

3D Cell Culture Models for Drug PK, Safety, and Efficacy Assessment

Sessions Three and Four

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CERSI University of Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation Session Three:

Multi-organ 3D Models: Intestine, Liver and Beyond



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BD Hepatic and Enteric Experimental Systems for Drug Metabolism, Drug Drug Interactions, and Drug Toxicity

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IVAL Mission Provision of Products and Contract Research Service for Accurate Assessment of Human Drug Properties

Key Properties of In Vitro Experimental Systems



Organ-specific properties

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Species-specific properties

IVAL Focus: Liver and Intestine



999-Elite™ Cryopreserved Human Hepatocytes

- >90% viability
- >90% confluency
- >9 days culture duration

999Elite[™] Human Hepatocytes: HH1144



999Elite[™] Human Hepatocyte Spheroids



Effects of Culture Duration on Hepatic Gene Expression



Human Hepatocyte Spheroids: Gene Expression Vs Culture Duration

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Spheroid 15-Day Hepatotoxicity Assay



Conclusion Hepatocyte Spheroids

- 999Elite[™] human hepatocytes can be cultured as spheroids
 - Spheroids can be cultured for >21 days
- Gene expression results show stabilized gene expression for drug metabolizing enzymes and key hepatic biomarkers (>21 days)
- Human Hepatocyte Spheroid Hepatotoxicity have been established
 - Acceptable spheroid to spheroid variations
 - Dose-dependent hepatotoxicity observed with known hepatotoxicants
 - Non-hepatoxicity for nonhepatotoxicants
 - Applicable towards prolonged treatment durations

3D-Enteric System

Cryopreserved Human Intestinal Mucosa (CHIM) Critical Challenge for In Vitro Enteric Systems All In Vitro Crypt, IPS, Fetal, and Cell linebased Enteric Systems Are Deficient in Drug Metabolizing Enzyme Activities



Solution:

Isolation and cryopreservation of enterocytes from human and animal intestines for use immediately after thawing

IVAL In Vitro Enteric Systems

Cryopreserved Human Enterocytes

- Ho, M.C.D., Ring, N., Amaral, K., Doshi, U. and Li, A.P., 2017. Human Enterocytes as an In Vitro Model for the Evaluation of Intestinal Drug Metabolism: Characterization of Drug-Metabolizing Enzyme Activities of Cryopreserved Human Enterocytes from Twenty-Four Donors. *Drug Metabolism and Disposition*, 45(6), pp.686-691.
- MetMax[™] Cryopreserved Human Enterocytes (Patent Pending)
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3D System: Cryopreserved Human Intestinal Mucosa (CHIM™; Patent Pending)

 Li, A. P., Alam, N., Amaral, K., Ho, M. C. D., Loretz, C., Mitchell, W., & Yang, Q. (2018). Cryopreserved Human Intestinal Mucosal Epithelium: A Novel In Vitro Experimental System for the Evaluation of Enteric Drug Metabolism, Cytochrome P450 Induction, and Enterotoxicity. Drug Metabolism and Disposition, 46(11), 1562-1571.

Intestinal Mucosa







Preparation of CHIM from a Human Intestine



Collagenase Digestion



Intestinal Villi Gentle Homogenization



Cryopreservation



Inter-individual and Inter-regional Variations in Enteric Drug Metabolism (Li et al., PR&P (2020))





P450 Isoforms (Li et al., PR&P (2020))







• Loretz C, Ho DD, Alam N, Mitchell W, Li AP. Application of cryopreserved human intestinal mucosa and cryopreserved human enterocytes in the evaluation of herb-drug interactions: Evaluation of CYP3A inhibitory potential of grapefruit juice and commercial formulations of twenty nine herbal supplements. Drug Metabolism and Disposition. 2020 (in press)



CHIM

- Most complete in vitro enteric system
- Potent drug metabolizing enzyme activities
- Applications:
 - Fg; metabolite profiling
 - Regional variations in drug metabolism
 - DDI
 - Enterotoxicity



