

**APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS, BIOINFORMATICS,  
AND MODELING TO PREDICT EFFECTIVENESS AND  
SAFETY OF DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS**

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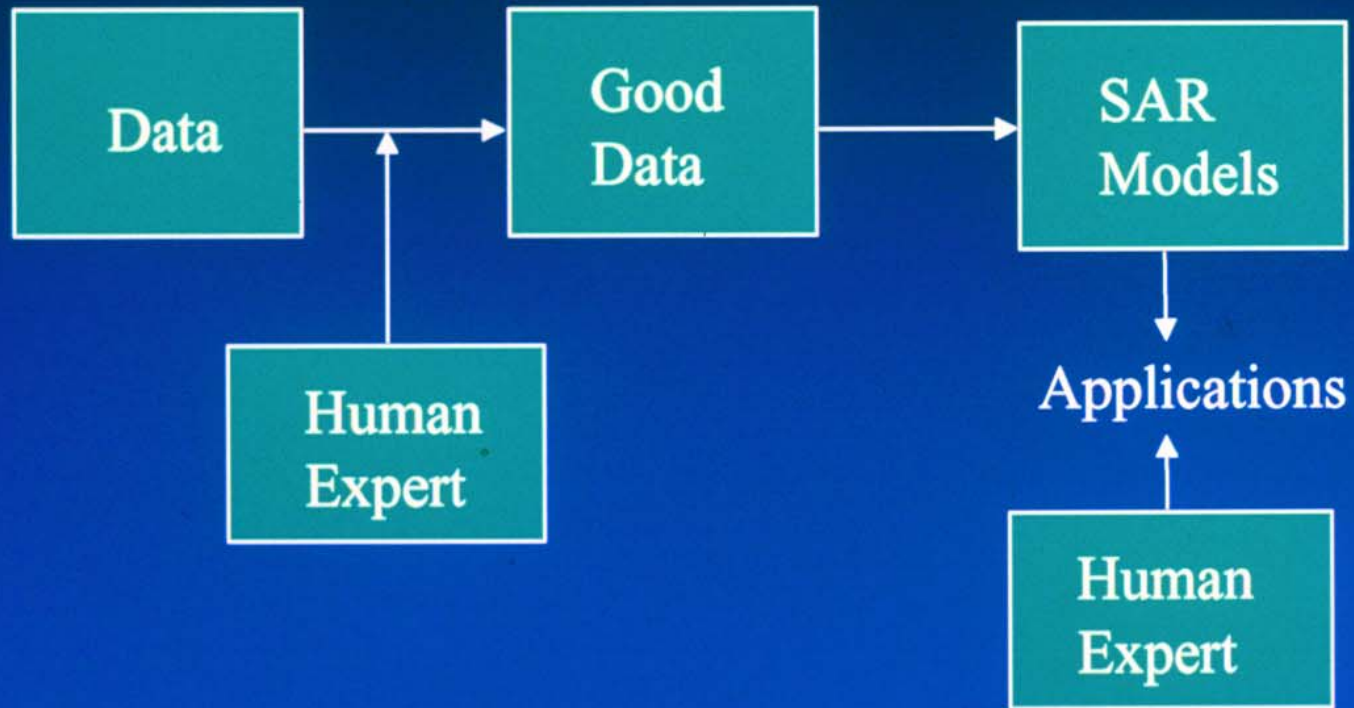
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**Experimental Data + Chemical Structure → SAR Model**

**SAR Model: Validation  
Prediction and Documentation  
Mechanism  
Human Expertise**

# CASE/MULTICASE SAR Technology



# **SAR and Dietary Supplements**

**Cancer Chemoprevention (Many Assays)**

**Protein Kinase C Inhibition**

**COX-2 Inhibition**

**Antioxidants**

**Phosphatidylinositol 3-Kinase Inhibition**

## Tests Used To Ascertain The Ability To Prevent Cancers

**A:** inhibition of the induction of mutations in *Salmonella* caused by 4-nitroquinoline-N-oxide

**B:** inhibition of mammary tumors induced by DMBA

**C:** inhibition of Benzo[a]pyrene (B[a]P)-DNA binding

**D:** inhibition of TPA-induced tyrosine kinase activity, ornithine decarboxylase activity and free radical formation

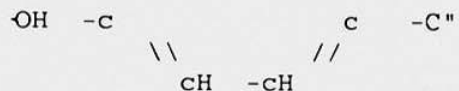
**E:** inhibition of morphological transformation

**F:** inhibition of anchorage independence

**G:** induction of Phase II enzymes

**H:** inhibition of AOM-induced aberrant crypt formation

The molecule contains the Biophore (nr.occ.= 1):



\*\*\* 6 out of the known 6 molecules (100%) containing such a Biophore are COX-2 Inhibitors

\*\*\* QSAR Contribution : Constant is -18.55

\*\* The following Modulators are also present:

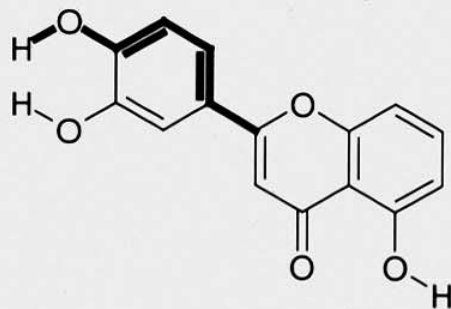
Log partition coeff.= 3.90; LogP\*\*2 contribution is 2.62

