

# AOP-Wiki Resource Description Framework

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# OpenRiskNet case study: AOPLink

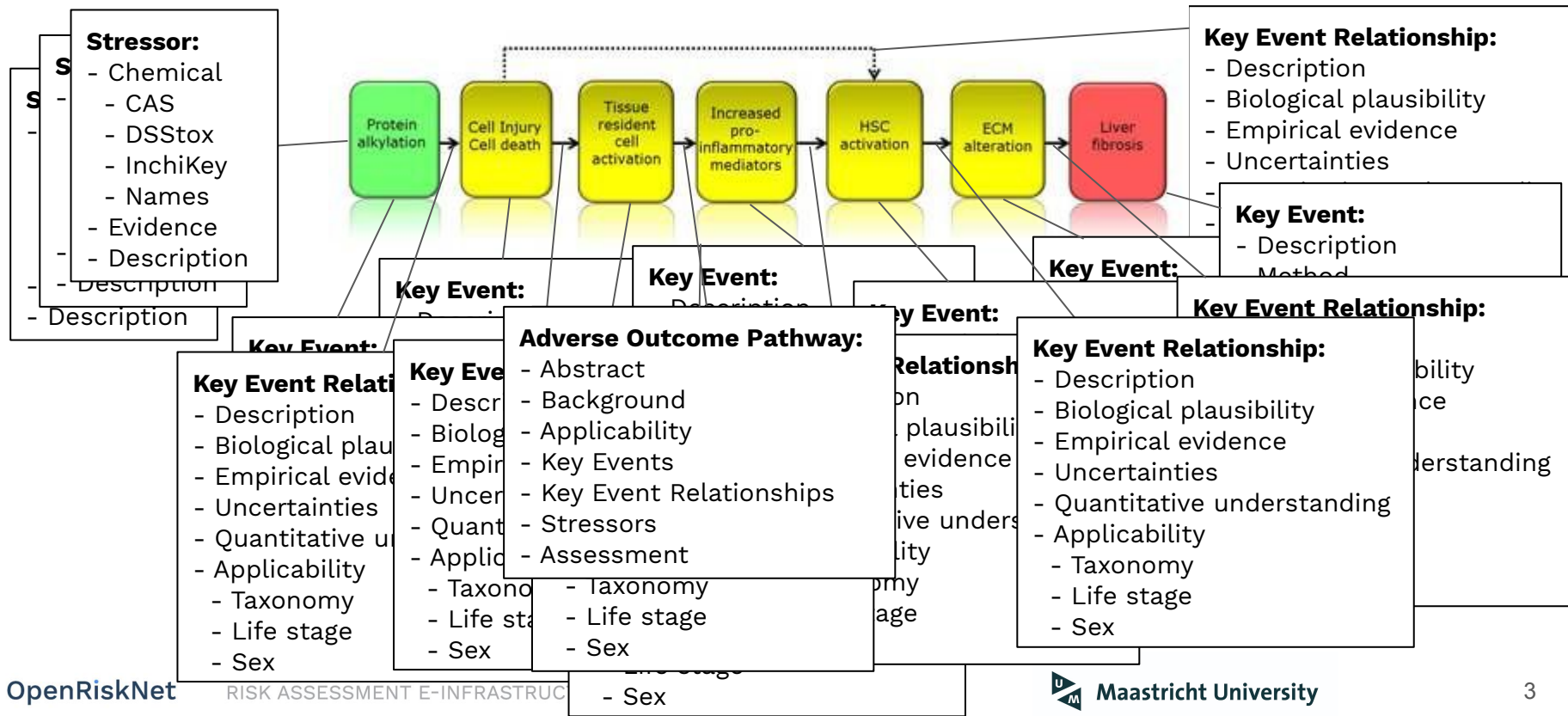
**Experimental data**  **Adverse Outcome Pathways**

Problem:

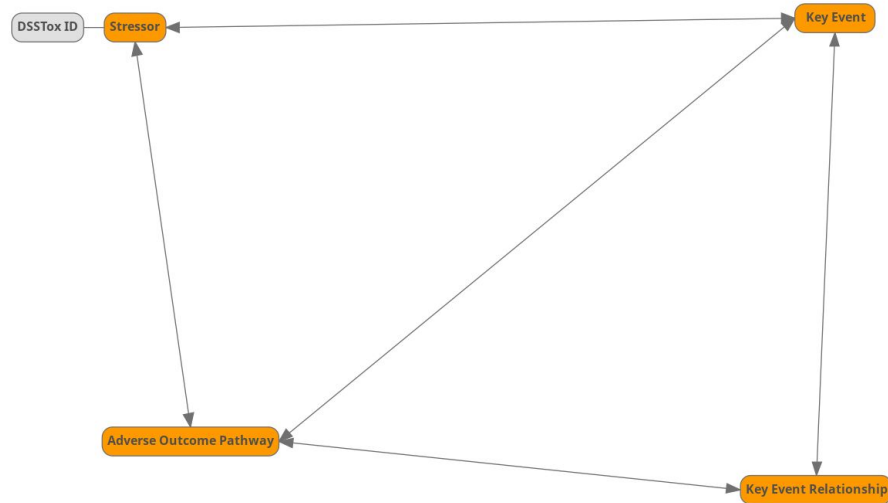
- AOP-Wiki are **blobs of plain text**
- Difficult to extract information (**accessibility**)
- Impossible to harmonize with other databases (**interoperability**)

Solution: **semantic modeling** of the content of the database, including ontological annotations and persistent identifiers

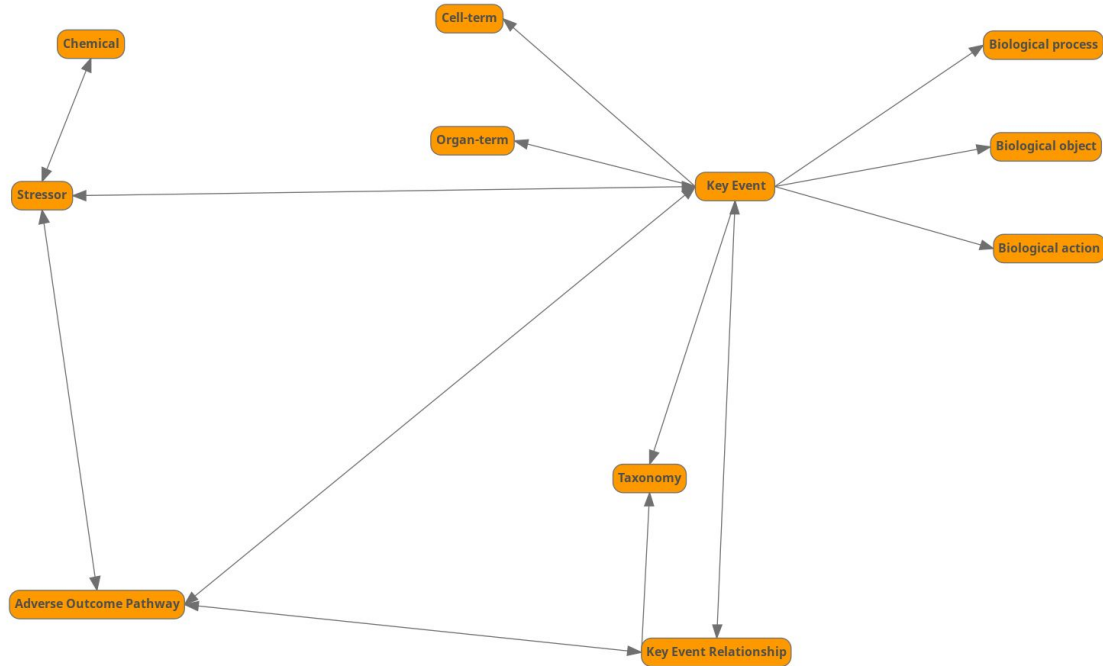
# AOPs in AOP-Wiki contain a lot of information