3D-Hepatic and Enteric Experimental Systems

- Hepatic System: 999Elite[™] Human Hepatocyte Spheroids
 - Ready spheroid formation from multiple human hepatocyte lots
 - Long duration of culture: >21 days
 - In vitro human hepatocyte spheroid hepatotoxicity assay
- Enteric System: Cryopreserved Human Intestinal Mucosa (CHIM[™])
 - Robust drug metabolizing enzyme activities
 - Applicable toward enteric drug metabolism, drug-drug interactions, and enterotoxicity evaluation

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Intestinal Organoids: An excellent model for studying gut epithelium homeostasis

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Intestinal epithelial renewal



Paneth/stem cell niche



Intestinal epithelial barrier



Isolation of primary enterocytes in mice

To remove external membrane and fat



To harvest intestinal segment



To cut and open



To rinse the segments



To wash mouse intestinal pieces





Culture of intestinal organoids





day 3

day 5







RNA-binding proteins (RBPs)

- RBPs directly interact with mRNAs via A/AU-rich elements (AREs) or GU-rich elements (GREs)
- AREs and GREs are commonly located at 3'-untranslated regions (UTRs) of target mRNAs
- RBP/mRNA interactions alter the stability and translation of target mRNAs, thus regulating gene expression
- RBPs implicated in intestinal epithelial homeostasis:
 - □ HuR
 - □ CUGBP1

HuR in intestinal mucosa of patients with IBD



Gastroenterology 157: 731-743, 2019

Defective Paneth cells in patients with IBD

<u>Control</u>			<u>IBD (CD)</u>		
	lysozyme	E-cadherin		lysozyme	E-cadherin
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HuR deletion inhibits growth of small intestinal mucosa

A) Body weights



B) GI gross morphology

Littermates IE-HuR- ^{/-}				
HuR	S. Intestine	Colon		
+/+	30.6 <u>+</u> 3.7	6.26 <u>+</u> 0.55		
-/-	31 <u>+</u> 2.9	6.41 <u>+</u> 0.67		

C) H/E staining



D) Lengths of villi and crypts



Growth of intestinal organoids isolated from littermate and IE-HuR^{-/-} mice


Paneth cells in intestinal organoids



HuR deletion disrupts Paneth cell function

Lysozyme/E-cadherin

HuR knockout alters TLR2 subcellular distribution

HuR is required for TLR2 membrane distribution via CNPY3

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HuR interacts with Cnpy3 mRNA and increases its stability and translation

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HuR is essential for Paneth cell function

Long noncoding RNAs (LncRNAs)

LncRNAs are the transcribed RNAs spanning >200 nucleotides

LncRNAs lack protein-coding capacity but are involved in multiple biological functions

LncRNA *uc.173* are differentially expressed in gut mucosa in response to stress

Gastroenterology 154:599-611, 2018

LncRNA uc.173 enhances organoid growth

BrdU intensity

Surface area

LNA-mediated *uc.173* silencing inhibits intestinal mucosal renewal

LncRNA H19

H19 is a 2.3-kb long, capped, spliced, and polyadenylated noncoding RNA

H19 is transcribed from the conserved imprinted H19/igf2 gene cluster

H19 is highly expressed during embryogenesis but is down-regulated after birth

Increased expression of H19 is commonly detected in various pathologies

Targeted deletion of *H19* in mice increases Paneth and goblet cells

Cell Mol Gastroenterol Hepatol 9:611-625, 2020

Ectopic overexpression of *H19* prevents an increase in Paneth cells *ex vivo*

H19 overexpression reduces goblet cells in intestinal organoids from H19^{-/-} mice

H19 deletion promotes Paneth cell function

H19 deletion protects goblet cells from stress

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Use of Vascularized Human Kidney Proximal Tubule Microphysiological System and PBPK Modeling to Predict Renal Clearance in Subjects with Variable Kidney Function

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Predicting Renal Clearance of Drugs is Very Challenging due to Dynamic and Sequential Processes

Can $CL_{R,PD}$ and $CL_{secretion}$ be determined using kidney proximal tubule chips? Can this data be used to predict *in vivo* CL_R ?

