

# ***In vitro Skin Sensitisation, Photo-DPRA***



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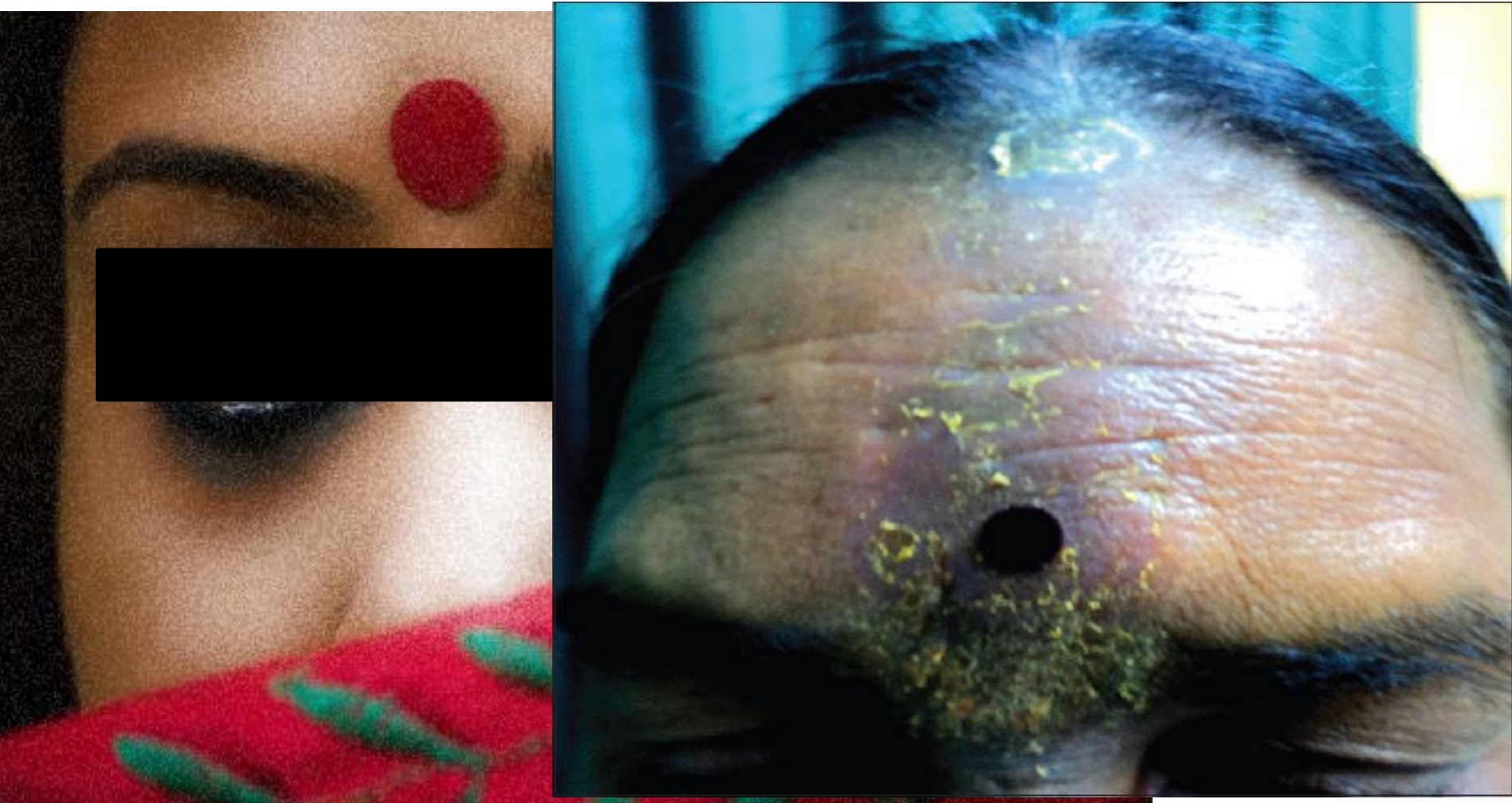
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- Substances which elicit an allergic response following contact with the skin
- Process termed as allergic contact dermatitis (ACD) in humans

# ACD day to day examples



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# ACD in cannabinoid receptor knock-out mice

$Cnr1^{-/-}/Cnr2^{-/-}$  mice

Normal ears

A



Allergic ear response

B



- Severe ulcerations in the head and neck region of 30% of the  $Cnr1^{-/-}/Cnr2^{-/-}$  mice

