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# AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT (ACSA)

## Systemic Toxicity Task Force

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# Systemic Toxicity Basic Principles

- Suite of studies designed to cover range of human exposure durations
- Indicators (trigger effects) in the basic studies which, if negative, give a high level of confidence of no relevant adverse effects
- Second tier studies to more precisely quantify such effects, if relevant for risk assessment



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# 28-day study in rat

- ADME
- Clinical chemistry and hematology
- Triggers for neurotoxicity, immunotoxicity, endocrine effects
- Histopathology
- 14-day recovery group



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## Using the Tiered Approach - Neurotoxicity

- Evidence of neurotoxicity from FOB, motor activity, pathology
  - Tier 1 very similar to current neurotoxicity protocols
- and***
- Low margin of exposure
- then***
- Design appropriate study to get more information on effect and dose response



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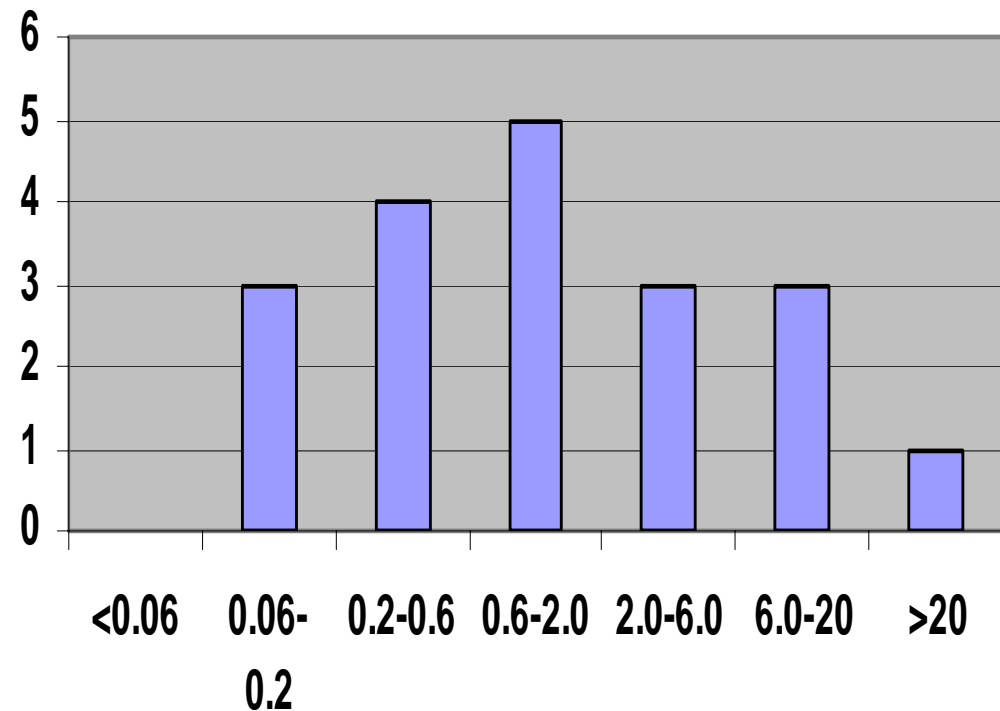
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## Is the dog necessary?

- More sensitive species assumed to be relevant
- Distribution of relative sensitivities
- Dog more sensitive c.35% cases
- Need to include the dog

Ratio of NOELs for Rat 90day v Dog 90day





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## 90-day dog study

Repeated ADME evaluation (e.g., on day 1, weeks 4 and 13)

- Repeated Clinical Chemistry and Haematology (e.g., pre-study, weeks 4 and 13)
- Physiological evaluation (e.g., cardiovascular, respiratory)
- Dermal dosing for ADME (during preliminary study for dose-setting)



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## One-day human exposure

- No new study required if
  - in-life observations on day 1 in dog 90-day study from key effects
- OR**
  - adequate MoE from 28-day rat and 90-day dog
- Otherwise
  - refine exposure assessment
  - consider need for acute study in rat or dog





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## Exposure over 6 months

- 12-month study in rat as an interim kill in 24-month carcinogenicity study
- 24-month study for carcinogenicity and for elderly life stage
- Mouse study shown to add no significant extra data apart from high dose liver tumours, usually discounted
- Compounds should be shown to be not genotoxic



