



Development of a human cell-based screening panel for toxicological profiling: CALUX Highlights 2013

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Automation of the CALUX assay

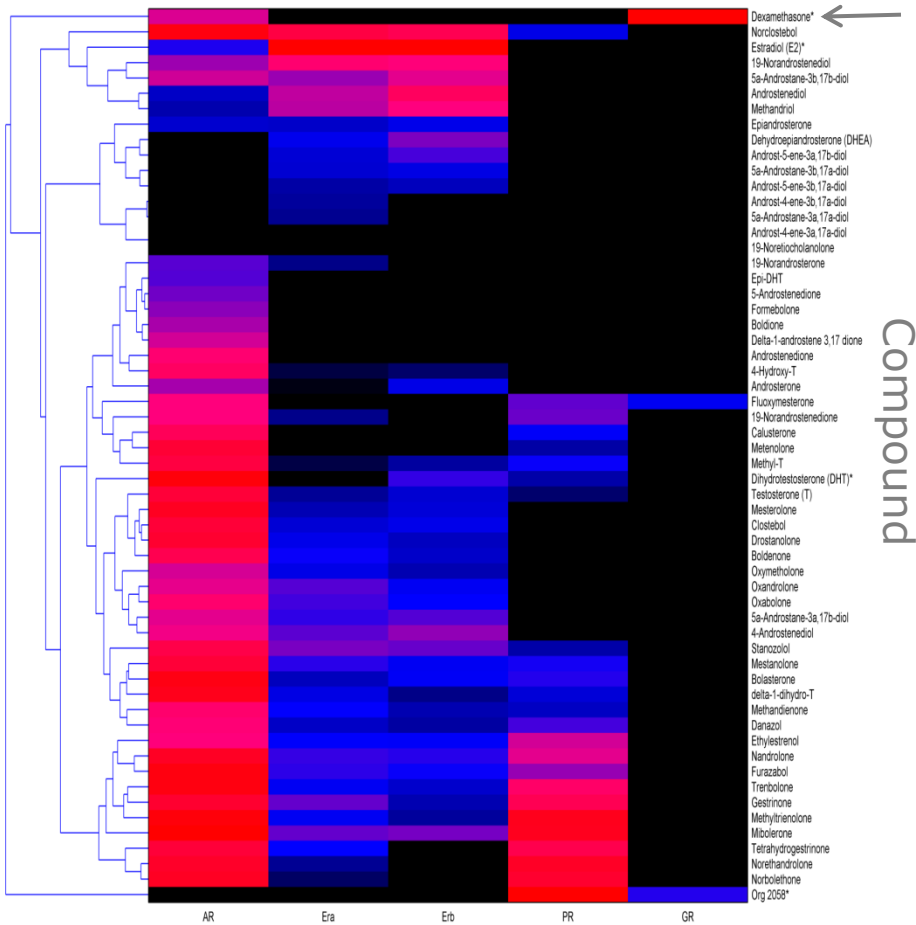
For validation of the effect profiling principle, a lot of data is required!
!Automate the CALUX assay to enable HighThroughput-screening!

Hamilton STARlet liquid handling robot coupled to a CO2 incubator
Reduced sample volume in 384-wells format
250 samples per week



Effect profiling of compounds with CALUX panel

Each compound has a different *in vitro* effect profile
 ? Is it possible to relate these profiles to *in vivo* toxicity of the compounds?



← compound 'profile'

CALUX assays currently available:

Nuclear receptors		Signaling pathways	
name	endpoint	name	endpoint
DR CALUX	dioxins	NFkB CALUX	inflammation
PAH CALUX	PAHs	p21 CALUX	DNA damage
ER α CALUX	estrogens	Nrf2 CALUX	oxid. stress
ER β CALUX	estrogens	p53 CALUX	DNA damage
AR CALUX	androgens	TCF CALUX	carcinogenesis
PR CALUX	progestins	AP1 CALUX	stress
GR CALUX	glucocorticoid	HIF1 α CALUX	hypoxia
TR β CALUX	thyroids	ESRE CALUX	ER stress
RAR CALUX	retinoids	Cytotox CALUX	cytotoxicity
PPAR γ CALUX	obesogens		
PPAR α CALUX	obesogens		
PPAR δ CALUX	obesogens		
PXR CALUX	xenobiotics		
LXR CALUX	oxysterols		



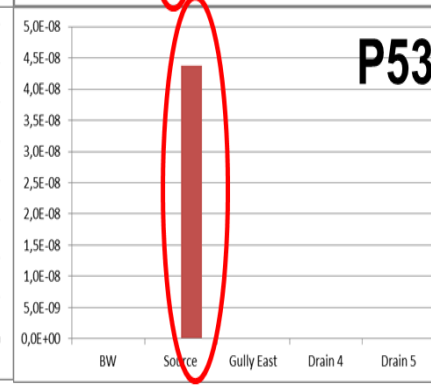
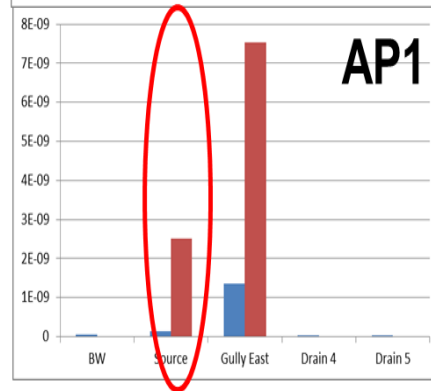
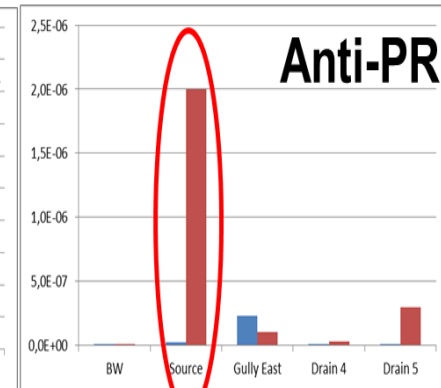
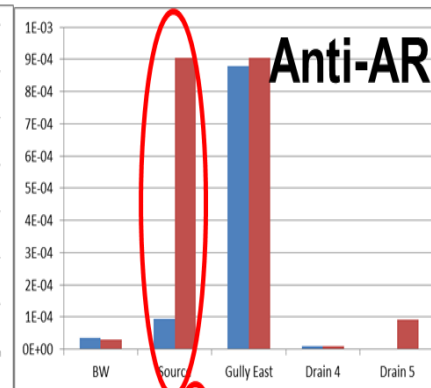
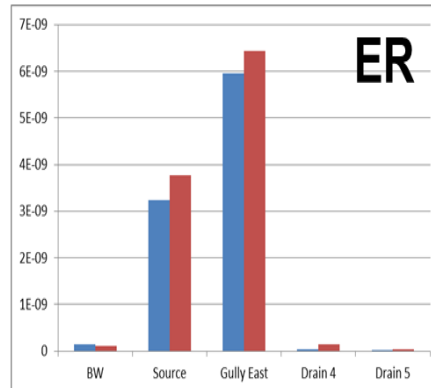
Studying effects of mixtures : pesticide dump in Tajikistan

	AR anti	PR anti	AP1	nrf2	p53	ER
Reference	flutamide	Ru486	TPA	curcumin	actinomycin D	17b-estradiol
EC10 ref compound	3,0E-08	5,0E-11	2,5E-10	3,2E-06	2,2E-09	2,0E-12
	REP	REP	REP	REP	REP	REP
Lindane	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,0E-06
Aldrin	3,0E-02	5,0E-05	NA	NA	NA	4,0E-07
Dieldrin	1,0	NA	NA	NA	NA	4,0E-06
Endrin	1,0	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,6E-06
o,p-DDT	0,3	7,9E-05	1,0E-05	NA	NA	1,6E-05
p,p-DDT	1,0	2,5E-04	1,3E-05	NA	NA	2,0E-06
DDE	9,5E-03	5,0E-05	NA	NA	NA	4,0E-07

Chemical pattern vs Tox patterns

- Rapidly identify risks of single chemicals (for humans, environment)
- Measure chemicals in complex mixtures and link this to hazards
- Example pesticide dump side

	Dump 1	Dump 2
alpha-HCH	690,0	3,8
beta-HCH	120,0	13,0
gamma-HCH	8,3	570,0
delta-HCH	5,0	6,2
Aldrin	0,0	0,9
Dieldrin	1,4	0,0
Endrin	0,0	0,0
o,p-DDT	4,5	48,0
p,p-DDT	32,0	310,0
PCDDs, PCBs, PBDEs, PFTs		
xxxxxxxx	?????	??



Different activity profile from what was expected for 'Source' sample

Not all pesticides included in chemical analysis!

