



# A Connectivity Mapping (CMap) Based Assessment of BHT for Endocrine Disruption (ED)

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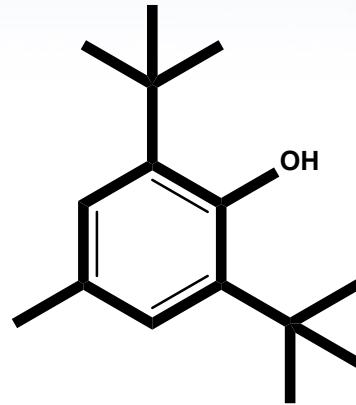


**Human Safety**  
Ensuring Safe Products

# Agenda

- Perceived Safety of BHT
- Connectivity Map (CMap)
- Connectivity Analysis of BHT
- SAR Analysis of BHT
- Conclusions

# Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT)



BHT is listed as a CORAP substance with Endocrine Disruption in Human as one of the concerns. These concerns are based on:

- Comparisons made to BHA
- Borderline thyroid effects seen at high doses in one species
- Other in vitro results from mostly academic labs

# BHT CMap Study

**5 doses of BHT**

**4 cell lines**

**Run in triplicate**

$$5 \times 4 \times 3 = 60$$

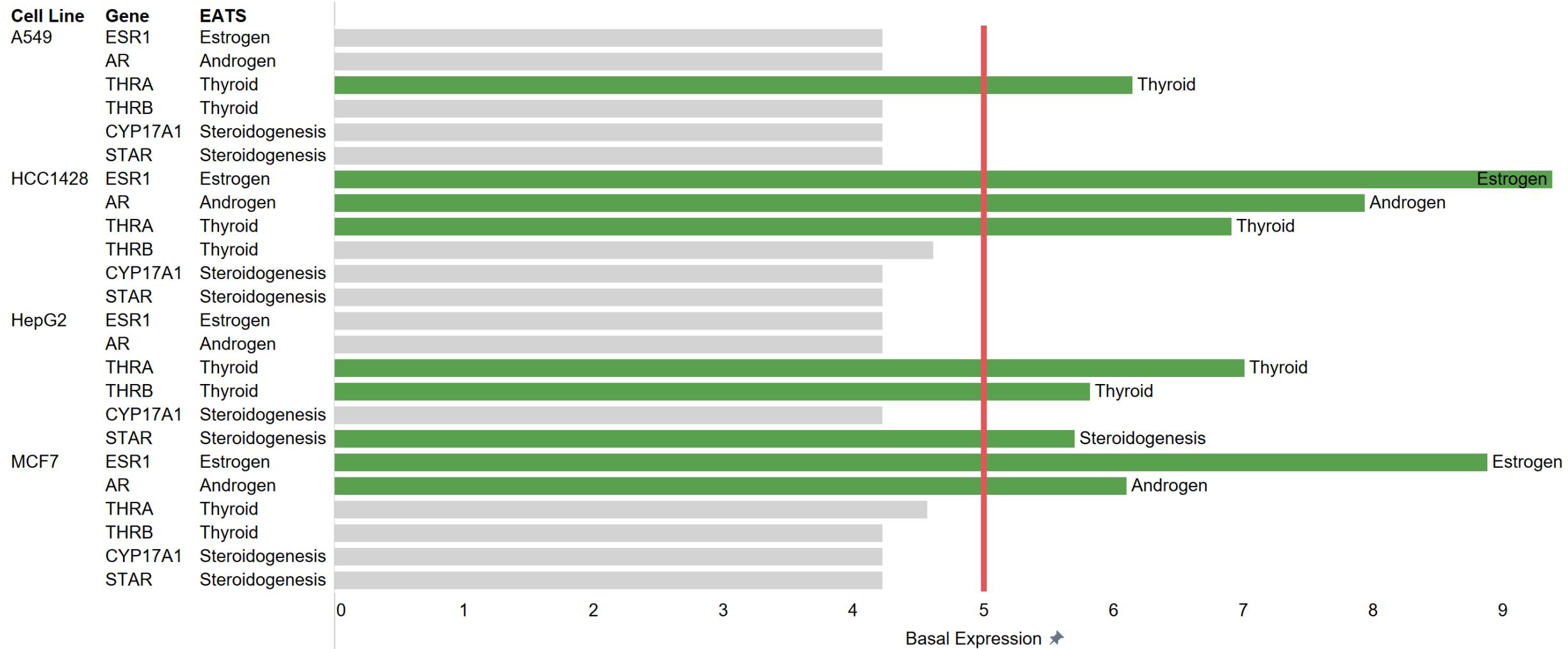
**60 samples**

# EATS

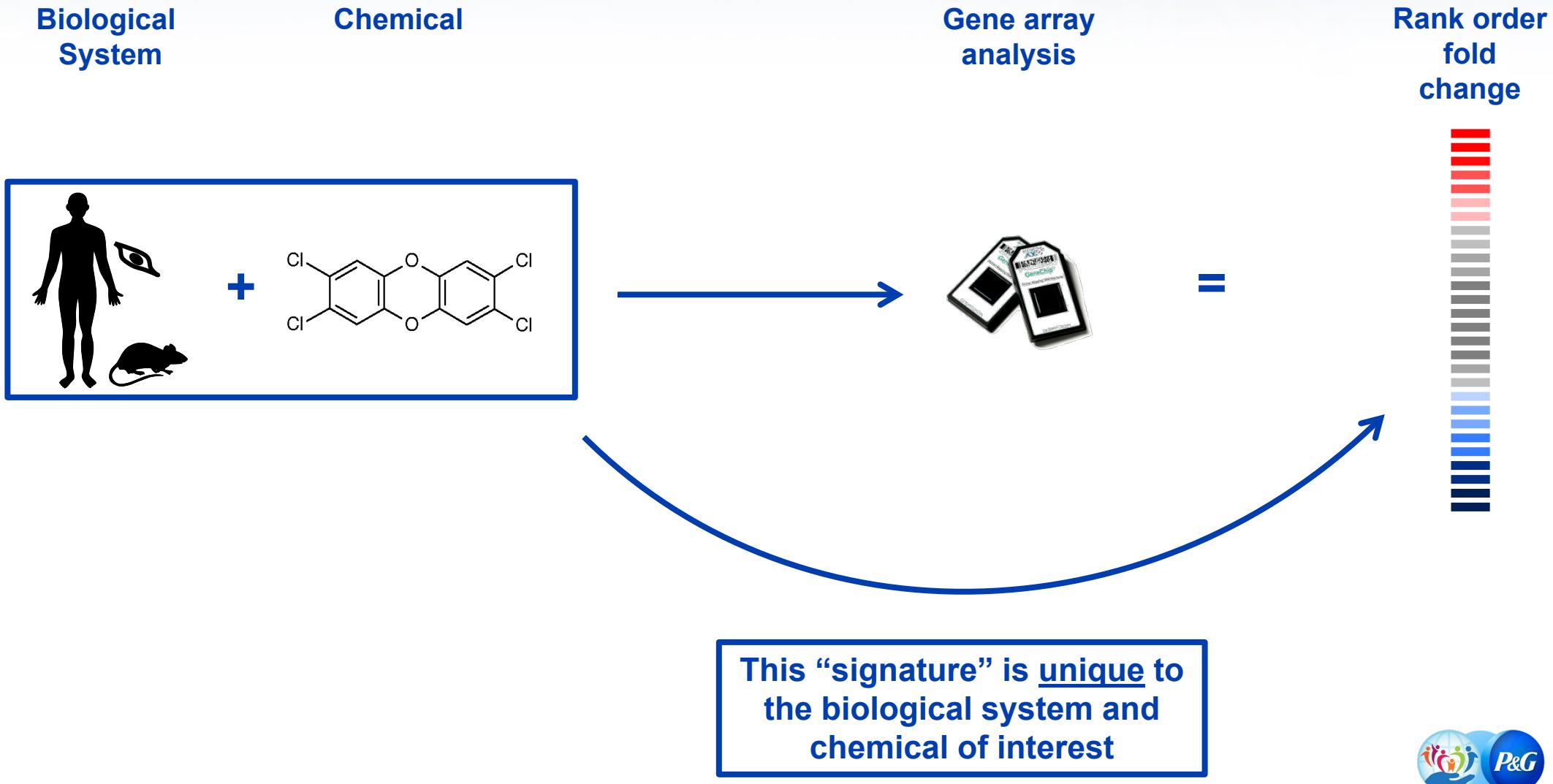
- Estrogenic
- Androgenic
- Thyroidal
- Steroidogenic



