

# 21-30 November 2018: A Time to Review

Third Special Session of the  
Conference of the States  
Parties to Review the  
Operation of the Chemical  
Weapons Convention

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Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

**Scientific Advisory Board Report:**  
Overview of scientific and technological changes during review period  
Advice on relevant and emerging areas of science and technology  
Recommendations for moving forward

## The OPCW Scientific Advisory Board in 2017



### Report of the Scientific Advisory Board at its Twenty-Fifth Session

(SAB-25/1\*, dated 31 March 2017)

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### The Impact of the Developments in Science and Technology in the Context of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Response from the Director-General to SAB-25

(EC-85/DG.8, dated 19 May 2017)

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### Report of the Scientific Advisory Board at its Twenty-Sixth Session

(SAB-26/1, dated 20 October 2017)

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### Response to the Report of the Twenty-Sixth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board

(EC-87/DG.11, dated 25 January 2018)

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### Response to the Director-General's Request to the Scientific Advisory Board to Provide Consideration on which Riot Control Agents are Subject to Declaration under the Chemical Weapons Convention

(SAB-25/WP.1, dated 27 March 2017)

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### Report of the Scientific Advisory Board's Workshop on Emerging Technologies

(SAB-26/WP.1, dated 21 July 2017)

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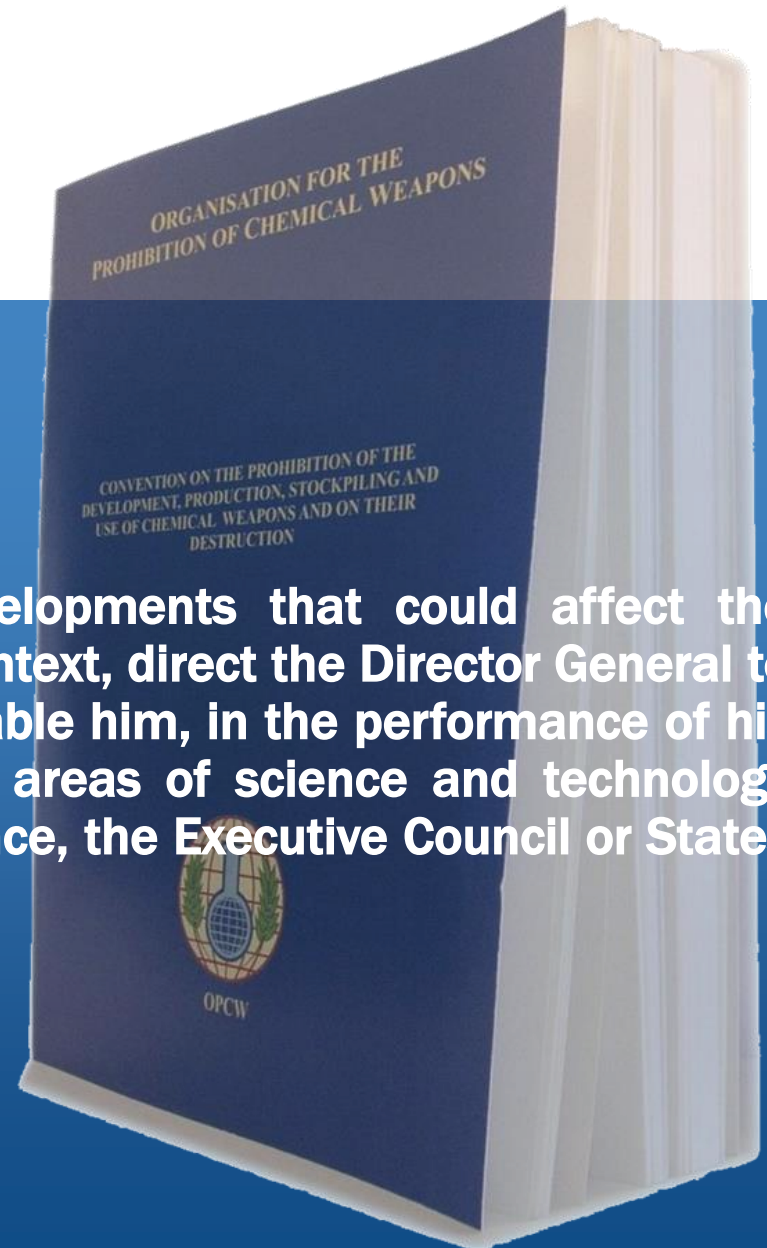


# Science and Technology in the Convention

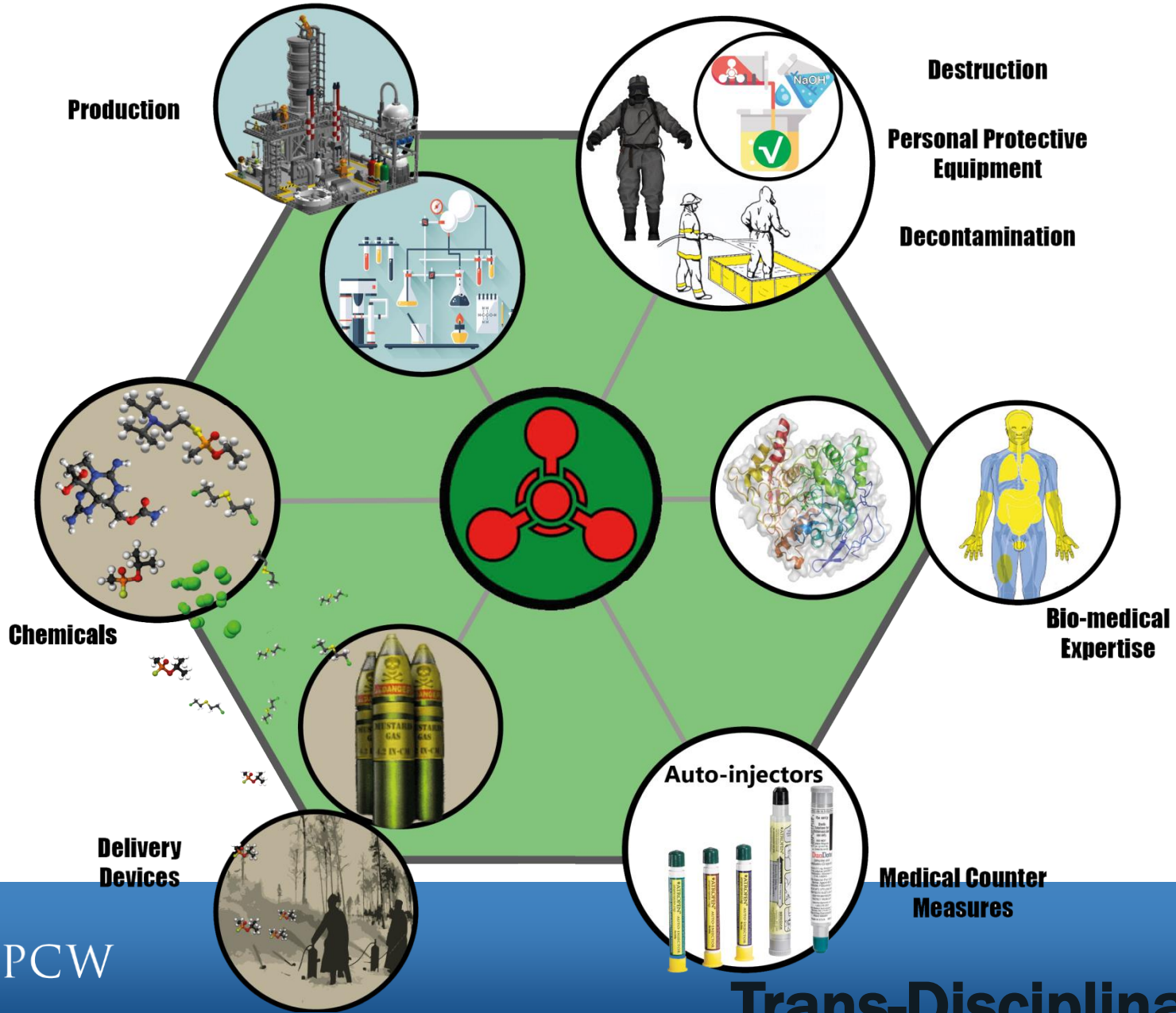
## The Conference of States Parties Shall:

**“Review scientific and technological developments that could affect the operation of this Convention and, in this context, direct the Director General to establish a Scientific Advisory Board to enable him, in the performance of his functions, to render specialized advice in areas of science and technology relevant to this Convention, to the Conference, the Executive Council or States Parties.”**

*CWC Article VIII, Section B, paragraph 21(h)*



# What is the Science of Chemical Weapons?



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**Trans-Disciplinary...**

# The Convention itself is “Convergent”

## Chemical Weapon

**Toxic chemicals and their precursors, except where intended for purposes not prohibited** under this Convention as long as the types and quantities are consistent with such

## Toxic Chemical

**Any chemical which through its chemical action on life processes can cause death, temporary incapacitation or permanent harm to humans or animals.** This includes all such chemicals, regardless of their origin or of their method of production, and regardless of whether they are produced in facilities, in munitions or elsewhere.

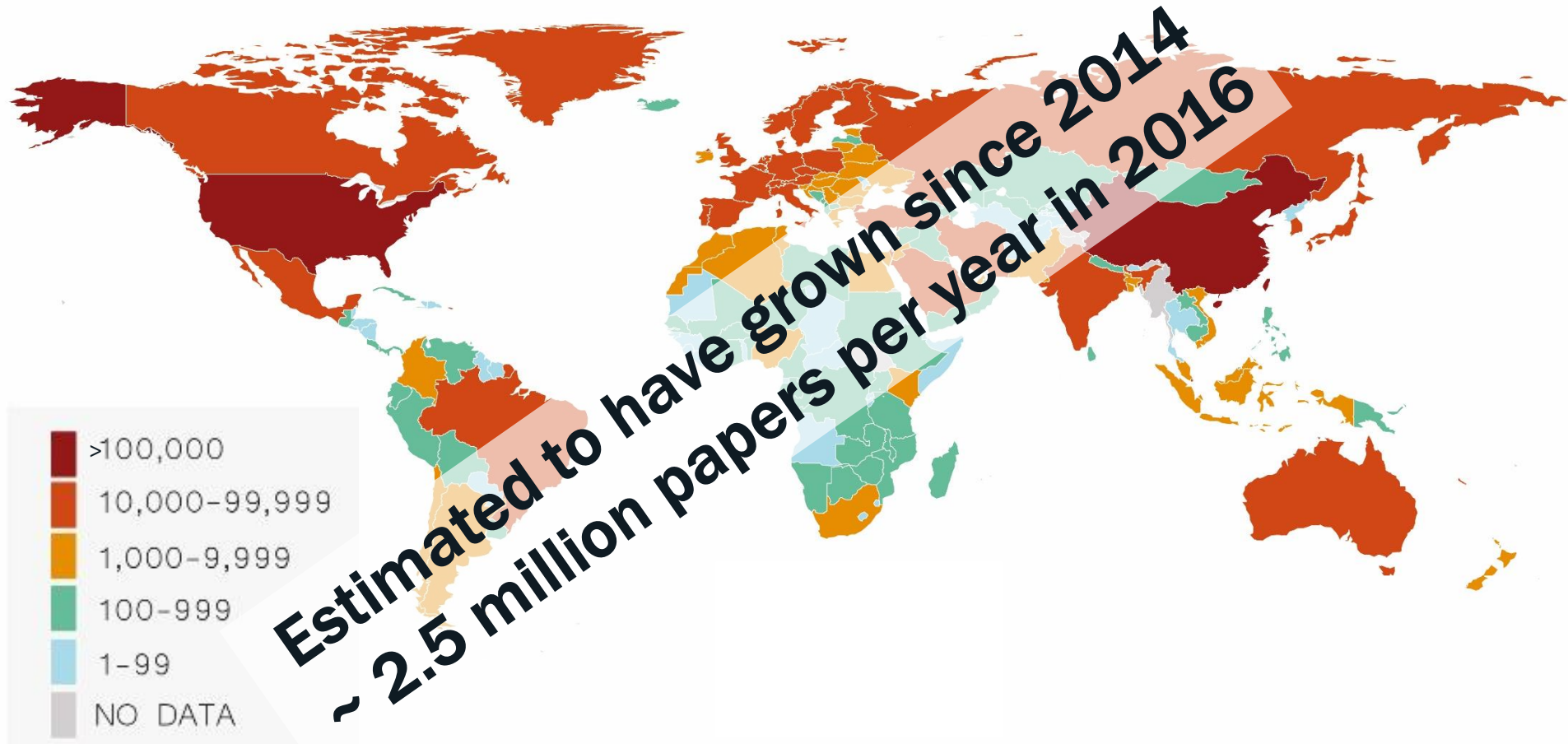
*Chemical Weapons Convention Article II*



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# How Much Science is Out There?

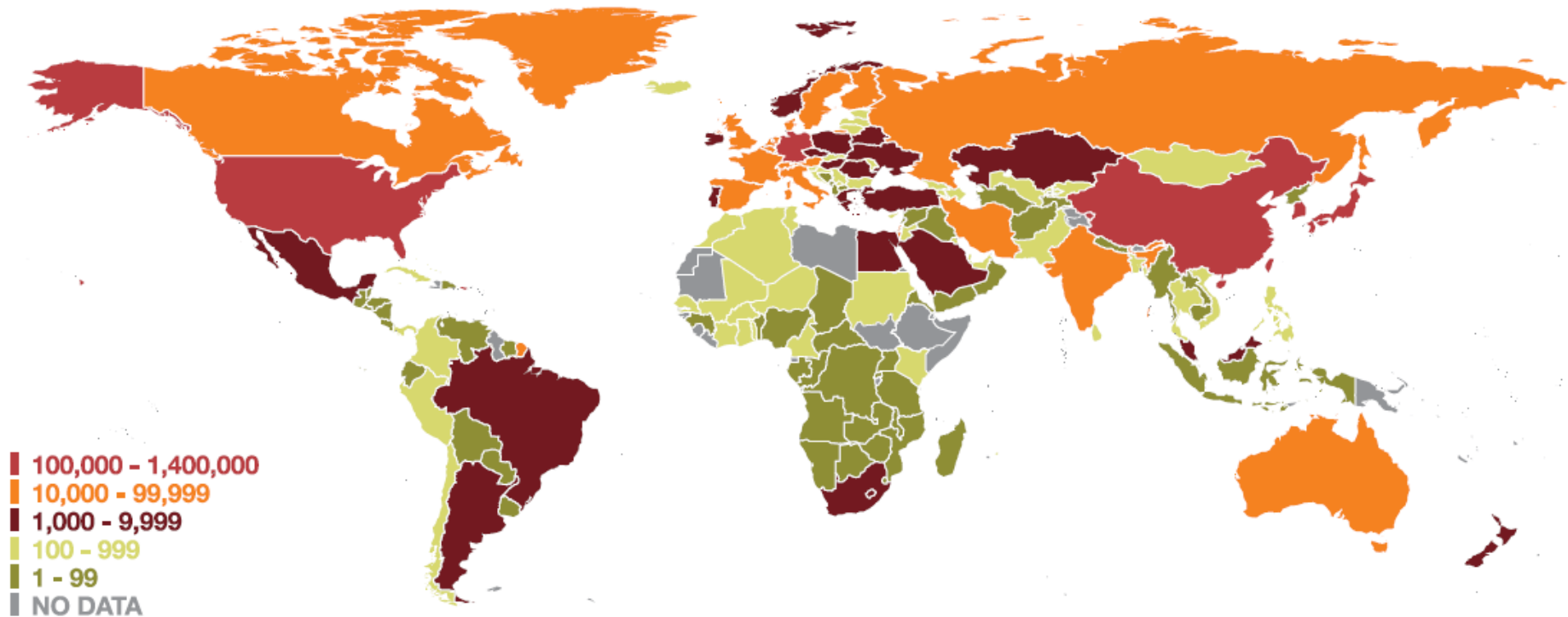
## Scientific Publications in 2014



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# How Much Science is Out There?

