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ZEBET's contribution to the concept of experimental validation

1989 no validation concept existed

1990 CAAT/ ERGATT AMDEN (CH) validation workshop

1990 ERGATT Vouliagmeni (GR) workshop on regulatory acceptance

1992 ECHO eye irritation study → **not successful**

1993-98 EU/ECVAM/COLIPA/ZEBET validation of in vitro phototoxicity tests → **successful**

1994 Amden II ECVAM workshop on practical aspects of validation

1995 Prevalidation concept (ECVAM, IIVS & ZEBET)

1996 Solna OECD validation WS & OECD acceptance

1997-2000 ECVAM validation of prediction models → **proof of principle successful**

1997-2000 ECVAM catch-up validation → **proof of principle successful**

1998- 2002 ECVAM validation of 3 in vitro embryotoxicity tests → **successful**

2003 ECVAM proposes “modular approach to validation”

2004 ECVAM WS on “Weight of Evidence (WoE) validation”

2005 OECD GD 34 on the “validation of new and updated methods for hazard assessment”

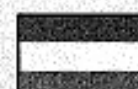
2004-2007 ECVAM validation study on in vitro tests for skin irritation → **successful**

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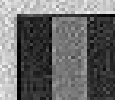
Report and
Recommendations of the
CAAT/ERGATT Workshop
on the Validation of
Toxicity Test Procedures.



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Report and Recommendations
of an International Workshop
on Promotion of the
Regulatory Acceptance of
Validated Non-animal Toxicity
Test Procedures.



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Amden 1990



The Concept of Experimental Validation

Developed at the CAAT/ERGATT validation workshop
in AMDEN (CH) 1990 (**ATLA 18, 313-337, 1990**)

DEFINITION

Validation is the process by which the **reliability** and **relevance** of a procedure are established for a particular purpose.

Experimental procedure

TEST-DEVELOPMENT

- (1) intra-laboratory evaluation
↓
- (2) inter-laboratory evaluation
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- (3) data base development
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- (4) Independen evaluation (peer review)

} VALIDATION

REGULATORY ACCEPTENCE

Amden II - 1994



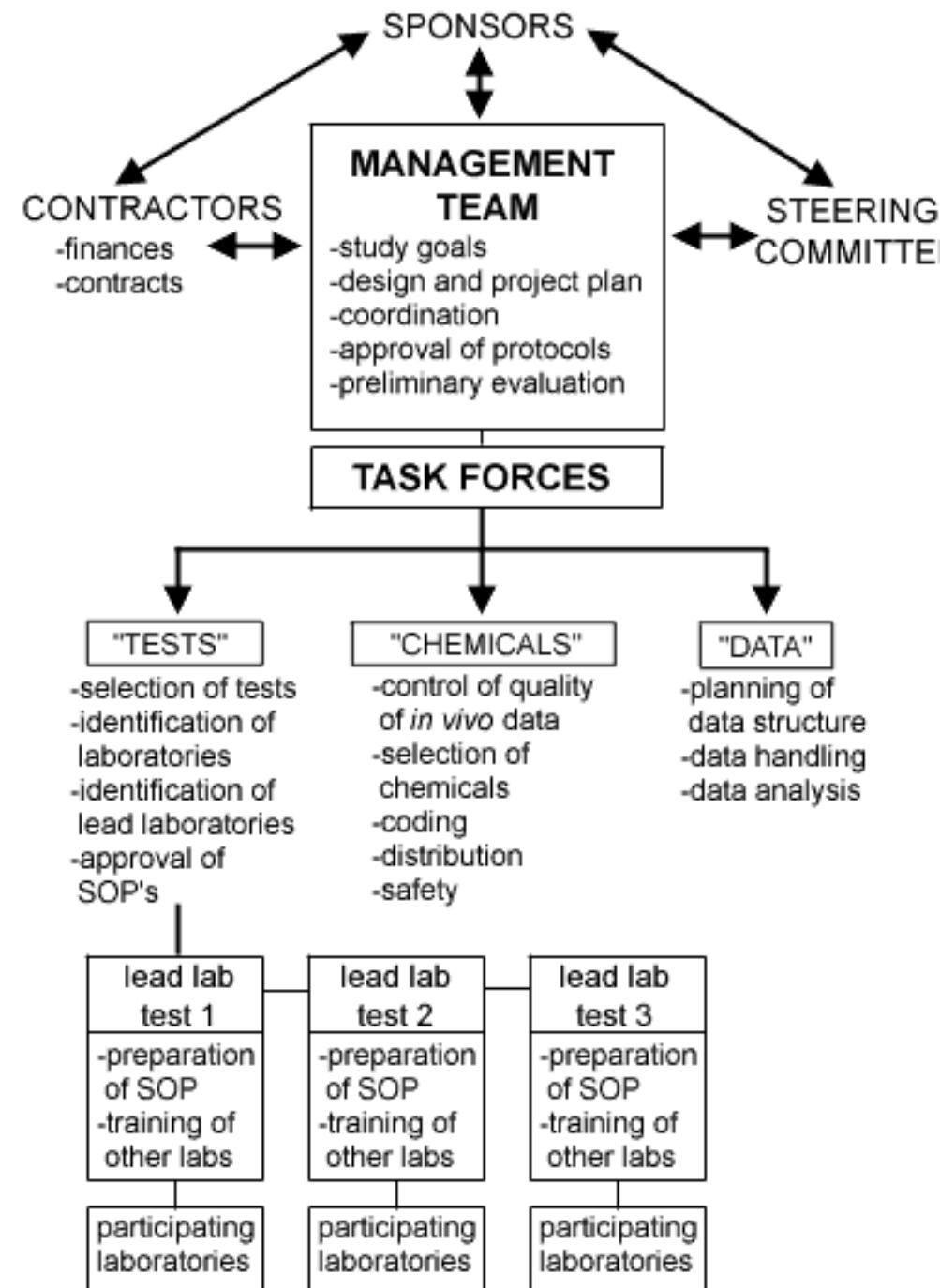
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Practical Aspects of the Validation of Toxicity Test Procedures

