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# Willi Halle Memorial Lecture

**Dr. med. Horst Spielmann**  
**Professor for Regulatory Toxicology, FU Berlin**  
**& State Animal Welfare Commissioner, Berlin**

# Topics

- I. Bjorn Ekwall & Willi Halle: concept of “basal cytotoxicity”**
- II. The history of cellular pathology**
- III. Willi Halle as an isolated scientist in East Germany**
- IV. Society for Cell and Tissue Culture (GZG)**
- V. 1985 patent on “method for predicting LD-50“ from cytotoxicity data**
- VI. The Register for cytotoxicity RG – US, OECD & EURL ECVAM**
- VII. National and international recognition of the RC**
- VIII. Honorary membership GZG & MEGAT/EUSAAT**

# History of Cytotoxicity Testing

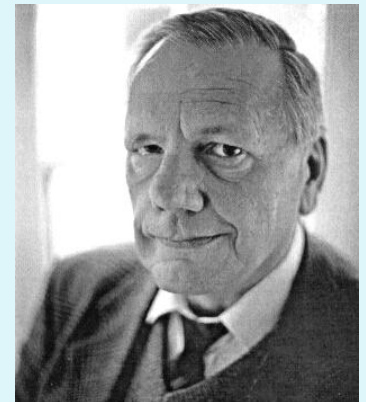
Two pioneers have in the 1980ies proposed the concept of “basal cytotoxicity” for *in vitro* prediction of *in vivo* toxicity

**Björn Eckwall**

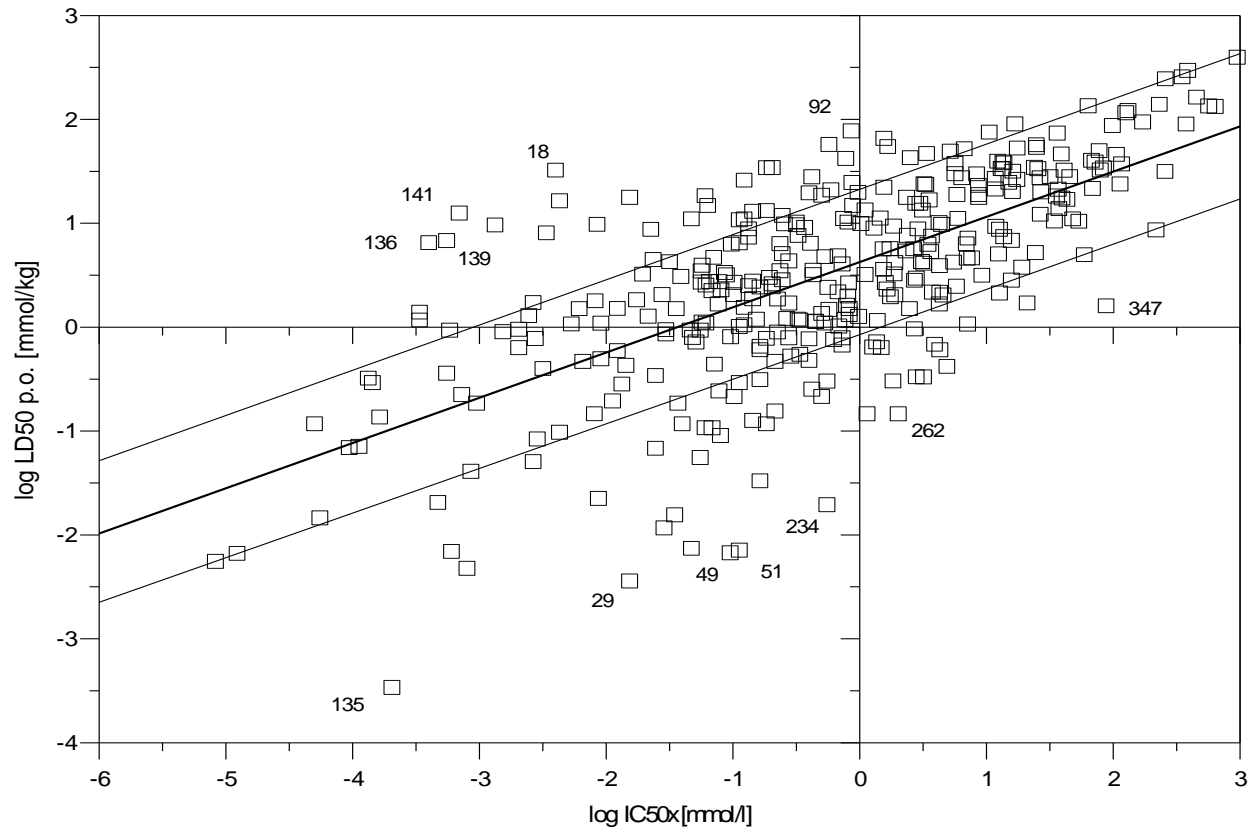
(The MEIC Program

**Willi Halle**

(The Register of Cytotoxicity)



# RC 1,2: Linear Regression



$$\log (\text{LD}_{50}) = 0.435 \times \log (\text{IC}_{50x}) + 0.625 \quad (n = 347 \text{ data pairs})$$

Today Cytotoxicity is the basis of in vitro toxicology  
Who has laid the foundations for this concept of modern toxicology ??

Rudolf Carl Virchow



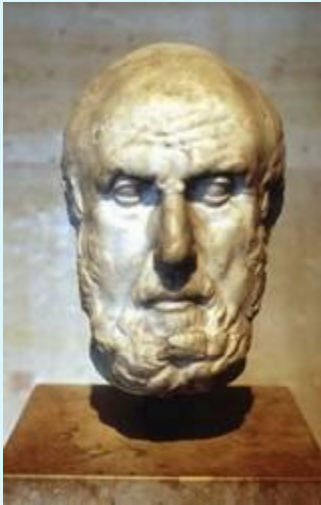
In 1858 Rudolf Virchow established the science of **cellular pathology** “Zellularpathology” when he published the epigram

***Omnis cellula e cellula***

***“every cell originates from a cell”***

In a series of 20 brilliant consecutive lectures covering the pathophysiology of disease that formed the basis of his book, **Cellular Pathology** – **one of the greatest medical texts of all time.**

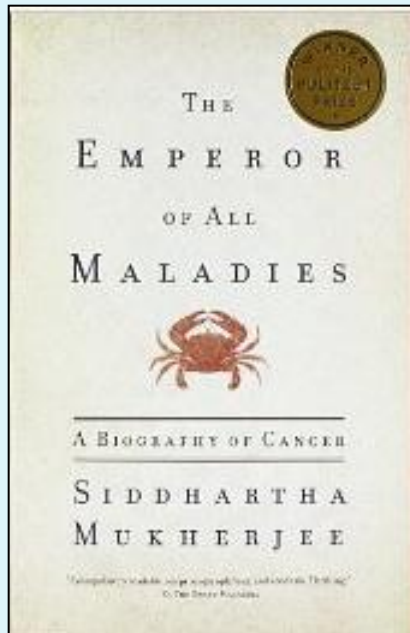




## Hippocratic Method and the Four Humors in Medicine

**The body of man has in itself blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile;** these make up the nature of his body, and through these he feels pain or enjoys health.

Now he enjoys the most perfect health when these elements are duly proportioned to one another in respect of compounding, power and bulk, and when they are perfectly mingled.



**Hippocrates:** Cancer could not be treated by surgery, since if you cut off a tumor the black bile is still in the rest of the body and not eliminated.

**Virchow could not find any evidence of „black bile“ in the body. His tumor theory is based on cellular pathology (1858):**

**Omnis cellula e cellula** "every cell originates from a cell"

**A single cancer cell will divide continuously and give rise to malignant tumor cells spreading throughout the body.**

**The modern stem cell concept (ESC & iPS) is also based on Virchow's concept „Omnis cellula e cellula (“every cell originates from a cell”)**

# Who is Willi Halle ?



- born 30 October 1928  
in Erfurt (Thuringia)
- 1949-1956 study (Biology)  
at the University of Jena
- since 1956 married, 2 children
- 1956 - 1993 scientific work in two  
Institutes of the East German  
“Akademie der Wissenschaften”
  - 1956-1971 Institute for Cardiological  
Research, Berlin
  - 1971 - 1993 Institute for Drug  
Research (“Institut für  
Wirkstoffforschung, IWF”), Berlin
- 1963 promotion (Dr.rer.nat.) on spontaneously contracting  
cardiomyocytes
- 1969 habilitation at the Humboldt University of Berlin on the model  
character of spontaneously contracting cells (heart and amnion)

# Who is Willi Halle ?

- **1962 Willi Halle founded East German “Society for Cell- and Tissue Culture (GZG)” which first was a Section of the “Society of Experimental Medicine”.**
- **From 1964 Willi Halle was for several years President of the GZG and until 1991 member of the presidium**
- **In 1991, after German unification, the GZG formed the core Society when the West and East German Cell Culture Societies were merged.**



**13 August 1961: East- and West-Germany separated by a tight border & Berlin by the “Berlin Wall”**



# The East German “Isolation” Policy...

... severely affected Willi Halle’s scientific development and career:

While

- in 1961 a 3 month scientific fellowship at the marine zoological station of the University of Naples was possible
- attending two international Congresses in Stockholm (1961) and Brussels (1968) was possible