Expected

Measured

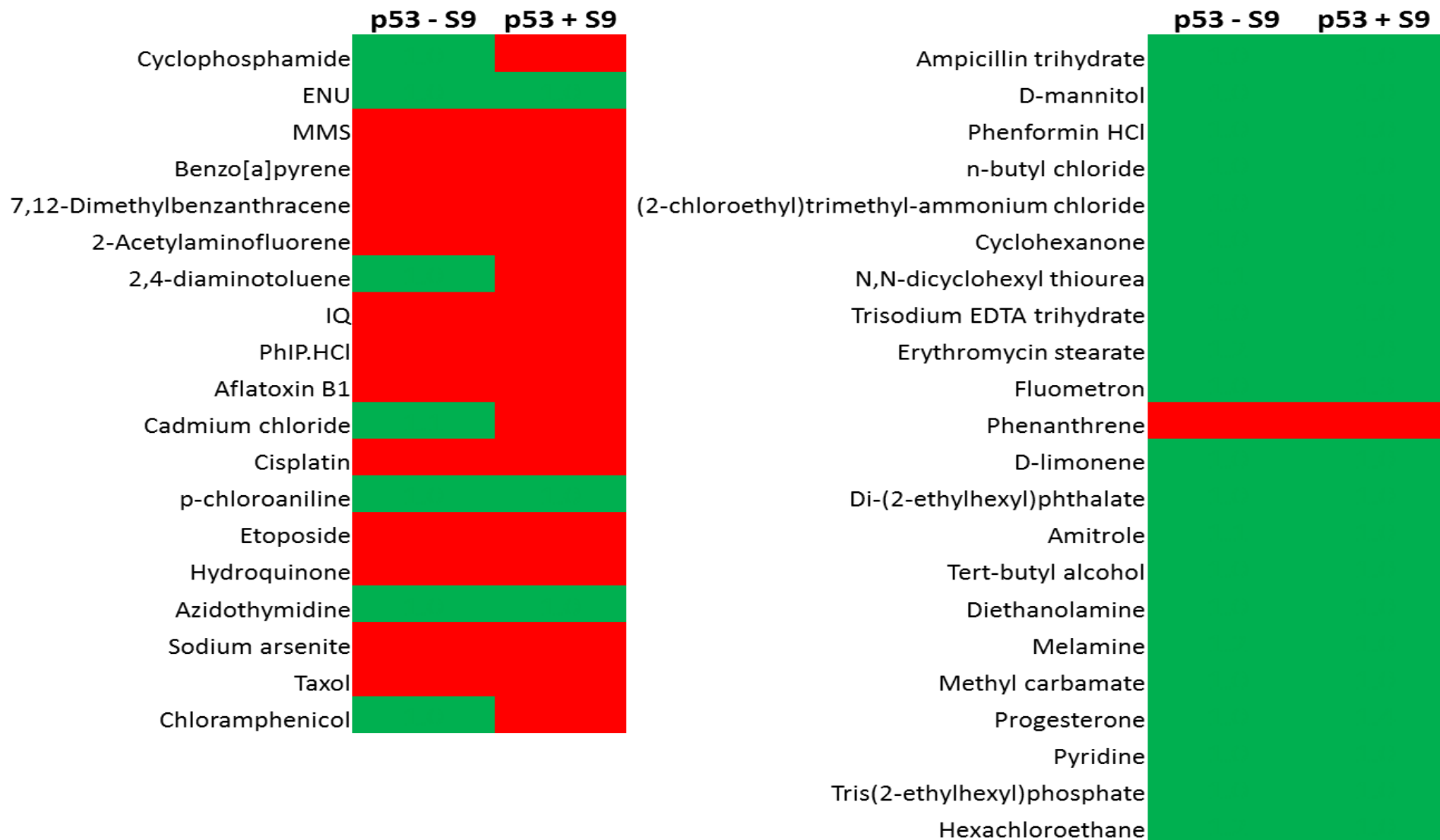


PAH	Accession number	MW	REP (M/M)	List	IARC classification	TEF
naphthalene	91-20-3	128	<0.0001	EPA	2B	0.001
acenaphthylene	208-96-8	152	<0.0001	EPA	-	0.001
acenaphthene	83-32-9	154	<0.0001	EPA	3	0.001
fluorene	86-73-7	166	<0.0001	EPA	3	0.001
phenanthrene	85-01-8	178	<0.0001	EPA	3	0.001
anthracene	120-12-7	178	<0.0001	EPA	3	0.01
fluoranthene	206-44-0	202	<0.0001	EPA	3	0.001
pyrene	129-00-0	202	<0.0001	EPA	3	0.001
benzo[c]fluorene	205-12-9	216	<0.0001	EU	3	-
benzo[g,h,i]perylene	191-24-2	276	<0.0001	EPA, EU	3	0.01
cyclopenta[c,d]pyrene	27208-37-3	226	0.0003	EU	2A	-
dibenzo[a,l]pyrene	191-30-0	302	0.002	EU	2A	-
dibenzo[a,h]pyrene	189-64-0	302	0.2	EU	2B	-
dibenzo[a,i]pyrene	189-55-9	302	0.2	EU	2B	-
dibenzo[a,e]pyrene	192-65-4	302	0.3	EU	2B	-
benz[a]anthracene	56-55-3	228	0.3	EPA, EU	2B	0.1
chrysene	218-01-9	228	0.8	EPA, EU	2B	0.01
benzo[a]pyrene	50-32-8	252	1	EPA, EU	1	1
benzo[j]fluoranthene	205-82-3	252	1.3	EU	2B	-
dibenz[a,h]anthracene	53-70-3	278	1.3	EPA, EU	2A	5
indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	193-39-5	276	1.3	EPA, EU	2B	0.1
5-methylchrysene	3697-24-3	242	1.4	EU	2B	-
benzo[k]fluoranthene	207-08-9	252	3.7	EPA, EU	2B	0.1
benzo[b]fluoranthene	205-99-2	252	5.0	EPA, EU	2B	0.1
2,3,7,8-TCDD	1746-01-6	322	5.0		1	-

Sample	PAH CALUX-measured BEQ		Theoretical BEQ			Ratio measured BEQ) / Theoretical BEQ	
Synthetic mixtures	Concentration (mM)	Standard deviation (%)	REP-based concentration (mM)	TEF-based concentration (mM)	REP/ TEF	REP-based prediction	TEF-based prediction
Industrial soil, Sweden (41)	5.32	14	5.43	0.53	10.2	1.0	10.2
Industrial soil, Sweden 2 (41)	5.10	7	6.79	1.58	2.2	0.8	1.7
Industrial soil, France (42)	7.40	9	10.05	3.06	6.4	0.7	4.7
Industrial soil, Germany (42)	11.87	3	9.15	1.86	4.9	1.3	6.4
Industrial soil, Portugal (42)	6.43	30	5.01	1.07	4.7	1.3	6.0
Roadside, India (40)	1.41	14	13.51	0.76	17.1	1.0	18.3
Urban soil, United Kingdom (39)	1.14	3	11.39	1.32	8.1	1.1	8.7
Reference samples	Concentration (µmol/kg)	Standard deviation (%)	REP-based concentration (µmol/kg)	TEF-based concentration (µmol/kg)	REP/ TEF	REP-based prediction	TEF-based prediction
Sewage sludge (LGC9182)	101	17	33.0	3.5	9.4	3.1	28.9
River sediment (LGC6288)	138	4	32.2	5.9	5.5	4.3	23.4
Industrial soil (BCR524)	2160	10	442	55.6	8.0	4.9	38.9



New generation of Genotoxicity testing – Negative and positive results as expected..



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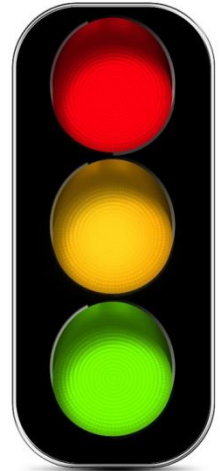
**Water testing for effects of chemicals/pharmaceuticals
or**

Endocrine disrupting chemicals

(Drinking, surface, ground, water treatment plants)

CALUX > trigger value → more detailed examination warranted

CALUX < trigger value → health risks can be waived



Trigger values for investigation of hormonal activity in drinking water and its sources using CALUX bioassays

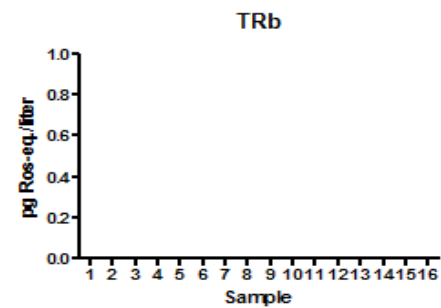
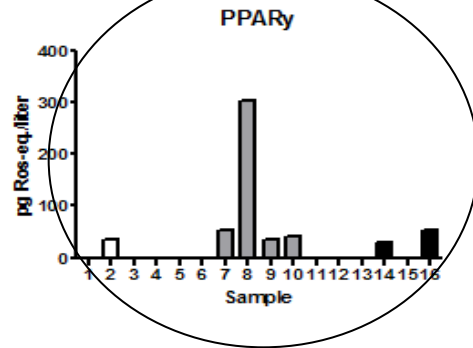
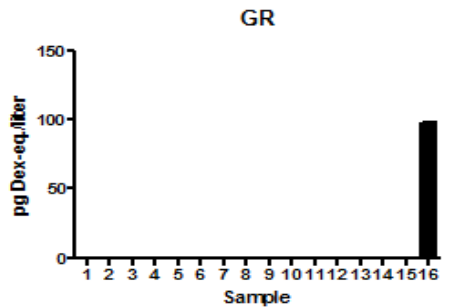
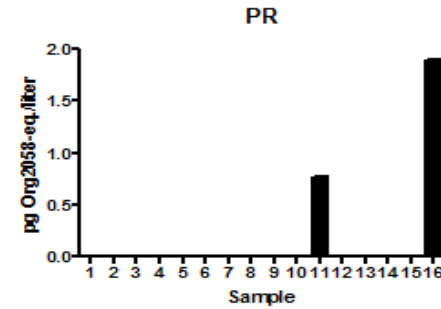
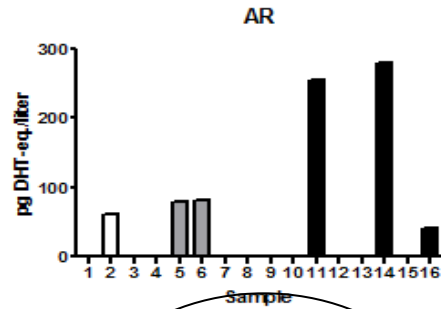
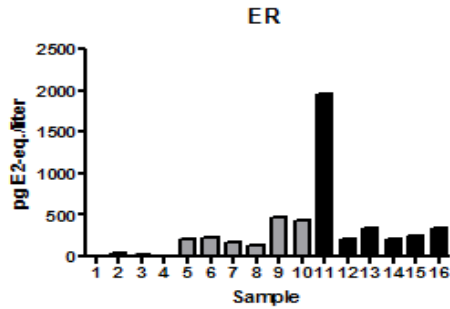


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Bioassay	Trigger value
ER α CALUX	3.8 ng E2-eq./L
AR CALUX	11 ng DHT-eq./L
GR CALUX	21 ng Dex-eq./L
PR CALUX	333 ng Org2058-eq./L
.... CALUX eq./L



Which types of *MODE OF ACTIONS* are detected? *PPAR, Nrf2 and p53 +/- S9 significant like other EDCs!*

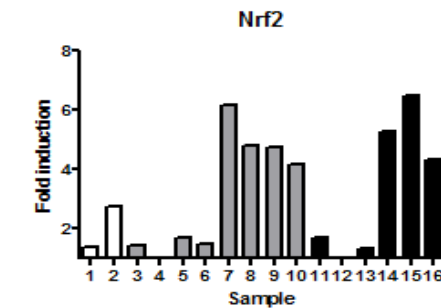
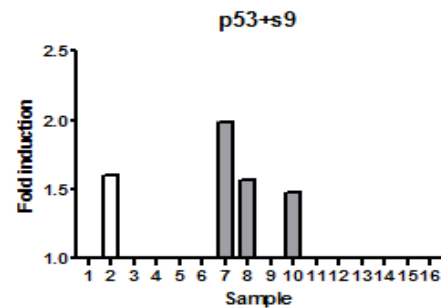
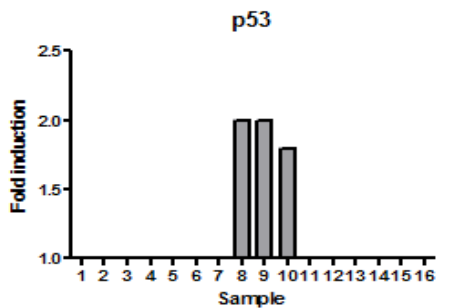


White bars—
drinking water

Grey bar—
surface water

Black bar —
waste water

Hormone receptors



DNA damage



WWTPs effluents treated with ozone and bio membrane shows low estrogenic activity (by ER CALUX and LC/MS)

Table 3b – Calculated^a chemEEQs based on results from earlier studies with the ER CALUX[®] (Table 1) and the analytical data (Table 2) compared to the data calculated with the ER CALUX[®].

Treatment	Active agent [EEQ ng/L]								ER CALUX [®] [EEQ ng/L]		
	E1	E2	E2-ac	EE 2	E3	BPA	t-NP	MPro-ac	Total ^b		
MBR A	0.29	<5	n.a.	<9.2	<0.18	0.0015	0.080	n.a.	0.37	=	0.37+/-0.09
AO	<0.08	<5	n.a.	<9.2	<0.18	0.011	0.078	n.a.	0.09		0.06+/-0.06
MBR B	0.26	<5	n.a.	<9.2	<0.18	0.0013	0.097	n.a.	0.36		0.83+/-0.06
BO	<0.08	<5	n.a.	<9.2	<0.18	0.011	0.054	n.a.	0.07		n.d.
MBR C	0.19	<5	n.a.	<9.2	<0.18	0.0011	0.097	n.a.	0.29		1.23+/-0.24
CO	<0.08	<5	n.a.	<9.2	<0.18	< 0.0007	0.062	n.a.	0.06		n.d.
MBR A-C									0.34		0.81+/-0.43
OZ A-C									0.07		0.02+/-0.04

a Calculated Concentrations of EEQ = Relative estrogenic potency x concentration [ng/L].

b "Total" calculated only from values that lay above the limit of quantification; n.a. = data not available; n.d. = value not detectable; E1 = estrone; E2 = 17β-estradiol; E2-ac = 17β-estradiol acetate; EE2 = 17α-ethinylestradiol; E3 = estriol; BPA = bisphenol A; t-NP = nonylphenol; MPro-ac = medroxyprogesterone acetate.