Physiologically-Based Kidney Model to Predict CL_r

- All model compartments (n=37) are based on documented kidney physiology, known surface areas and content of microvilli
- Tubular filtrate pH gradient is estimated based on known reabsorption of ions and pH in the glomerulus and urine
- ✓ Simulated 87% of renal clearances (46 test compounds) within 2-fold based on Caco-2/MDCK permeability data
- Major challenge is how to model drugs with active secretion and scale from *in vitro* to *in vivo*

Huang and Isoherranen CPT:PSP 2018

Kidney model can be incorporated into full PBPK models and used to simulate complex changes in CL_r and systemic disposition

Vascularized Human Kidney Proximal Tubule MPS for CL_r prediction PTEC tubules

Active transport calculated as the ΔCL between +/- inhibition

Prediction of Morphine and Morphine-6-Glucuronide renal clearance from kidney tubule MPS data

	Morphine			M6G		
	Donor 1	Donor 2	Donor 3	Donor 1	Donor 2	Donor 3
CL _{int,sec} (μL/hr/MPS)	14	1.3	21	16	1.3	23
Permeability (10 ⁻⁶ cm/s)	28	13.9	43	26	9.7	42
CL _{r,predicted} (L/hr)	9.7	4.8	8.3	12	7.2	9.5
CL _{r,observed} (L/hr)		6.8-9.6			9.2-14	

Observed CL data from Hasselstrom et al. 1993; Crews et al. 2001

Morphine and morphine-6-glucuronide disposition can be predicted fusing MPS CL, predictions and **PBPK model**

Parent drug

Time (hr)

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Time (hr)

Mechanistic Kidney Model was Expanded to Model CKD

Based on the MPS system and PBPK model we can predict Morphine and Morphine-M-6-G disposition in

Parent drug

Lung

Adipose Bone

Brain

Heart

Muscle

Skin

Forearm 4

Pancreas

Artery Vein

Metabolite

Lung

Brain

Heart

Muscle

Forearm

Sampling o

- Adaptive kidney model for CKD was incorporated for parent and metabolite PBPK models
- Renal clearance modeled based on MPS data (IVIVE)
- Transporter expression assumed to decline according to intact nephron hypothesis

Conclusions

- ✓ The physiologically based mechanistic kidney model allows prediction of renal clearance from *in vitro* data.
- ✓ MPS system is useful in generating *in vitro* data for predicting renal clearance of drugs, has a unique role in predicting passive permeability together with transport
 - Application of the workflow will assist in predicting the sensitivity of renally cleared drugs to DDIs and to assess DDI risk
- ✓ The kidney model can be incorporated into complex PBPK models to simulate plasma concentration-time curves
 - Can be useful in designing clinical studies, in mechanistic interpretation of data and in identifying sensitive populations
- ✓ PBPK modeling coupled with *in vitro* experiments and MPS data offers potential for exploring how renal clearance changes in CKD.
 - ✓ This can aid in identifying sensitive drugs and in extrapolating clinical study findings with one drug to other clinically relevant scenarios that cannot/have not been studied

Session Four:

3D Spheroids/Organoids for Disease Modeling

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Kidney Organoids for Disease Modeling and HTS

Benjamin "Beno" Freedman M-CERSI Symposium on 3D Cell Culture Models August 14, 2020

The need for new kidney therapies

- ✤ ~10 % of population affected
- Kidney tissue is complex, cannot naturally regenerate
- Dialysis & transplantation are limited, have side effects
- Few therapies to treat kidney disease exist
- Therapies for other organs can damage the kidneys

Generating kidney structures from patient stem cells

Reconstitution of human nephrogenesis

Freedman et al., Nat. Commun., 2015

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Organoids contain many different cell types

podocyte/tubule/neuron/DNA

endothelial/tubule/podocyte

Freedman et al., Nat. Comm., 2015

Freedman et al., Nat. Commun., 2015 Czerniecki et al., Cell Stem Cell, 2018 Harder et al., JCI Insight, 2019

PKD organoids form cysts from tubules

Freedman et al., Nature Communications, 2015 Cruz et al., Nature Materials, 2017

Organoids in high throughput screening formats

podocytes/proximal/distal tubules/DNA

Czerniecki, Cruz, Harder et al., Cell Stem Cell, 2018

Discovery of a novel candidate therapeutic for PKD

Pkd1+/+
Pkd1RC/RC
Pkd1RC/RC + MyoAct

Image: Distance of the second seco

Unpublished

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HTS for human nephrotoxicity







