRA (Lys) (node 1b) and In chemico Adduct formation assay LC-MS (node 1d)

#### **Example 1**



In this case there is available experimental data for the target chemical related to nodes 1b and 1d. In this respect these two nodes changed their status to passed and not passed. The workflow could proceed with next node

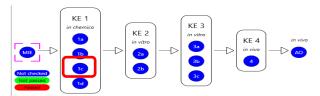


- 1. Select node 1b
- 2. Select node 1d

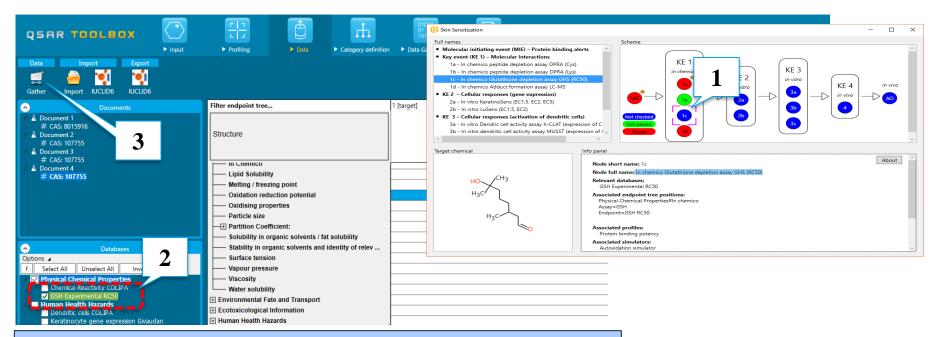
The prediction buckets of both nodes were filled with experimental data.

Step 2. In chemico Glutathione depletion assay GHS (RC50) (node 1c)

#### **Example 1**



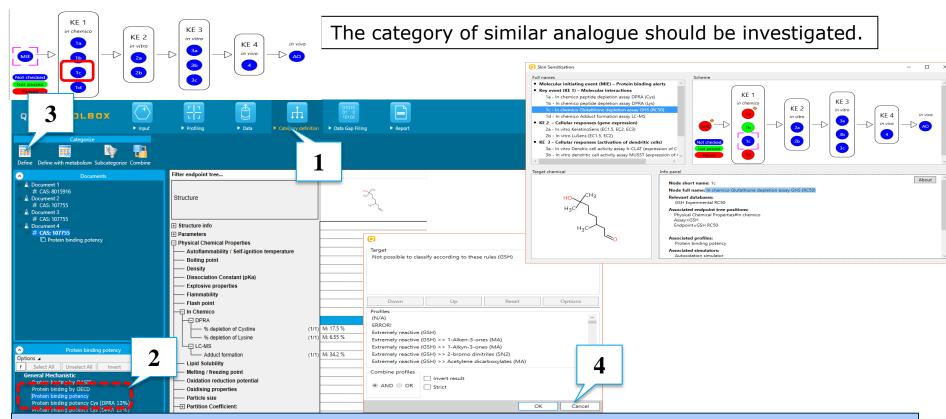
In this case there is no available experimental data for the target chemical related to node 2c, so the next step is to investigate category with similar analogues



- 1. Select **node 1c** related to *in chemico* glutathione depletion assay
- 2. **Select** highlighted database
- 3. Click Gather. No data has been found for the target chemical

Step 2. In chemico Glutathione depletion assay GSH (RC50) (node 1c)

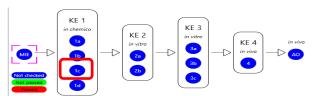
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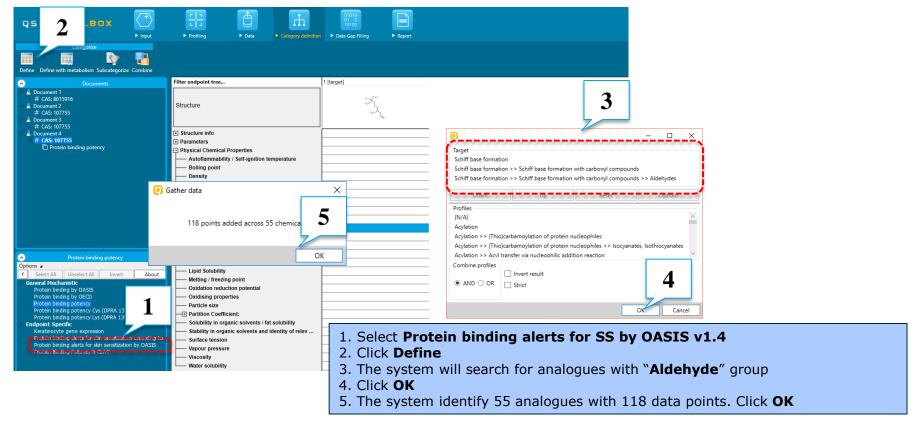
- 1. Switch to Category definition
- 2. **Select** highlighted category
- 3. Click Define
- 4. There are no structural alerts identified for the target chemical according to this profiler (no mechanistic and structural explanation). Click **Cancel** 
  - Based on the above point it is recommended to define category by "Protein binding alerts" profiler

Step 2. In chemico Glutathione depletion assay GSH (RC50) (node 1c)

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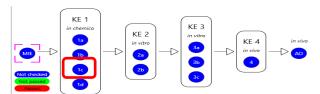


In this case we should investigate the category by Protein binding alerts. The reason for this is that GHS RC50 depends on mechanism of protein binding interaction