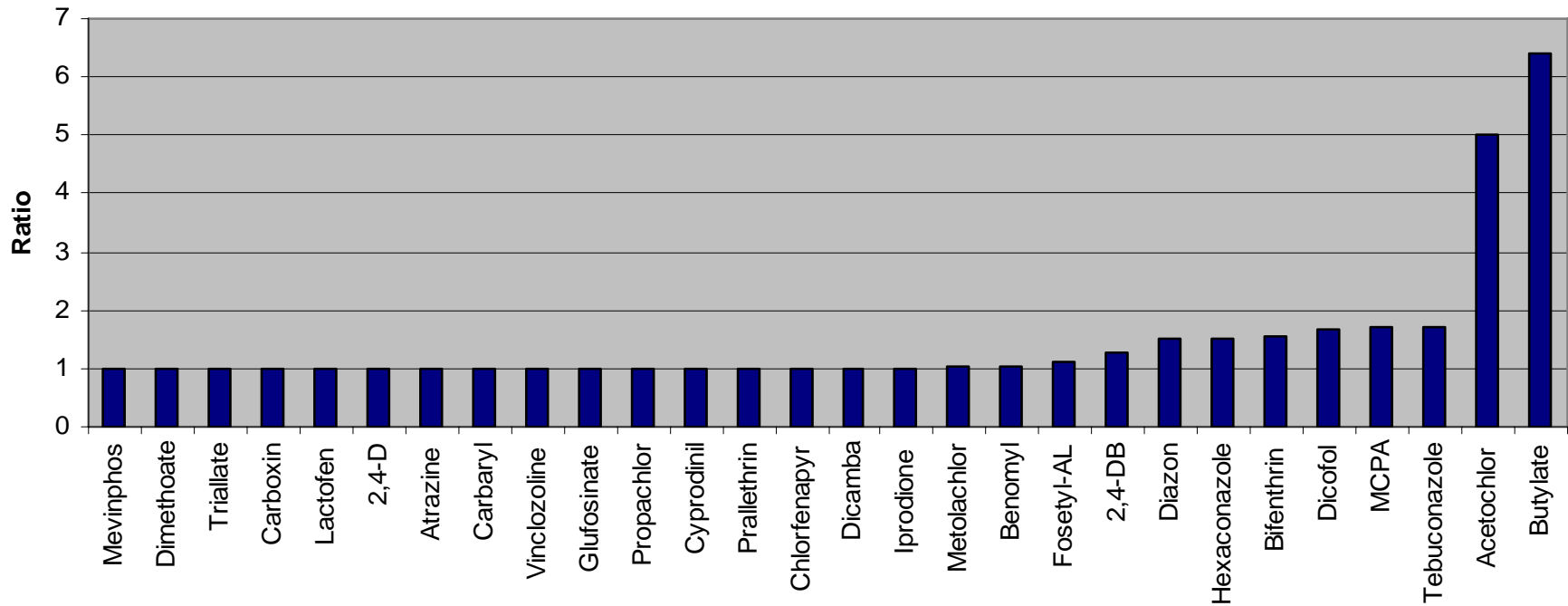
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# Is the 12-month dog study necessary?

**Ratio of Lowest NOAELS with and without 1 Year Dog**





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## Route to Route

- Understanding of “internal dose” built in to all studies from ADME
- Dermal and inhalation absorption studies
- Dermal and inhalation local toxicity studies
- Repeat dose dermal toxicity studies have dosimetric and welfare concerns