Willi Halle was not allowed

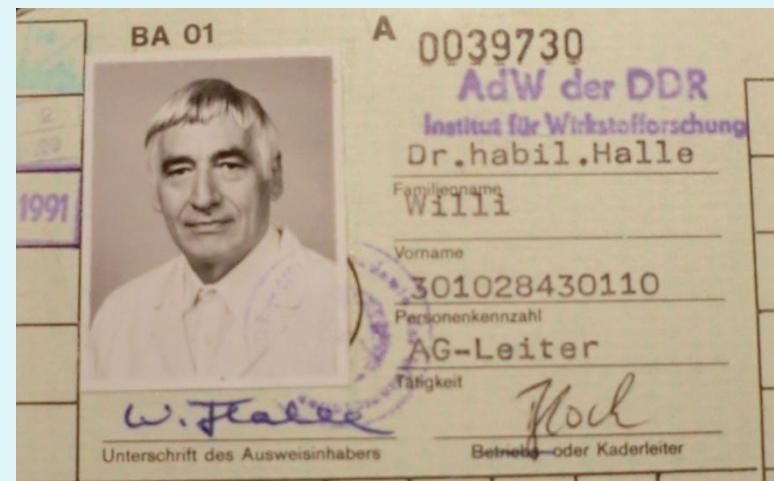
- in 1965, to accept a 1-year Riker-Fellowship for a stay in the USA awarded to him by the International Union of Pharmacology
- after the “reform” of the Academy of Science in 1969, to accept any invitation to western countries, among them the most prominent by his colleagues Michael Balls and Björn Eckwall

## As a free-minded Scientist...

**Willi Halle did not accept these politically driven restrictions**

As a consequence, at the “Institut für Wirkstoffforschung” Willi was degraded from his position as Group-Leader and Deputy Head of a Department (1971) to become head of a small cell culture laboratory (1989).

Moreover, after publication of his first “Register of Cytotoxicity (RC)” in 1988, he was forced to stop further work on the RC, and to do other, non-promising work instead.



# On 9 November 1989, Willi Halle's scientific working conditions changed over night



# The Berlin Wall fell ...



For Willi Halle, this political development was just to good to be true, and his scientific scepticism made him not believe his eyes and ears...so he wanted to rescue the RC for the scientific community before it was too late.

...and already 3 days later, on 12 November 1989, Willi Halle had an appointment with Horst Spielmann, head of the new institution ZEBET at the (Federal Health Office, BGA) in West Berlin.



Prof. Wollenberger

Willi Halle



Prof. Wollenberger's cardiovascular research team 1963

Willi Halle's tissue culture team 1962



Laboratorium für Zellzüchtung. 1962  
Dr. Willi Halle, Fr. Schieweck, Fr. Claus

Inst. for cardio-vascular research 1963



Vorder- und Hinterfront des "Laborgebäudes  
der Arbeitsstelle für Kreislaufforschung"

November 1963





**GESELLSCHAFT**

**ZUR VERBREITUNG**

**WISSENSCHAFTLICHER**

**KENNTNISSE**

**KREISVORSTAND MITTE**

**BERLIN C 2, NEUE KÖNIGSTR. 65**

**TELEFON: 51 03 91**

**APPARAT 216**

## **Dalmatinische Reise**

Strahlende Sonne, blaues Meer – ist meist alles, was wir von diesem Himmelsstrich wissen.

Herr Dipl. Geogr. **Hans-Ulrich Pews** schildert Ihnen mit schönen Farblichtbildern Land und Leute.

**Am 5. Juni 1963**

## **Die Kultivierung lebender Zellen und Gewebe**

Herr Dipl. Biol. **W. Halle**, Arbeitsstelle für Kreislaufforschung in Berlin-Buch, beantwortet Ihnen die Frage, ob Zellen außerhalb des Organismus weiterleben können und berichtet von der Bedeutung, die sich für den erkrankten Menschen daraus ergibt. (Lichtbilder)

**Am 12. Juni 1963**

## **Australien – Traum und Wirklichkeit**

Herr Dr. **Ernst Adler** macht diesen fernen Erdteil in Farblichtbildern für Sie lebendig und zeigt Ihnen Licht und Schatten.

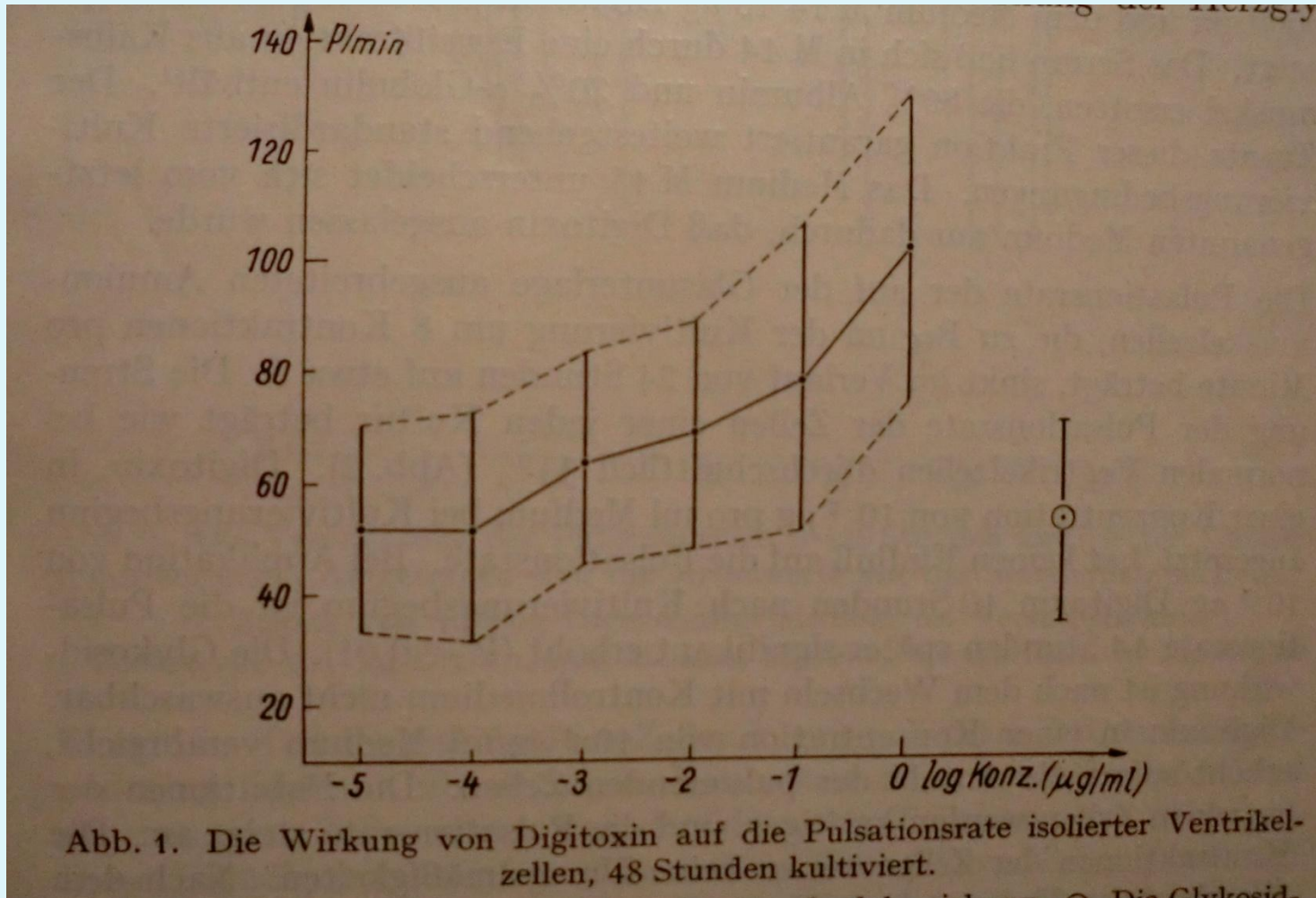
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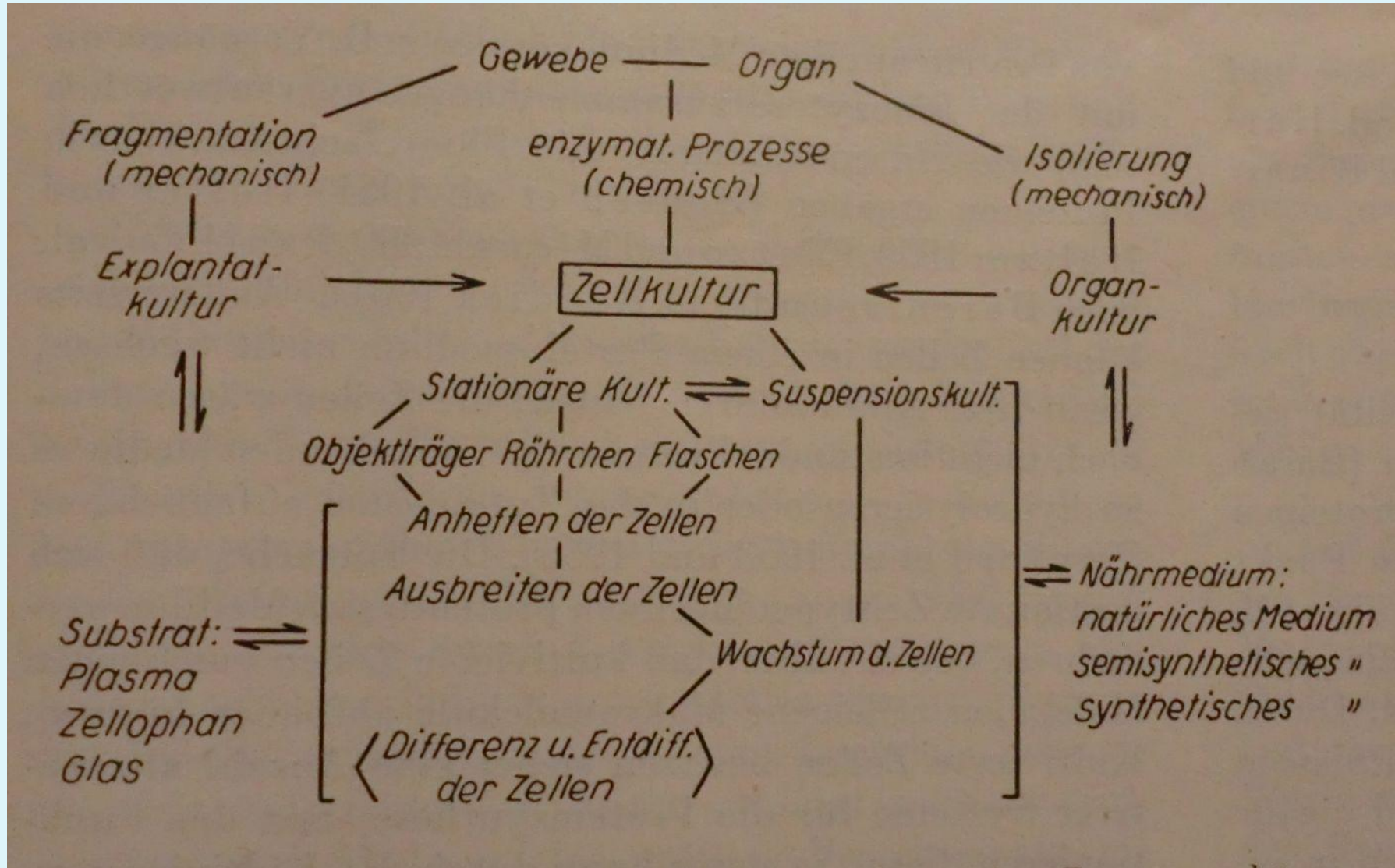
Diese Vorträge beginnen pünktlich 18.45 Uhr im Museum für Naturkunde, Invalidenstr. 43. Eintritt: DM 1,- / Studenten: DM 0,50. Für Mitglieder freier Eintritt!  
Das Museum ist bereits ab 15 Uhr für die Besichtigung geöffnet.