# EATS Expression in 4 Cell lines



# The Concept of a Biological Signature



# CMap Signature

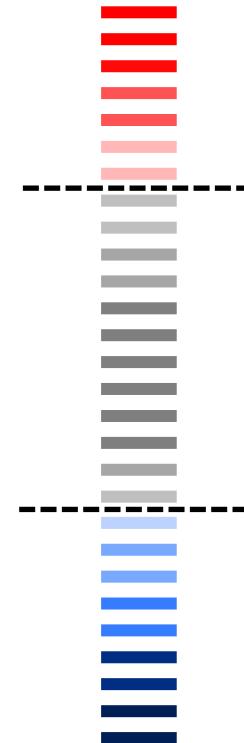
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differential  
gene  
expression



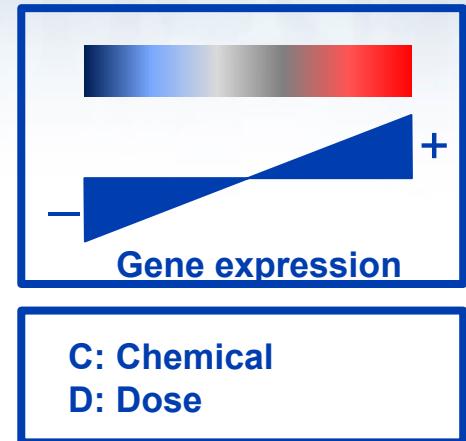
C1D1  
rank ordered  
by  
fold change



C1D1  
define  
CMap  
signature

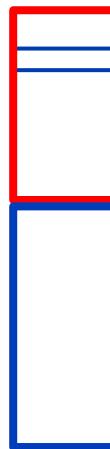


CMap signature  
for C1D1

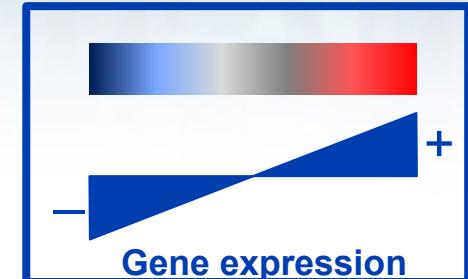


# CMap Signature

C1D1  
CMap  
Signature



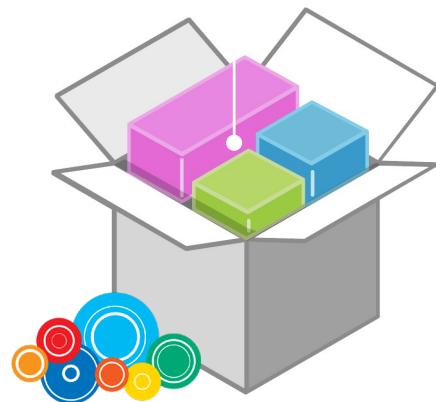
C2D2  
rank ordered  
by  
fold change



C: Chemical  
D: Dose

**Ask the question:**  
At what positions are genes from  
C1D1 CMap signature present in  
C2D2 list of rank ordered genes  
**Give a CMap Score between**  
**-100 and +100**

# Broad Institute Next Generation CMap



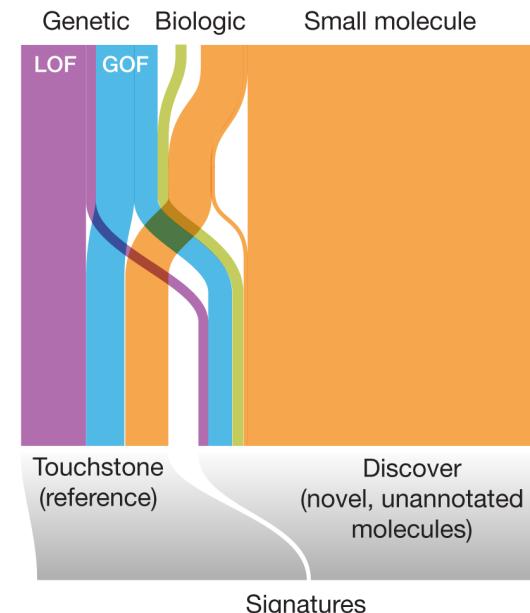
ConnectivityMap

L1000

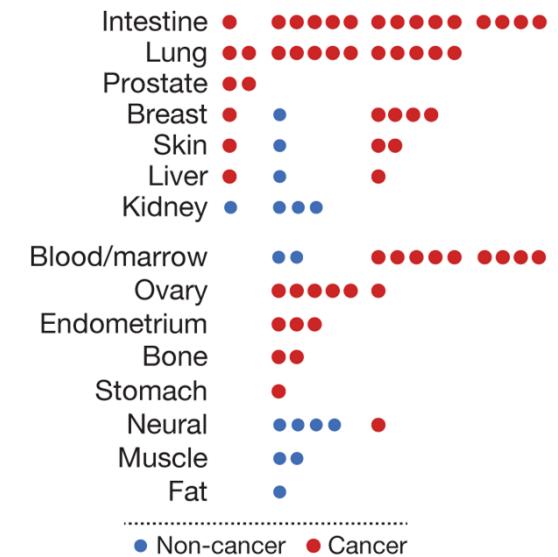
Pattern-  
recognition  
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2.2M profiles

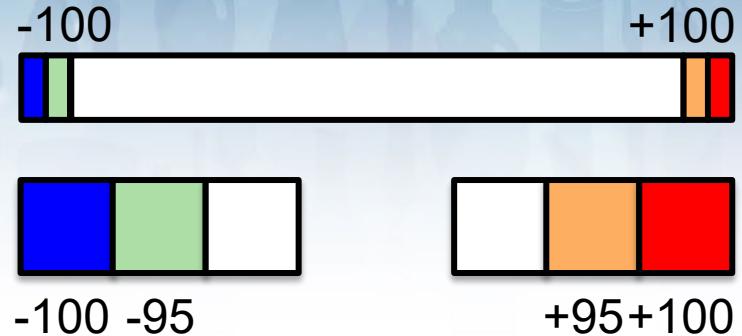
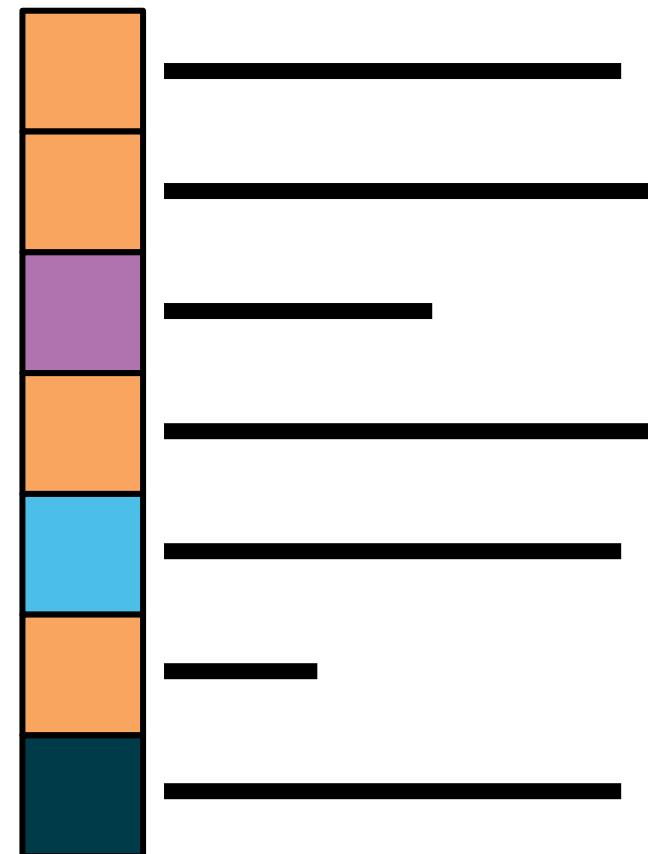
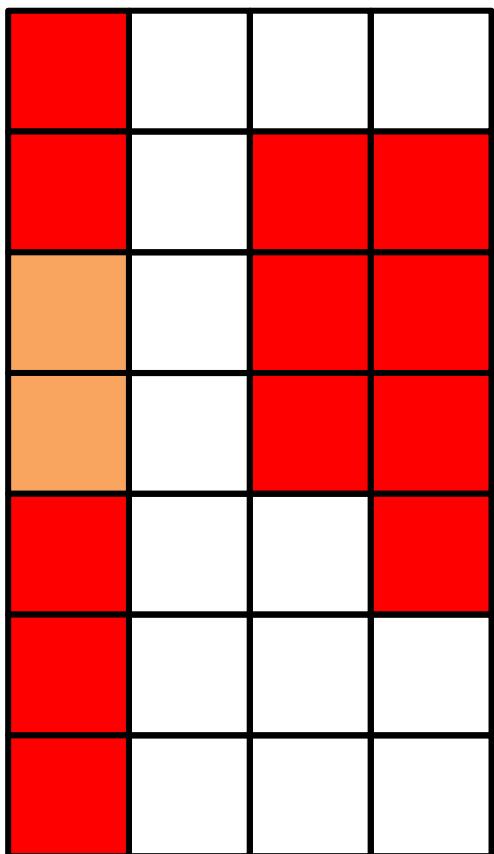
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perturbagens



