A Brief History of Alternative Toxicity Testing in the U.S. Government

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Tox21 Twenty Years Before There Was a Tox21 - 1986

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Evaluation of Drug and Chemical Toxicity with Cell Culture Systems¹

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Evaluation of Drug and Chemical Toxicity with Cell Culture Systems. BRADLAW, J. A. (1986). Fundam. Appl. Toxicol. 6, 598-606. Approaches to the evaluation of drug and other chemical toxicity with mammalian cell culture systems are designed to enhance the predictability of animal models. Identification of toxic agents by in vitro screening tests and studies of mechanisms through which chemicals induce critical lesions at the cellular and subcellular levels help to make those predictions sooner and perhaps single out those target sites and chemicals of most concern. © 1986 Society of Toxicology.

In Vitro Teratogenesis NCTR - 1981

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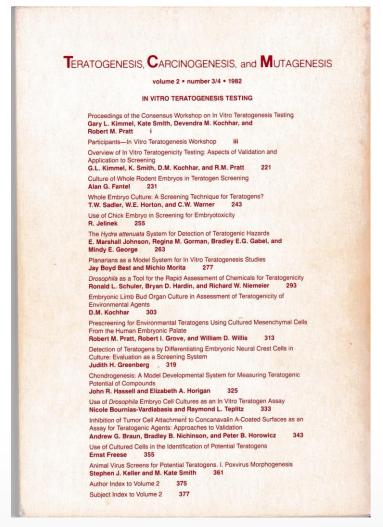
AUGUST 2-5, 1981



DeGray Lake State Park

Arkadelphia, Arkansas

NCTR 1981 – Conference Proceedings

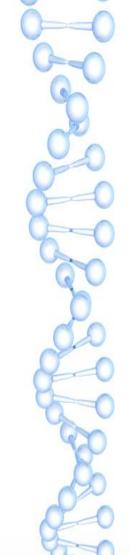


Smith et al. List Published in Teratog. Carcinog. Mutagen. 1983

- First effort to identify a consensus "gold standard" list of test agents to be used for validation of alternative teratogenicity assays
- Follow up conference sponsored by FDA/NCTR held in Charlotte, NC in 1989 where committee chaired by NCTR Director Bern Schwetz is tasked with developing a new list

IRAG 1989

- Interagency Regulatory Alternatives Group
- Ad hoc committee of scientists from three federal agencies, FDA, EPA, CPSC
- Was first effort in the U.S. government to establish a process for regulatory acceptance of alternative assays
- AGT Past President Sid Green was an integral part of the IRAG process

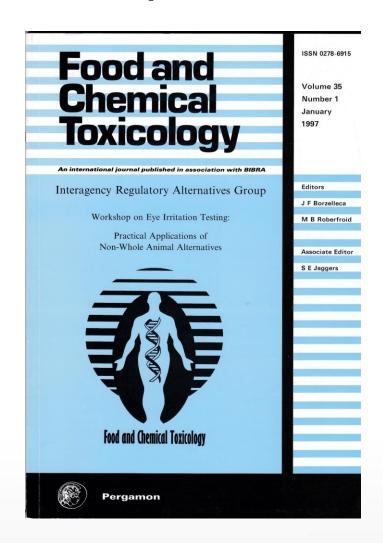


U.S. Army 1992

- First U.S. Army biennial conference on Alternatives held at Edgewood, MD
- AGT Past President Harry Salem is the key organizer of these conferences

May 16, 2018

RAG Workshop November 1993



NIH Revitalization Act of 1993

- Directed the NIH/NIEHS to establish an applied toxicological research and testing program
- Directed NIEHS to: "(a) establish criteria for the validation and regulatory acceptance of alternative testing methods, and (b) recommend a process through which scientifically validated alternative methods can be accepted for regulatory use"

NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 (continued)

- Creation of an ad hoc Interagency
 Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM)
- Consisted of representatives from 15
 Federal regulatory and research agencies

Draft FDA/CFSAN Redbook II 1993

Draft

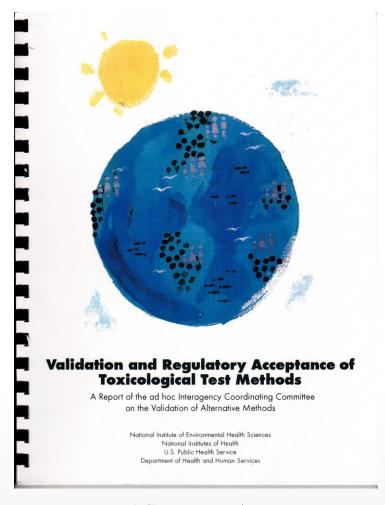
VII F. Advances in the Development of Alternatives to Whole Animal (Vertebrate) Testing

Because animal experimentation has become an emotional issue, it is important to recognize the growing impact of in vino toxicology on the practice of toxicology. Although the field is often termed "alternative," experimental models have been applied to the three "R's" of Russel and Burch: to replace animal models, to reduce the number of animals used, or to refine test methods to minimize stress and suffering to animals.