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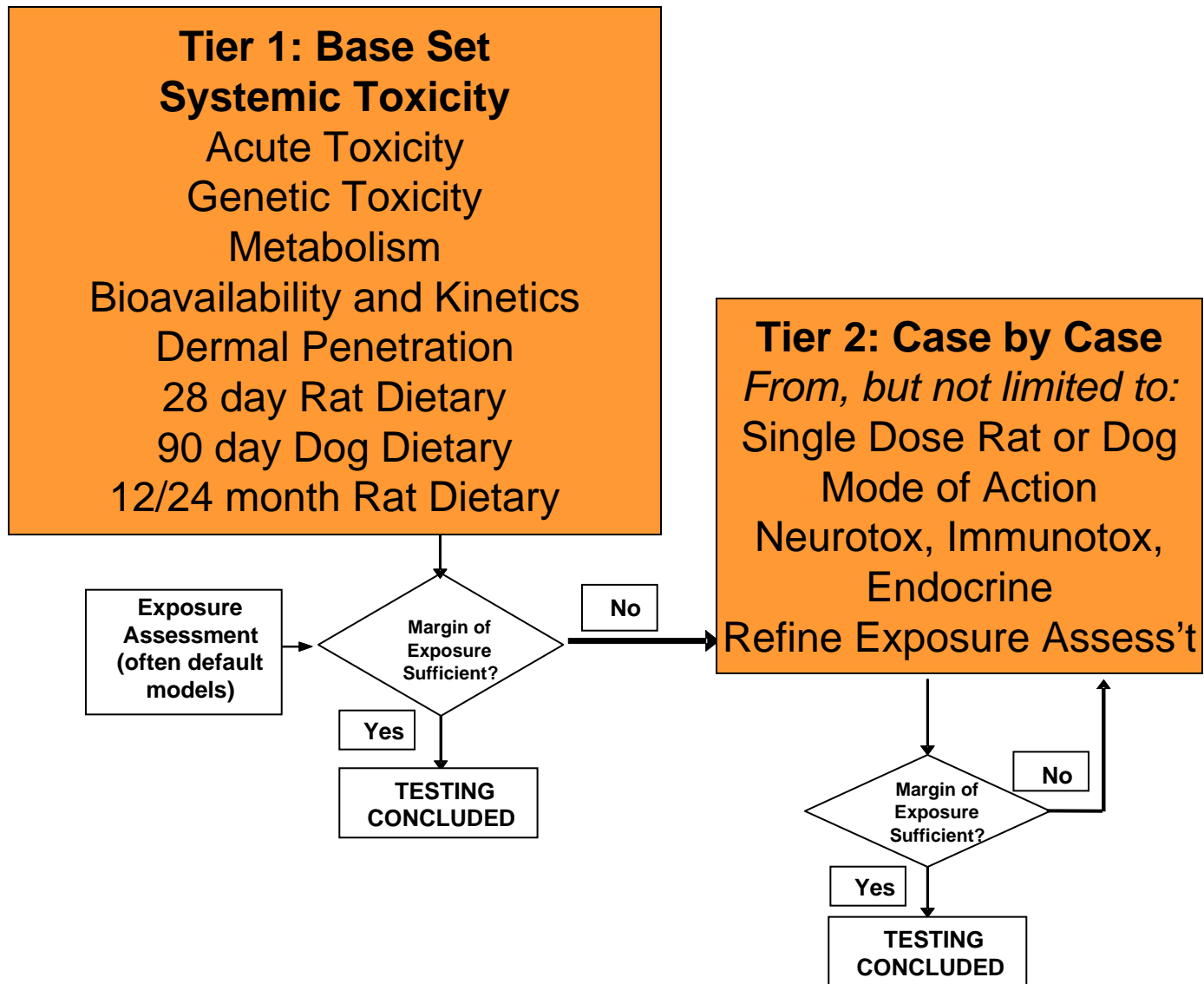




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## Comparison of Number of Animals Required for Systemic Toxicity

<b>Animals</b>	<b>Current paradigm</b>	<b>New paradigm</b>
<b>rats</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>mice</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>dogs</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1272</b>	<b>768</b>