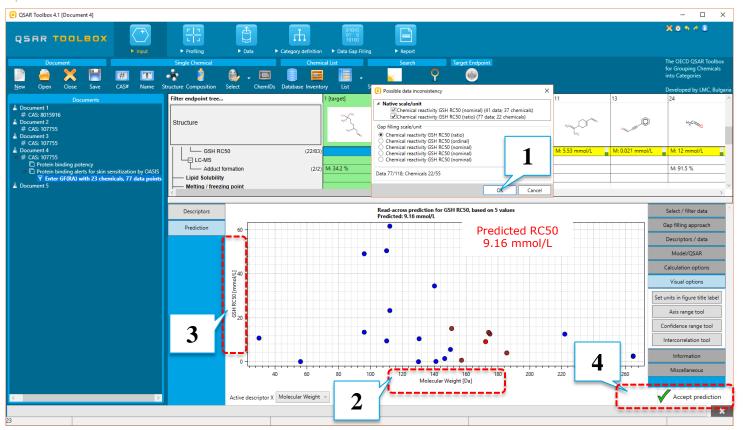


## Step 2. In chemico Glutathione depletion assay GSH (RC50) (node 1c)

#### **Example 1**



Performed read-across in node 2c is used only to exemplify the workflow



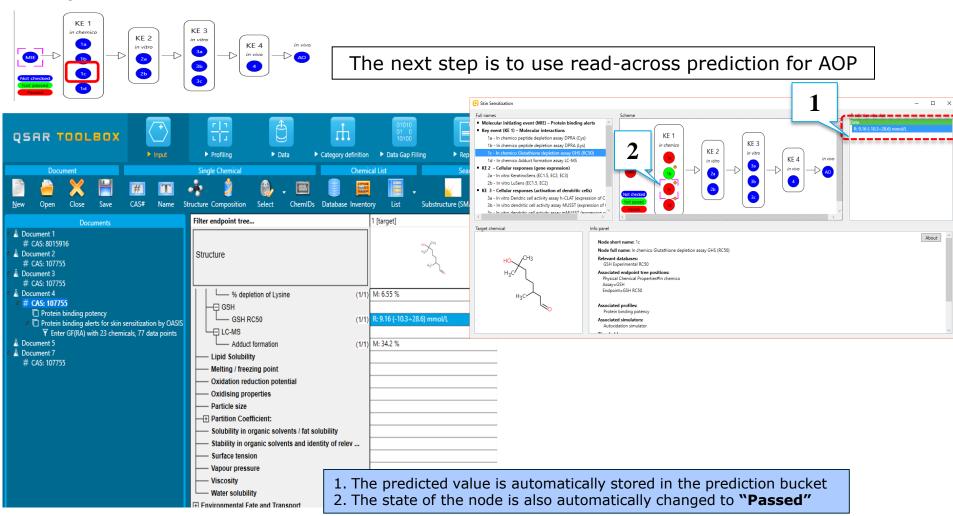
The obtained readacross prediction falls in the range "Moderately reactive" based on the implemented thresholds (see slide #15) - the status of the node is changed to pass (see next slide)

#### Data thresholds

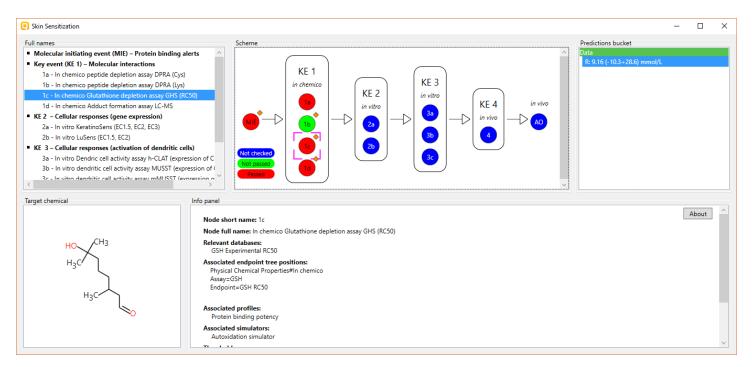
RC50 (mmol/L)  $\leq$  0.099 – Extremely reactive 0.1  $\geq$  RC50  $\leq$  0.99 – Highly reactive 1  $\geq$  RC50  $\leq$  15 – Moderately reactive 16  $\geq$  RC50  $\leq$  70 – Slightly reactive 70.1  $\geq$  RC50  $\leq$  135 – Suspect RC50 > 135 – Not reactive

- Before enter in RA the user is asked to select In possible data inconsistency window a scale/unit. By default RC50 ratio scale is selected. Click OK.
- The Molecular weight descriptor as the most suitable for predicting skin sensitization effect is used in RA prediction
- RC50 values are presented in mmol/L
- 4. Accept prediction

Step 2. In chemico Glutathione depletion assay GSH (RC50) (node 1c)



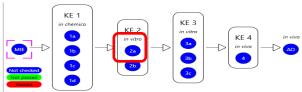
# Workflow process In chemico assays

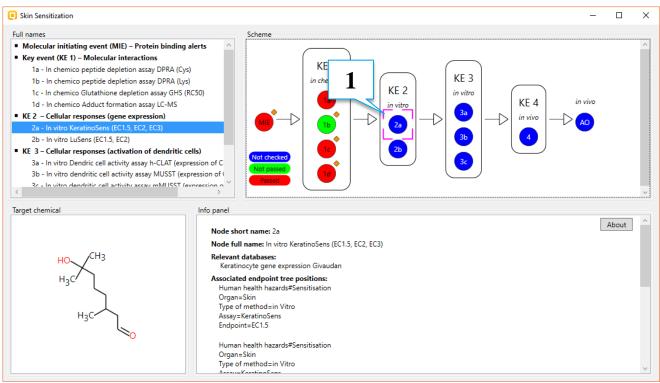


- The nodes related to three of the *in chemico* assays are passed due to positive experimental data for the target chemical (node 1a and 1d) and the positive experimental data found for analogues with an "Aldehyde" group(1c).
- Only one of all in chemico related nodes (node 1b) is assigned as "Not passed" due to negative experimental data for Lysine depletion
- The workflow should move further to the *in vitro* assay (nodes 2a and 2b)

Step 3. In vitro KeratinoSens (EC1.5, EC2, EC3) (node 2a)