Ln Nr.Bi/Mol.Wt. = -5.60; Nr.Bioph/MW contrib. is 77.78

\*\* Total projected QSAR activity 61.85

\*\*\* The probability that this molecule is a COX-2 Inhibitor is 87.5% \*\*

\*\* The projected COX-2 Inhibitory Activity is 61.9 CASE units \*\*



**The predicted COX-2 inhibiting activity of 5, 3', 4'- trihydroxyflavone**

## Predicted COX-2 Inhibiting Activity of Flavonoids

Chemical	Biophores	
	B1 (2D)	B2
CATECHIN	---	---
CHALCONE	---	---
5,7-DIHYDROXY-4'METHOXYISOFLAVONE	---	62u
CHRYSIN	53u	---
FISETIN	62u	61u
FLAVANONE	---	---
FORMONONETIN	44u	---
HESPERETIN	53u	---
4'-HYDROXYFLAVONE	---	50u
2'-HYDROXYGENISTEIN	44u	62u
ISOFLAVONE	---	---
ISORHAMNETIN	71u	63u
KAEMPFEROL	44u	52u
MORIN	44u	62u
QUERCETIN	71u	62u
SILYBARIN	53u	
TANGERETIN	---	---

Example of Drug Discovery and/or Design

# **Dietary Supplements**

**Long Term Administration**

**Benefits ???**

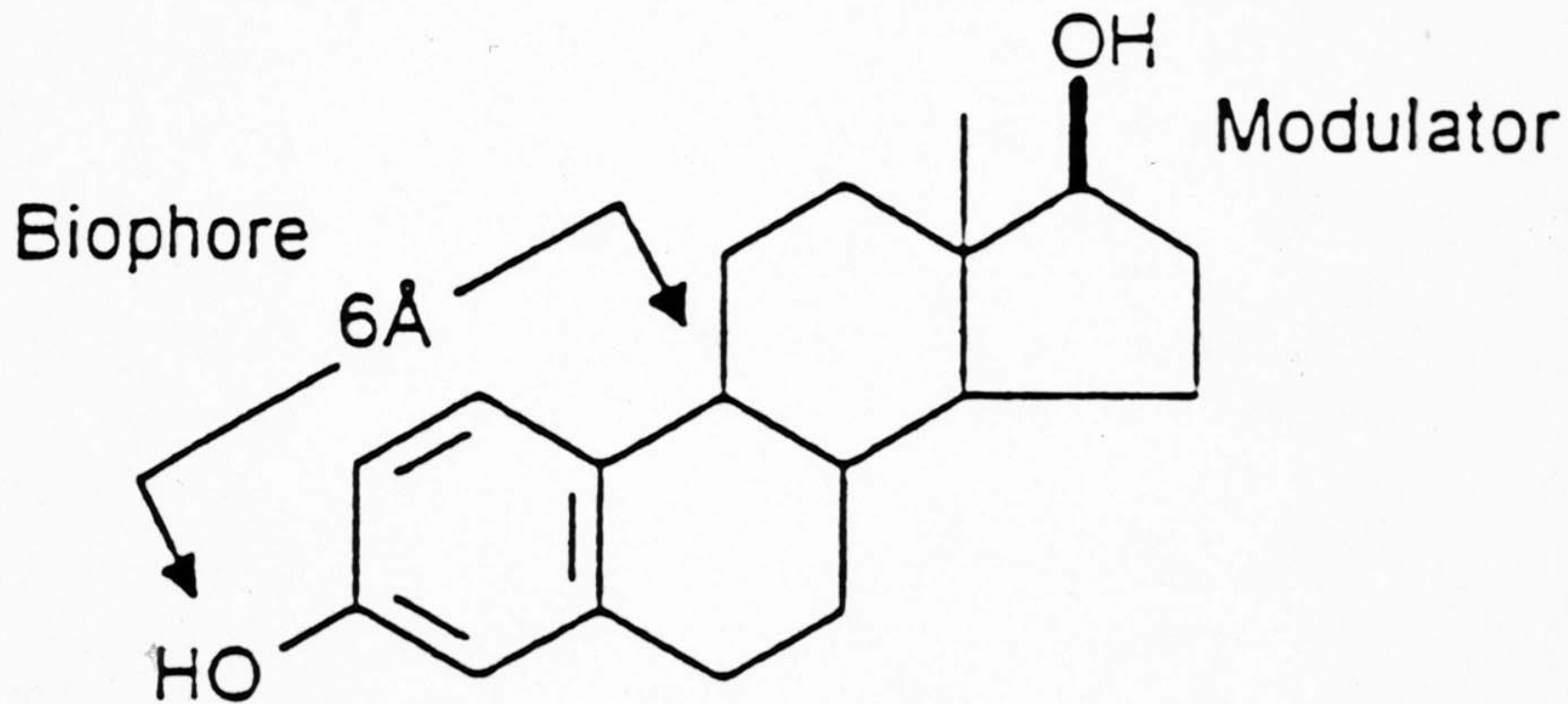
**Must be Risk-free**

**SAR Profiling**

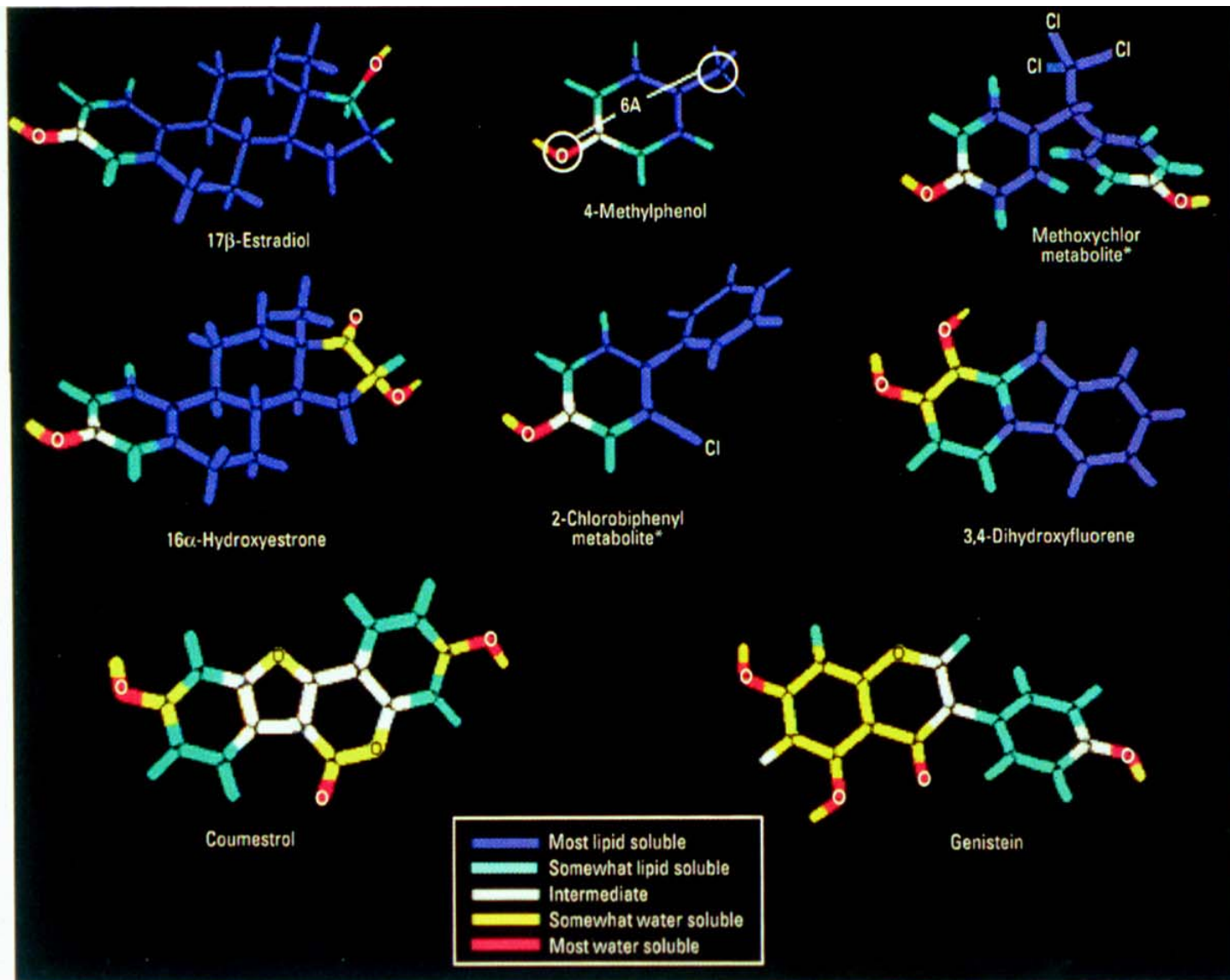
**Hazard Identification**



SAR Analyses of Carcinogenicity  
Data Bases Identified a  
6 Angstrom Lipophilic  
Toxicophore Associated with  
Estrogenicity and  
Carcinogenicity



17 $\beta$ -estradiol



Estrogenic chemicals painted according to lipophilicity. The 6Å 2D biophore is illustrated in 4-methylphenol. All chemicals shown possess the physical distance requirements of the biophore. \*Methoxychlor metabolite = 2,2-bis(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)-1,1,1-trichloroethane; 2-chlorobiphenyl metabolite = 2-chloro-4-hydroxybiphenyl.

## Absence of 6Å Descriptor Among Phytoestrogens

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>6Å Descriptor</u>
Diethylstilbestrol	+
β-Estradiol	+
17α-ethinyl estradiol	+
Estrone	+
Resveratrol	+
Genistein	-
Kaempferol	-
Quercetin	-
Phloretin	-
Chrysin	-
Galangin	-
Apigenin	-
Coumestrol	-

Other phytoestrogens also all negative

# **Resveratrol, present in Grapes, has been proposed as a Cancer Chemopreventative Agent.**

The potential toxicity of Resveratrol has not been investigated. SAR Models of Toxicological Phenomena may be a rapid and cost-effective approach.