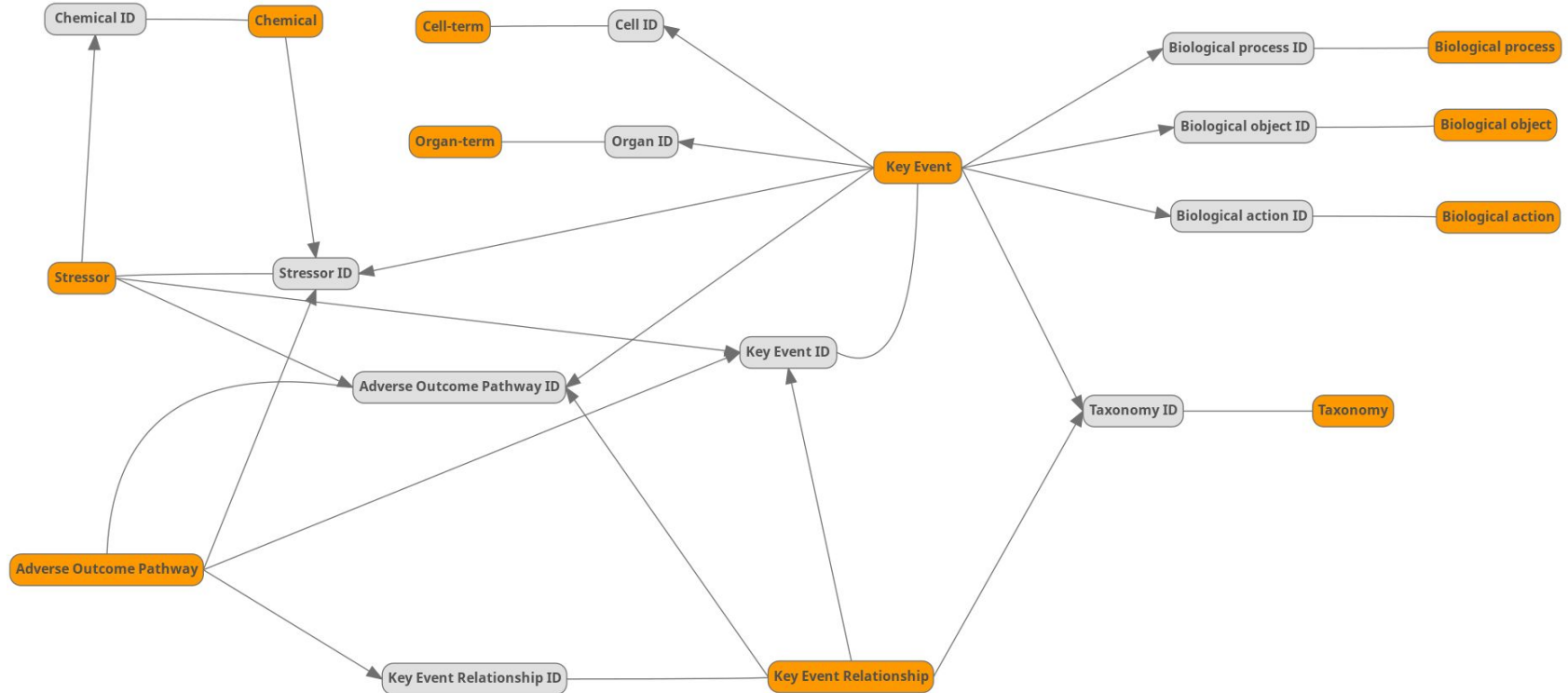
# Existing links in the AOP-Wiki