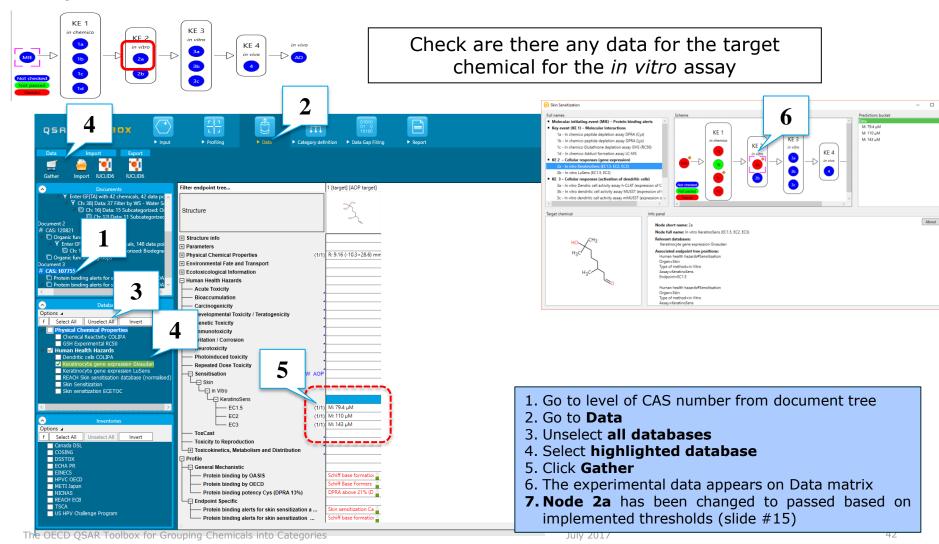
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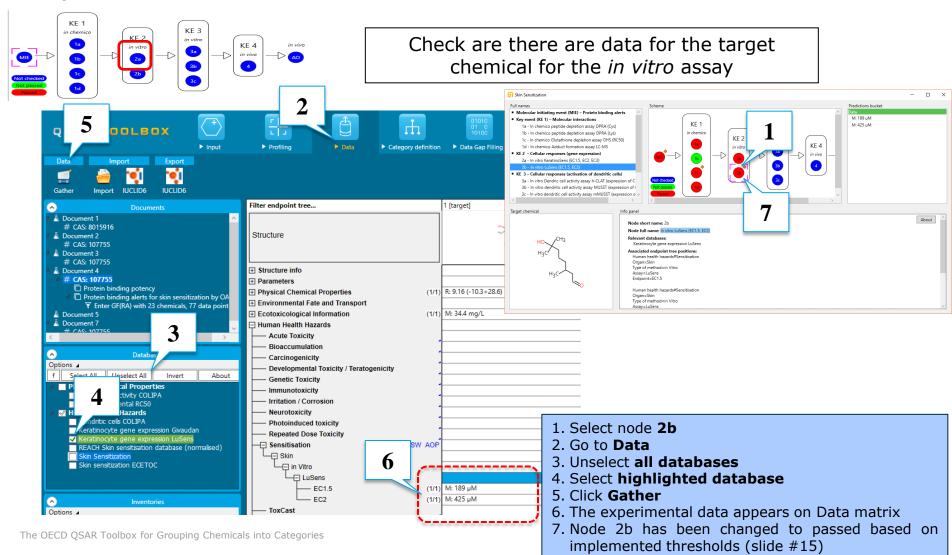


1. Select node 2a

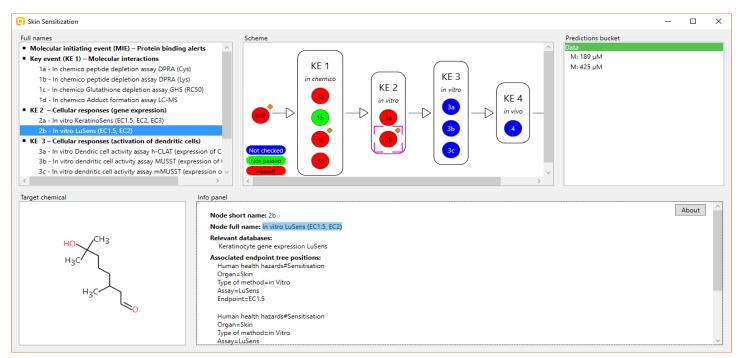
Step 3. in vitro Keratinocyte ARE (EC1.5, EC2, EC3) (node 2a)



Step 3. In vitro LuSens (EC1.5, EC2) (node 2b)



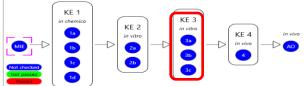
## Step 3. in vitro Keratinocyte ARE and In vitro LuSens (nodes 2a&2b)



- The both nodes related to in vitro assays are passed due to positive experimental data found for the target chemical and implemented thresholds (slide #15)
- The workflow should move further to the other in vitro assays (nodes 3a, 3b and 3c)

Step 4. In vitro Dendric cell activity assays h-CLAT, MUSST and mMUSST (nodes 3a, 3b and 3c)

### **Example 1**



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Check if there are any data for the target chemical for the in vitro Dendric cell activity data

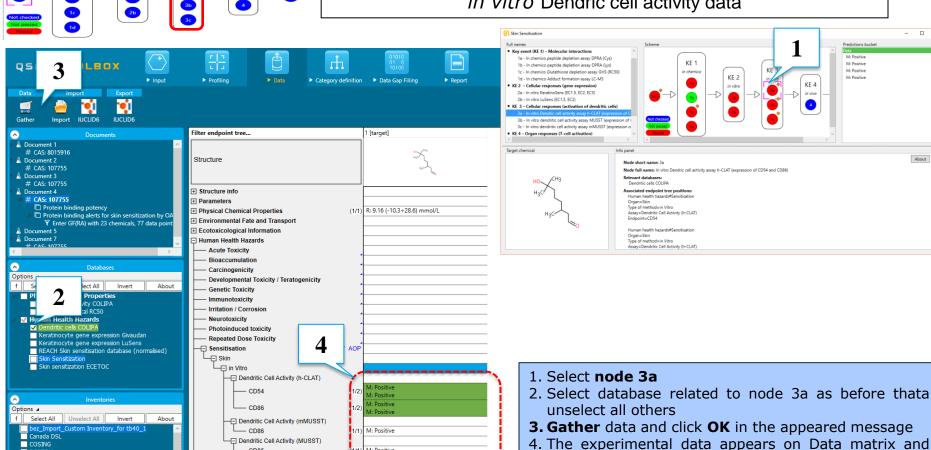
Passed

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M: Positive

M: Positive

the status of nodes 3a, 3b and 3c was changed to



M: Positive

## Step 4. in vitro Dendritic cell activity assay (nodes 3a, 3b and 3c)



- The nodes 4a and 4b related to the *in vitro* Dendritic cell activity assay (h-CLAT) is passed due to positive experimental data found for the target chemical
- The workflow moves further to the in vivo LLNA assay (node 4)

