

# The True Positives in EPA's Non-Targeted Analysis Collaborative Trial (ENTACT)

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# Who am I?

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  - BSE Chemical Engineering
- Job 1: Research Informatics at Pfizer
- Graduate Education
  - PhD, Pharmaceutical Sciences
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  - Title: Computational Chemist
  - Duties: Research (Chem)informatics so one
- Analytical Chemistry Background: 0



# NTA Workshop 2015



## Non-Targeted Analysis Workshop

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host the Non-Targeted Analysis Workshop  
August 18-19, 2015 at EPA's Research Triangle Park Campus.

The EPA is responsible for ensuring the safety of tens-of-thousands of chemicals registered for use in the United States. Quantitative exposure data are available for only a small fraction of registered chemicals, hindering assessments of potential health risks to humans, wildlife, and ecosystems. New methods are therefore required to efficiently generate measurement data for a growing number of chemicals that remain largely unexamined. Non-targeted measurement methods, including those based on high-resolution mass spectrometry platforms, offer unique means to screen for xenobiotic chemicals in a variety of environmental and biological media.

This workshop will bring together experts in non-targeted screening to discuss innovative methods and best practices for collecting, analyzing, interpreting, storing, and exchanging measurement data related to xenobiotic chemical exposures. Participants of this workshop will discuss non-targeted analysis "success stories" and help identify:

- Best practices for using non-targeted measurement methods to identify and characterize xenobiotic chemicals in environmental and biological samples.
- Innovative and practical approaches for the analysis, interpretation, and storage of measurement data obtained via non-targeted methods.
- Challenges that may impede widespread use of non-targeted measurement techniques for exposure science.
- Collaborative opportunities to overcome challenges related to existing methodologies and/or information infrastructures.

The EPA has developed a draft agenda and is soliciting abstracts for poster presentations. Travel awards (\$500 each) will be given to two selected abstracts to support the registrant to orally present their research on the second day. Please visit the [Abstract Submission](#) tab for more details and to submit your abstract.

**Workshop Details:**  
August 18-19, 2015

**Workshop Location:**  
Auditorium C111  
U.S. EPA  
Research Triangle Park  
109 TW Alexander Dr.  
Durham, NC 27709

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ORISE research  
opportunities [here](#).**

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I don't think NTA  
is that great!

Oh yeah, we find  
everything!

I bet if we make  
some mixtures of  
known  
composition, you  
won't find half of  
the chemicals

Bring it on!!!!

# Goals for Mixture Design

Question(s):

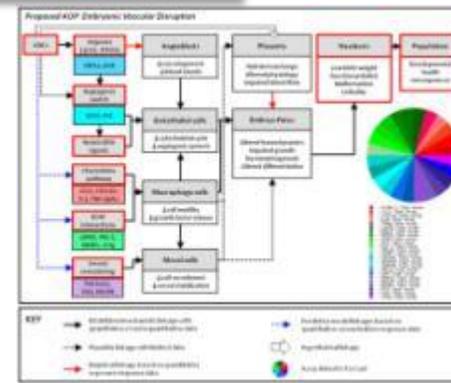
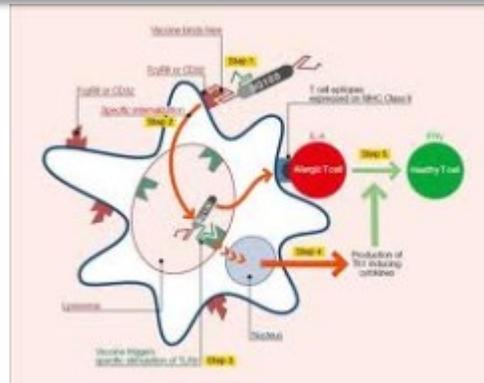
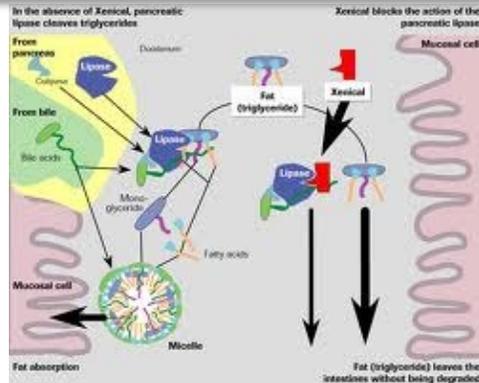
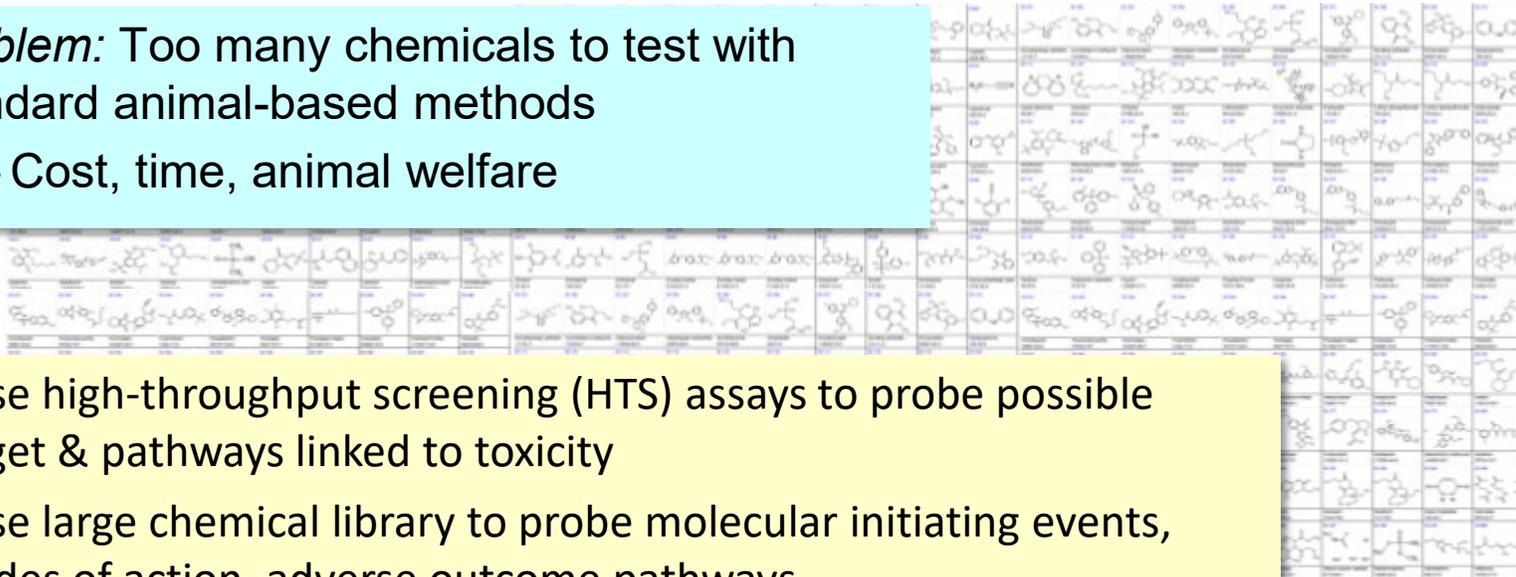
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But Where Will We get Samples?

