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PRECLINICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

vaccines, ophthalmic diseases, osteoarthritis,
inflammatory diseases, oncology

COMPREHENSIVE PRECLINICAL SAFETY PROGRAM

human & veterinary drugs, biological,
medical devices, food/feed additives,
chemicals

DISEASE MODELS

chronic glaucoma, influenza, osteoarthritis,
diabetes, contact dermatitis

ACCREDITED BREEDING FACILITY

Beagle dogs, non-human primates



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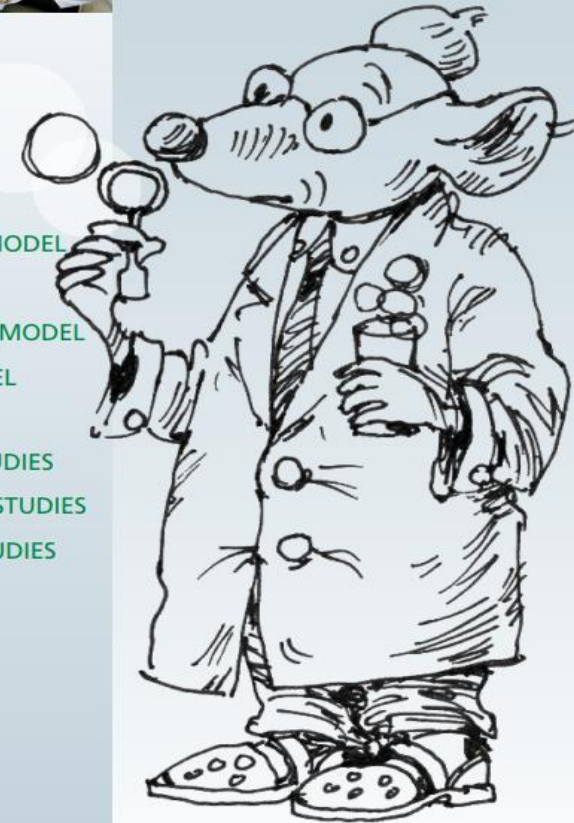


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CHRONIC GLAUCOMA
OSTEOARTHRITIS MODEL
COLORECTAL CARCINOMA MODEL
CHRONIC COLITIS MODEL
NON-ALCOHOLIC STEATOSIS MODEL
CONTACT DERMATITIS MODEL

TARGET ANIMAL SAFETY STUDIES
DENTAL HYGIENE EFFICACY STUDIES
IMMERSION / WASH OUT STUDIES





Do you know what is the main goal of preclinical toxicology?

No, it is not to prove your drug candidate/product is safe

A major objective of preclinical toxicology is to **provide appropriate information** for a compound **to proceed safely through clinical trials to registration.**



...You are inventing; we are able to move your thoughts in the right direction.
Let's work together...

- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- India
- Israel
- Singapore
- USA





Main activities

Preclinical R&D

Preclinical development in area of vaccines, ophthalmic diseases, osteoarthritis, diabetes, inflammation bowel disease

Comprehensive toxicology/safety program

Human & veterinary drugs, biological, medical devices, food/feed additives, chemicals & agrochemicals

Disease models

Chronic glaucoma, osteoarthritis, influenza, wound healing

Laboratory animal breeding

Non-human primates, dogs

Certification

Good Laboratory Practice Certificate OECD GLP [C(97)186 Final]

Pharmaceuticals, medical devices, food additives (PHARMA), chemical substances and preparations (REACH)

Authorization for Using of Experimental Animals

The Central Committee for Animal Protection of the Ministry of Agriculture
Valid for 2020 - 2025

Authorization for Breeding of Experimental Animals

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Approval for handling with GMO in compliance with Act

No. 153/2000 Coll.

