

Micro-physiological models and other innovative in vitro systems for toxicity evaluation of new drugs - a Pharma Industry perspective -

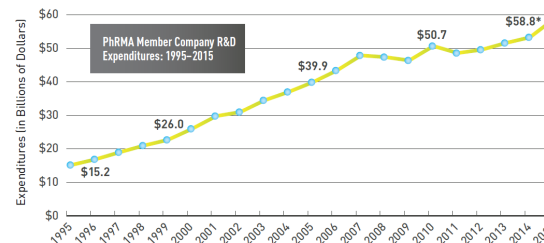
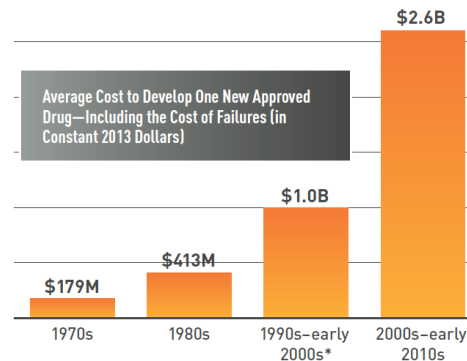


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Key metrics about drug discovery and challenges for the pharma industry

- Average cost to develop one new drug - \$2.6B
- Time needed to develop a new drug - 13.5 years
- 19-11 NMEs are needed in Phase I to have one successful launch
- Only 2 of 10 marketed drugs return revenue that exceeds its R&D costs
- ¹Attrition rates:
 - Phase I – 46%
 - Phase II – 66%
 - Phase III – 30%
- Current models do not successfully recapitulate human biology
 - Animal models – systemic but cannot predict human
 - Conventional 2D models – neither systemic nor organotypic
- Better models are needed!



2016 PhRMA profile

Major reasons for failure in the pharma industry: **Safety and Efficacy**

Table 1 | Populations of the primary cause of failure categories for terminated compounds*

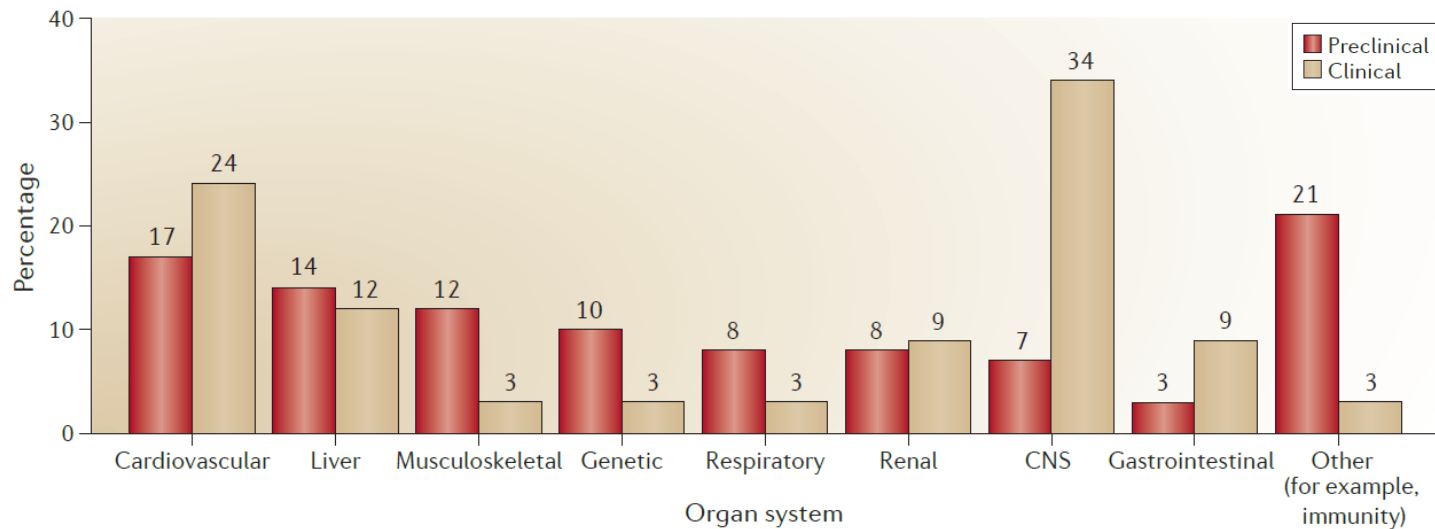
	Termination reason	Overall	Period		Phase		
			2000–2005	2006–2010	Candidate nomination	Phase I	Phase II
2	Clinical safety	68 (11%)	48 (13%)	20 (8%)	5 (1%)	40 (25%)	22 (25%)
	Commercial	40 (7%)	23 (6%)	17 (7%)	26 (7%)	10 (6%)	4 (4%)
3	Efficacy	55 (9%)	45 (11%)	10 (4%)	10 (3%)	14 (9%)	31 (35%)
	Formulation	9 (1%)	4 (1%)	5 (2%)	8 (2%)	1 (0.6%)	0
1	Non-clinical toxicology	240 (40%)	144 (40%)	96 (40%)	211 (59%)	21 (13%)	7 (8%)
	Patent issue	1 (0.2%)	0	1 (0.4%)	1 (0.3%)	0	0
	Pharmacokinetics or bioavailability	29 (5%)	19 (5%)	10 (4%)	3 (0.8%)	25 (16%)	1 (1%)
	Rationalization of company portfolio	124 (21%)	46 (13%)	78 (32%)	75 (21%)	29 (18%)	19 (21%)
	Regulatory	2 (0.3%)	2 (0.6%)	0	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.6%)	0
	Scientific	33 (5%)	28 (8%)	5 (2%)	13 (4%)	15 (10%)	5 (6%)
	Technical	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	0	2 (0.6%)	1 (0.6%)	0
	Other	1 (0.2%)	0	1 (0.4%)	1 (0.3%)	0	0
	Total	605	362	243	356	157	89

