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Abstract

We have reported an approach for evaluating developmental toxicity through an FGF-SRF signal reporter assay utilizing human iPS cells. Signal interactions are vital for the regulation of fetal development. we hypothesized that developmental toxicity eventually relates to signal disruption, and thus established a signal reporter assay (DynaLux/c).

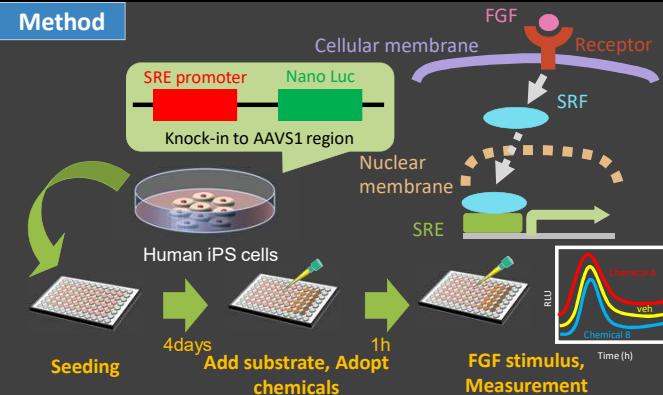
However, chemiluminescence was measured manually in this method. Thereby, it was difficult to capture detailed temporal changes and to measure during the night. Therefore, we automated luminescence measurements, establishing a method enabling detailed and prolonged luminescence assessments.

Malformations induced by Thalidomide



W.Rehman, et al., *Ther. Adv. Hematol.*, 2, 291 (2011)

Method



Accuracy of this method

Tested Chemicals

Developmental toxicity +		Developmental toxicity -	
5,5-Dimethyl-2,4-oxazolidinedione	Methotrexate hydrate*	Acetaminophen	Progesterone
5-Bromo-2'-deoxyuridine	Methoxyacetic acid	Acrylamide	Sodium saccharin
5-Fluorouracil*	Methylmercury chloride	Amoxicillin Trihydrate	Sulfasalazine
6-Aminonicotinamide	Misoprostol	Cefotaxime	
all-trans-Retinoic acid*	Phentyoin*	Cimetidine	
Boric acid	Pomalidomide*	D-Camphor	
Cyclophosphamide Monohydrate*	Sodium salicylate	Dimethyl phthalate	
Hydroxyurea*	(+/-)-Thalidomide*	Erythromycin	
Imatinib (mesylate)*	5-OH Thalidomide	Hydrochlorothiazide	
Lemalidomide	Valproic acid*	L-Ascorbic Acid	
Lithium chloride		Penicillin G sodium salt	

* ICH S5 (R3) Reference Compound Positive Control Examples for Qualifying Alternative Assays.

Accuracy : 89%

Alternative Models in Developmental Toxicity Testing

Model	Accuracy	References
Mouse embryonic stem cell test	78%	Genschow et al. (2002)
Rat MM test	70%	Genschow et al. (2002)
Rat WEC assay	80%	Genschow et al. (2002)
Zebrafish embryotoxicity test	72%	Chapin et al. (2008)
Frog embryo teratogenesis assay	NA	Bante et al. (1989)

More accurate than existing methods

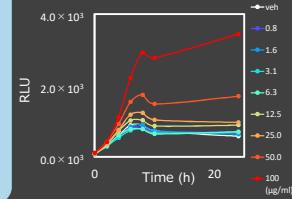
Automation of measurements

Previous method

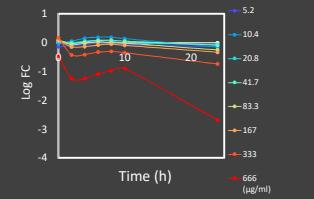


- Manual
- Fixed time points 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 24h
- Measuring time : 24h

Valproic acid (Manual)



SA (Manual)

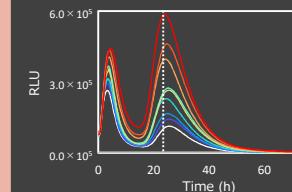


Current method



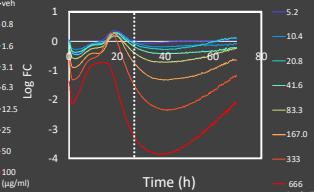
- Automatic
- Continuous monitor
- Measuring time : 70h

Valproic acid (Automatic)



Signal disruption could be detected in more detail

SA (Automatic)



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