The Report and Recommendations of ECVAM Workshop 5^{1,2}

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The Role of Prevalidation in the Development, Validation and Acceptance of Alternative Methods

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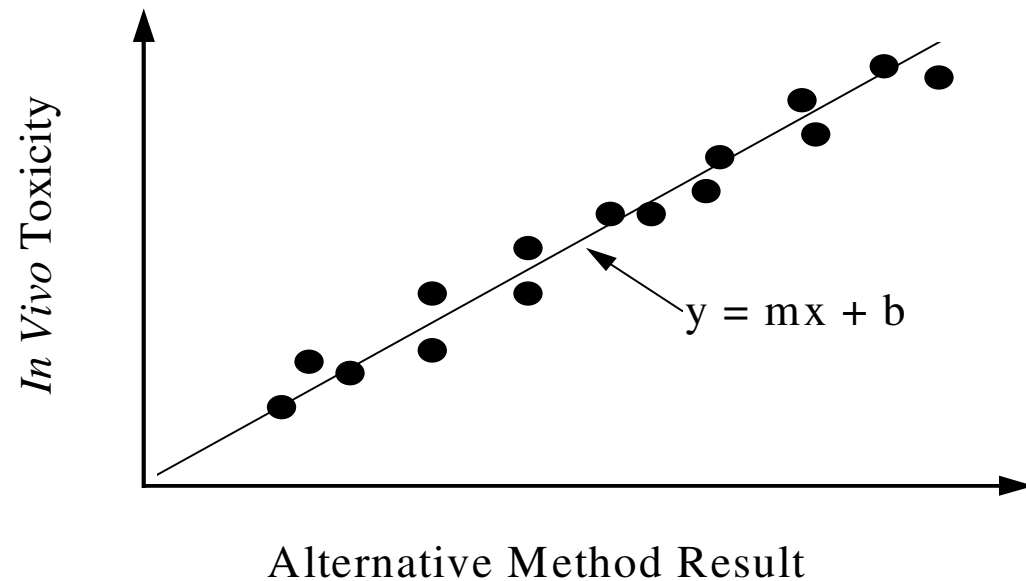
Prevalidation scheme

proposal for a prevalidation study (laboratory 1)

1. protocol refinement (laboratory 2)