## Willi Halle 1963

### Mesuring the effect of digoxin on the contractivity of cultured heart cells



# Willi Halle's cell culture scheme in 1963



# BOOK Cell & Tissue Culture 1966

## Probleme der Zell- und Gewebezüchtung

unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Struktur  
und Funktion der Zelle

1. Arbeitstagung  
der Arbeitsgruppe Zell- und Gewebezüchtung  
Berlin, am 22. und 23. Mai 1964

Redaktion

Dr. rer. nat. W. Halle

Vorsitzender der Arbeitsgruppe Zell- und Gewebezüchtung

Mit 36 Abbildungen im Text  
und 46 Abbildungen auf 16 Tafeln



VERLAG THEODOR STEINKOPFF  
DRESDEN UND LEIPZIG

1966

# Establishing GZG in 1964

**GRÜNDUNGSPROTOKOLL**

für den Verein  
**Gesellschaft für Zell- und Gewebezüchtung e. V.**

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Mit dem heutigen Tage, dem \_\_\_\_\_ um \_\_\_\_\_ Uhr  
gründen die Unterzeichnenden den Verein "Gesellschaft für Zell- und  
Gewebezüchtung e. V." mit Sitz in Berlin. Der Verein soll der Förde-  
rung der Wissenschaft und Forschung dienen und in das Vereinsregi-  
ster eingetragen werden.

Die Gründungsversammlung findet statt in

Arbeitsgruppe Zell- und Gewebezüchtung  
Berlin - Buch  
Lindenberger Weg 70

31. Kolloquium der Arbeitsgruppe Zell- und Gewebezüchtung  
23. November 1964

Anwesenheitsliste

Name:	Arbeitsstelle und Stadt:
Passerow	Inst. f. Virologie, Berlin
Perleweck	Pharmakologie, Erfurt
Schweizer	Inst. f. Mikrobiologie - Med. Akademie Erfurt
Liebrich	Inst. f. Allg. Mikrobiologie TV Dresden
Dr. Brumm	Zytodiagnostisches Labor Gießen
Balusch	" "
Müller	" "
8. Faller	Städt. Lab. uned. Präzisionsmittel, Bes.
Sampel	Inst. f. med. Mikroskopie Jena
Wielke	Bes. vgg. Inst. Botanik
Kühn	Inst. f. med. Mikrobiol. Leipzig
Löffel	Inst. f. Mikrobiol. Jena
Thust	Zool. Institut Jena
Wüppert	Path. Inst. Jena
Pörschmann	Path. Inst. Jena
Schulze	" " "
Wilmann	hyg. Institut Jena
Harold	" " "
Frankmann	" " "
Spiegel	T.G. Virologie
Wagner	166 Medizinische
Mühlis	Forsch. Inst. f. Infektionskrankh.
Stinner	Städt. Lab. uned. Präzisionsmittel

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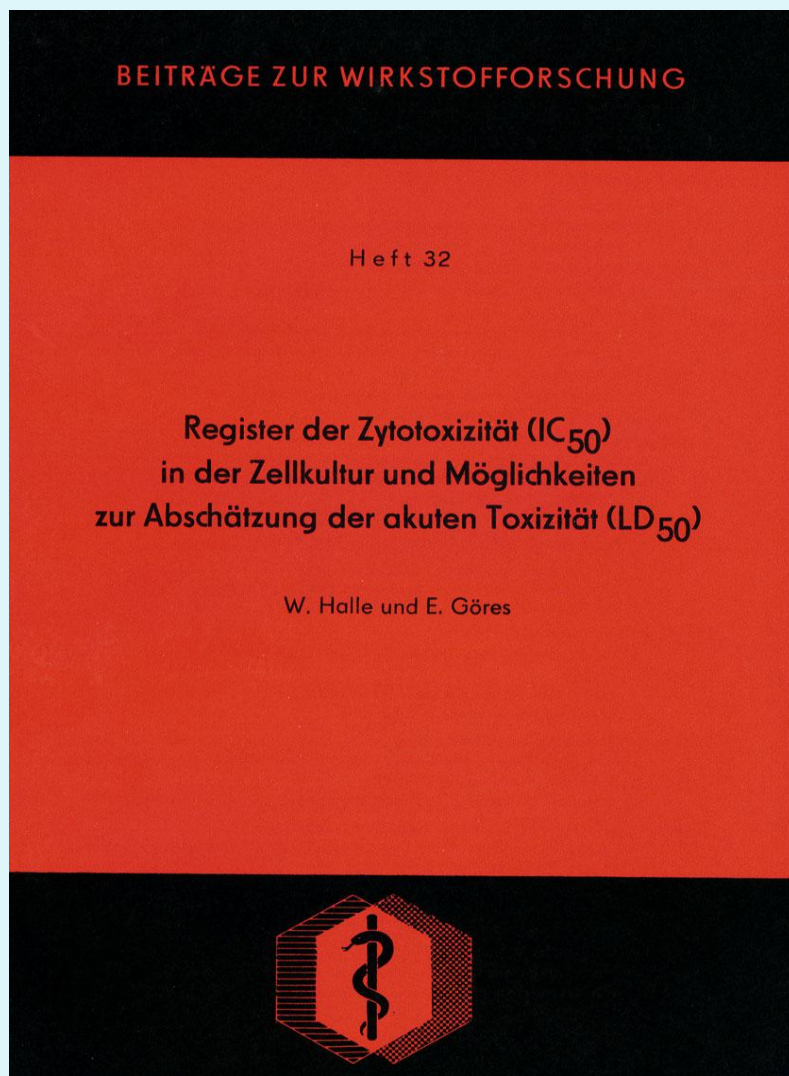
(73) Akademie der Wissenschaften der DDR, Otto-Nuschke-Straße 22/23, O - 1086 Berlin, DE

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(54) Verfahren zur quantitativen Bestimmung der LD<sub>50</sub>

Method for determining the LD50

# How it started: Willi Halle's Register of Cytotoxicity (RC)



## The first Register, RC1

### Content:

117 chemicals

### Per each chemical:

- several published  $IC_{50}$  values
- one  $LD_{50}$  value  
per species (mouse / rat)  
per administration route  
(oral / intravenous),  
taken from the *Registry of Toxic  
Effects of Chemical Substances  
(RTECS)*

... published 1988 by the

“Institut für Wirkstoffforschung  
(IWF)” in Berlin

# The whole RC1 was created on a typewriter...

106 Acetylsalicylsäure  
 Syn.: Aspirin  
 LD<sub>50</sub> : R p.o. 5,55 mmol  
           M p.o. 4,52 mmol  
 IC<sub>50</sub> : 6. 9,9 -1 mM  
           10. 4,2 mM  
           13. 2,0 mM  
           2,3 -1 mM  
           14. 2,58 mM  
           20. 2,03 mM  
           22. 1,05 mM  
           1,05 mM  
           24. 6,55 mM  
           34. 2,33 mM  
           44. 2,05 mM  
 IC<sub>50x̄</sub> : 1,70 mM  
 F<sub>s</sub> 5,34

VO 0700 000 Mm 180,17



107 Tolbutamid  
 LD<sub>50</sub> : M p.o. 9,62 mmol  
 IC<sub>50</sub> : 6. 1,49 mM  
           67. 2,20 mM  
 IC<sub>50x̄</sub> : 1,81 mM  
 F<sub>s</sub> 1,22