~40% in 1990s

*Table entries for each column indicate the total number and the percentage in parentheses.

Waring et al., *Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* 2015

Organ systems often involved with safety related failures



Cook et al., *Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.* 2014

Above chart is AZ specific, but similar trend in the pharma industry

ADVANCED PHYSIOLOGICALLY-RELEVANT MODELS/MPS

- **Organ-on-a-chip:** Microfluidic devices (2D/3D) with physiologically relevant perfusion
- **Organoid/spheroid:** 3D single or multi-cell aggregates of stem cells/primary cells
- **Co-culture or engineered:** 2D co-cultured with ECM proteins or cellular microenvironments

	Scientific founders	Selected products		Scientific founders	Selected products
Body on-a-Chip					
Hesperos [®]	Michael Shuler James Hickman	Multi-Organ Chip (2, 4 organs) (5-10 organs)	CnBio innovations	Linda G Griffith	LiverChip [®] LiverChip [®] 36
TiSSUE Emulating Human Biology	Uwe Marx	2-Organ-Chip (2-OC) 4-Organ-Chip (4-OC) Human-on-a-Chip (HoC)	DRAPER	Joseph Charest	Microphysiological Systems
Tissue interface on-a-Chip					
emulate	Donald Ingber	Lung on-a-Chip Airway on-a-Chip Gut on-a-Chip Kidney on-a-Chip Bone Marrow on-a-Chip	MIMETAS the organ-on-a-chip company	Jos Joore Paul Vulto Thomas Hankemeier	OrganoPlates [®]
AlveoliX in vitro models inspired by nature	Olivier Guenat	Lung-on-a-chip array	SYNVIVO	Kapil Pant B. Prabhakar Pandian	SynTumor SynBBB SynRAM SynTox
NORTH Quorum	Thomas Neumann	Kidney on-a-Chip Vessel on-a-Chip	Bio Adaptive Bioresources	G. Wesley Hatfield Christopher Hughes Steven George Abraham Lee	Vascularized micro-organ (VMO) platform
	Axel Guenther	Artery on-a-Chip	AIM BIOTECH	Roger Kamm	3D cell culture chips
Parenchymal tissue on-a-Chip					
Hepregen	Sangeeta Bhatia	HepatoPac [®] HepatoMure [™]	TARA	Milica Radisic Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic	Cardiac Blowire [™] II AngioChip [™]
organovo [™]	Gabor Forgacs Keith Murphy	ExVive3D [™] Liver ExVive3D [™] Kidney	μOrgano	Kevin Healy	μOrgano
Aspect biosystems	Tamer Mohamed Konrad Walus Sam Wadsworth Simon Beyer	Lab-on-a-Printer [™] 3DBioRing [™] Airway	EHT Technologies	Thomas Eschenhagen	Engineered Heart Tissue (EHT)
insphero	Jan Lichtenberg Jens M. Kelm Wolfgang Moritz	3D Insight [™] Liver 3D Insight [™] Islet 3D Insight [™] Tumor	myriamed	Wolfram-Hubertus Zimmermann	3D Cardiac Systems
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Partnerships between pharma industry and MPS companies

COLLABORATIONS, PRE-CLINICAL, R&D

Roche and Takeda try on Emulate's 'organ chip' tech for R&D

by [BRITTANY MEILING](#) — on February 20, 2018 07:00 AM EDT
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Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Draper to Build Preclinical Microphysiological Systems with Pfizer to Help Predict Clinical Outcomes

Draper applies human organ systems expertise to combine best aspects of in vitro and in vivo testing

Merck 'bio-inks' deal to use Organovo's 3D printed liver for preclinical studies

By [Dan Stanton](#)
22-Apr-2015 - Last updated on 23-Apr-2015 at 10:03 GMT



InSphero Announces Agreement with Pfizer to Develop Novel Assays for Predicting Drug-induced Liver Injury

Research effort will use InSphero 3D InSight™ Human Liver Microtissues to develop novel assays to predict and evaluate certain mechanisms that cause drug-induced liver injury (DILI). PDF Version

Schlieren, Switzerland – April 27, 2017

1.6 million USD pharma funding for kidney-on-a-chip nephrotoxicity model

MIMETAS, in a consortium with Radboudumc (Nijmegen) and FHNW (Basel), has received 1.6 million USD funding for development of a kidney-on-a-chip for toxicological applications. A panel of experts from [GlaxoSmithKline](#), [Pfizer](#), [Roche](#), [NC3Rs](#) and renowned academic institutions selected MIMETAS' solution from a strong line-up of competing technologies.