## Equivalent patent applications by origin, 2016



Source: Standard map A17.

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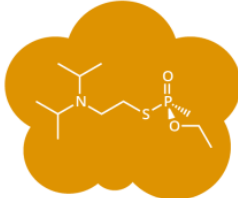
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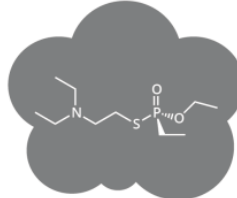
# CHEMICAL WARFARE NERVE AGENTS

## PART TWO: THE V SERIES

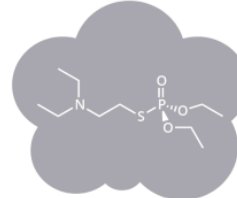
THE V SERIES NERVE AGENTS ARE HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS. THE 'V' STANDS FOR 'VENOMOUS'. THEY WERE DISCOVERED IN THE UK IN THE 1950s, AND LATER VX WAS DEVELOPED FOR MILITARY USE BY THE UNITED STATES, THOUGH IT HAS NEVER BEEN USED IN WARFARE.



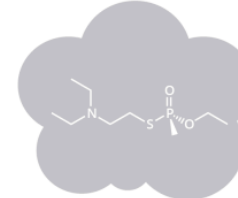
**VX**  
O-Ethyl-S-[2-diisopropylaminoethyl] methylphosphonothioate  
(the compound known as Russian VX is an isomer of this compound)



**VE**  
O-Ethyl-S-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl] ethylphosphonothioate



**VG**  
O,O-Diethyl-S-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl] phosphorothioate



**VM**  
O-Ethyl-S-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl] methylphosphonothioate

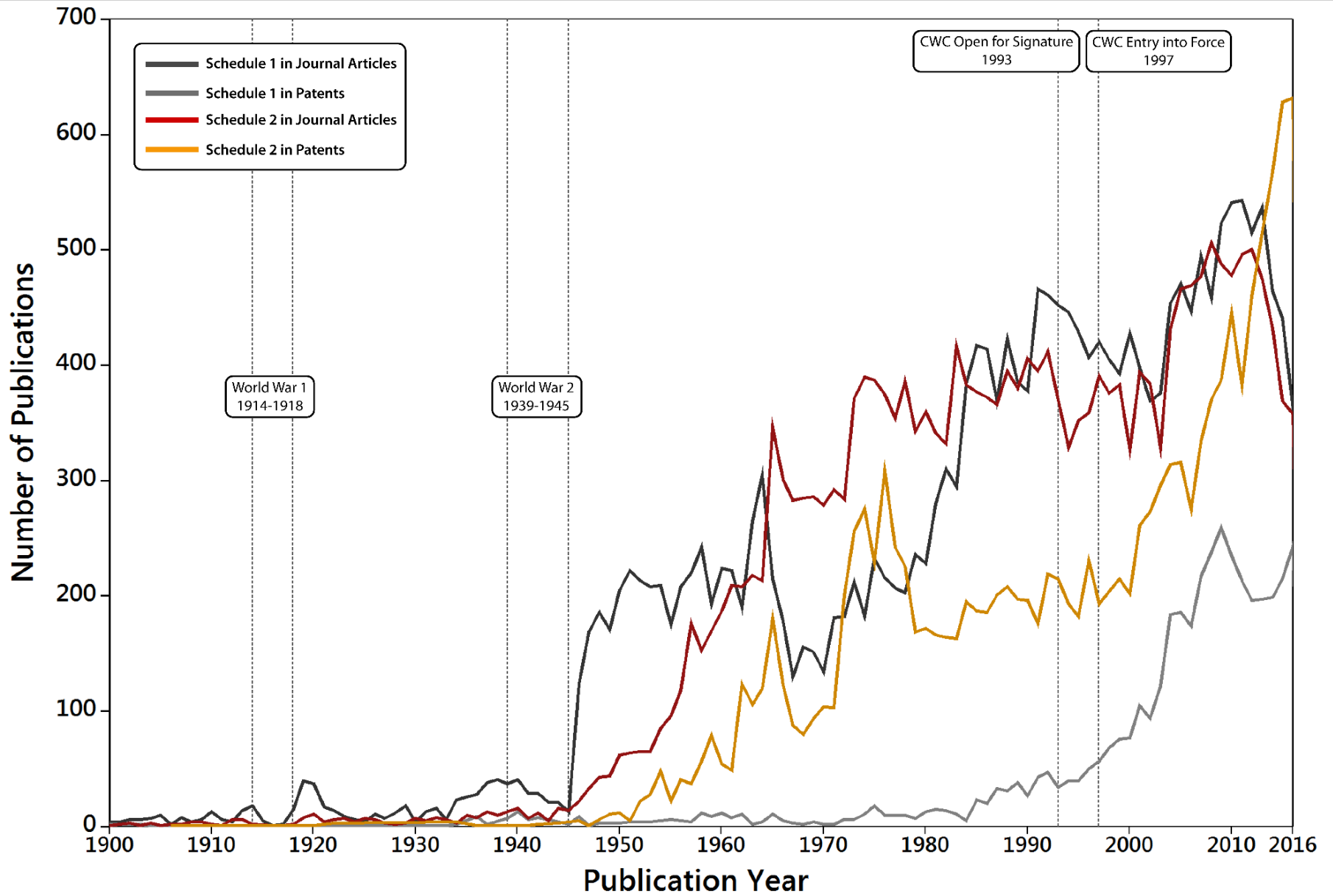
| SMELL & APPEARANCE   | DISCOVERY  | USAGE & FATALITIES  | LETHALITY  |                             |                    |  |   |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| <p><b>VX</b> Pure VX is a colourless liquid, but more commonly it is an amber-coloured, oily, odourless liquid.</p> <p><b>VE</b> The other V series nerve agents are thought to be odourless, colourless liquids at room temperature (when pure). As they have not been studied in detail outside of military investigations as to their usefulness in warfare, little more is known about them.</p> <p><b>VG</b> Generally, their volatilities are low, though VX is the member of the series with the lowest volatility.</p> | <p><b>1952-1955</b><br/><b>UNITED KINGDOM</b></p> <p>The V series nerve agents were discovered during work to synthesise pesticides and insecticides. VG was originally sold as an insecticide, under the name 'Amiton'. It was marketed from 1954, but later withdrawn after the issues with human toxicity became apparent.</p> <p>UK research on the compounds stopped in 1956, but was traded with the US in exchange for information on building thermonuclear devices.</p> | <p>As the V series agents exist primarily as low volatility liquids, they are designed for use as area-denial agents.</p> <p>The only recorded human fatality as a result of VX is in Japan in 1994, when a sect used it to assassinate a former member. It may have also been used in Iraq by Saddam Hussein, though there is no conclusive evidence.</p> <p>Sheep fared less well: Over 6000 were killed or injured in 1968 after a test in Utah, USA, with leftover VX leaking from a dispenser suggested as the likely accidental cause.</p> <p>Production of VX was banned in the US in 1969. Its production and stockpiling was outlawed worldwide in 1993.</p> | <p><b>FIGURES FOR VX</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>median lethal concentration</td> <td>median lethal dose</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>15</b><br/>milligram minutes per cubic metre</td> <td><b>10</b><br/>milligram per person (skin exposure)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Due to the scarcity of research on the V series nerve agents, data on lethality is only reliably available for VX. The other V series agents are thought to have roughly similar toxicities.</p> <p>They have low volatilities - VX is around 2000 times less volatile than sarin - so the primary method of exposure is often through skin contact, rather than inhalation.</p> | median lethal concentration | median lethal dose | <b>15</b><br>milligram minutes per cubic metre | <b>10</b><br>milligram per person (skin exposure) |
| median lethal concentration  | median lethal dose   |   |  |                             |                    |  |   |
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### EFFECTS OF NERVE AGENTS

- ACh** Inhibit breakdown of acetylcholine
- Eye** Cause contraction of the pupils
- Drop** Excessive mucus, tears, saliva & sweat
- Hand** Nausea, gastrointestinal pain & vomiting
- Door** Bronchoconstriction & chest tightness
- Brain** Spasms, convulsions & loss of bowel control
- Skull** Coma & eventual death

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266 *Guthrie, über einige Derivate*  
 an diesem Tage 9,4 CC. = 0,1 Grm. Eisen war. Diese  
 13,3 CC. geben aber 0,1425 Grm. Fe,  
 statt 0,1428 „ „ „ „, welche das Salz  
 enthält.

Die Gründe zur Auswahl unter den drei vorgeschlagenen  
 Methoden worden rein practische und öconomische sein, und  
 werden sich bei häufiger Anwendung derselben Jedem nach  
 seinen Bedürfnissen und Ansichten leicht ergeben.

Ueber einige Derivate der Kohlenwasserstoffe C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>;  
 von F. Guthrie.

Erste Abhandlung \*).

Die aus gleichviel Äquivalenten Wasserstoff und Kohlen-

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 Zweifel gesetzt w  
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Die Isolirung  
 verbindungen der

\*) Chem. Soc. Qu

288 *Niemann, über die Einwirkung*  
 dafs mir kein Zweifel über die Bildung des Productes C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Cl  
 bleibt. Dann kann auch kein Zweifel darüber sein, dafs dieser  
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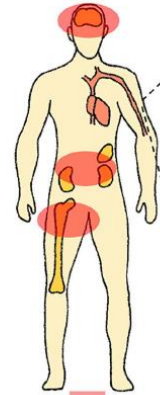
Ueber die Einwirkung des braunen Chlorschwefels  
 auf Etlaygas;  
 von A. Niemann.

Lehrbüchern der Chemie  
 um Chlorschwefel findet,  
 auch widersprechend.  
 schwefel verwandelt sich  
 Flüssigkeit, die weniger  
 brennbar sei, während  
 der Halblehrlschwefel  
 Veränderung erleidet.  
 dergleichen Versuche ange-  
 ben kurz mittheile, obwohl  
 meine Untersuchungen, wegen der Schwierigkeit, grössere Mengen  
 des gleich zu beschreibenden merkwürdigen Productes zu er-  
 halten, noch sehr unvollkommen geblieben sind. Ich hoffe  
 indeß bald Zeit zu finden, diesen Gegenstand wieder auf-  
 nehmen und zum Abschluss bringen zu können.

Der zu diesen Versuchen benutzte braune Chlorschwefel  
 war das direct erhaltene Product der Einwirkung des Chlors

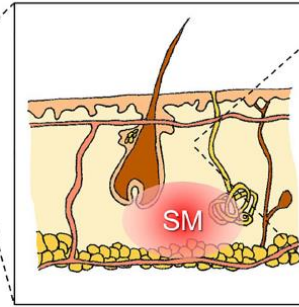
\*) Ann. chim. phys. XXI, 438.  
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Systemic distribution



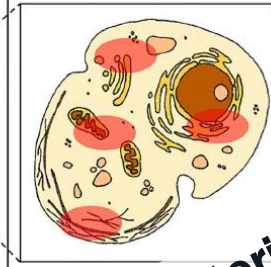
SM intoxication distant from lesion site

Depot formation



Chronic release of SM

Pleiotropic effects



Mechanism of blistering is still not understood!

Fig. 3. Key problems of SM pathology. Systemic distribution: Intoxication of other organs from the skin leads to systemic burden and aberrant immune reactions. Depot formation: Availability of active SM compound in the skin over a long period of time leads to intoxication of immune cells and epithelial cells infiltrating the lesion, so that wound healing is disturbed. Pleiotropic effects: In contrast to other chemicals, SM likely affects multiple targets in various cell types.

Sulfur mustard skin lesions: A systematic review on pathomechanisms, treatment options and future research directions

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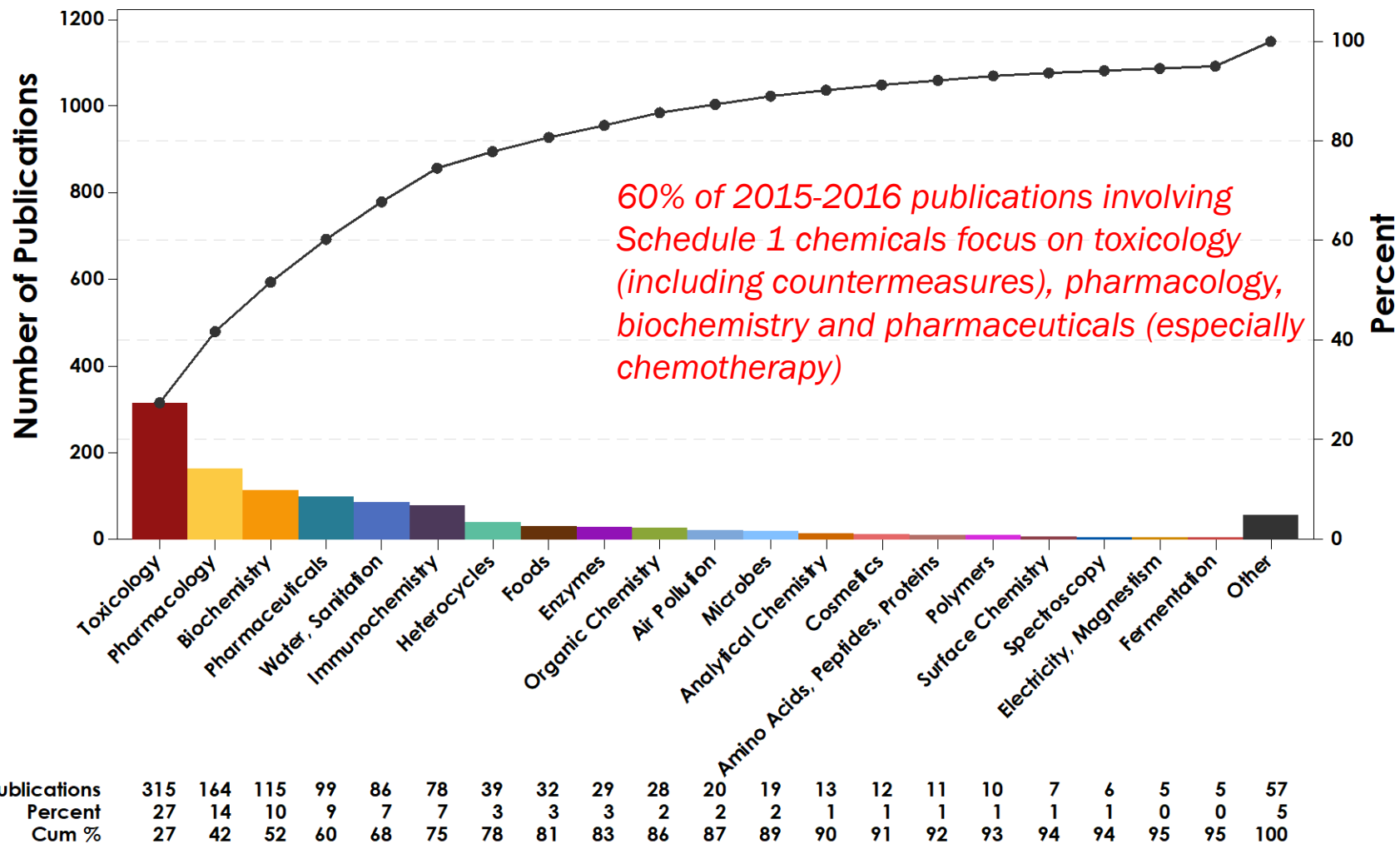
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ABSTRACT

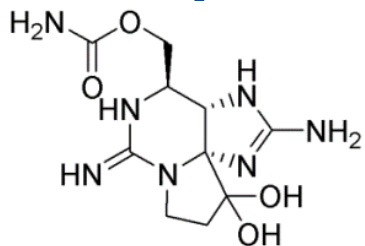
Sulfur mustard (SM) is a chemical warfare, which has been used for one hundred years. However, its exact pathomechanisms are still incompletely understood and there is no specific therapy available so far. In this systematic review, studies published between January 2000 and July 2017 involving pathomechanisms and experimental treatments of SM-induced skin lesions were analyzed to summarize current knowledge on SM pathology, to provide an overview on novel treatment options, and to identify promising targets for future research to more effectively counter SM effects. We suggest that future studies should focus on (I) systemic effects of SM intoxication due to its distribution throughout the body, (II) removal of SM depots that continuously release active compound contributing to chronic skin damage, and (III) therapeutic options that counteract the pleiotropic effects of SM.

