

Microbial Hazards

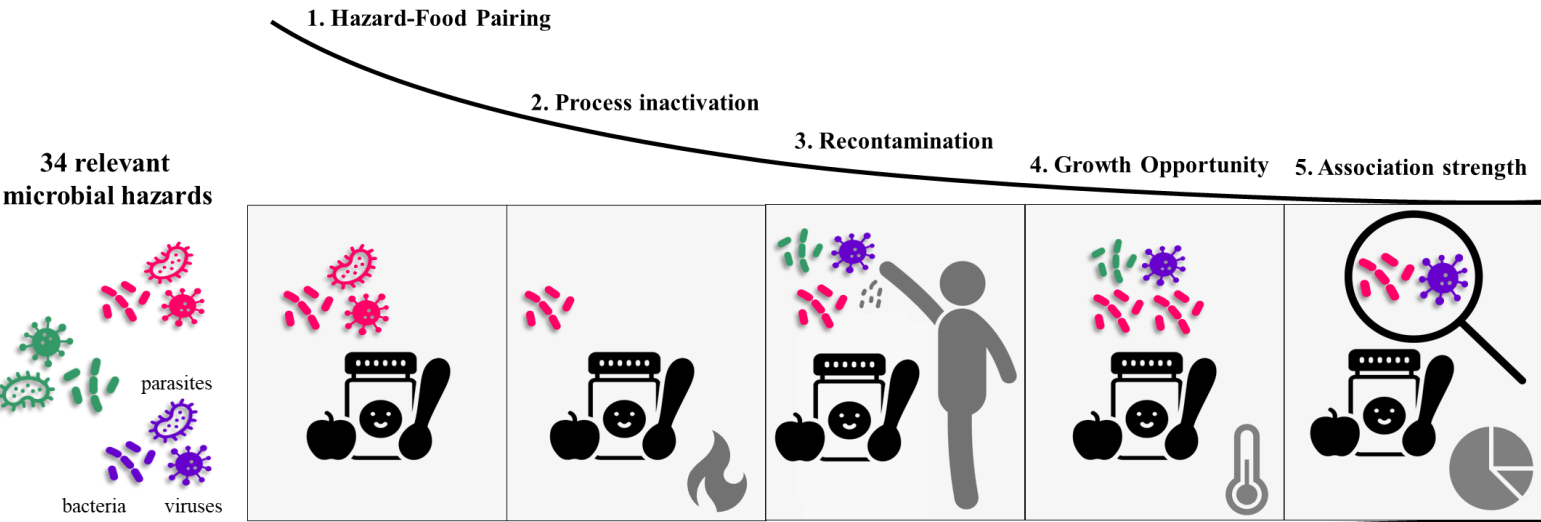
Risk Ranking



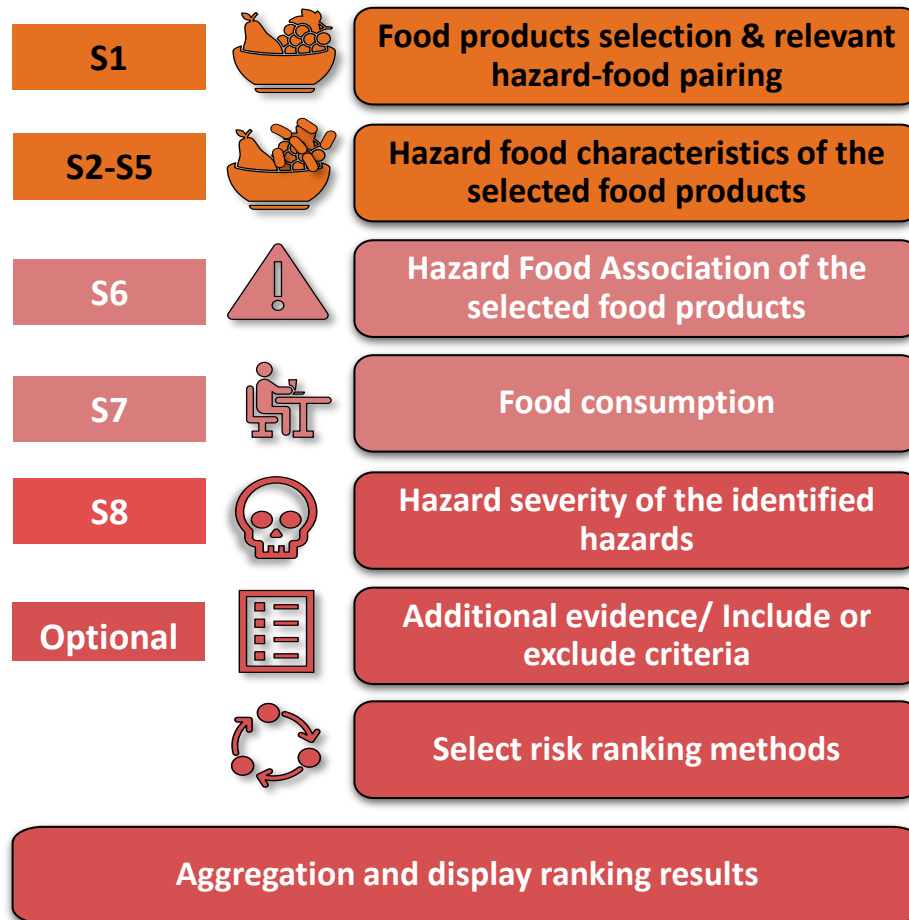
Hazard Identification is done prior to risk ranking to identify most relevant hazard in the selected foods