Takeda And HemoShear Therapeutics Enter Into Exclusive Drug Discovery Partnership In Liver Diseases



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Deal combines HemoShear's REVEAL-Tx™ platform with Takeda's drug discovery and development capabilities

Osaka, Japan and Charlottesville, Va. - Oct. 17, 2017 - Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (TSE: 4502) and HemoShear Therapeutics, LLC, a privately held biotechnology company, today announced a partnership to discover and develop novel therapeutics for liver diseases, including nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

CN Bio Innovations announces research collaboration with AstraZeneca to validate a new in vitro tool to predict optimised drug dosing regimens for multi-drug therapies

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CATEGORIES

London, UK, November 1 2017: Organ-on-a-Chip specialist CN Bio Innovations Limited announces a research collaboration with global biopharmaceutical company AstraZeneca to validate a new in vitro research tool that enables the high throughput evaluation of multi-drug dosing regimens.

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What advanced models cannot do, anytime soon ...

Living organ-on-a-chip could soon replace animal testing

By Sebastian Anthony on June 22, 2012 at 8:03 am | [24 Comments](#)

The FDA just struck a deal that could replace animal testing with a tiny chip

Lydia Ramsey Apr. 11, 2017, 1:07 PM



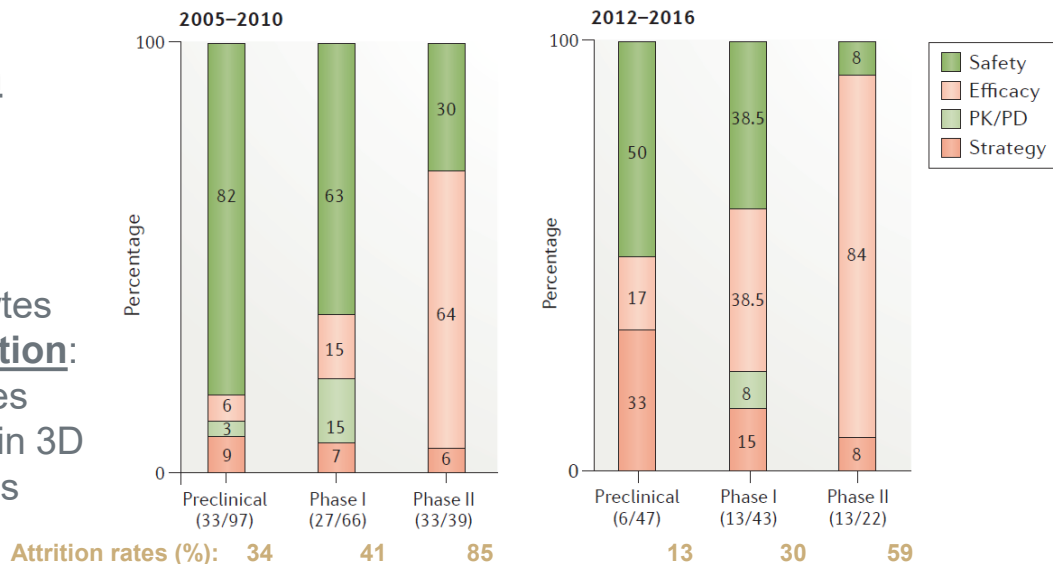
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Will organs-on-a-chip put an end to animal testing?

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What advanced models can do: improvement in safety!

- **Lead generation stage:**
 - 3D liver microtissues
 - iPS-cardiomyocytes
- **Candidate selection:**
 - Cross species comparison in 3D gut organoids



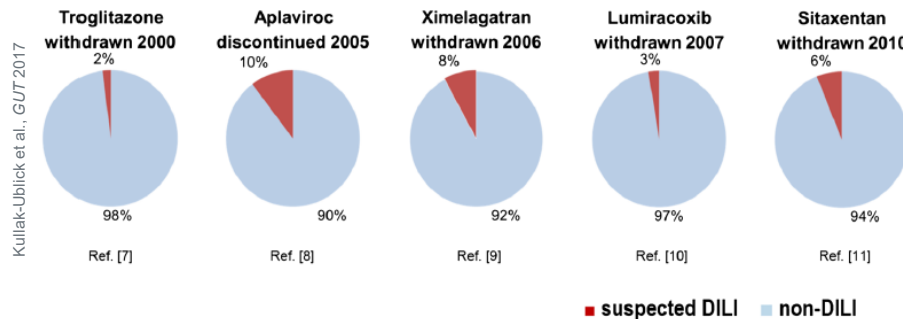
Morgan et al., *Nat. Rev. Drug Discov.*, 2018