Karsak et al. Science 2007

## **Allergic contact dermatitis (ACD)**

- An important occupational and environmental disease

Cause - topical exposure to chemical allergens

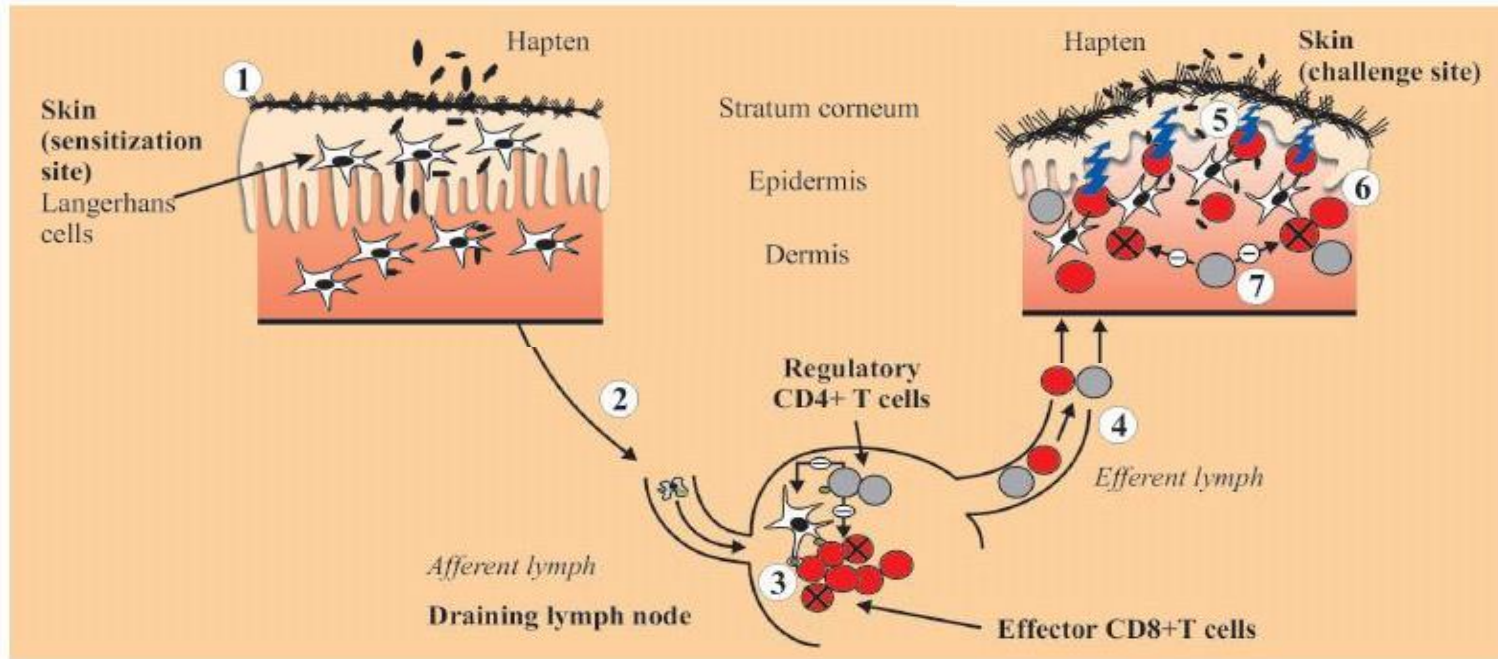
- More than 4,000 chemicals identified as skin sensitisers
- As per epidemiological studies approximately 20% adults allergic to one or more skin sensitisers

Source : WHO report 2016

# Immune responses in cutaneous hypersensitivity

## DNFB treatment

## Repeated DNFB treatment



Adapted from Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia, 2005, vol.80, n. 4

