

A photograph of a family walking away from the camera on a path covered in fallen leaves. A young girl in a pink sweater is in the center, holding hands with an adult in a white sweater on her right and another adult in blue jeans on her left. The background is a soft-focus park setting with trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves.

FOOD ALLERGY

The problem, the solutions and the SRP Food Allergy

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- › A potentially lethal condition
- › Among the most prevalent diseases in the western world, affecting patients and at least an estimated 4-fold of people in their environment
- › Health impact is higher than that posed by all known chemicals and microbes in food
- › Health impact exceeds, for example, that of skin cancer, Parkinson's disease or cardiac arrest, or is approximately the same as, for example, that of prostate cancer, asthma or rheumatoid arthritis
- › Loss of Quality of Life contributes strongly to the loss of health



No prevention or cure available, medication only to suppress effects

Ability by allergic consumers to avoid allergenic foods is of life importance...but this is hardly or not possible

› An enormous economic impact

➤ Public:

- TNO-UMCU study:
 - 4 hospital visits per 100 food allergic individuals per year
 - 0.6 hospitalizations per 100 food allergic individuals per year

(Michelsen et. al., submitted)

N.b.: < 100 hospitalizations due to food infections/year in NLD (RIVM, 2013)

➤ Private

- Preventive measures/risk management
- Several studies: 30 to almost 50 % of food product recalls allergen related



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WHAT



**Protect food-
allergy sufferers**



**Prevent allergies
to new foods**



**Cure & prevention
of all food allergies**

WHAT IS NEEDED?

HOW

**IMPROVED RISK
ASSESSMENT,
MANAGEMENT AND
COMMUNICATION**

TOPIC 1

**METHODS FOR
PREDICTION OF
THE HEALTH IMPACT
OF NEW FOODS**

TOPIC 2

**METHODS FOR
MONITORING AND
EFFECT ASSESSMENT
OF INTERVENTIONS**

TOPIC 3

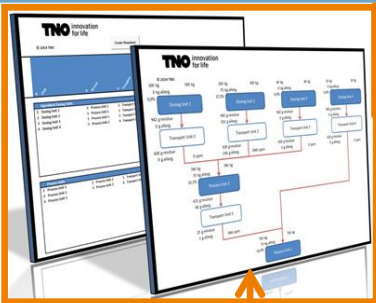
THE TNO SHARED RESEARCH PROGRAM FOOD ALLERGY