Step 5. In vivo Organ response (LLNA)(node 4)

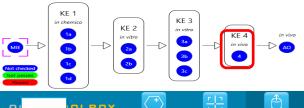
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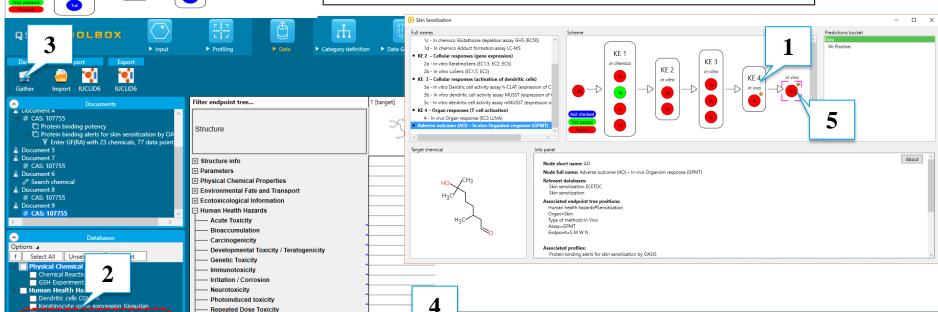
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Check are there any data for the target chemical for the *in vivo* Organ response (LLNA) (node 4)



- 1. Select node 4
- 2. Select database related to the node 4, as before that unselect all others
- 3. Gather data and click **OK** in the appeared message
- 4. The data appears in the datamatrix
- 5. The **node 4** and **node Adverse outcome (AO)** are automatically changed to **passed**, based on experimental data for the target chemical and the implemented thresholds (see slide #15)

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Sensitisation

—⊕ GPMT

—⊕ HRIP1 —⊡ LLNA

FC3

Toxicity to Reproduction

- Miscellaneous

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Toxicokinetics, Metabolism and Distribution

Skin In Vivo

ToxCast

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Predefined: Repeated Dose Toxicity

(1/1) M: Positive (1/3) M: 4.2E+03 μg/cm2

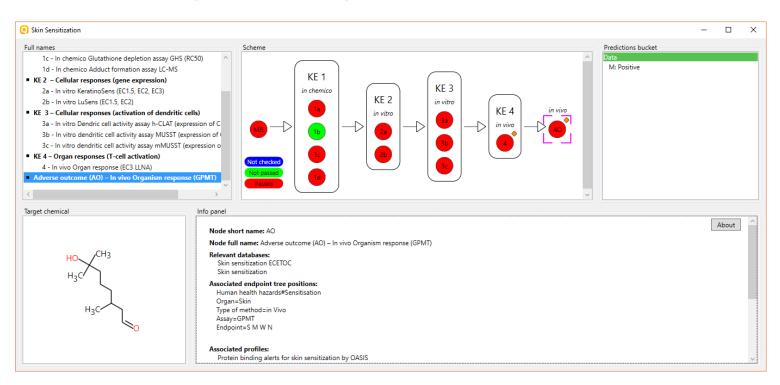
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## Step 5. in vivo Organ and Organism assays (node 4 and AO)

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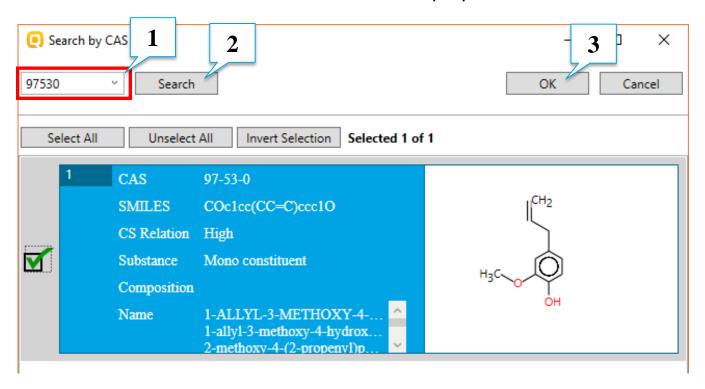
 Both nodes related to the two in vivo assays (LLNA and GPMT) are passed based on the positive experimental data for the target chemical according to the implemented thresholds

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  - Example 2: Eugenol (CAS 97-53-0)
    - Input target

# Chemical Input Enter CAS# 97-53-0

The Toolbox now searches the databases to find out if the CAS# you entered is linked to a molecular structure stored in the Toolbox. It is displayed as a 2-demensional depiction

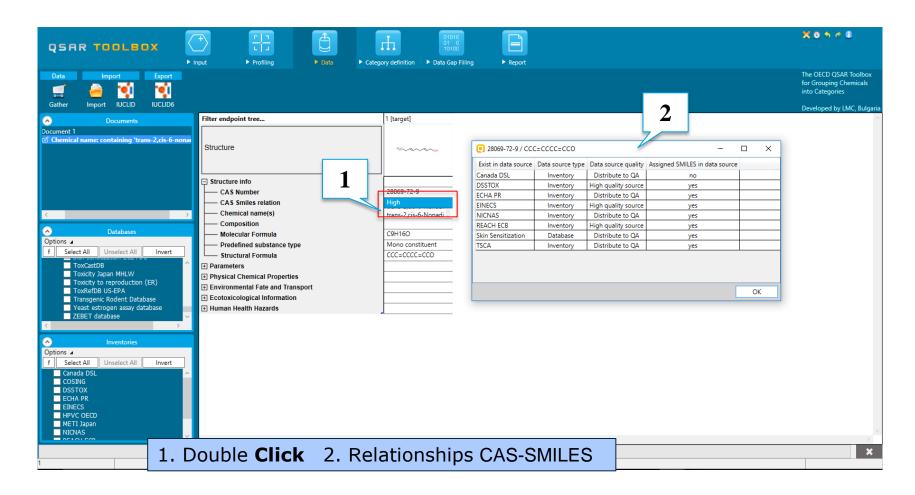


- 1. Create new document and Enter the CAS# 97-53-0 In the blank field; 2. Click Search button;
- 3. Press **OK**

# Chemical Input Target chemical identity

- Double click "CAS Smiles ralation" displays the chemical identification information.
- This indicates the reliability of relation CAS-Name for the target chemical(see next screen shots).
- The workflow on the first module is now complete, and the user can proceed to the next module.