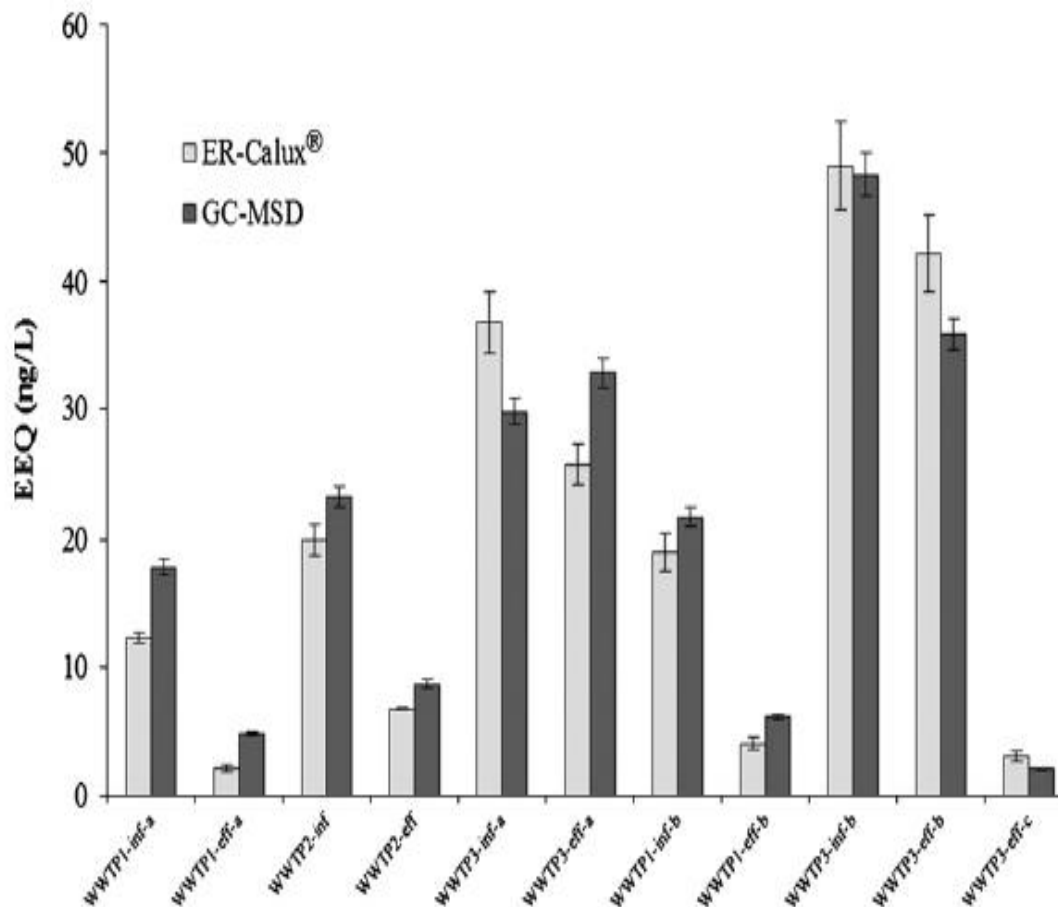
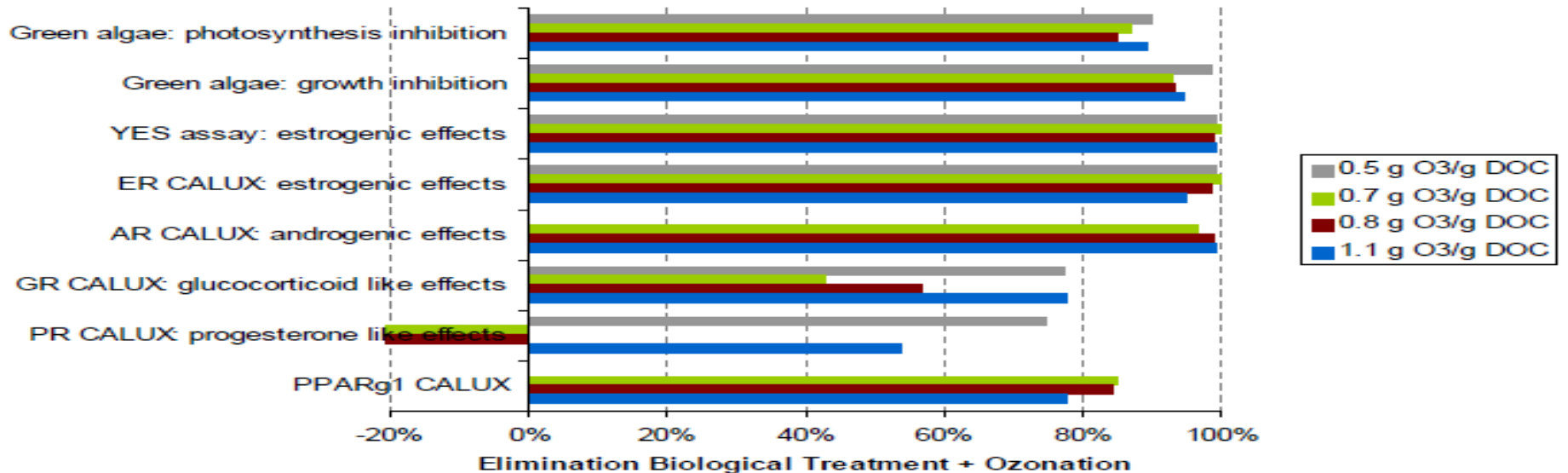
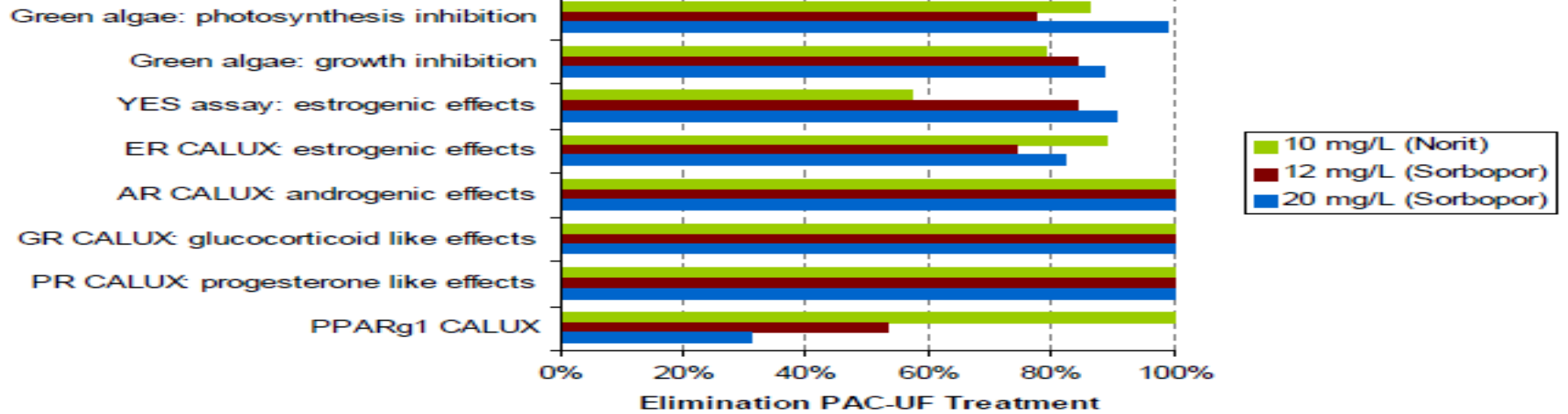


Fig. 4. GC-MSD and ER-Calux® results of real waste water samples. The results of ER-Calux® assay are presented as mean \pm SD calculated from three parallels. The results of GC-MSD are presented as determined concentrations of one measurement \pm relative standard deviation of measurement by GC-MSD.



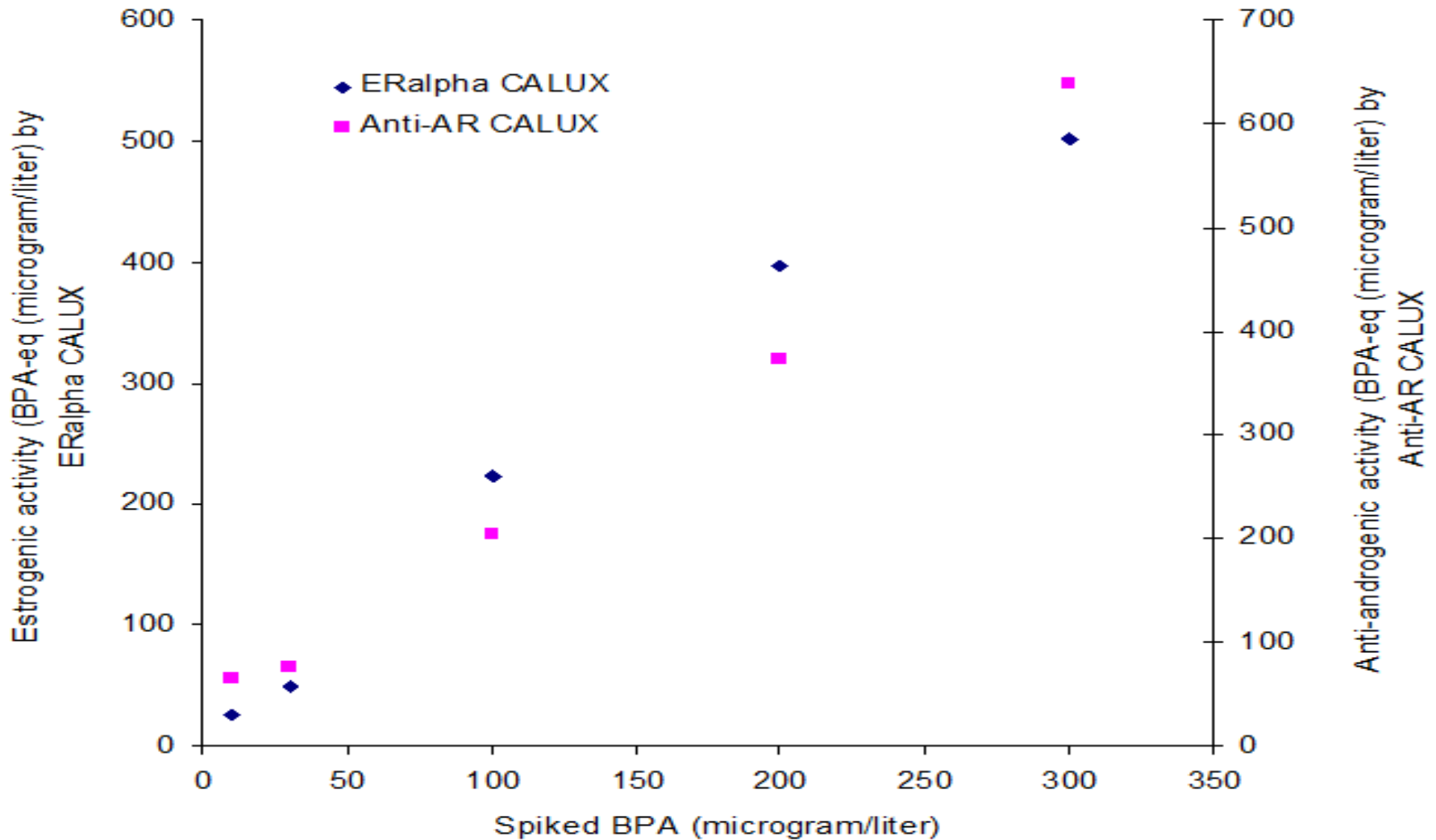
Water treatment plants treatment efficiency with active carbon or ozonation (Kienle et al, EAWAG 2012)