D. Rose, Toxicology Letters, 2017 DOI: 10.1016/j.toxlet.2017.11.039





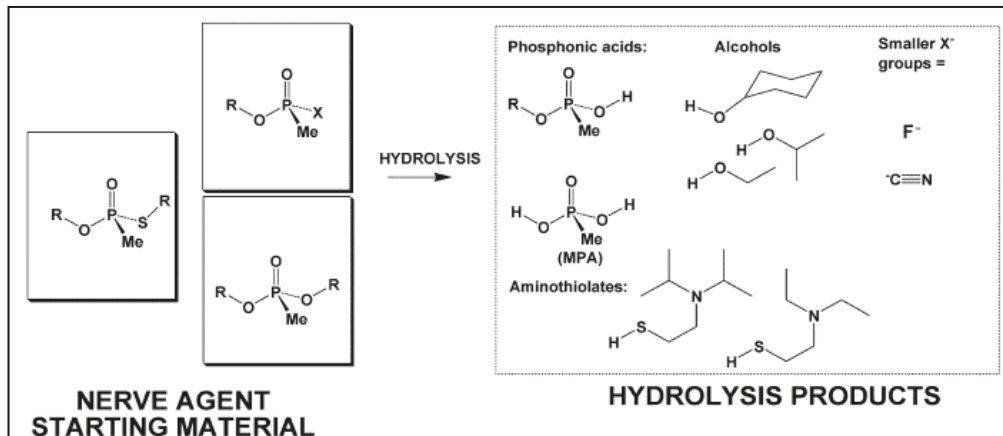
# Implementation Requires Science and Technology!



**Article II**



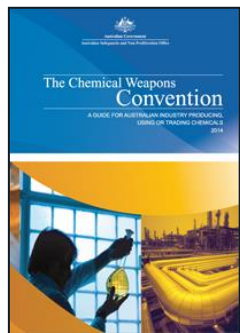
**Article III**



**Articles IV and V**



**Article VI**



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**Article VIII**



**Articles IX and X**



**Article XI**

# How Many Chemicals Do You Know About?

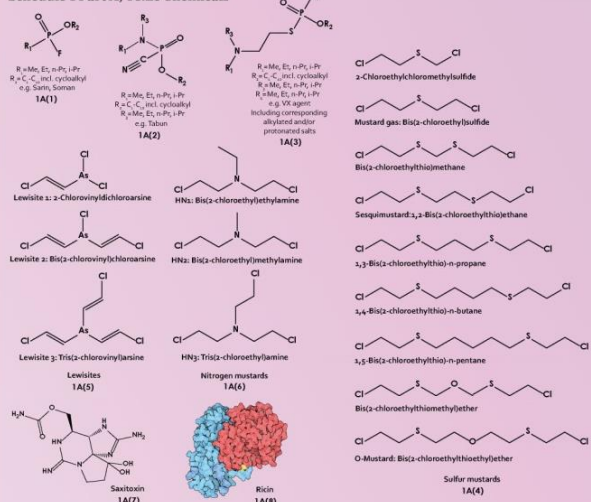
## Schedule 1

### Guidelines for Schedule 1

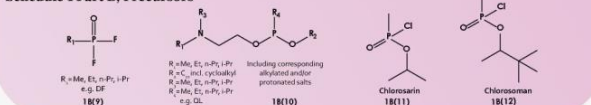
The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a toxic chemical or precursor should be included in Schedule 1:

- It has been developed, produced, stockpiled or used as a chemical weapon as defined in Article II;
- It poses otherwise a high risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its high potential for use in activities prohibited under this Convention because one or more of the following conditions are met:
  - It possesses a chemical structure closely related to that of other toxic chemicals listed in Schedule 1, and has, or can be expected to have, comparable properties;
  - It possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that would enable it to be used as a chemical weapon;
  - It may be used as a precursor in the final single technological stage of production of a toxic chemical listed in Schedule 1, regardless of whether this stage takes place in facilities, in munitions or elsewhere;
- It has little or no use for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

### Schedule 1 Part A, Toxic Chemicals



### Schedule 1 Part B, Precursors



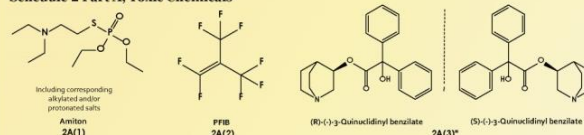
## Schedule 2

### Guidelines for Schedule 2

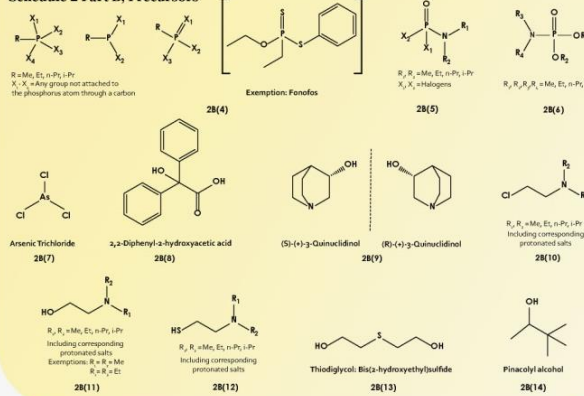
The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a toxic chemical not listed in Schedule 1 or a precursor to a Schedule 1 chemical or to a chemical listed in Schedule 2, part A, should be included in Schedule 2:

- It poses a significant risk to the object and purpose of this Convention because it possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that could enable it to be used as a chemical weapon;
- It may be used as a precursor in one of the chemical reactions at the final stage of formation of a chemical listed in Schedule 2, part A;
- It poses a significant risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of a chemical listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2, part B;
- It is not produced in large commercial quantities for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

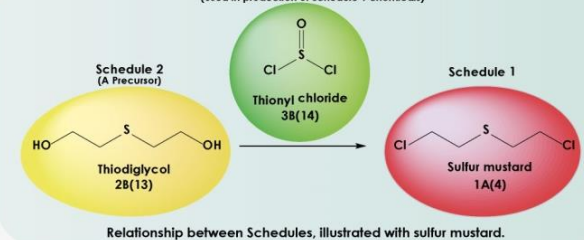
### Schedule 2 Part A, Toxic Chemicals



### Schedule 2 Part B, Precursors



### Schedule 3 (Used in production of Schedule 1 chemicals)



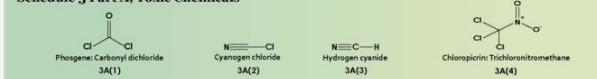
## Schedule 3

### Guidelines for Schedule 3

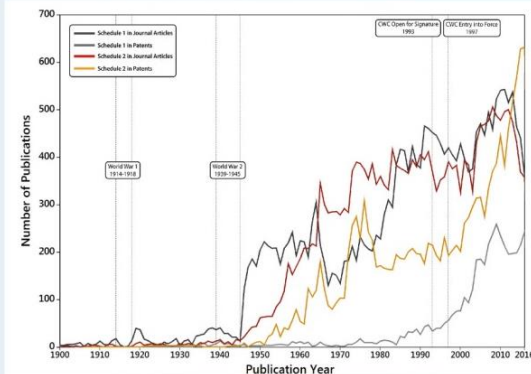
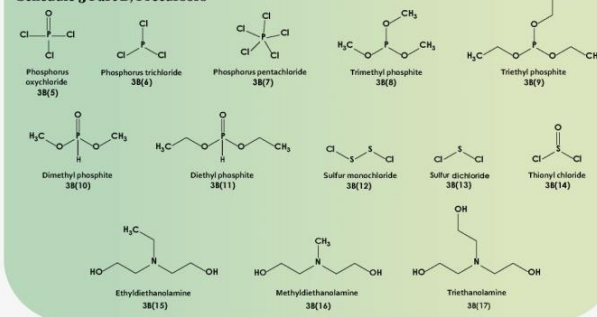
The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a toxic chemical or precursor, not listed in other Schedules, should be included in Schedule 3:

- It has been produced, stockpiled or used as a chemical weapon;
- It poses otherwise a risk to the object and purpose of this Convention because it possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that might enable it to be used as a chemical weapon;
- It poses a risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of one or more chemicals listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2, part B;
- It may be produced in large commercial quantities for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

### Schedule 3 Part A, Toxic Chemicals



### Schedule 3 Part B, Precursors



Scheduled chemicals, including those in Schedules 1 and 2, can have scientifically and economically important uses. This chart captures the number of yearly scientific publications that refer to them.



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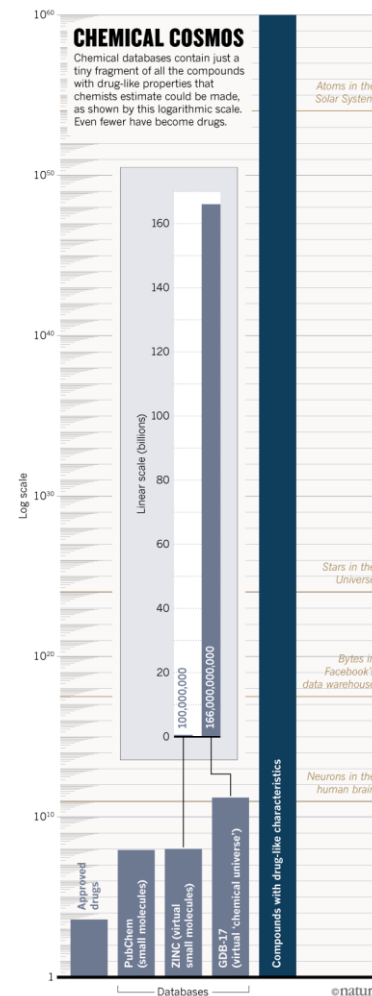
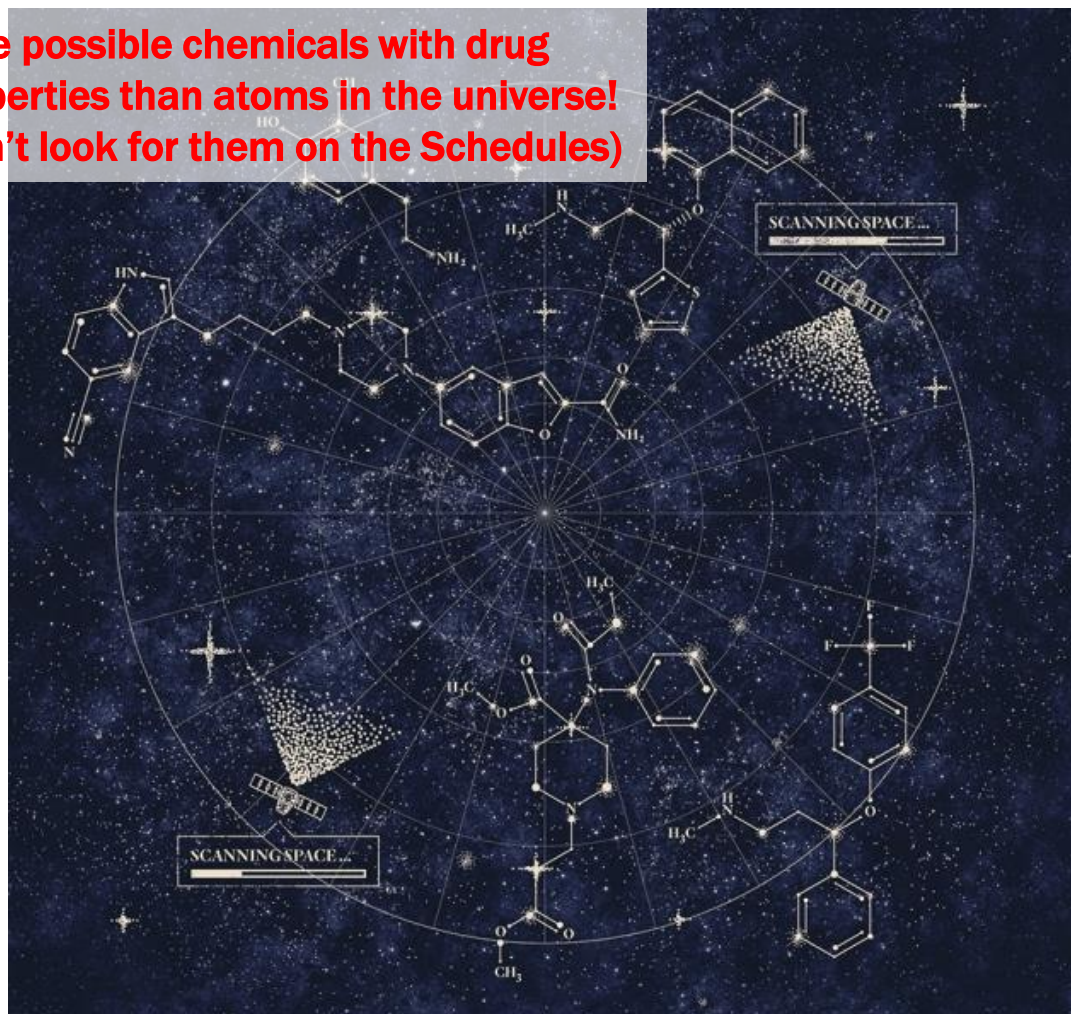
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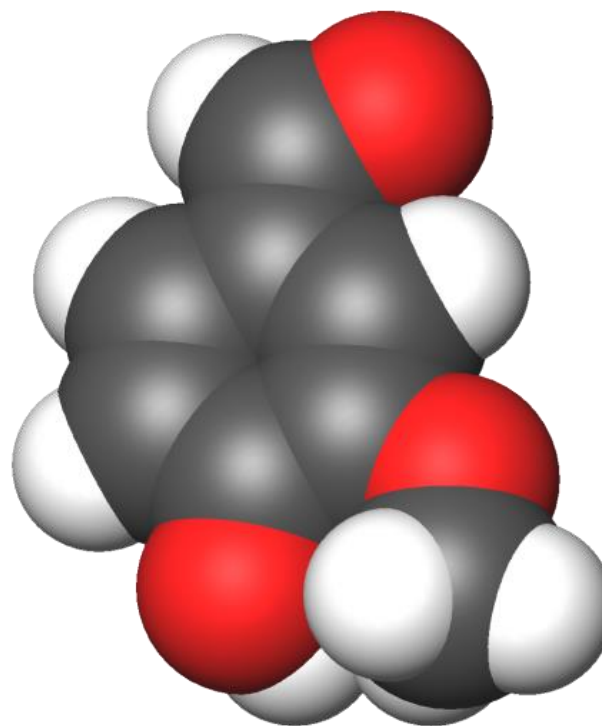
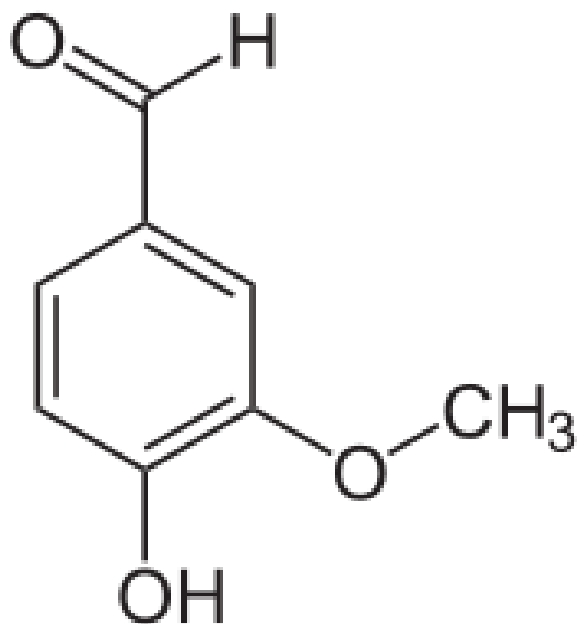
# How Many Chemicals Do You Know About?