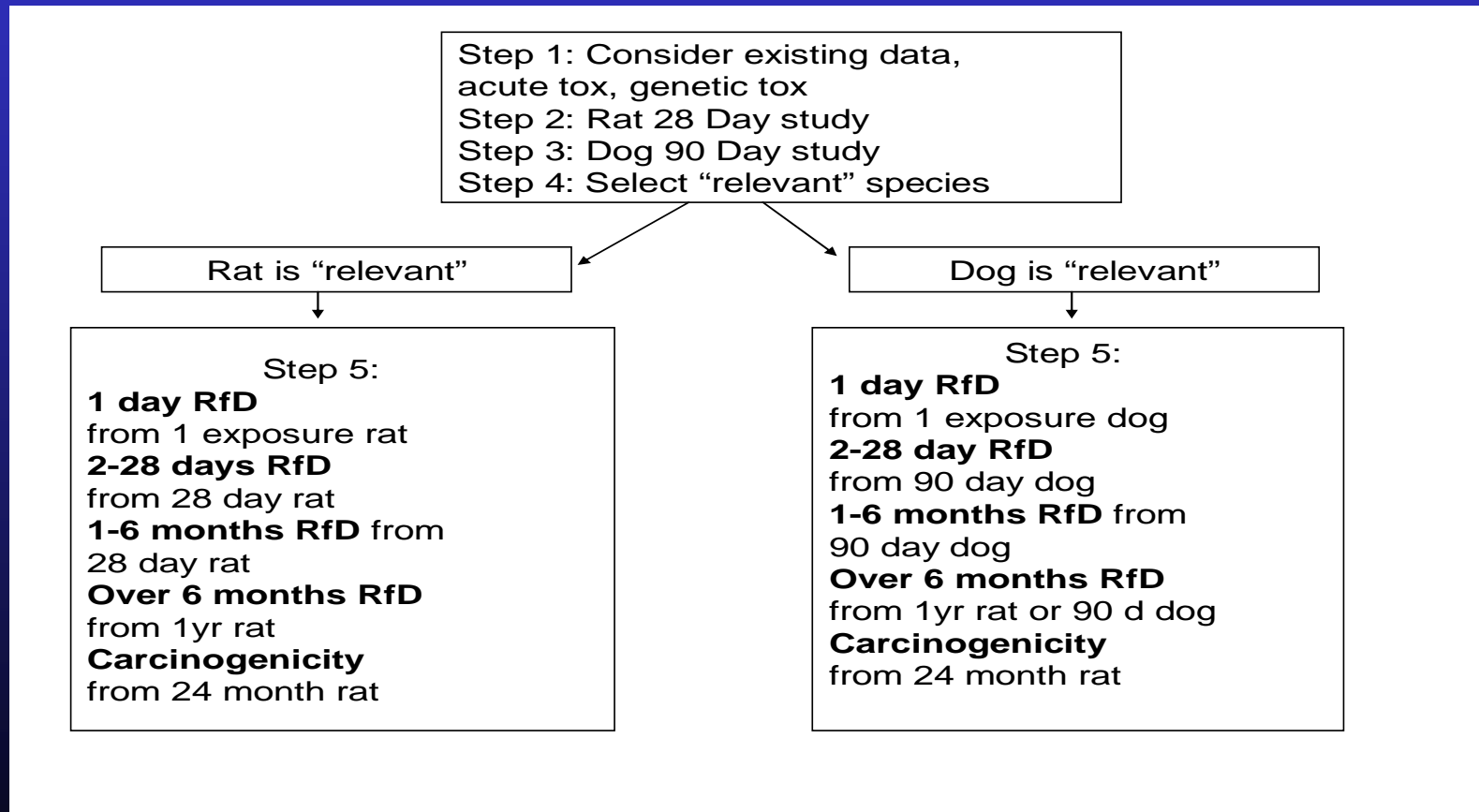


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## Stepwise approach





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## What is the output of the safety assessment?

- A qualitative and quantitative characterisation of the hazard potential of the compound
- A series of Reference Doses
  - 1-day exposure
    - 28-day rat or 90-day dog or 1-day rat or dog