- DNFB = 2,4-dinitrofluorobenzene, causes allergic reaction or sensitisation

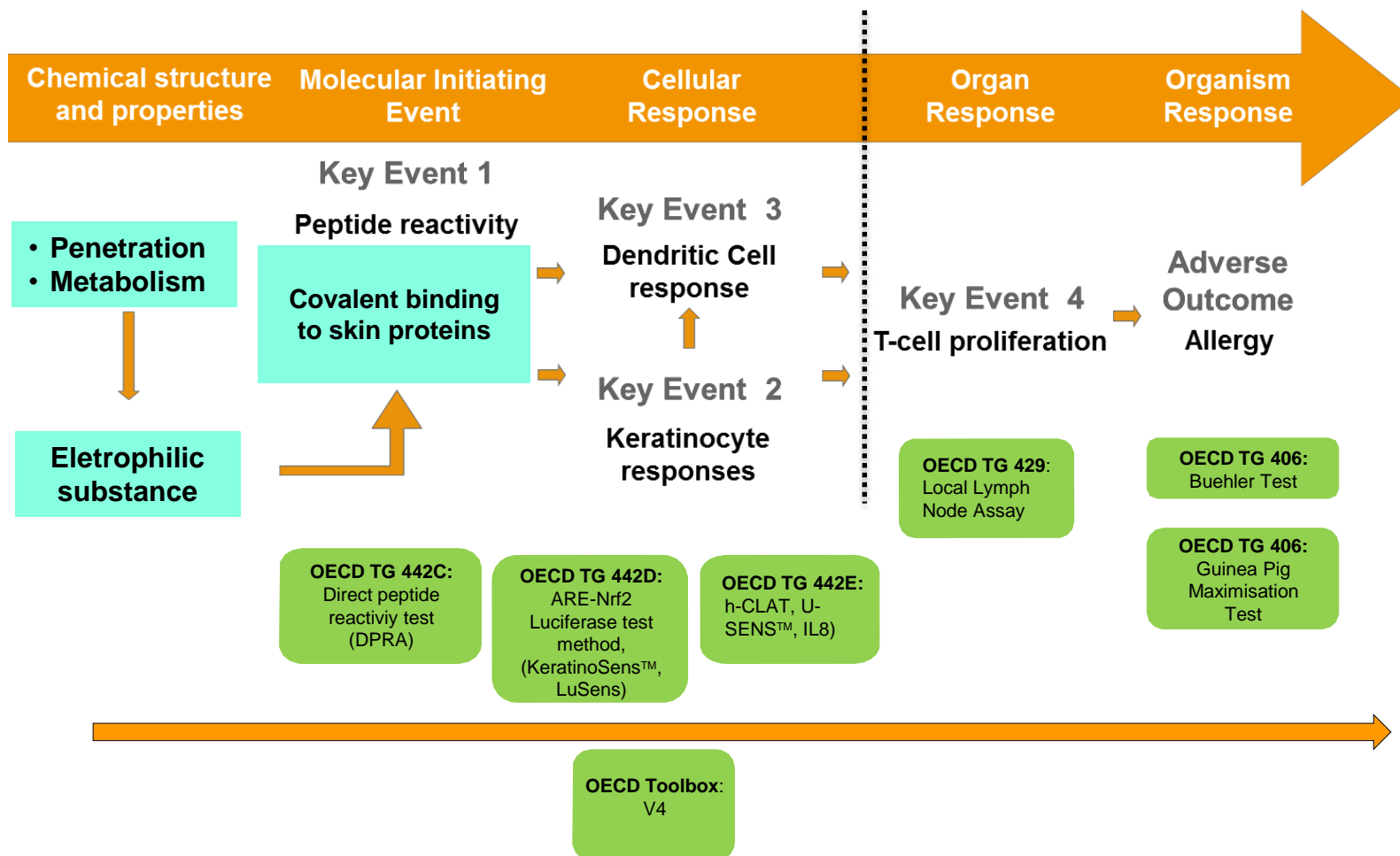
- Phasing out of animal testing for cosmetics started in 2004
- A complete marketing ban on animal-tested new cosmetic ingredients ----- since March 2013
- EU Regulation on Chemicals (REACH) requires use of alternative methods wherever possible
  1. *In vitro* methods
  2. *In silico* analysis



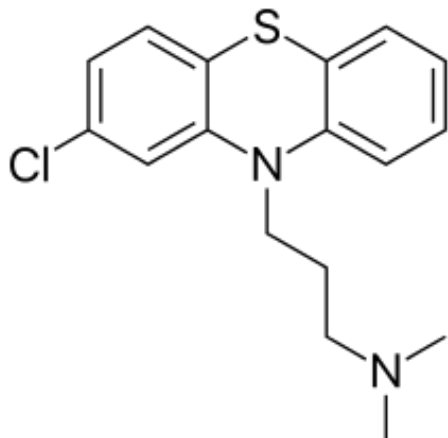


**At present no single formally validated and regulatory  
adopted alternative method**

# The Adverse Outcome Pathway (AOP) for Skin Sensitisation



## Chlorpromazine



(Thorazine, Largactil,  
Megatil, Serectil)





