

# Reducing Attrition through Early Assessment of Drug Safety

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# Programme:

Drug toxicity remains one of the main causes of compound attrition in the drug development process. Compounds displaying organ, mechanism-based or off-target toxicity are just some of the safety issues that have contributed to drug development failures, and the need for robust early drug safety screening in an integrative manner is clear.

In the last decade, an increased understanding of the molecular basis for some of these toxicities and the advancement of technologies designed to screen for them has improved options for screening out potential compound liabilities earlier in the research phase. Advances include the use of human induced pluripotent stem cells and miniaturised mimics of human organs. New markers of toxicity are being investigated at the RNA level, using metabolomics and through application of bioinformatic approaches. In addition, technologies have been developed to gather data on broad compound promiscuity at the protein level using panels of off-target activity as markers of general promiscuity.

This meeting will bring together a range of international experts from both industry and academia to present the new technologies and their applications in early drug safety assessment. The meeting will be of great interest to anyone involved in drug discovery and development, or has an interest in the science behind drug safety screening

- 09.00 Arrival, Registration and Coffee
- 10.00 Welcome and Announcements

#### Session 1 Chair: Dr David Pryde

- 10.05 Risk management of medicines: the need for early planning

  Professor Frank W Bonner, Chief Executive, Stem
- Cells for Safer Medicines, London, UK

  10.50 Early use of pharmacological promiscuity indices to select the best compounds
  - Gareth Waldron, Pfizer, UK.
- 11.35 Reducing attrition via bioinformatics approaches in safety and toxicology
  - Samiul Hasan, GlaxoSmithKline, UK
- 12.20 Lunch



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13.30 Session 2 Chair Dr Julie Holder

Organs-on-chips

**Dr Anthony Bahinski,** Advanced Technology Team, Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard University, Boston, US

- 14.15 Circulating miRNAs as markers of toxicology

  Chris Goldring, Institute of Translational Medicine, Liverpool University, UK.
- 15.00 Tea

**Session 3 Chair Dr Wendy Alderton** 

15.30 Use of metabolomics to assess drug toxicity during pre-clinical research

Dr. Gina Montoya, BASF, Germany.

16.15 Use of human iPS cells early in drug discovery to inform on toxicological hazard

Marc Peschanski ,I-STEM, INSERM, Paris

17.00 Concluding remarks and close of meeting

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