  - 2-28 days exposure
    - 28-day rat or 90-day dog
  - 1-6 months exposure
    - 90-day dog or 28-day rat
  - Over 6 months exposure
    - 24-month rat or 90-day dog
- Assessment of carcinogenicity
  - Genetic toxicity and 24-month rat



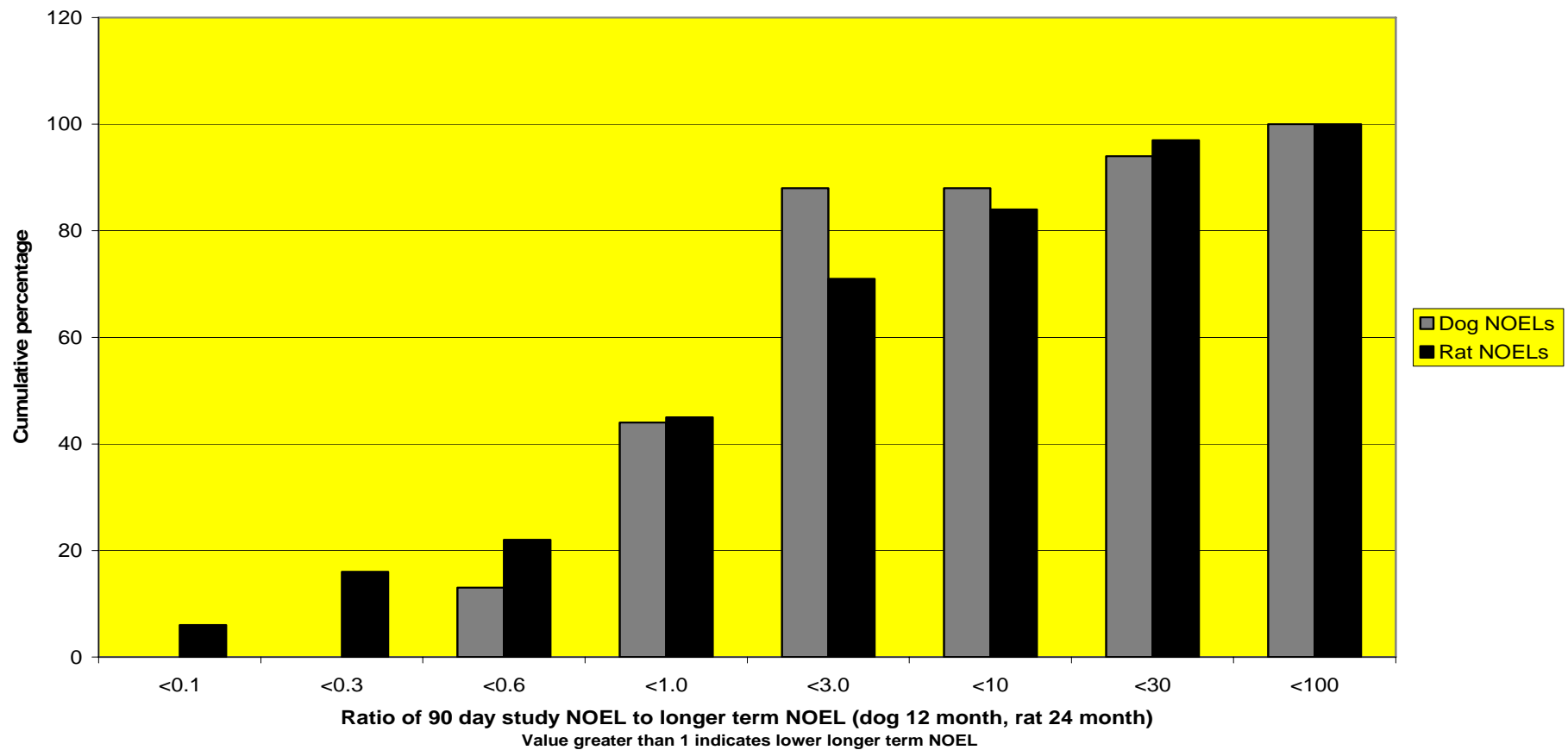
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## Why does the NOEL vary at different time points?