Five-step Hazard Identification Tool for Infant Foods

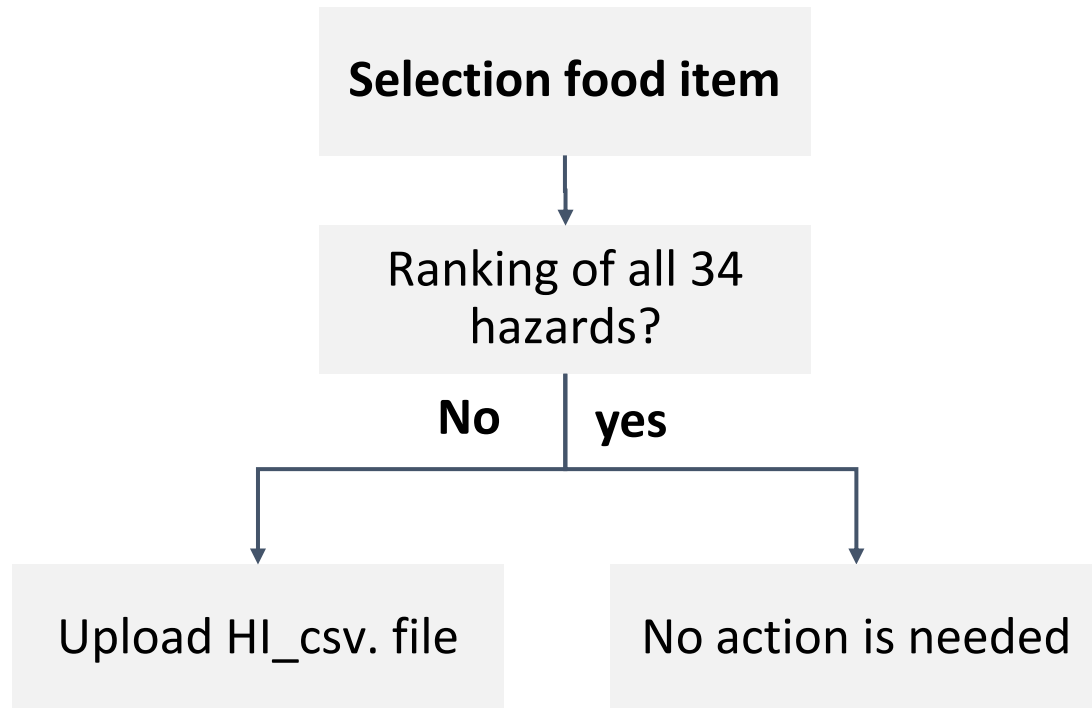


The Eight Risk Ranking Steps

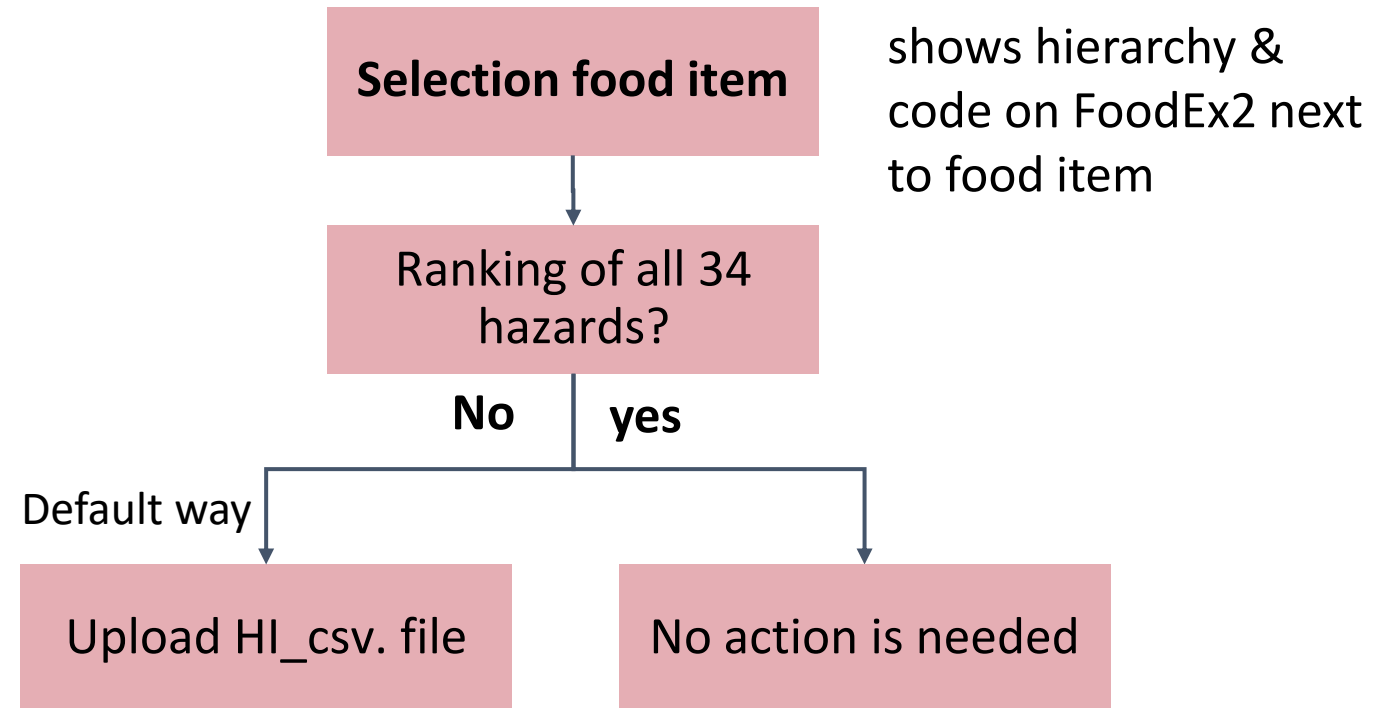


Food parameter: Select food item

User's input



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Provide link to MiID

https://foodmicrobiologywur.shinyapps.io/Microbial_hazards_ID/

Food parameter: select food composition

User's input

Food composition

Factors	Tick relevant
High fat	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Low Aw (0.5-0.9)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Dry product ($a_w < 0.5$)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
$\text{pH} < 4.5$	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
$4.5 < \text{pH} < 4.8$	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
$\text{pH} > 10$	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> yes

