

Health Effects Innovation at the National Toxicology Program

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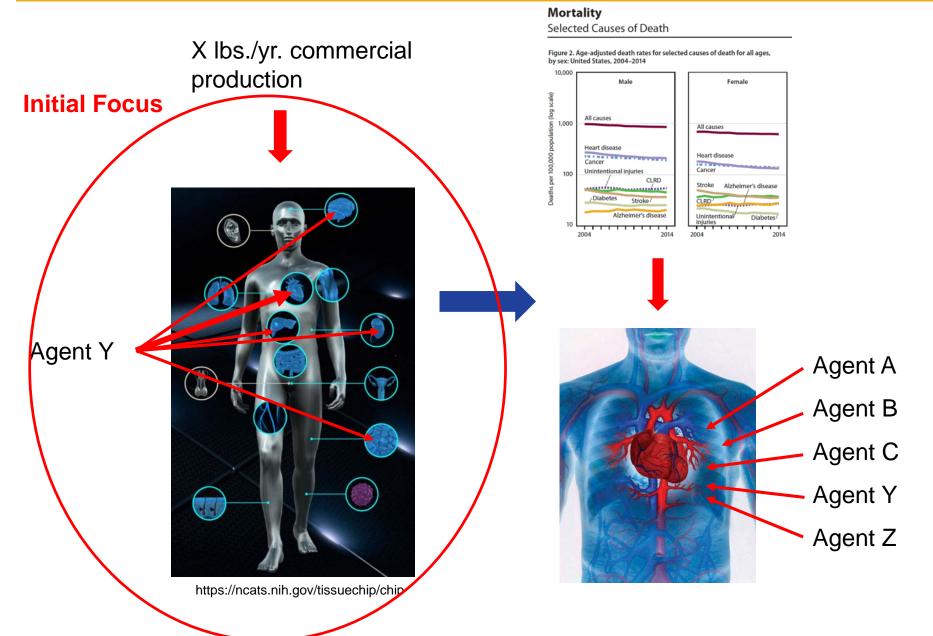




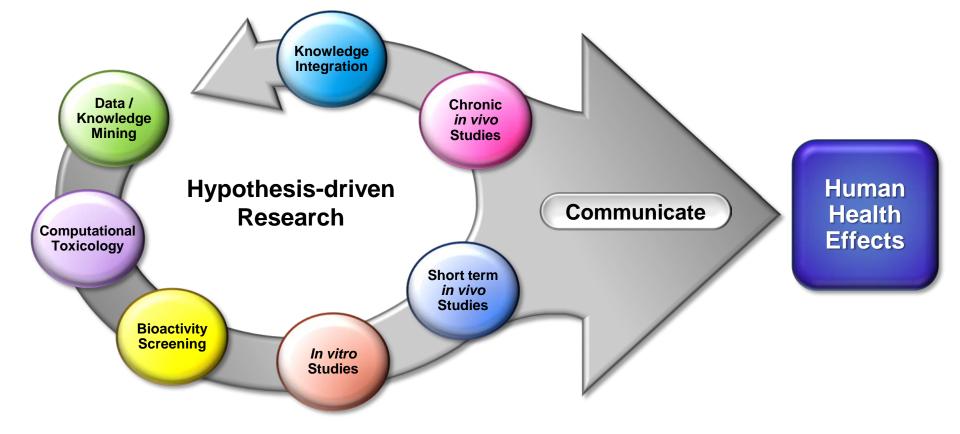
- Define and build a strategic assessment pipeline for key health effects
- Understand the mechanism of action, mode of action (MOA), health effect continuum for these areas
- Increase confidence in the predictivity of MOA assessments
- Align our capability development to problems we're trying to solve
- Maximize the collective strength of the NTP organization
- Build novel partnerships in and outside NIH



Opportunity for Flipping the Paradigm









- Novel capabilities (DNTP, Environmental toxicology community)
- Advancement of our current knowledge of how environmental exposures contribute to diseases of concern (Public health community)
- A paradigm shift (Environmental toxicology community)
- Peer-reviewed manuscripts (DNTP, individual contributing scientist)
- Presentations (DNTP, individual contributing scientist)
- Expertise (DNTP, individual contributing scientist)



Health Effects Innovation: Cardiovascular Hazard Assessment in Environmental Toxicology

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Kick-off Meeting on 29 May 2019



