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Note from the Secretariat

This document describes the working relationships between the OECD Extended Advisory Group on Molecular Screening and Toxicogenomics (EAGMST) and the Society for the Advancement of Adverse Outcome Pathways (SAAOP) concerning the AOP Wiki. The document was discussed at the last meeting of EAGMST in 2015 and revised afterwards. It was circulated for comments to EAGMST in February 2016. Limited comments were received; in addition to editorial changes that were taken on board, it was mentioned that it would be useful to develop other complementary documents, i.e. a document on the governance of Effectopedia and a document on the coordination of the linkage between the OECD QSAR Toolbox and Effectopedia. First drafts of these documents have been developed and are available to the EAGMST.

Action required: The Extended Advisory Group is invited to take note of the final version of this working document.

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Entities:

- 1) OECD Extended Advisory Group on Molecular Screening and Toxicogenomics (EAGMST)
- 2) Society for the Advancement of Adverse Outcome Pathways (SAAOP)

Scope and Purpose:

- This document is intended to provide transparency on the working relationships between the OECD/EAGMST and SAAOP concerning the development, maintenance and oversight of the AOP Wiki.
- This document does not describe the role of EAGMST in relation to the development of AOPs.

Background: In 2009, a group of scientists involved in the WHO/MoA steering group project developed and launched the beta version of the MOA Wiki. The idea was to provide a centralized location for the development of Mode-of-Action documents based on the MoA Framework. In 2013, in response to a need identified by the OECD/EAGMST, this nascent platform was re-formatted by EPA and JRC scientists to form the basis of the AOP Wiki. Soon thereafter, the SAAOP was formed in order to: rapidly respond to changes need in the AOP Wiki to ensure consistency with OECD AOP Guidance and Handbook documents; to provide a flexible hosting solution to the AOP Wiki; to provide transparency and public access to AOP development; and, to foster a ‘crowd-sourced’ approach to AOP development. From the beginning, the AOP Wiki development team was clear that the AOP Wiki was a research resource for OECD/EAGMST.

Management and Governance of the AOP Wiki

To increase the transparency in the relationship between the SAAOP and OECD/EAGMST, the SAAOP agrees to the following:

- 1) The SAAOP owns and is responsible for the development, security, and maintenance of the AOP Wiki.
- 2) The OECD/EAGMST can direct the SAAOP to make changes in the AOP Wiki to ensure compliance with current, or future changes to, OECD/EAGMST guidance and handbook on AOP development and assessment.
- 3) The OECD/EAGMST will provide feedback to the SAAOP on how stakeholders are using the AOP Wiki, with suggestions for improvements and/or clarification.
- 4) SAAOP will provide timely written responses to requests for information from the OECD/EAGMST, as well as to requests for any changes to the AOP Wiki.
- 5) SAAOP will provide summary reports on the status and use of the AOP Wiki for the semi-annual meetings of the OECD/EAGMST. These bi-annual reports will also provide a summary of all responses to any requests for information on, or requests for changes to, the AOP Wiki.

Implementation of AOP in the AOP Wiki

- 1) The SAAOP supports the research and development of AOPs via the AOP Wiki and provides users with access to the AOP Wiki.
- 2) The acceptance and regulatory use of AOPs is directed by the OECD.
- 3) AOP development on the AOP Wiki is mandated by the principles established by the OECD/EAGMST in the Guidance and Handbook documents.

- 4) All OECD/EAGMST members, as well as anyone working on OECD approved AOPs (i.e. AOPs in OECD work plan), will have full access to the AOPWiki, without the necessity for being SAAOP member.
- 5) All other stakeholders can request access to the AOP Wiki; SAAOP membership is not required.

SAAOP membership

- 1) Membership in the SAAOP is open to all stakeholders and involves completing a SAAOP membership request form.
- 2) The SAAOP home page (www.saaop.org) will include:
 - a. A link to this governance document.
 - b. A list of the Executive Committee of the SAAOP.
 - c. The SAAOP by-laws.
 - d. Easy to use access requests that allow all OECD/EAGMST members, as well as anyone working on OECD approved AOPs (i.e. AOPs in OECD work plan), full access to the AOP Wiki.