Plastic Migration of BPA/Phthalates: ER and anti-AR CALUX correlates well with BPA

(Service Analysis for German EPA, Bad Dessau)





FP7 Project DEMEAU: How to move forward with human cell-based bioassays in regulatory and global usage



Demonstration of promising technologies to address emerging pollutants in water and waste water







Bioactive estrogenic hormones in milk *(Behr et al 2011)*

- Soya - based products had up to 1500ng EEQ/kg
- Soya-free product had between 10-40ng EEQ/kg
- Baby milk powder had 14-22ng EEQ/kg
- Soya lecithin was also strong estrogenic and therefore a main source of estrogenic activity
- the study concludes that estrogens are omnipresent in food and not only soya based products

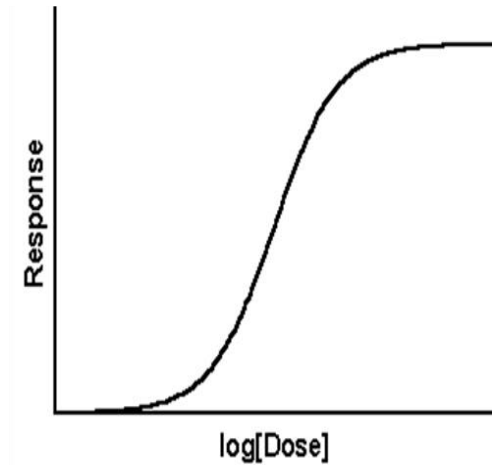
Food Contact Materials testing by CALUX panel I

- Germany: Testing of migration of plastic materials from baby food packaging in plastic (NaturNes) compared to glass materials (Hipp):
- *No difference observed between plastics and glass (ER α , anti-ER α , anti-AR, TR β and PAH CALUX) (WDR Markt 2011).*



Food Contact Materials testing by CALUX panel II

- Belgium: Food packaging extracts were analysed for (anti)-estrogenic and (anti)-androgenic activity
- *Estrogenic activity was found in all flexible elastomers.*
- *Anti-androgenic activity was found in 2 out of 3 polycarbonate samples (project with National Pack. Inst.)*



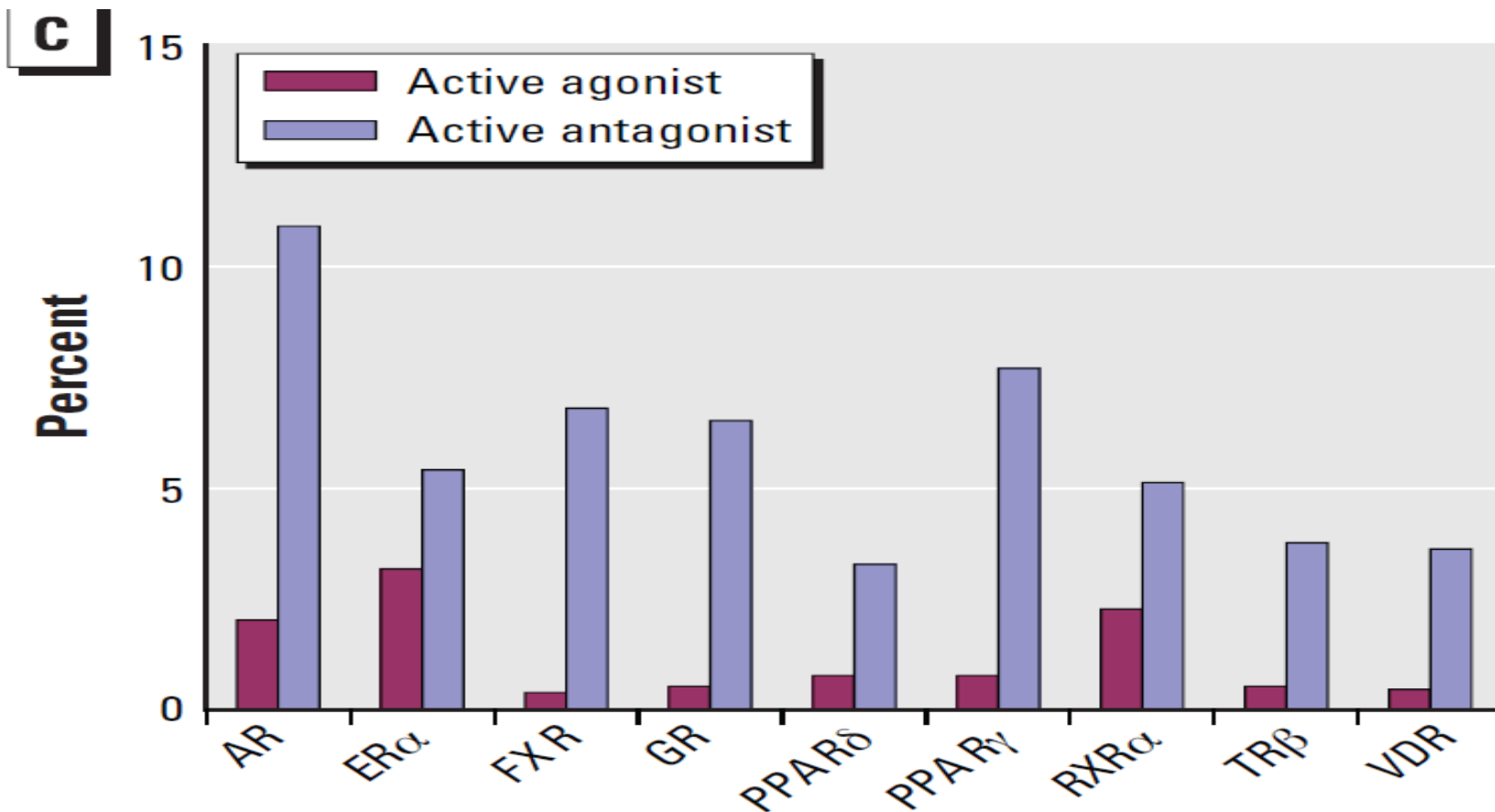


Why 56 CALUX tests?

ToxCast project (USA-EPA) shows importance of anti-agonistic activities of many “Mode of Actions”

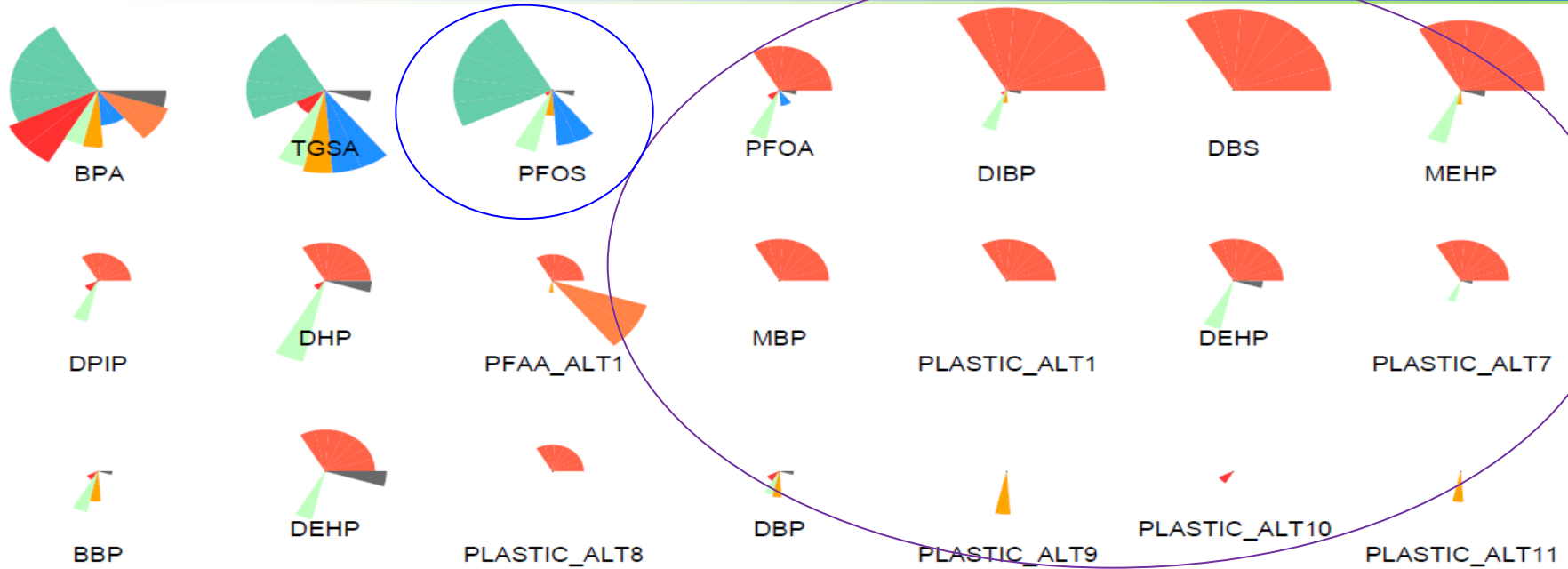
Chemical Genomics Profiling of Environmental Chemical Modulation of Human Nuclear Receptors

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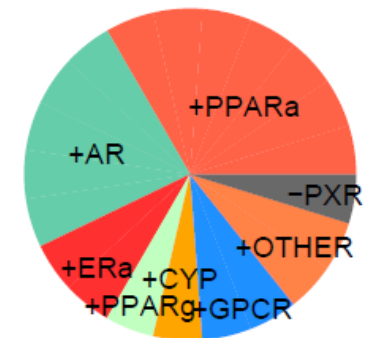


Why food contact materials ?

ToxCast (US-EPA): ReproTox Predictions for Conventional and Alternative Plasticizers



- PFOA and other plastic additives are PPAR α active – need to be tested now..
- PFOS is not active in PPAR α , but AR and PPAR γ active



Dietary intake study for dioxins/dl-PCBs in Valencia

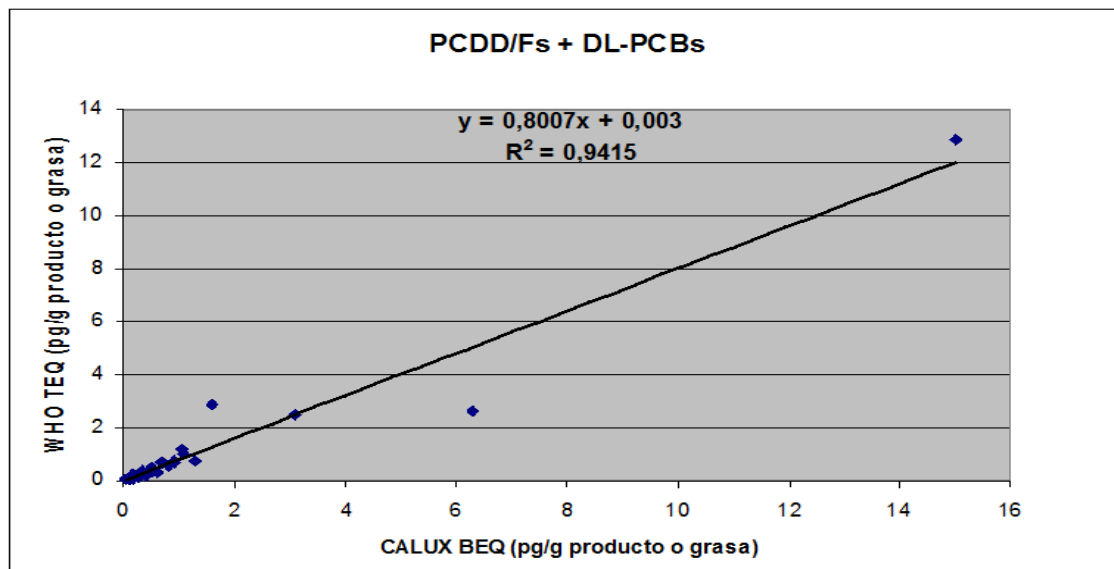
REQUIREMENTS	INTERNAL VALIDATION
PROCEDURE BLANK (<1PM)	0,6 pM
RECOVERY CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL / FORTIFIED SAMPLE.	91,45 % / 111,4 %
APPARENT BIOASSAY RECOVERY (30-130%)	83,16 %
SUPPRESSION SIGNAL TEST (>75%)	118,81 %
REPRODUCIBILITY RSDR (<25%)	12,6 %
REPEATABILITY RSDr (<20%)	10,33 %
FALSE COMPLIANT RATE (<5%)	0 %

A total of 1270 composite samples were analysed corresponding to 189 individual food items that cover 90% of the adult and child diet.