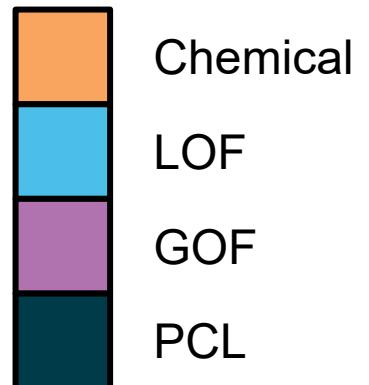
80 Cell lines

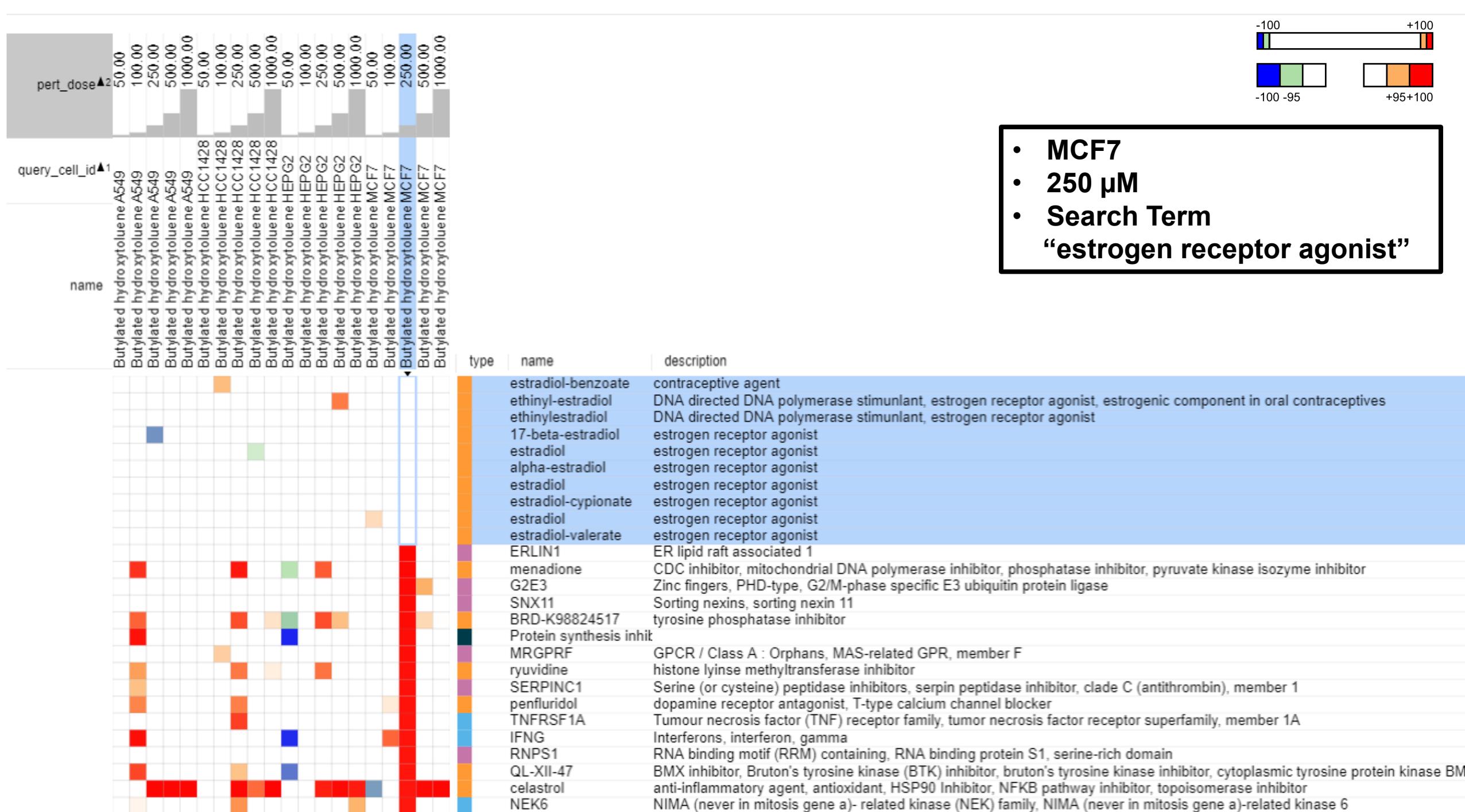


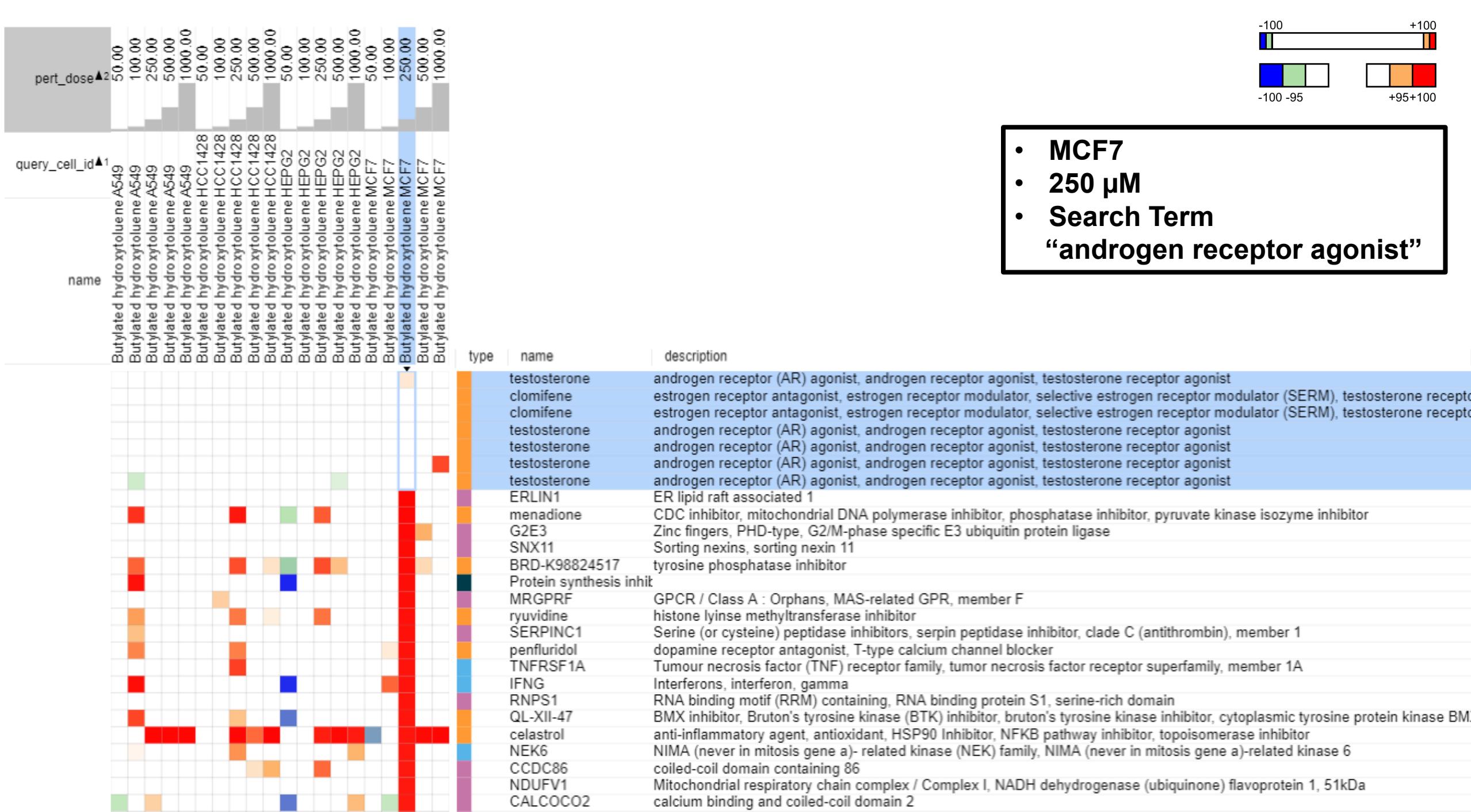
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D1	D2	D1	D2
MCF7	MCF7	MCF7	MCF7