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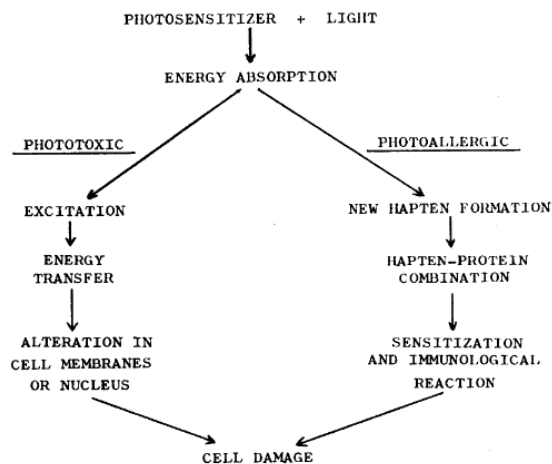
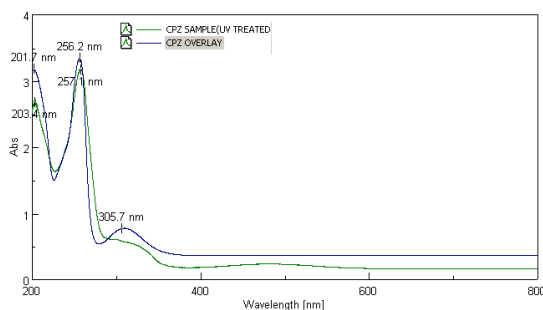
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## Short Papers

### Cellular Mechanisms of Chlorpromazine Photosensitivity

by B E Johnson BSc PhD  
(Department of Dermatology,  
University of Dundee,  
Dudhope Terrace,  
Dundee)

as rose bengal and eosin, which are adsorbed on to the membrane but do not penetrate the cell, and those such as anthracene and the porphyrins which are concentrated in lysosomes and on exposure to the appropriate radiation lead to the release of hydrolytic enzymes from these intracellular organelles with subsequent autolysis.



**Fig 1 Mechanism of photosensitivity.**  
Adapted from Harber & Baer (1969)

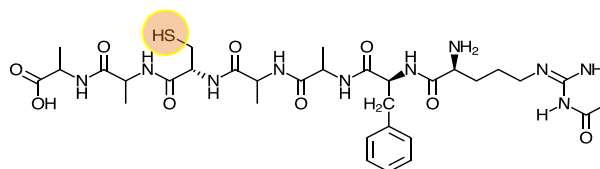


# Direct Peptide Reactivity Assay (DPRA) Method

## Screening method for evaluation skin sensitization potential (haptens)

- The reactivity is quantified based on the percentage of peptide depletion (HPLC/LCMS)

### Synthetic model peptides in buffer



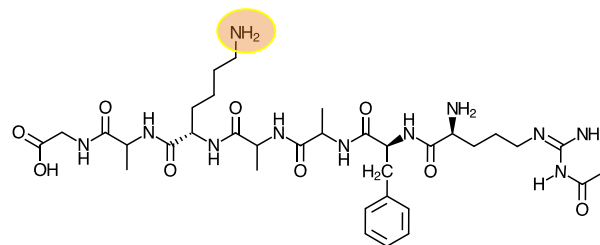
Test chemical  
in solvent



**Cysteine (Ac-RFAACAA-COOH)**  
1:10 at pH 7.4



**Incubation for 24 h, 25° C  
(dark)**



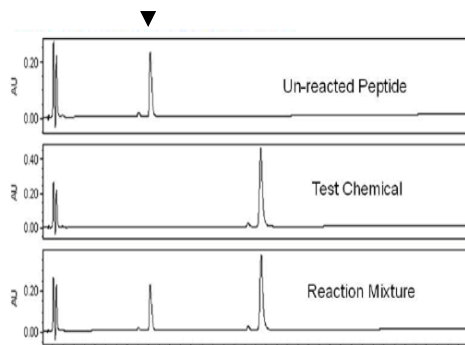
**Lysine (Ac-RFAAKAA-COOH)**  
1:50 at pH 10.2