# ToxCast Goals

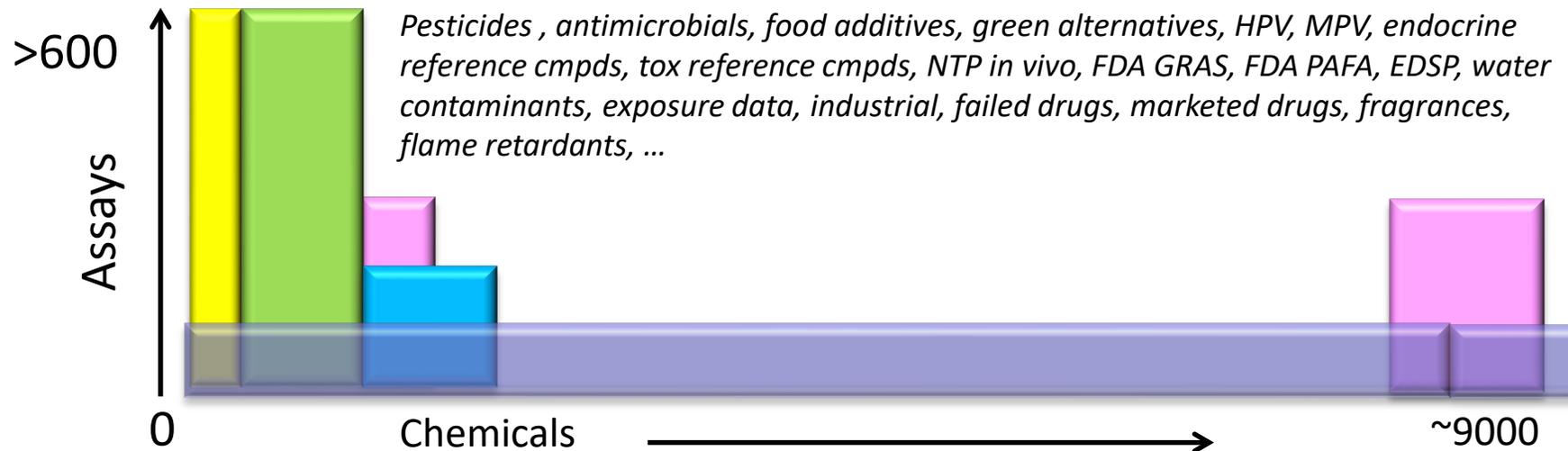
**Problem:** Too many chemicals to test with standard animal-based methods  
 – Cost, time, animal welfare

- Use high-throughput screening (HTS) assays to probe possible target & pathways linked to toxicity
- Use large chemical library to probe molecular initiating events, modes of action, adverse outcome pathways
- Develop models to predict in vivo toxicity outcomes

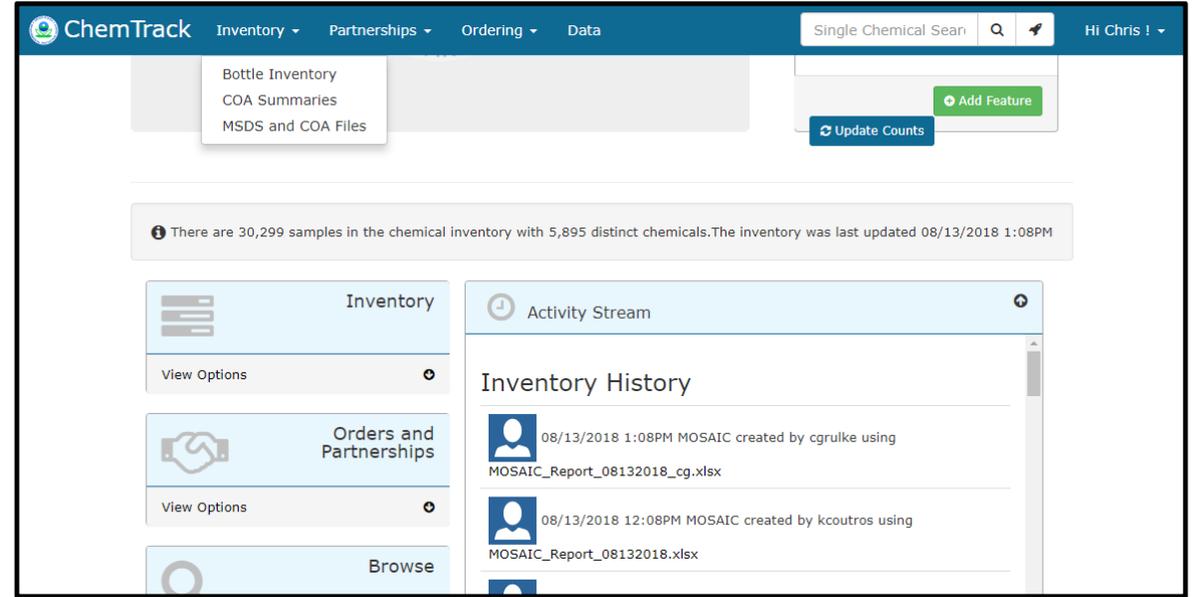
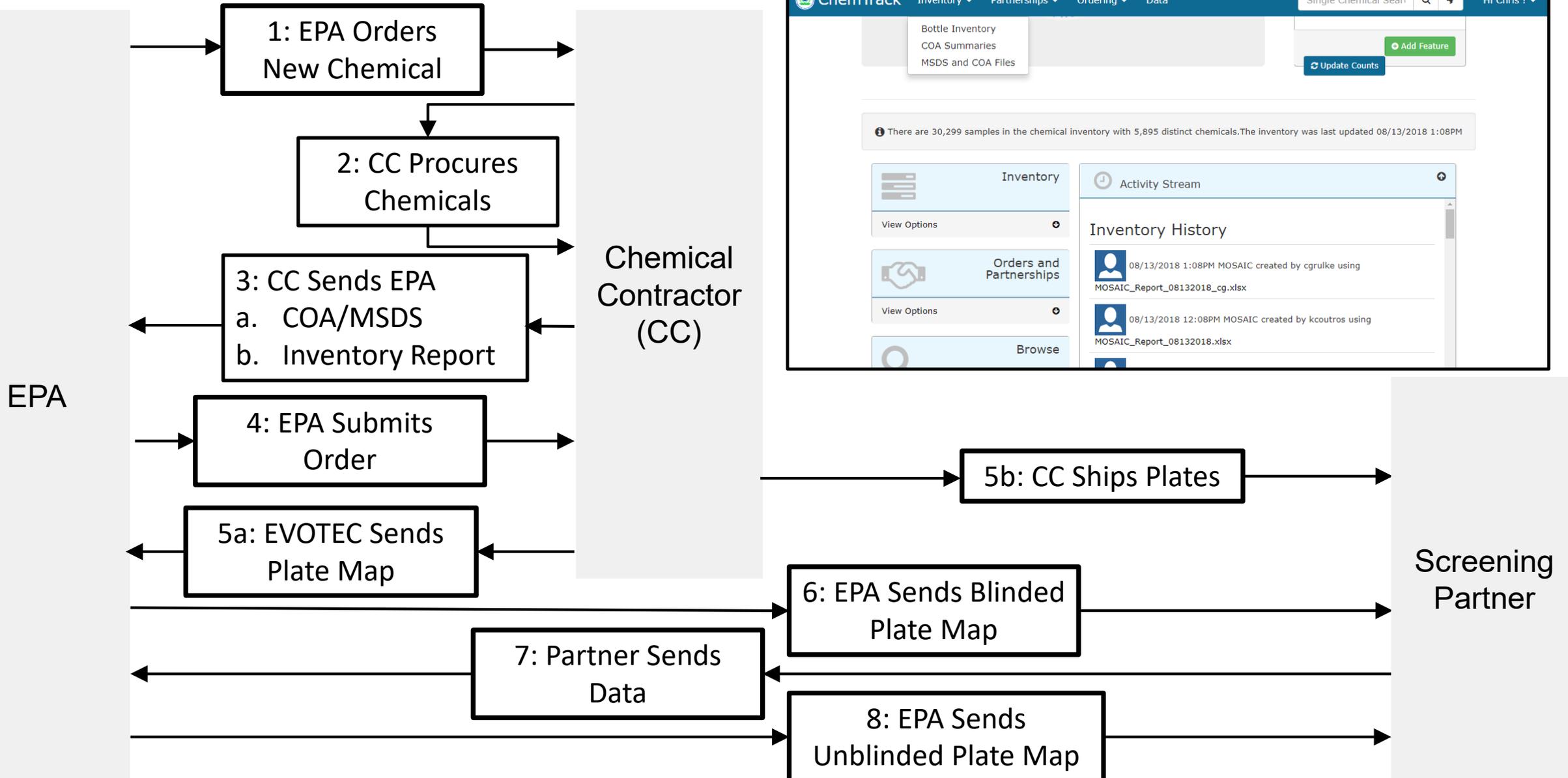