Use of Advanced Models in Pharmaceutical Safety Assessment

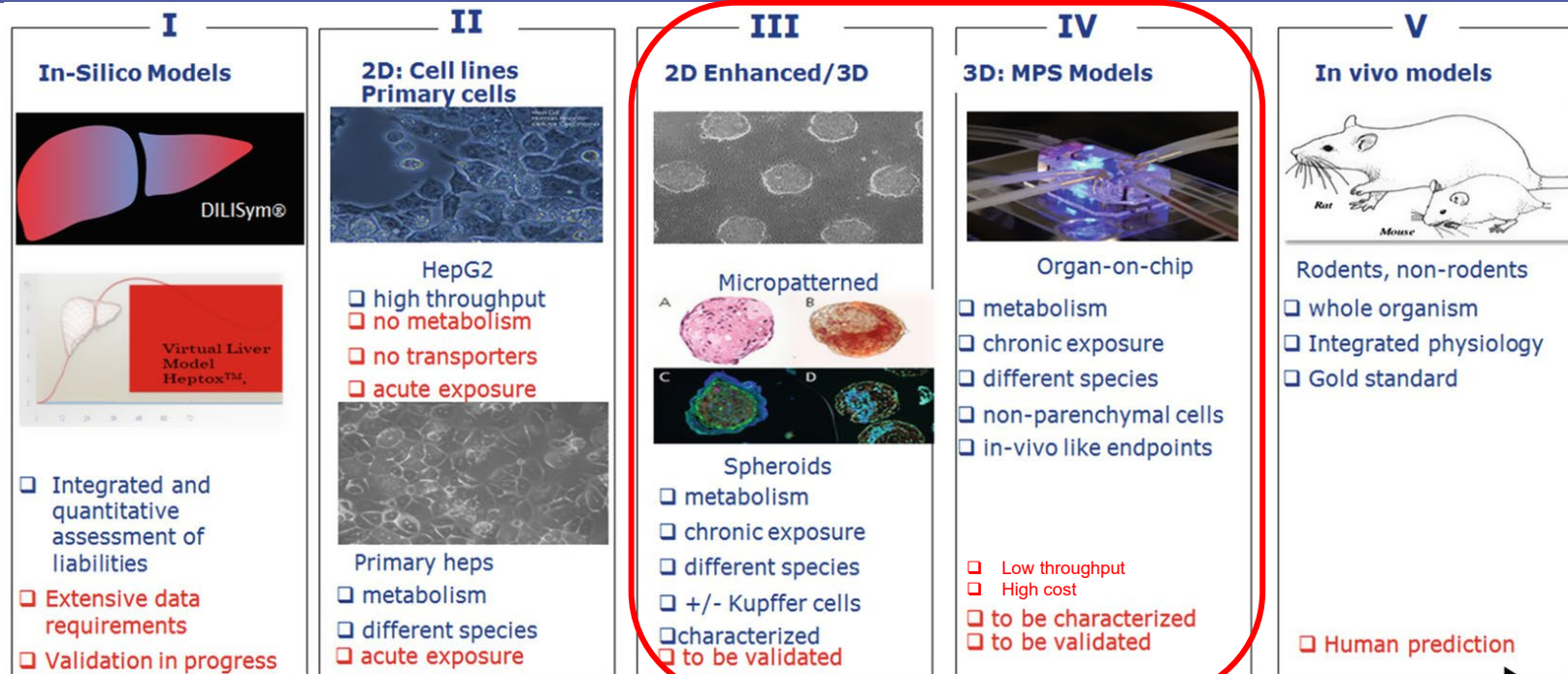
- **More in research than in Development**
 - More for Internal decision making than for Regulatory submission
 - More to increase mechanistic understanding than for compound screening
 - Occasionally submitted in regulatory dossier to complement
- **Points to be considered when developing an advanced model**
 - Context of use (stage, throughput)
 - End-point analysis (Imaging, molecular, analytical, biomarker)
 - Ease of use and Cost
 - Performance characterization (validation set, number of publications)
 - Robustness and reproducibility
 - Ability to run multi-species studies
 - Translation potential
 - Allometric scaling

Hepatotoxicity and drug induced liver injury (DILI)

- **DILI is one of the most frequently cited reasons of drug attrition in the pharmaceutical industry**
 - Black-box warning
 - Post-market drug withdrawals
 - ~18% or 81 of 462 cases from 1953 – 2013¹
- **Differences in drug handling between the pre-clinical species and humans**
 - Two human toxicities with the poorest correlation to animal studies are hepatic (<60%) and hypersensitivity (<40%)²
- **2 types of DILI**
 - **Intrinsic (Type A)** – dose dependent, often reproducible in animals, innate immune system involved (APAP)
 - Dose is the “poison”
 - **Idiosyncratic (Type B)** – may not be dose dependent, often not reproduced in animals, innate and adaptive immune system involved, occurs in 1/1000 – 1/10,000
 - Host is the “poison”