**HPLC analysis**

**Gerberick, *et al.* (2004) *Tox. Sci.* 81, 332-343**

## Peptide depletion



- Published dataset of DPRA includes 145 chemicals
  - 30 Extreme/Strong
  - 39 Moderate
  - 33 Weak
  - 43 Non-sensitizers
- Sensitivity = 82%; Specificity = 74%; and Accuracy = 80%

**Natsch, *et al.* (2013). *Journal of Applied Toxicology* 33: 1337-1352**

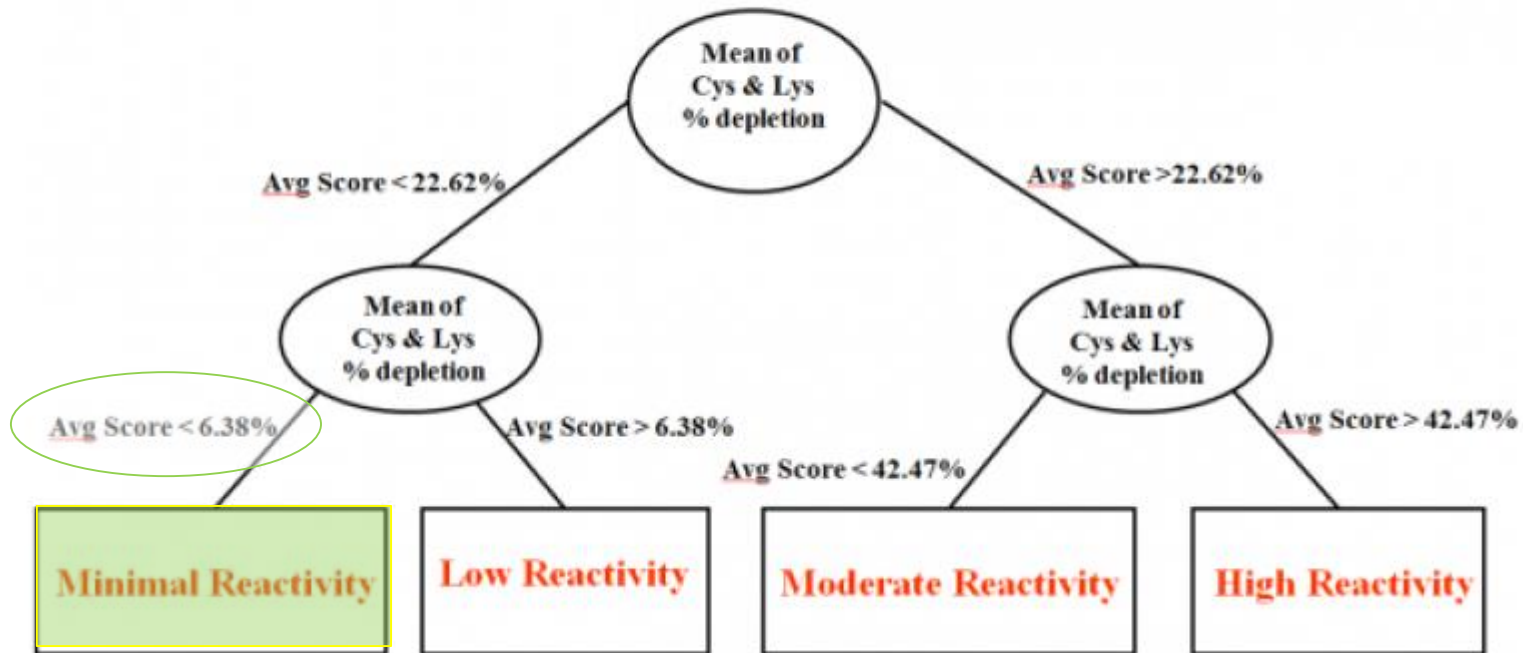
### **EURL/ECVAM Results for 157 Chemicals:**

Sensitivity = 80%; Specificity = 77%; and Accuracy = 80%

*Gerberick et al. (2007). *Tox. Sci.*, 97, 417-427*

# Prediction criteria

## Cysteine 1:10/Lysine 1:50 Prediction model



EURL ECVAM DB-ALM Protocol 154

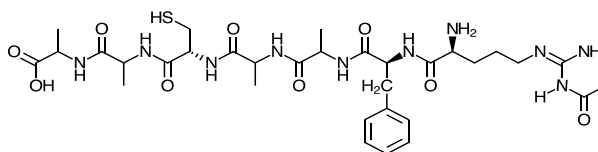
# Modified Direct Peptide Reactivity Assay (Photo-DPRA)