# ToxCast & Tox21 Inventories: Chemicals, Data & Timelines

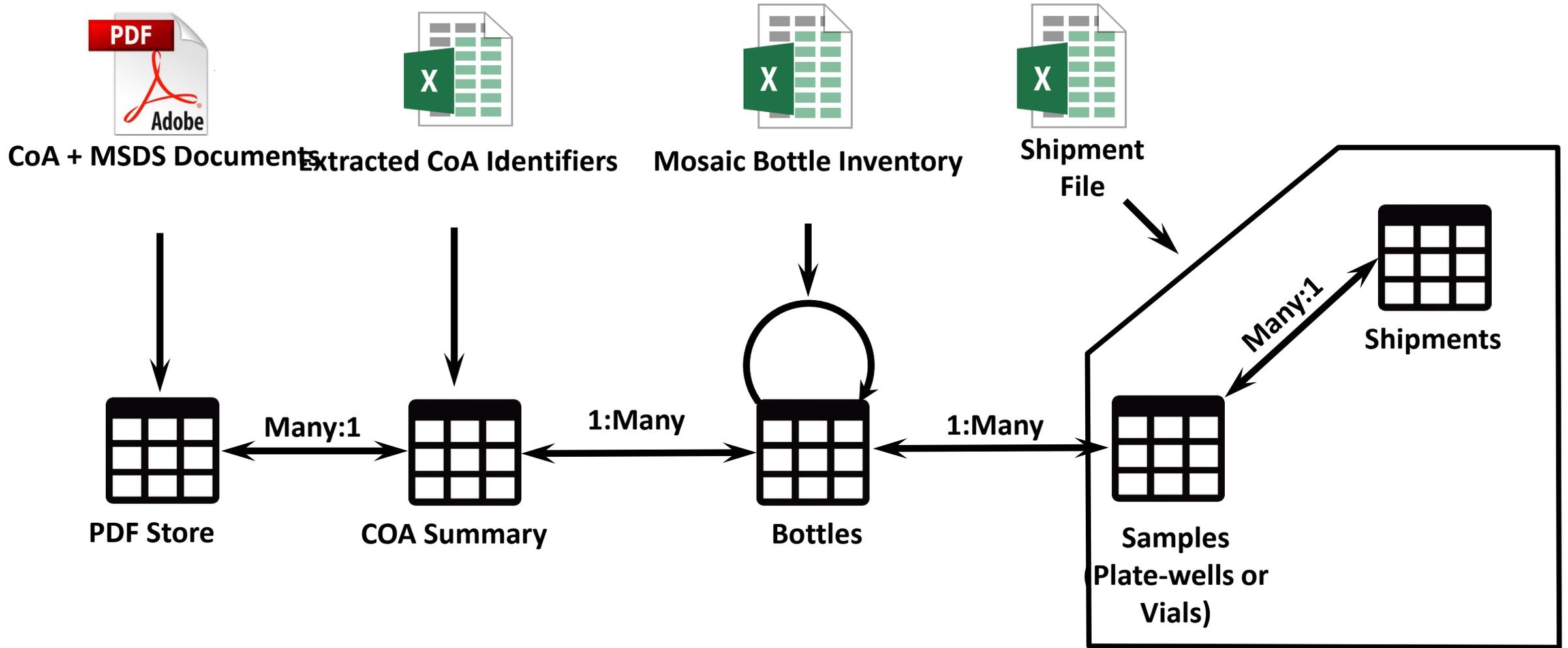
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ToxCast Phase I	 293	~600	~700	2011	Now
ToxCast Phase II	 767	~600	~700	03/2013	Now
ToxCast E1K	 800	~50	~120	03/2013	Now
Tox21	 ~9000	~80	~150	Ongoing	Ongoing
ToxCast Phase III	 ~900	~300	~300	Ongoing	Ongoing



# Organizing Our Chemical Library Processes



# ChemTrack Simple Data Model



# ChemTrack Bottles

ChemTrack Inventory ▾ Partnerships ▾ Ordering ▾ Data Single Chemical Search    Hi Chris!