- 2 doses for each drug, 2 replica plates
- Automated analysis to assess organoid GFP
- Good reproducibility, several known nephrotoxicant 'hits'

Unpublished

Kidney organoids engraft and vascularize

PAX2 NPHS1



in vitro

in vivo





Conclusions and Future Work



- iPS cells can be differentiated into kidney organoids that contain structures resembling primitive nephrons
- Organoids can be gene edited to reconstitute and reveal mechanisms of polycystic kidney disease and other disorders
- Automated manufacture + HTS + real time reporters enable the assessment and discovery of therapeutic entities
- Organoids can engraft into the kidneys and undergo partial maturation





Neuronal Multi-organ-on-Chip Models for Disease Modeling and Risk Assessment

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Conflict of Interest - Hesperos

- Over 20 US patents have been licensed by Hesperos thereby documenting the innovation and novelty of this platform. This also provides full freedom to operate in this space & a strong defendable IP position.
- Winner of the 2015 London-based Lush Prize for creating an alternative to animal testing for industry.
- Have won multiple SBIR grants including a \$2M
 Phase II and recently a \$4M phase IIB award to
 Bridge the "valley of death".



- Established R&D contracts with multiple national and international Pharma companies.
- Currently a member of UCF's Incubator program but moving to new 14,100 sq. ft. state of the art facility in August 2019.
- Have recruited excellent staff for company, 27 at present.
- No products will be offered at this time, only services based on compounds sent to our Orlando facility.

Human-on-a-Chip Systems for Disease Modeling

Serum-Free Human-on-a-Chip

HESPEROS

OVER 20 PUBLICATIONS USING THE PUMPLESS SYSTEM

Perfusion

Chip PBPK



References:

Oleaga C., et al., *Biomaterials*. 182:176-90 (2018) Oleaga C., et al., *Sci Rep*. 6:20030 (2016) Chen, H.J., et al., *Nat Biotechnol*, 34:845-851 (2016) JH Sung, C Kam, ML Shuler, Lab on a chip,10: 446 (2010) Castellanos M, et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 101(17):6681-6 (2004) Sweeney LM, et al., *Toxicol In Vitro*. 9(3):307-16 (1995) 79





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PBPK

Medium recirculation with gravity-induced flow. Tilting of the device causes liquid to flow between the wells. In a timed manner, the rocking platform changes the angle and medium flows in the opposite direction. [1]

Human Body

What are Functional Readouts?

- Mechanical or electrical readouts of cellular functions such as:
 - muscle contraction
 - electrical activity from neurons and cardiac cells
 - Motoneuron → muscle: *NMJ physiology* and other combinations
- Allows *functional* analysis of cellular health non-invasively for acute, but more importantly, for *chronic* monitoring of human-on-a-chip systems
- **Reduces substantially**, if not eliminates, the need for measuring **biomarkers** in these systems for certain organ mimics. Normally need to measure multiple biomarkers by molecular techniques and put them together **to extrapolate functional** activity, with these systems can **measure directly**.
- Allows *mechanistic* determination of toxicity and for target identification for efficacy.
- Facilitates *physiological* determination of drug efficacy and safety

Neuromuscular Junction (NMJ) Platform





- PDMS molded chambers bonded to glass coverslips
- Two chambers separated by micro-tunnels
- Motoneurons send axons through tunnels and form NMJs
- Electrical stimulation and drugs partitioned by barrier



Monophasic Dose-Response for BOTOX at 0.33 Hz



Santhanam et al, *Biomaterials*, 166:64-78 (2018)







Induced pluripotent stem cell derived motoneuron from ALS patients in the system

Parameters Analyzed

- Number of functional NMJs/chamber (before and after extensive stimulation)
- NMJ stability (post-NMJ/pre-NMJ)
- NMJ function under different stimulation frequencies (0.33 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 1 Hz, 2 Hz)
 --- NMJ fidelity (number of muscle contractions induced by MN stimulation/total number of stimulations)



Comparison of NMJ fidelity (synchronized release)