# Chemical Input Target chemical identity



# **Chemical Input**Target chemical identity

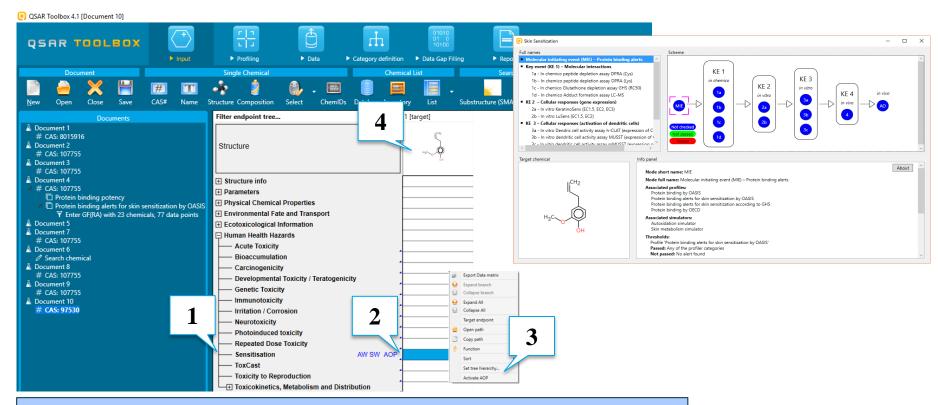
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    - Set AOP target

# Activate AOP Set target chemical for AOP

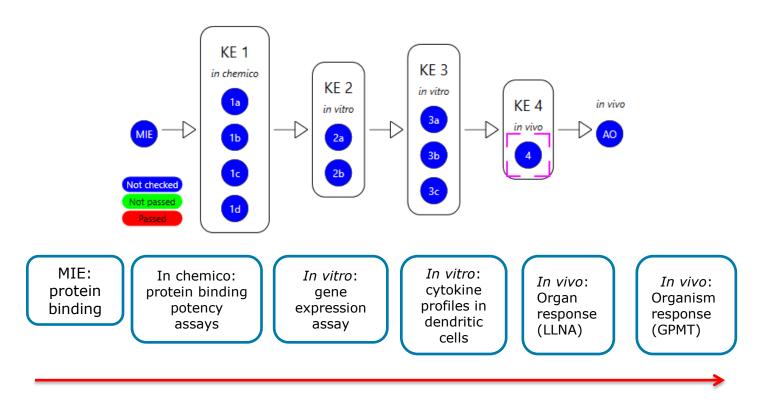


- 1. Expand **Human health hazard** part of the endpoint
- 2. Right click near the AOP label
- Select Activate AOP
- 4. Set target for AOP (see slide 26)

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    - Activate AOP and set target
    - Workflow process

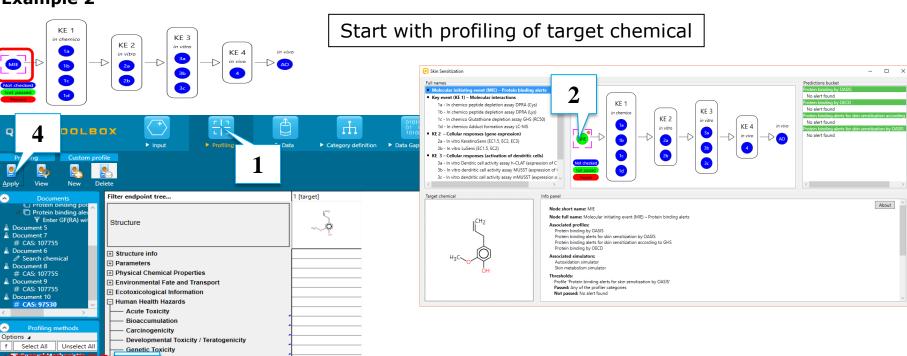
 Workflow process start from molecular initiating event to the in vivo organism respond



# Step 1. MIE: protein binding

## **Example 2**

Select All



- 1. Open **Profiling**
- 2. Select node #MIE
- 3. Relevant profilers are highlighted, **select** the profilers
- 4. **Apply** selected profilers. The node is automatically changed to not passed based on absence of alert. The next step is to investigate whether the substance has skin sensitization potential via autoxidation

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+ Toxicokinetics, Metabolism and Distribution

- Protein binding alerts for skin sensitization a ...

- Protein binding alerts for skin sensitization ...

No alert found

Toxicity to Reproduction

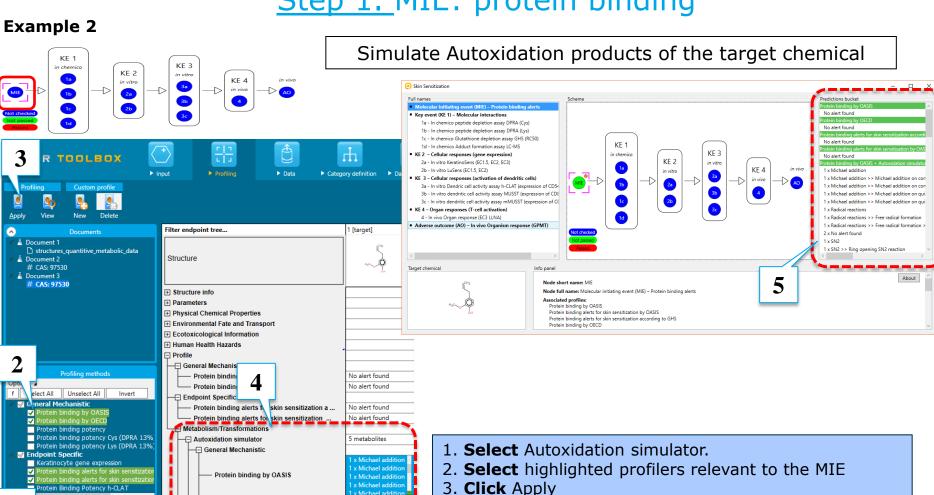
- Protein binding by OASIS

- Protein binding by OECD

General Mechanistic

- I Endpoint Specific

# Workflow process Step 1. MIE: protein binding



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Protein binding by OECD

Protein binding alerts for skin sensitiza ...