More possible chemicals with drug like properties than atoms in the universe!  
(and don't look for them on the Schedules)

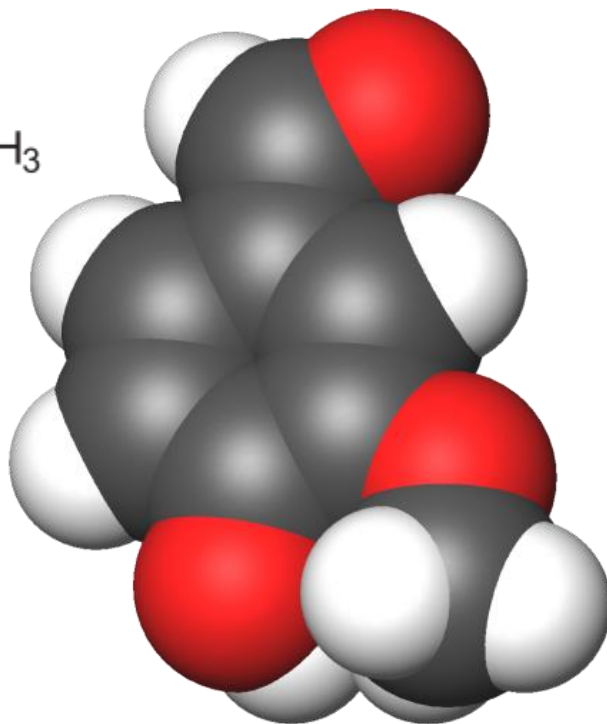
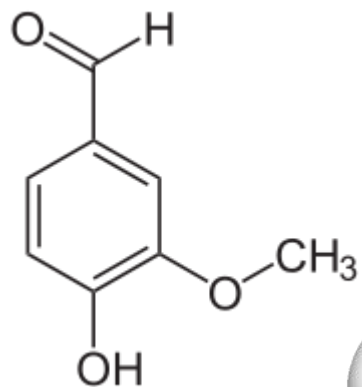


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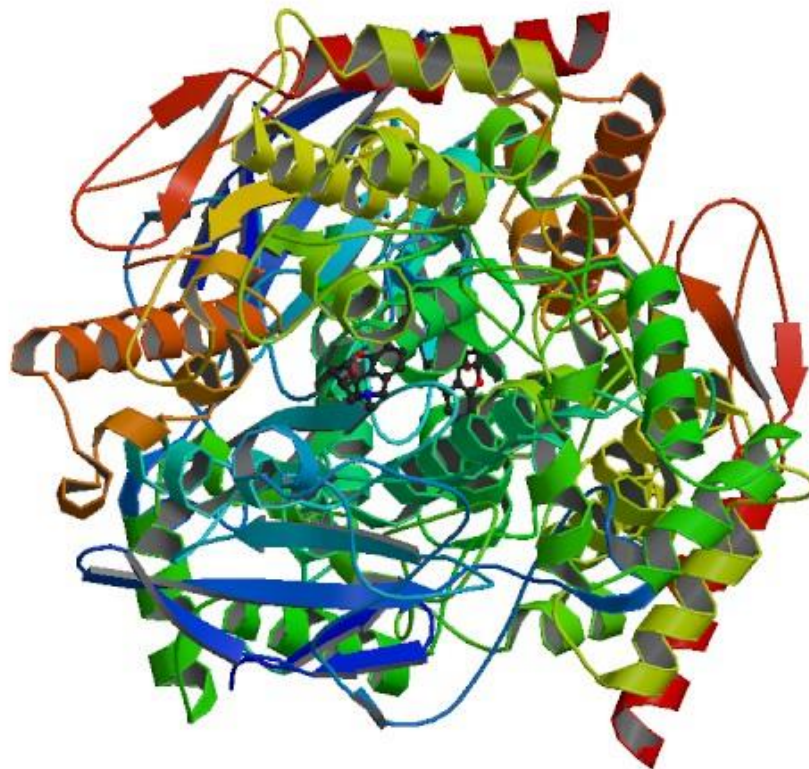
# “Good” Chemical or “Bad” Chemical?



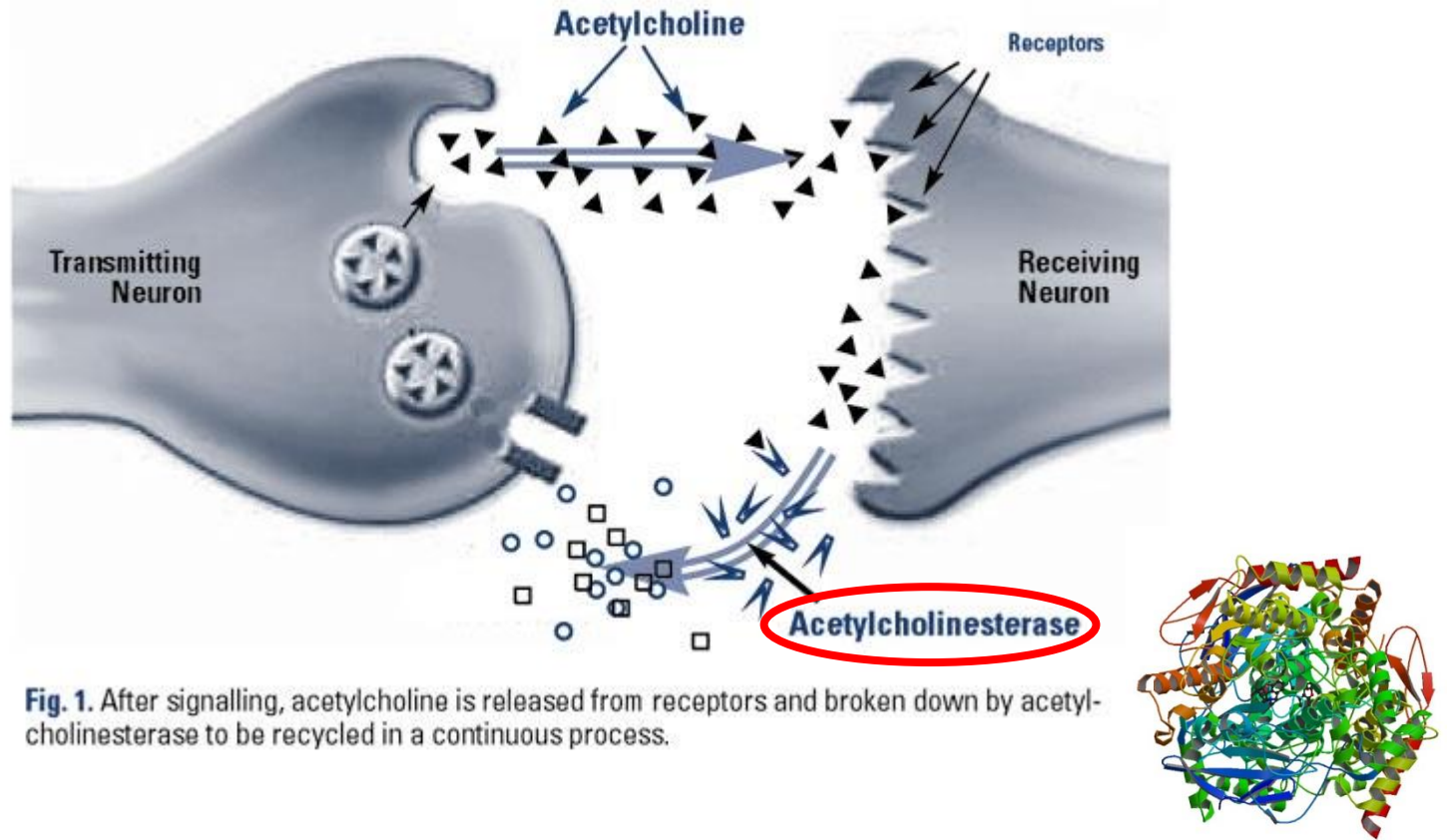
# “Good” Chemical or “Bad” Chemical?



# “Good” Biological or “Bad” Biological?



# “Good” Biological or “Bad” Biological?



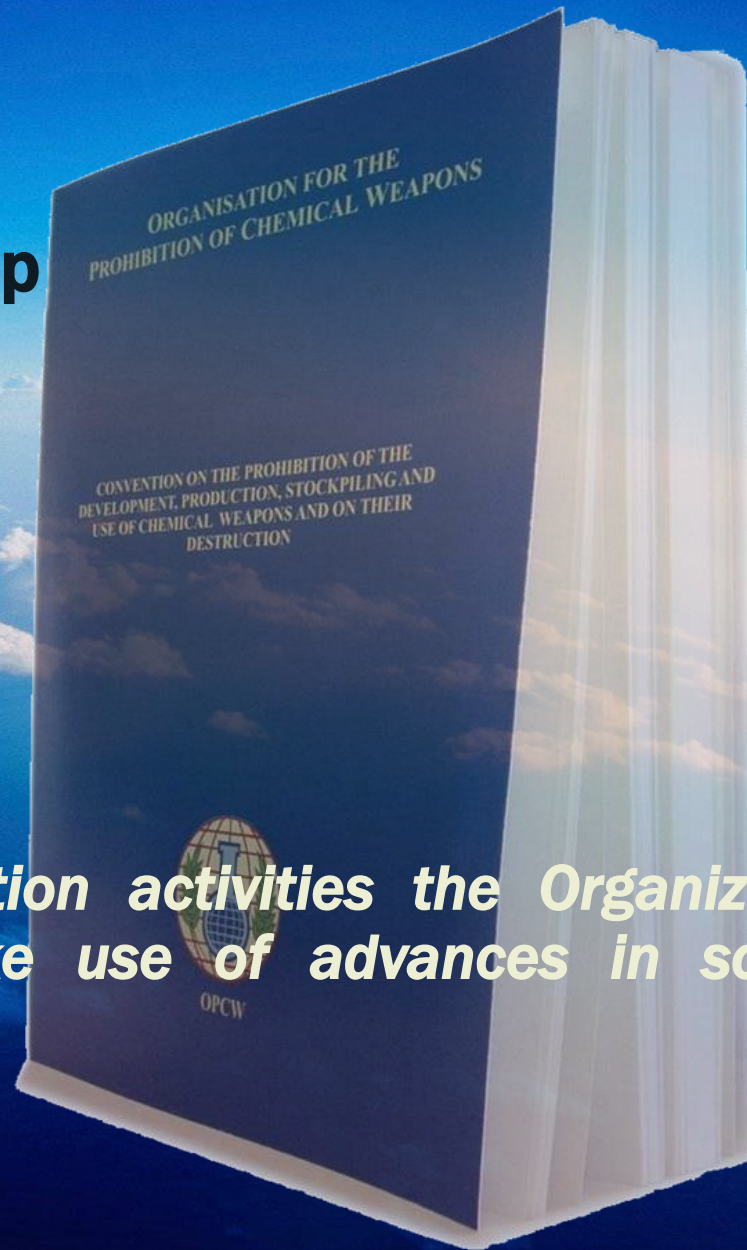
**Fig. 1.** After signalling, acetylcholine is released from receptors and broken down by acetylcholinesterase to be recycled in a continuous process.



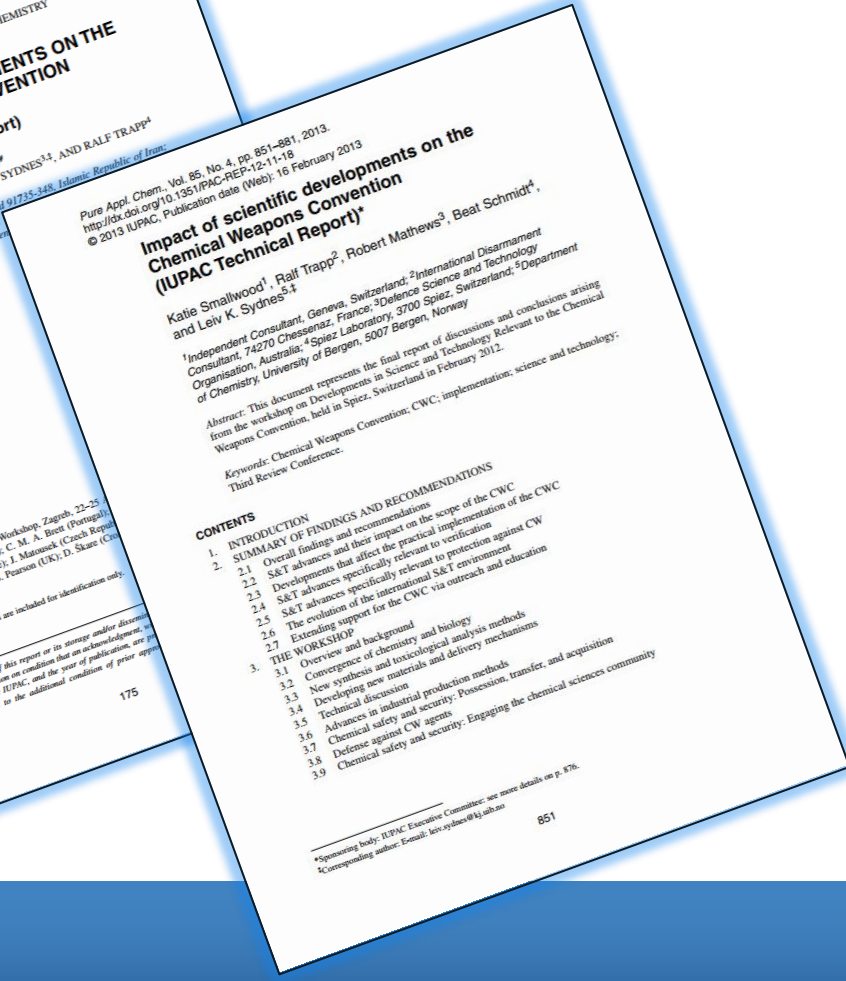
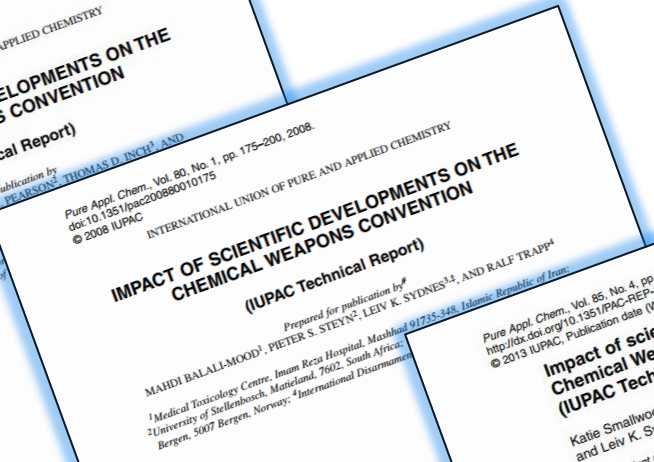
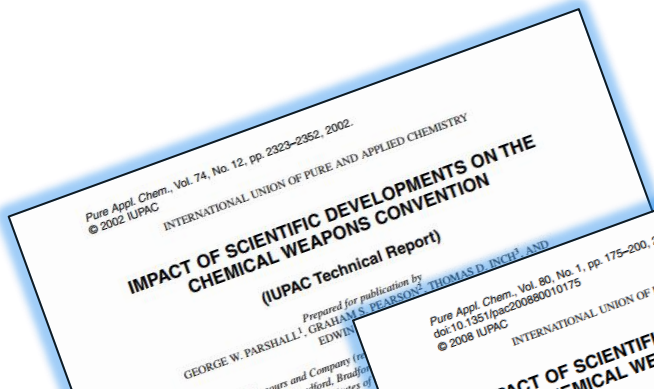
**Too much science!  
Need science that can help  
recognise unusual and  
unexpected change**