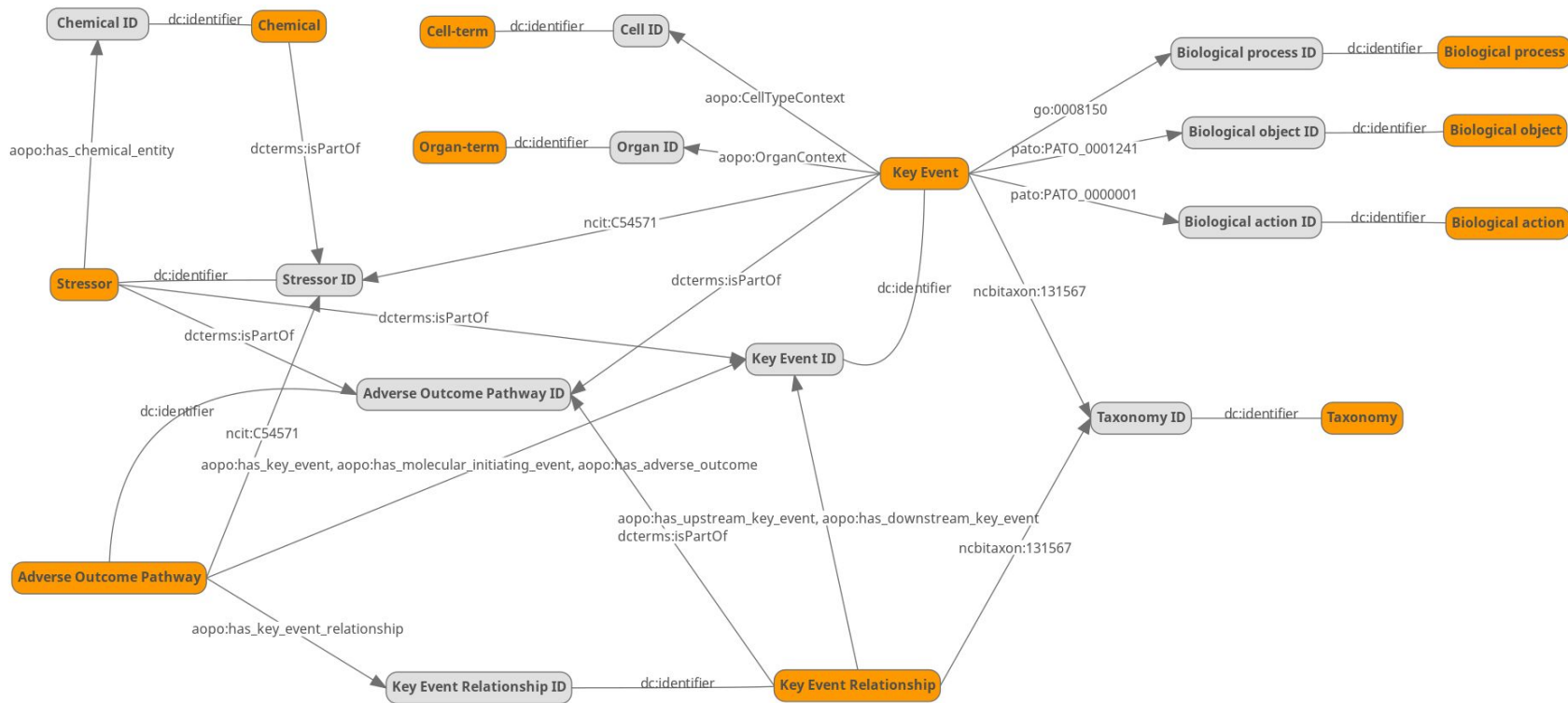
# Eleven central components in the data dumps