CONSUMPTION DATA

Consumption data were collected from a dietary survey using a 24-h recall and performed on 1478 subjects ranging from 6-70 years old.

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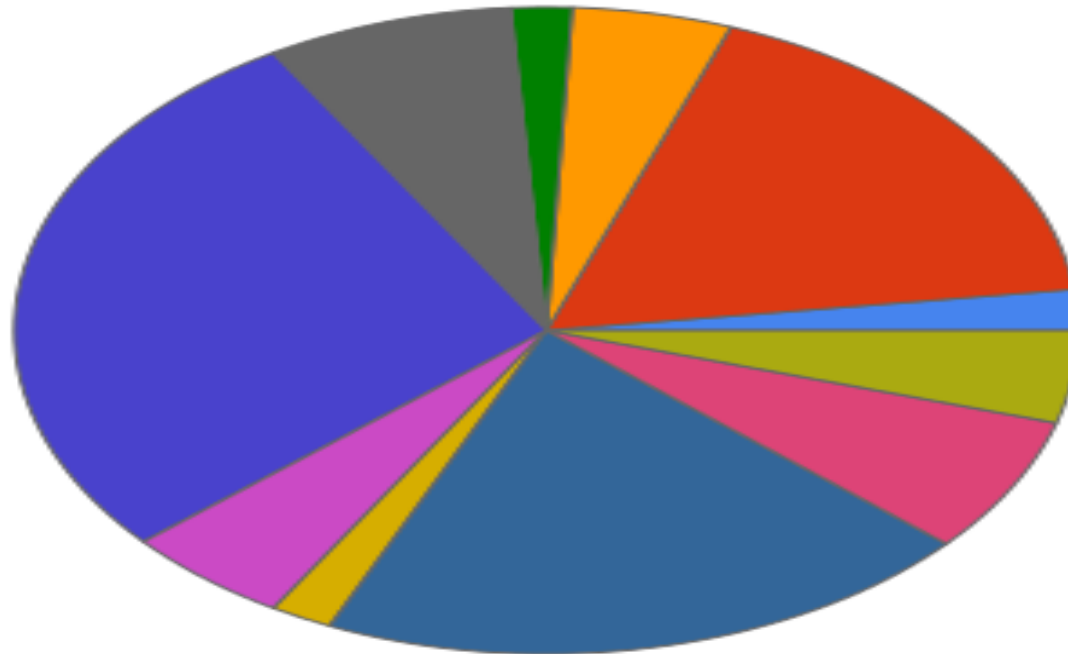
Dietary intake study in Valencia

Foodgroup	Mean	Minimum	Maximum
Alcoholic beverages	0.030	0.010	0.056
Cereals legums tubers and dried fruits	0.187	0.048	2.670
Composite food	0.230	0.014	0.810
Eggs and egg products	0.082	0.041	0.136
Fats and oils	0.367	0.132	0.627
Fish and seafood	0.686	0.124	2.590
Fruits and vegetables	0.023	0.001	0.845
Meat and meat products	0.033	0.003	0.176
Milk and dairy products	0.307	0.014	1.750
Non alcoholic beverages	0.016	0.001	0.151
Sweeteners and condiments	0.229	0.100	0.900



Dietary intake study of dioxins/dl-PCBs in Valencia

Dioxins per foodgroup - Assessment dioxins def all values UB 100 it (808)
Chemical: Dioxins, per unit Bodyweight Daily Average, Total Population



Alcoholic beverages 2%	Fruits and vegetables 5.1%
Cereals legums tubers and dried fruits 17.3%	Meat and meat products 1.9%
Composite food 4.9%	Milk and dairy products 20.2%
Eggs and egg products 1.9%	Non alcoholic beverages 6.8%
Fats and oils 7.5%	Sweeteners and condiments 4.6%
Fish and seafood 27.7%	



Dietary intake study for PCDD/Fs in Valencia

- **For adults, the average daily intake was estimated as 1.38 and 1.56 pg WHO-TEQ/kg b.w ·day for the lower bound (LB) and upper bound (UB) scenarios, respectively.**
- **For children, the average intake was estimated as 2.43 and 2.73 pg WHO-TEQ/kg b.w·day for the LB and UP scenarios, respectively.**
- **The estimated intakes show that 14 % (LB) or 17 % (UB) of the children population and 4 % (LB) or 5 % (UB) of the adult population exceed the tolerable daily intake (TDI) recommended by the WHO.**



Public Health

Wildlife Health

Mussel Monitoring e.g., Bohus coast, Sweden



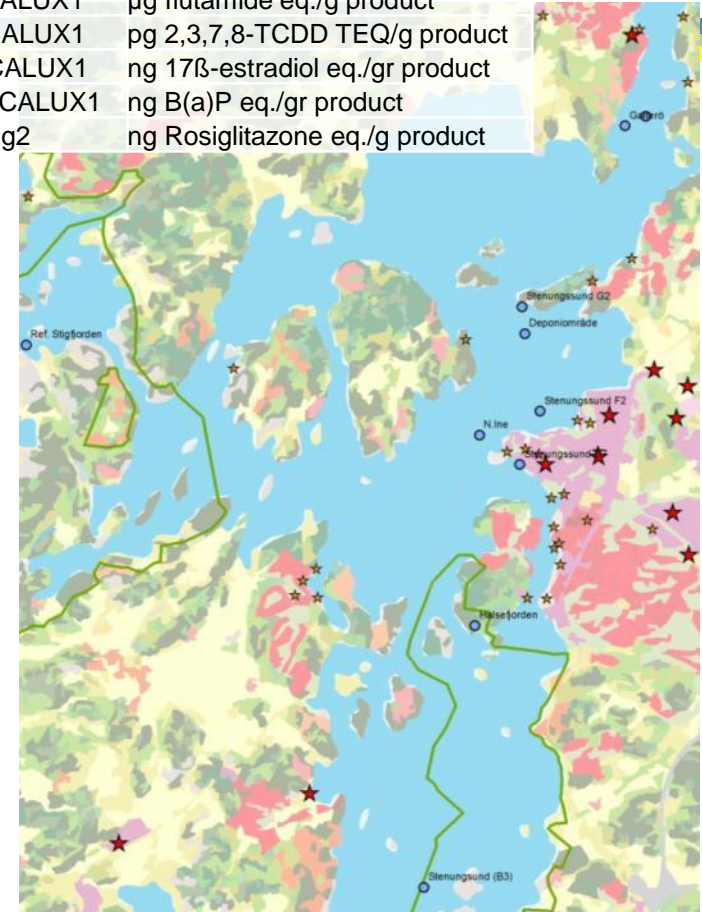
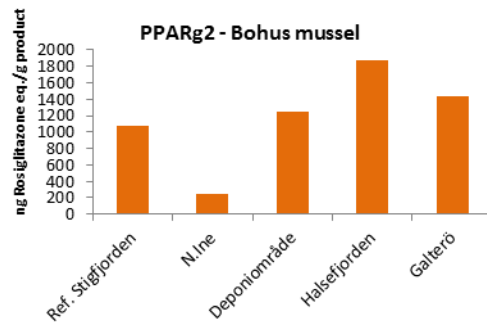
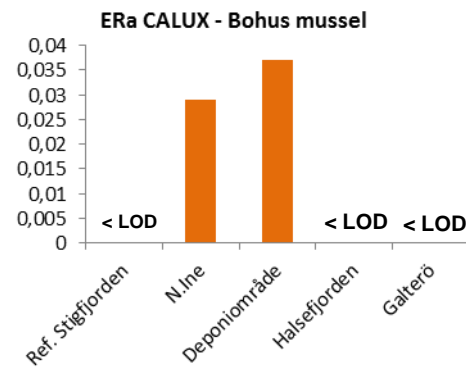
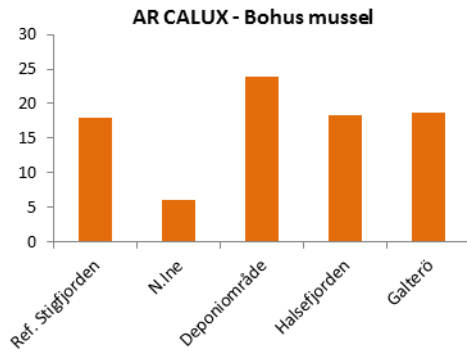
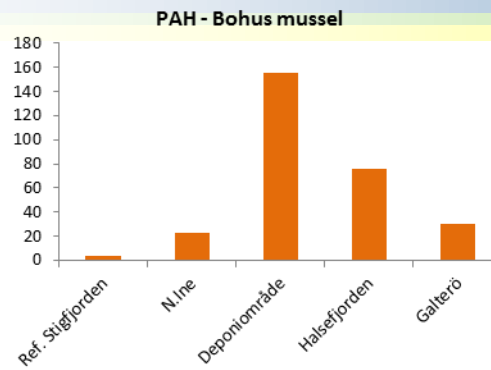
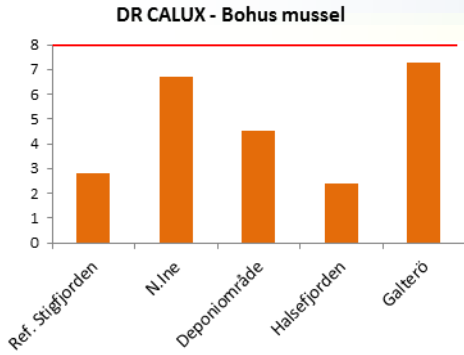
**Screenshot
from google
maps:**

**Large
chemical
industries**



Mussel analyses, Bohuskusten (coast)

- AR_CALUX1 µg flutamide eq./g product
- DR_CALUX1 pg 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ/g product
- Era_CALUX1 ng 17β-estradiol eq./gr product
- PAH_CALUX1 ng B(a)P eq./gr product
- PPARg2 ng Rosiglitazone eq./g product