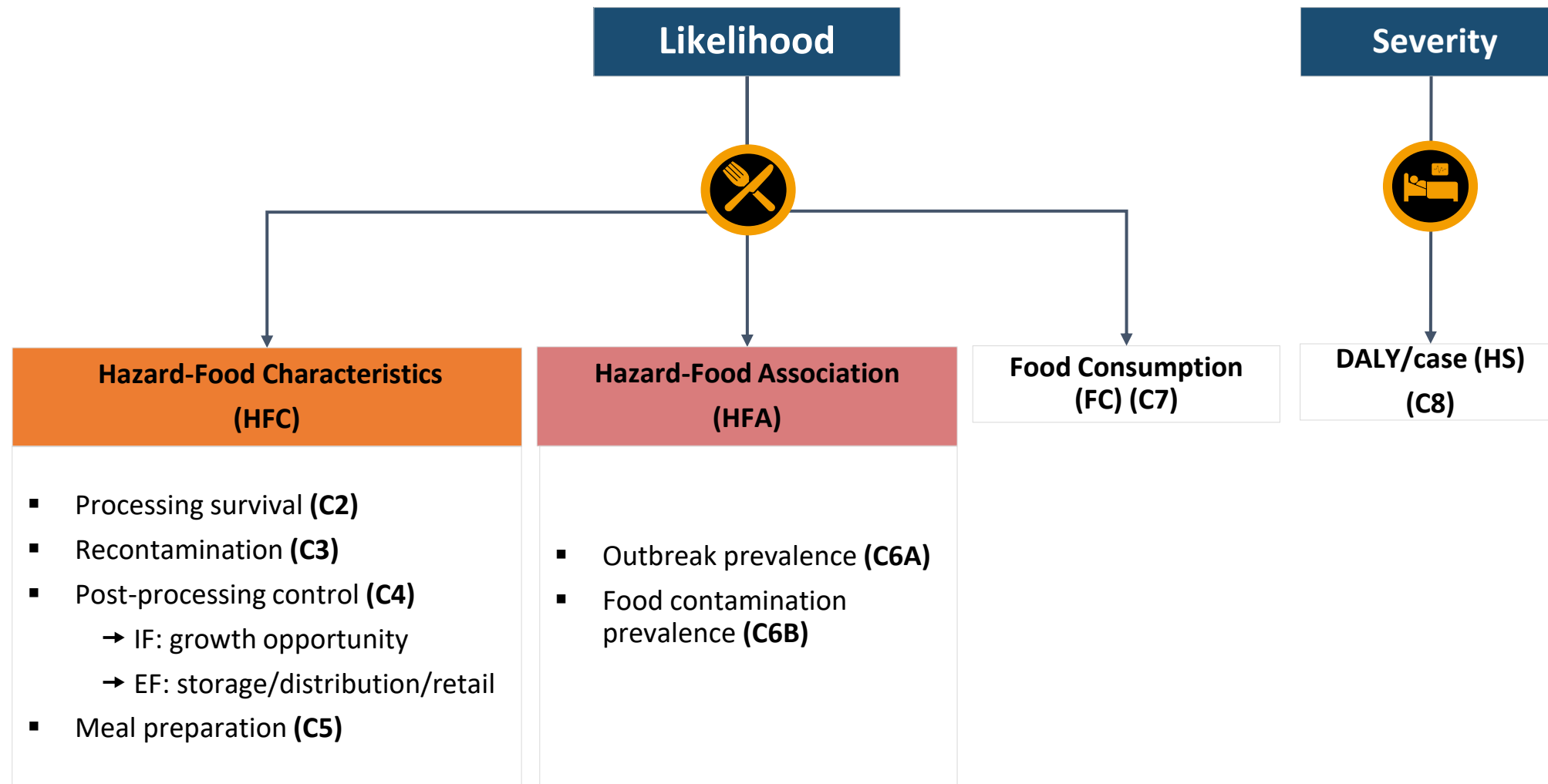
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Food composition

This step influences the inactivation efficacy of the selected processing techniques in the next input