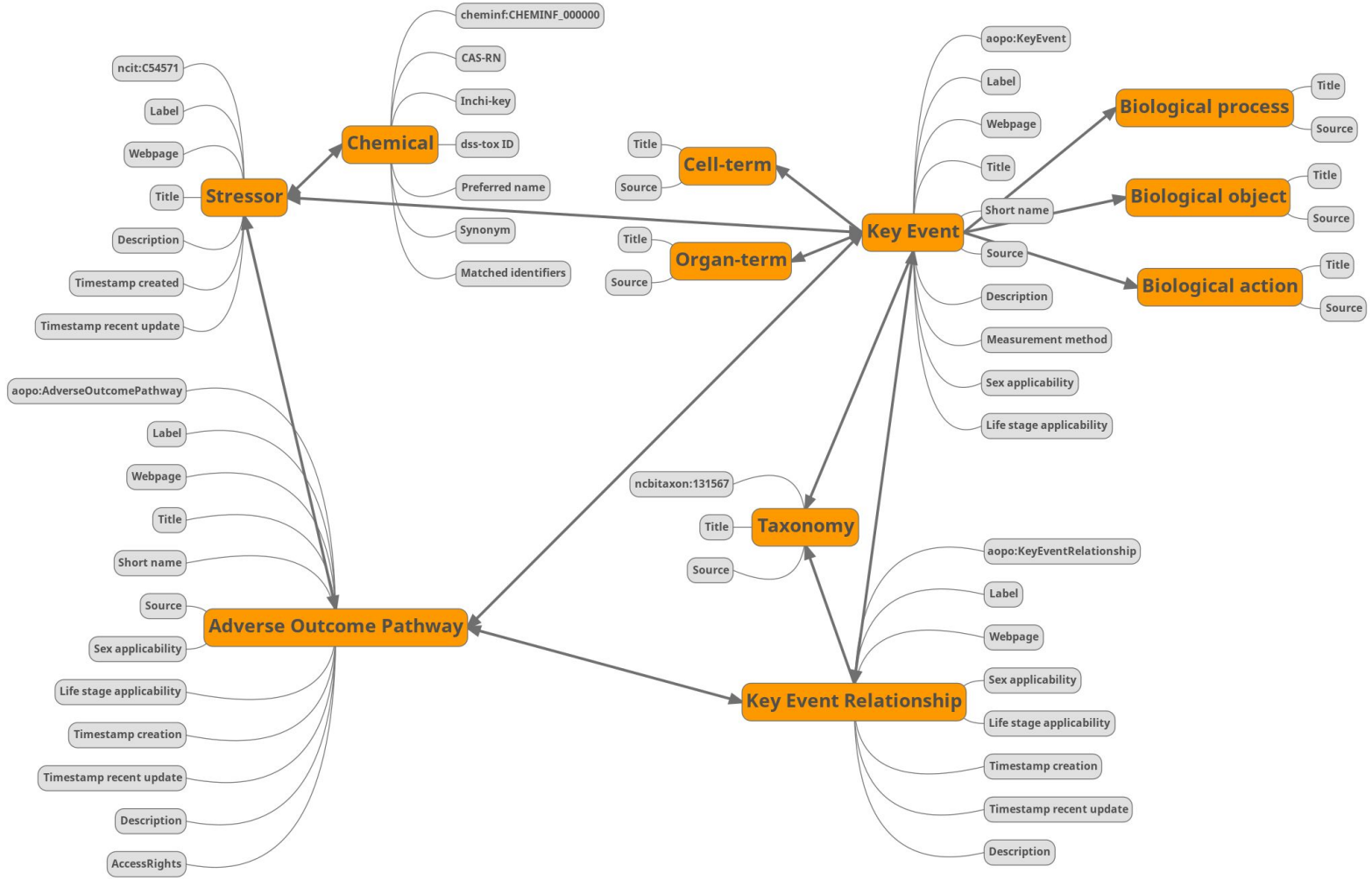


# All components are connected through identifiers



# Adding meaningful context to links using ontologies







# Increased **accessibility** and **interoperability**

## Accessibility

- Allows custom queries
- Query for distant relationships

## Interoperability

- Uses of ontologies and persistent identifiers
  - Links to external databases / knowledge sources
  - Standard vocabulary within AOP domain (e.g. the AOP Ontology)
- **Integration in systematic, reproducible workflows**
- **Easy links to external databases**

