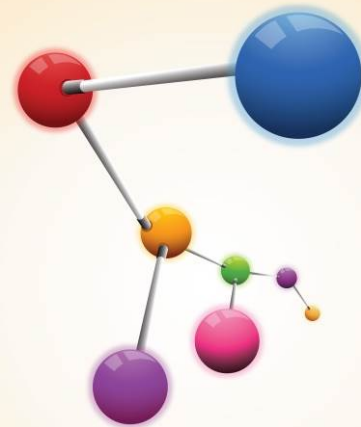


# Threshold of Toxicological Concern Task Force

## ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

The Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) concept is a pragmatic but conservative science-based tool to help regulators and industry assess potential health risk from substances when specific toxicological data are not yet available. The use of the TTC principle enables to: 1) apply a practical risk assessment tool that is needed to address low level exposures as more and more sensitive analytical techniques become available; 2) Prioritise toxicological testing based on estimated human exposures; 3) Reduce the use of laboratory animals; and 4) Make better use of financial and human resources in both industry and public sector.



## WHAT'S NEW?

**PUBLICATION** entitled 'Thresholds of Toxicological Concern for Cosmetics-Related Substances: New Database, Thresholds, and Enrichment of Chemical Space' published in *Food and Chemical Toxicology* (Yang *et al.*, 2017).

The task force contributed to European Union funded project COSMOS.

## ACTIVITIES

### Uncertainty in Hazard Assessment: A Comparison of TTC versus Chemical-Specific Approaches

This activity plans to provide a differentiated review and comparison of quantitative and qualitative uncertainties associated with different steps of 1) data generation in toxicological studies and No Observed Adverse Effect Level / Benchmark Dose, Lower

Confidence Limit derivation; 2) assumptions made in risk assessment based on specific data; 3) derivation of thresholds from large groups of substances, i.e. TTC; and 4) derivation of thresholds from small groups of substances.

### Carcinogen Dose-Response Database for Threshold of Toxicological Concern – Funded by CEFIC-LRI – **COMPLETED**

This activity was funded by the European Chemical Industry Council Long-range Research Initiative (CEFIC-LRI). Building on the evaluation of the Cancer Potency Database (CPDB) by the ILSI Europe CPDB Expert Group, the project generated a fully-curated,

quality-controlled and publically-available database on genotoxic and non-genotoxic carcinogens. The novel database forms the basis of analysis of TTC distributions for cancer thresholds.

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## MEMBER COMPANIES

- BASF SE
- Dow Europe
- DSM
- Givaudan International
- Pierre Fabre Dermo-Cosmétique
- Südzucker Group
- Syngenta
- WALA Heilmittel

## ACTIVITIES (CTD)

### Is the 0.15 µg/day Tier of the Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) still appropriate? – **COMPLETED**

The TTC-based exposure limit of 0.15 µg/day is based on an evaluation of the Cancer Potency Database (CPDB) that includes information from carcinogenicity studies of over 700 chemicals. The expert group examines whether the TTC exposure limit of 0.15 µg/day for DNA-reactive

substances is still appropriate when account is taken of the mode of action (e.g. mutagenic or not) and knowledge on human relevance. The project describes a science-based and pragmatic approach to strengthening the scientific underpinnings of the cancer-based TTC tier.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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All publications commissioned by this task force are available on our website: [www.ils.eu](http://www.ils.eu).

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