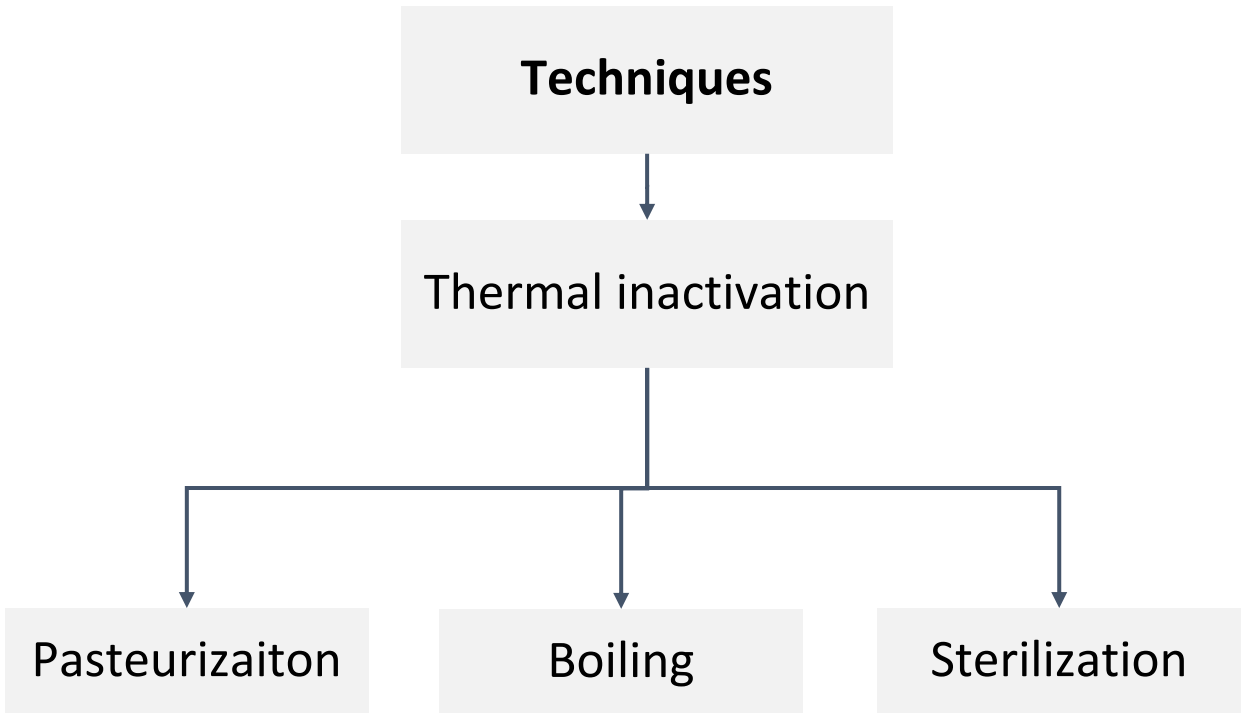
1. Check processing techniques of factory parameter
2. Take the corresponding value

Risk Ranking Criteria



Factory parameter: C2 → processing techniques

User's input



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Techniques + food composition

Factors	Tick relevant
High fat	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Low Aw (0.5-0.9)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Dry product (aw < 0.5)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
pH < 4.5	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
4.5 < pH < 4.8	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
pH > 10	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> yes

Step 2_PE: relevant values in column H, I, or J is used. Display information on columns K & L based on the factory parameter selection

When more than 1 factor is relevant, select the highest value

Decision tree

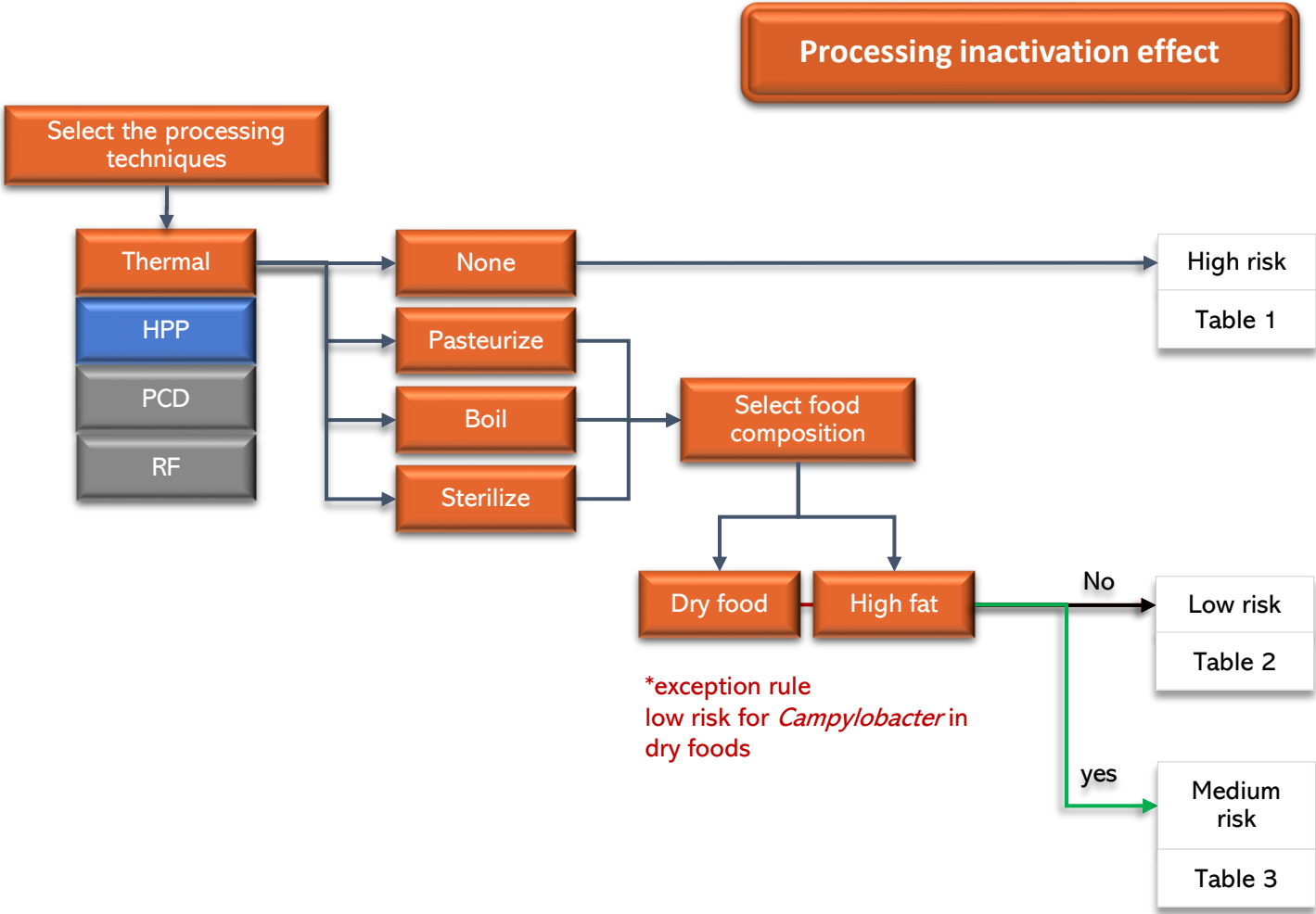


Table 1

Hazard group	No inactivation
Vegetative bacteria	1
Virus	1
Vegetative parasites	1
Parasite cysts	1
Heat-resistant virus	1
Bacterial spores	1
Bacterial toxin	1