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→ Fndpoint Specific

elect All Unselect All

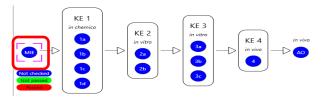
ation simulator (alkaline medium)

- 4. The profiling results appeared on data matrix
- 5. The profiling results are also stored at the prediction bucket

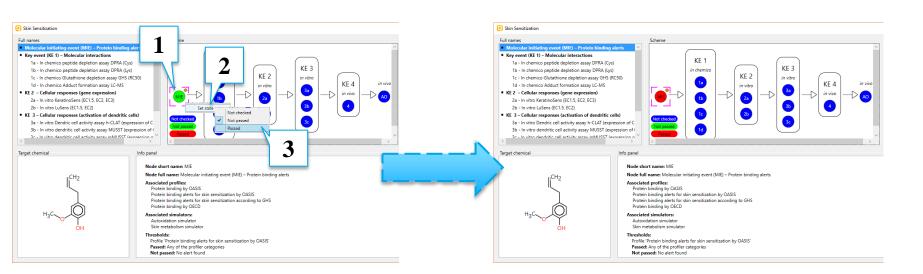
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Step 1. MIE: protein binding

### **Example 2**

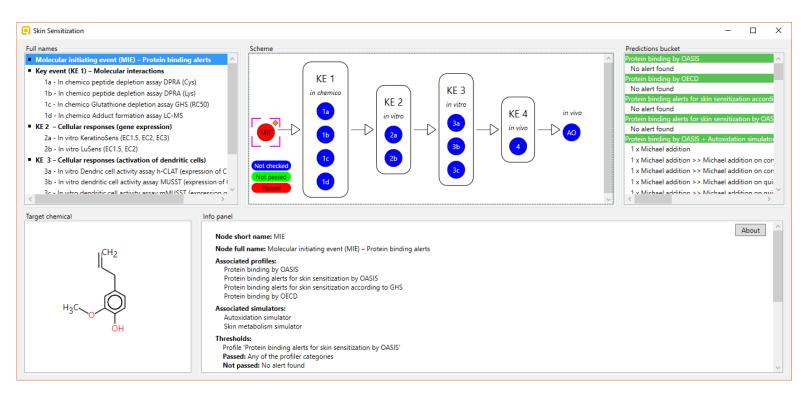


Simulate Autoxidation products of the target chemical – manually change the node status



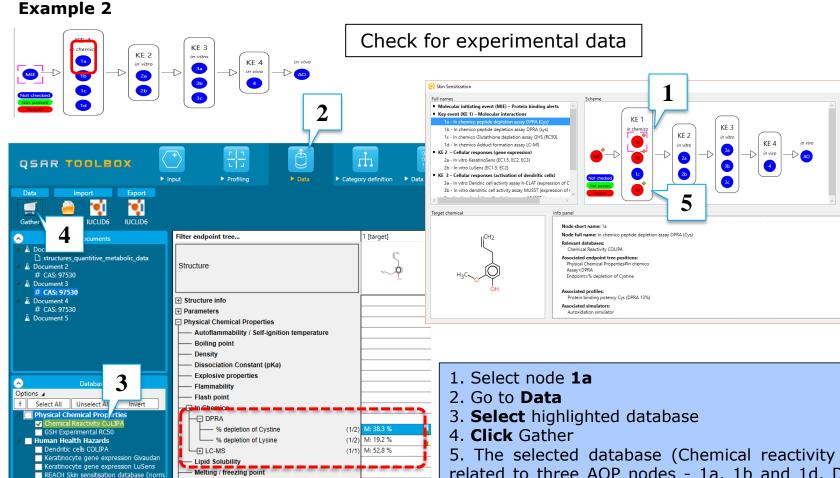
- 1. Right click on the MIE node
- 2. Select Set state
- 3. Change the state from Not Passed to Passed

# Workflow process Molecular initiating events



- The node MIE is passed due to the presence of positive protein binding alert identified for the Autoxidation products of the target chemical
- The workflow should move further to the in chemico assays

Step2. In chemico peptide depletion assay DPRA (Cys) (node 1a)



5. The selected database (Chemical reactivity COLIPA) is related to three AOP nodes - 1a, 1b and 1d. Data for the target for all 3 endpoints are found and the three nodes are marked as Passed (based on the implemented thresholds, see slide 15)

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Oxidation reduction potential

Oxidising properties

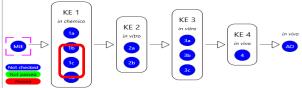
Particle size

Skin Sensitization

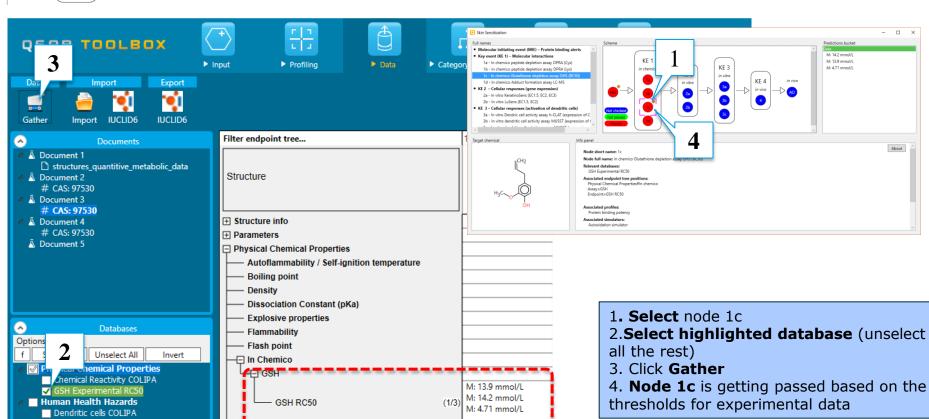
Skin sensitization ECETOC

Step2. *In chemico* Glutathione depletion assay GHS (RC50) (node 1c)