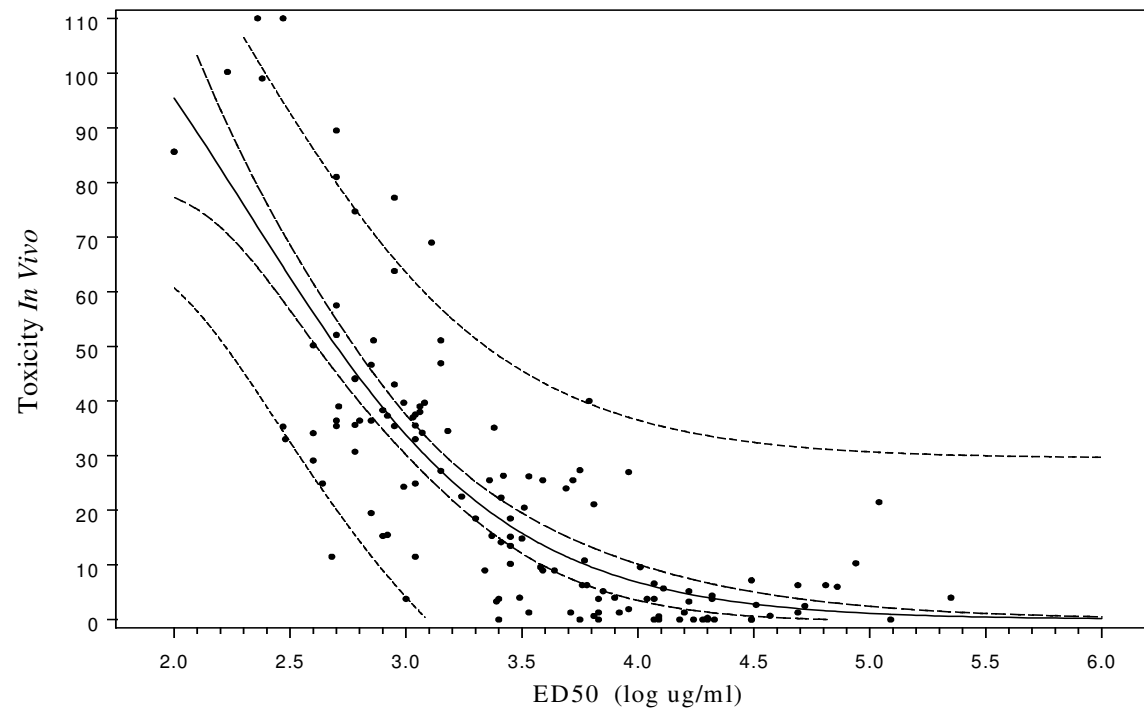
2. protocol transfer (laboratory 3)

3. protocol performance. (laboratories 1-3)



**in vitro/in vivo
correlation**

**may be simple,
e.g. linear**



...or more complex



Harmonised OECD Validation Concept 1996 & ECVAM, ICCVAM (USA)