Uploaded MOSAIC Files **25**
Mapped & Available Bottles **29850**
Unmapped Bottles **449**
External Bottles **98**
Add New MOSAIC 
Create External Bottle

## Mapped & Available Bottles

Show  entries

Search:

Barcode Type	Barcode	COA Summary	Compound Name	CAS	QTY Available	Units	Vendor	SAM	CPD	Can Plate?	Comment	
INVALID_SUPTX0013222_INVALID	ALID_SUPTX0013222_INVALID	2660	Aluminium phthalocyanine chloride	14154-42-8	1000	mg	Sigma Chemical Company	SAM004888816	CPD003650672	Yes		<a href="#">Edit</a>
INVALID_SUPTX0013294_INVALID	ALID_SUPTX0013294_INVALID	2735	Nickle(III) carbonate basic hydrate	12607-70-4	250000	mg	Sigma Chemical Company	SAM004888887	CPD003650704	Yes		<a href="#">Edit</a>
EPA_Vial_Source_Storage	BF00079587	18768	Pentabromophenol	608719	178	mg	Sigma Chemical Company	SAM006061824	CPD001224527	Yes		<a href="#">Edit</a>
EPA_Vial_Source_Storage	BF00079581	18774	Phthalic anhydride	85-44-9	193	mg	Sigma Chemical Company	SAM006061820	CPD001252223	Yes		<a href="#">Edit</a>
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EPA_Vial_Source_Storage	BF00079585	18770	4-sec-Butyl-2,6-di-tert-butylphenol	17540-75-9	188	mg	Sigma Chemical Company	SAM006061825	CPD004560495	Yes		<a href="#">Edit</a>
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EPA_Vial_Source_Storage	BF00079580	18775	3,3'-	91-94-	188	mg	Sigma Chemical Company	SAM006061826	CPD004757030	Yes		<a href="#">Edit</a>

# ChemTrack Search

Find Chemicals 
ChemTrack Inventory ▾ Partnerships ▾ Ordering ▾ Data
Single Chemical Search
🔍

## Multiple Chemical Search

Search:

Show 10 entries

	Searched By	Found By	DTXSID	Name	CASRN	Neat(mg)	0-24mM Stock(ul)	24-100mM Stock(ul)	Number of Bottles
+	tylenol	Synonym from Valid Source	DTXSID2020006	Acetaminophen	103-90-2	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	15
+	bpa	Expert Validated Synonym	DTXSID7020182	Bisphenol A	80-05-7	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	39
-	tce	Expert Validated Synonym	DTXSID2021319	Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4	NONE	NONE	NONE	3

Barcode	Supplier	QTY	Units	Concentration (mM)	Solubility Solvent
TX009583	LightBiologicals	-	mg	-	-
TX009584	LightBiologicals	-	mg	-	-
Tox21_201196_legacy	-	-	-	-	-

+	50-00-0	CAS-RN	DTXSID7020637	Formaldehyde	50-00-0	NONE	NONE	NONE	0
-	aspirin	Approved Name	DTXSID5020108	Aspirin	50-78-2	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	14

Barcode	Supplier	QTY	Units	Concentration (mM)	Solubility Solvent
00891165	Enamine	-	mg	-	-
TX003515	Sigma Chemical Company	17831	ul	20	DMSO
TX003516	Sigma Chemical Company	19	mg	-	-
TX016586	Sigma Chemical Company	2742	ul	99	DMSO

**Info!** Find by multiple bottles

aspirin  
 bpa  
 50-00-0  
 tylenol  
 tce

**Additional Filters**

All
Solution
Neat

Concentration
Minimum

Minimum Amount
Amount



# Bottles and Samples Need Chemistry

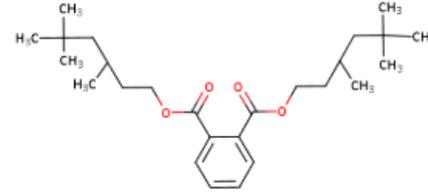
- Bottle Information

- Barcode: TX013642
- CAS-RN: 28553-12-0
- Name: DIISONONYL PHTHALATE

- CoA Information

- CAS-RN: 68515-48-0
- Name: Bis(3,5,5-trimethylhexyl) phthalate

- Which Chemical?????

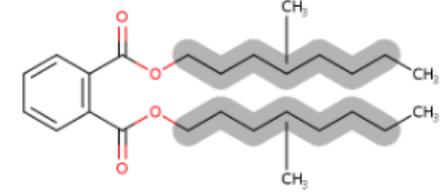


Bis(3,5,5-trimethylhexyl) phthalate

DTXSID: DTXSID0057889

CASRN: 14103-61-8

TOXCAST: 0



Diisononyl phthalate

DTXSID: DTXSID4022521

CASRN: 28553-12-0

TOXCAST: 10/450

1 related chemical  
structure with this  
substance

DINP branched

DTXSID: DTXSID5028665

CASRN: 68515-48-0

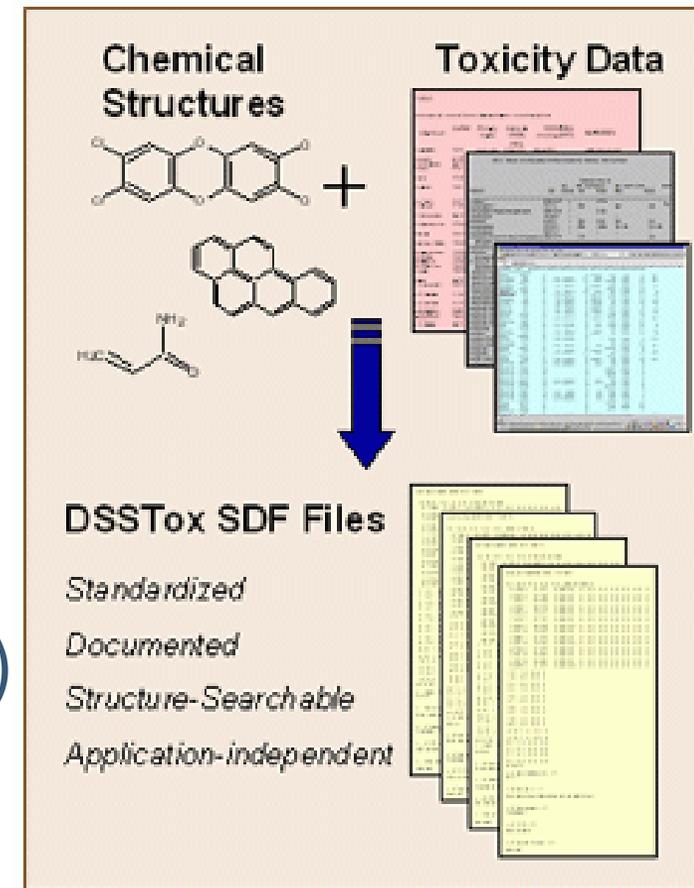
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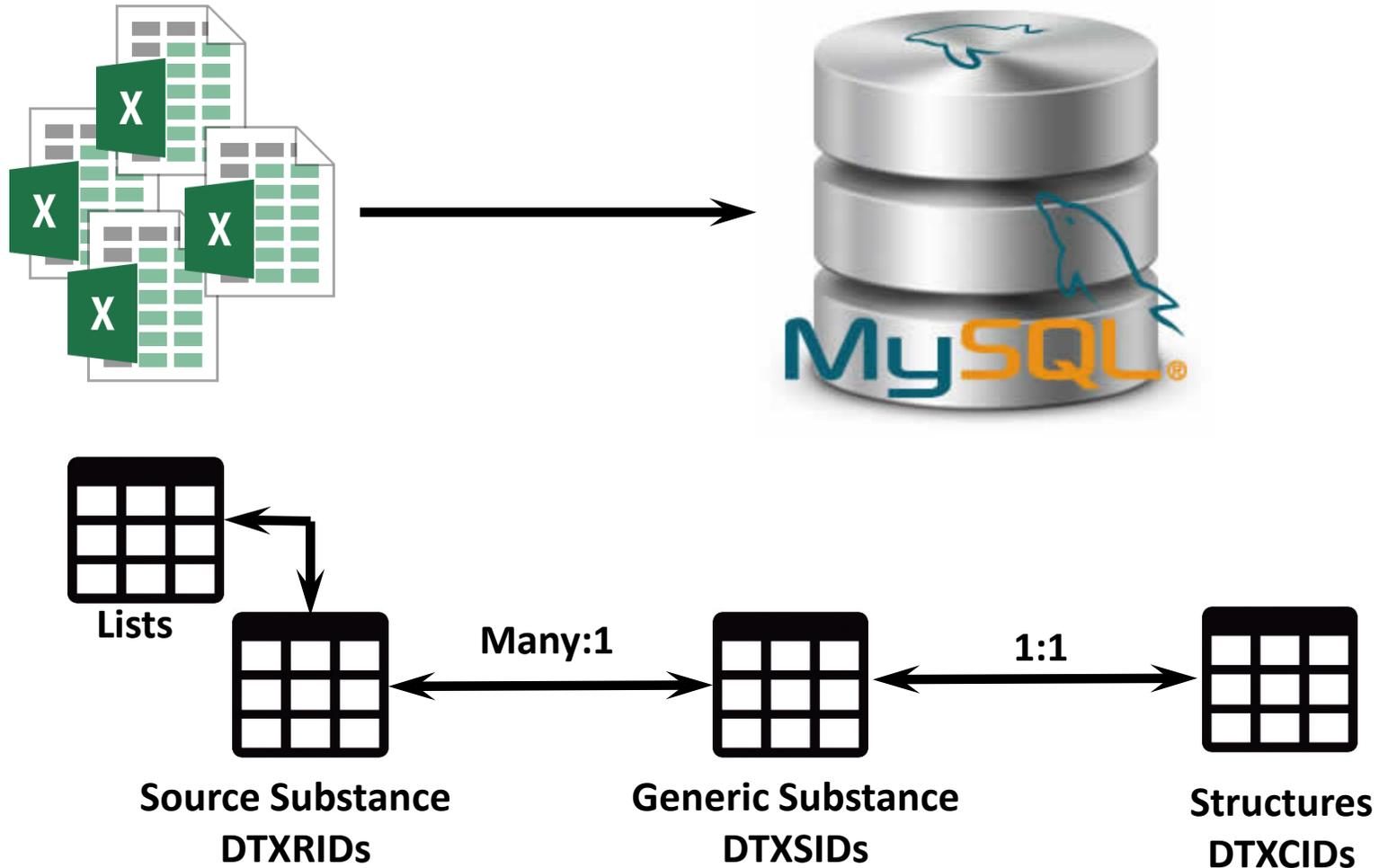