## **Example 2**



Check are there any data for the target chemical

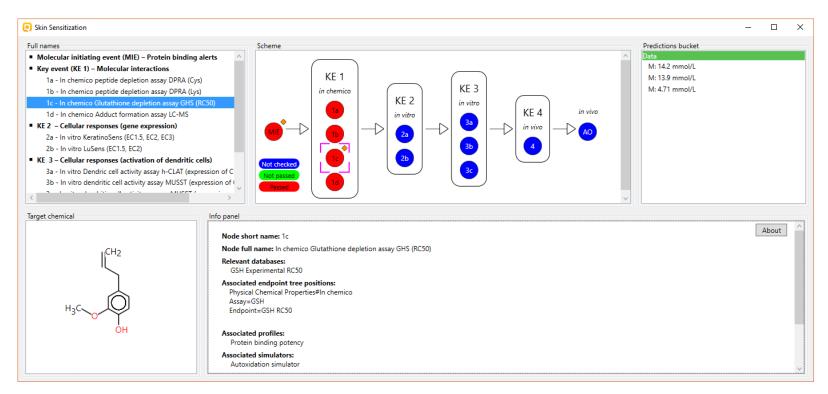


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# Workflow process In chemico assays

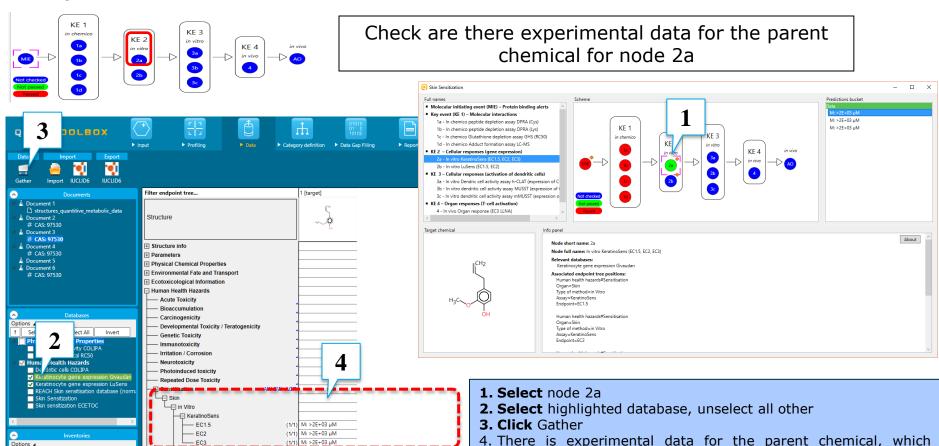
## **Example 2**



• The nodes related to the *in chemico* assays are passed due to positive experimental data for the target chemical (node 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d) The workflow should move further to the *in vitro* assay (node 2a and 2b)

Step 3. In vitro KeratinoSens (EC1.5, EC2, EC3) (node 2a)

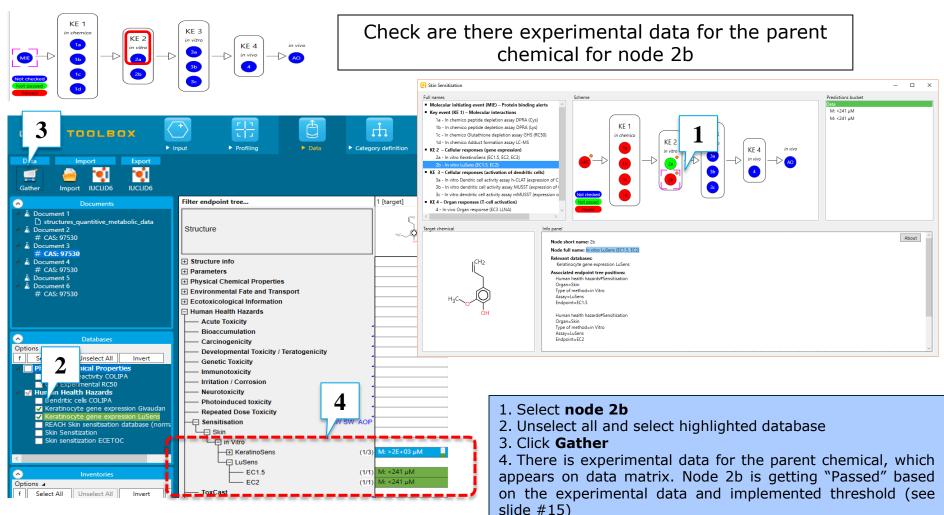
### **Example 2**



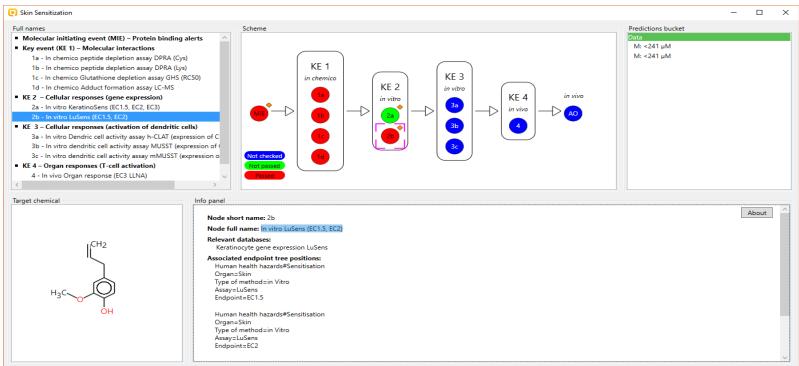
slide #15)

appears on data matrix. Node 2a is getting "Not Passed" based on the experimental data and implemented thresholds (see

Step 3. In vitro LuSens (EC1.5, EC2) (node 2b)