Comparison of ratios for 90 day studies in rats and dogs to longer term studies in the same species





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**Rozman and Doull\* identified the factors which underlie the toxicokinetics and toxicodynamics:**

## **Toxicokinetics**

- Absorption
- Elimination
- Distribution
- Biotransformation
- Excretion

## **Toxicodynamics**

- Injury
- Recovery
- Adaptation
- Repair
- Reversibility

\*Rozman, K.K. and Doull, J. (2000) Dose and time as a variable of toxicity. *Toxicology*: 144, 169-178



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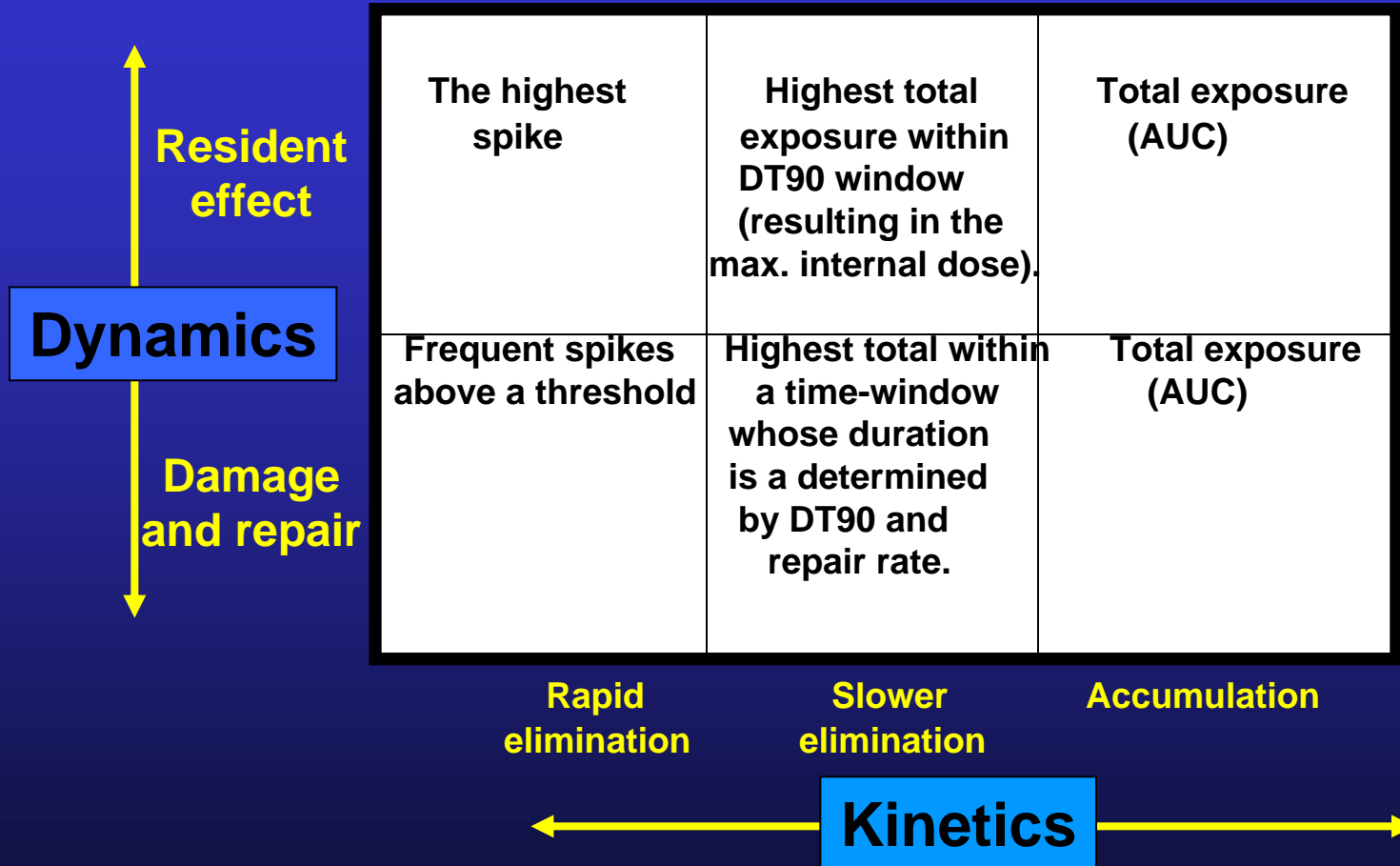
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What exposures are of greatest concern?