TOPIC 1: RISK ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION

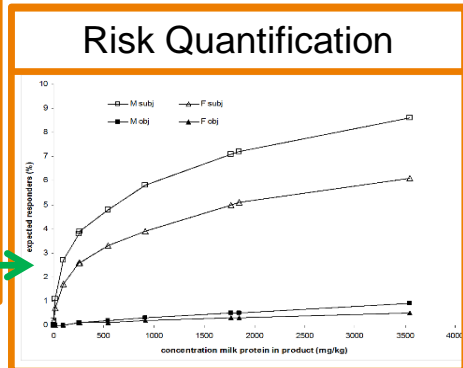
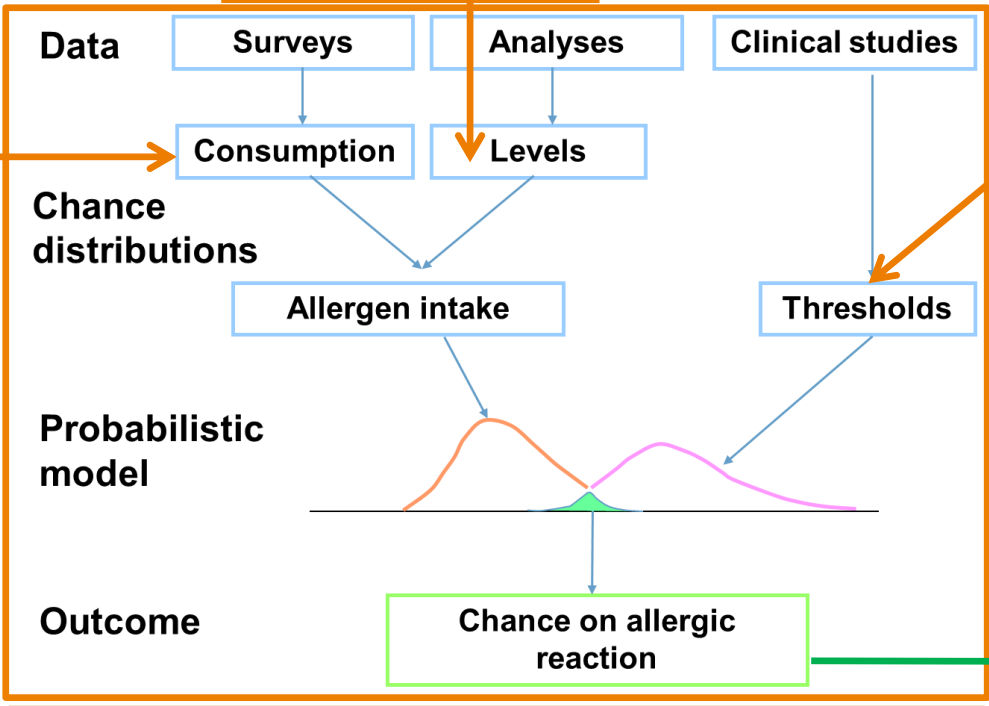
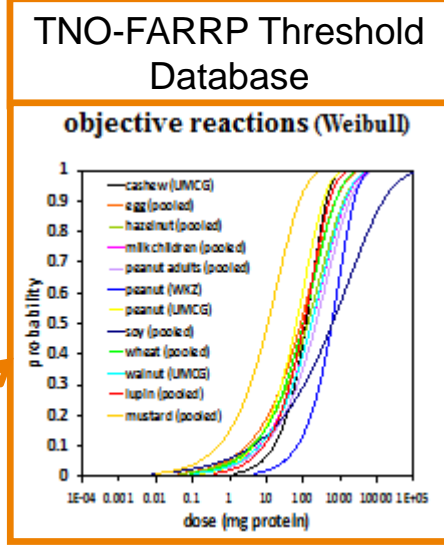


TNO Food Intake Database for Food Allergy Risk Assessment

1 Alcoholic drinks (excl beer)	22 Meal replacements
2 Beer	23 Meat products
3 Binders (starch)	24 Meats
4 Bread and rolls	25 Milk (products), yogurt (products), desserts
5 Breakfast products	26 Milk powder / cocoa powder
6 Butter / margarine / margarine type of products	27 Non-alcoholic beverages (excl. syrup)
7 Cheese	28 Oils and fats
8 Chewing gum	29 Pancakes and crepes
9 Chocolate, chocolates and candy bars	30 Peanut butter, nut spreads
10 Crackers, biscuits	31 Peanuts, nuts and dried fruits
11 Cream and evaporated milk	32 Potato products (excl powder)
12 Dough for pie / pizza	33 Pretzels and chips
13 Fish products	34 Rice and pasta
14 Fish, fresh	35 Sauces
15 Fried / hot snacks	36 Small cakes
16 Fruits and vegetables, pot / canned / frozen	37 Small candy / sweets
17 Herbs / Spices	38 Soups
18 Ice cream	39 Sugar
19 Large cookies and cake	40 Sweet spreads
20 Legumes	41 Sweeteners
21 Mashed potato powder	42 Syrups