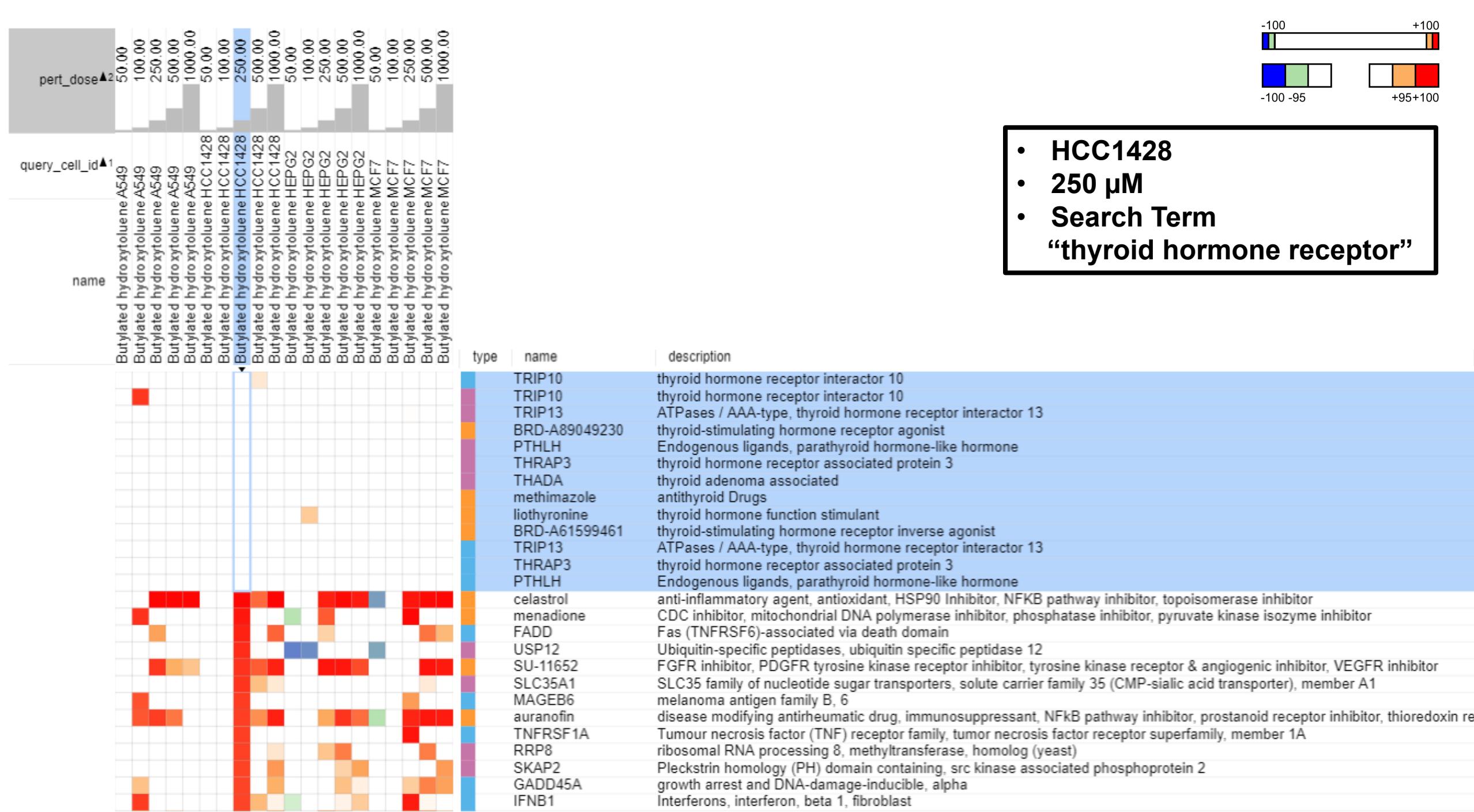


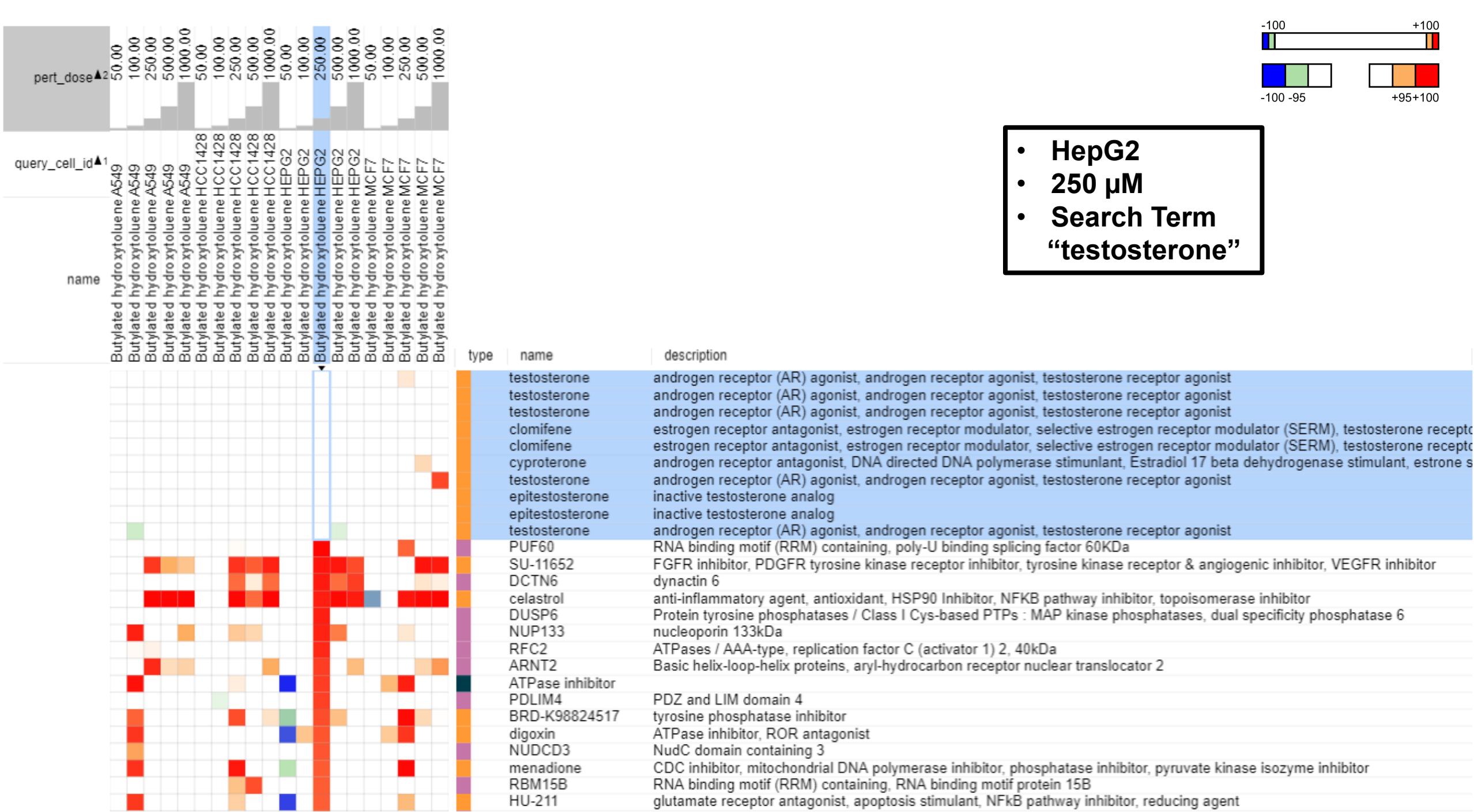
C: Chemical  
D: Dose

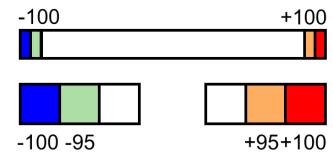




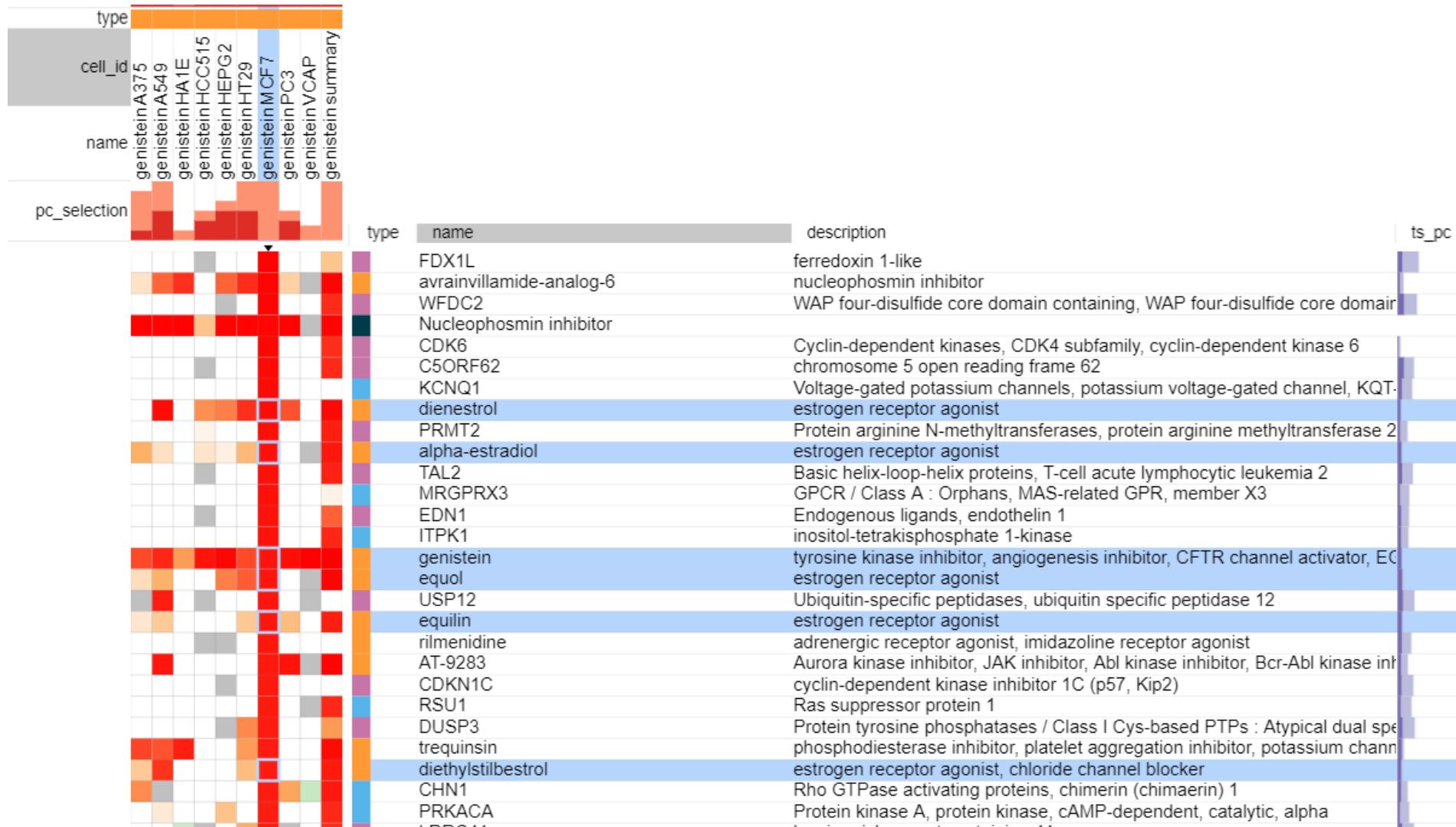


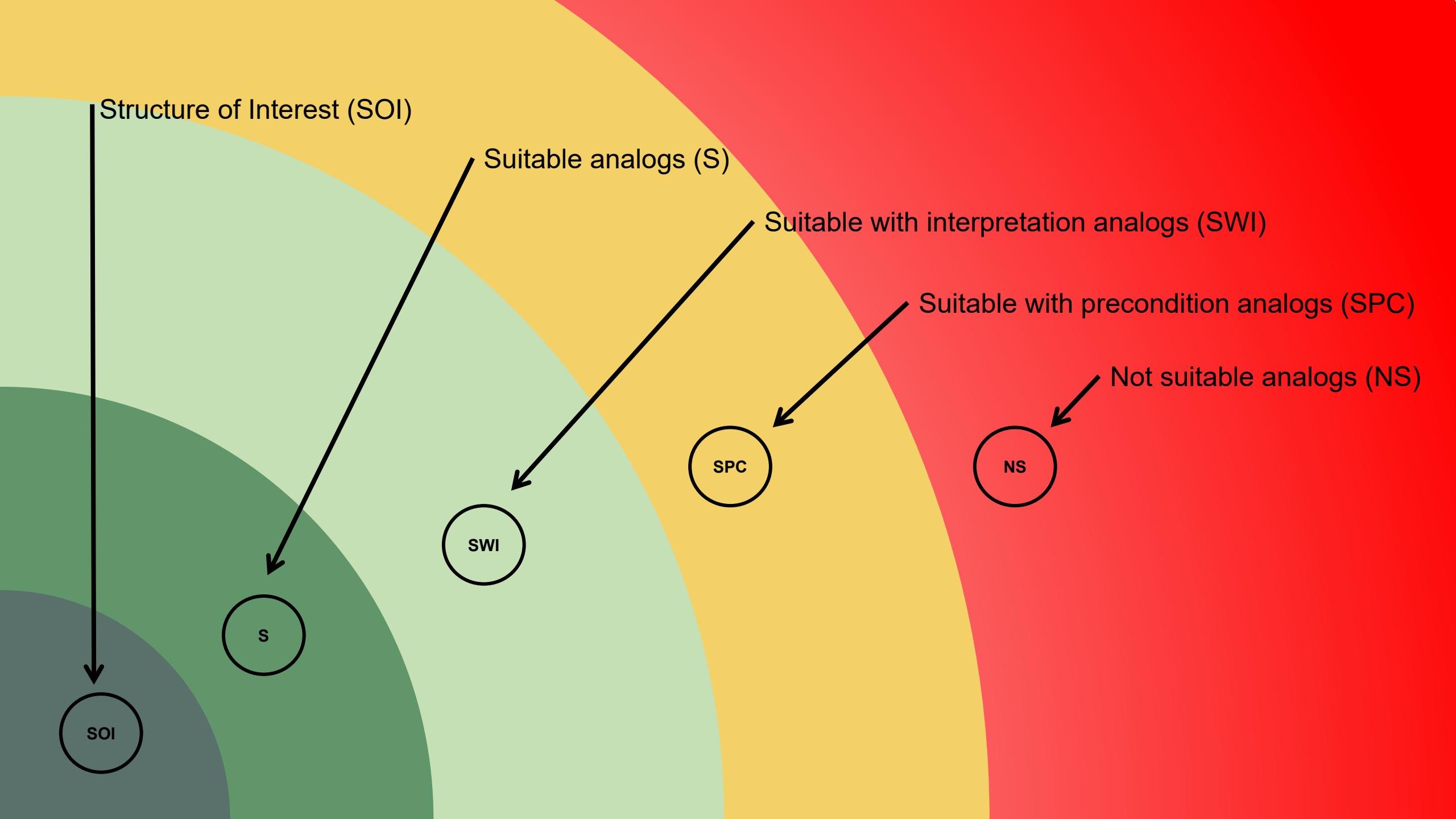