Test Development

basis

- need
- protocol
- prediction model

Scheme for Prevalidation

- optimisation protocol
- interlaboratory transferability
- optimisation

Validation

- blind trial
- relevance

Independent Evaluation

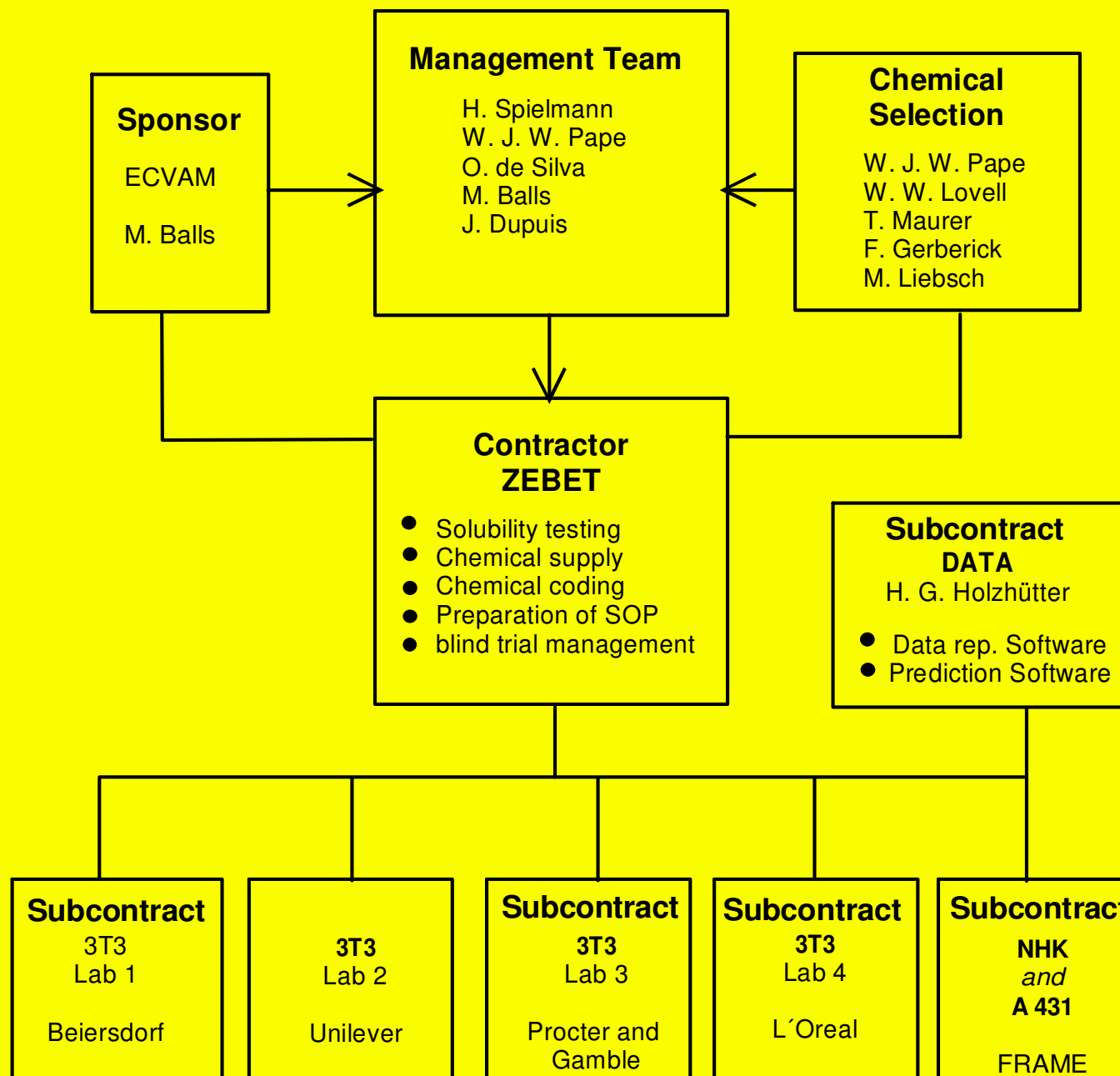
Regulatory Acceptance

In vitro phototoxicity

Validation of the 3T3NRU-PT
in vitro Phototoxicity-Test
1992-1998



Management of the UV Filter Study



The ECVAM International Validation Study of three in vitro embryotoxicity tests

1998-2002

Embryonic Stem Cell Test (EST) (mouse = mEST)

Micromass (MM) Test (rat)

Whole Embryo Culture (WEC) Test (rat)

Embryotoxicity Validation Study 1998-2002

Sponsor: ECVAM, JRC, I

Subcontract

Biostatistics
BfR, D

Subcontract

Selection: chemicals
SGHMS, UK

Subcontract

Shipment: chemicals
RCC-CCR, D

Contract

ZEBET, BfR, D

Subcontract: MM-Test

1. lead laboratory
SGHMS, UK
2. RIVM, NL
3. Synthelabo Recherche, F
4. KTL-Finland, FIN

Subcontract: WEC-Test

1. lead laboratory
RIVM, NL
2. SGHMS, UK
3. Syngenta, UK
4. Novartis Pharma, CH

Subcontract: EST-Test

1. lead laboratory
ZEBET BfR, D
2. ECVAM, I
3. Novartis Pharma, CH
4. Schering AG, D

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE STUDY

The ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee ESAC concluded at the meeting in June of 2002 - published in ATLA - that the

- the the 3 in vitro embryotoxicity tests WEC, MM and EST have successfully been validated according to the ECVAM validation criteria.
 - Early in 2003 an ECVAM WORKSHOP will evaluate how the 3 in vitro embryotoxicity tests may be used by the industry and/or for regulatory purposes !
 - Today the EST is established in several laboratories of the international drug industry.
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The Validation of Toxicological Prediction Models