Contamination Models

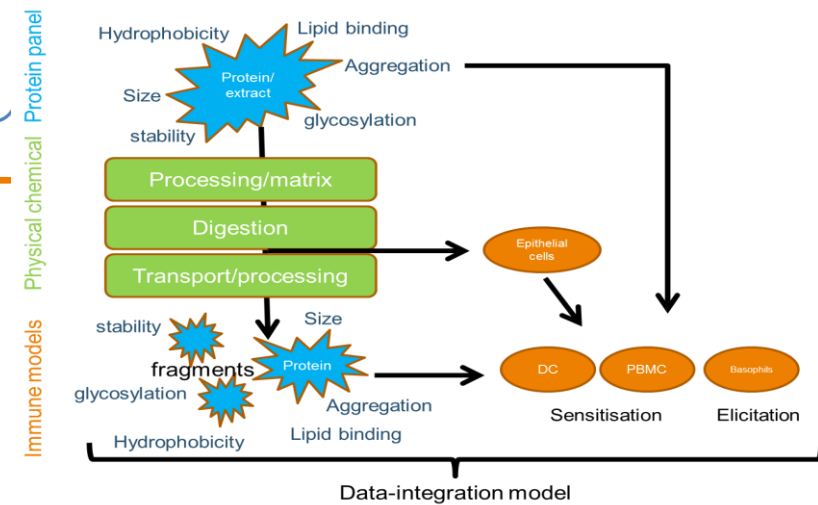
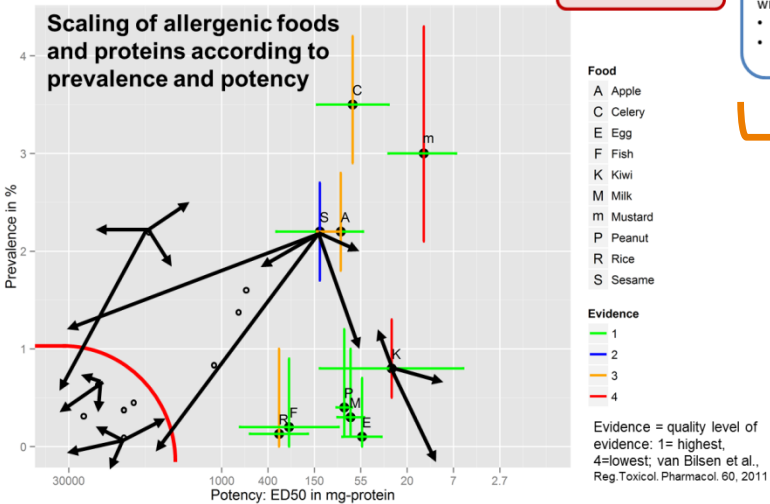
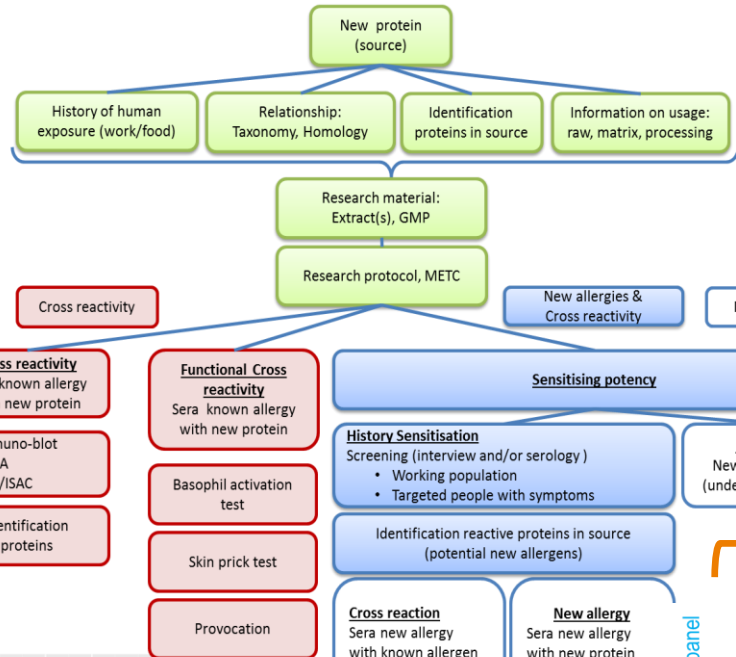