YS 4550 000 Mm 270,38

## 2.5. Datenschlüssel

- Zl: P-815 = Mastocytom, Maus  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Zellproliferation: Zellzahl (sb: 001, 010, 0  
 AbK, t<sub>E</sub> ≥ 18 h, Suspensionskultur
- Zl: Ehrlich-Ascitestumor, Maus  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Zellproliferation: Zellzahl  
 AbK, t<sub>E</sub> 22 h, Suspensionskultur
- Zl: Diploide Fibroblasten, menschliche embryonale  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Zellzahl, sb  
 AnK, t<sub>E</sub> 4 d
- Zl: KB  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Zellproliferation: Proteingehalt  
 AbK, t<sub>E</sub> 72 h (s. 86)
- Zl: HeLa  
 KB  
 J-111 = Leukämie, Mensch  
 C = Conjunctiva, Mensch  
 G = Darmepithel, Mensch  
 S-180 = Sarcom, Maus  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Zellproliferation: Proteingehalt  
 AnK, t<sub>E</sub> 4 - 7 d mit mehrmaligem Wechseln des  
 Versuchsmediums
- Zl: HeLa  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Stoffwechselhemmtest: pH-Änderung des Nährme  
 Abk, t<sub>E</sub> 7 d
- Zl: HeLa-S3  
 IC<sub>50</sub>: Zellzahl: Optische Dichte  
 AnK, t<sub>E</sub> 72 h

... by Willi Halle's wife Siegrid



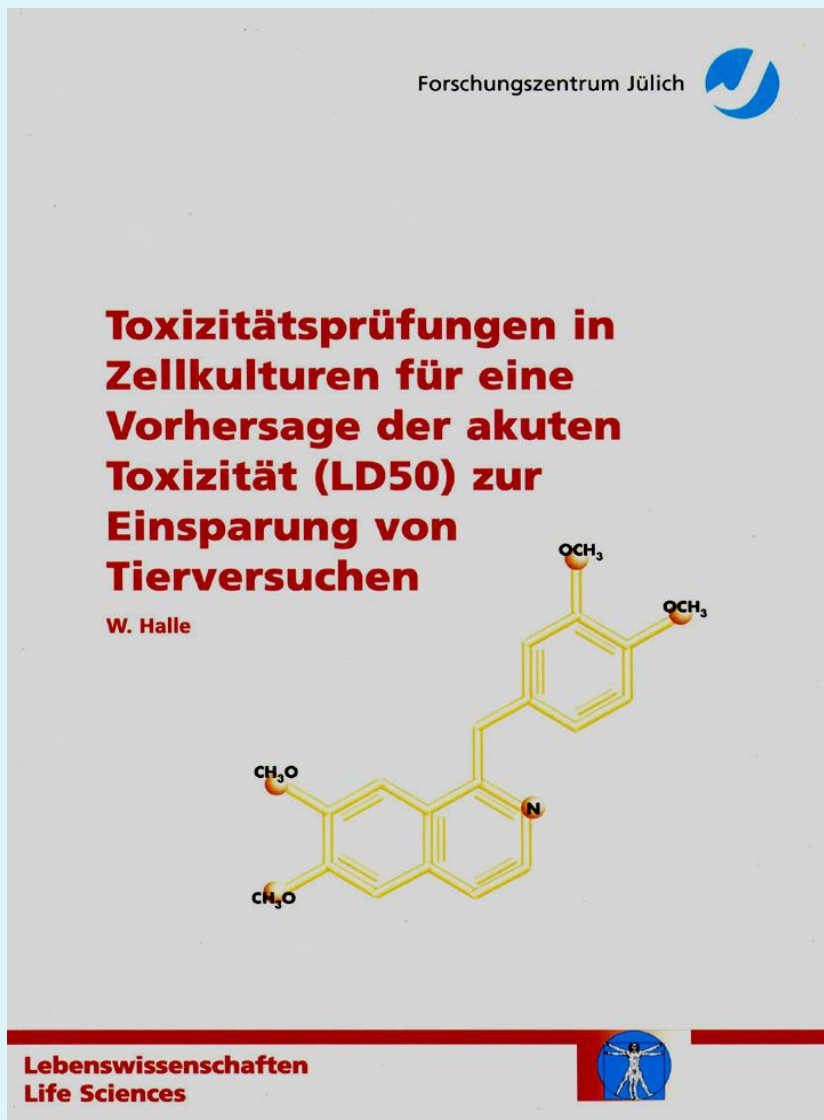
# **Willi Halle was sceptical about changes in East Berlin after the “wall fell” in 1989**

**he was punished at the IWF because of his contact to ZEBET, and only signs of solidarity, like a personal invitation by the President of the BGA, did improve his position at the IWF.**

## **However, from January 1990 on**

- a continuous collaboration with ZEBET started**
- Willi Halle received funding by the Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBF) to upgrade his RC**
- Willi Halle was able to travel and stay for a month with Björn Eckwall and Eric Walum, Directors of the MEIC Programme**
- Willi Halle became the best known guest in all scientific libraries in Berlin, in particular the library of the Schering AG**
- Willi Halle became honouree member of several Scientific Societies, e.g. the SSCT and MEGAT**
- after retirement (1993), Willi worked as an associated scientist at ZEBET on transferring the RC into a PC data base system.**

# 1998: Publication of the RC 1+2



347 chemicals

funded by the German  
Ministry for Education,  
Science and Research  
(BMBF 1998)

# Halle's Register RC1,2 translated (ATLA 2003)

ATLA 31, 89-198, 2003

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## **The Registry of Cytotoxicity: Toxicity Testing in Cell Cultures to Predict Acute Toxicity (LD50) and to Reduce Testing in Animals<sup>1</sup>**

**Willi Halle**

*c/o ZEBET at the BfR, Diedersdorfer Weg 1, 12277 Berlin, Germany*

**Translated by Marlies Halder,<sup>2</sup> Andrew Worth,<sup>2,3</sup> and Elke Genschow<sup>4</sup>**

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## ...in 1927 the physiologist John W. Trevan

...to estimate the relative poisoning potency of drugs and medicines because the use of death as a (quantal) toxicological endpoint allowed for comparisons between substances that poison the body in different ways.


The LD<sub>50</sub> gives a measure of the immediate or acute toxicity of a chemical in the strain, sex, and age group of a particular animal species being tested.

Primarily, the LD<sub>50</sub> concept was not developed for predicting human lethal doses. However, it was used for this purpose lacking of other measures.

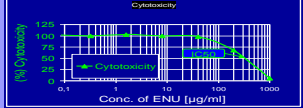


# The concept of the RC


LD<sub>50</sub> Data (NIOSH/RTECS)



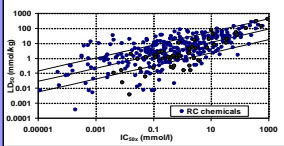
Cytotoxicity Data from Literature




Data base



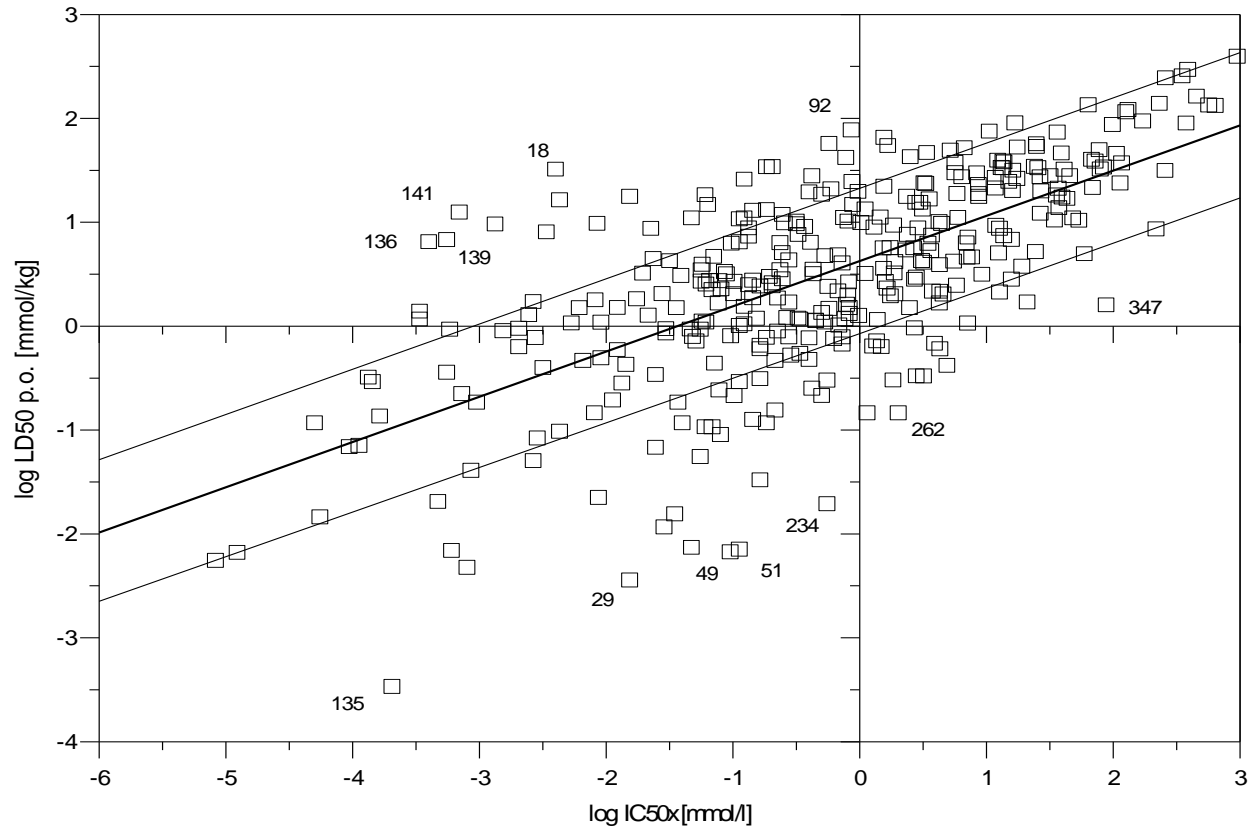
Linear Regression



Prediction of LD<sub>50</sub>



# RC 1,2: Linear Regression



$$\log (\text{LD}_{50}) = 0.435 \times \log (\text{IC}_{50x}) + 0.625 \quad (n = 347 \text{ data pairs})$$