Current approaches to predict/de-risking DILI



INCREASED COMPLEXITY

Status and Future of 3D Cell Culture in Toxicity Testing

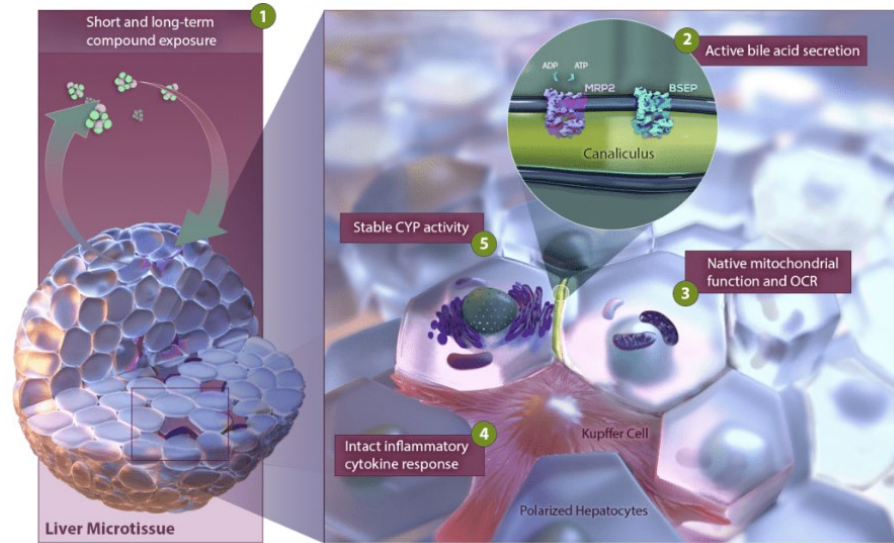
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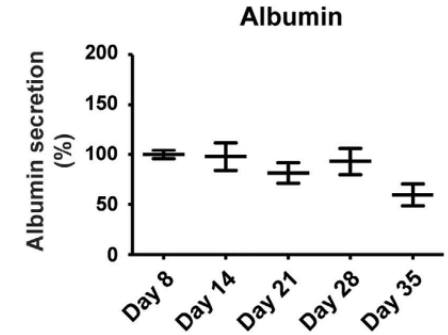
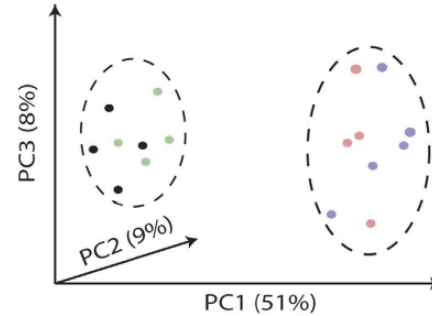
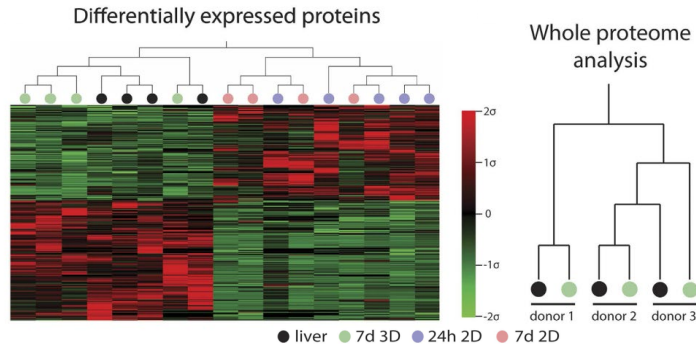
Minjun Chen and Yvonne Will (eds.), *Drug-Induced Liver Toxicity*, Methods in Pharmacology and Toxicology.
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3D liver spheroids as an in vitro tool for testing of hepatotoxicity liabilities

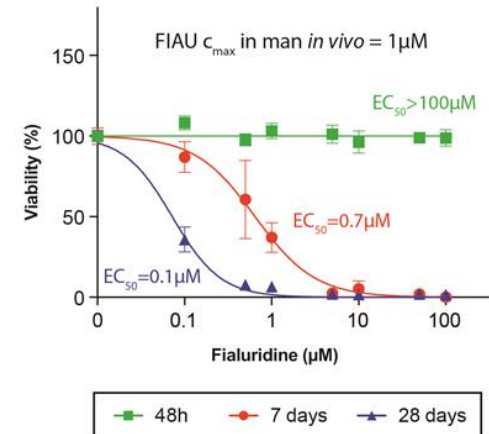
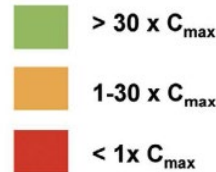
- Liver spheroids are 3D balls of hepatocytes with non-parenchymal cells (Kupffer cells, LSECs) composed of about 1200 - 1500 cells and about 250 -300 µm in diameter
- Stable and long term (28-days) CYP activity and presence of relevant transporters (OATPs, BSEP, MRPs, etc.)
- **Ability to do other mechanistic endpoints such as GSH depletion, ROS generation, bile acid modulation, etc.**
- Responsive to inflammatory cytokines – LPS
- Studies with short (7-day) and long (≥14-day) term compound exposures possible
- **Cross-species possible as well (rat, dog, cyno)**