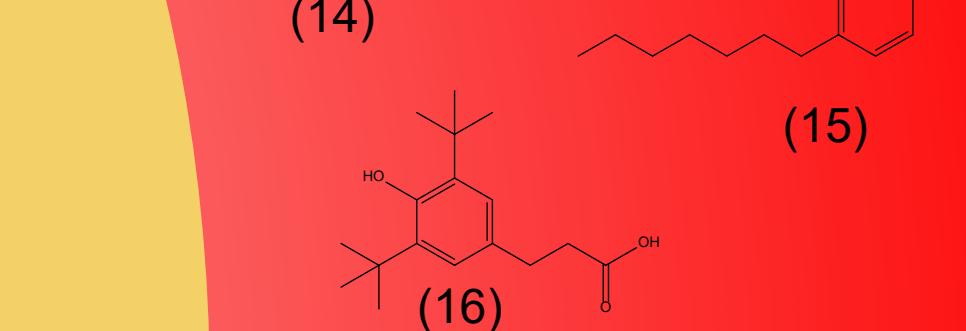
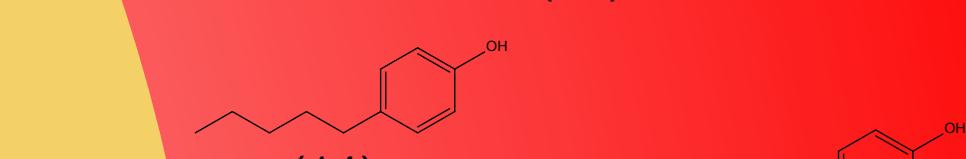
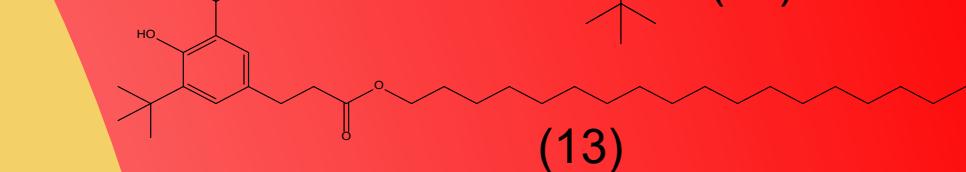
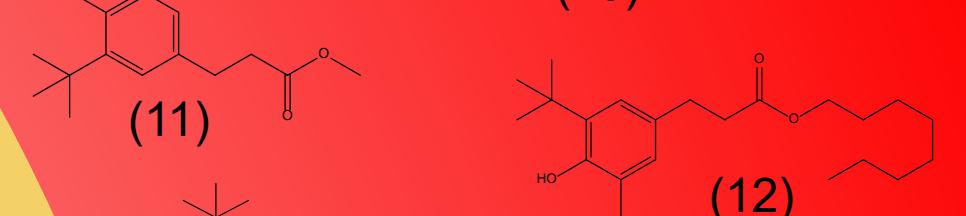
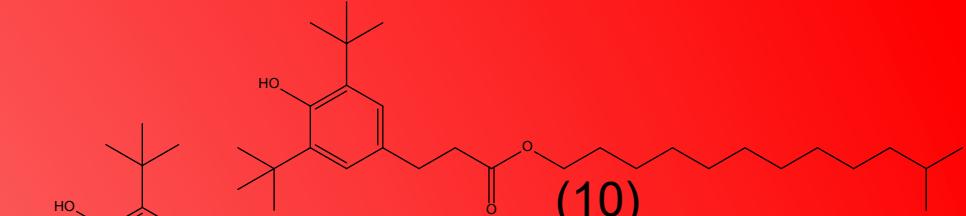
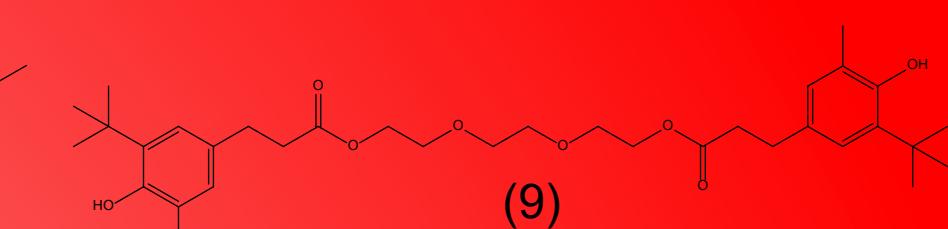
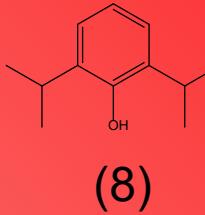