Table 2

Hazard group	Pasteurization	Boiling	Sterilization
Vegetative bacteria	1E-6	1E-10	1E-20
Virus	1E-6	1E-10	1E-20
Vegetative parasites	1E-6	1E-10	1E-20
Parasite cysts	1E-05	1E-10	1E-20
Heat-resistant virus	1E-03	1E-10	1E-20
Bacterial spores	1	1E-03	1E-12
Bacterial toxin	1	1E-03	1E-12

Table 3

Hazard group	Pasteurization	Boiling	Sterilization
Vegetative bacteria	1E-4	1E-8	1E-18
Virus	1E-4	1E-8	1E-18
Vegetative parasites	1E-4	1E-8	1E-18
Parasite cysts	1E-3	1E-8	1E-18
Heat-resistant virus	1E-1	1E-8	1E-18
Bacterial spores	1	1E-1	1E-10
Bacterial toxin	1	1E-1	1E-10

Risk value	Score
1E-20	1
1E-18	1
1E-12	1
1E-10	2
1E-8	2
1E-6	2
1E-5	2
1E-4	3
1E-3	3
1E-1	4
1	4

Factory parameter: C3➔ Recontamination

User's input

Sources	Tick relevant
Aseptic processing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Wet environment	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Dry environment	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Addition of dry herbs or spices	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Addition of dry vitamins	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Addition of other dry ingredients	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Human cross-contamination	<input type="checkbox"/> yes

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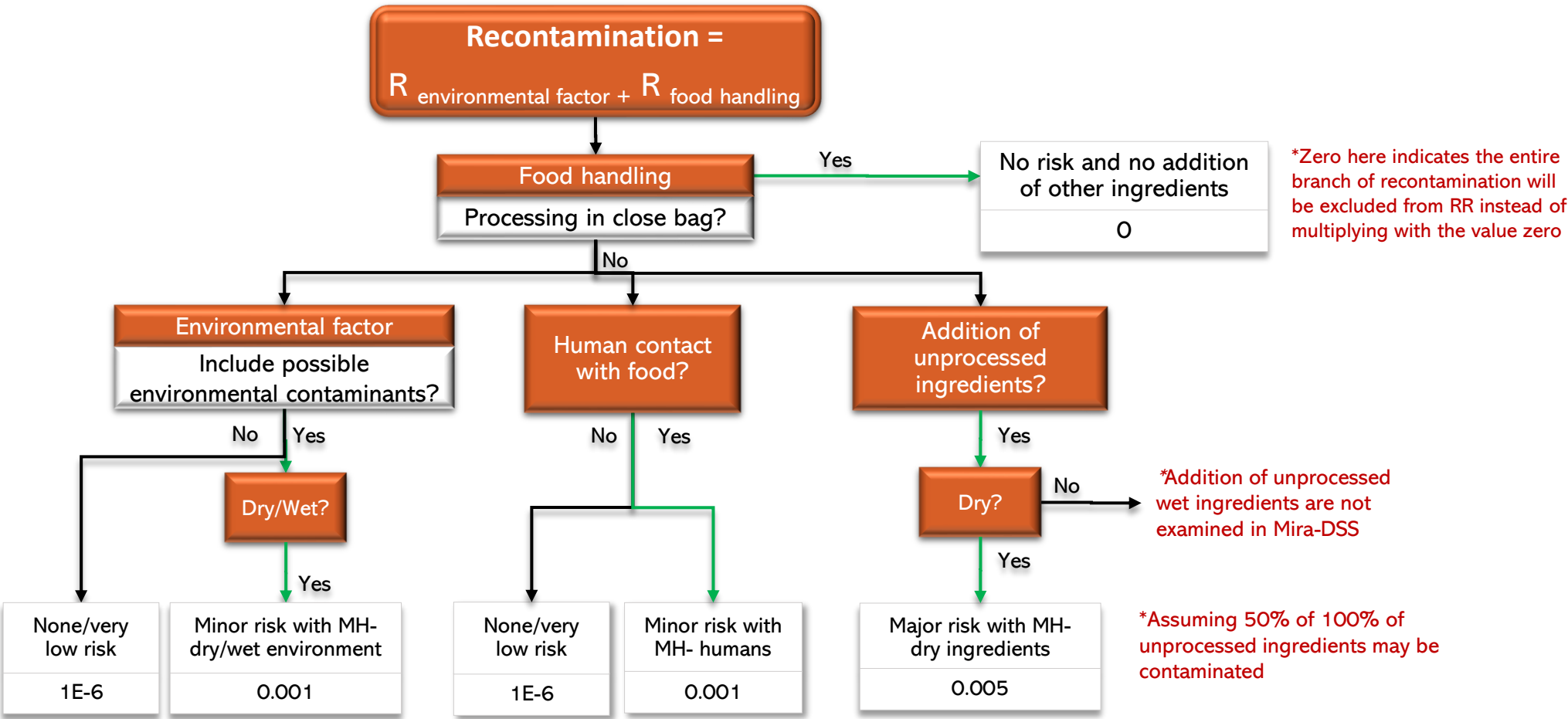
Sources	Tick relevant
Aseptic processing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Wet environment	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Dry environment	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Addition of dry herbs or spices	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Addition of dry vitamins	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Addition of other dry ingredients	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Human cross-contamination	<input type="checkbox"/> yes