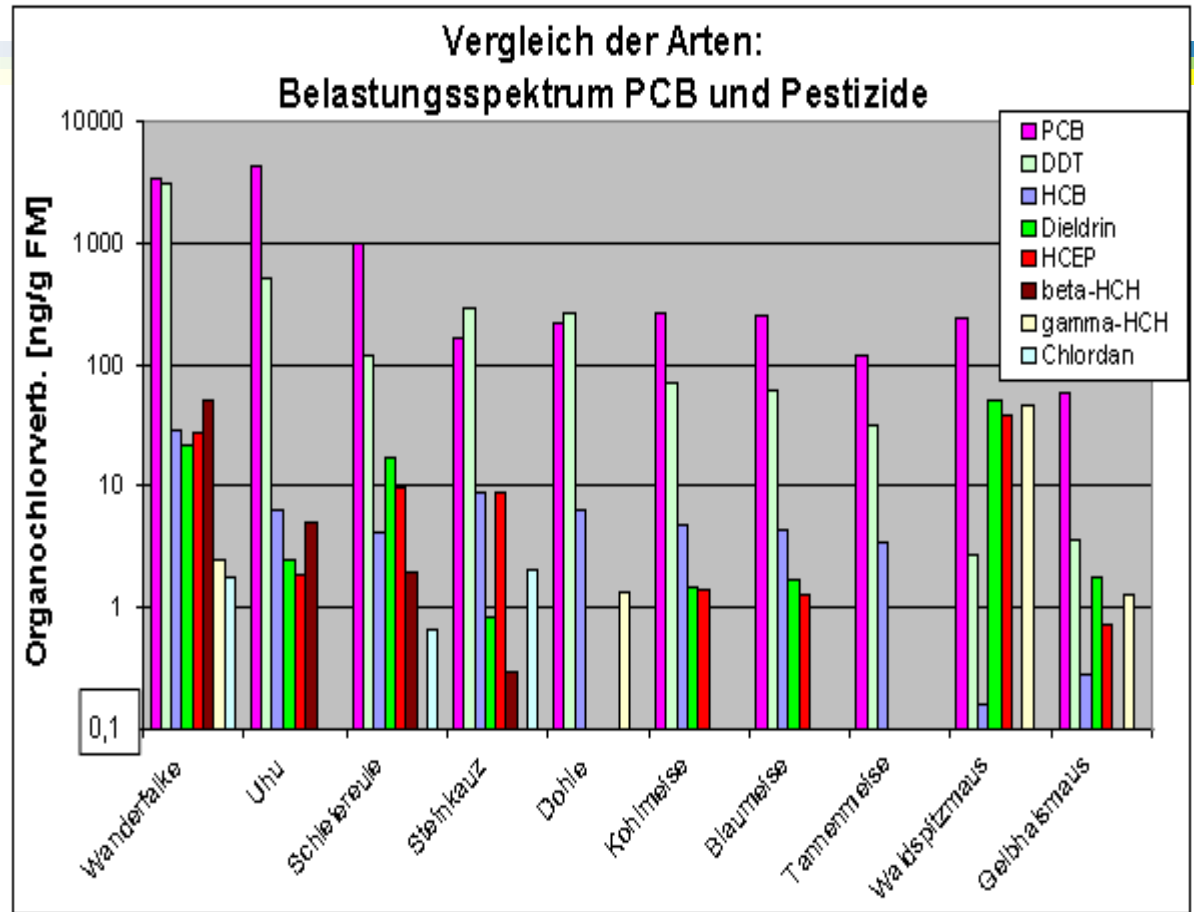
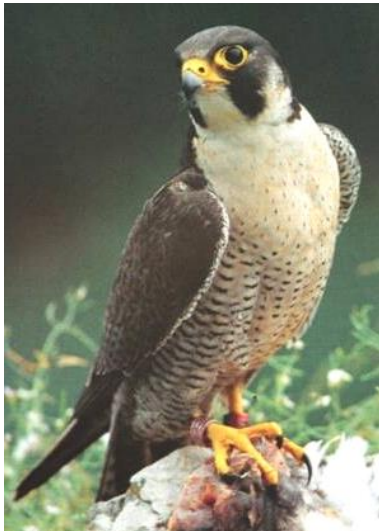
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Terrestrial (Avian) Food Chain

Organochlorine Pollution of Eggs (2001):

- Peregrine Falcon >
- Eagle Owl >
- Barn Owl >
- Little Owl ≈ Jackdaw
- > Great Tit ≈ Blue-Bonnet
- >> Coal Tit



Failed peregrine falcons eggs

Years of catching and numbers in the state of Baden-Württemberg



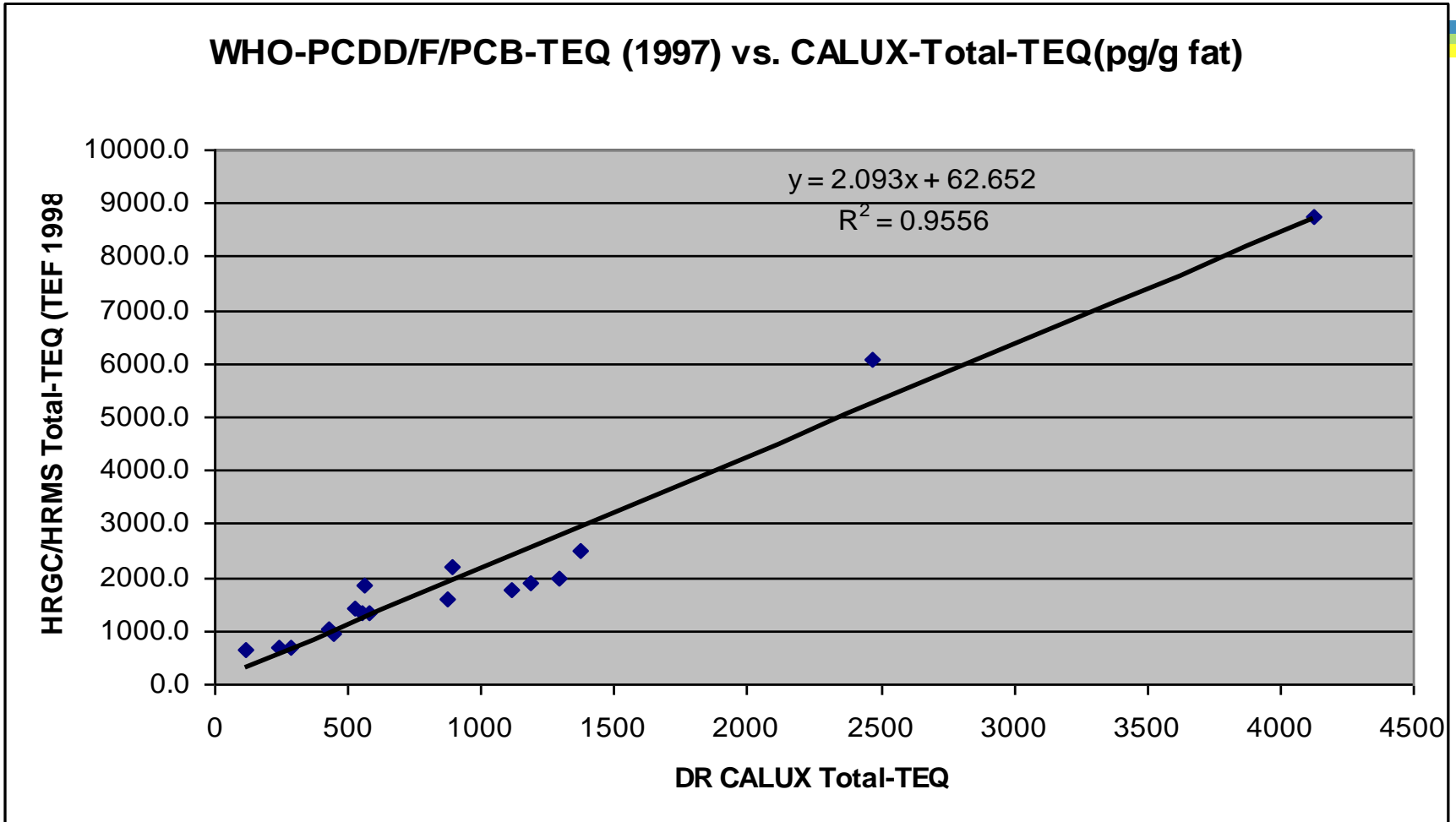
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1980	9	2000	31
1981	8	2001	42
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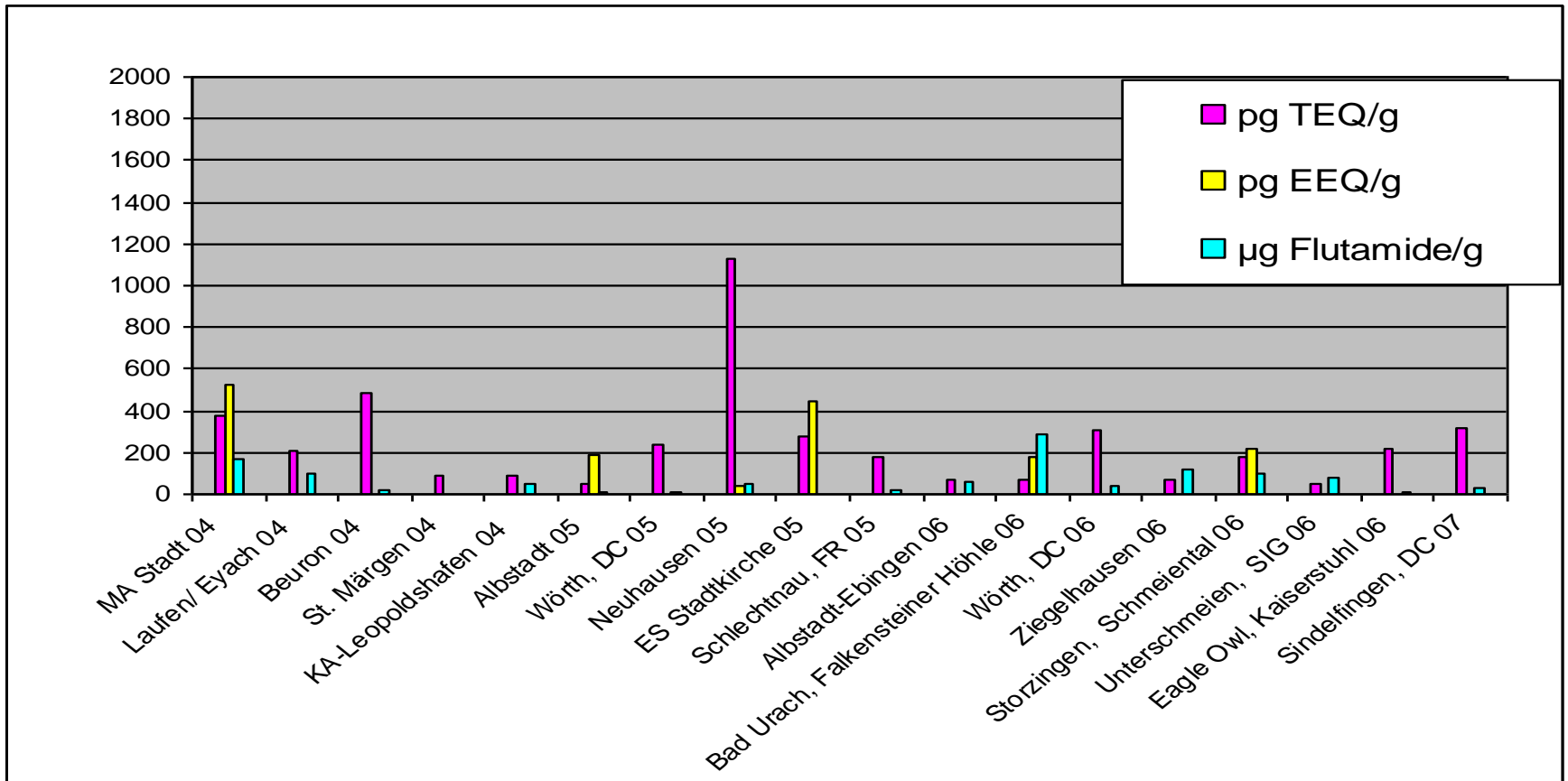
Catch the rest eggs (Foto: F. Schilling)