0.33 0.5 1 **Stimulation Frequency**

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Guo et.al, Advanced Therapeutics, in press (2020) 86

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Patterned Neural Networks on MEAs - Long Term Potentiation (LTP)





Depolarizing Potentials Recorded from MEAs



- High magnification phase images indicating longterm pattern conformity and network formation
- 5 network pairs per MEA
- 45 days in vitro
- Spontaneous action potentials recorded on electrodes from paired neural circuits

Effects of AB₁₋₄₂ on Cortical Neuron Spontaneous Firing Frequency



- LTP can efficiently be induced in cortical neurons grown on MEAs
- Dosing MEAs for one hour with $A\beta_{1-42}$ after LTP induction abolishes the LTP effects compared to $A\beta_{scrambled}$ treated MEAs

N=4, nested replicates

Effects of Tau Aggregate on Cortical Neuron Spontaneous Firing Frequency



Effects of LTP Induction and Tau On Spontaneous Firing Frequency

• Dosing MEAs for one hour with tau aggregates after LTP induction abolishes the LTP effects compared to tau buffer control MEAs

N=4, nested replicates

J. Caneus, etal., "A Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Cortical Neuron Human-on-a chip System to Study Aβ42 and Tau-induced Pathophysiological Effects on Long-Term Potentiation," *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions*, Online First: May 28: (2020) DOI: 10.1002/trc2.12029.

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Heart-Liver Systems with Recirculating Serum-Free Medium



Heart + liver system derived from 4-organ system with similar flow characteristics



Terfenadine Addition Results in Elongation of QT Interval in the Absence of a Liver Component



Terfenadine Addition Reduces Conduction Velocity in the Absence of a Liver Component

> $IC_{50} = 33 \ \mu M$ (Heart) $IC_{50} = NA$ (Heart + Liver)



Without liver, terfenadine slightly reduces cardiac viability at 10 µM terfenadine

$$IC_{50,1} > 10 \ \mu\text{M} \text{ (Heart)}$$

 $IC_{50} > 10 \ \mu\text{M} \text{ (Heart + Liver)}$

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Lipophilic Compound Concentration in Systems 5 min to 24 hours



Correlation of In Vitro PKPD Model with In Vivo Animal PKPD Models



Since in vivo animal data has been correlated with clinical data we should be able to correlate our in vitro models with clinical data as well both retrospectively and prospectively

McAleer et al., Nature Scientific Reports, 9:9619, (2019)



Cancer, Cardiac and Liver System for Efficacy and Toxicity



Five chamber reconfigurable multi-organ system. Scale bar is 2 cm. B) Schematic representation of the MPS assembly and design used in the system 2 study of tamoxifen. Chamber 1 houses hepatocytes on coverslips Chambers 2 and 4 are cardiac cantilevers and MEAs respectively. Chambers 3 and 5 are for cancer cells SW962 and MCF7. Drugs were applied to Medium Access Port A and initially pass over the liver to mimic aspects of first pass metabolism. Electrodes are embedded for the option of using broadfield stimulation to elicit contraction.

Tamoxifen, with and without metabolism, and the effect on cancer viability









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Sentinel Monitoring of Cardiac Function Cardiac, Cancer, Liver Systems



Functional Measurements in 4-Organ Systems



Oleaga et al. 2016. *Nature Scientific Reports* "Multi-Organ toxicity demonstration in a functional human *in vitro* system composed of four organs" Oeaga, et al. 2019. *Advanced Functional Materials* "Long-Term Electrical and Mechanical Function Monitoring of a Human-on-a-Chip System"

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Our Multi-Organ MPS Device Supports Recirculating Immune System Cells



Barrier Tissue Organ Systems



Skin in 4-Organ System



Proximal Tubule System



Human proximal tubule cells grown on membranes under continuous flow maintain conformal monolayer
Cells stain for kidney cell marker Gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT)

Human Blood-Brain Barrier System



Compound Permeability Comparison



Primary Human Colon Epithelial Cells, by knock-in of telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT), cocultured with myofibroblasts and 5 nM GSK-3beta inhibitor



Gastrointestinal Tract Barrier System

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Five minutes Break!



Panel Discussion II

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Conclusion Remarks



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