

# PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) AND PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONIC ACID (PFOS)

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## ANNEX 6. SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR SECTION 4.3, MECHANISTIC EVIDENCE

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These supplementary online-only tables (available from: <https://publications.iarc.who.int/636>) contain summaries of the findings (including the assay name, the corresponding key characteristic, the resulting “hit calls” both positive and negative, and any reported caution flags) for those chemicals evaluated in the present volume that have been tested in high-throughput screening assays performed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and the United States National Institutes of Health. The results were generated by the Working Group using the software “kc-hits” (key characteristics of carcinogens – high-throughput screening discovery tool) available from <https://gitlab.com/i1650/kc-hits.git> (Reisfeld et al., 2022), using the US EPA Toxicology in the 21st Century (Tox21) and Toxicity Forecaster (ToxCast) assay data and the curated mapping of key characteristics to assays available at the time of the evaluations performed for *IARC Monographs* Volume 135. Data were available for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), ammonium perfluorooctanoate (APFO), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), and potassium perfluorooctanesulfonate.

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1. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA): ToxCast/Tox21 assay results mapped to the key characteristics of carcinogens
2. Ammonium perfluorooctanoate (APFO): ToxCast/Tox21 assay results mapped to the key characteristics of carcinogens
3. Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS): ToxCast/Tox21 assay results mapped to the key characteristics of carcinogens
4. Potassium perfluorooctanesulfonate: ToxCast/Tox21 assay results mapped to the key characteristics of carcinogens

### Reference

Reisfeld B, de Conti A, El Ghissassi F, Benbrahim-Tallaa L, Gwinn W, Grosse Y, et al. (2022). kc-hits: a tool to aid in the evaluation and classification of chemical carcinogens. *Bioinformatics*. 38(10):2961–2. doi:[10.1093/bioinformatics/btac189](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btac189) PMID:[35561175](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35561175/)