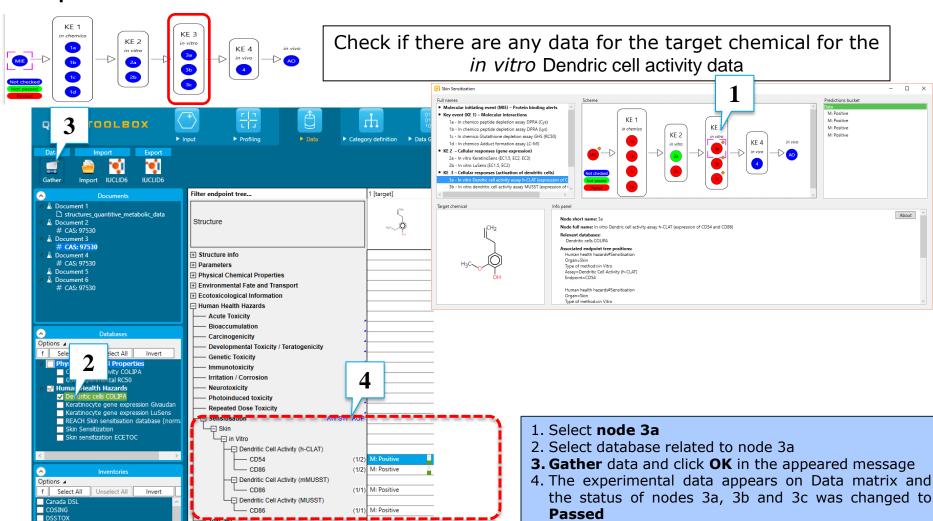
## Step 3. in vitro Keratinocyte ARE and In vitro LuSens



- The nodes 2a and 2b related to the Keratinocyte ARE (EC1.5, EC2, EC3) is passed based on the experimental data found for the target chemical (threshold are specified on slide # 15).
- The workflow moves further to the in vitro Dendritic cell assay (nodes 3a, 3b and 3c)

Step 4. in vitro Dendritic cell activity assay (nodes 3a, 3b and 3c)

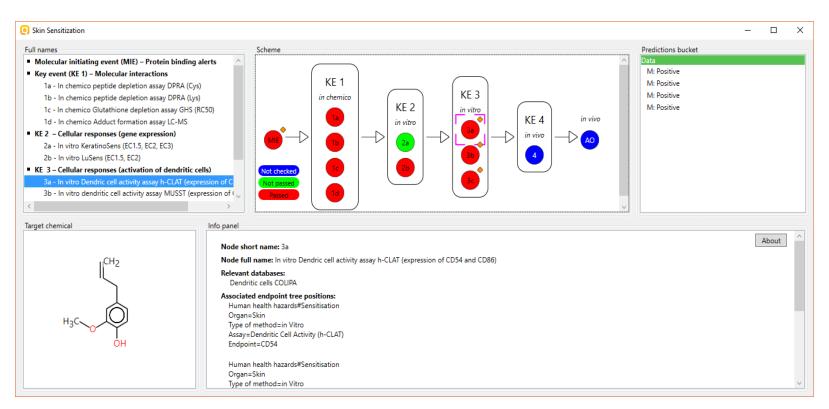
### **Example 2**



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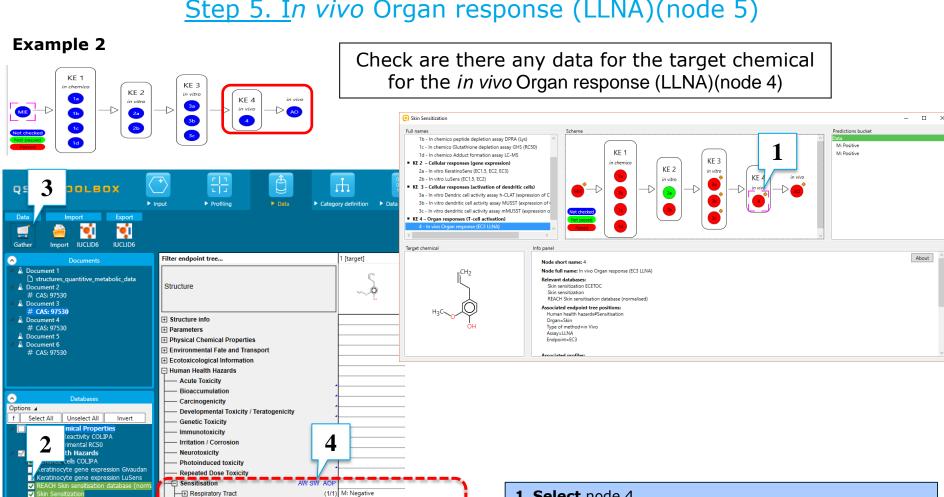
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Step 4. in vitro Dendritic cell activity assay (node 4a and 4b)



- The node 3a, 3b and 3c related to the in vitro Dendritic cell activity assays (h-CLAT, MUSST and mMUSST) are getting passed due to positive experimental data found for the target chemical
- The workflow could further move to the *in vivo LLNA* assay (nodes 4) The OECD QSAR Toolbox for Grouping Chemicals into Categories

Step 5. In vivo Organ response (LLNA)(node 5)



- 1. Select node 4
- 2. Select database related to the node 4
- 3. Click Gather
- 4. Nodes 4 and AO is getting passed on experimental data extracted for the target chemical

Select All Unselect All

- in Vivo

- ± LLNA

Undefined Assay

(1/6) M: Positive

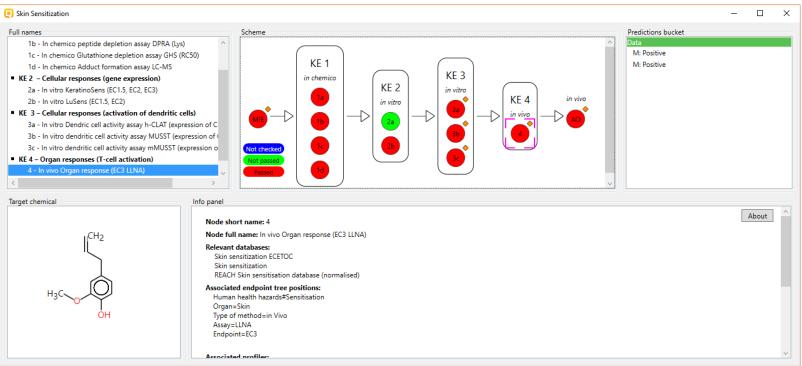
(1/1) M: Positive (1/3) M: 8E+03 µg/cm2

(1/2) M: Positive

(1/1) M: Positive

Step 5. in vivo Organ and Organism assays (node 4 and AO)

### **Example 2**



 Both nodes related to the two in vivo assays (LLNA and GPMT) are passed based on the identified positive experimental data for the target chemical

## **Conclusions**

 This tutorial illustrates how implemented proof-of-concept AOP scheme can be used in assessment of skin sensitization of chemicals using different combinations of data and grouping methods related to nodes of the AOP.