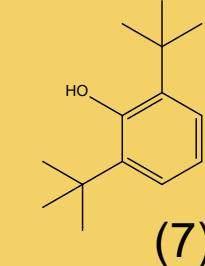
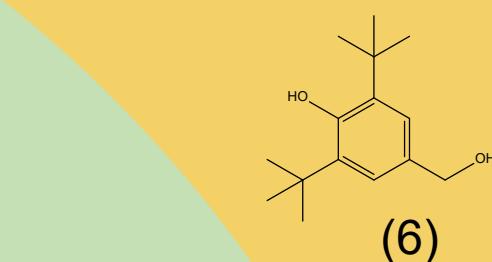
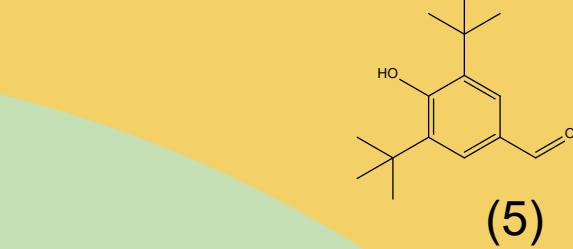
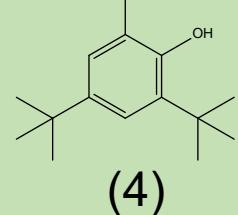
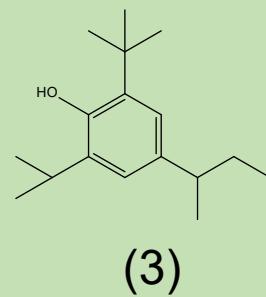
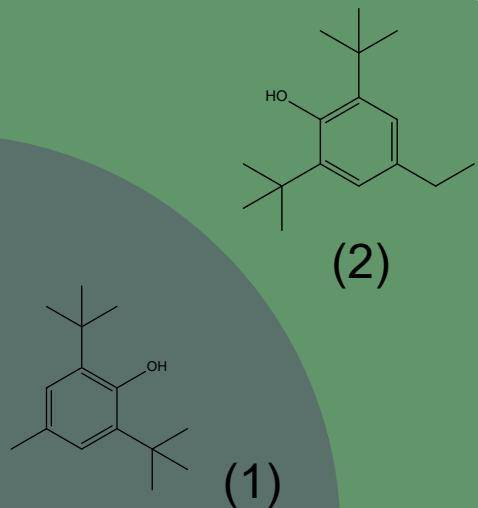