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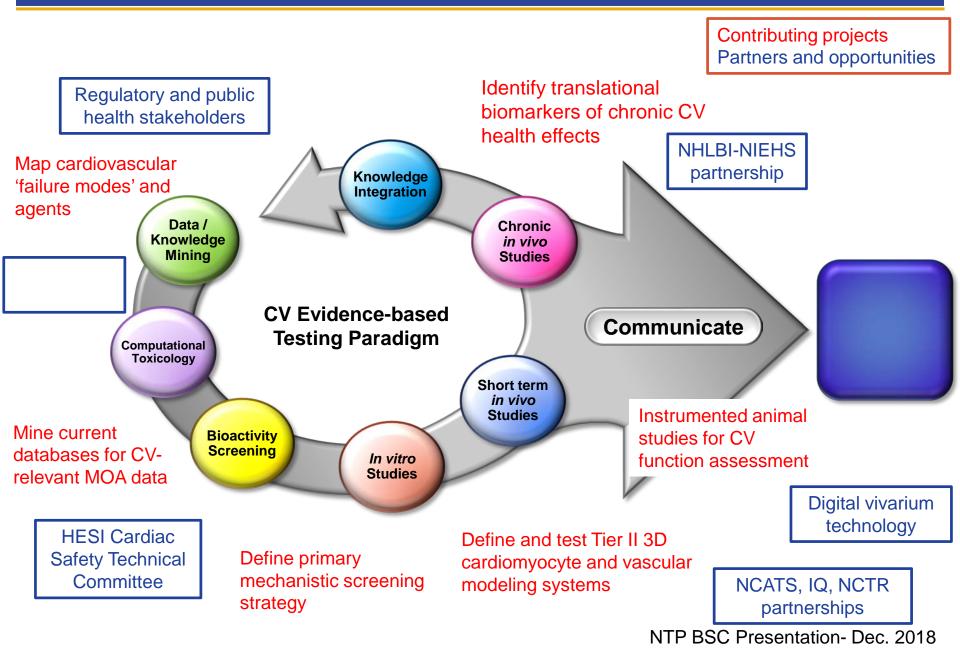


VALUE Cardiovascular disease is a major cause of death and disability worldwide. In the United States, heart disease and stroke are leading causes of death in both men and women and contribute significantly to direct health expenditures. The goal of the Cardiovascular Hazard Assessment in Environmental Toxicology HEI is to create a program that fully leverages and applies NTP's capabilities in deliberate, integrated, and complementary ways along the toxicology translational pipeline-from data/knowledge mining to in silico/in vitro approaches to in vivo testing-and use that knowledge to improve our understanding about how environmental agents affect the cardiovascular system in humans.

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CV Health Effects Opportunities





A Novel Framework for Human-relevant and Failure Mode-based Assessment of Cardiovascular Safety in Nonclinical Drug Development

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MOU aims to improve cardiovascular safety of pharmaceuticals	Article Next Article Next Article Next Next		
NTP is part of a new interagency research collaboration to foster more novel, human-relevant safety testing methods			
BY CAROL KELLY			
Seeking to improve the cardiovascular safety of pharmaceuticals, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) partnered with the nonprofit <u>Health and Environmental</u> <u>Sciences Institute</u> (HESI) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) <u>Center for Drug</u> <u>Evaluation and Research</u> (CDER) in a new memorandum of understanding (MOU).	Who are the partners? Brief descriptions of the MOU partner organizations and liaisons follow.		



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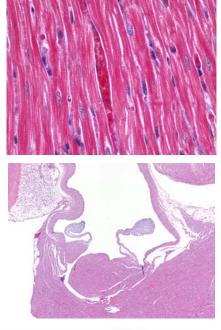
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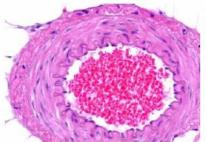
Contemporary pharmaceutical cardiovascular safety assessment would benefit from an approach that is more efficient in cost and time, mechanistically informative and human relevant. Such an approach would enable earlier recognition of development-limiting liabilities, fewer false positives leading to premature development termination, more relevant biomarkers and decreased late-stage attrition. The HESI Cardiac Safety Technical Committee will work across its working groups and with other stakeholders to design, test and implement such an approach.

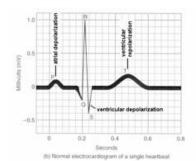


- There are a finite number of primary responses to CV toxicity- i.e. failure modes (Principles of Pathology)
- Behind those failure modes, there are a finite number of key cellular and or molecular 'mechanistic' events (modes of action) that initiate and drive their pathogenesis which are 'screenable' (Principles of Molecular Biology)
- The likelihood of a xenobiotic inducing a failure mode is a product of its potency for functionally perturbing a cellular event and the likely *in vivo* exposure in dose and time (Principles of Toxicology)
 - our confidence in a phenotypic outcome for a mechanistic activity relates to our experience with it- i.e. some activity at a mechanistic level can be directly related to a phenotypic outcome (e.g. 5HT2b agonism) (Principles of Human Behavior)
 - other activities will require phenotypic confirmatory testing (i.e. Tier 2) in more complex biological systems to build confidence in the phenotypic outcome (Principles of Translational Toxicology Pipeline)
- A relevant mechanistic testing strategy should enable clinical risk assessment, progression decisions and the development of clinical monitoring strategies (Mission of NTP)