National Institute of Health, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (USA)

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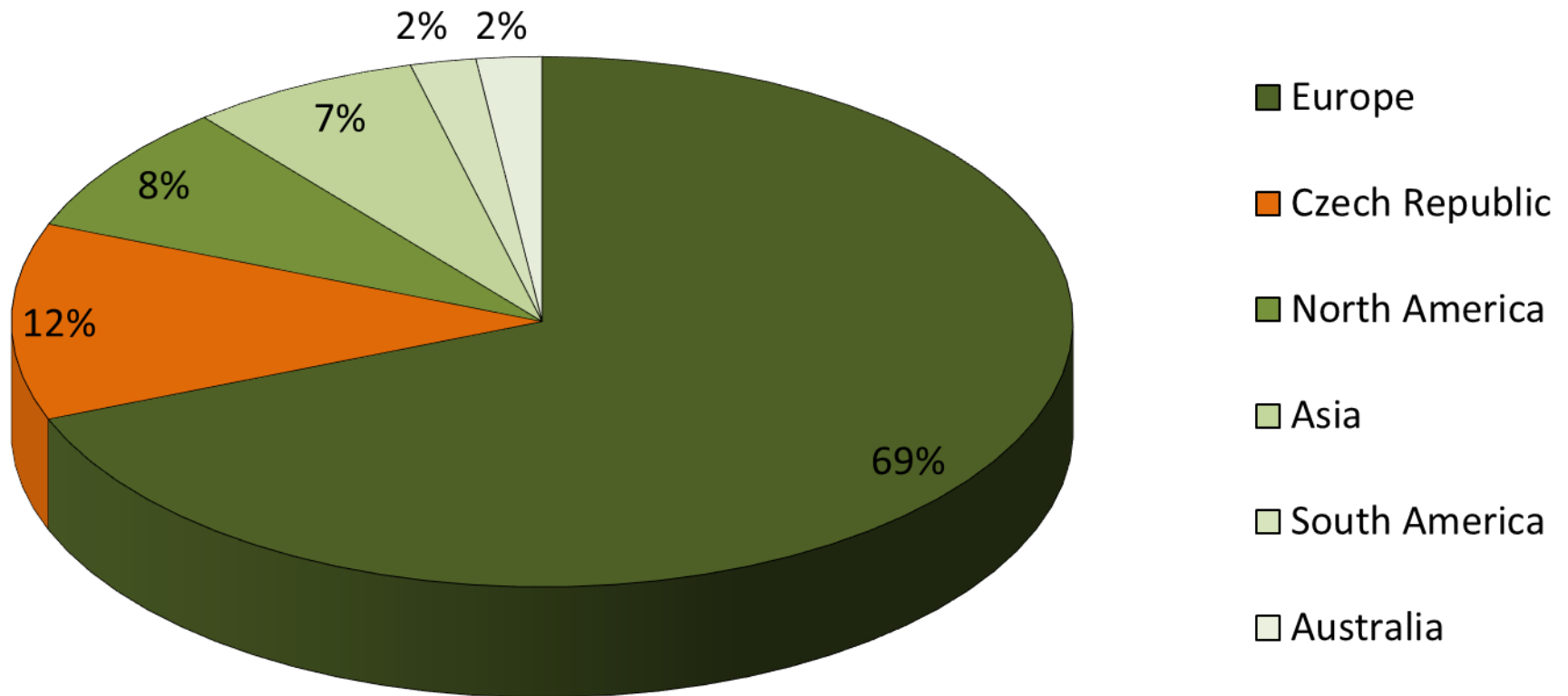
Crédit Impôt Recherche (CIR) accreditation