Goal: Linking data to chemical structures enabling SAR

- First release of data files in 2004
- Focused on high impact sets of data
  - Carcinogenic Potency Database
  - Drinking water disinfection by-products
  - EPA's Integrated Risk Information System
  - FDA's Maximum Daily Dose dataset
  - EPA's Fat Head Minnow Toxicity dataset
  - ToxCast and Tox21 chemicals
- Currently contains: 876K records (32K manually curated)
- Check it out: <https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard>



# Generalized DSSTox Storage Architecture

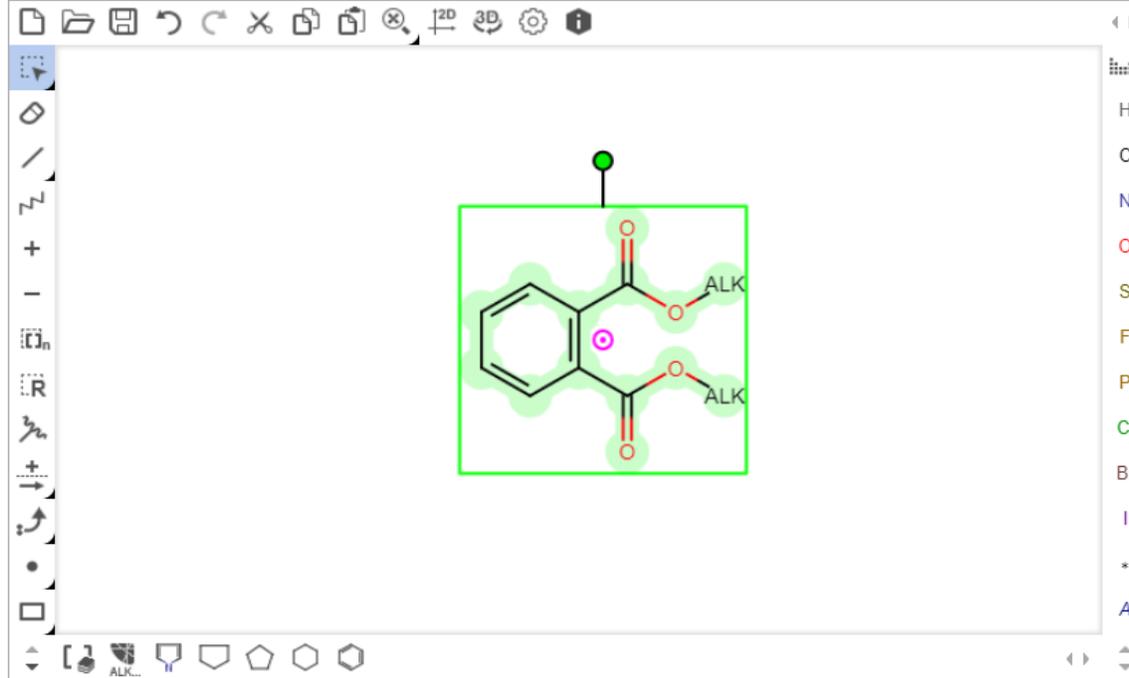


# Chemical Registration

## ACToR-DSSTox Chemical Registration

[View/Edit a Single Record](#)
[Structure Search](#)
[Browse/Curate Records](#)
[Export DSSTox](#)
[Chemotypes](#)
[Manage Chemical Lists](#)
[Manage Property Data](#)
[Add Deleted Casrns](#)

CAS-RN matched  
 <b>null</b>  
 You are viewing the record associated with  
 DTXSID5028665  
 CASRN: 68515-48-0