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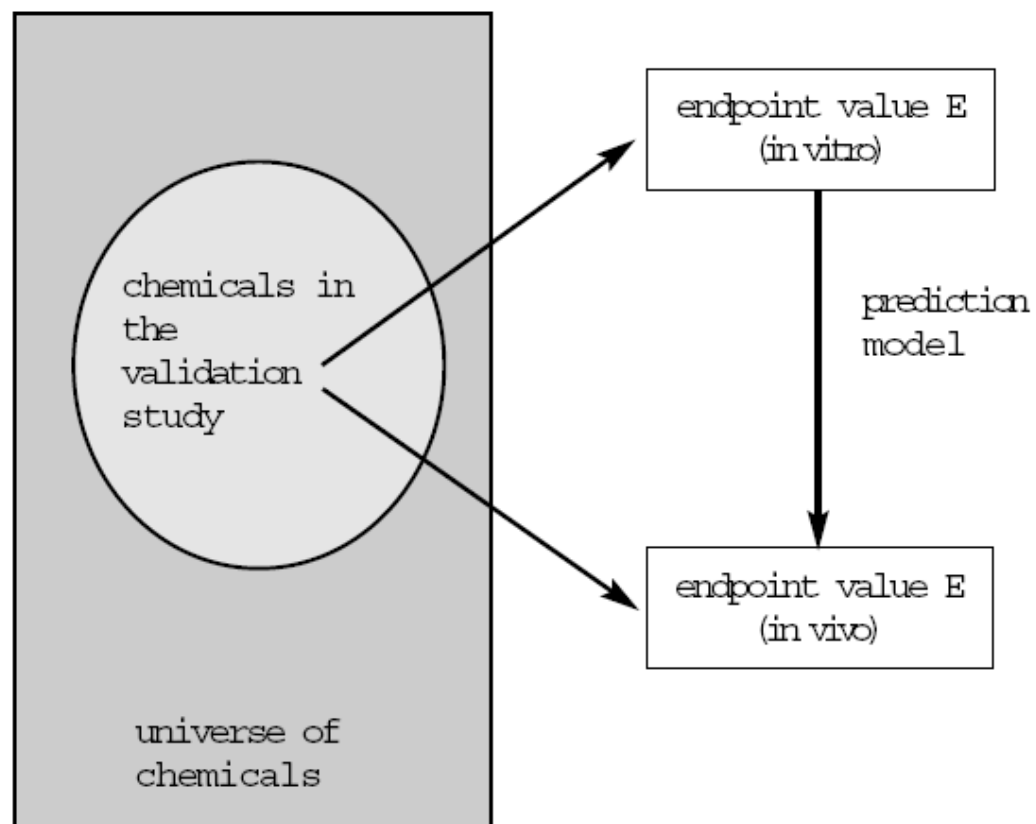
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Figure 1: A schematic representation of the role of the prediction model in an alternative method



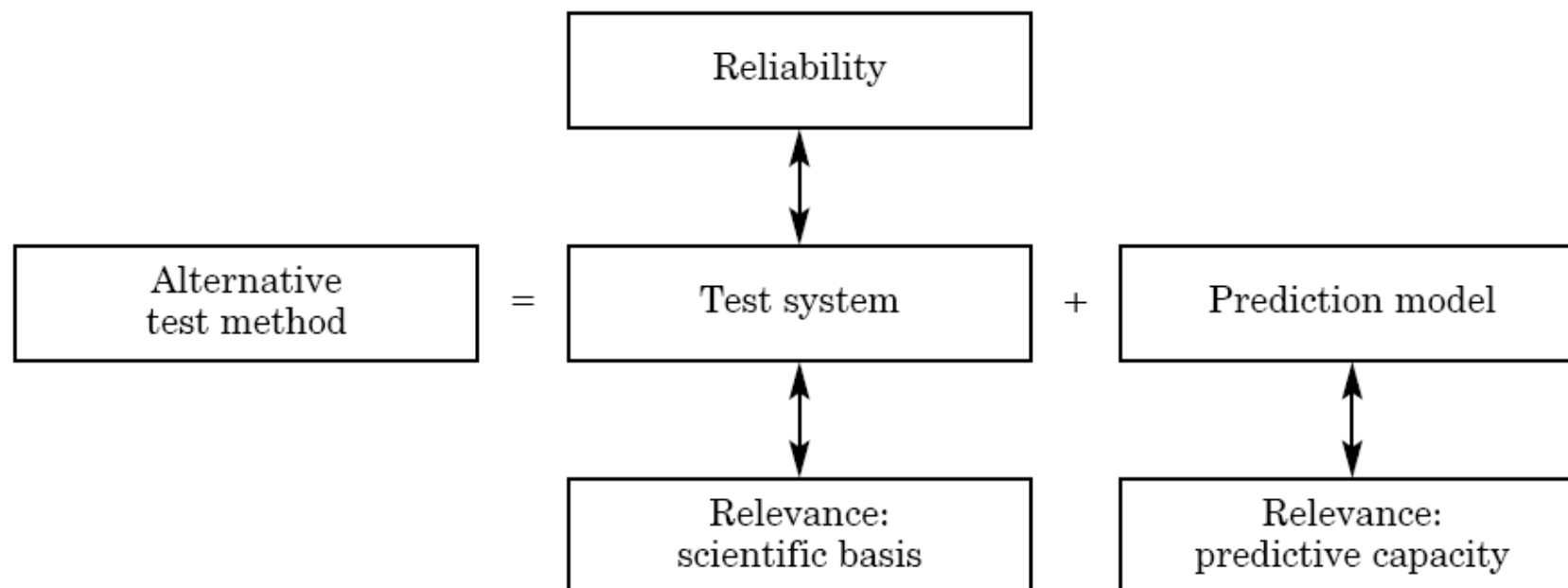
The Importance of the Prediction Model in the Validation of Alternative Tests