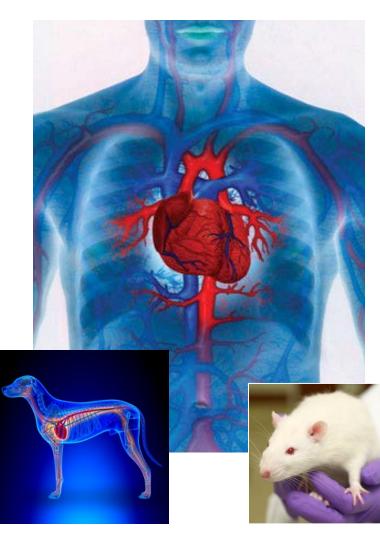
Reason to believe: We know a lot about the CV system

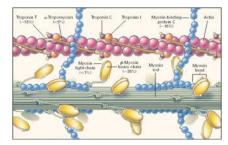


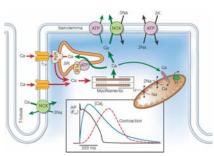


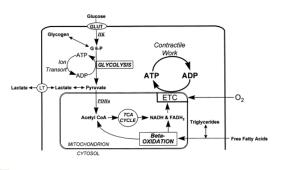


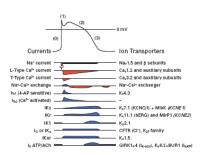
- Plumbing, electro-mechanics and power!
- Adaptive but not regenerative
- Relatively conserved



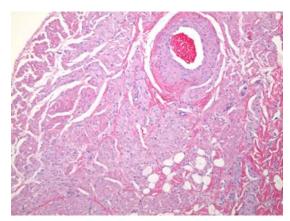




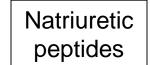




Reason to believe: We know a lot about what controls it



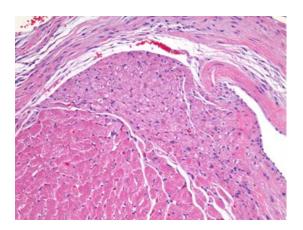
Frank-Starling Law



• β -adrenergic agonist • non-selective for β_1 , β_2 • $\beta_1 = \uparrow$ cardiac inotropy, chronotropy • $\beta_2 =$ vasodilation

Heart rate (chronotropy) determined by rate of spontaneous SA nodal discharge
Spontaneous SA nodal discharge determined by balance of autonomic control

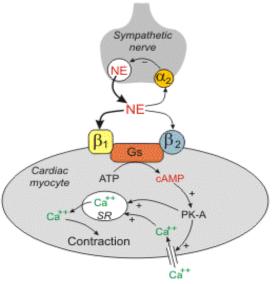
Sympathetic-Parasympatheticnorepinephrine acetylcholine



 \uparrow discharge \downarrow discharge

Reninangiotensin system

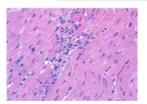
NO, Endothelin

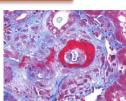


Abbreviations: NE, norepinephrine; Gs, G-stimulatory protein; PK-A, cAMP-dependent protein kinase; SR, sarcoplasmic reticulum

Reason to believe: We know how it responds to injury

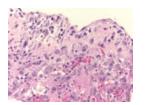
Structural injuries

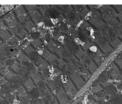




cardiomyocyte injury

vascular injury





valvulopathy

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∆cardiac mass



Neoplasia







Functional changes



Arrhythmia

 $\Delta BP \qquad \Delta HR$

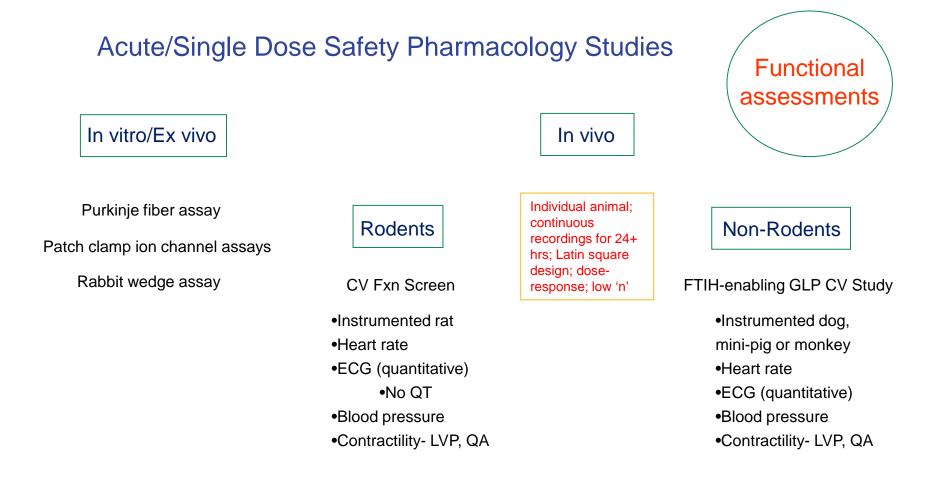
 Δ contractility

Changes in disease

Ischemic events Coronary artery dz Heart failure Cerebrovascular events Hypertension Metabolic disease