## Major Biological Activities of Resveratrol

Antibacterial and antifungicidal activities

Antioxidant activity

Free radical scavenging

Inhibition of lipid peroxidation

Inhibition of eicosanoid synthesis

Inhibition of platelet aggregation

Chelation of copper

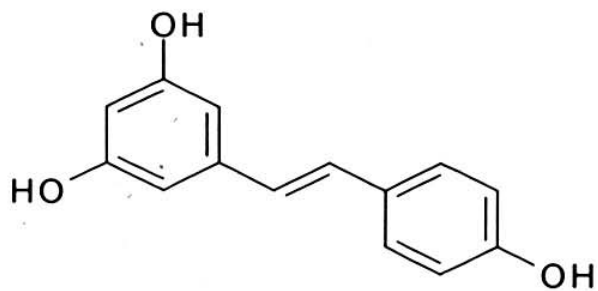
Anti-inflammatory activity

Vasorelaxing activity

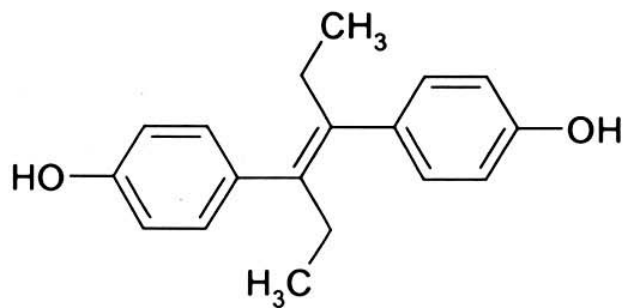
Modulation of lipid and lipoprotein metabolism