This section is not intended as a guideline but serves to identify a future direction in methodology. In the context of this document, "alternatives to whole animal (vertebrate) experimentation" refers to in vitro tests for potential toxicity that substitute for or replace in vivo (whole animal) studies. "In Vitro" literally means "in glass", and is interpreted to mean "in a test tube" or "outside of the body"." Alternative tests include short-term tests using isolated cells, tissues, and organs and studies involving mathematical modelling, epidemiology, or the use of human volunteers; short-term tests for genetic toxicity (see Chapter IV C 1) are excluded.

Note: This chapter is not included in Redbook 2000

ICCVAM Report 1997



ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000

- Made ICCVAM permanent
- Codified participating agencies: (1) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; (2) Consumer Product Safety Commission; (3) Department of Agriculture; (4) Department of Defense; (5) Department of Energy; (6) Department of the Interior; (7) Department of Transportation; (8) Environmental Protection Agency; (9) Food and Drug Administration; (10) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; (11) National Institutes of Health; (12) National Cancer Institute; (13) National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; (14) National Library of Medicine; (15) Occupational Safety and Health Administration; (16) Any other agency that develops, or employs tests or test data using animals, or regulates on the basis of the use of animals in toxicity testing.

International Society of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology 2005



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Report of an ISRTP Workshop: Progress and barriers to incorporating alternative toxicological methods in the U.S.

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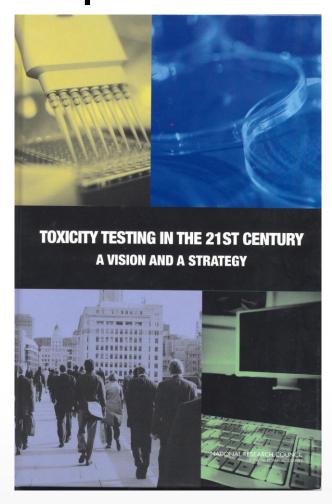
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National Academies of Science Report 2007



ToxCast (U.S. EPA) 2007

- Established a repository of chemicals for testing in high-throughput screening assays
- More recently, established a repository for high-throughput screening data

Tox21 Multi-agency MOU 2010

Federal Register/Vol. 75, No. 138/Tuesday, July 20, 2010/Notices

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Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel 2010 NIDA Translational Avant-Garde Award Interviews (DP1).

Date: July 27, 2010. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Westin Grand, 2350 M Street, NW.,

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND **HUMAN SERVICES**

Food and Drug Administration

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Memorandum of Understanding: Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences, National Toxicology Program; and the National Institutes of Health, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Chemical Genomics Center: and the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development

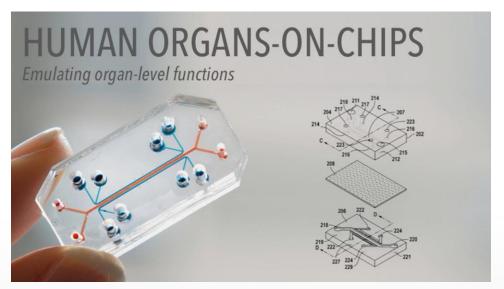
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ACTION: Notice.

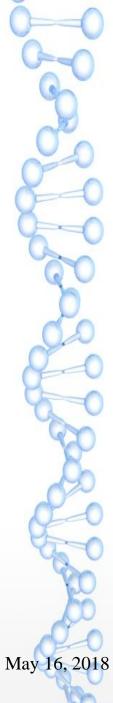
MOU is the exploration of high throughput screening (HTS) assays and tests using phylogenetically lower animal species (e.g., fish, worms), as well as high throughput whole genome analytical methods, to evaluate mechanisms of toxicity. Ultimately, the data generated by these new tools is to be provided to risk assessors to use in the protection of human health and the environment. The goals of this MOU are to investigate the use of these new tools to: (1) Identify mechanisms of chemically induced biological activity, (2) prioritize chemicals for more extensive toxicological evaluation, and (3) develop more predictive models of in vivo biological response. Success in achieving these goals is expected to result in test methods for toxicity testing that are more scientifically and economically efficient and models for risk assessment that are more



- Leverages "organ-on-a-chip" technology
- This collaborative effort has been cited in Science, Nature, and other prominent technical and non-technical journals



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Thank you.

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