# Halle's acceptance criteria for basal cytotoxicity data

- only mammalia cells  
(or cell lines)
- no hepatocytes  
(basal cytotoxicity!)
- incubation time with  
chemical  $\geq 16$  h
- at least 2 different IC<sub>50</sub> values  
per chemical, derived...
  - from different labs
  - from one lab, but different  
cells /cell lines
  - from one lab,  
from one cell /cell line  
but different endpoints
- cell-proliferation markers
  - cell number
  - cell protein
  - DNA content,  
DNA synthesis
  - colony formation
- metabolic markers
  - MIT-24 test
  - MTT
  - MTS
  - XTT
- membrane-markers
  - Neutral Red Uptake
  - Trypan-blue exclusion
  - Cell attachment /detachment
- differentiation markers

RC-N	Chemical	IC 50x	LD50 p.d	LD50 p.	LD50 i.	LD50 i.	Mol. Weigh	log P	FS	n IC50s	LD 50
1	Trenimon	0,000033			0,0022		231,28		3,32	2	
2	Actinomycin D	0,000081	0,0057	0,01	0,00037	0,0008	1255,6	3,21	64,5	13	0,0057
3	Aminopterin	0,000012		0,0068			440,47		45,6	8	0,0068
4	Vincristine sulf	0,000019			0,0011	0,0018	923,14	2,82	20	21	
5	K-Strophanthin	0,000044			0,021	0,0035	710,9		1,58	2	
6	Colchicine	0,000054		0,015	0,004	0,0043	399,48	1,03	469	13	0,015
7	Ouabain	0,000072			0,024		584,73		8,79	6	
8	Digitoxin	0,00011	0,073		0,012	0,0065	765,05	1,76	4,16	3	0,073
9	Amethopterin	0,00015	0,3	0,32	0,031	0,14	454,5	-1,85	48,1	18	0,3
10	Emetine	0,00016	0,14				480,71	3,24	2,71	3	0,14
11	Doxorubicin H	0,00033		1,2		0,036	580,03	1,27	49,2	8	1,2
12	Puromycin	0,00033		1,43			471,58	0,03	5,05	6	1,43
13	Cycloheximide	0,00059	0,0071	0,47	0,0089	0,53	281,39	0,55	44,4	32	0,0071
14	Mitomycin C	0,00084	0,042	0,051	0,009	0,015	334,37	-0,38	13,7	5	0,042
15	8-Azaguanine	0,0013		9,86		0,2	152,14	-0,71	4,8	4	9,86
16	Azaserine	0,002	0,98	0,87		0,36	173,15		6,67	9	0,98
17	5-Fluorouracil	0,0026	1,77	0,88	3,84	0,62	130,09	-0,89	22,4	15	1,77
18	Captan	0,0039	33,3	23,3	21		300,59	2,35	3,16	3	33,3
19	Cytochalasin B	0,005			1,64		479,67		2,39	2	
20	Cadmium II chl	0,0064	0,48	0,95			183,3		13,3	14	0,48
21	6-Mercaptopuri	0,008		1,84		0,53	152,19		55,2	12	1,84
22	Digoxin	0,008		0,023	0,032	0,0098	781,05	1,26	1790	10	0,023
23	Daraprim	0,0089		0,51			248,74	2,69	2,5	6	0,51
24	Ethylenediamin	0,01					292,28		3,07	3	
25	Thio-TEPA	0,011		0,2	0,079		189,24	0,53	2,49	8	0,2
26	Kelthane	0,012	1,55	1,13			370,48		5,31	2	1,55
27	Chlorpromazine	0,014	0,44	0,82	0,094	0,05	318,89	5,35	2,13	5	0,44
28	Aldosterone	0,014					360,44	1,08	40,1	3	
29	Mercury II chlor	0,015	0,0037	0,37	0,011	0,029	271,49		17,8	19	0,0037
30	Sodium arsenat	0,015					185,91		4,21	4	
31	Chloroquine dip	0,017	1,88	0,97			515,92	4,63	18,7	10	1,88
32	Hydrocortisone	0,022					362,51	1,61	56,9	6	
33	p-Chloromercur	0,024		0,07			357,16		4,84	18	0,07
34	Diethylstilbestr	0,025				1,12	268,38	5,07	18,2	17	
35	Flufenamic acid	0,029	0,97	2,54	0,35	0,56	281,25	2,08	3,36	5	0,97



# Validation of the RC

register	number of chemicals	r	a	b	$F_G \leq \log 5$ (%)
old	102	0.644	0.598	0.471	73.5
<b>I</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0.667</b>	<b>0.637</b>	<b>0.477</b>	<b>73.5</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>0.666</b>	<b>0.634</b>	<b>0.414</b>	<b>72.6</b>
I & II	347	0.672	0.625	0.435	72.6

$$LD_{50} = a + b \times \log IC_{50x}$$

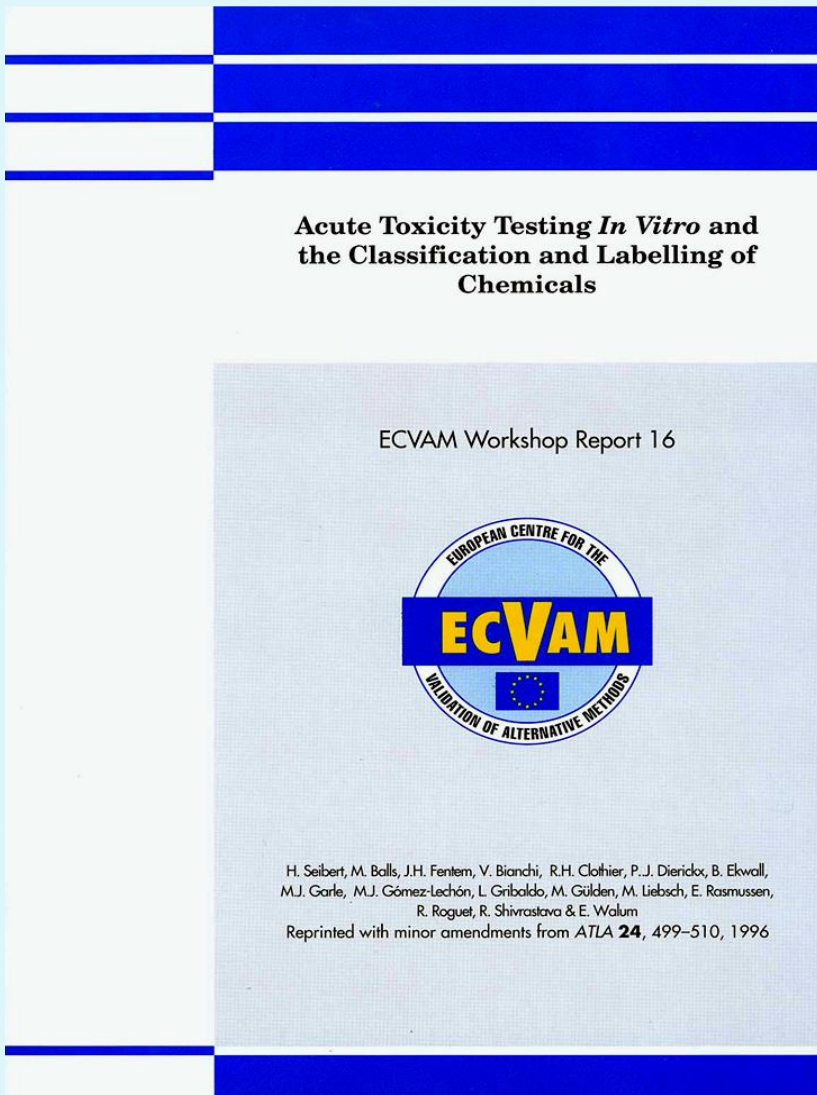
a = intercept

b = regression coefficient

r = correlation coefficient

Cell line	No. of chemicals	r	a	b	$F_G \leq \log 5$ (%)
<b>BCL-D1</b>	22	0.72	0.536	0.633	77
<b>3T3-L1</b>	91	0.72	0.631	0.427	74
<b>RC: several cell lines</b>	347	0.67	0.625	0.435	73

# 3R's step-by-step: The “starting dose approach”



*In vitro* methods ....could, however, be used in a tier testing scheme to reduce the number of animals used...

...in the new sequential dosing methods such as the acute toxic class (ATC) and up-and-down procedures (UDP).