## Additional step : Irradiation

Test  
chemical  
in solvent



Synthetic model peptides in  
buffer



**Cysteine (Ac-RFAACAA-COOH)**  
1:10 at pH 7.4



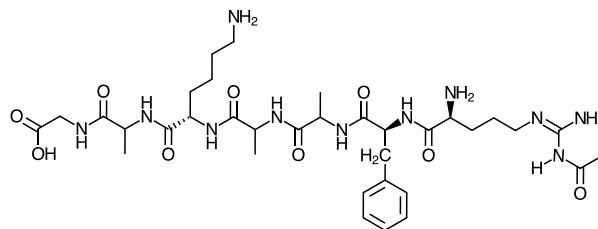
UVA  
irradiation  
(5 J/cm<sup>2</sup>)



Incubation for 24 h, 25° C  
(dark)

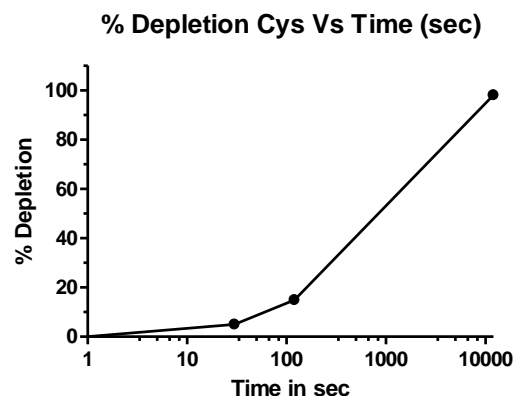
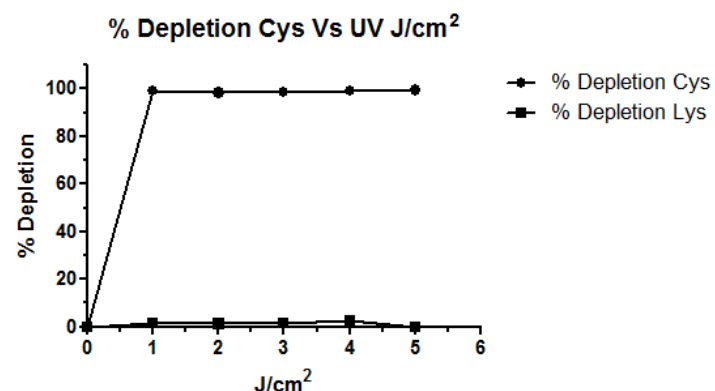
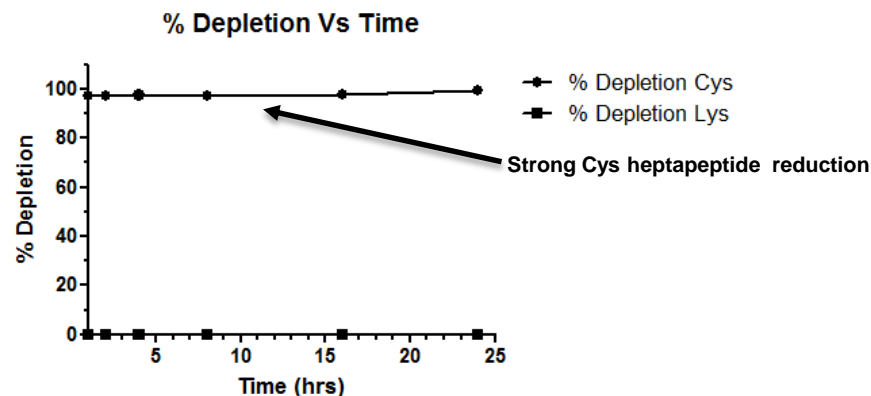


HPLC analysis



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# Characterisation of photo DPRA reaction