# Thank you for your attention!

**Webinar “Connecting AOPs, knowledge and data with AOPLink workflows” on July 15th, 4PM CEST, organized by OpenRiskNet**  
**(<https://openrisknet.org/events/70/>)**

Previous webinar “Identification and linking of data related to AOPWiki”  
(<https://openrisknet.org/events/59/>)

Improved accessibility: examples

# From an AOP, give me all measurement methods.

For **AOP 12**, print me all KE IDs, KE names, and measurement methods text

| KeyEventID | KeyEventName                            |   |
|------------|---|---|
| "KE 188"   | "N/A, Neuroinflammation"                | <p>"Neuroinflammation, i.e. the activation of glial cells can be measured by quantification of cellular markers (most commonly), or of released mediators (less common). As multiple activation</p> <p>Microglial activation can be detected based on the increased numbers of labeled microglia per volume element of brain tissue (due to increase of binding sites, proliferation, and in</p> <p>The most frequently used astrocyte marker is GFAP (99% of all studies) (Eng et al., 2000). This protein is highly specific for astrocytes in the brain, and antibodies are available</p> <p>All immunocytochemical methods can also be applied to cell culture models.</p> <p>In patients, microglial accumulation can be monitored by PET imaging, using [11C]-PK 11195 as a microglial marker (Banati et al., 2002).</p> <p>Activation of glial cells can be assessed in tissue or cell culture models also by quantification of sets of activation markers. This can for instance be done by PCR quantification</p> <p>Pro- and anti-inflammatory cytokine expression (IL-1&amp;beta;; TNF-&amp;alpha;; IL-6, IL-4); or expression of immunostimulatory proteins (e.g. MHC-II)</p> <p>Itgam, CD86 expression as markers of M1 microglial phenotype</p> <p>Arg1, MRC1, as markers of M2 microglial phenotype</p> <p>(for descriptions of techniques, see also &amp;nbsp;&amp;nbsp;&amp;nbsp;Falsig 2004; Lund 2006&amp;nbsp;&amp;nbsp;&amp;nbsp;Kuegler 2010; Monnet-Tschudi et al., 2011; Sandstr&amp;ouml;m et al., 2014; von Tobel et al.,&amp;nbsp;&amp;nbsp;&amp;nbsp;2014)</p> <p>Regulatory example using the KE:Measurement of glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP) in brain tissue, whose increase is a marker of astrocyte reactivity, is required by the US EPA in roden</p> |
| "KE 195"   | "Inhibition, NMDARs"                    | <p>"</p> <p>Methods that have been previously reviewed and approved by a recognized authority should be included in the Overview section above.</p> <p>All other methods, including those well established in the published literature, should be described here.</p> <p>Consider the following criteria when describing each method:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the assay fit for purpose?</li> <li>2. Is the assay directly or indirectly (i.e. a surrogate) related to a key event relevant to the final adverse effect in question?</li> <li>3. Is the assay repeatable?</li> <li>4. Is the assay reproducible?</li> </ol> <p>No OECD methods are available to measure the activation state of NMDA receptors.</p> <p>The measurement of the activation or the inhibition of NMDA receptors is done indirectly by recording the individual ion channels that are selective to Na+, K+ and Ca+2 by the patch clamp t</p> <p>The whole-cell patch clamp recording techniques have also been used to study synaptically-evoked NMDA receptor-mediated excitatory or inhibitory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs and IPSCs, resp</p> <p>Microelectrode array (MEA) recordings are used to measure electrical activity in cultured neurons in response to NMDA receptor activation or inactivation (Keefer et al., 2001, Gramowski et</p>  |
| "KE 201"   | "Binding of antagonist, NMDA receptors" | <p>"Methods that have been previously reviewed and approved by a recognized authority should be included in the Overview section above. All other methods, including those well established in t</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ex vivo: The most common assay used is the NMDA receptor (MK801 site) radioligand competition binding assays (Reynolds, 2001; Gao et al., 2013; <a href="http://pdsp.med.unc.edu/UNC-CH%20Protocol%20">http://pdsp.med.unc.edu/UNC-CH%20Protocol%</a></li> <li>2. In silico: The prediction of NMDA receptor targeting is achievable by combining database mining, molecular docking, structure-based pharmacophore searching, and chemical similarity search</li> </ol>   |
|            |   | <p>"In laboratory animals: in rodents, a variety of tests of learning and memory have been used to probe the integrity of hippocampal function. These include tests of spatial learning like the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) RAM, Barnes, MWM are examples of spatial tasks, animals are required to learn the location of a food reward (RAM); an escape hole to enter a preferred dark tunnel from a brightly lit open</li> <li>2) Novel Object recognition. This is a simpler task that can be used to probe recognition memory. Two objects are presented to animal in an open field on trial 1, and these are explored</li> </ol>  |