Step 3_RP: pick the relevant columns and **add** the numerical values assigned for EF & RF

Decision tree

Category of dry ingredients	Risk of recontamination for relevant hazard
dry spices	0.5
other dry ingredients	0.05
dry vitamins	0.005

Risk value	Score
1E-6	1
0.005	2
0.05	3
0.5	4
0	0



Distribution parameter: C4 → Conditions during storage/distribution/retailing



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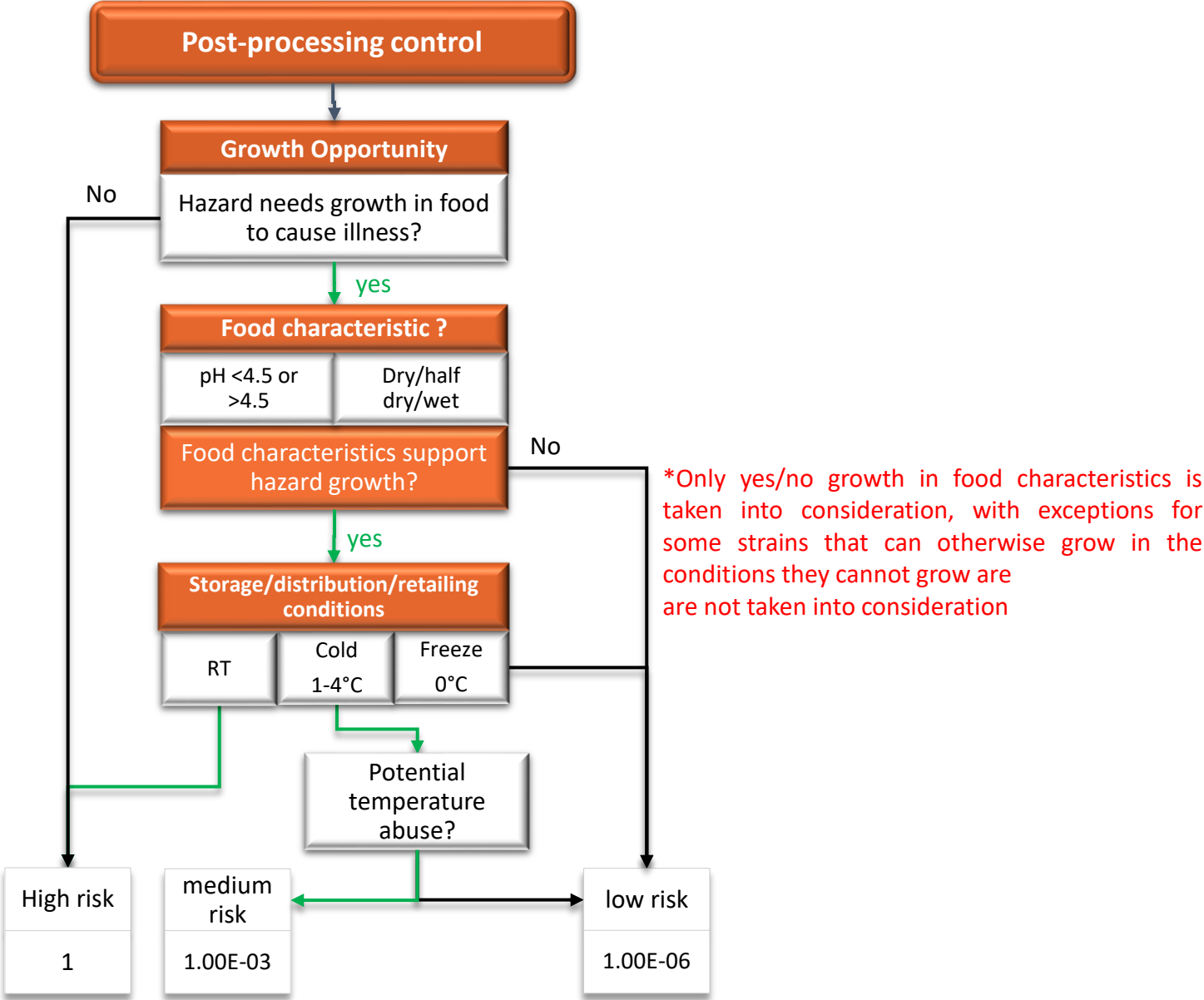
Storage/distribution/retail	Tick relevant
Room temperature	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Refrigeration (1-4°C)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Frozen (0°C)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Potential temperature abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> yes

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Storage/distribution /retail	Tick relevant	Food composition filled by user	Cardinal parameter
Room temperature	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	Take data in food parameter	Compare with cardinal parameter in Supplementary Table X, & take the estimated likelihood in step 4_ PPC2
Refrigeration (1-4°C)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes		
Frozen (0°C)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes		
Potential temperature abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> yes		