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**Operates for compounds across the matrix as the relationship between the RfDs will reflect their properties.**





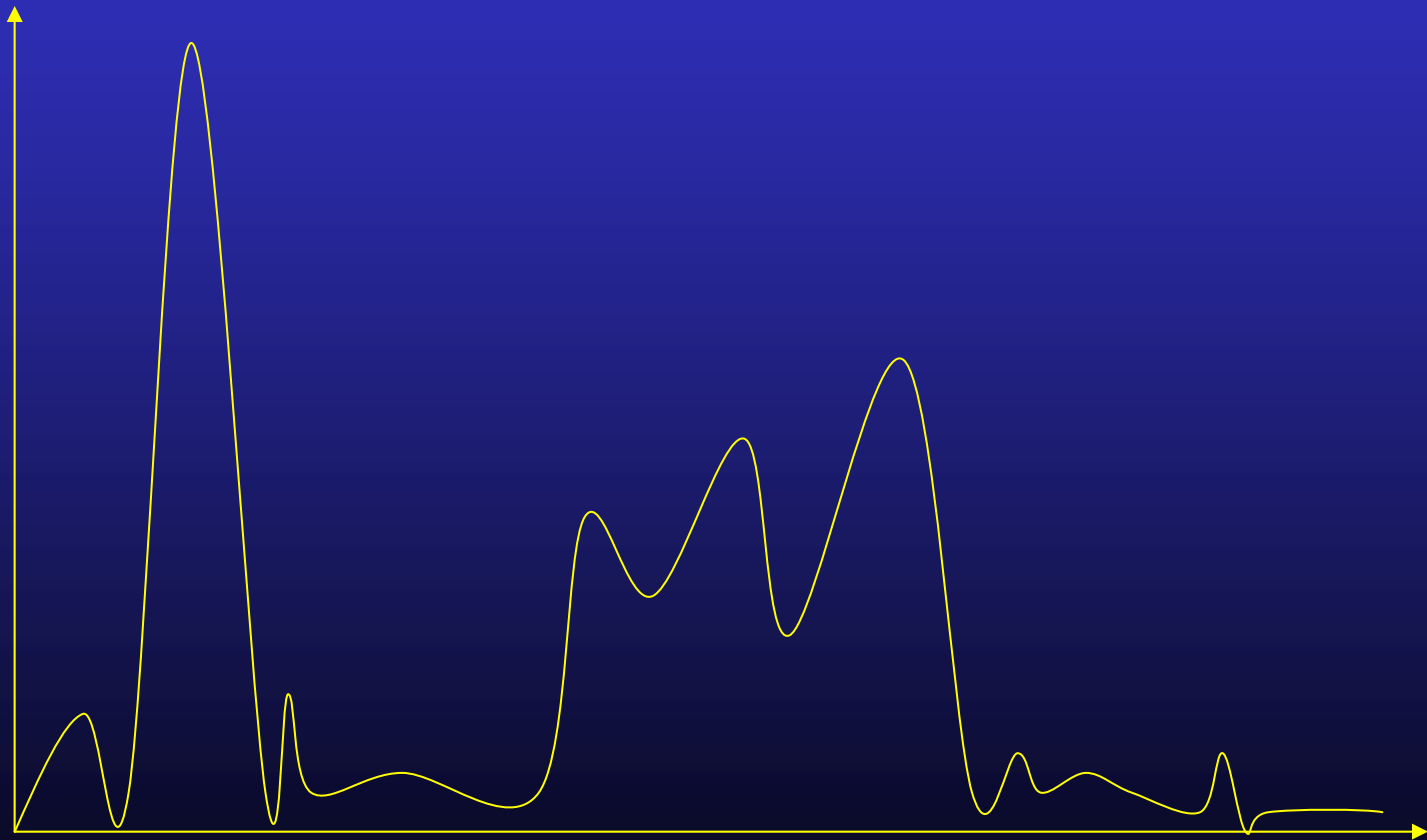
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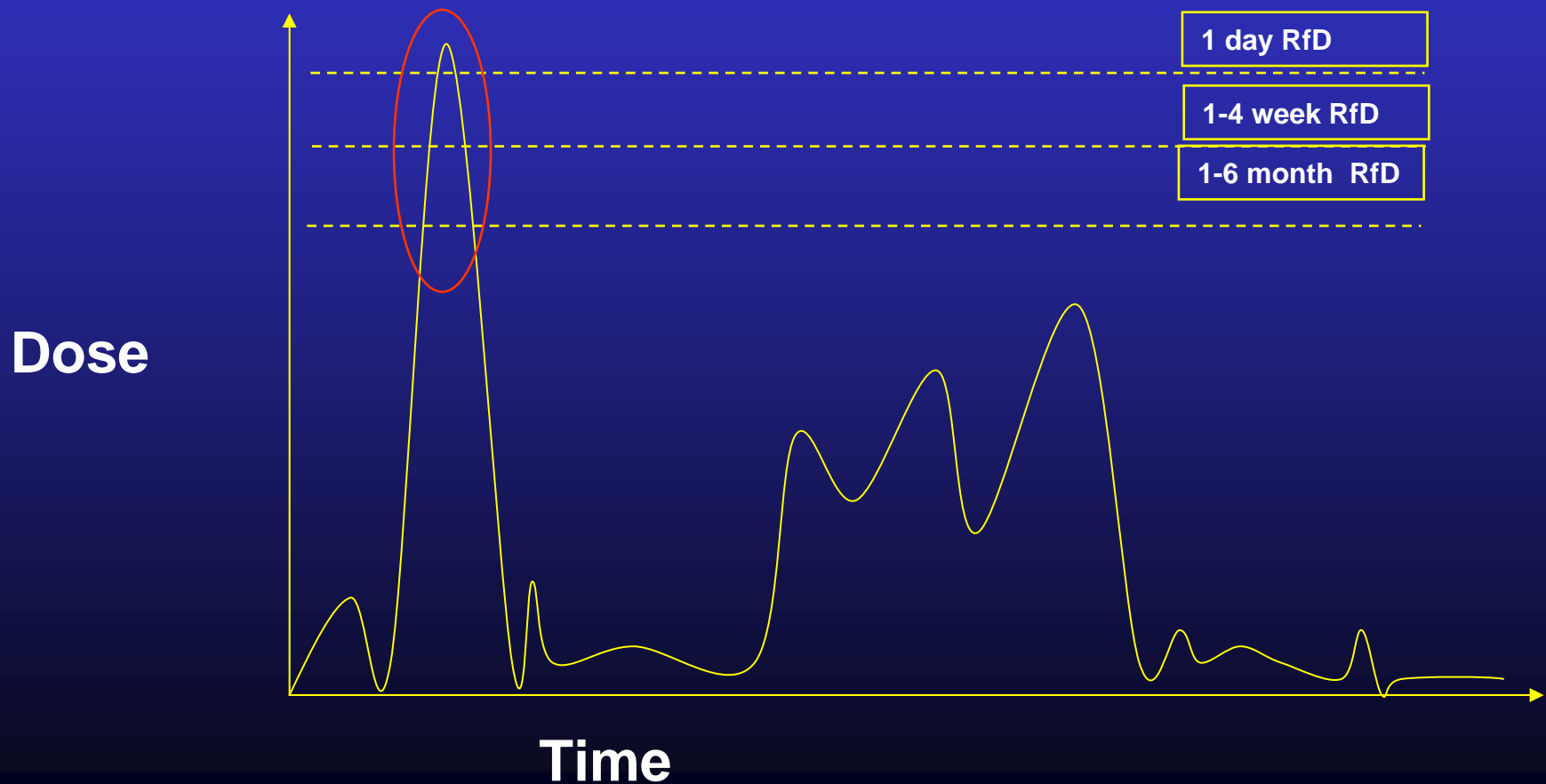