***"In undertaking its verification activities the Organization shall consider measures to make use of advances in science and technology"***

- ***CWC Article VIII, paragraph 6***



# In the Lead Up To Previous Review Conferences

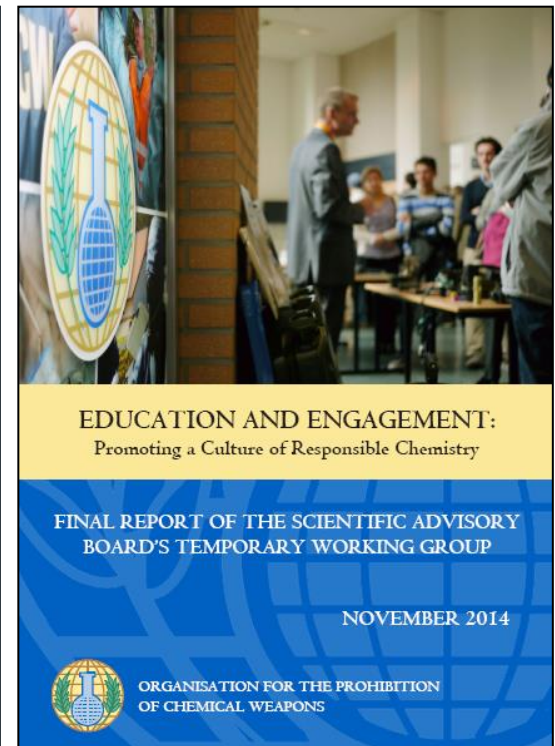
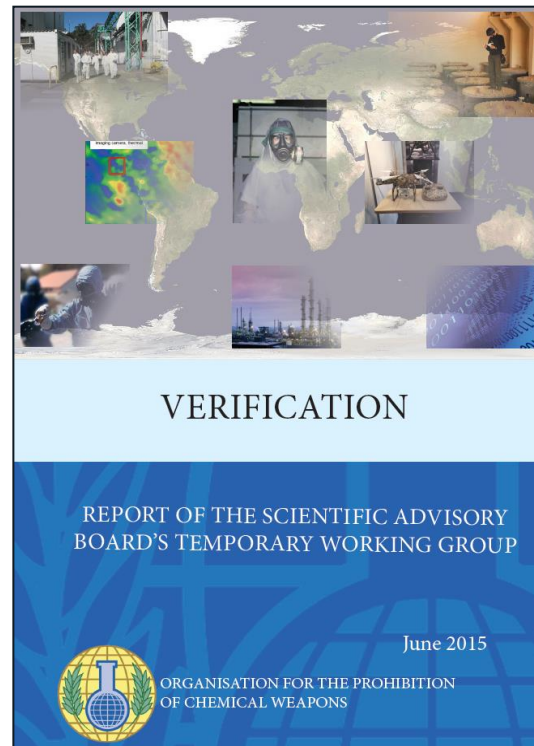
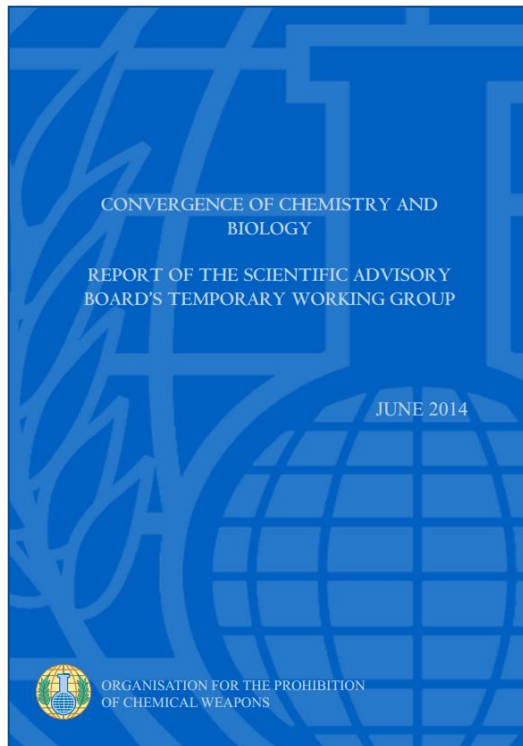


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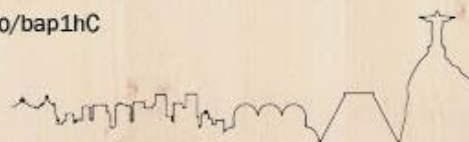
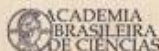


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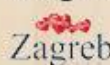


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PERCENT OF WORLD  
POPULATION LIVING UNDER  
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CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION

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PERCENT OF WORLD'S  
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MAJOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS ZERO MILESTONE:

95 PER CENT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS  
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# Challenges

Starting with the 2013 UN-led mission to the Syrian Arab Republic, the TS has undertaken non-routine inspection, verification and technical assistance activities in Syria, Libya and Iraq

Contingency operations have required:

- Investigations
- Analysis, and fact-finding
- Evaluation of oral, material, and digital evidence



# Contingency operations

Non-routine situations have been insightful for considering new technologies with potential to enhance capabilities available to inspectors

## Operational challenges:

- Access to sites is time-limited
- Harsh environmental conditions
- Chain-of-custody (taking & shipping samples)
- Evidence needs to be authenticated
- Required expertise beyond chemical analysis



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## REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD'S WORKSHOP ON CHEMICAL FORENSICS

### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The OPCW Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) in cooperation with VERIFIN held a workshop, "Chemical Forensics: Capabilities across the Field and the Potential Applications in Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation", from 20 to 22 June 2016 in Helsinki, Finland. The workshop is one of a series intended to inform the report of the SAB on developments in science and technology to the Fourth Review Conference<sup>4</sup> of the Chemical Weapons Convention to be held in 2018. Interest in chemical forensics, and its relevance to the work of the OPCW, has been described through Recommendation 17 of the OPCW SAB's Temporary Working Group on Verification.

1.2 Forensic science is defined as the study of traces (remnants of presence and/or activity).<sup>4,5</sup> These are silent witnesses that need to be detected, seen, and understood to make reasonable inferences about criminal phenomena, investigation or demonstration for intelligence, investigation and court purposes.

1.3 Chemical forensics aims to obtain information from chemical remnants that is relevant to investigative, legal and intelligence questions. Just as fingerprints and DNA can provide unique signatures that can be used to identify individuals, chemical samples can provide distinctive signatures (for example through their impurities

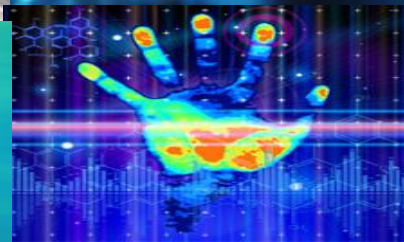
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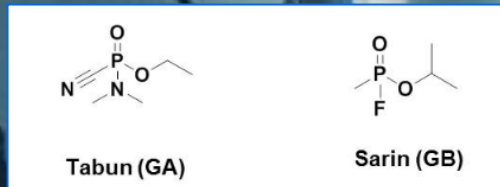
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# Medical countermeasures and emergency response



# Innovative technologies for chemical security



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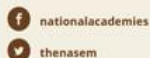
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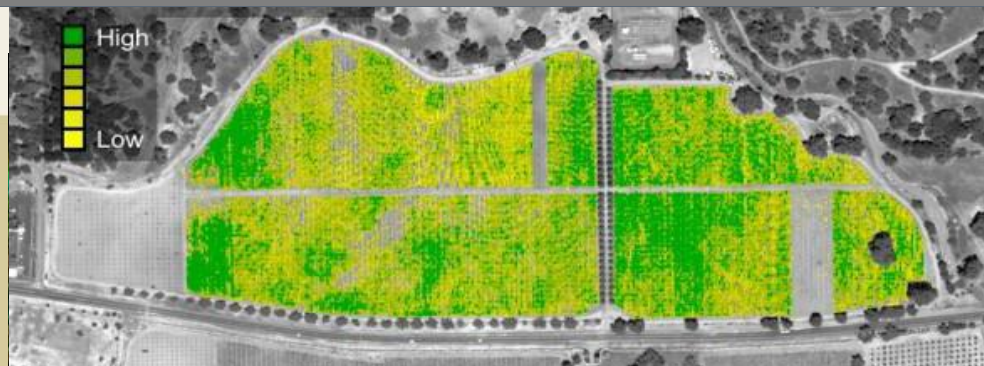
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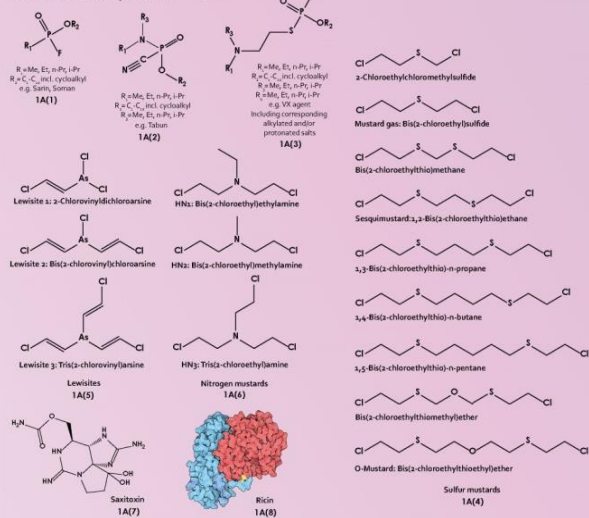
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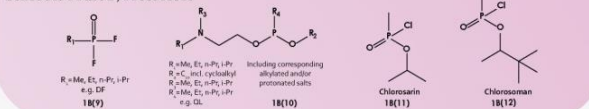
The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a toxic chemical or precursor should be included in Schedule 1:

- It has been developed, produced, stockpiled or used as a chemical weapon as defined in Article II;
- It poses otherwise a high risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its high potential for use in activities prohibited under this Convention because one or more of the following conditions are met:
  - It possesses a chemical structure closely related to that of other toxic chemicals listed in Schedule 1, and has, or can be expected to have, comparable properties;
  - It possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that would enable it to be used as a chemical weapon;
  - It may be used as a precursor in the final single technological stage of production of a toxic chemical listed in Schedule 1, regardless of whether this stage takes place in facilities, in munitions or otherwise;
- It has little or no use for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

### Schedule 1 Part A, Toxic Chemicals



### Schedule 1 Part B, Precursors



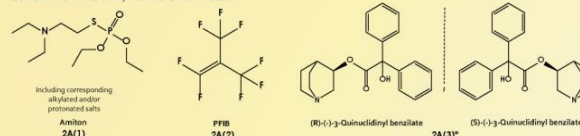
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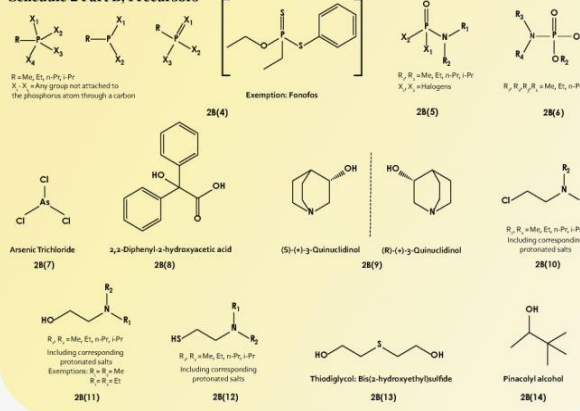
The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a toxic chemical not listed in Schedule 1 or a precursor to a Schedule 1 chemical or to a chemical listed in Schedule 2, part A, should be included in Schedule 2:

- It poses a significant risk to the object and purpose of this Convention because it possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that could enable it to be used as a chemical weapon;
- It may be used as a precursor in one of the chemical reactions at the final stage of formation of a chemical listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2, part A;
- It poses a significant risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of a chemical listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2, part A;
- It is not produced in large commercial quantities for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

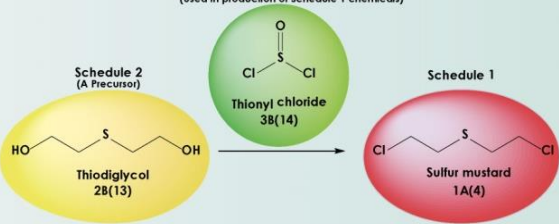
### Schedule 2 Part A, Toxic Chemicals



### Schedule 2 Part B, Precursors



### Schedule 3 (Used in production of Schedule 1 chemicals)



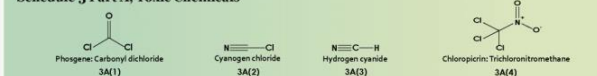
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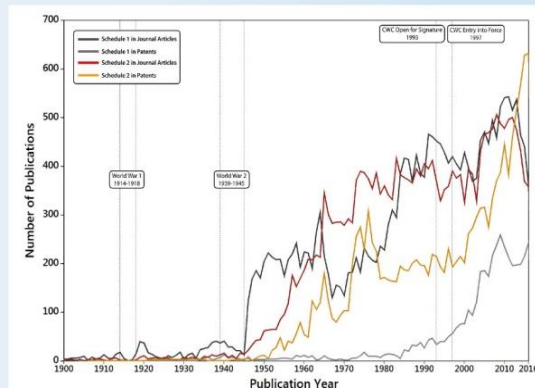
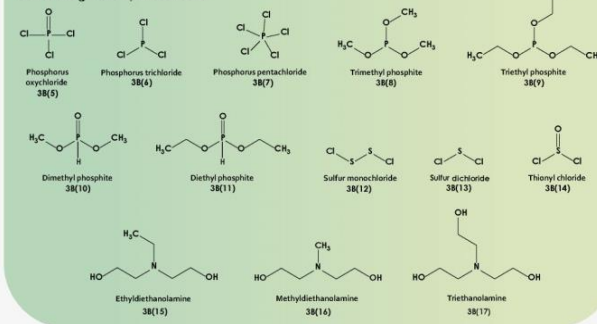
The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a toxic chemical or precursor, not listed in other Schedules, should be included in Schedule 3:

- It has been produced, stockpiled or used as a chemical weapon;
- It poses otherwise a risk to the object and purpose of this Convention because it possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that might enable it to be used as a chemical weapon;
- It poses a risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of one or more chemicals listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2, part B;
- It may be produced in large commercial quantities for purposes not prohibited under this Convention.

### Schedule 3 Part A, Toxic Chemicals



### Schedule 3 Part B, Precursors



Scheduled chemicals, including those in schedules 1 and 2, can have scientifically and economically important uses. This chart captures the number of yearly scientific publications that refer to them.