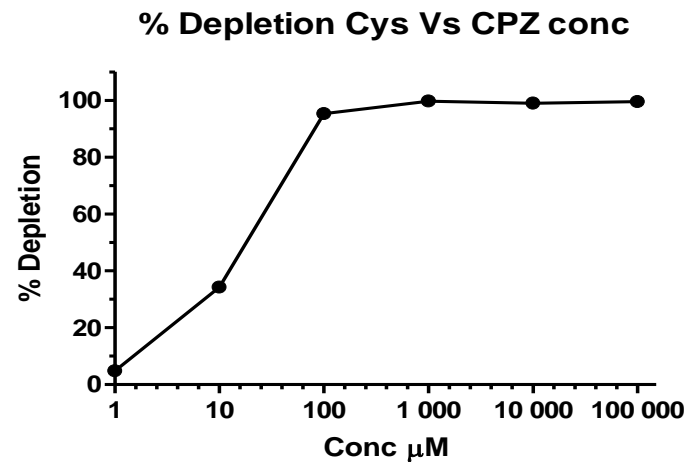
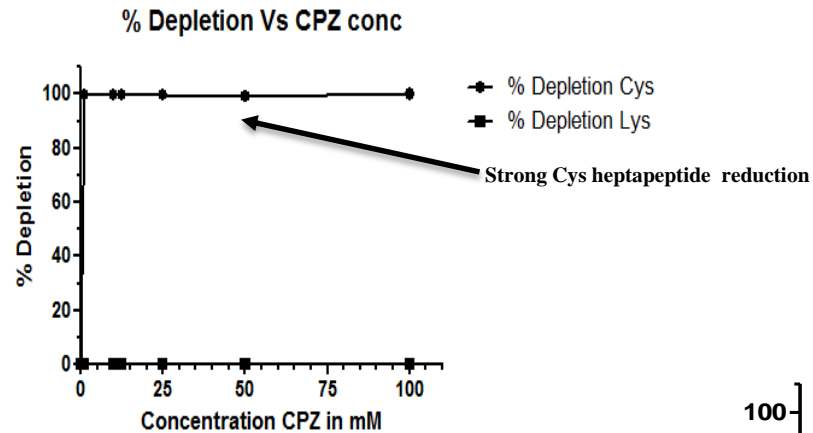


**Strong depletion of Cys heptapeptide**

**Depletion even with 1 J/cm<sup>2</sup>**



# Effect of CPZ concentration

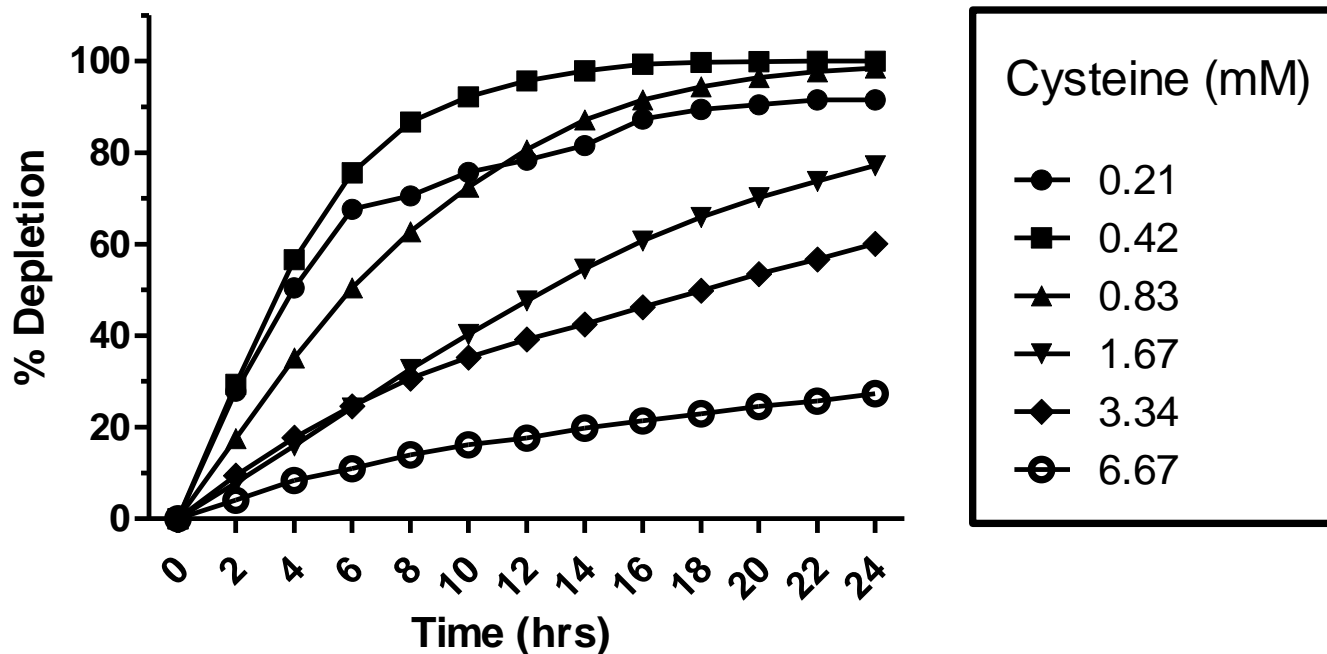


100  $\mu$ M CPZ causes 100 % depletion

# Effect of Cysteine concentration

CPZ 100  $\mu$ M @ 5 Joules

% Depletion Cys (mM) Vs Time (hrs)