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Prediction model in the validation of alternative tests

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Figure 1: A schematic representation of an alternative test and its performance properties

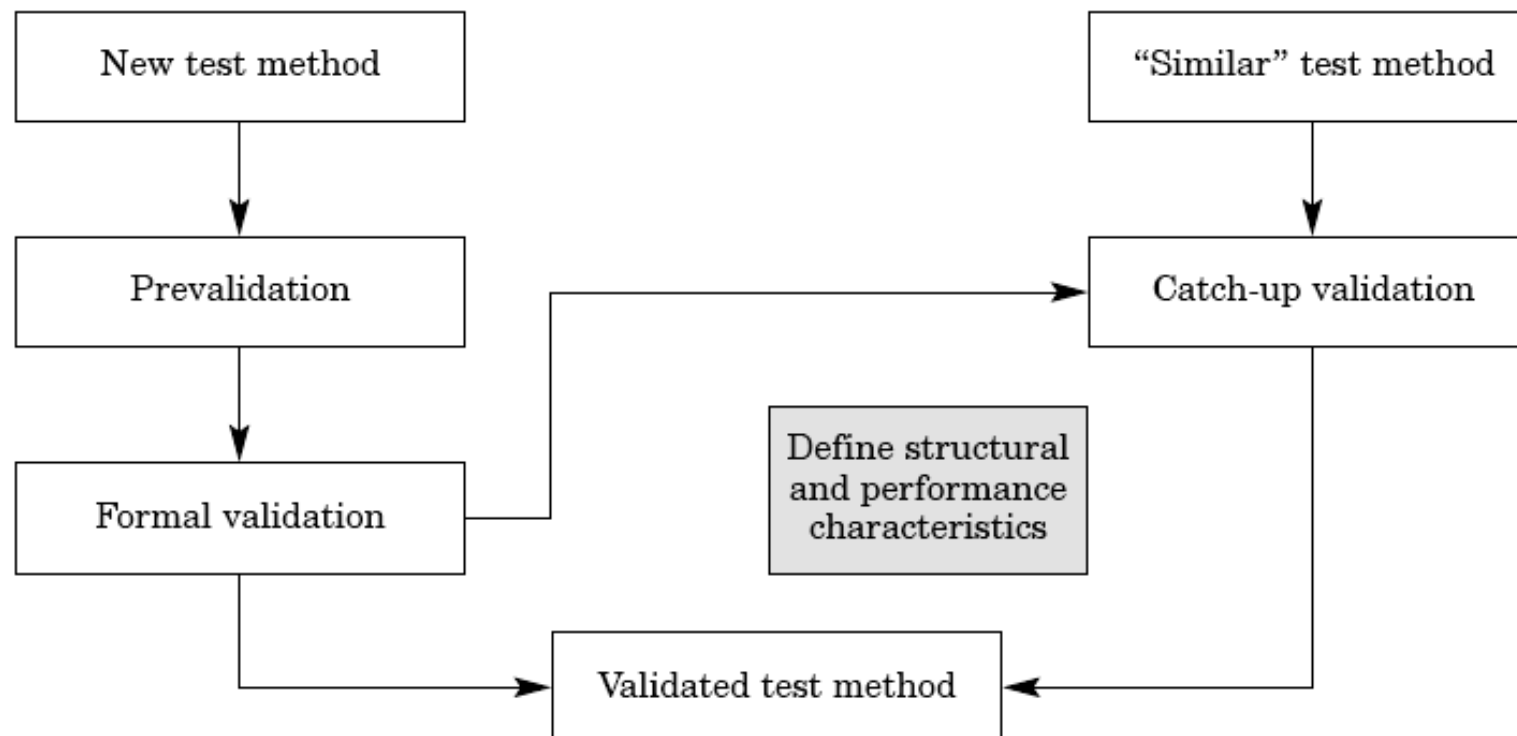


Editorial *Michael Balls*

Defined Structural and Performance Criteria would Facilitate the Validation and Acceptance of Alternative Test Procedures

It is for this reason that ECVAM and ZEBET are supporting studies on the applicability for *in vitro* corrosivity and photoirritancy testing of another human reconstituted human skin equivalent, EpiDermTM, made by MatTek, which, happily, promises to survive longer than its competitors. We are using our experience with Skin² and EPISKIN to speed up the acceptance of EpiDerm, not because we have any particular interest in MatTek or its products, but because we do not want much valuable experience to be wasted or the undoubted promise of this kind of test system to be lost.