# Find AOPs and their MIEs from searching by CAS-RN.

By single CAS-RN: 107-18-6:

| CAS        | ChemicalName    | AOPwebpage  | AdverseOutcomePathwayName                             | MIEwebpage  | MolecularInitiatingEventName |
|------------|-----------------|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/258">http://identifiers.org/aop/258</a> | "Renal protein alkylation leading to kidney toxicity" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244</a> | "Alkylation, Protein"        |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/38">http://identifiers.org/aop/38</a>   | "Protein Alkylation leading to Liver Fibrosis"        | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244</a> | "Alkylation, Protein"        |

By list of CAS-RN: 107-18-6, 103-90-2, 83-79-4 (no limit)

| CAS        | ChemicalName    | AOPwebpage  | AdverseOutcomePathwayName  | MIEwebpage  | MolecularInitiatingEventName                           |
|------------|-----------------|---|--|---|--|
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/258">http://identifiers.org/aop/258</a> | "Renal protein alkylation leading to kidney toxicity"  | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244</a>   | "Alkylation, Protein"                                  |
| "103-90-2" | "Acetaminophen" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/260">http://identifiers.org/aop/260</a> | "CYP2E1 activation and formation of protein adducts leading to neurodegeneration"                          | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/1508">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/1508</a> | "CYP2E1 Activation"                                    |
| "103-90-2" | "Acetaminophen" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/260">http://identifiers.org/aop/260</a> | "CYP2E1 activation and formation of protein adducts leading to neurodegeneration"                          | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/1509">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/1509</a> | "Protein Adduct Formation"                             |
| "83-79-4"  | "Rotenone"      | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/3">http://identifiers.org/aop/3</a>     | "Inhibition of the mitochondrial complex I of nigro-striatal neurons leads to parkinsonian motor deficits" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/888">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/888</a>   | "Binding of inhibitor, NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase" |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/38">http://identifiers.org/aop/38</a>   | "Protein Alkylation leading to Liver Fibrosis"   | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/244</a>   | "Alkylation, Protein"                                  |

# Get chemical identifiers for a certain chemical

For CAS-RN 107-18-6,  
external identifiers for ChEBI,  
HMDB, ChemSpider, etc.