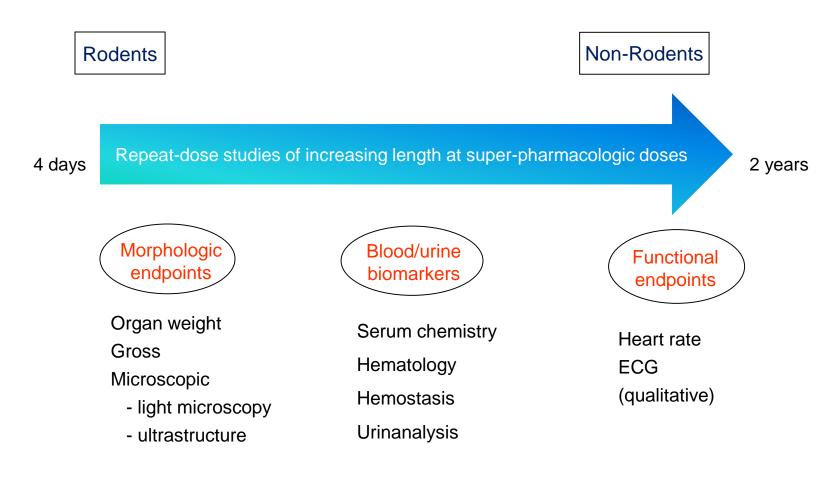
Current Paradigms in Preclinical Drug Safety Assessment





Current Paradigms in Preclinical Drug Safety Assessment

In Vivo Repeat-Dose General Toxicity Studies



* Repeat dose studies biased toward morphologic endpoints

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Reducing safety-related drug attrition: the use of *in vitro* pharmacological profiling

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lable 1 Recommen	ided targe	ts to provide an	early assessn	nent of the potential hazard of a	compound or chemical series	
Targets (gene)	Hit rate*		Main organ	Effects		Refs
	Binding	Functional or enzymatic	class or system	Agonism or activation	Antagonism or inhibition	
<u>G protein-coupled re</u>	ceptors					
Adenosine receptor A _{3A} (<u>ADORA2A</u>)	High	Low (agonist)	CVS, CNS	Coronary vasodilation; ↓ in BP and reflex; ↑ in HR; ↓ in platelet aggregation and leukocyte activation; ↓ in locomotor activity; sleep induction	Potential for stimulation of platelet aggregation;	5
α _{1A} -adrenergic receptor (<u>ADRA1A</u>)	High	Low (agonist): high (antagonist)	CVS. GI. CNS	Smooth muscle contraction; ↑ in BP: cardiac positive ionotropy; potential for arrhythmia; mydriasis; ↓ in insulin release	↓ in smooth muscle tone: orthostatic hypotension and ↑ in HR: dizziness; impact on various aspects of sexual function	5
a ₂₄ -adrenergic receptor (<u>ADRA2A</u>)	High	Low (agonist); medium (antagonist)	CVS, CNS	↓ in noradrenaline release and sympathetic neurotransmission; ↓ in BP;↓ in HR; mydriasis; sedation	↑ in GI motility; ↑ in insulin secretion	5
β ₁ -adrenergic receptor (<u>ADRB1</u>)	Medium	NA	CVS, GI	↑ in HR; ↑ in cardiac contractility; electrolyte disturbances; ↑ in renin release; relaxation of colon and oesophagus; lipolysis	↓ in BP;↓ in HR;↓ in CO	6
β ₂ -adrenergic receptor (<u>ADRB2</u>)*	High	Medium (agonist); medium (antagonist)	Pulmonary. CVS	↑ in HR; bronchodilation; peripheral vasodilation and skeletal muscle tremor; ↑ in glycogenolysis and glucagon release	↓ in BP	6
Cannabinoid receptor CB ₁ (<u>CNR1</u>)	Medium/ high	Medium (antagonist)	CNS	Euphoria and dysphoria; anxiety; memory impairment and poor concentration; analgesia; hypothermia	1 in weight loss; emesis; depression	6.
Cannabinoid receptor CB ₂ (<u>CNR2</u>)	Medium	Medium (agonist)	Immune	Insufficient information	↑ in inflammation; ↓ in bone mass	6
Cholecystokinin A receptor (<u>CCKAR</u>)	Low/ medium	NA	GI	↓ in food intake; gallbladder contraction; pancreatic enzyme secretion; ↑ in GI motility; activation of dopamine-mediated behaviour	↑ in development of gallstones	6-
Dopamine receptor D ₁ (<u>DRD1</u>)'	Medium/ high	Medium (antagonist)	CVS, CNS	Vascular relaxation; ↓ in BP; headaches; dizziness; nausea; natriuresis; abuse potential	Dyskinesia; parkinsonian symptoms (tremors); anti-emetic effects; depression; anxiety; suicidal intent	6
Dopamine receptor D ₃ (<u>DRD2</u>)*	Medium/ high	Medium/high (agonist); medium (antagonist)	CVS, CNS, endocrine	↓ in HR; syncope; hallucinations; confusion; drowsiness; ↑ in sodium excretion; emesis; ↓ in pituitary hormone secretions	Orthostatic hypotension; drowsiness; ↑ in GI motility	6
Endothelin receptor A (<u>EDNRA</u>)	Low	NA	CVS, development	1 in BP; aldosterone secretion; osteoblast proliferation	Teratogenicity	6

Are there other targets we should be adding to this primary screen?