Calculate from Structure

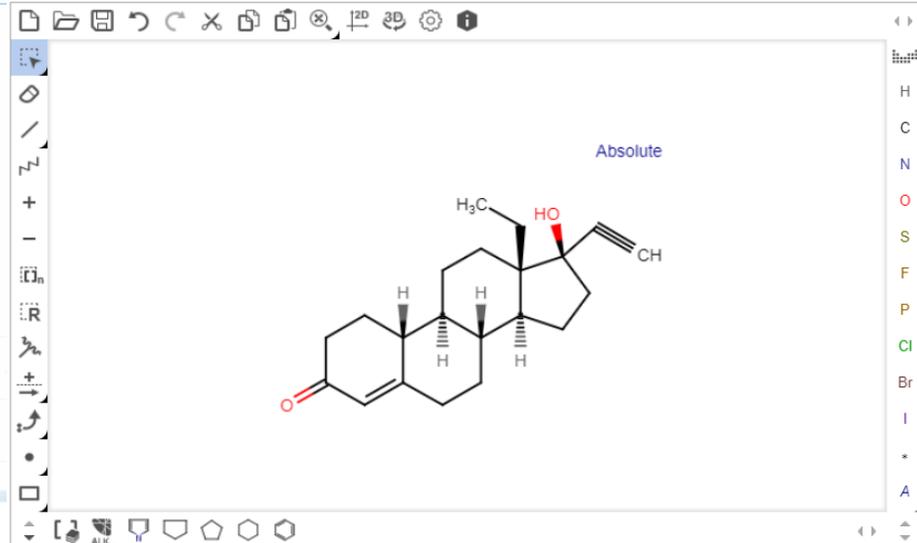
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 CAS:   
 Name:   
 Substance Type:   
 QC Level:   
 Data Source:

Compound\_ID:  
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 Double Stereo:   
 Chiral Stereo:   
 Chemical Form:

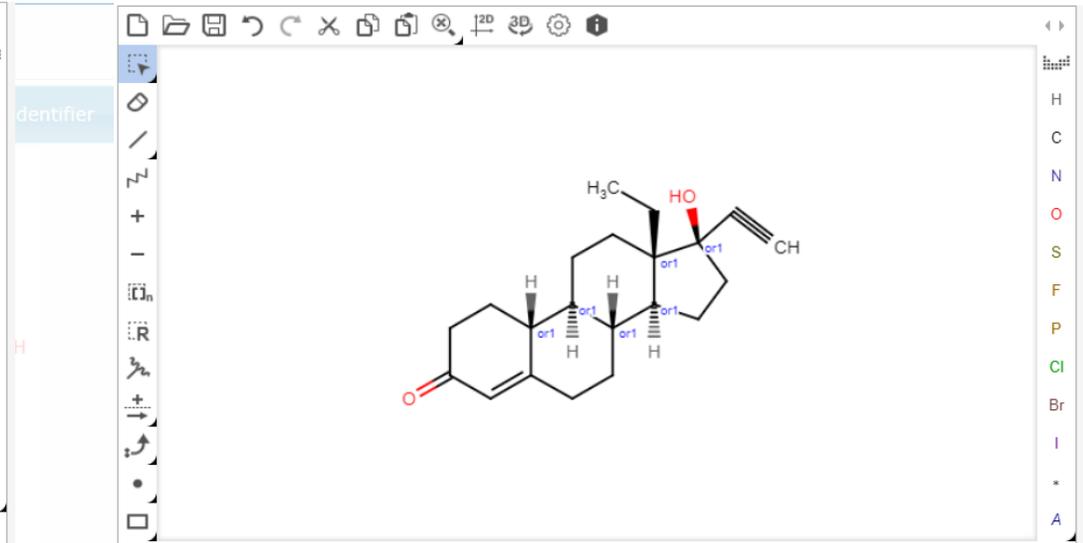
# Chemical List Registration

Hits						
	ssCAS-RN	ssName	Hit Desc	Hit Substance_ID	Hit Casrn	Hit Name
<input type="radio"/>		Norgestrel	Structure matched <b>SMILES</b>	<a href="#">DTXSID10859541</a>	NOCAS_859541	13-Ethyl-17-ethynyl-17-hydroxy-1,2,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-one (non-preferred name)
<input type="radio"/>		Norgestrel	Mapped Identifier matched <b>NAME1</b>	<a href="#">DTXSID3036496</a>	797-63-7	Levonorgestrel
<input type="radio"/>		Norgestrel	Mapped Identifier matched <b>NAME1</b>	<a href="#">DTXSID3047477</a>	6533-00-2	dl-Norgestrel

**SMILES**  
 Valid Synonym matched **NAME2**  
 Preferred Name matched **NAME1**  
 Valid Synonym matched other record: **NAME1**  
 Unique Synonym matched other record: **NAME2**  
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 Mapped Identifier matched **NAME1**  
 Mapped Identifier matched **NAME2**  
 Name2Structure



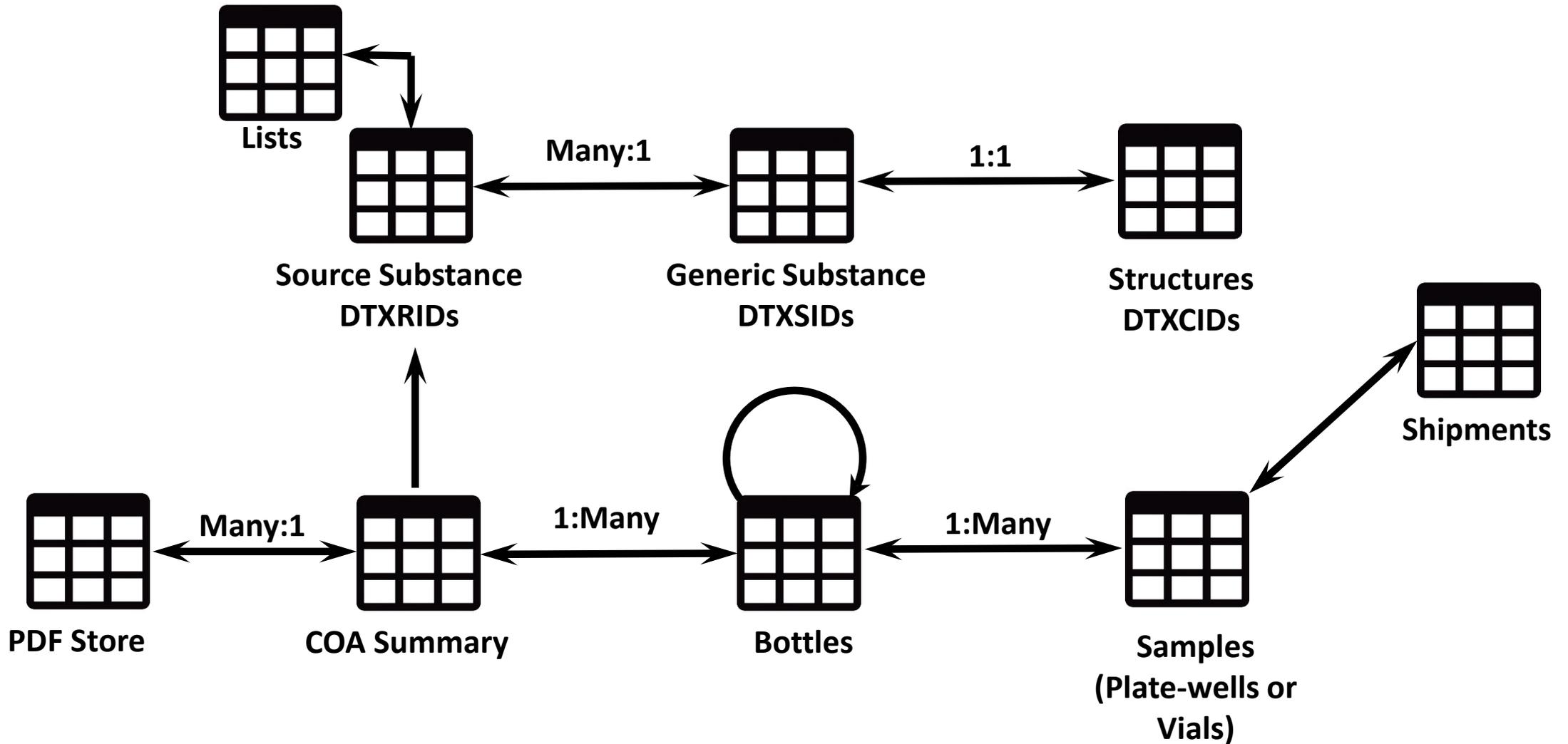
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 CAS:       Chemical Shown:  
 Name:       Private Notes:  
 Substance Type:       Source of CAS-Compound:  
 QC Level:       Double Stereo:  
 Data Source:



Substance\_ID:       Compound\_ID:  
 CAS:       Chemical Shown:  
 Name:       Private Notes:  
 Substance Type:       Source of CAS-Compound:  
 QC Level:

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# Link ChemTrack CoA Summaries to DSSTox

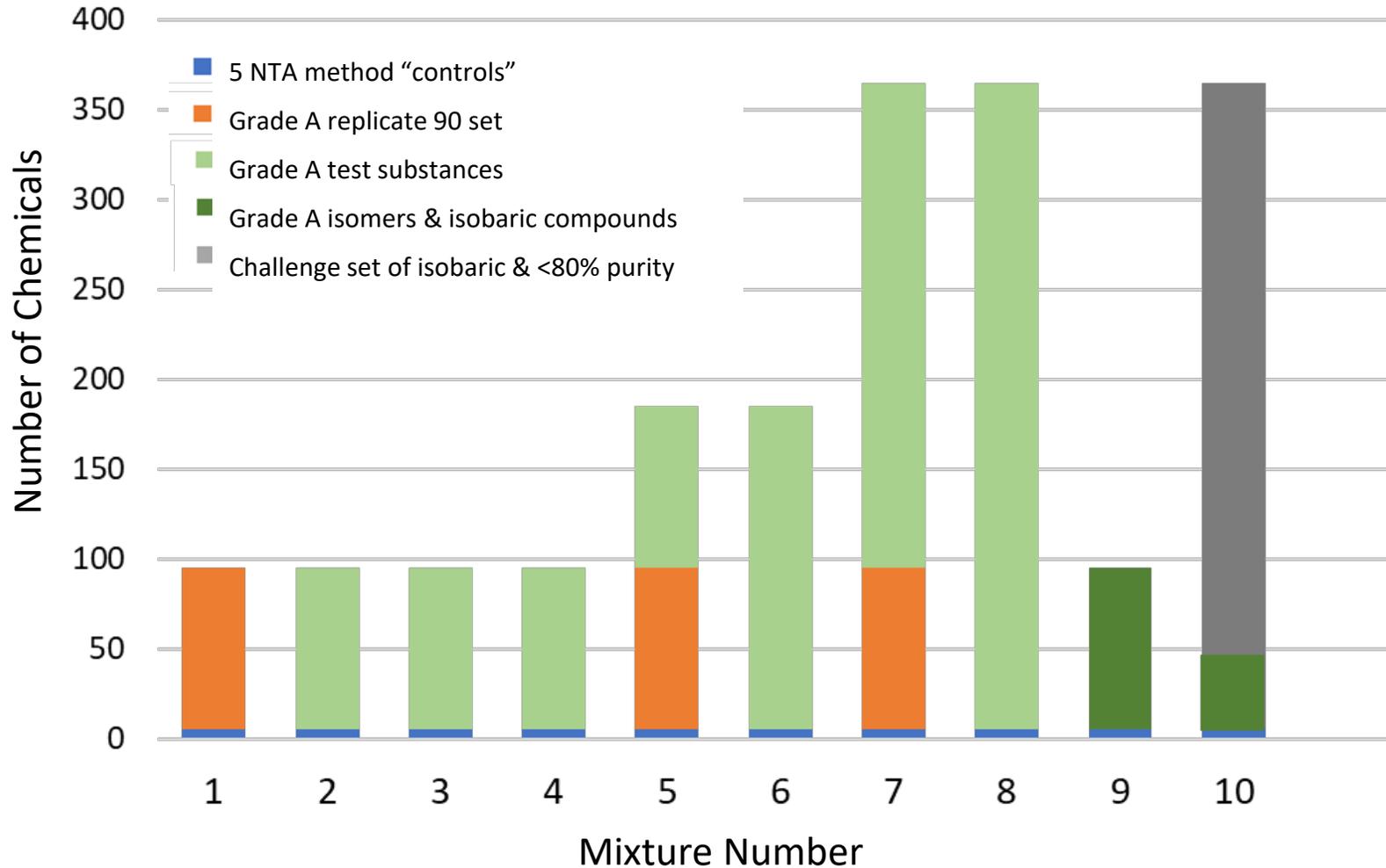


# Wait, weren't we making mixtures...

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# General Mixture Plan...



## 10 Prepared Mixtures:

1,939 total spiked substances

1,269 unique substances:

1 → spiked 11 times

4 → spiked 10 times

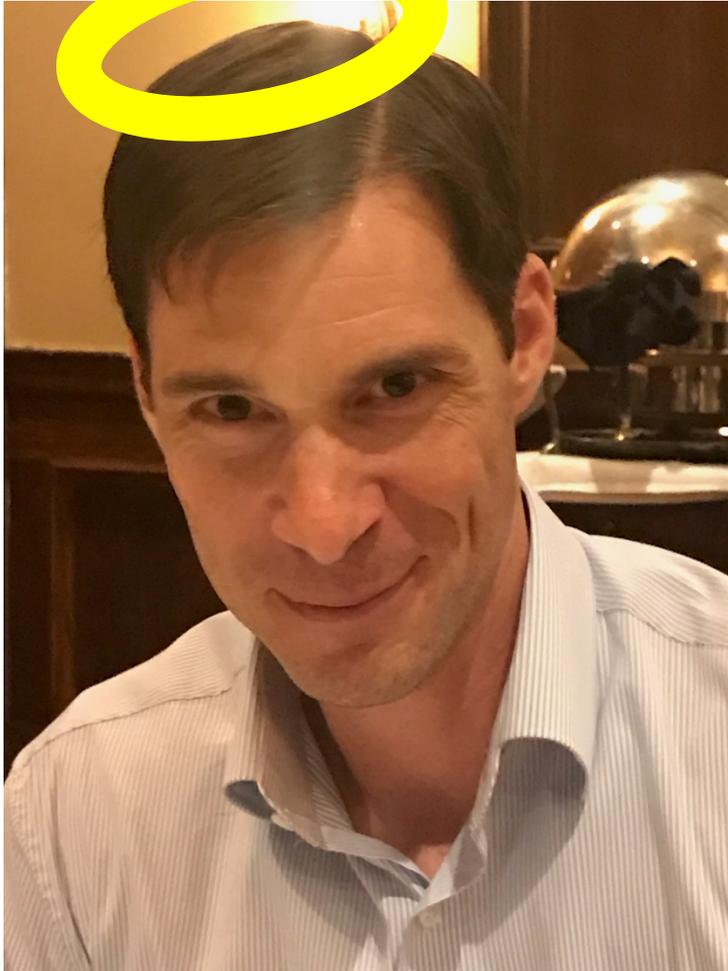
57 → spiked 4 times

33 → spiked 3 times

388 → spiked 2 times

786 → spiked 1 time

# Limiting Mixture Difficulty



*Comments from Confluence Page on Mixture Creation  
September 2015*

- *Jon Sobus:* How loose do you want to get with respect to QC levels for the "messy mixtures"? I'm a little worried that a messy mixture with 384 might be too difficult.
- *Chris Grulke:* I think it might be difficult, but not more difficult than dealing with a real media sample.... **Muhahahahaha!**