# Photo-DPRA analysis

## Proficiency chemicals NRU-3T3 photo toxicity OECD 432

Test Item (100 mM)	% Depletion				
	5 J UV treated		Untreated		Δ
	Mean (Cys+Lys)	DPRA Reactivity	Mean (Cys+Lys)	DPRA Reactivity	
<b>Phototoxic</b>					
Chlorpromazine	54.32	High	1.17	No or Minimal	53.16
Amiodarone HCl	49.86	High	0.14	No or Minimal	49.72
Anthracene (50 mM)	50.27	High	5.80	No or Minimal	44.47
Photoporphyrin IX, disodium	55.97	High	29.04	Moderate	26.94
Norfloxacin (33.33 mM)*	49.61	High	7.07	Low Sensitiser	42.54
<b>Non Phototoxic</b>					
L-Histidine	0.00	No or Minimal	0.09	No or Minimal	0.00
Hexachlorophene	62.12	High	50.85	High	11.28
Sodium lauryl sulphate	47.47	High	47.54	High	0.00

\* Acetate buffer pH 10.2

# Photo-DPRA analysis

Test Item (100 mM)	After UV treatment increase in	
	% Cys depletion	% Lys depletion
<b>Phototoxic</b>		
Chloropromazine	96.66	9.65
Amiodarone HCl	99.71	0.00
Anthracene (50 mM)	89.72	0.00
Photoporphyrin IX, disodium	59.70	0.00
Norfloxacin (33.33 mM)*	85.08	0.00
<b>Non Phototoxic</b>		
L-Histidine	0.00	0.00
Hexachlorophene	10.12	12.43
Sodium lauryl sulphate	0.00	0.00

Test Item (100 mM)	% Depletion				
	5 J UV treated		Untreated		Δ
	Mean (Cys+Lys)	DPRA Reactivity	Mean (Cys+Lys)	DPRA Reactivity	
<b>Non Sensitizers</b>					
1-Butanol	0.33	No or Minimal	4.73	No or Minimal	-4.40
Lactic acid	0.97	No or Minimal	4.89	No or Minimal	-3.92
6-Methylcoumarin	56.98	High	2.20	No or Minimal	54.78
4-Methoxyacetophenone	20.08	Low reactive	2.71	No or Minimal	17.38
<b>Sensitizer</b>					
Cinnamaldehyde	66.36	High	64.35	High	2.02
<b>Bindi - Phenols</b>					
4-Benzoyloxy Phenol	59.90	High	6.16	High	53.74
4-Tert Butyl Phenol	2.94	No or Minimal	3.38	No or Minimal	-0.44

**6-Methylcoumarin ? 4-Methoxyacetophenone ?**



# 6-Methylcoumarin as a photosensitiser



Research article

## Development of novel *in vitro* photosafety assays focused on the Keap1-Nrf2-ARE pathway

**Photo-KeratinoSens**

Kyoko Tsujita-Inoue✉, Morihiko Hirota, Tomomi Atobe, Takao Ashikaga, Yoshiki Tokura, Hirokazu Kouzuki



Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology  
Volume 81, Issue 2, November 1985, Pages 295-301



## Mechanism for 6-methylcoumarin photoallergenicity ☆

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# 4-Methoxyacetophenone as a photoinitiator

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**UV irradiation using photoinitiator 4-methoxyacetophenone (MAP)  
and 2-hydroxy-1-[4-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-phenyl]-2-methyl-1-propanone (MMP)**

- Photo DPRA assay can be used
  - to evaluate the skin sensitisation potential of photosensitive compounds
  - to study photo sensitisation kinetics
- *In chemico* assay to differentiate photo reactive compounds into sensitizers and non sensitizers based only upon the protein reactivity property
- Large dataset is needed to validate .....

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