



Prediction



Metabolomics



Biochemical Insight

As part of our portfolio of screening services, Stemina Biomarker Discovery offers **devTOX** DISCOVERY, a **human**-based assay developed to predict the potential toxic impact of test compounds on human embryo/fetal development and offer insight into altered biochemical processes.

Our team of experienced professionals works with a variety of clients including pharmaceutical, chemical, agricultural, tobacco, and cosmetic companies, as well as government agencies, to employ **devTOX** in early-stage decision-making. Our predictive **devTOX** model was built based on a set of 23 pharmaceutical compounds with known human developmental toxicity outcomes.

When applied across a wide range of over 100 chemicals, our model is 85% predictive. In addition to providing a prediction of the potential for developmental toxicity, Stemina's **devTOX** DISCOVERY assay provides information on the functional pathways altered by compound exposure.

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devTOX™ DISCOVERY PROCESS

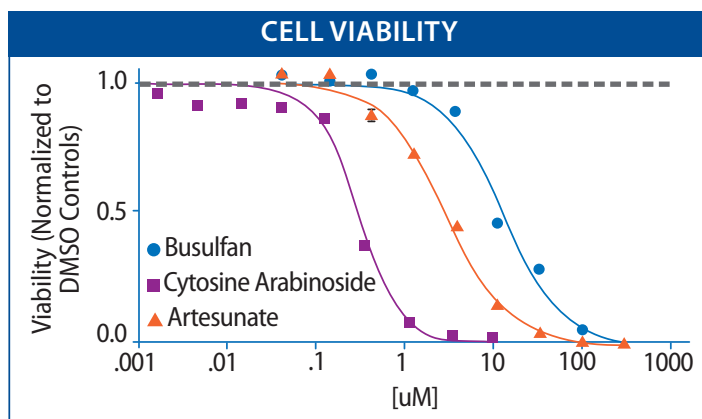


PREDICTIVITY

Stemina's devTOX assay is a proven model for assessing the potential for human developmental toxicity.

COMPARING <i>IN VITRO</i> MODELS*		
Assay	N	Accuracy*
devTOX™	36	89%
Zebrafish	26	75%
Mouse EST	23	74%
Whole Embryo	24	73%

* Palmer JA, Smith AM, Egnash LA, Conard KR, West PR, Burrier RE, Donley EL, Kirchner FR. Establishment and assessment of a new human embryonic stem cell-based biomarker assay for developmental toxicity screening. Birth Defects Res B Dev Reprod Toxicol. 2013;98(4):343-363.



SCIENCE AND DELIVERABLES

Cell culture

devTOX can be conducted using human embryonic stem (hES) cells or induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells.

High-Performance Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry

We utilize high-performance and high-resolution LC-MS instrumentation, including TOF and QTOF platforms, incorporating both positive and negative electrospray ionization.

Bioinformatics

Our platform uses LC-MS feature identification, alignment, and standardization protocols followed by both uni- and multivariate analysis and scoring against the significant metabolites in our database. Putative metabolites of interest are evaluated relative to biological pathways.

Biomarker Confirmation

Stemina has a comprehensive library of human small molecules established by MS/MS analysis. Metabolite confirmation with MS/MS fragmentation and comparison to reference standards can be performed (additional cost).

Quality

From start to finish, Stemina has a well-defined, quality program to ensure the integrity of our data.

Experience Counts

Our team has extensive experience in screening a wide variety of proprietary compounds including pharmaceuticals, agri-chemicals, tobacco products, consumer products, and cosmetic ingredients. Stemina was founded in 2006; its state-of-the-art facilities are located in the United States.

Extending Our Global Reach

Stemina has partnered with CiToxLAB, which has facilities in Canada, France, Denmark, and Hungary, to provide worldwide service.

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