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# Threat spectrum

| Classical CW                                  | Other chemicals   | Bioregulators<br>Peptides  | Toxins  | Genetically<br>modified BW                   | Traditional BW   |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| blister agents<br>nerve agents<br>toxic gases | Toxic industrial,<br>pharmaceutical<br>and agricultural<br>chemicals<br><br>CNS-active<br>chemicals | substance P<br>neurokinins | botulinum<br>saxitoxin<br>ricin                         | modified/tailored<br>bacteria and<br>viruses | bacteria<br>viruses<br>rikettsia<br><br>anthrax<br>plague<br>tularemia |
| ← Chemical agents →                           |   |                            | ← Agents of biological origin →                         |  |  |
| ← Poisons →                                   |   | ← Infectious Agents →      |   |  |  |
| ← Chemical Weapons Convention (Article II) →  |   |                            | ← Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (Article I) → |  |  |

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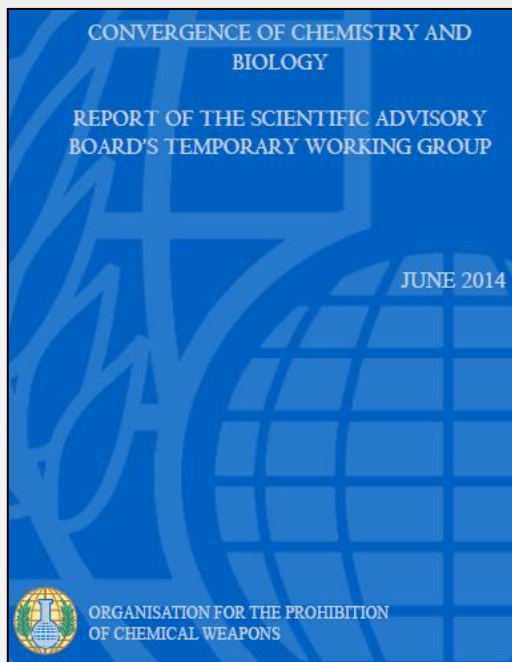
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| Classical CW                                  | Other chemicals   | Bioregulators<br>Peptides       | Toxins  | Genetically<br>modified BW                   | Traditional BW   |
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| blister agents<br>nerve agents<br>toxic gases | Toxic industrial,<br>pharmaceutical<br>and agricultural<br>chemicals<br><br>CNS-active<br>chemicals | substance P<br>neurokinins      | botulinum<br><b>saxitoxin</b><br><b>ricin</b> | modified/tailored<br>bacteria and<br>viruses | bacteria<br>viruses<br>rikettsia<br><br>anthrax<br>plague<br>tularemia |
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| ← Poisons →                                   |   | ← Infectious Agents →           |   |  |  |

# Convergence

Practical applications of new technologies for anticipated novel applications are advancing by trans-disciplinary problem solving

**Technological change should be viewed from a practical perspective focusing on developments relevant to the Convention rather than focusing on single disciplines**



# Production of chemicals using biological processes

SAB recommended “production by synthesis” covers any process for the formation of a chemical

Technological advances : metabolic engineering, synthetic biology, gene editing

No advantage to producing classical CW agents by biological means

Toxins might be produced genetically rather than isolated from organisms



TS should continue to assess the possibility of conversion of biological facilities to the production of scheduled chemicals; the outcome of such a review would inform the degree of relevance these facilities have to the object and purpose of the Convention

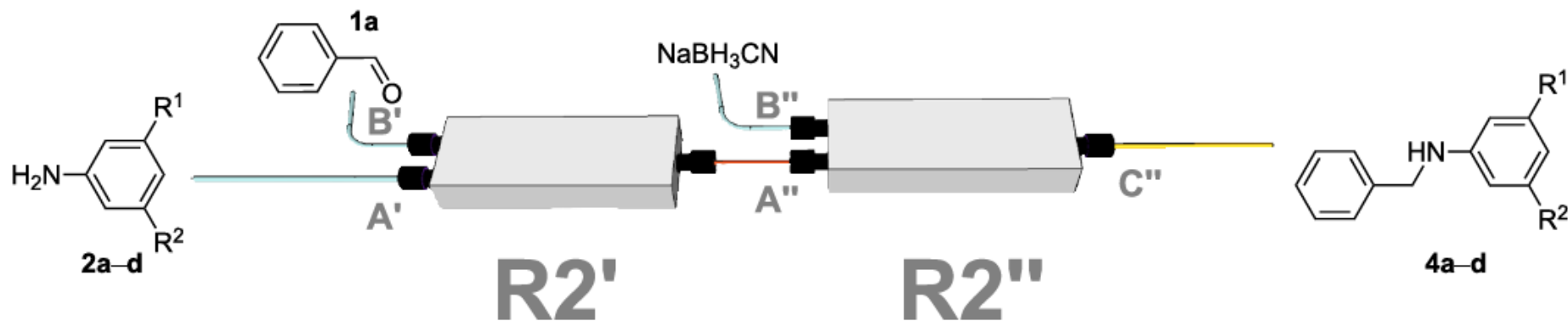
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## 3D-printed devices for continuous-flow organic chemistry

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We present a study in which the versatility of 3D-printing is combined with the processing advantages of flow chemistry for the synthesis of organic compounds. Robust and inexpensive 3D-printed reactionware devices are easily connected using standard fittings resulting in complex, custom-made flow systems, including multiple reactors in a series with in-line, real-time analysis using an ATR-IR flow cell. As a proof of concept, we utilized two types of organic reactions, imine syntheses and imine reductions, to show how different reactor configurations and substrates give different products.

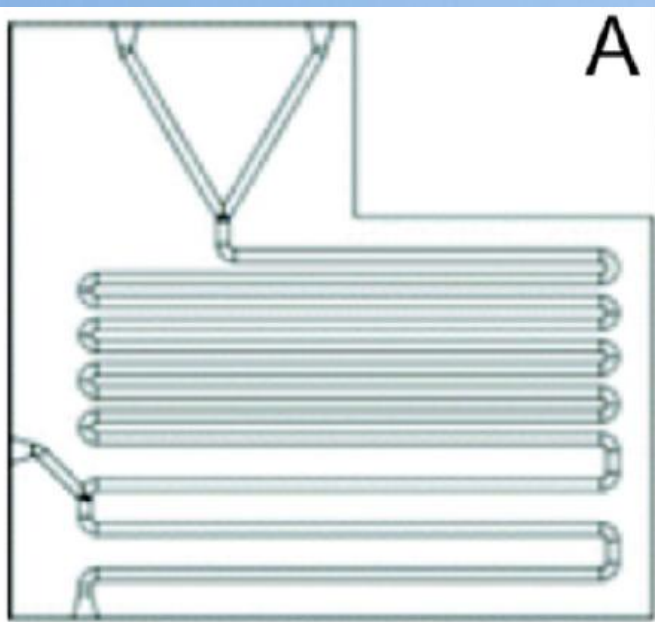


# 3D printing

## Evaluation of 3D Printing and Its Potential Impact on Biotechnology and the Chemical Sciences

Nearing 30 years since its introduction, 3D printing technology is set to revolutionize research and teaching laboratories. This feature encompasses the history of 3D printing, reviews various printing methods, and presents current applications. The authors offer an appraisal of the future direction and impact this technology will have on laboratory settings as 3D printers become more accessible.

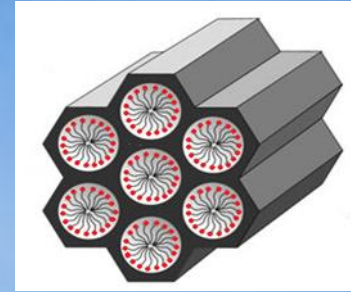
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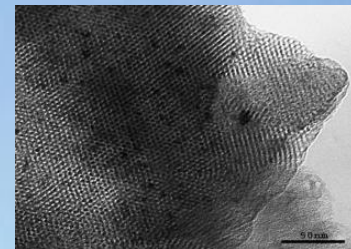
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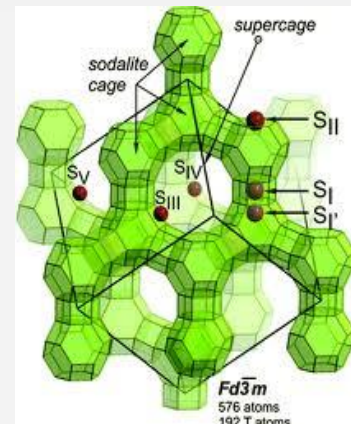
Nanotechnology has enabled advances in detection technology by incorporation of antibody or enzyme sensing elements that might be used for on-site inspections



Publications on nanotechnology for chemical analysis, detection, protection, decontamination, and medical countermeasures reveal that few commercial products have come onto the market



Nanotechnologies that impact life processes through chemical action, used for purposes prohibited by the Convention, are covered by the general purpose criterion of Article II



Nanotechnologies to deliver chemical or biological agents would constitute a delivery system and contravene the CWC and BWC

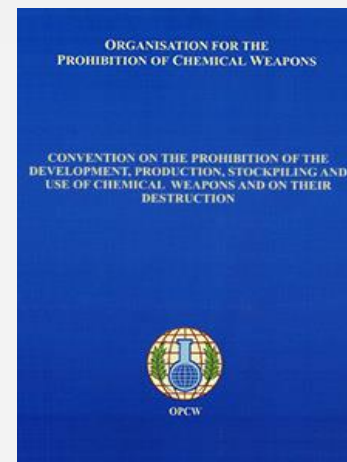
# Schedules

Up-to-date knowledge of chemistry related to the Schedules and industrial processes are key for inspectors

Adequate levels of scientific understanding will remain critical in making any assessments of an industrial capability or facility – unusual practices cannot be recognised without good knowledge

A review of the schedules may be of value regarding chemicals previously not considered that are determined to pose a risk to non-proliferation, and could include :

- toxic industrial chemicals
- CNS-acting chemicals
- bioregulators and/or toxins



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# Isotopically-labelled compounds and stereoisomers

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1.1 The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) has considered isotopically labelled scheduled chemicals and stereoisomers of scheduled compounds relating to the Convention according to the Director-General's requests (see Appendixes 1 and 2).

1.2 **Recommendation 1.** The SAB recommends that the molecular parent structure of a chemical should determine whether it is covered by a schedule entry. This is because:

(a) it is inappropriate to rely solely upon Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) numbers to define chemicals covered by the schedules. Although relevant as aids to declaration and verification, CAS numbers should not be used as the means to identify a chemical, or to determine whether a chemical is included in, or excluded from, a schedule;

(b) thus, if a chemical is included within a schedule, then all possible isotopically-labelled forms and stereoisomers of that chemical should be included, irrespective of whether or not they have been assigned a CAS number or have CAS numbers different to those shown in the Annex on Chemicals to the Convention. The isotopically labelled compound or stereoisomer related to the parent chemical specified in the schedule should be interpreted as belonging to the same schedule; and

(c) this advice is consistent with previous SAB views on this topic.<sup>1</sup>

1.3 **Recommendation 2.** Inclusion of appropriate analytical data in the OPCW Central Agent Database (OCAD) for isotopically labelled relatives of scheduled compounds where available is recommended.

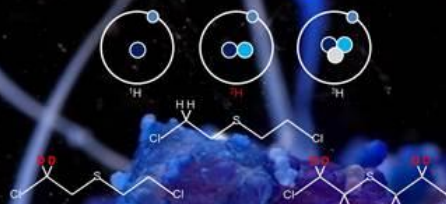
## 2. OBJECTIVE

2.1 At the Twenty-Second Session of the SAB in June 2015 [1]<sup>2</sup>, the Technical Secretariat introduced a request from the Director-General (Appendixes 1 and 2) to make technical recommendations on how chemicals relevant to Schedules 1, 2 and 3 should be considered in relation to the Convention if they contain isotopic labels or can exist in distinguishable stereoisomeric forms; taking into account the SAB's previous views on CAS registry numbers [2].

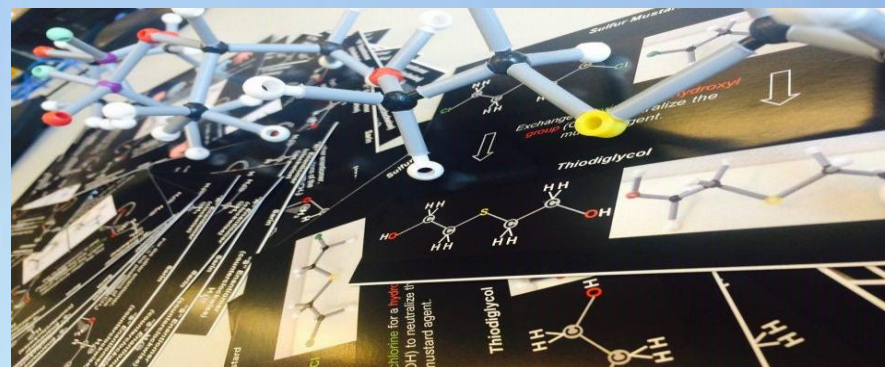
## SCIENCE FOR DIPLOMATS

### ISOTOPIC LABELS, STEREOISOMERS, & SCHEDULED CHEMICALS

#### WHY DOES THIS MATTER? A REVIEW OF THE SAB'S ADVICE



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# Emerging technologies

**SAB encourages Technical Secretariat to consider scenarios where new technologies may enhance capabilities of inspectors**

**Satellite imaging (including hyperspectral and non-visible light methods) should be considered for contingency operations and routine inspections where access to a site is difficult due to security concerns**

**The utility of UAVs to support investigations should be further explored - emphasis on area reconnaissance, visual confirmation, live entry support, and scene documentation**

**Unmanned systems for monitoring chemical change and/or collecting samples should be assessed**



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# Detection

Remote and automated monitoring technologies should be added to the list of approved inspection equipment (including those that could be incorporated into unmanned vehicles)

Handheld devices that provide chemical information, including through spectroscopic capabilities, mass spectrometry, and non-destructive techniques should be assessed

Use of multiple and complementary detectors will provide higher confidence in results

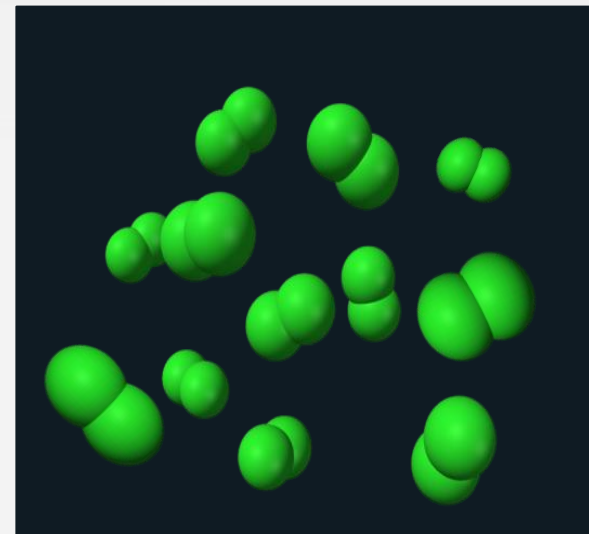
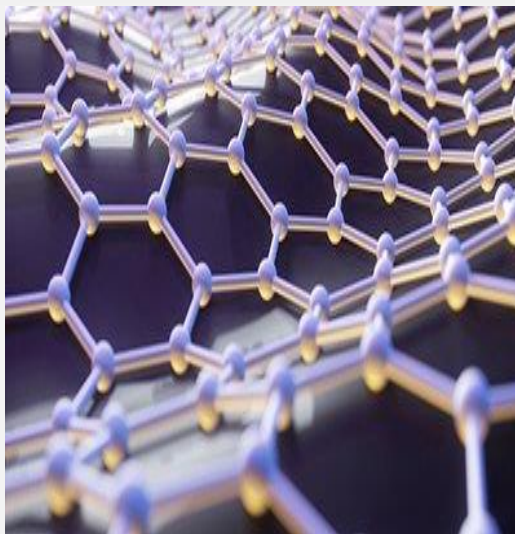


# Protection

Research directed at enhancing protection while reducing the physiological burden of respirators and clothing

Incorporation of enzymes/catalysts to give self-decontaminating clothing, and evaluation of new materials in filters and clothing

E.g. metal organic frameworks (MOFs)