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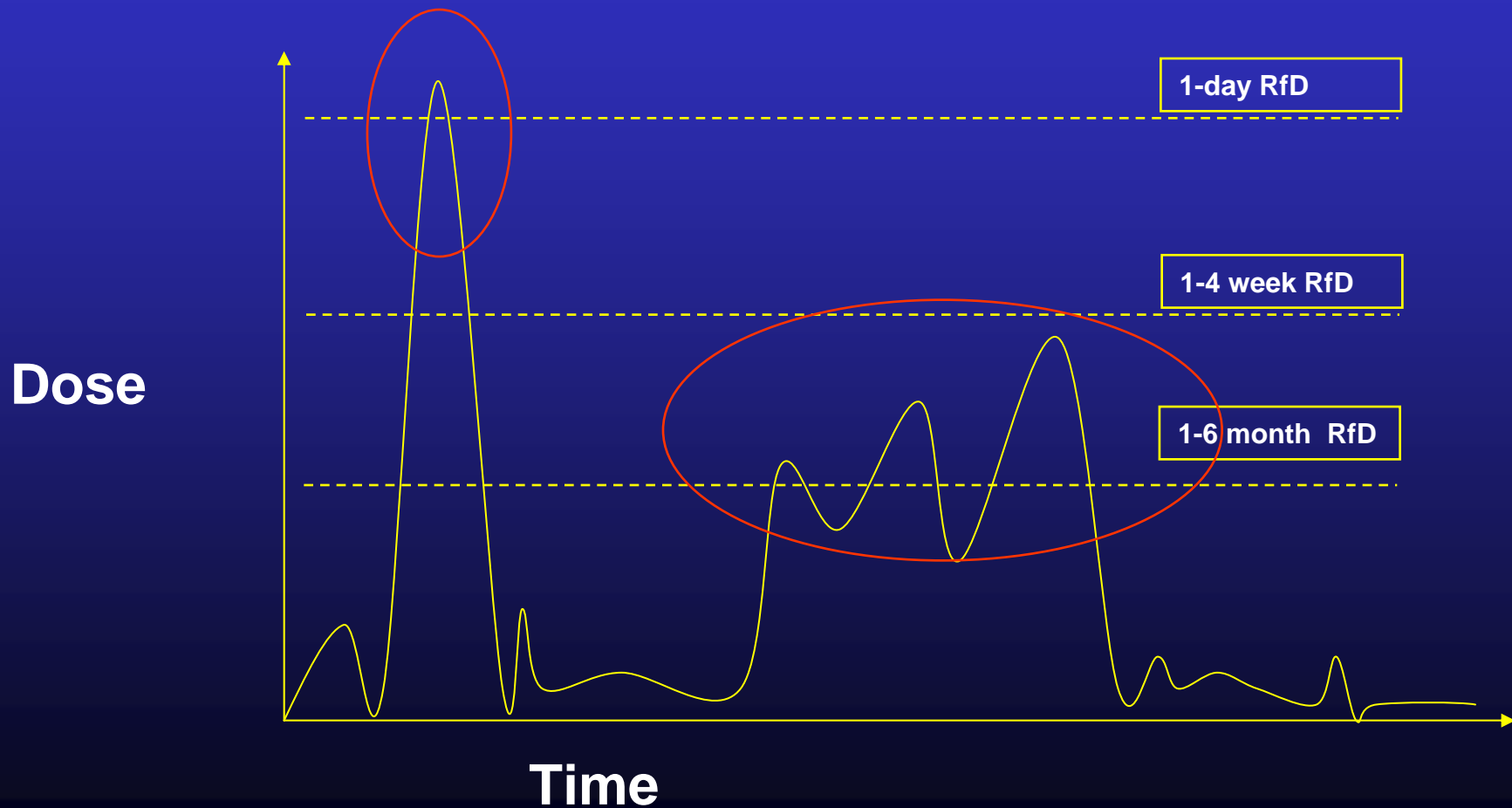


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- Reduced number of animals required
- Greater understanding of characteristics of chemical