Table 1 (cont.) Recommended targets to provide an early assessment of the potential hazard of a compound or chemical series

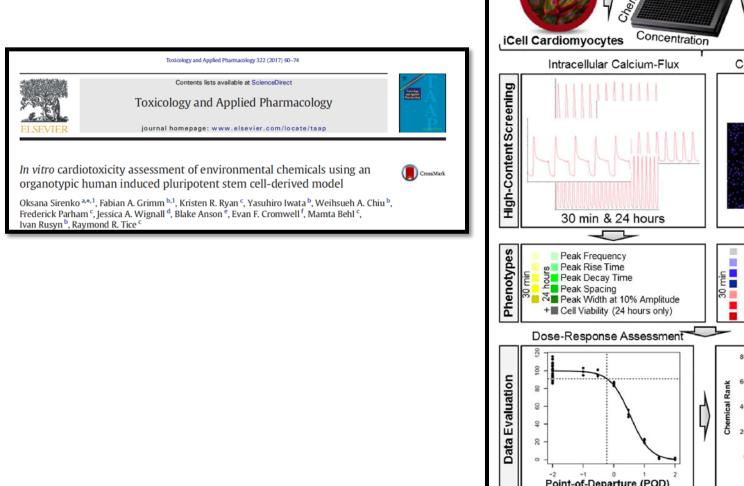
Targets (gene)	Hit rate* Binding Functional or enzymatic		Main organ class or system	Effects		Refs [§]
				Agonism or activation	Antagonism or inhibition	
G protein-coupled rece	ptors (con	L)				
Muscarinic acetylcholine receptor M ₁ (<u>CHRM1</u>)	High	Low (agonist); high (antagonist)	CNS, GI, CVS	Proconvulsant: Î in gastric acid secretion; hypertension; tachycardia; hyperthermia	tin cognitive function; in gastric acid secretion; blurred vision	73
Muscarinic acetylcholine receptor M ₂ (<u>CHRM2</u>) ¹	High	Low (agonist); medium (antagonist)	CVS	↓ in HR; reflex; ↑ in BP; negative chronotropy and inotropy; ↓ in cardiac conduction (PR interval); ↓ in cardiac action potential duration	Tachycardia; bronchoconstriction; tremors	74
Muscarinic acetylcholine receptor M ₁ (<u>CHRM3</u>)	High	NA	GI, pulmonary	Bronchoconstriction; T in salivation; GI and urinary smooth muscle constriction	Constipation; blurred vision; pupil dilation; dry mouth	75
5-HT ₁₄ (<u>HTR1A</u>)	Medium/ high	Low (agonist): medium (antagonist)	CNS, endocrine	\downarrow in body temperature; reduced REM sleep; \uparrow in ACTH; cortisol and growth hormone secretion	Potentially anxiogenic	76
5-HT ₁₈ (<u>HTR1B</u>)	High	High (agonist); medium (antagonist)	CVS, CNS	Cerebral and coronary artery vasoconstriction; 1 in BP	1 in aggression	77
5-HT _{2A} (<u>HTR2A</u>)‡	Very high	Low/medium (agonist); medium/high (antagonist)	CVS, CNS	Smooth muscle contraction; platelet aggregation; potential memory impairments; hallucinations; schizophrenia; serotonin syndrome	Insufficient information	78
5-HT ₂₈ (<u>HTR2B</u>)	High/ very high	Low (agonist); high (antagonist)	CVS. pulmonary. development	Potential cardiac valvulopathy: pulmonary hypertension	Possible cardiac effects, especially during embryonic development	79
Vasopressin V _{1A} receptor (<u>AVPR1A</u>)	Medium	High	Renal, CVS	Water retention in body; ↑ in BP; ↓ in HR; myocardial fibrosis; cardiac hypertrophy; hyponatraemia	Insufficient information	80
lon channels						
Acetylcholine receptor subunit a1 or a4 (CHRNA1 or <u>CHRNA4</u>)†	Medium/ high	Low (opener): very high (blocker)	CNS, CVS, GI, pulmonary	Paralysis; analgesia; ↑ in HR; palpitations; nausea; abuse potential	Muscle relaxation; constipation; apnoea; ↓ in BP;↓ in HR	81
Voltage-gated calcium channel subunit α Cav1.2 (<u>CACNA1C</u>) [‡]	NA	Medium/high (blocker)	CV5	Insufficient information	Vascular relaxation; ↓ in BP;↓ in PR interval; possible shortening of QT interval of ECG	82