## CMap Database search for Genistein

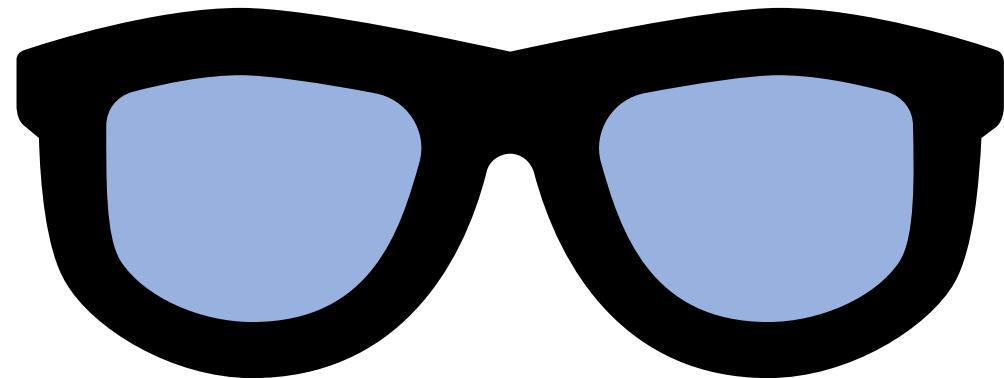






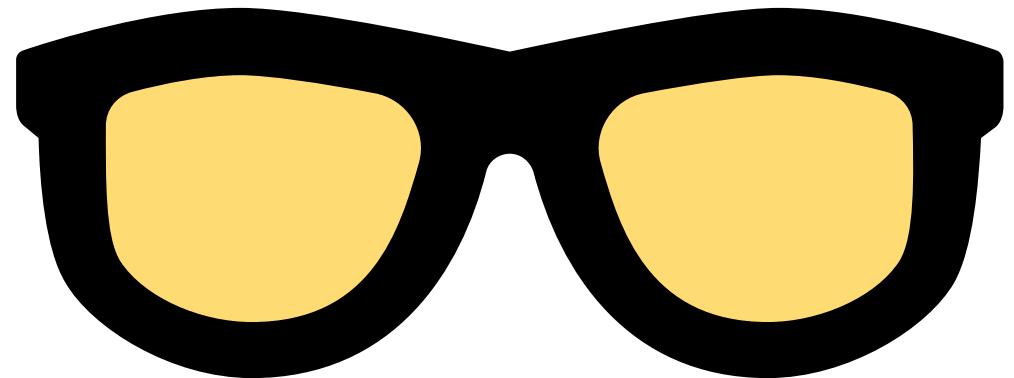
# Chemistry

(structural similarity)



# Biology

(functional similarity)



Do they align?

# BHT CMap Study

**16 chemicals**

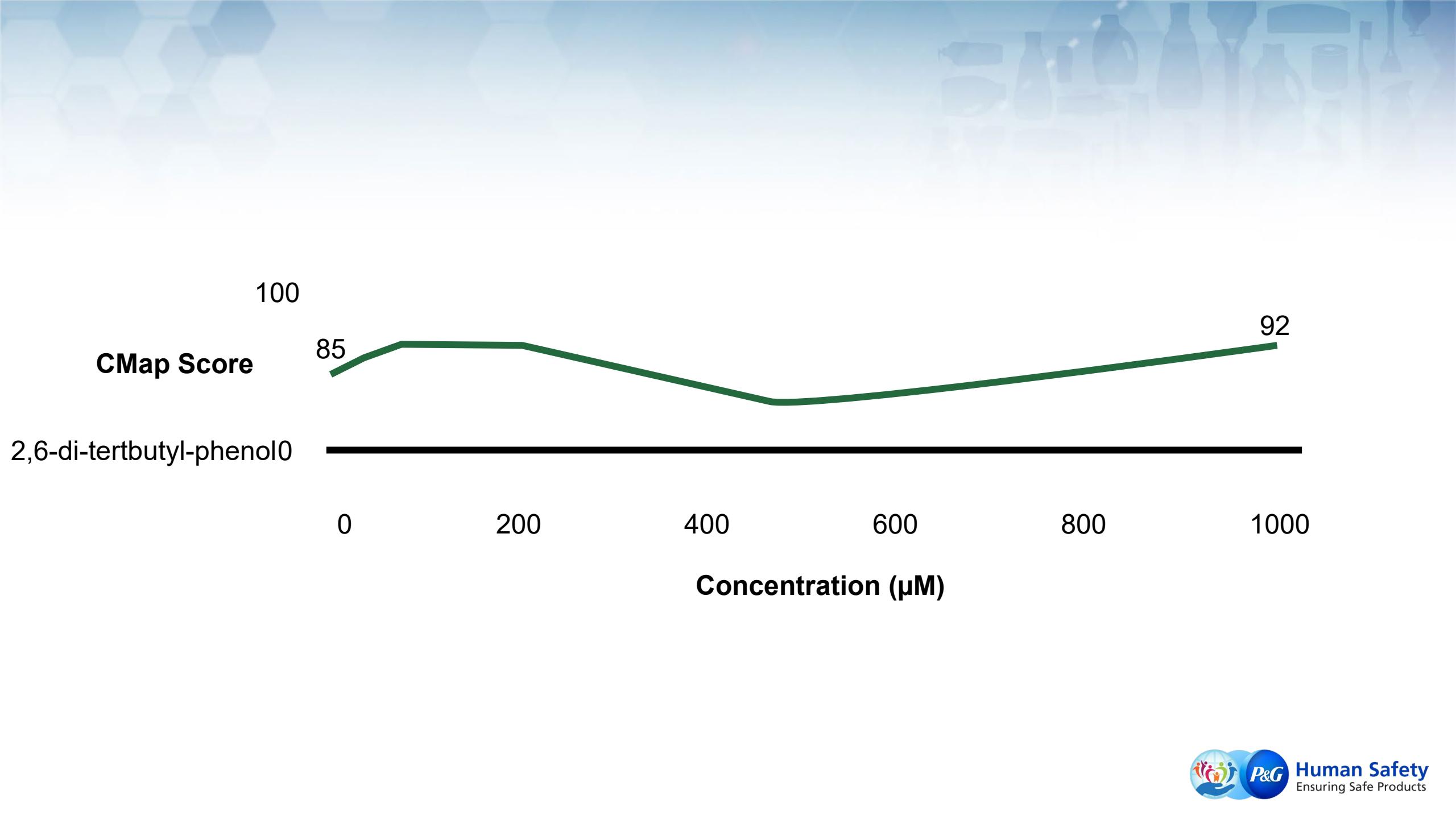
**5 doses per chemical**

**4 cell lines**

**Run in triplicate**

$$16 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 = 960$$

**960 samples**



### Chemical Name

Butylated hydroxytoluene



2,6-Di-tert-butyl-4-ethylphenol

4-sec-Butyl-2,6-di-tert-butylphenol

4,6-Di-tert-butyl-o-cresol

3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzalde...

2,6-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxymethylph...

2,6-Di-tert-butylphenol

### Chemical Name

2,6-Diisopropylphenol

Triethylene glycol bis[3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionate]

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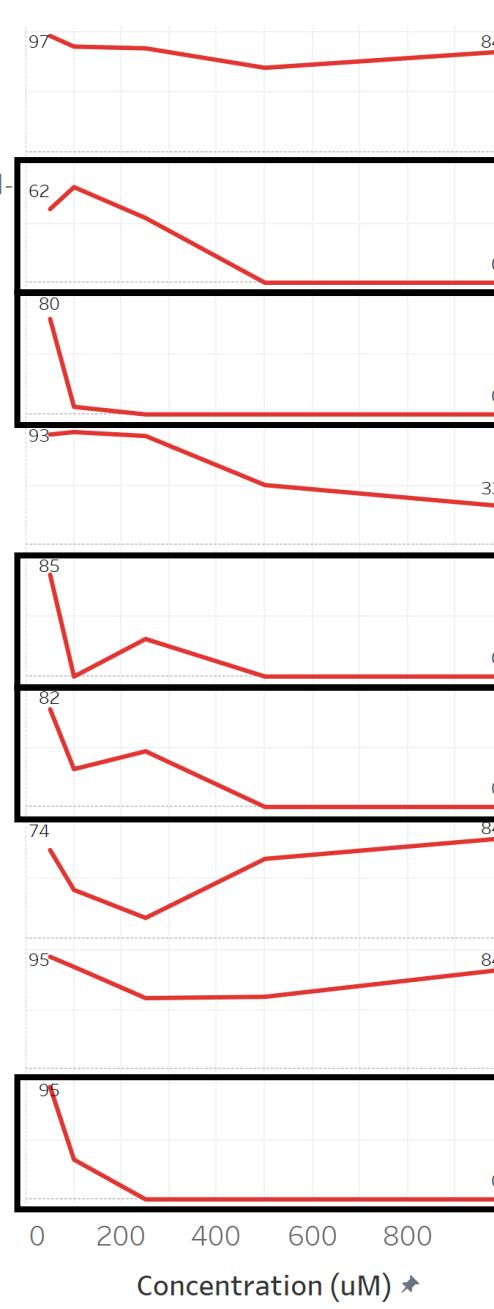
Benzene propanoic acid, 3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxy-, C7-9-branched alkyl esters