Oestrogenic/anti-oestrogenic activity

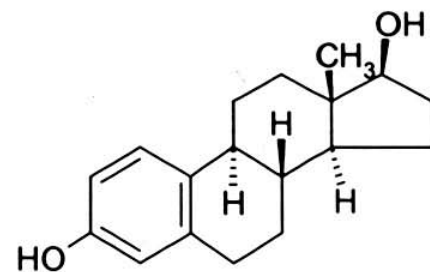
Anticancer activity



**Resveratrol**

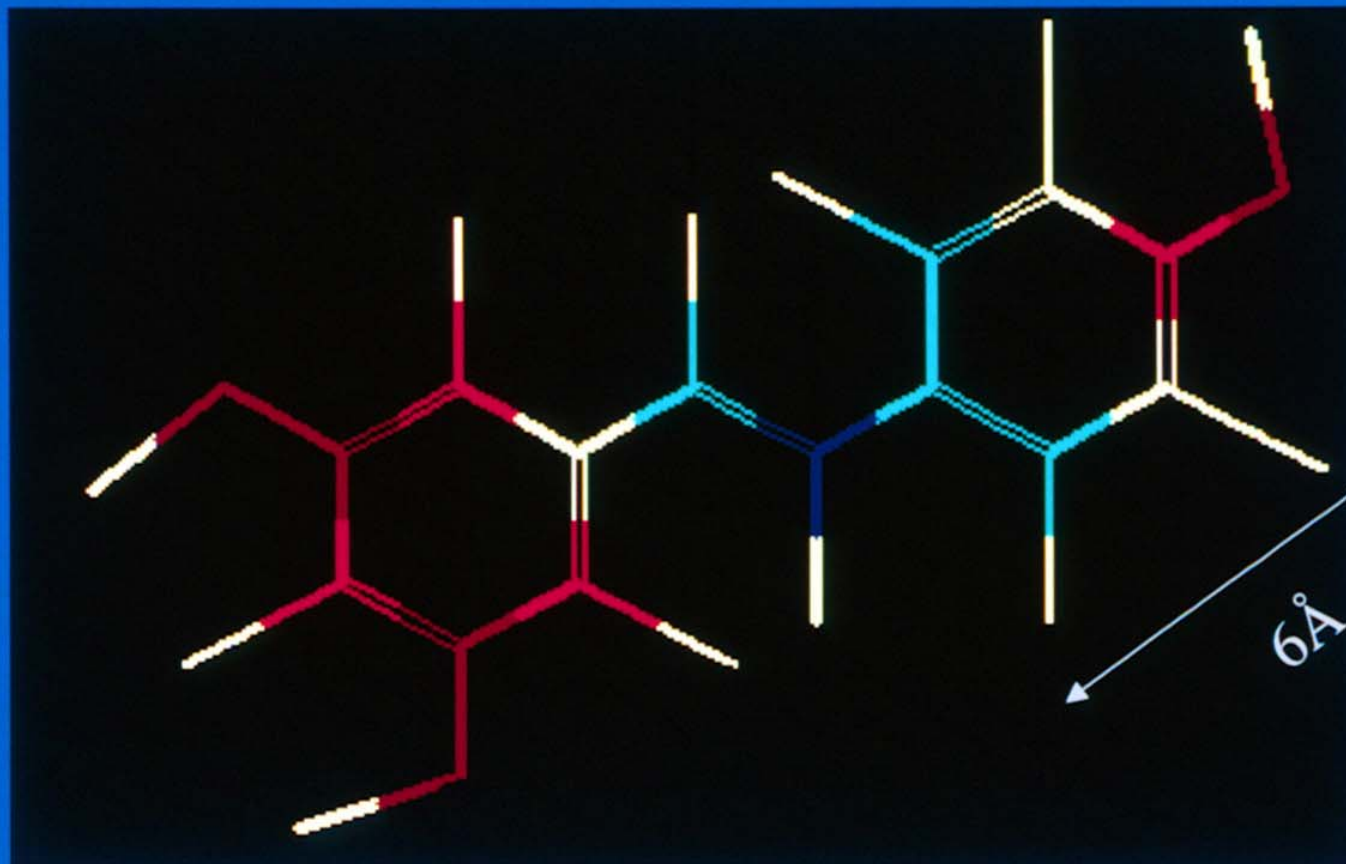


**Diethylstilbestrol**



**β-Estradiol**

Structures containing lipophilic phenol moieties



**Structure of resveratrol identifying lipophilic structures as well as the 6 Å distance descriptor**



The molecule contains the Toxicophore (nr.occ.= 1):

2D fragment : [OH -] <-- 5.2A --> [OH -]

\*\*\* 10 out of the known 11 molecules ( 91%) containing such a Toxicophore are Developmental Toxicants

\*\*\* QSAR Contribution : Constant is 41.69

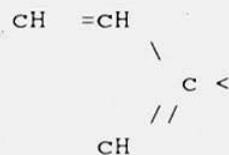
\*\* The following Modulators are also present:

Log partition coeff.= 3.52 ;LogP contribution is -2.82

Water solubility = 4.62;WS contribution is -4.16

\*\* Total projected QSAR activity 34.71

The molecule also contains the Toxicophore:



\*\*\* 10 out of the known 12 molecules (83%) containing such a Toxicophore are Developmental Toxicants

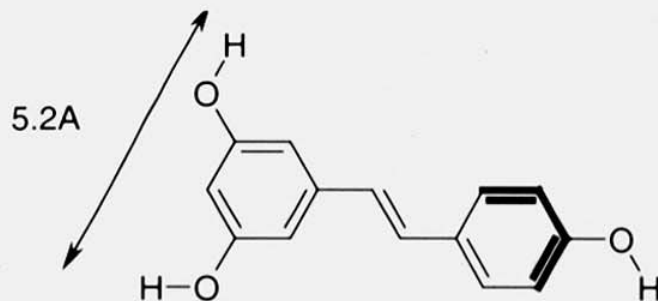
\*\*\* QSAR Contribution : Constant is 39.00

\*\* Total projected QSAR activity 39.00

\*\*\* The probability that this molecule is a Developmental Toxicant is 94%

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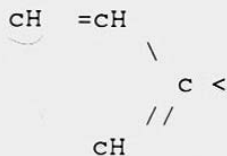
\*\* The projected potency is 74.0 CASE units \*\*



**Predicted Developmental Toxicity of Resveratrol**

**Derivation of a Structural Toxicophore Associated with  
Developmental Toxicity**

The 12 Molecules containing the toxicophore:



<u>N*</u>	<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Toxicity</u>
2	Propachlor	Active
2	1-Butyl-3-sulfanylurea	Active
1	17-β-Estradiol	Active
2	Aminopterin	Active
4	Diethylstilbestrol	Active
2	Tubocurarine chloride	Marginal
2	Methotrexate	Active
4	Methoxychlor	Active
2	Methyl parathion	Inactive
2	Chlorambucil	Active
1	Linuran	Active
2	Nitrofen	Active

\*N indicates the number of toxicophores in the chemical.

## Derivation of a 2D Toxicophore Associated with Developmental Toxicity

The 11 Molecules containing the Toxicophore:

2D fragment formula : [OH -] <-- 5.2A --> [OH -]

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Toxicity</u>
Streptomycin	Active
Toluene-3,5-diamine	Active
Aminopterin	Active
Methotrexate	Active
Dexamethasone	Active
6-Azauridine	Active
5-Fluorouracil	Active
Tetracycline	Marginal
Cytarabine	Active
Penicillamine	Active
Propylthiouracil	Active

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## Predicted Toxicological Profile of Resveratrol

<u>SAR Model</u>	<u>Prediction</u>
*Carcinogenicity (Rodents)	N(?)
Mutagenicity ( <i>Salmonella</i> )	N
Structural Alert for DNA Reactivity	N
Mutation/Recombination ( <i>Drosophila</i> )	N
Mutation (Mouse Lymphoma)	P
SOS Error Prone DNA Repair	N
Sister Chromatid Exchange ( <i>in vitro</i> )	P
Sister Chromatic Exchange ( <i>in vivo</i> )	N
Chromosomal Aberration ( <i>in vitro</i> )	N
Induction of Micronuclei ( <i>in vivo</i> )	N
Cell Transformation (Balb/3T3)	N
UDS Induction	N
$\alpha$ 2 $\mu$ Globulin Nephropathy	N
Inhibition of Human Cytochrome P4502D6	N
Binding to Ah Receptor	N
Malsegregation (Yeast Aneuploidy)	N
Tubulin Polymerization Inhibition	N
Inhibition of GJIC	N
Cellular Toxicity (Balb /3T3)	P
Cellular Toxicity (Hela)	P
Developmental Toxicity (Mice)	P
Developmental Toxicity (Rats)	P
Developmental Toxicity (Rabbits)	N
Developmental Toxicity (Hamsters)	N
Developmental Toxicity (Humans)	N
Anticarcinogenesis (Rodents)	N

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## CONCLUSION

Resveratrol has too many  
Liabilities to be used as a Dietary  
Supplement for Prolonged  
Periods especially as its  
Beneficial Effects in Humans  
have, as yet, not been established.