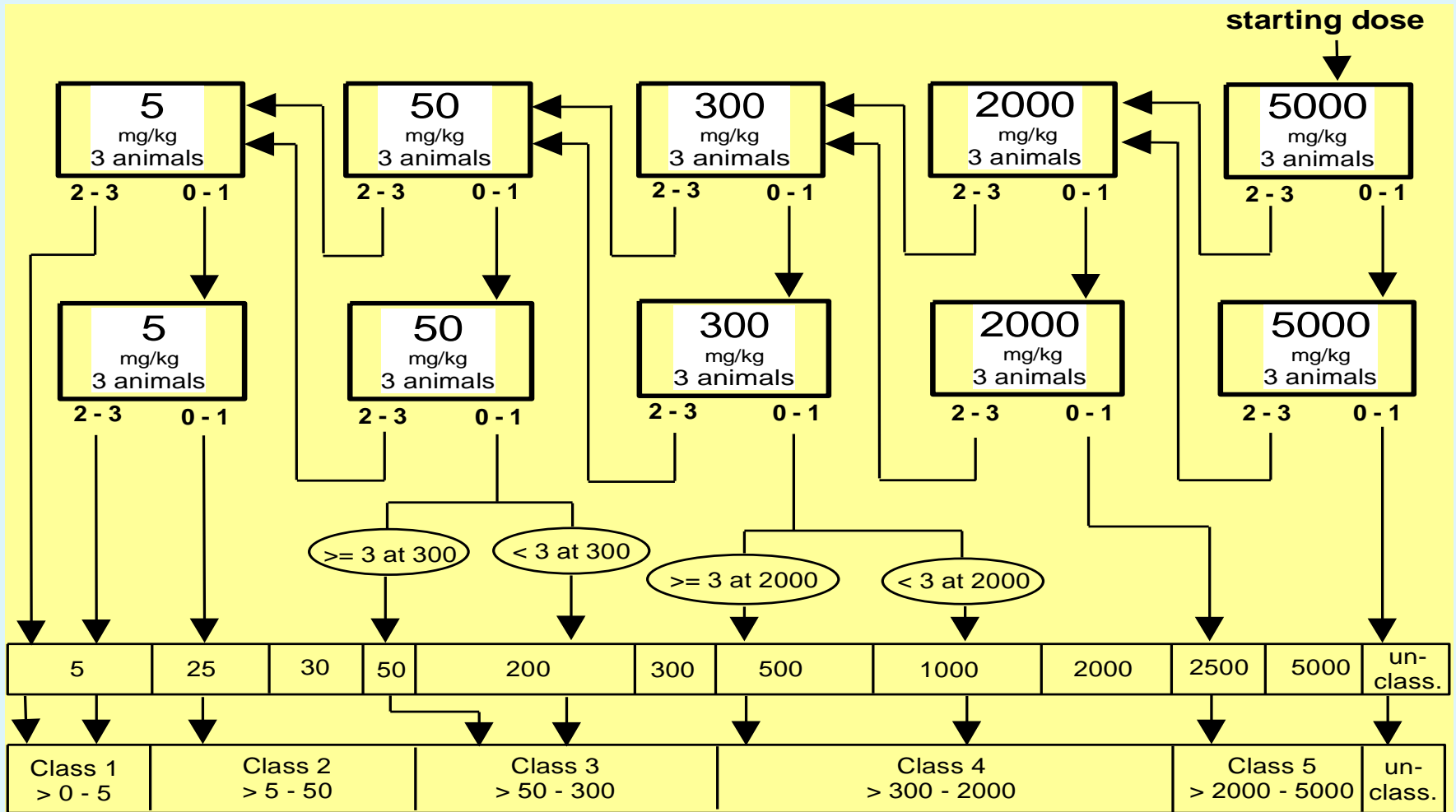
In these *in vivo* tests, use of the minimum number of animals possible depends upon the correct choice of the starting dose.

## **Determination of the Starting Dose for Acute Oral Toxicity (LD50) Testing in the Up and Down Procedure (UDP) From Cytotoxicity Data**

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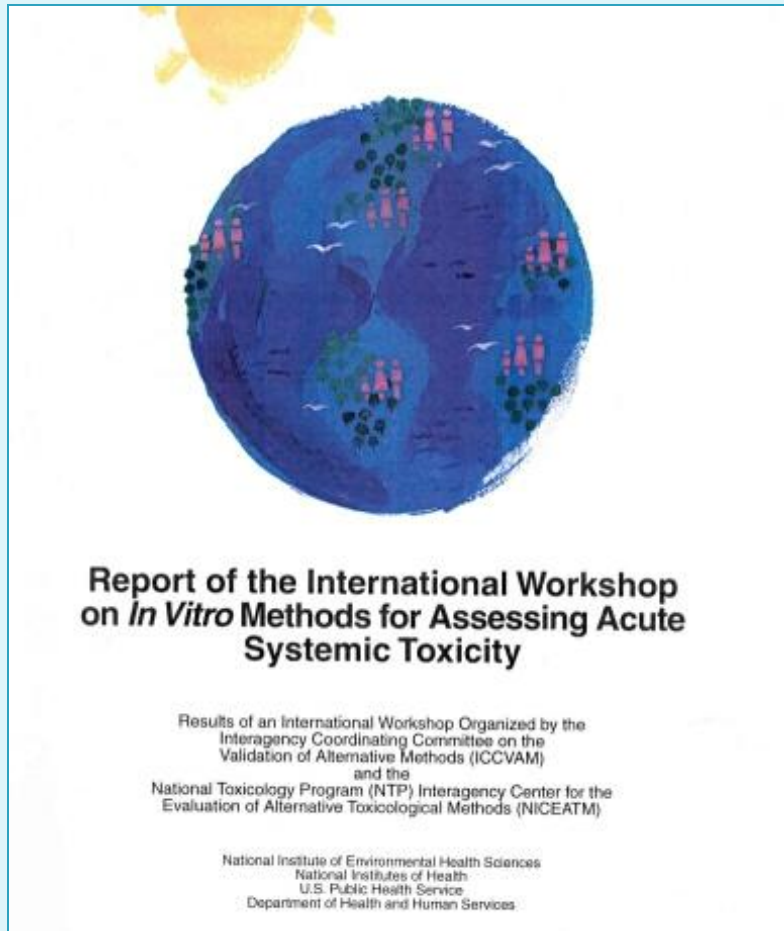
# The ATC Method (OECD TG 423)



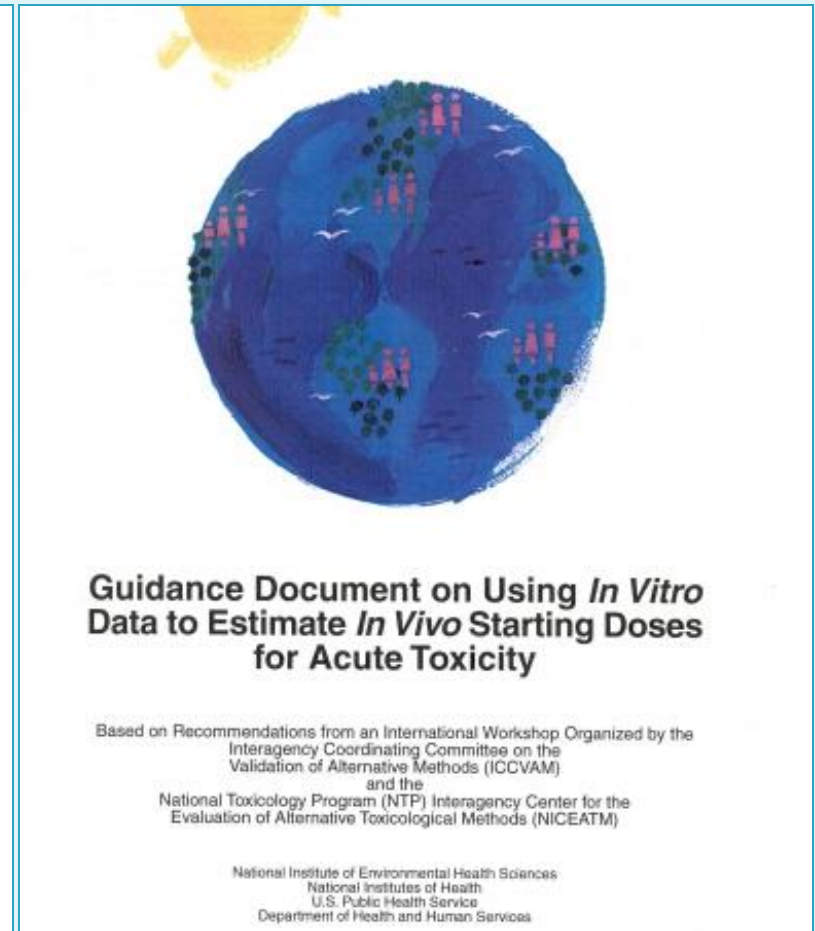
# ATC Method: influence of the starting dose on numbers of animals dying in acute oral toxicity testing (LD-50)

$\beta = 2$	Starting dose in mg/kg body weight					
	25		200		2000	
true LD <sub>50</sub>	used	dead	used	dead	used	dead
1	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	9.0
2	3.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	9.0
5	3.1	2.8	6.1	5.8	9.1	8.8
10	3.4	2.7	6.4	5.6	9.4	8.6
20	4.6	2.8	7.2	5.3	10.2	8.3
50	7.5	3.3	8.6	4.2	11.6	7.2
100	9.3	3.2	9.3	3.3	12.2	6.2
200	11.2	3.2	9.7	3.1	12.0	5.3
500	14.0	3.3	9.3	3.3	10.0	3.9
1000	14.9	2.6	9.1	2.6	9.2	2.7
2000	15.4	1.8	9.4	1.8	9.3	1.8
5000	16.5	1.0	10.5	1.0	9.0	1.0
10000	17.3	0.4	11.3	0.4	7.7	0.4
20000	17.8	0.1	11.8	0.1	6.6	0.1
50000	18.0	0.0	12.0	0.0	6.1	0.0
100000	18.0	0.0	12.0	0.0	6.0	0.0