# The OPCW inspector today



# The OPCW inspector tomorrow



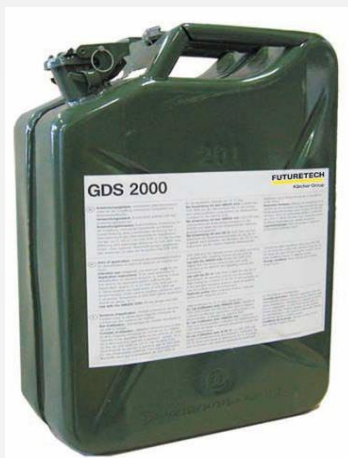
# Decontamination

Enzymes might offer non-corrosive, safe and catalytic means of decontaminating CW agents

Directed evolution of enzymes may provide 'green catalysts' for degrading CW agents

New decontamination formulations will continue to be sought

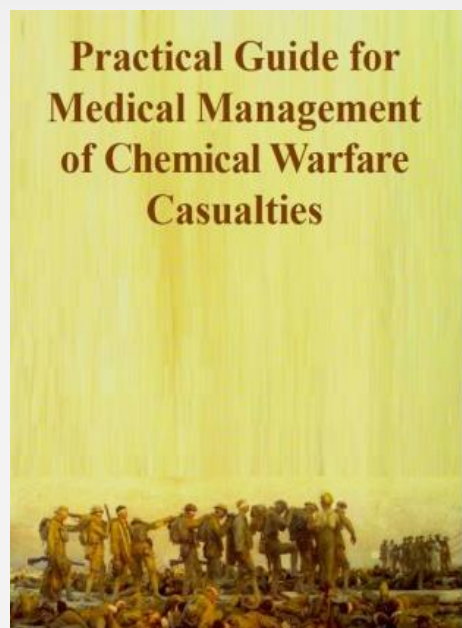
Microorganisms that digest chemicals may allow CW remediation



# Medical countermeasures

There is a continuing need to identify early biochemical events to understand better mechanisms leading to vesicant injury

Requirement for fast and efficient means to diagnose and treat people exposed to toxic chemicals and for improved MedCMs



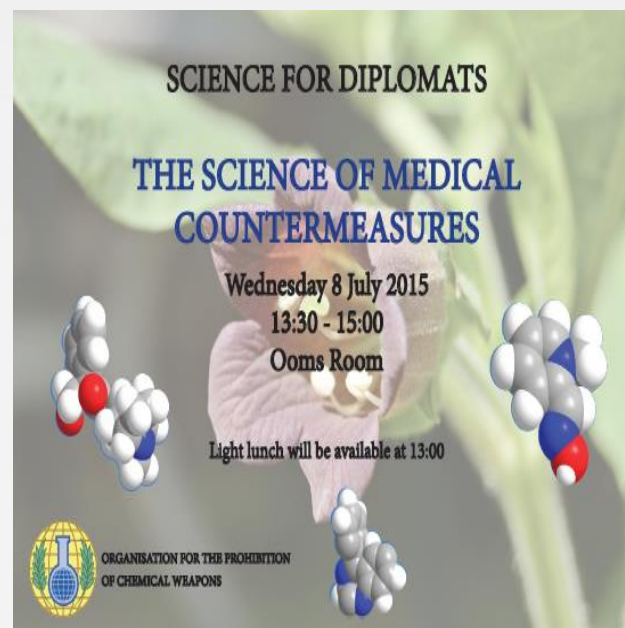
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Scientific Advisory Board

Twenty-Second Session  
8 – 12 June 2015

SAB-22/WP.2  
8 April 2015  
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RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REQUEST TO THE  
SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE FURTHER ADVICE ON  
ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION



# Riot control agents (RCAs)

Reviewed list of 60 chemicals that had been discussed in a RCA context

Only 17 met CWC-definition of RCA

**Science for Diplomats at EC-84**  
**What Defines a Riot Control Agent?**

Come activate your **TRP receptors!**  
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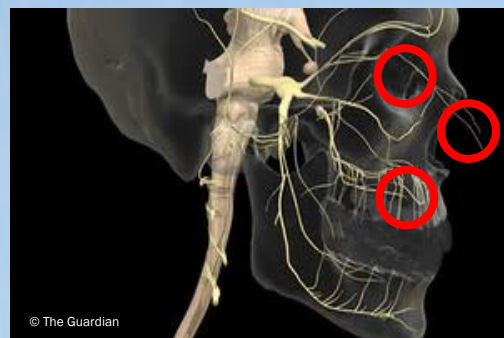
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| Mexican Black Mustard | ~1.5         | ~1.5              |
| Pea-Soy               | ~1.5         | ~1.5              |
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| Yuzufruit             | ~2.5         | ~2.5              |
| Wasabi-Like           | ~1.5         | ~1.5              |
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**The Scientific Advisory Board and Riot Control Agents**

**Response to the Director-General's Request to the Scientific Advisory Board to Provide Consideration on which Riot Control Agents are Subject to Declaration under the Chemical Weapons Convention**  
(SAB-25/WP.1, dated 27 March 2017)  
URL: <https://q-r.to/bap1Li>

**Science for Diplomats at EC-84 on Riot Control Agents**  
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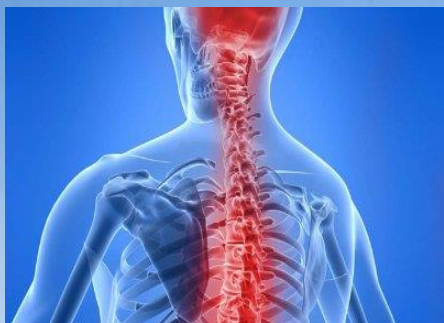
**Guide to Schedule Chemical Poster**  
URL: <https://q-r.to/bapSCK>

**Riot Control Agents Poster**  
URL: <https://q-r.to/bapSCG>

| Chemical Name         | SMILES                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1,1,1-Trichloroethane | <chem>CCl(C)Cl</chem>     |
| 1,1,2-Trichloroethane | <chem>CCl(Cl)CCl</chem>   |
| 1,1-Dichloroethane    | <chem>CCl(C)Cl</chem>     |
| 1,2-Dichloroethane    | <chem>CCl(Cl)CCl</chem>   |
| 1,1-Dichloroethene    | <chem>CCl=C(Cl)C</chem>   |
| 1,2-Dichloroethene    | <chem>CCl=CCl</chem>      |
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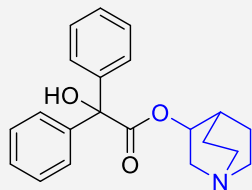
# Central nervous system (CNS) acting chemicals



**SAB reviewed 25 years of its advice on CNS-acting chemicals and concluded aerosolisation of these materials for law enforcement poses a significant health risk to humans**

**Technical discussions remain exhausted: issue now in the policy domain**

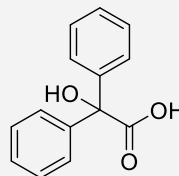
**OPCW should start preparations for verification activities to prepare for any future IAU**



**3-quinuclidinyl benzilate (BZ)**

Schedule 2.A.3

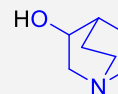
made from



**2,2-diphenyl-2-hydroxyacetic acid**

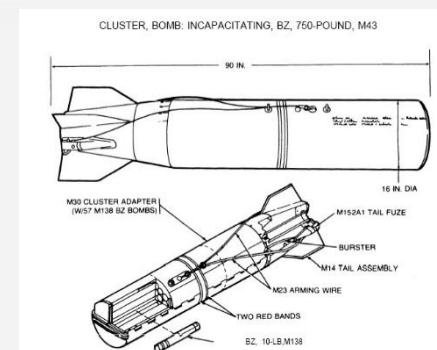
Schedule 2.B.8

and



**quinuclidin-3-ol**

Schedule 2.B.9



# Toxins

**Standardised methods for identification and analysis of saxitoxin and ricin should continue to be developed, and an international capability built to analyse samples for these two Sch. 1 chemicals**

- **Methods for detecting and analysing other toxins/chemicals that have been weaponised, or pose a high risk of use as chemical weapons, should be addressed**
- **Development of analysis of specific biomarkers related to toxins in biomedical samples would be advantageous**

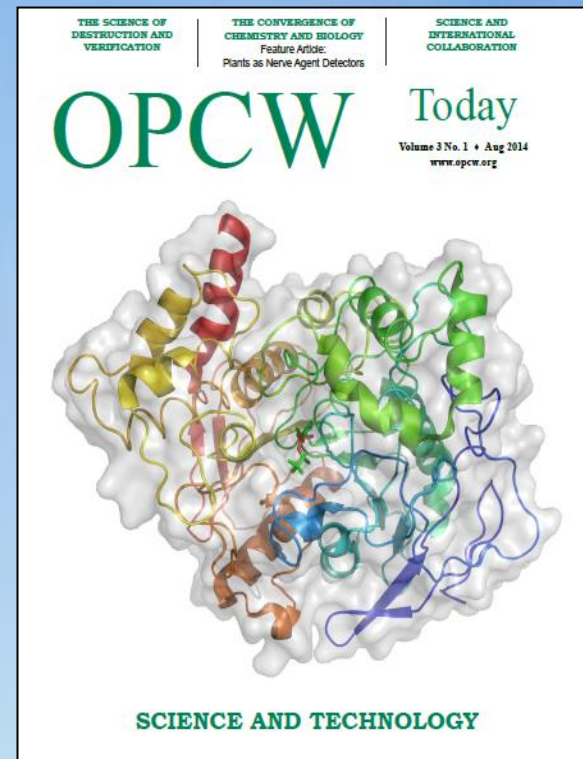
**OPCW Laboratory and designated laboratory network should engage with other networks of laboratories to share best practice in toxin identification and analysis**



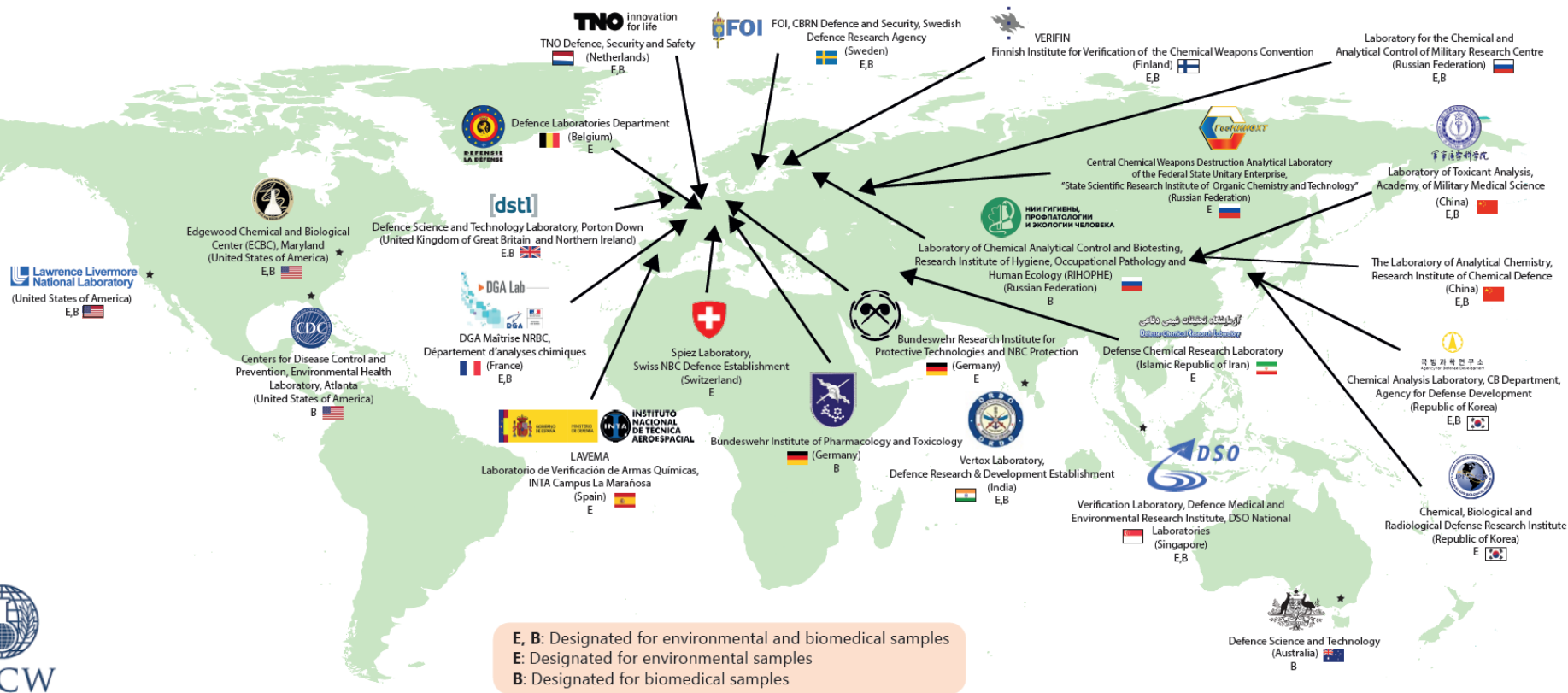
# Monitoring chemical change

Plants offer a means to detect and monitor chemical exposure (physical, chemical, and microbiological changes occur)

Might be able to read such changes using handheld devices etc.



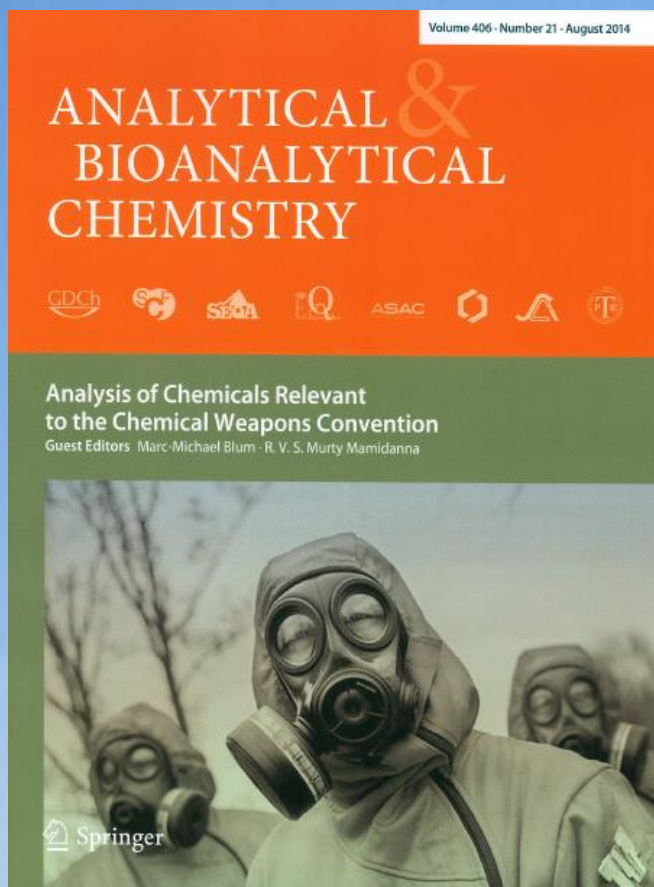
# Designated laboratories (DLs)



- SAB supports expansion of the network which is a model of international cooperation
- IAU technical data should be shared among DLs and published in peer-reviewed scientific papers to build capacity worldwide that OPCW may draw upon in future