# Indole-3-Carbinol

SAR-Generated Profile Indicates Potentials:

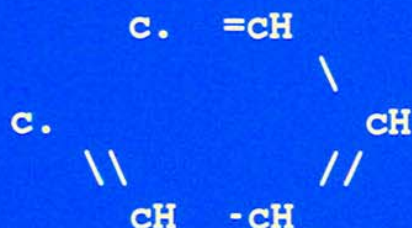
1. to Act as a Rodent Anticarcinogen.
2. to Inhibit Human Cyp2D6 (This is not necessarily a Liability, as many Therapeutics, such as  $\beta$ -Blockers, also inhibit Cyp2D6.)



## Cytochrome P450 2D6 Inhibition

## Indole-3-carbinol

The 14 Molecules containing fragment :



are :

1 in molecule	4	Propranolol	of activity	38
1 in molecule	11	Cinchonine	of activity	43
1 in molecule	12	Ajmalicine	of activity	97
1 in molecule	14	Gelsemine	of activity	14
1 in molecule	53	Ajmaline	of activity	52
2 in molecule	59	Amitriptyline	of activity	30
1 in molecule	60	CHLORPROMAZINE	of activity	43
1 in molecule	61	Domperidone	of activity	42
1 in molecule	62	Yohimbine	of activity	28
1 in molecule	66	Fluphenazine	of activity	57
2 in molecule	83	Carbamazepine	of activity	14
1 in molecule	89	Debrisoquin	of activity	28
1 in molecule	90	STRYCHNINE	of activity	26
2 in molecule	93	Nortriptyline	of activity	38



The molecule contains the Biophore

OH -CH<sub>2</sub>

\* 5 out of the known 6 molecules ( 83%) containing such a Biophore are

Anticarcinogens.

\*\*\* QSAR Contribution :

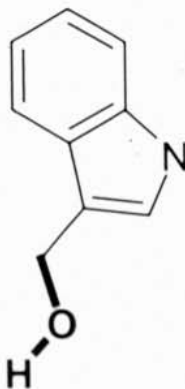
Constant is 39.00

\*\* Total projected QSAR activity

39.00

\*\*\* The probability that this molecule is an Anticarcinogen is 86.0% \*\*

\*\* The projected anticarcinogenic potency is 39.0 CASE units \*\*

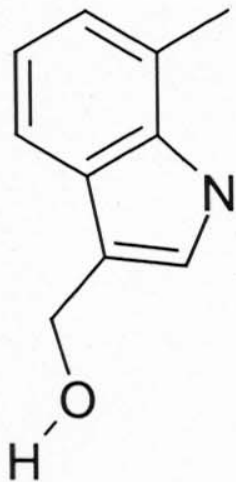


Projected anticarcinogenic activity of indole-3-carbinol

Should we wish to Abolish the Potential to Inhibit Cyp2D6, we can Methylate the C-7 Position?

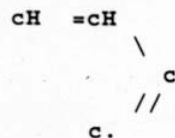
1. Abolishes the Cyp2D6 Inhibitory Activity
2. Does not create Any New Toxicological Liabilities.
3. Augments the Anticarcinogenic Potential by generating an additional Pharmacophore

\*\* The molecule does not contain any known Biophore \*\*  
it is therefore presumed to be INACTIVE



Prediction of the inability of 7-methyl indole-3-carbinol  
to inhibit human cytodrome P4502D6.

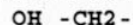
The molecule contains the expanded Biophore (nr.occ.= 1):



\*\*\* 6 out of the known 6 molecules (100%) containing such a Biophore are anticarcinogens. (conf.level= 98%)

*** QSAR Contribution :	Constant is	39.00
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** Total projected QSAR activity		39.00

The molecule also contains the Biophore:

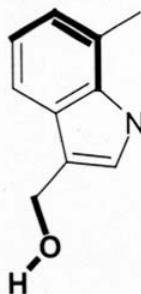


\*\*\* 5 out of the known 6 molecules (83%) containing such a Biophore are anticarcinogens. (conf.level= 94%)

*** QSAR Contribution :	Constant is	39.00
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** Total projected QSAR activity		39.00