Total-WHO-TEQ vs Total DR CALUX TEQ



Dioxin, estrogen- and anti-androgen equivalents in falcon eggs by CALUX serie





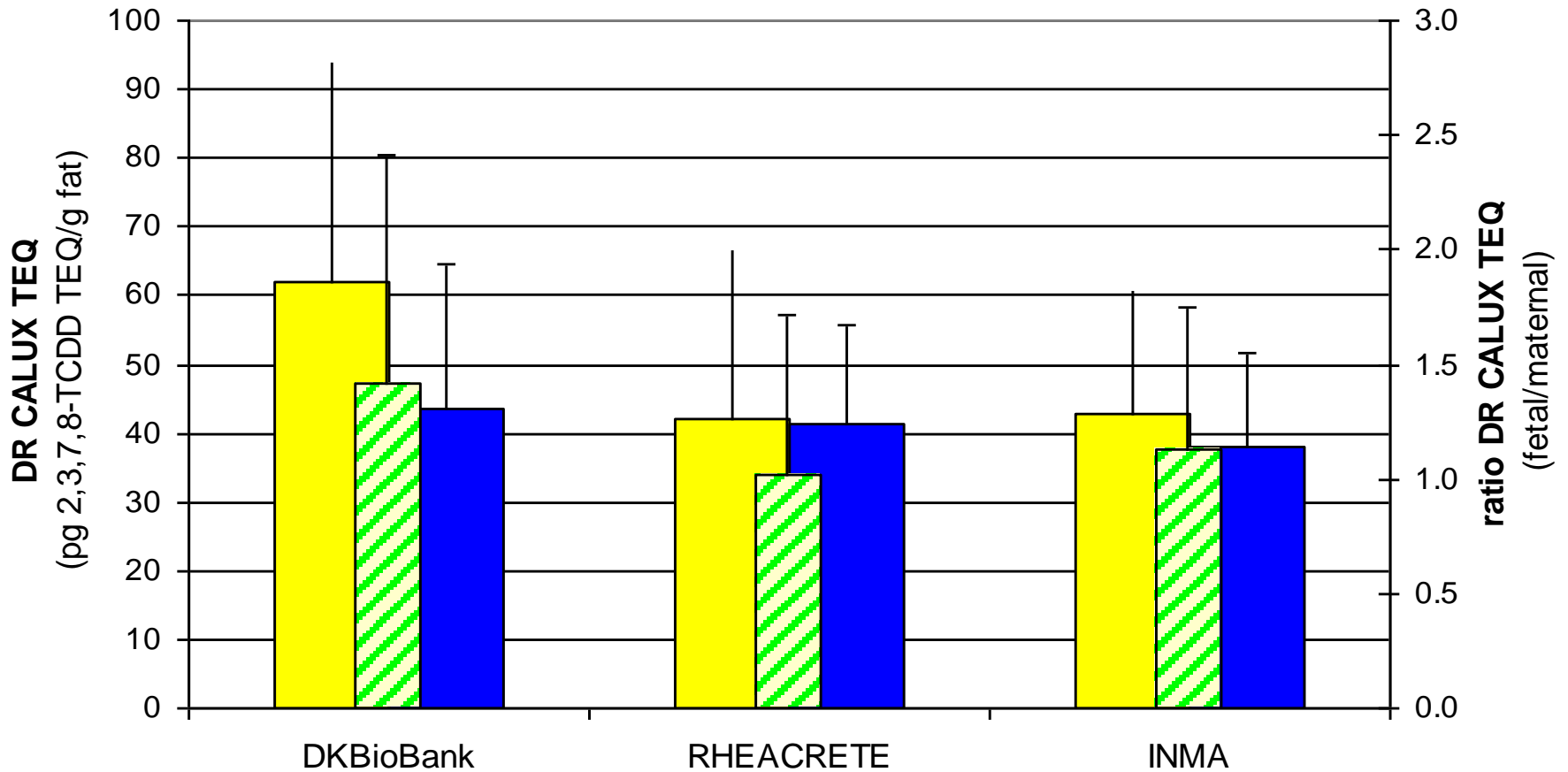
- **NEW GENERIS Projekt from 2006 to 2010**
- **ca. 2500 samples from mother/baby cohortes**
- **from 5 different EU counrties (Denmark, UK, Norway, Greek, Spain)**
- **Cord blood from the day of birth and blood of the mother analysed via ER, AR and DR CALUX**

Conclusion: Effects from von bioactive stabile Dioxins/PCBs on head dimension and therefore development of the newborn baby is in discussion



Which effects have bioactive stabile Dioxine/PCBs for new born babies?

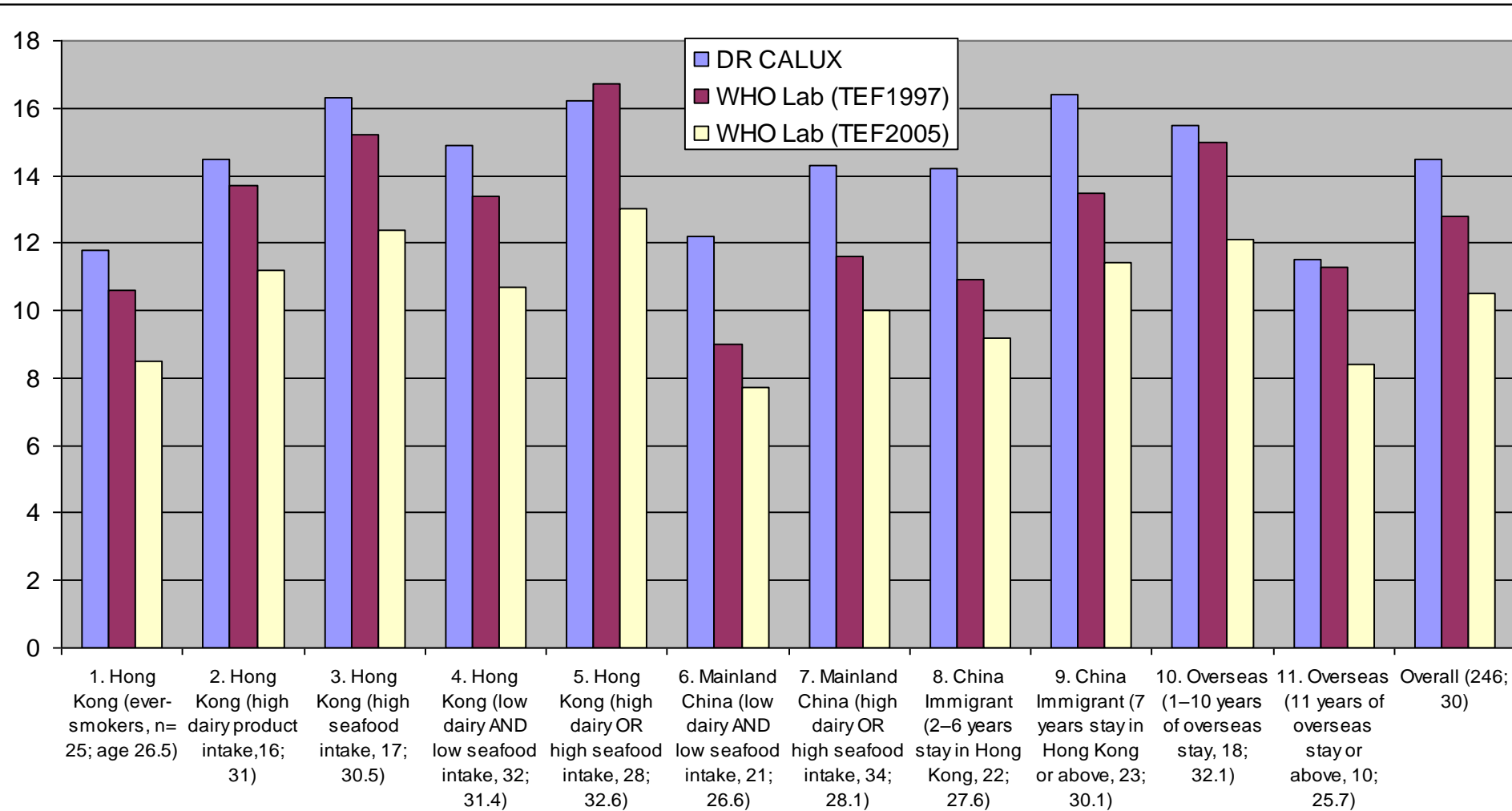
■ fetal plasma ■ maternal plasma ■ fetal/maternal





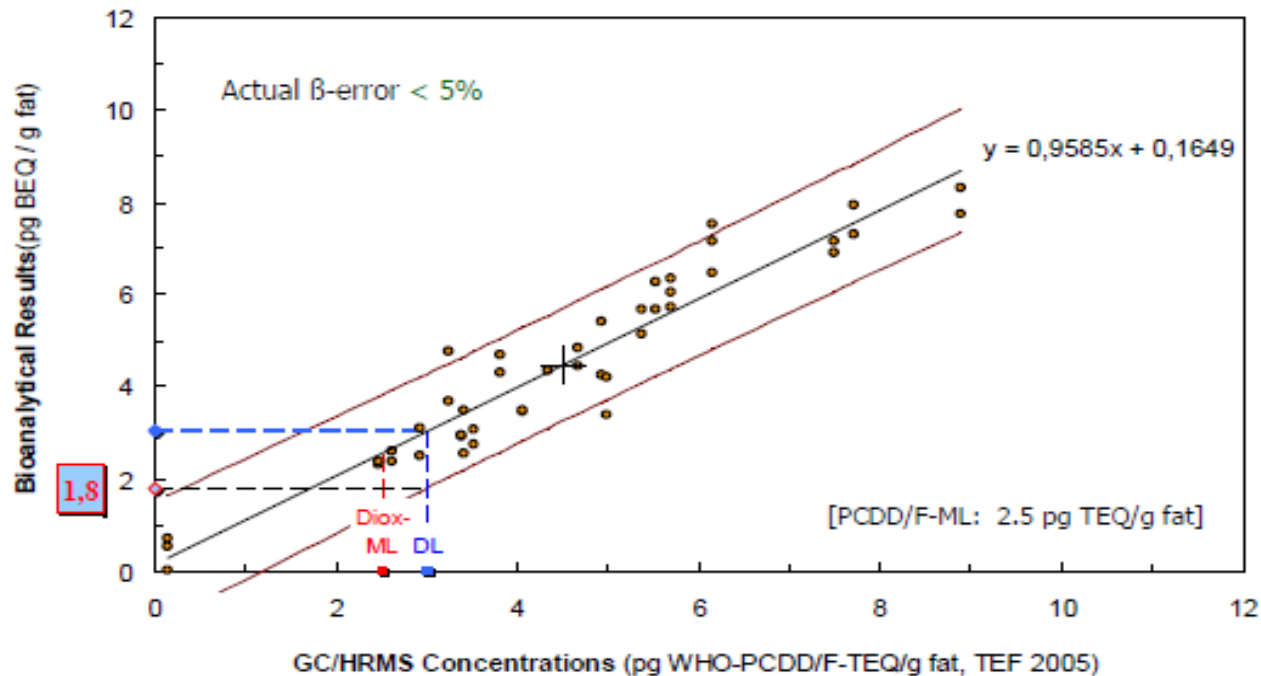
Mother milk in Hong Kong and China

Comparison DR CALUX-Total-TEQ (**BDS**) and HRGC/HRMS WHO-Total-TEQ (**WHO Reference lab**) for pooled breast milk samples (pg/g fat) from Hui et al. Chemosphere 69, 1287 (2007)