Decision tree

Risk value	Score
1E-6	1
1E-3	2
1	3



Distribution parameter: C5 → Meal preparation at household

User's input

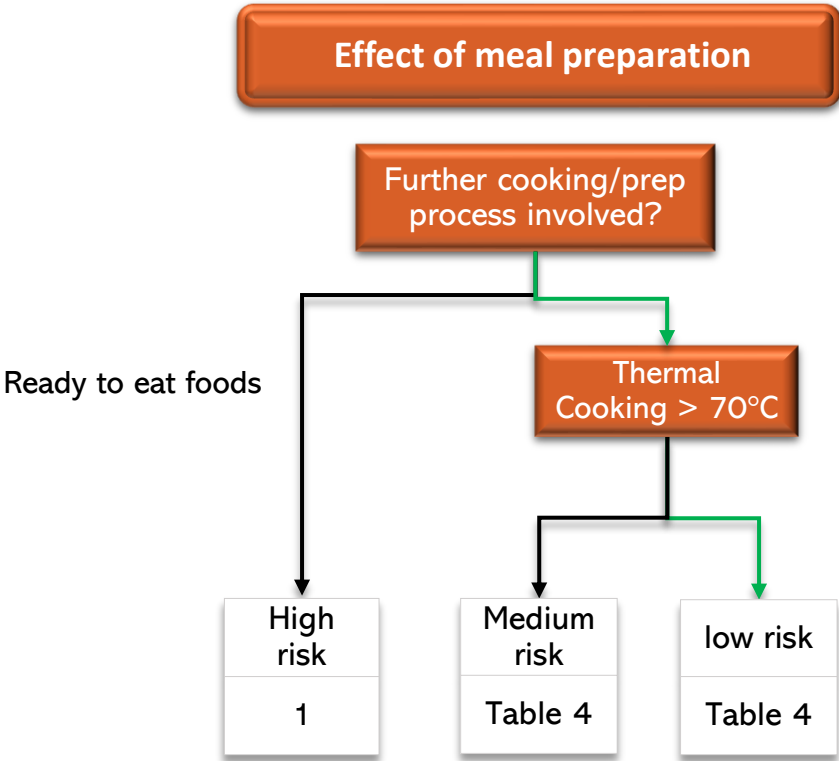
Meal preparation	Tick relevant
Ready to eat	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Ready to heat <70°C	<input type="checkbox"/> yes
Ready to cook > 70°C	<input type="checkbox"/> yes

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Step 5_MP: pick the value in the relevant columns E, F or G

Hazard group	RTE	RTH <70°C	RTC >70°C
Vegetative bacteria	1	1E-2	1E-4
Virus	1	1E-2	1E-4
Vegetative parasites	1	1E-2	1E-4
Parasite cysts	1	1E-1	1E-03
Heat-resistant virus	1	1	1E-02
Bacterial spores	1	1	1
Bacterial toxin	1	1	1

Decision tree



* Meal preparation
ELIMINATES no hazards

Table 4

Hazard group	Cooking <70C	Cooking >70C
Vegetative bacteria	1E-2	1E-4
Virus	1E-2	1E-4
Vegetative parasites	1E-2	1E-4
Parasite cysts	1E-1	1E-03
Heat-resistant virus	1	1E-02
Bacterial spores	1	1
Bacterial toxin	1	1

Risk value	Score
1E-4	1
1E-3	1
1E-2	2
1E-1	3
1	4

C6, C7 and C8: Prevalences, Consumption and Severity data

User's input

Parameter	Criteria
Food	item Composition Acidity

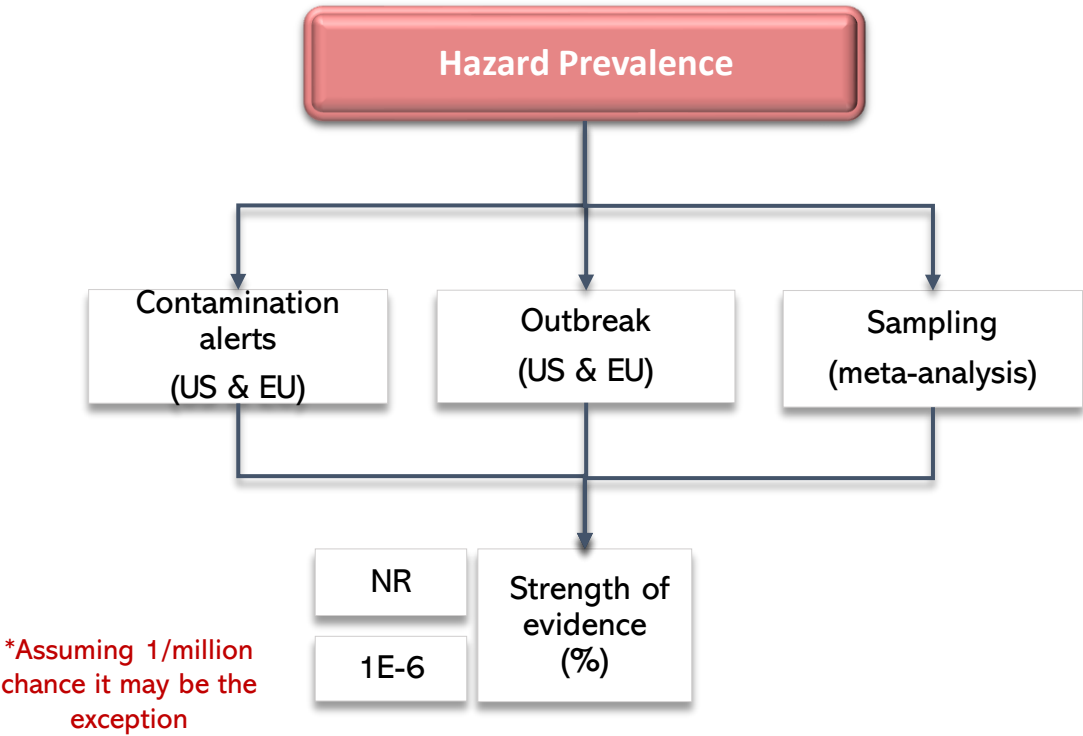
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Based on user's input in step 1, display the respective data column in Step 6_HFA4th root, Step 7_FC and Step8_HS values