Octadecyl 3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate

4-Pentylphenol

p-Heptylphenol

3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenylpropionic acid



SOI  
S  
SWI  
SPC  
NS



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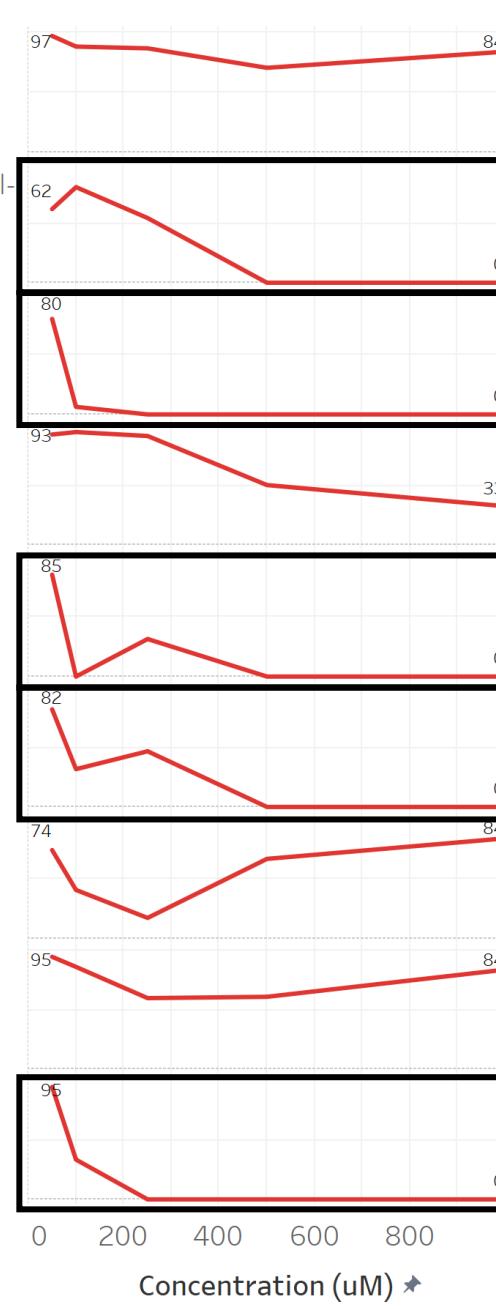
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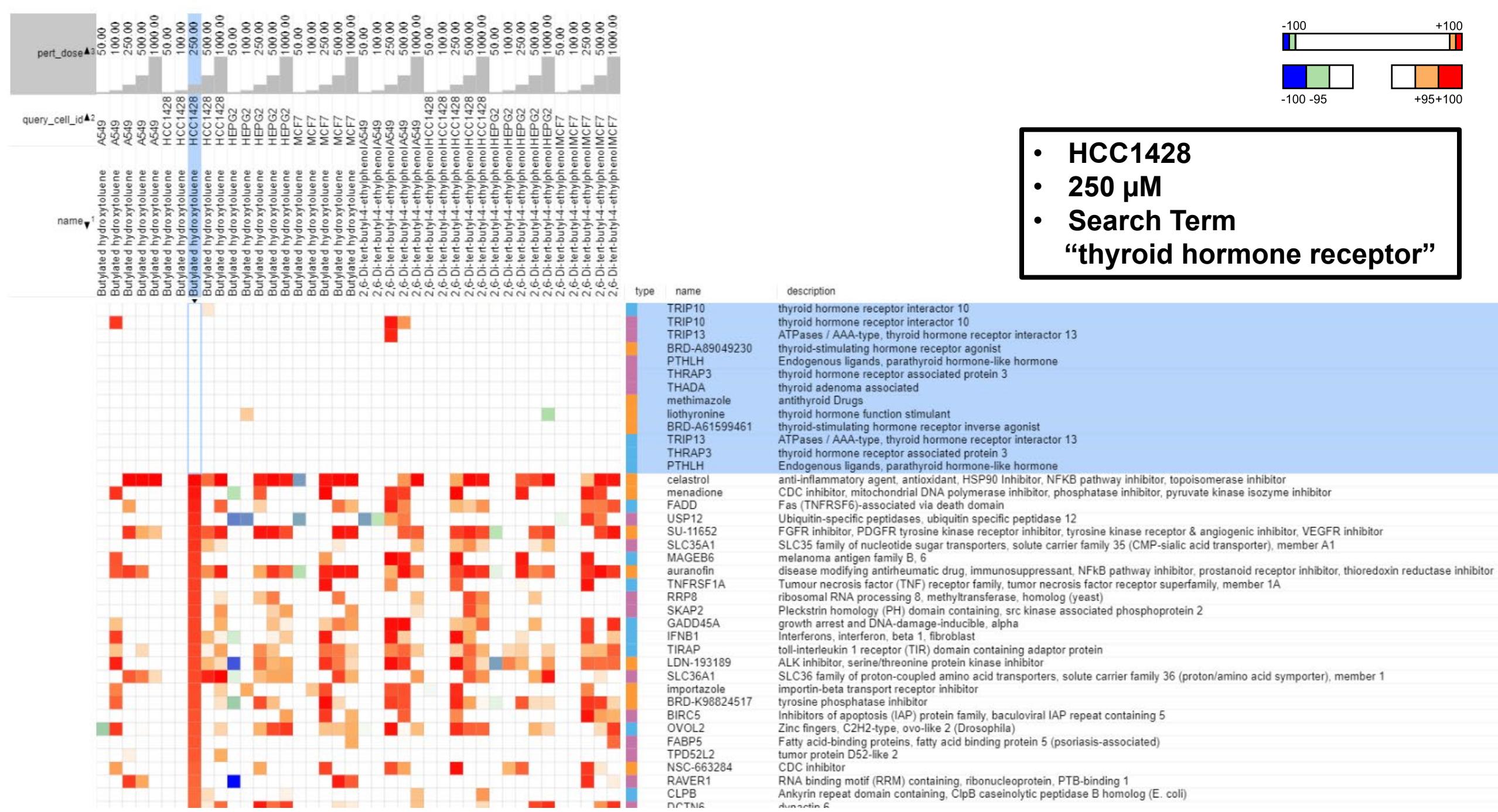
SOI

S

SWI

SPC

NS



# Conclusions

- BHT does not show positive connections to endocrine related
  - Pathways
  - Compoundsin EATS cell lines
- Structural analogs of BHT (S, SWI, SPC) show functional connections (CMap connections) to BHT

**SCCS Opinion on BHT** “Neither the *in silico* nor *in vitro* data give indication of endocrine disrupting properties of BHT”

- Level 1: Non-test information, *in silico*, read across, *in chemico*,
- Level 2: *In vitro* studies
- Level 3-5: *In vivo* assays
- Help further interpret *in vivo* result

# CMap Publications

## Grouping 34 Chemicals Based on Mode of Action Using Connectivity Mapping

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## Use of connectivity mapping to support read across: A deeper dive using data from 186 chemicals, 19 cell lines and 2 case studies

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## A New Approach Methodology (NAM) Based Assessment of Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) for Endocrine Disruption Potential

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## Procter & Gamble uses non-animal tools to test suspected EDC

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Results indicate absence of endocrine activity for Corap substance BHT

United States | Personal care | Chemical industry | EDCs | Alternatives to testing

An industry study based on the 'next generation risk assessment' (NGRA) concept has found no evidence of endocrine disruption for widely used antioxidant butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).

Developed in 2020 by the cosmetics industry, NGRA is an exposure-led approach based on new approach methodologies (NAMs), such as *in vitro* tests, that aims to be 'human relevant' and 'hypothesis driven'. The conclusions drawn by the study authors, therefore, challenge the traditional belief that NAMs are generally of limited regulatory use for endocrine disruption, which is a notoriously complex hazard endpoint.



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