3D liver spheroids are “closer” to the in vivo liver



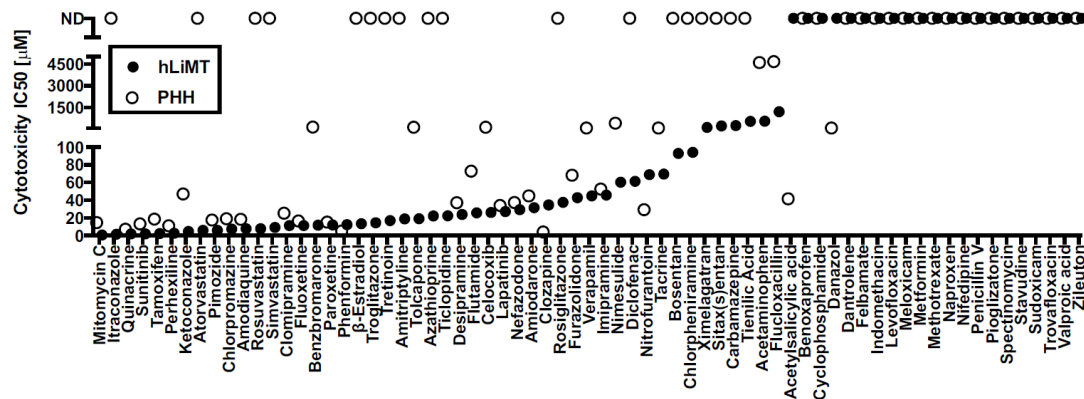
Compound	$In\ vivo$ $C_{max}^{(ref.)}$	EC ₅₀ (μM)		
		48h	7d	28d
Amiodarone	0.8 ⁽²¹⁾	>100	6.5	1.6
Bosentan	7.4 ⁽²²⁾	>250	69.5	41.8
Diclofenac	8 ⁽²³⁾	190.8	56.8	45.9
Fialuridine	1 ⁽²⁴⁾	>100	0.7	0.1
Tolcapone	22 ⁽²⁵⁾	18.8	9.4	5.6



3D liver spheroid models for testing hepatic liability of drugs

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DILI+ve Compounds (DILI Severity Categories 1-3)



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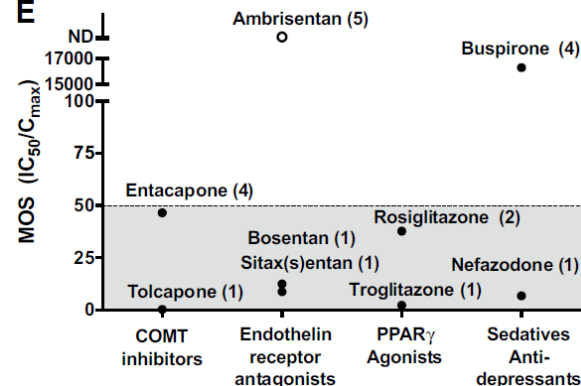
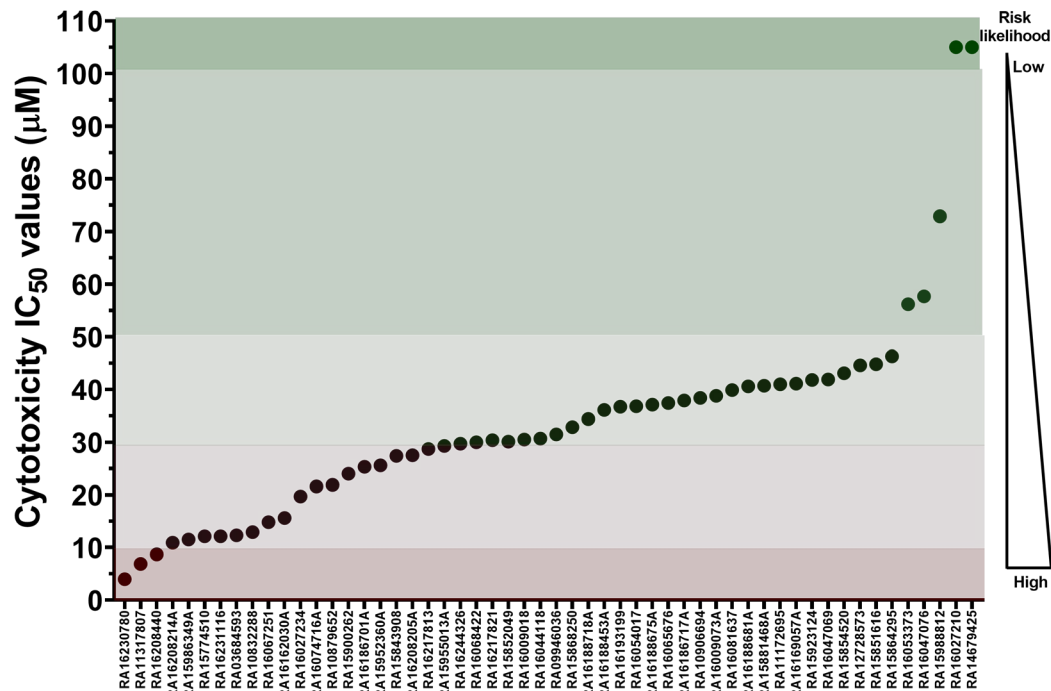