| CAS        | ChemicalName    | MatchingIDs   |
|------------|-----------------|---|
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chebi/16605">https://identifiers.org/chebi/16605</a>                                   |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:16605">https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:16605</a>                       |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:2604">https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:2604</a>                         |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chembl.compound/CHEMBL234926">https://identifiers.org/chembl.compound/CHEMBL234926</a> |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chemspider/13872989">https://identifiers.org/chemspider/13872989</a>                   |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/hmdb/HMDB0031652">https://identifiers.org/hmdb/HMDB0031652</a>                         |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/hmdb/HMDB31652">https://identifiers.org/hmdb/HMDB31652</a>                             |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/wikidata/Q414553">https://identifiers.org/wikidata/Q414553</a>                         |

For CAS-RN 107-18-6, find identifiers for ChEBI

| CAS        | ChemicalName    | ChEBI         | MatchingIDs   |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|---|
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | "16605"       | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chebi/16605">https://identifiers.org/chebi/16605</a>             |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | "CHEBI:16605" | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:16605">https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:16605</a> |
| "107-18-6" | "Allyl alcohol" | "CHEBI:2604"  | <a href="https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:2604">https://identifiers.org/chebi/CHEBI:2604</a>   |

# Search AOPs by ChEBI Identifier

With one of the ChEBI IDs found earlier: CHEBI:16605

| <b>ChEBI</b> | <b>ChemicalName</b> | <b>AOPwebpage</b>   | <b>AdverseOutcomePathwayName</b>                      |
|--------------|---------------------|---|---|
| CHEBI:16605  | "Allyl alcohol"     | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/258">http://identifiers.org/aop/258</a> | "Renal protein alkylation leading to kidney toxicity" |
| CHEBI:16605  | "Allyl alcohol"     | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop/38">http://identifiers.org/aop/38</a>   | "Protein Alkylation leading to Liver Fibrosis"        |

# Linking all AOs and MIEs

Give me all Molecular Initiating Events that lead to a particular Adverse Outcome:  
Learning and memory impairment (KE ID 341)

| AOwebpage   | AdverseOutcomeName                | MIEwebpage  | MolecularInitiatingEventName   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/1487">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/1487</a> | "Binding, Thiol/seleno-proteins involved in protection against oxidative stress" |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/201">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/201</a>   | "Binding of antagonist, NMDA receptors"  |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/201">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/201</a>   | "Binding of antagonist, NMDA receptors"  |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/424">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/424</a>   | "Inhibition, Na+/I- symporter (NIS)"   |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/875">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/875</a>   | "Binding of agonist, Ionotropic glutamate receptors"                             |

Give me all Adverse Outcomes that can be the result of a particular Molecular Initiating Event: AhR activation (KE ID 18)

| MIEwebpage  | MolecularInitiatingEventName | AOwebpage   | AdverseOutcomeName                     |
|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/18">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/18</a> | "Activation, AhR"            | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/369">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/369</a> | "Uroporphyrin"                         |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/18">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/18</a> | "Activation, AhR"            | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/455">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/455</a> | "Accumulation, Liver lipid"            |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/18">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/18</a> | "Activation, AhR"            | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/947">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/947</a> | "Increase, Early Life Stage Mortality" |



# Get chemicals that could lead to a particular Key Event.

In this case, for the Adverse Outcome: Learning and memory impairment

Also possible for any MIE or intermediate KE

| <b>KEwebpage</b>  | <b>KeyEventName</b>               | <b>Stressor</b>   | <b>ChemicalName</b>           |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/59">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/59</a>   | "Lead"                        |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/59">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/59</a>   | "Lead"                        |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/336">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/336</a> | "Acrylamide"                  |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/40">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/40</a>   | "Methylmercuric(II) chloride" |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/381">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/381</a> | "Mercury chloride"            |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/21">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/21</a>   | "L-Domoic acid"               |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/68">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/68</a>   | "Thiocyanate"                 |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/66">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/66</a>   | "Perchlorate"                 |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/219">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/219</a> | "Econazole"                   |
| <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341">http://identifiers.org/aop.events/341</a> | "Impairment, Learning and memory" | <a href="http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/67">http://identifiers.org/aop.stressor/67</a>   | "Nitrate"                     |