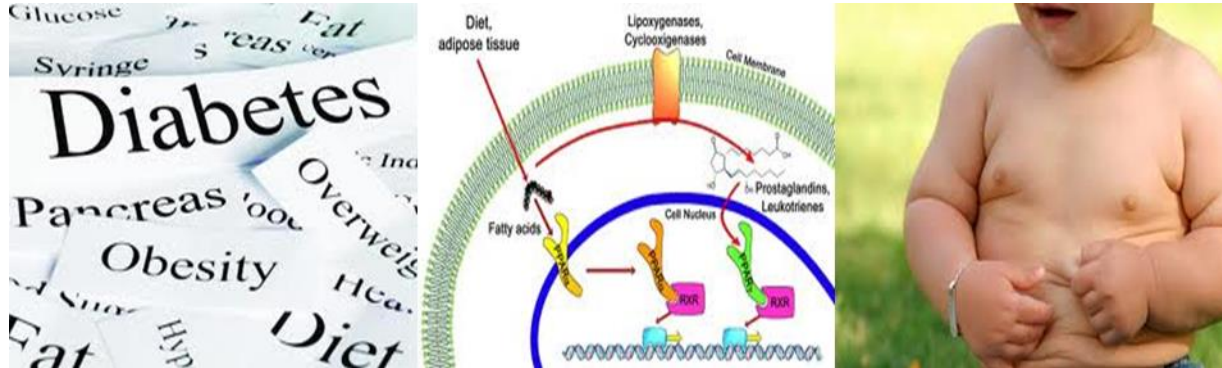


Re-evaluation data from human mother milk (data from EU-RL CVUA Freiburg)

Performance Re-evaluation: **Human MILK FAT - PCDD/Fs**
Calibration with Confirmed Samples



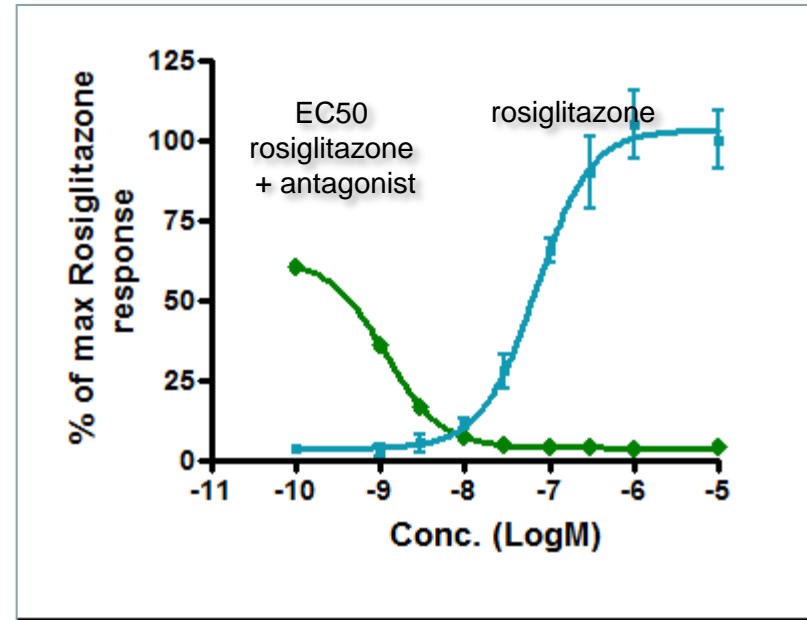
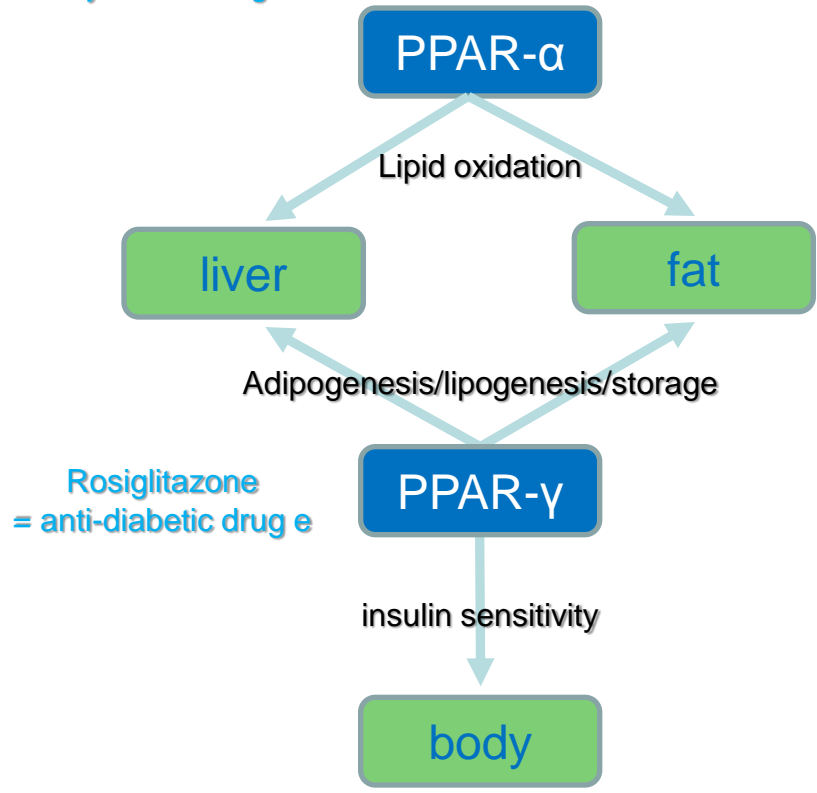
Obesity testing by PPAR CALUX panel



PPAR Isoform	Organ specificity	Function
PPAR α	Liver	Fatty acid metabolism
PPAR γ	Adipose tissue	Lipid storage
PPAR δ	ubiquitous	Energy homoeostasis

- PFOA activates PPAR α and PPAR γ (but not PPAR δ)
Vanden Heuvel et al. (2006) Toxicol Sci 92: 476-489
- PFCAs activate PPAR α
positive correlation between carbon chain length and the level of PPAR α activation
Wolf et al. (2008) Toxicol Sci 106: 162-171

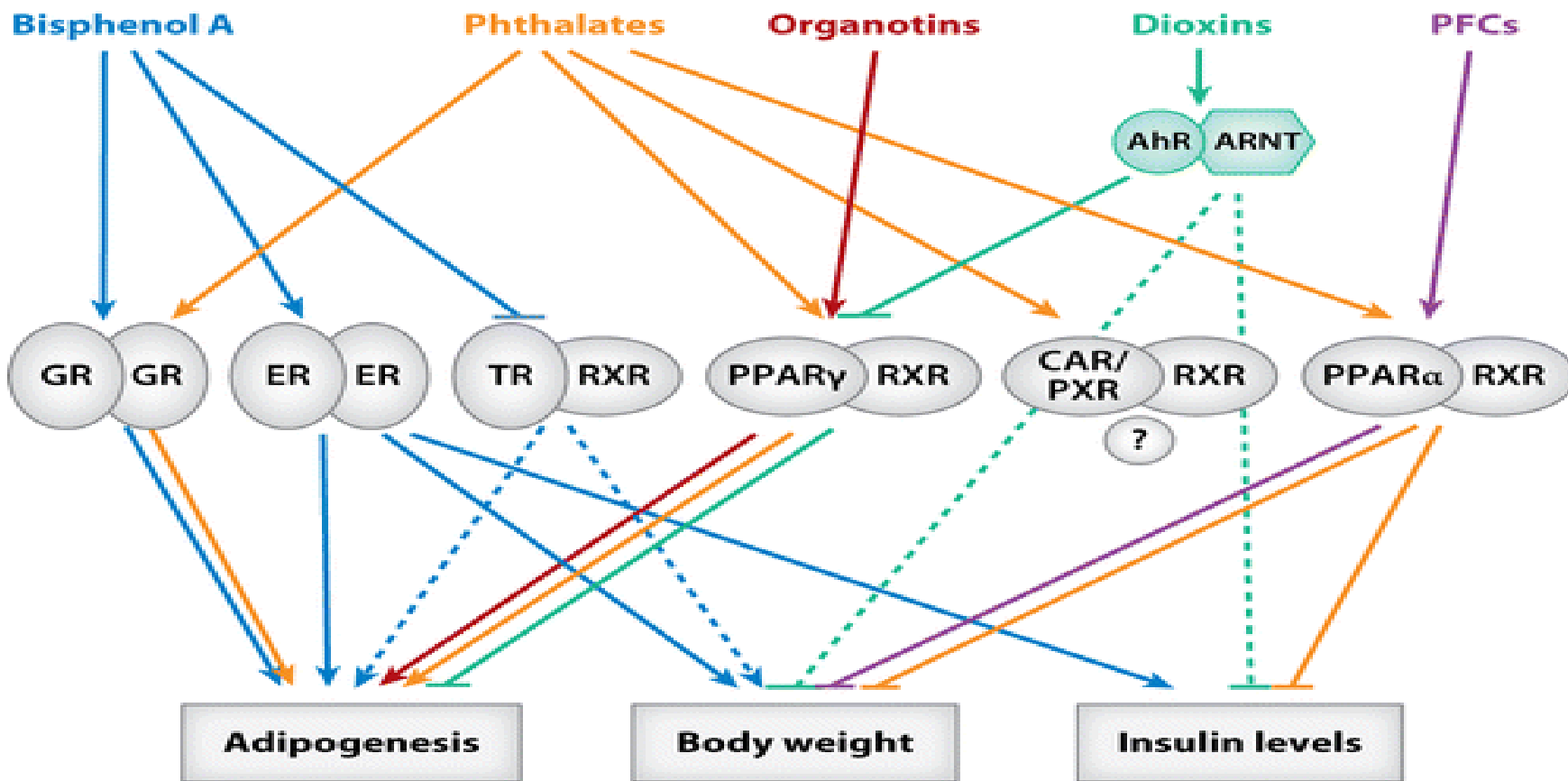
Reference compounds:
 SGW7674 =
 Synthetic α agonist



Gijsbers et al., 2011 Analytical Biochemistry 414:77-83

Why a panel of *in vitro* CALUX tests?

Link from important chemicals to important health risks





PPAR α and PPAR γ CALUX : Toxic EQs compared to GW7674 and Rosiglitazone

Compounds	Molecule	PPAR α	PPAR γ
GW7674 (PPAR α CALUX Standard)		1	-
Rosiglitazone (PPAR γ CALUX Standard)		-	1
<u>Tributyltin acetate</u>		<u>Not determined</u>	<u>4.8</u>
<u>Monoethylhexylphthalate</u>		<u>1.7E-05</u>	<u>8.0E-04</u>
Perfluoro-butanoic acid (PFBA)	C ₄ F ₇ O ₂ ⁻	5.3E-06	
Perfluoro-pentanoic acid (PFPeA)	C ₅ F ₉ O ₂ ⁻	6.9E-06	
Perfluoro-hexanoic acid (PFHxA)	C ₆ F ₁₁ O ₂ ⁻	1.2E-05	
Perfluoro-heptanoic acid (PFHpPA)	C ₇ F ₁₃ O ₂ ⁻	6.7E-05	
<u>Perfluoro-octanoic acid (PFOA)</u>	<u>C₈F₁₅O₂⁻</u>	3.1E-05	
Perfluoro-nonanoic acid (PFNA)	C ₉ F ₁₇ O ₂ ⁻	1.7E-05	
Perfluoro-hexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	C ₆ F ₁₃ O ₃ S ⁻		5.5E-05
Perfluoro-octanesulfonic acid (branched-PFOS)	C ₈ F ₁₇ O ₃ S ⁻		3.6E-05
Perfluoro-octanesulfonic acid (linear-PFOS)	C ₈ F ₁₇ O ₃ S ⁻		9.1E-05



Thanks....Questions..???

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