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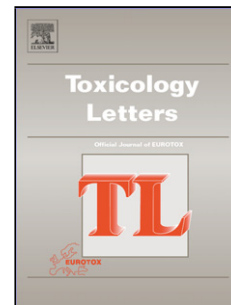
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Graphical abstract

Highlights

- ▣ Antifungal drug ketoconazole contains several impurities.
- ▶ Ketoconazole was identified as an activator of aryl hydrocarbon receptor AhR
- ▶ Impurities contained in ketoconazole are strong activators of human AhR
- ▶ Impurities contained in ketoconazole are inducers of human CYP1A1
- ▶ The data may have implications in ketoconazole role in skin chemoprevention

ABSTRACT

Antifungal drug ketoconazole is a mixture of (+)/(-) *cis*-enantiomers, which also contains several impurities. Ketoconazole was identified as an activator of aryl hydrocarbon receptor AhR by three independent research teams. In the current paper we demonstrate that impurities

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