

IDEA 'Expert' Workshop Pre- and prohaptens

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•Clinical data increasingly suggest that prehaptens, including those used as fragrance raw materials, play a significant role as cause of contact allergy.

•Prohaptens can be handled in the same way as other haptens.

•There is indication that the majority of oxidative transformations happen outside the human body (abiotic reactions). Oxidative transformations in human skin have been studied only for a few compounds.

•The analytical confirmation of postulated pathways for hapten formation via pre/prohapten is facing significant challenges in that the species in question prove highly reactive and form unknown byproducts.

•The modelling of metabolic pathways via QSAR/SAR, while still in its infancy, shows potential but requires further confirmation across a wider range of chemicals.

 Promising methods for tracking prohapten metabolism include cutaneous CYPs cocktail, transporter assay systems and HRMAS NMR in reconstructed human epidermis (RHE) as demonstrated with cinnamyI-OH and eugenol/isoeugenol and their esters.



Thank you for your attention