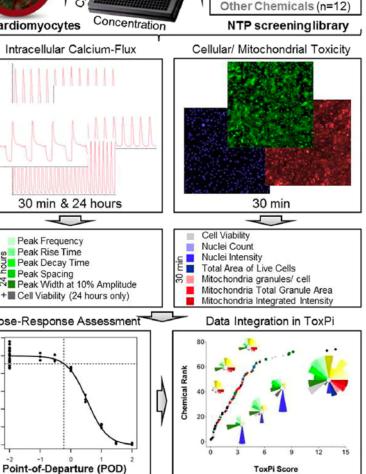


Reason to Believe: Technology

384-well plate

Drugs (n=18) Pesticides (n=15) Flame Retardants (n=10) PAHs (n=14)

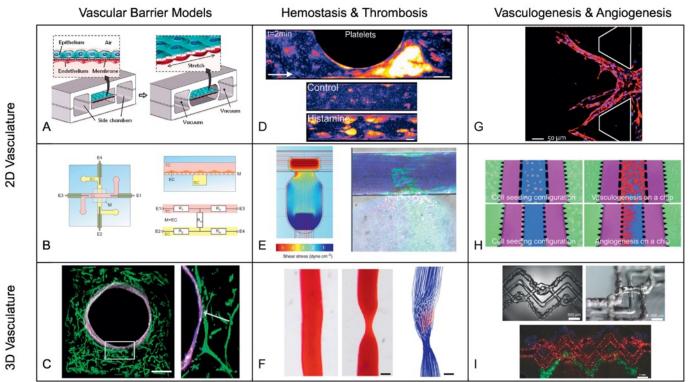






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High Performance Computing Applications

Presented to: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)

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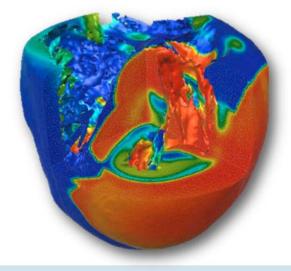
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Whole heart modeling at cellular resolution in real time

Example of joint capability development



- Bring together multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional team (IBM-LLNL)
- Develop high resolution, realistic model of human heart
- Create Cardioid code to model electrophysiology of heart
- Leverage 20 PF Sequoia (Blue Gene/Q) resource
- Investigate development of arrhythmia
- "Bake out" period on new architecture enables discovery-class open science
- Publishable, newsworthy work returns favorable press for DOE and NNSA
- Scaling, load balance and resilience issues are worked out prior to program use







- Arif Rahman, PhD
 - FDA ORISE Fellow
 - Mentor = Scott Auerbach



 Project- Develop a WGCNA (Whole Genome Co-Expressed Network Analysis) tool for CV hazard assessment

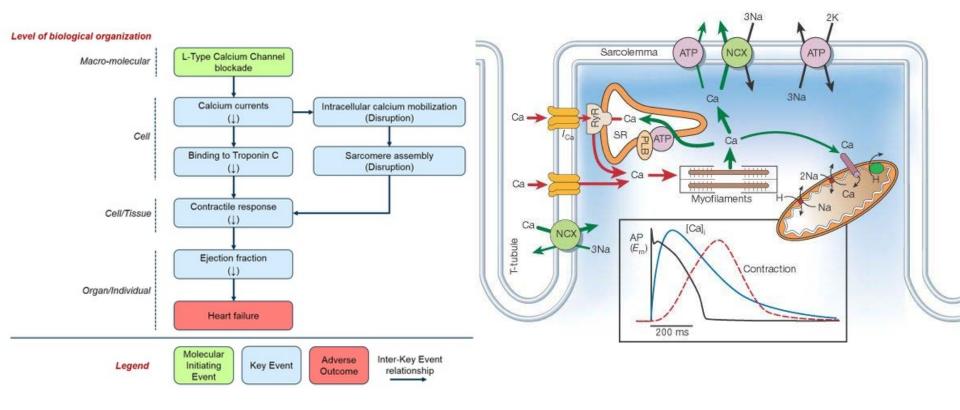
- Shagun Krishna, PhD
 - DNTP Post-Doc Fellow
 - Mentor = Nicole Kleinstreuer



 Project- Develop computational CV QSAR tools and integrated testing strategies using publicly-available data (e.g. Tox21)