Table 2 Assay performance for PHH and hLiMT described based on pre-defined cytotoxicity IC_{50} thresholds

Assay	Number DILI+ve	Number DILI-ve	TP	TN	FP	FN	Threshold (μM)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	PLR	NLR	Kappa	P value
2D PHH IC_{50} [μM]	69	41	3	40	1	66	10	4.3	97.6	1.78	0.98	0.014	0.61
	69	41	12	38	3	57	25	17.4	92.7	2.38	0.89	0.080	0.004
	69	41	20	37	4	49	50	29.0	90.2	2.97	0.79	0.177	0.007
	69	41	23	35	6	46	100	33.3	85.4	2.28	0.78	0.176	0.014
3D hLiMT IC_{50} [μM]	69	41	13	38	3	56	10	18.8	92.7	2.57	0.88	0.091	0.097
	69	41	26	36	5	43	25	37.7	87.8	3.1	0.71	0.215	0.004
	69	41	36	35	6	33	50	52.2	85.4	3.57	0.56	0.331	0.0001
	69	41	42	35	6	27	100	60.9	85.4	4.16	0.46	0.419	<0.0001

TP true positive, TN true negative, FP false positive, FN false negative, PLR positive likelihood ratio, NLR negative likelihood ratio, Kappa Cohen's kappa concordance value

3D liver spheroids can be applied as a ranking tool for Sanofi programs



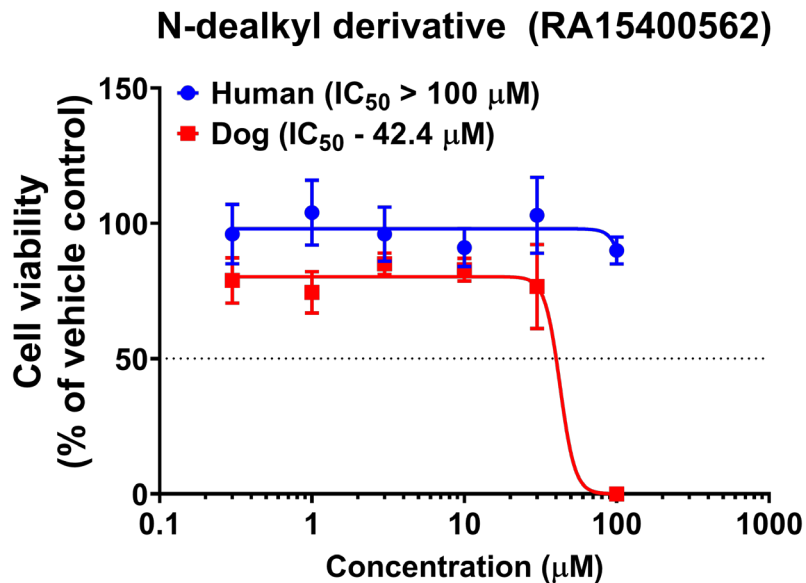
- Compound soluble up 100 µM
 - Strong positives
 - Positives
 - Negatives
- Chemical diversity
- Compounds were dosed 3X (day 0, 2, 5) and cell viability (CellTiter-Glo®3D) was run on day 7 and compared to vehicle control which was set to 100% viability

Screening performed in media containing 1% BSA to improve solubility

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We are also working with IDD chemists to further “qualify” the model with internal Sanofi and marketed compounds

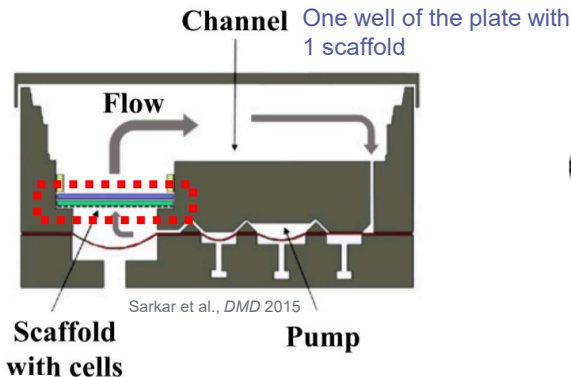
Cross-species testing using 3D liver spheroids



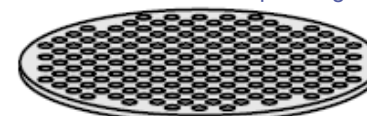
Dog liver spheroids are more sensitive to the lead as well as the N-dealkyl metabolite compared to human liver spheroids

In vitro liver model with re-circulating media – ability to introduce adaptive immune cells (PBMCs)

12-wells/plate with 3 plates/controller



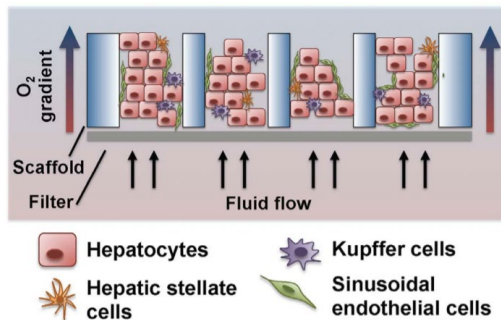
Each scaffold contains 301 micro-channels with 300 μm diameter and 250 μm height