Probabilistic risk assessment in food allergy, developed by TNO

- risk quantification
- elaboration and validation of reference doses and action levels for precautionary allergen labelling
- development of guidance & tools for application and implementation (incl. models to predict levels of contamination, and guidance on food consumption figures to use)
- support and training of authorities and companies in application and implementation

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TOPIC 2: PREDICTION OF THE HEALTH IMPACT OF NEW FOODS



THE TNO SRP IMMUNE HEALTH THEME

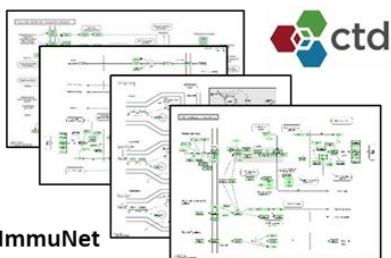
INTERACTIVE BIG DATA RESOURCE

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APPROACH

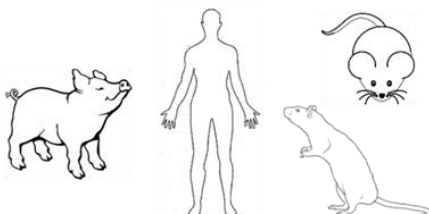


Existing immune pathway knowledge



Microbes and microbe-host interactions

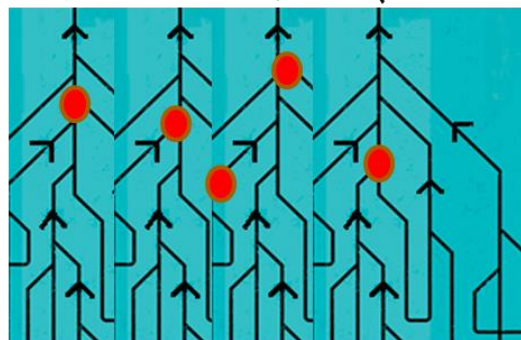
Experimental data
Cross-species



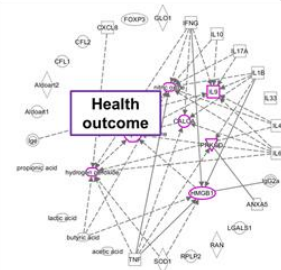
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Functional relationships

Infection susceptibility
Cancer susceptibility
Hypersensitivity
Autoimmunity



Inflammatory state & non-immune-organ functions



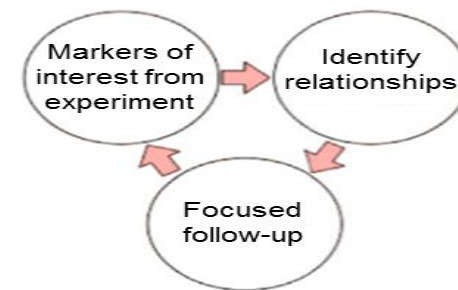
Identification of key pathways and key pathway connections

Interactive tool

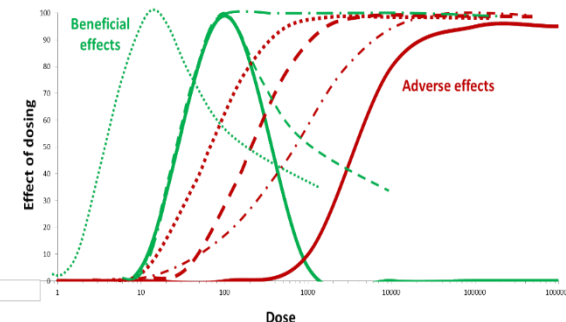
BENEFITS

- Biomarker discovery and selection for efficient diagnosis, prognosis and monitoring
- Target discovery for prevention and therapy

Efficient study design



Effect and risk-benefit assessment





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› Key characteristics of SRP

- Participation per program line
- 3-year contracts
- Annual fee (fixed per program line)
- Open for entrance of new participants (entrance fee)

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