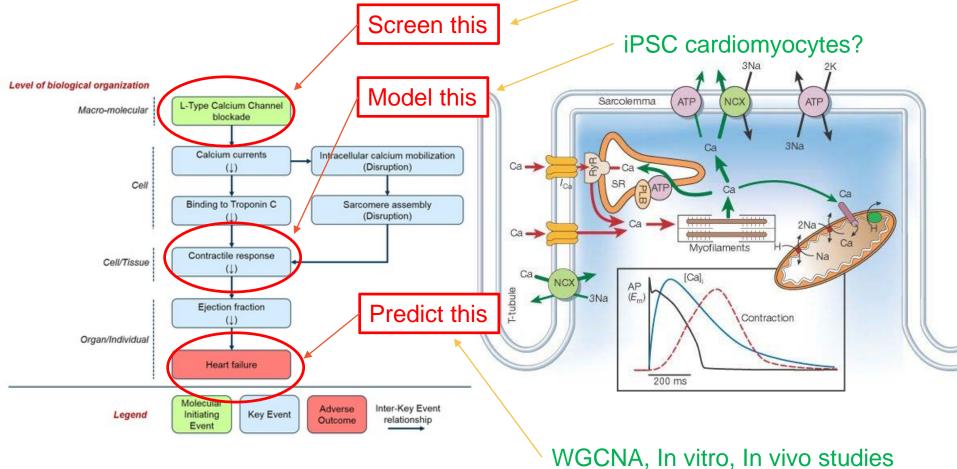


E.g. Calcium handling, contractility and heart failure





E.g. Calcium handling, contractility and QSAR, HTS Ire



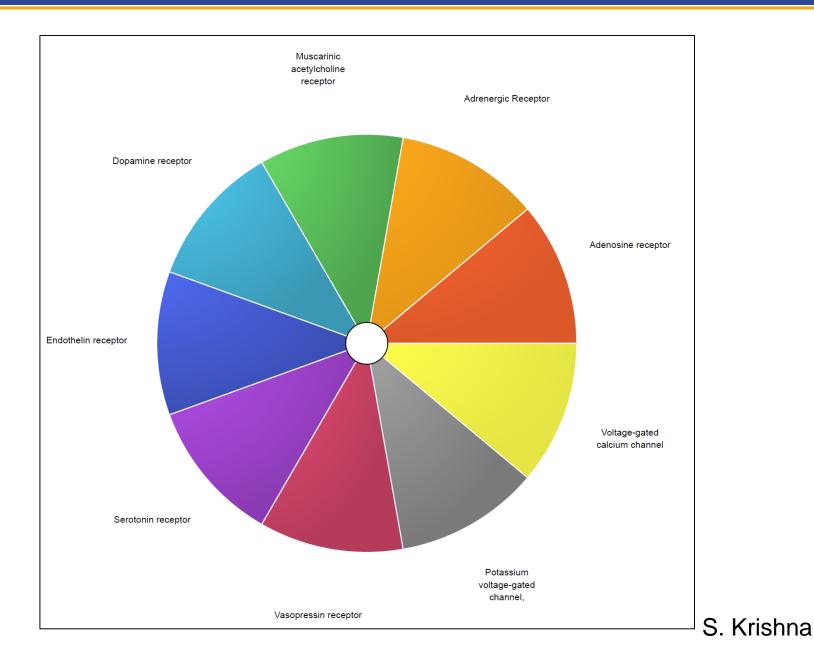


- A visualization tool to understand chemical activity against the available *in vitro* assays in ToxCast HTS database with CV related targets.
- Rank chemicals based on bioactivity against these targets
- Available data in Toxcast (invitroDB_v3)
- 9215 Chemicals (Tox21/ToxCast library, tested to varying degrees in the target assays)
- 66 *in vitro* assays that map to pharmacological screening targets for 9 families of selected proteins
- Generate CardioToxPi and provide chemical bioactivity ranking against selected targets



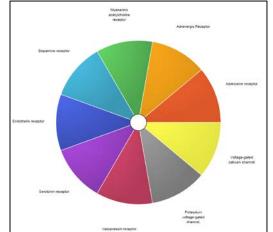


ToxCast CV Targets

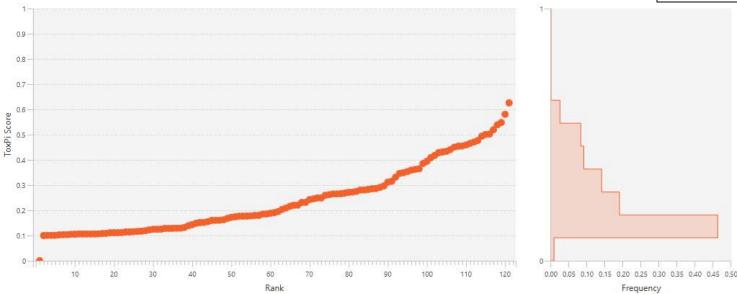




- CardioToxPi ranked 9215 chemicals based on ToxCast Score (negative log scaling):
- ToxPiScore Range: 0.6260 0
 - 0.620 0.10 (120 Chemicals)
 - 0.10 0.00 (9095 Chemicals)



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Top 10 Chemicals with CardioToxPi v1 Score











Tributyltin chloride

Scote = 0.6261 Rank = 1.021 (out of 121) Annexes Receive a 0.997 Annexes Receive 0.3907 Annexes Receive 0.3904 Receive and 0.4284 Doarnes receive 0.4294 Boarnes receive 0.4294 Senton receive 0.4294 Vangevous necesitor 0.4294 Prinsum vetage galed channel, 0.6120 Prinsum vetage galed channel, 0.6120



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Tributyltin methacrylate

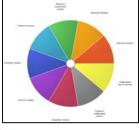
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Clomiphene citrate (1:1)

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Chlorpromazine hydrochloride

Score = 0.5020

Rank = 116 (out of 121)

