

## Background

- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are chemicals found in many consumer and industrial products.
- Currently, there are ~1223 PFAS chemicals included in the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) inventory for use in the US, 602 which are currently active.
- The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency is leading an effort to define the toxic profile of a structurally representative group of PFAS to understand the intersection of their toxicity and structure.

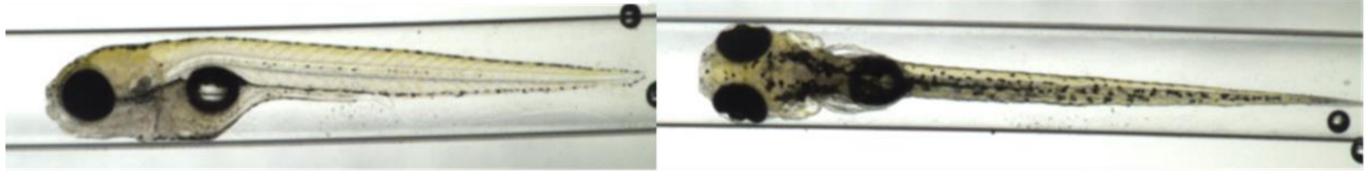
## Methods

- Embryos were prepared on the day of fertilization and exposed to either dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO:vehicle), or one of the PFAS chemicals. Positive control (chlorpyrifos) was run on each plate.
- On the sixth day each larva was assessed by two independent, blinded observers who graded developmental landmarks: e.g., mortality, hatching, swim bladder inflation, edema, abnormal spine/tail, cranial-facial abnormalities, and small size.

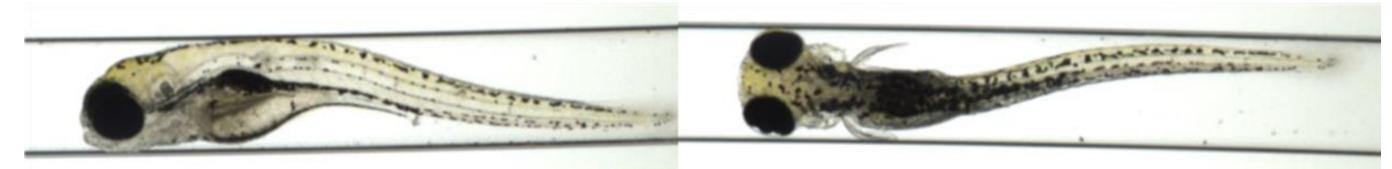
### **Examples of Normal and Affected Larvae:**

LATERAL VIEW

**DORSAL VIEW** 



A. Control Larva - NORMAL

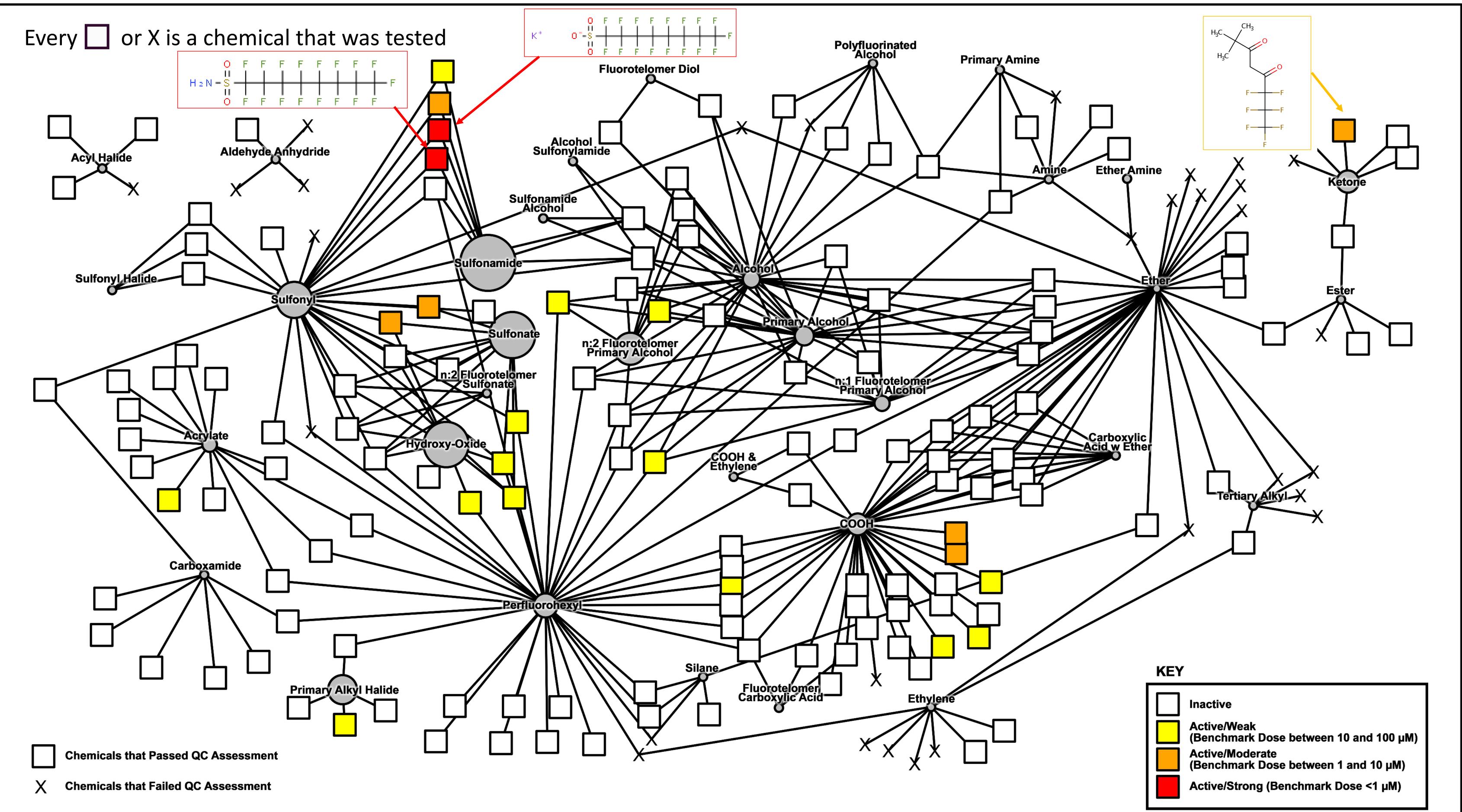


**B.** Treated Larva – ABNORMAL: uninflated swim bladder, curved body axis

C. Treated Larva – SEVERELY ABNORMAL: uninflated swim bladder, craniofacial abnormalities, edema, spine/tail abnormalities

# **Developmental Toxicity Assessment of a Library of Per**and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Zebrafish (Danio rerio) Embryos/Larvae





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PFAS with Sulfonamide, Sulfonate, and/or Hydroxy-oxide Chemical Moieties were Likely to be Developmentally **Toxic to Zebrafish Embryos Based on These Test Results** 

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