# Important to share analytical methods



## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT

### WORKSHOP:

*International workshop on analysis of chemical warfare agents*

11 -13 December 2017

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HELSINKI, FINLAND

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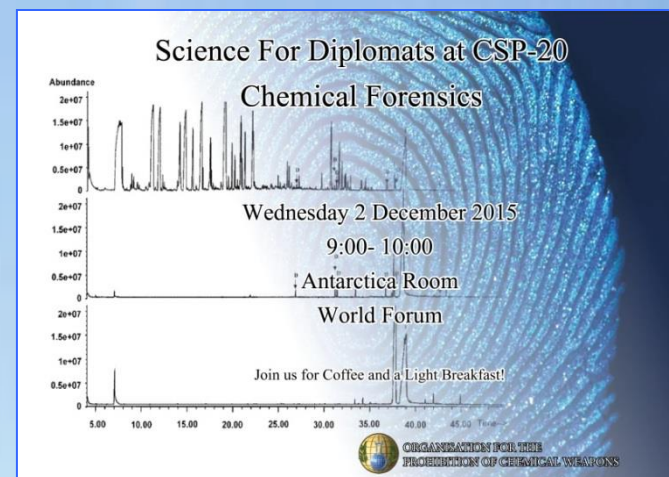
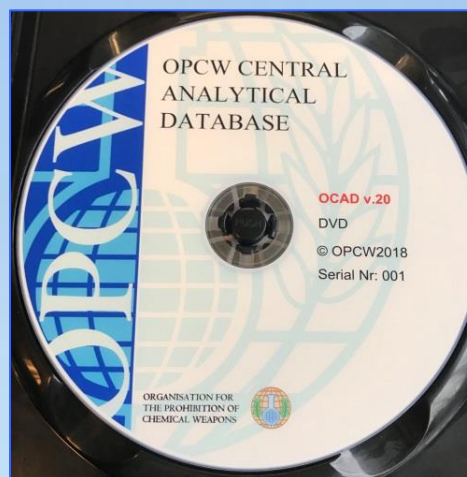
Proficiency Tests do not address identification of poisoning by non-sch. chemicals

The SAB recommends that a possible approach for such a scenario is evaluated

# OPCW Central Analytical Database (OCAD)

Analytical data for chemicals that pose a risk of use for purposes prohibited by the CWC should be included in the OCAD, including:

- Isotopically labeled relatives
- Stereoisomers of scheduled compounds
- Riot control agents
- CNS-acting chemicals
- Bioregulators and/or toxins
- Relevant biomarkers

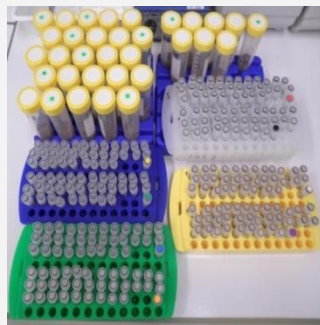


# Sample handling and storage

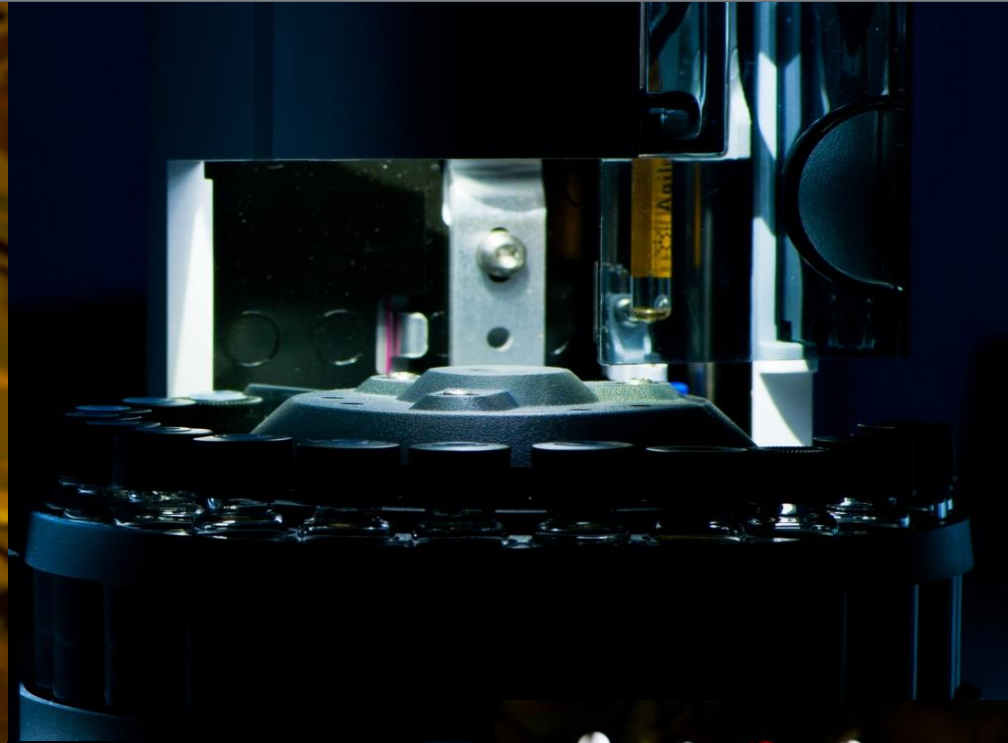
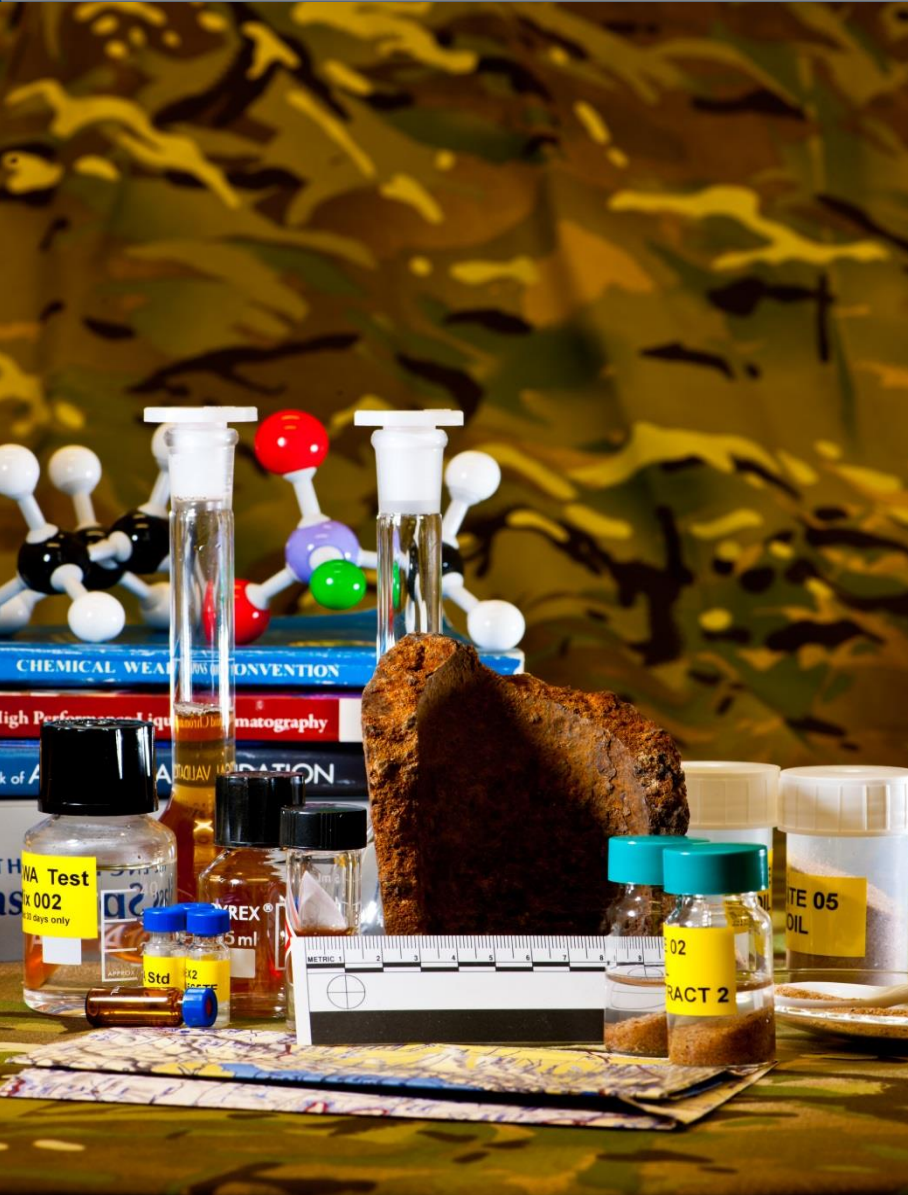
**Further documentation on the stability of samples just after sampling and during transport to the OPCW Laboratory; sample handling during splitting, handling, storage and disposal of samples at the OPCW Laboratory; should be pursued and shared with relevant stakeholder laboratories**

**Solid phase micro-extraction fibres, blood spot papers and related technologies may be promising for long-term storage of blood and other biological matrices – opportunities to test these should be sought**

**Collaborative opportunities to develop sample preparation methodologies for relevant non-scheduled chemicals (e.g. TICS, CNS acting chemicals, RCAs) should be sought**



# TWG on Investigative Science and Technology





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**Contingency operations have increasingly involved investigations, analysis, and fact-finding, with collection and evaluation of oral, material, and digital evidence of the use of chemical agents**

- Review science and technology relevant to investigations mandated under the CWC
- Include science and technology for the validation and provenancing (determining the chronology of ownership, custody and/or location) of evidence, and integration of multiple and diverse inputs to reconstruct a past event
- Identify capabilities, skill sets, and equipment that will augment and strengthen the investigative capabilities of OPCW



# Temporary Working Group on Investigative Science and Technology

Reporting to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), the Temporary Working Group (TWG) will in particular consider the following questions:

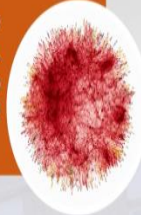
## Question 1:

Which methods and capabilities used in the forensic sciences could usefully be developed and/or adopted for Chemical Weapons Convention-based investigations?



## Question 2:

What are the best practices and analysis tools used in the forensic sciences for effectively cross-referencing, validating, and linking together information related to investigation sites, materials collected/analysed, and individuals interviewed?



## Question 3:

What are the best practices for management of data collected in investigations, including compilation, curation, and analytics?



## Question 4:

What are the best practices for the collection, handling, curation and storage, and annotation of evidence?



## Question 5:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) allow point-of-care and non-destructive measurements at an investigation site to help guide evidence collection?



## Question 6:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used in the provenancing of chemical and/or material samples collected in an investigation?



## Question 7:

Which methods are available (or are being developed) for the sampling and analysis of environmental and biomedical materials and can be used in the detection of toxic industrial chemicals relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention?



## Question 8:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used in ensuring chain of custody and verifying authenticity (especially in regard to digital images and video recordings)?



## Question 9:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used to ensure the integrity of an investigation site?



## Question 10:

Do collections of physical objects, samples, and other information for chemical weapons-related analysis exist and can they be made available to investigators for retrospective review? How might these collections be used to support investigations?



## Question 11:

Are there stakeholders that the Technical Secretariat could usefully engage with to leverage their capabilities on investigative matters?



**In addition, the TWG will provide advice on Technical Secretariat proposals for methodologies, procedures, technologies, and equipment for investigative purposes.**

## Initial findings

**Any site of alleged use of toxic chemicals should be viewed as a crime scene with interagency cooperation important for OPCW**

**Impurity profiling is an important developing area of science**

**Biomedical samples should be exploited as much as possible**

**Forensic techniques including analysis of open source videos and documents to establish authenticity should aid investigations**

**Important to consider best practice adopted by first responders**

**OPCW should keep reference samples of investigation samples**

## Closing statement

**The SAB's report to the Fourth Review Conference will be delivered to the Director-General in April 2018**

**The SAB condemns any use of chemicals as weapons and stands ready to provide relevant scientific advice in support of verification and the prevention of re-emergence of chemical weapons in response to any allegations**



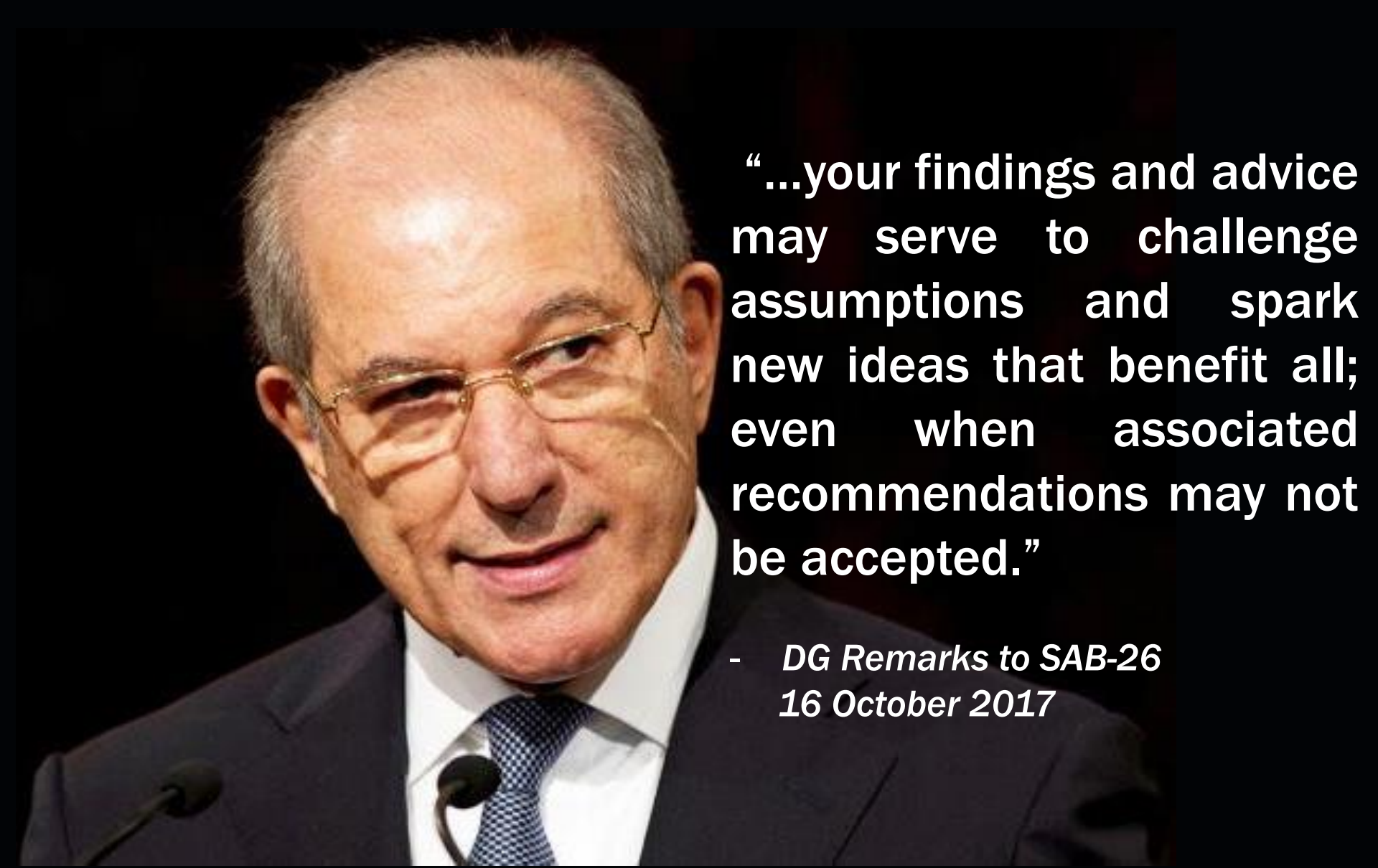
**“...I encourage you to be forward thinking, innovative and bold as you draft this report**

**The value of the report and its advice is the independent expert voice the SAB provides”**

**- *DG Remarks to SAB-26  
16 October 2017***



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**“...your findings and advice may serve to challenge assumptions and spark new ideas that benefit all; even when associated recommendations may not be accepted.”**

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