# ICCVAM Workshop (2000) and publications (2001)



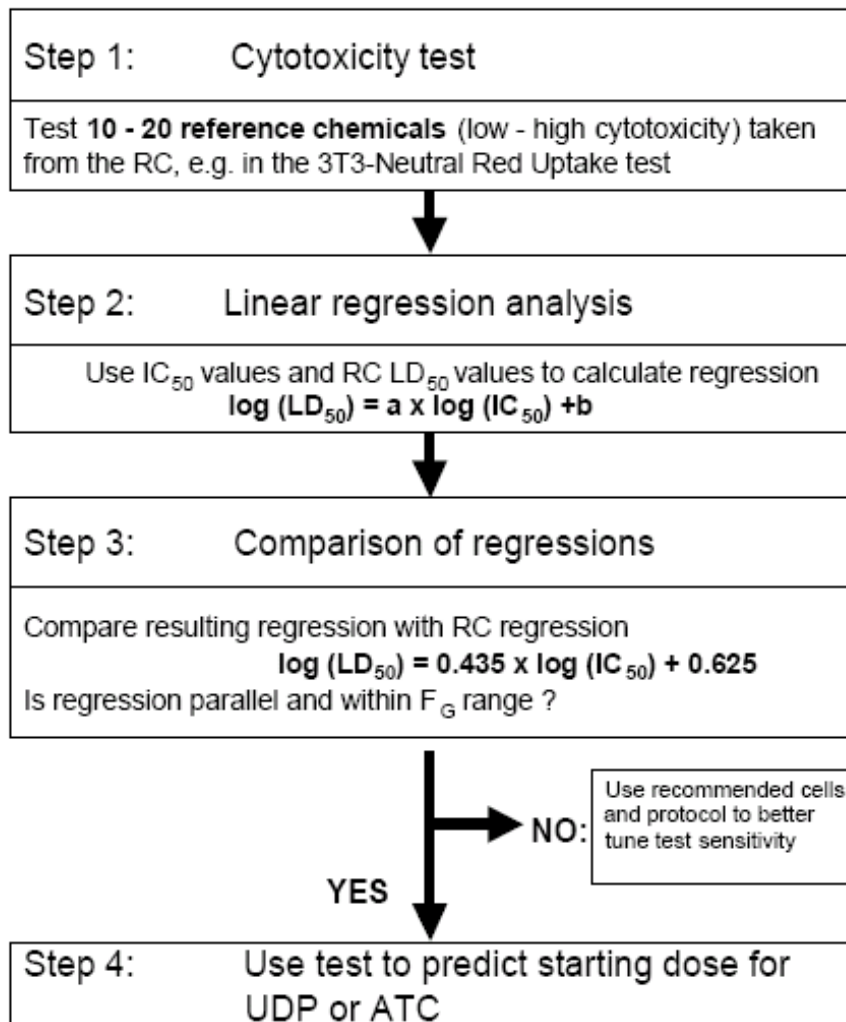
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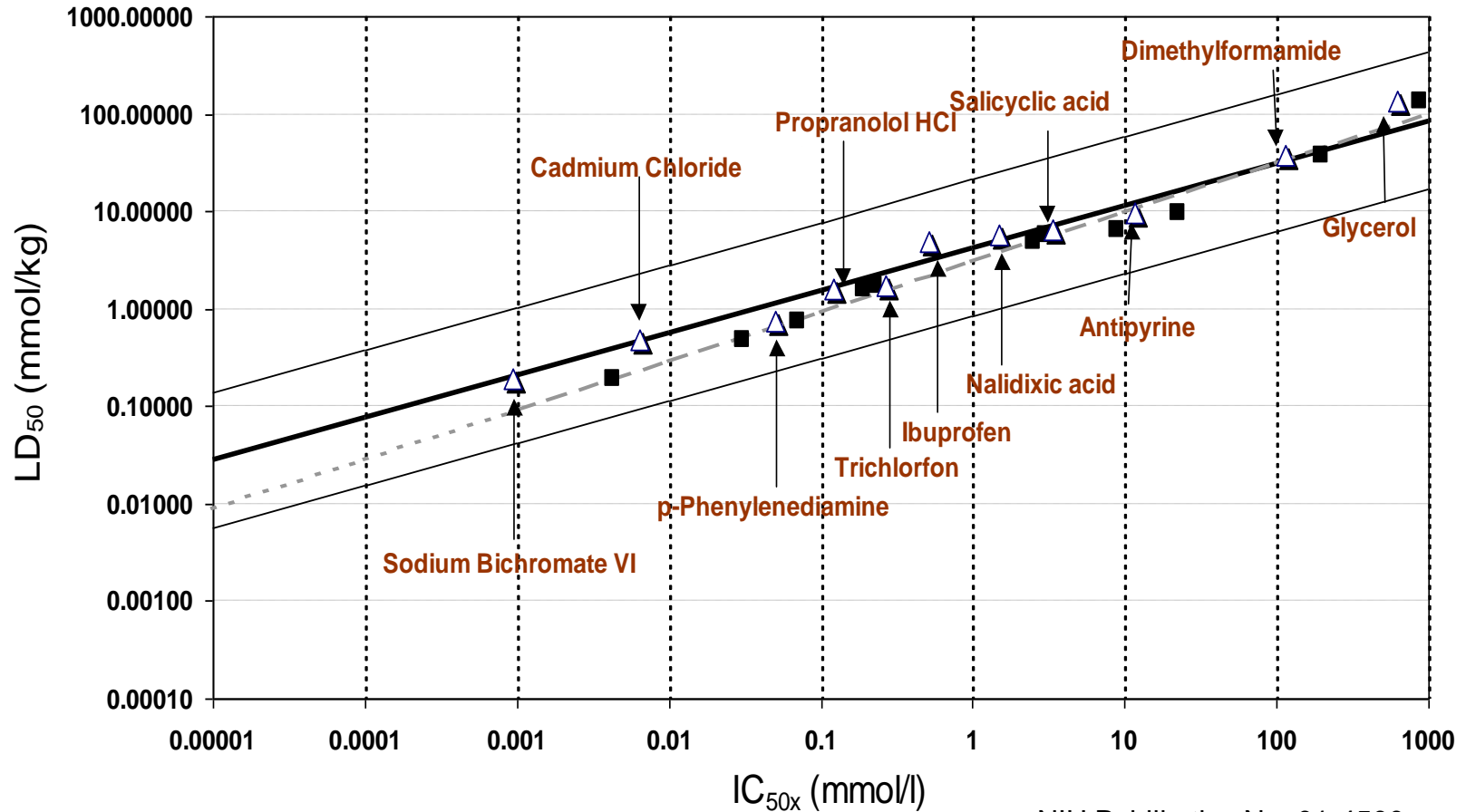
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# Check of any basal cytotoxicity assay if it can make use of Willi Halle's Prediction Model



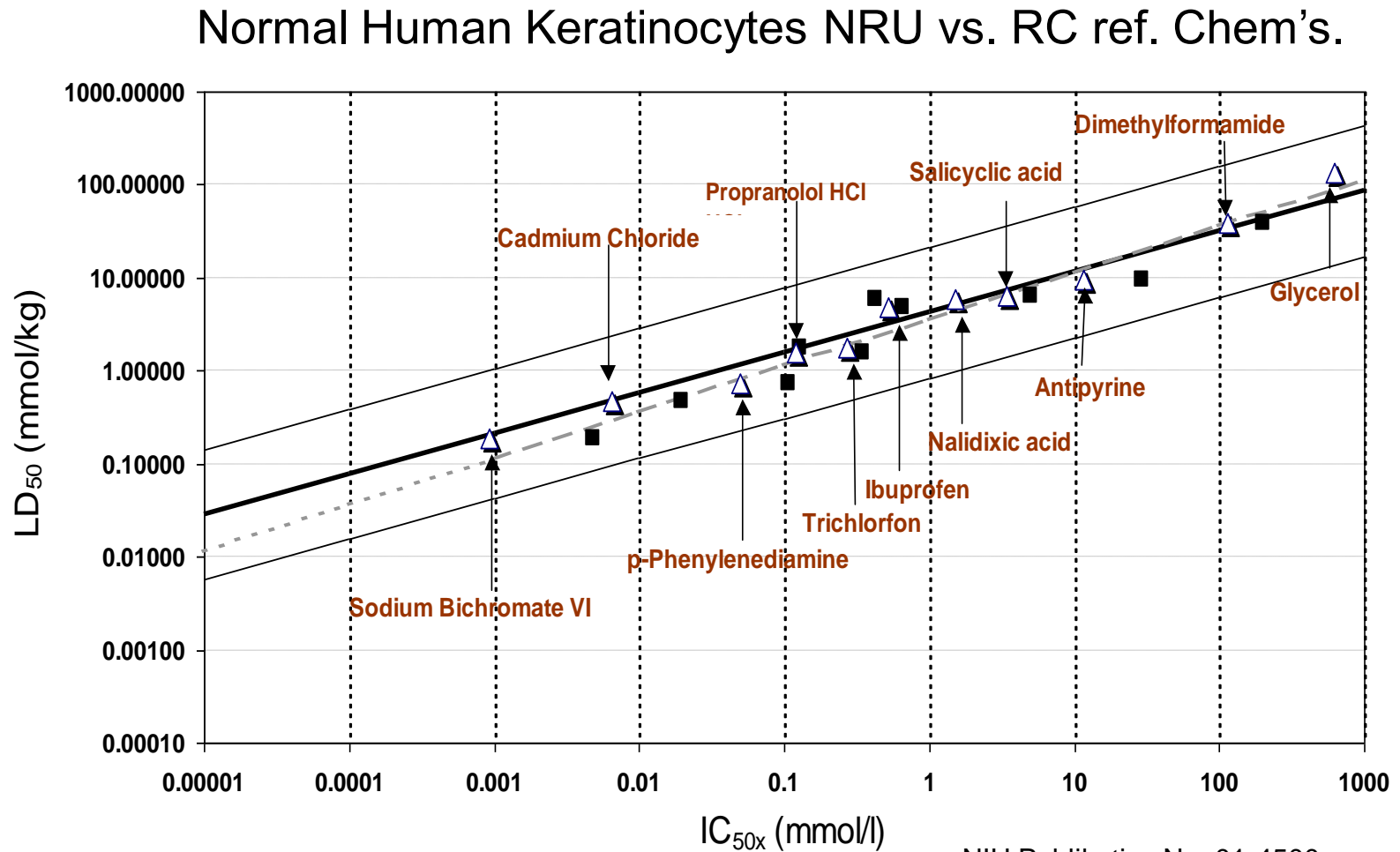
# RC-Regression: confirmed in permanent mouse cell line