\*\* The probability that this molecule is an anticarcinogen is 90.0% \*\*

\*\* The projected anticarcinogenic potency is 78.0 CASE units \*\*



The projected anticarcinogenic activity of 7-methyl indole-3-carbinol

# $\gamma$ -Butyrolactone

**Dietary Supplement**

**Illicit Recreational Drug**

**Animal Toxicity: Negative**

**Humans: Coma, Deaths**

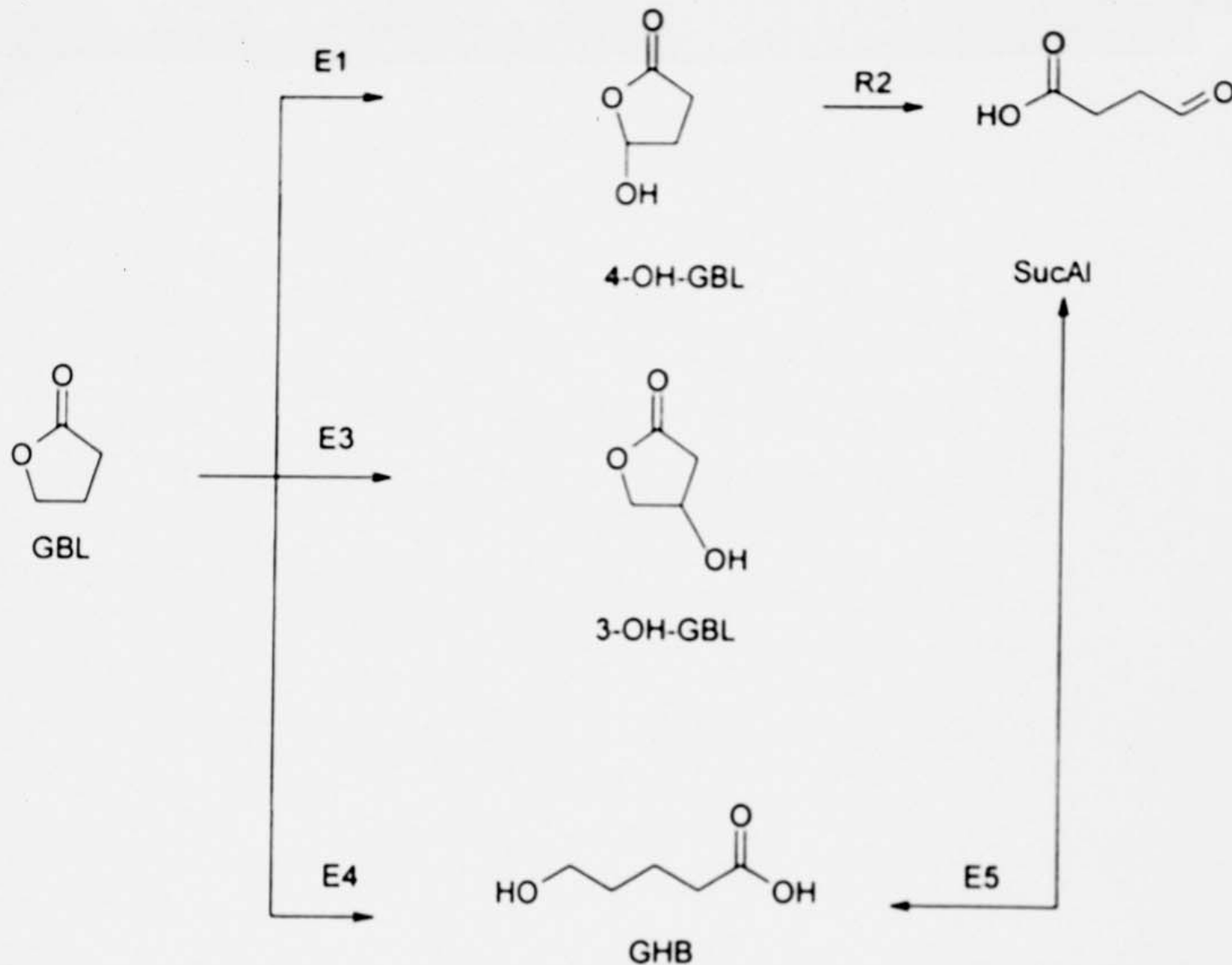


FIGURE 1 Putative biotransformations of  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone. E1 and E3 are P-450 monooxygenase catalyzed hydroxylations; E4 represents an esterase-catalyzed hydrolysis (i.e. gamma-lactonase); E5 is catalyzed by GHB dehydrogenase. R2 represents a spontaneous decomposition.

# $\gamma$ -Butyrolactone (GBL)

## Hypothesis:

**CYP2D6 inhibition not toxic per se**

**Humans: Mixed exposures**

**GBL users also abuse other  
Agents, ethanol**

**Inhibition of CYP2D6 may inhibit  
detoxification of other drugs!**

# **Identification of Candidate Agents**

**Data Mining:**

**Virtual Similarity Index**

**Identification of new candidates**



## **Similarity Indices: Procedure**

1. Generate “Virtual” Toxicological Profiles of Test Chemicals
2. Compare Nature of Overlaps
3. Determine expected Prevalence of Such Overlaps among 10,000 Chemicals in Commerce and Industry