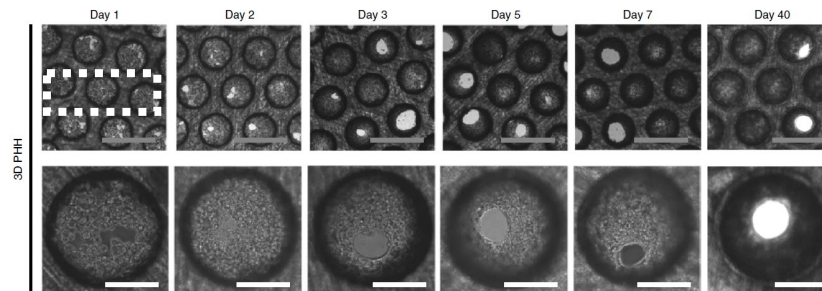
Collagen-coated polystyrene scaffold

Oretga-Prieto et al., Nat. Comm. 2018

Microfluidic 3D ex vivo liver cultures



Beckwitt et al., Exp. Cell Res. 2018

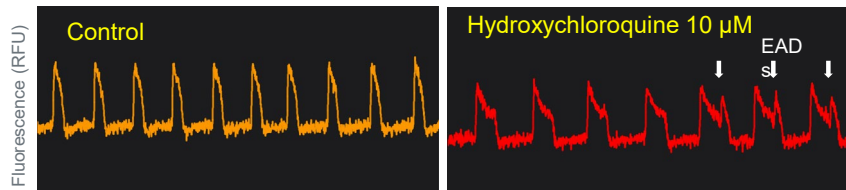


Oretga-Prieto et al., Nat. Comm. 2018

Human iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes for early cardiosafety assessment

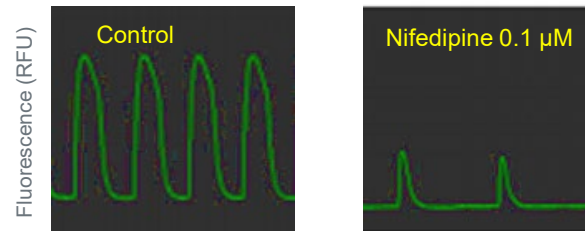
- Detection of torsadogenic/arrhythmogenic effects:**

- Action potential recording
- Voltage-sensitive dye FluoVolt™/Pluricyte™ cardiomyocytes/384 well plate format.
- Assay sensitivity/specificity comparable to Purkinje assay



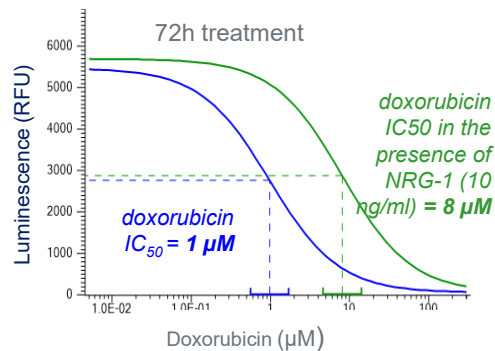
- Detection of calcium homeostasis perturbation**

- Calcium transient recording
- Calcium-sensitive dye Cal520/Pluricyte™ cardiomyocytes/384 well plate format.
- Detection of compounds perturbing calcium entry, sequestration and release.



- Detection of cardiotoxic effects**

- Cellular ATP content measurement
- CellTiter Glo™ luminescent assay/Axol cardiomyocytes/384 well plate format. Repeated treatment, typically, 48/72h.
- Detection of non specific cellular toxicity with involvement of protective pathway such as HER2 signaling.



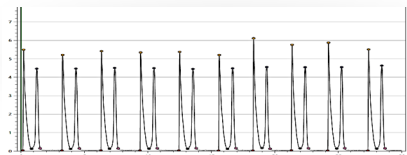
hiPSC-derived CMs: 2D and 3D models for contractility assessment

hiPSC-CM
(Pluricyte™)
monolayer 2D



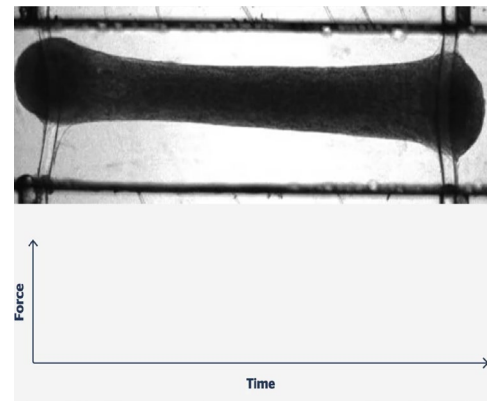
Contractility is the most integrated parameter indicating a potential cardiotoxicity.

- 2D model give access to higher throughput and high selectivity.
- Inactive compounds confirmed in a 3D model, with a better detection of positive inotropes



Cell Motion Imaging System
SI8000 (SONY)

Engineered Heart Tissue
(3D)
Cardiotype/Biowire™ II
platform. Tara Biosystems



<https://tarabiosystems.com/>



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