Muscannic acetylcholine receptor 0 7758

Potassium voltage-gated channel, 0.5581

Voltage-gated calcium channel 0.3821

Advocsing receptor 0.0000

Adrenergic Receptor 0.8798

Dopomine receptor 0.9257

Endothelin receptor 0.0000 Serptonin receptor 0.9960

Vasopressin receptor 0.0000





Phenylmercuric acetate Score = 0.4937 Rank = 114 (out of 121) Advance recepto 0.6954 Advance: Beaches 0.6970 Manazenic acetychia mappier 0.7911 Depante mappier 0.6907 Sometim mappier 0.7000 Vancesenic mappier 0.7000 Vancesenic mappier 0.7000 Vancesenic mappier 0.6000

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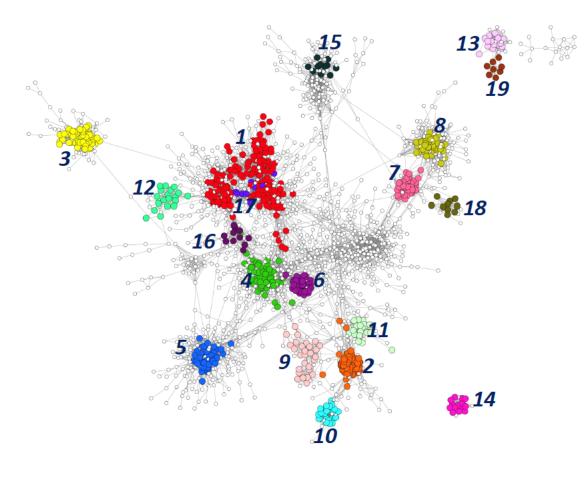
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Work is ongoing to expand the ToxPi to include phenotypic endpoints such as Mitochondrial Function, Oxidative Stress, VEGF Pathway, and Vascular Cell Cytotoxicity

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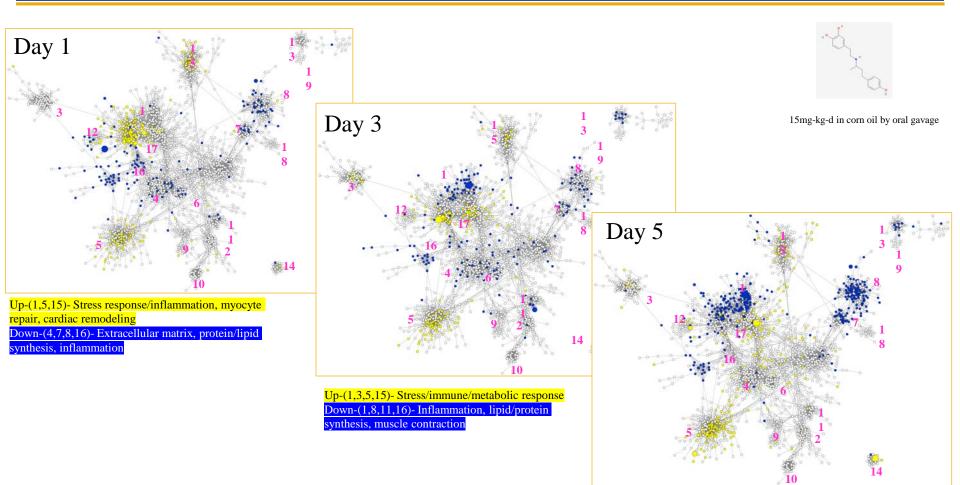
Heart Gene Modules

Modules	Biological pathways
Node Group 1	Cellular stress/Inflammation
Node Group 2	Metabolic/stress response/EV
Node group 3	Immune response
Node Group 4	Extracellular matrix
Node group 5	Metabolism/Myocyte repair/hypertrophy
Node Group 6	Cell cycle/division
Node group 7	Tissue morphogenesis
Node Group 8	Protein/lipid synthesis
Node group 9	Energy/heat production/metabolism
Node group 10	Lipid metabolism
Node group 11	Iron homeostasis/ muscle contraction
Node Group 12	Circadian/cardiac rhythm
Node group 13	Carbohydrate metabolism
Node Group 14	Lipid/protein metabolism
Node group 15	Cardiac remodeling; carcinogenesis
Node Group 16	Inflammation
Node group 17	Immune regulation
Node group 18	Protein maturation
Node group 19	Heme biosynthesis

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E.g., Dobutamine WGCNA



Associating changes in gene modules of relevance to the CV system with phenotypic evidence of adaptation, injury and progression.

Up-(1,5,14,15)- Stress response, myocyte repair, lipid metabolism, cardiac remodeling Down-(1,7,8,13)-Inflammation, tissue morphogenesis, lipid/protein synthesis, carb metabolism





- Define discrete problem statements
- Scope the biology/pathobiology of interest
- Capability and knowledge gap analysis
 - Map stakeholders
 - Map current capabilities (internal and external) and data sources
 - Identify what parts of a functional pipeline are missing
- Identify contemporary environmental toxicology problems to which to align capability development
 E.g. PFAS, BPA, PAHs
- Develop a CV HEI Program/Project Strategic Plan

Presentation to DNTP LT Governance Committee

Build a project and data management framework



Questions?