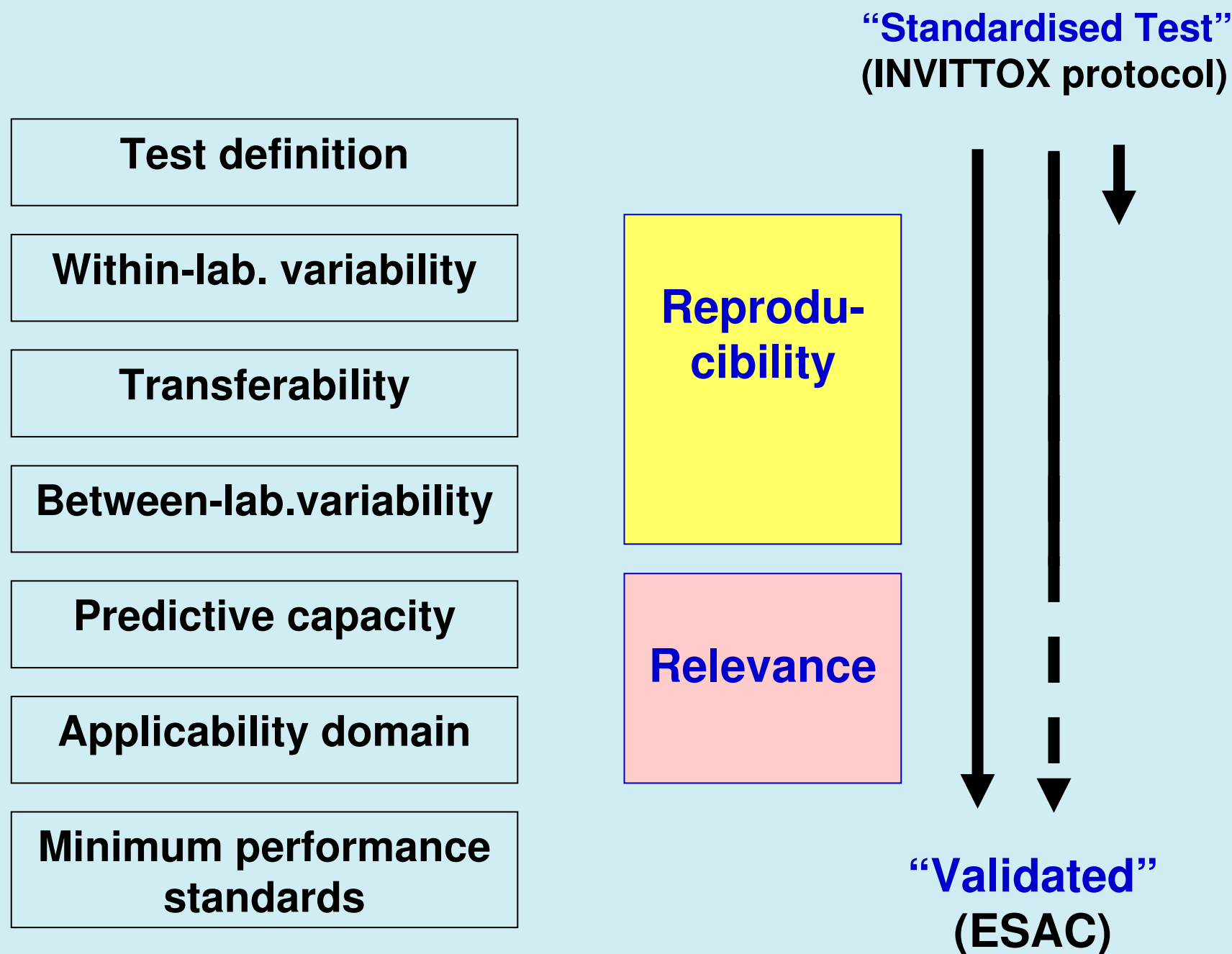
Figure 2: A schematic representation of the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) validation process



The ECVAM Prevalidation Study on the Use of EpiDerm for Skin Corrosivity Testing

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The Principles of Weight of Evidence Validation of Test Methods and Testing Strategies

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ECVAM in vitro Skin Irritation validation Study (2004 - 2007)