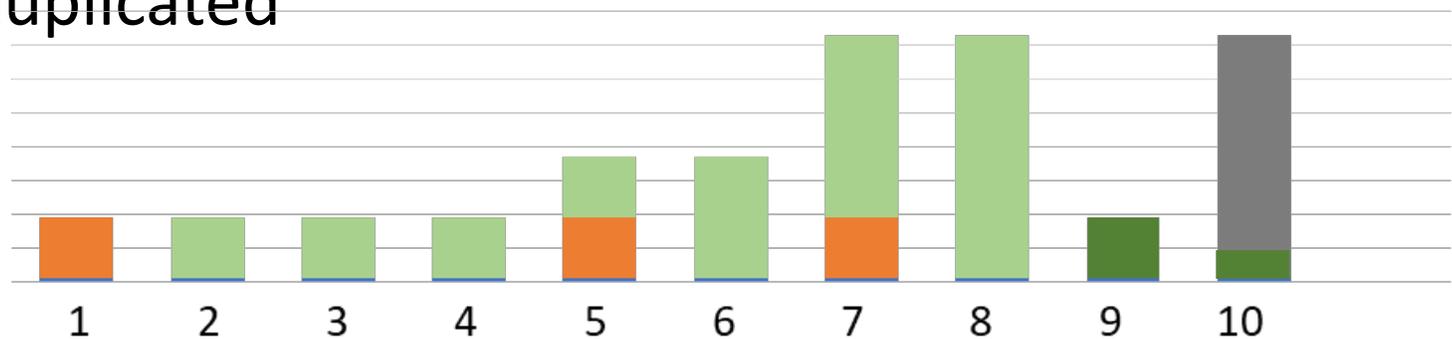
# “Easy” Mixtures

## General Easy Mixtures (2,3,4,6,8)

1. Sample available in the ToxCast Library
2. Samples Passed Analytical QC
3. No isobaric conflicts (based on 5 ppm resolution)
4. Span the logP and monoisotopic mass range
5. Only controls duplicated

## Embedded Set Mixtures (1,5,7)

1. Obey rule 1-4 of General Easy Mixtures
2. Mixtures of 95,185,365 all embedding a common 95 chemicals



# Selecting the “Control” Chemicals - Mixture Pilot Successes

- 947 chemicals identifier in dust
- 100 selected and placed in a blinded mixture
- 58 were identified when performing NTA on the mixture
- Jon picked 13
- I picked 5

Rank priority	CAS	DSSTox_name	LC_and_GC	QC_Score	LC_mode	Both concentrations
1	1085-12-7	Heptylparaben	yes	A	neg and pos	yes
2	120-32-1	Clorophene	yes	A	neg and pos	yes
3	13674-87-8	TDCPP	yes	A	neg and pos	yes
4	84-61-7	Dicyclohexyl phthalate	yes	A	neg and pos	yes
5	94-13-3	Propylparaben	yes	A	neg	yes
6	105-99-7	Dibutyl hexanedioate	yes	A	pos	yes
7	63-05-8	4-Androstene-3,17-dione	yes	A	pos	yes
8	63-25-2	Carbaryl	yes	A	pos	yes
9	77-93-0	Triethyl citrate	yes	A	pos	yes
10	78-42-2	Tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate	yes	A	pos	yes
11	84-66-2	Diethyl phthalate	yes	A	pos	yes
12	125-33-7	Primidone	yes	A	neg and pos	yes
13	4559-86-8	1,1,3,3-Tetrabutylurea	yes	A	pos	yes

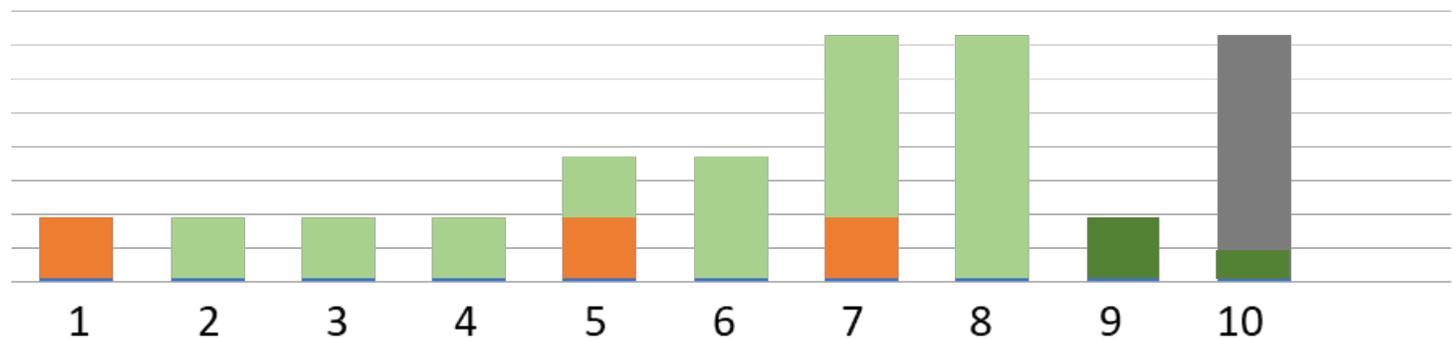
# Making Hard Mixtures

## Isobar Mixture (9)

1. Sample available in the ToxCast Library
2. Samples Passed Analytical QC
3. All isobaric conflicts (based on 5 ppm resolution) with conflicted chemicals run individually in Easy Mixtures

## Isobar and QC Fail Mixture (10)

1. Dump in the rest of the isobars from the library
2. Add some things which we detected during QC, but with concentration issues.



# Mixture Sample Documentation



## Calculate from Structure

Substance\_ID: DTXSID30892536

CAS:

Name:

Substance Type:

QC Level:

Data Source:

QC Notes:

A mixture of chemicals sent to collaborators as part of a study to evaluate the capabilities and limitations of various NTA methods in identify chemicals

Compound\_ID:

Chemical Shown:

Private Notes:

Substance registered to enable loading of EVOTEC shipment files for daughter platings. Additional mapping of successor substances (mixture components) is needed

Source of CAS-Compound:

Double Stereo:

Chiral Stereo:

Chemical Form:

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