## Virtual Toxicological Profiles

<u>Model</u>	<u>Genistein</u>	<u>Curcumin</u>	<u>Rofecovib</u>
CACombined	act		
SalmNTP	act		
MLA/GT	act	act	act
Senslr	act	act	
ACD	act	act	
RespHyper			act
Eyelrr		act	
MoMTD			
RaMTD	act	act	
BalbTox	act	act	act
Minnow	act	act	
Rat LD50	act		
HamDev			
Hum/FDA De			
SCEinvitro	act	act	act
MoSCE	act	act	act
ChrAber		act	
Micronucle	act	act	act
UDS			
SOS Chromo			
alpha2mu N		act	
Ah recepto			
HeLaTox	act	act	
Biodegrada	act	act	
iGJIC			
Skin Perme	act	act	act
inhP4502D6			

\*Only a subset of SAR models were used

## Similarity Indices

Genistein + Curcumin	0.6%
Genistein + Curcumin + Resveratrol	0.6%*
Genistein + Rofecoxib	5.6%
Curcumin + Rofecoxib	5.4%
Resveratrol + DES	0.8%
Resveratrol + Rofecoxib	6.6%
DES + Rofecoxib	5.6%

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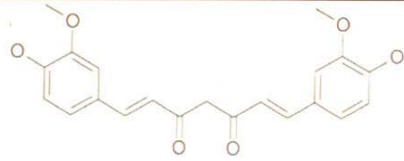
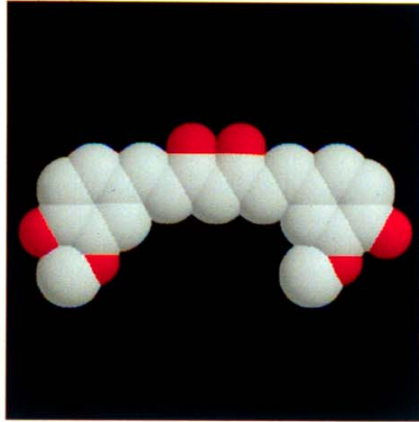
Based upon toxicological profiles of 10,000 chemicals

\* Probability that this is a result of chance is 0.2%

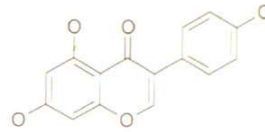
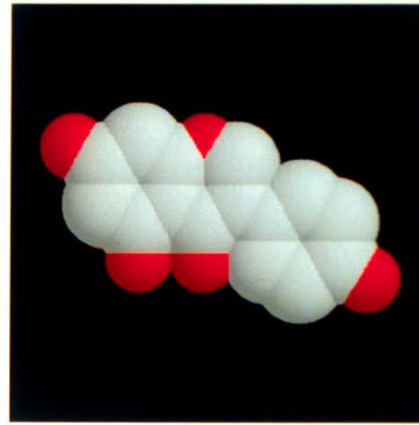
## Chemicals Sharing Profile with Genistein and Curcumin

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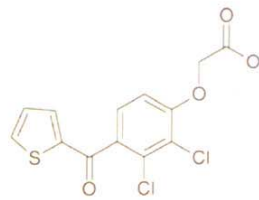
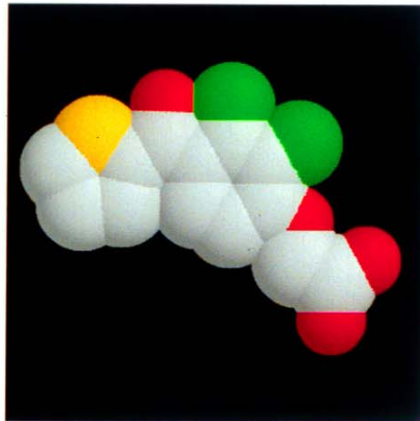
5-Hydroxytienilic Acid  
Dobutamine  
Ethacrynic Acid  
Flecainide  
LY171883  
Metabutoxycaine  
Propanidid  
Protriptyline  
Tienilic Acid  
Tienilic Acid (Isomer3)  
4'-Hydroxyflavone  
4',5-Dihydroxyflavone  
4',7,8-Trihydroxyflavone  
3',5,7-Trihydroxy-4'-Methoxyflavone  
Benzenesulfonamide, N-(((1-met  
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Spiro(benzofuran-2(3H), 1'-(3)



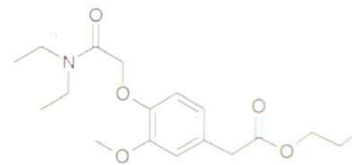
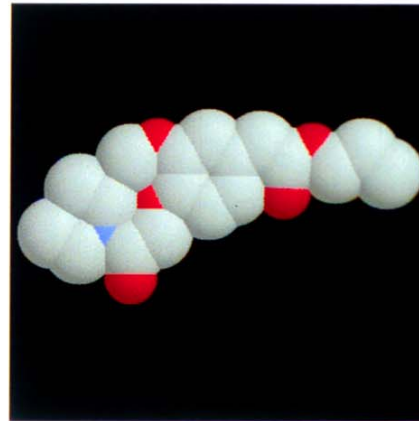
Curcumin



Genistein



Tienilic Acid



Propanamid

## Future

**Identification of Targets → Models**

### **Pharmacogenomics**

- (1) Readily integrated into other computer-based models**
- (2) To define new targets → models**
- (3) To explain variation in individual response → reduce uncertainty**