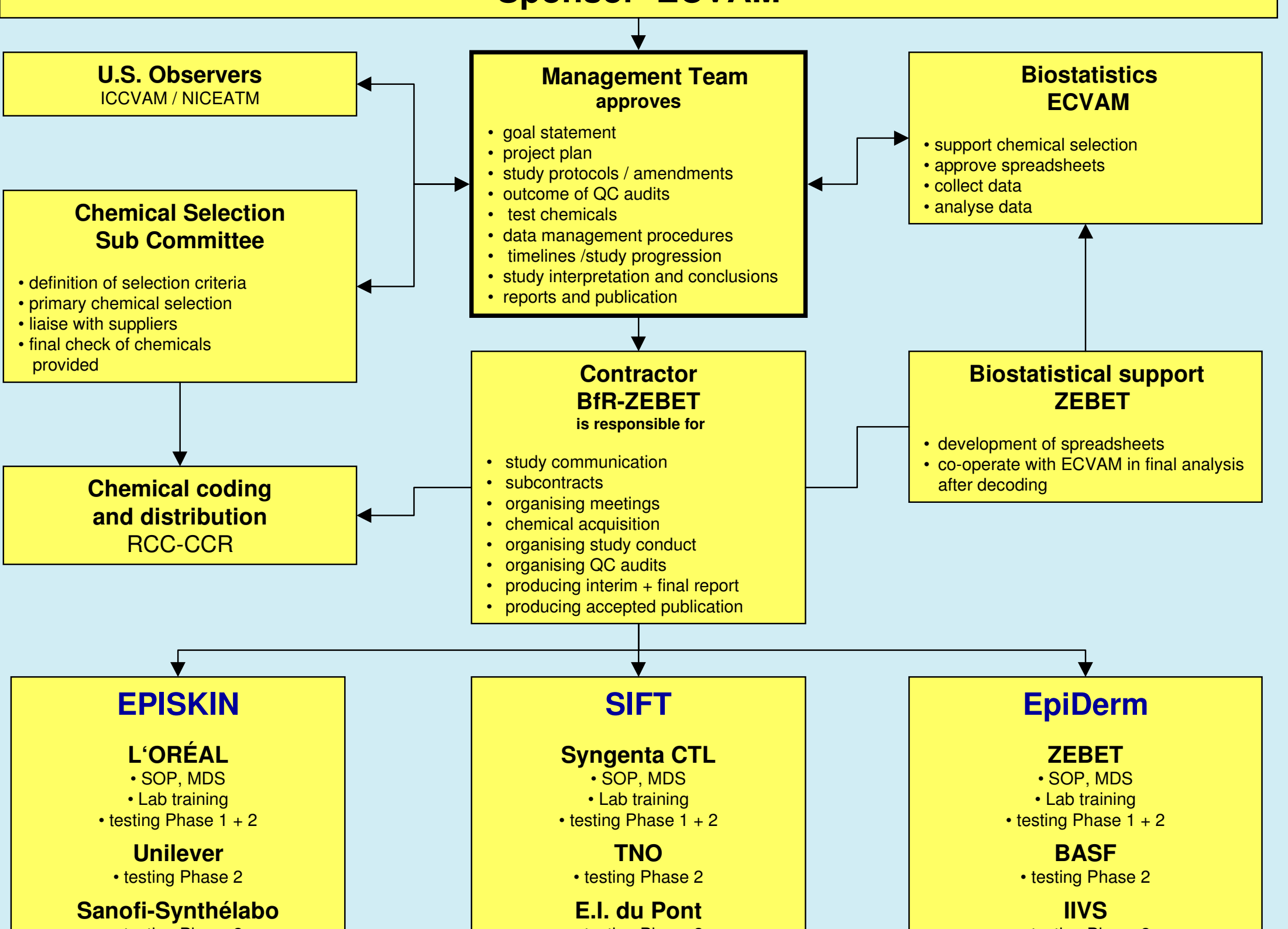
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The ECVAM International Validation Study on *In Vitro* Tests for Acute Skin Irritation: Report on the Validity of the EPI SKIN and EpiDerm Assays and on the Skin Integrity Function Test^a

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DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A NEW GUIDELINE

***In Vitro* Skin Irritation: Reconstructed Human *Epidermis* (RhE) Test Method**

INTRODUCTION

1. Skin irritation refers to the production of reversible damage to the skin following the application of a test substance for up to 4 hours [as defined by the United Nations (UN) Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)](1). This Test Guideline provides an *in vitro* procedure that, depending on country requirements, may allow determining the skin irritancy of chemicals as a stand-alone replacement test, as a screen, or within a testing strategy in combination with, if appropriate, a weight of evidence approach.



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