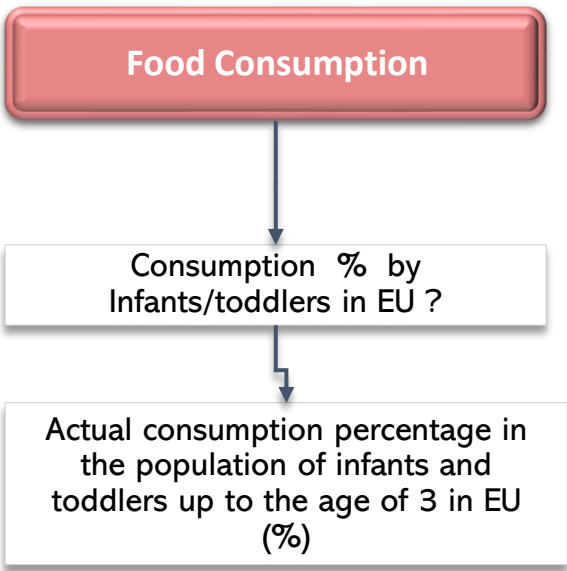
Show total ranking of
results in a Table

Show total ranking of
results in a plot

Decision tree



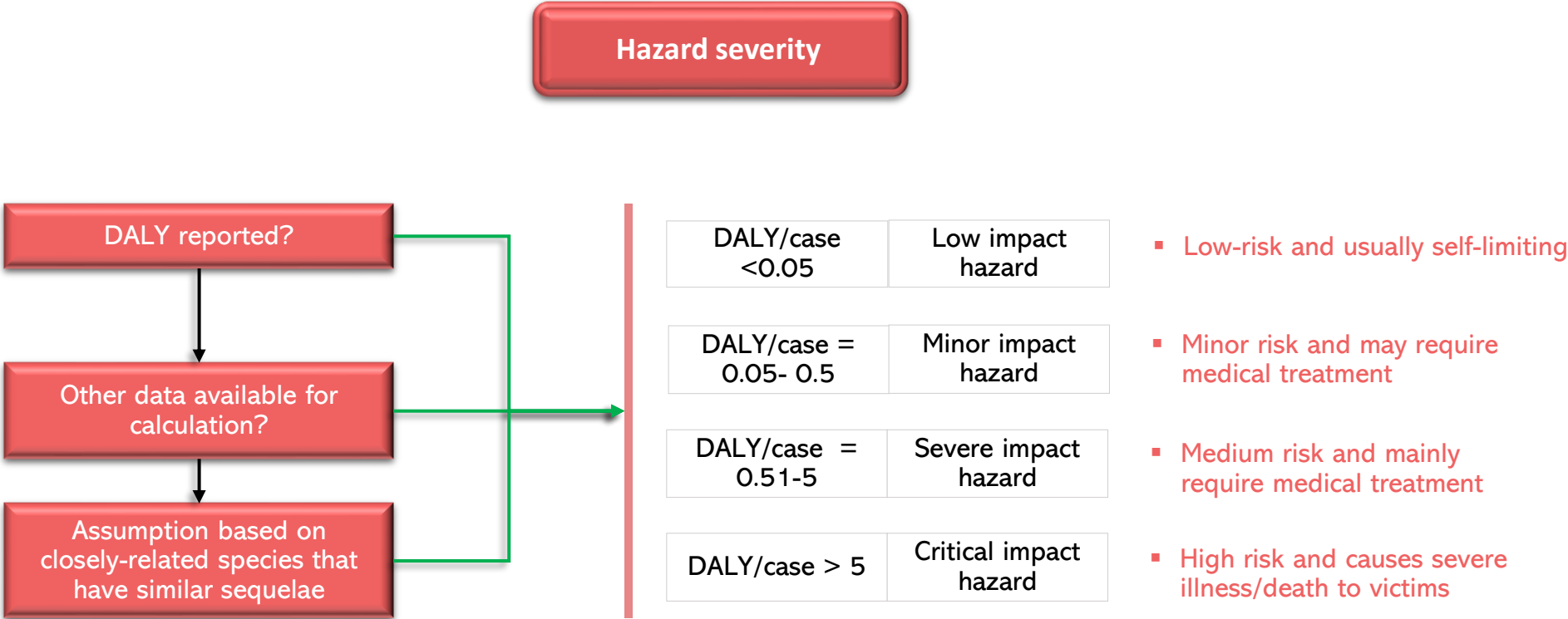
Prevalence percentage	Risk value	Score
NR	0.000001	1
< 1%	<0.01	2
1-10%	0.011-0.1	3
10.1 - 40%	0.101 - 0.4	4
> 40%	> 0.4	5



Consumption percentage	Risk value	Score
NR	0.000001	1
< 1%	<0.01	2
1-10%	0.011-0.1	3
10.1 - 40%	0.101 - 0.4	4
> 40%	> 0.4	5

Decision tree

Risk value (DALY/case)	Score
< 0.05	1
0.05-0.5	2
0.51-5	3
> 5	4



User input and default data in Mira DSS

User's input

Parameter	Criteria
Food	Composition: pH; a_w ; fat content
Factory	C2 Processing techniques C3 Recontamination
Distribution	C4 Storage, distribution and retail conditions C5 Meal preparation

Default data

Parameter	Criteria
C6 Prevalence - Outbreak - Contamination	Default value is automatically added into the calculation
C7 Food consumption	
C8 Severity	

Total Risk Aggregation

$$\text{Total Risk} = (C2 + C3^b) * C4 * C5 * (C6A * C6B)^{\frac{1}{n}} * C7 * C8$$

- If food composition = high fat AND dry product → C2: Take the highest value
- If more than one recontamination category is selected, then
→ C3 recontamination= C3a + C3b + C3n...
- n = 4 in Mira- DSS referring to the total of 4 sources used to derive the prevalences of a hazard in the selected food. Check publication for details