Balb/c 3T3 NRU vs. RC reference chemicals





# RC-Regression: confirmed in primary human cells



# ICCVAM Workshop Recommendations

REFINEMENT  
&  
REDUCTION

REPLACEMENT

phys.-chem. data / SAR

*in vitro* cytotoxicity test

2-3 MONTHS

2-3 YEARS

starting dose  
for *in vivo* study

prevalidation  
study

*in vivo*  
animal study

validation  
study

dose-  
response    clinical  
signs    target  
organs

gut absorption  
blood brain barrier  
kinetics

rodent LD50

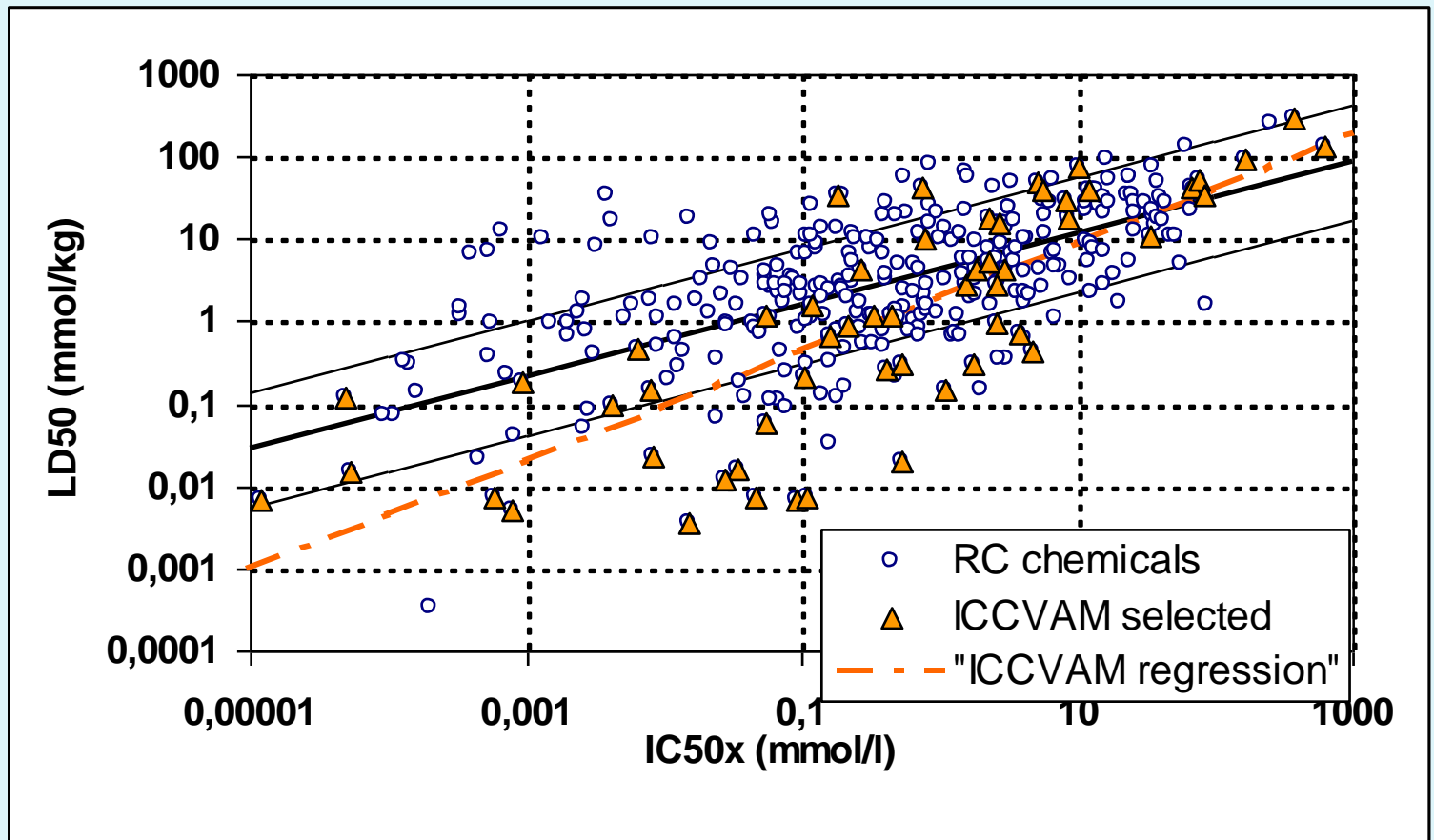
- further evaluate ZEBET RC approach
- evaluate 3T3 NRU data from eye irritation validation studies
- prepare guidance document

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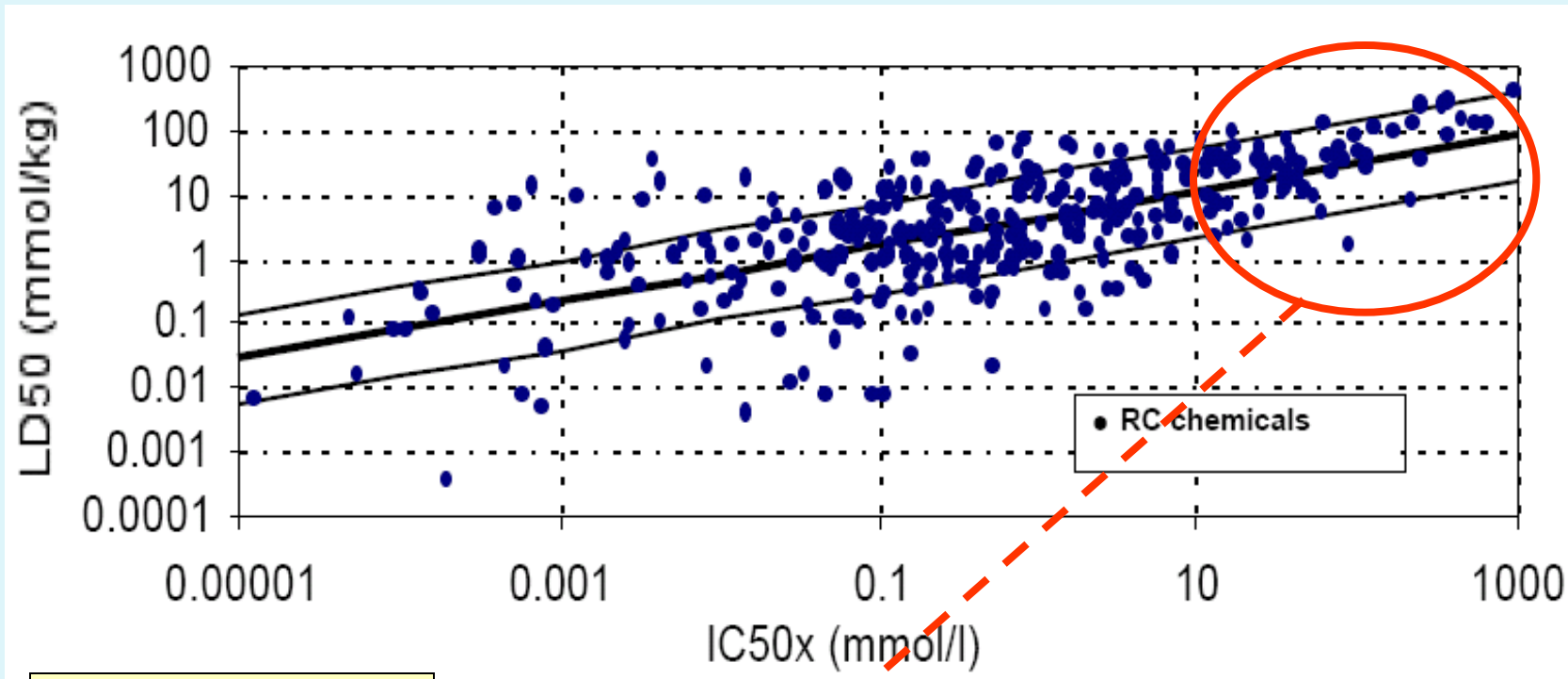
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# ICCVAM-ECVAM: experimental validation study of Willi Halle's RC Prediction Model

Chemicals from the RC selected for the ICCVAM-ECVAM Validation study

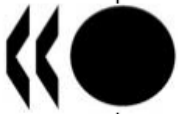


# Use under REACH: Halle's RC model for predicting the absence of toxicity



New Chemicals: Oral toxicity distribution	
LD <sub>50</sub> [mg/kg]	chemicals [%]
≤ 25	0
> 25 - 200	3.1
>200 - 2000	21.1
>2000	75.8

In these 2 classes  
97% of all new  
industrial chemicals



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