Valid for 2021 - 2023



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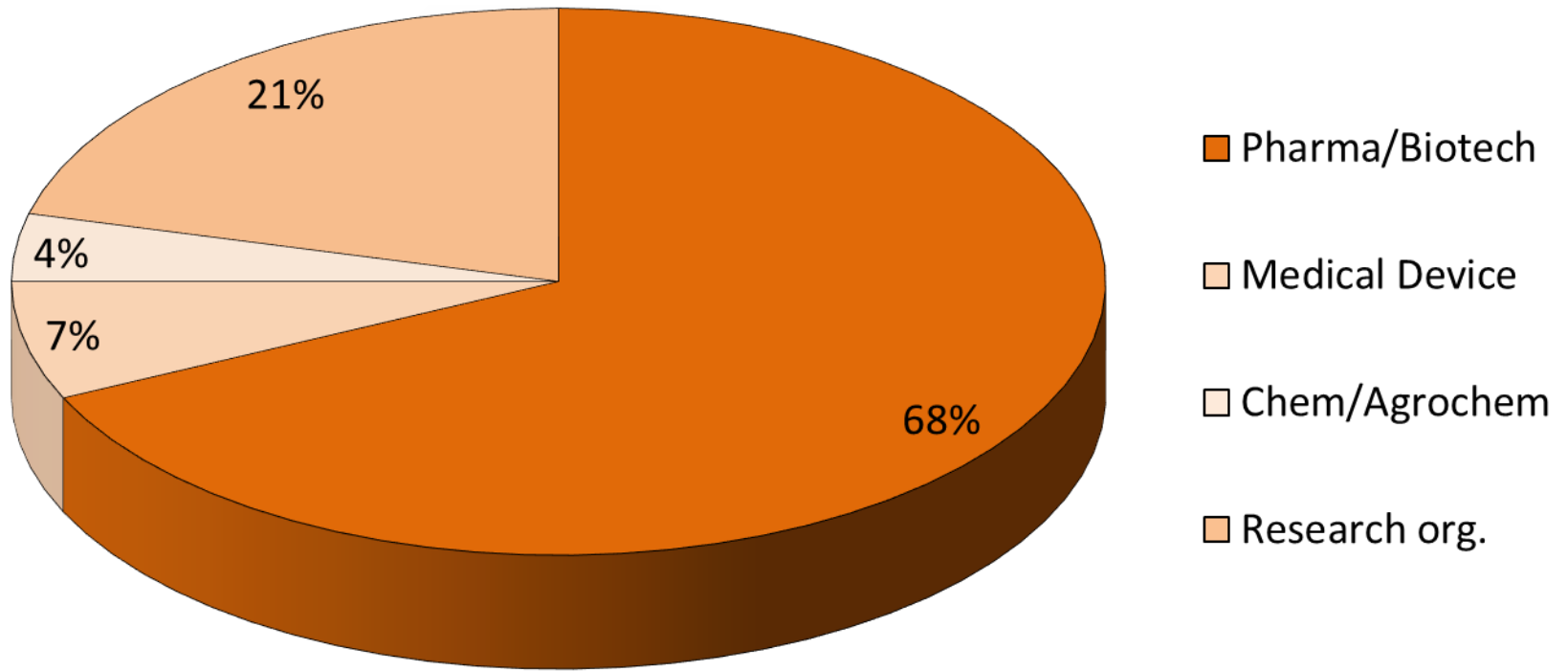
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Selected R&D projects

FLUVAC

Live attenuated replication-defective influenza vaccine

Austria (AGBT), Germany, Russia, Slovenia, Czech Republic

ANTIFLU

Innovative anti-influenza drugs excluding viral escape

Denmark, France, Germany (MPI), Hungary, Israel, United Kingdom, Czech Republic

OSTEOGROW

Novel morphogenetic protein-6 biocompatible carrier device

Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia (UZ), Czech Republic, Sweden

MOTIF

Microbicide optimization through innovative formulation for vaginal and rectal delivery

Czech Republic, France, Italy, United Kingdom (KCL)



Test systems available

Non-rodents	Non-human primates, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, cats, pigs, mini pigs
Rodents	Mice, rats, hamsters, guinea pigs
Cells	Bacteria (<i>S. tph</i> , <i>E. Coli</i>), mammalian cells (human lymphocytes, erythrocytes, murine fibroblasts, etc.)
Administration routes available	Buccal, cutaneous, intra-articular, intra-cardial, intra-dermal, intra-muscular, intra-nasal, intra-peritoneal, intra-vitreous, intra-venous, ocular, oral, rectal, sub-cutaneous, vaginal
	Implantation (bone, muscle, subcutis)



Studies/tests available

Genetic toxicology

Gene mutation in bacteria (Ames test)

S. tph., *E. coli*,
OECD, ICH,

Mammalian chromosome aberration test *in vitro*

Human lymphocytes
OECD, ICH

Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test *in vitro*

Human erythrocytes
OECD, ICH

Cytotoxicity test *in vitro*

Murine fibroblasts
ISO 10993

Test under development

murine lymphoma cells
178Y/Tk+/- OECD, ICH

In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test (MLA)
(expected to run the GLP-compliant test: 2021)

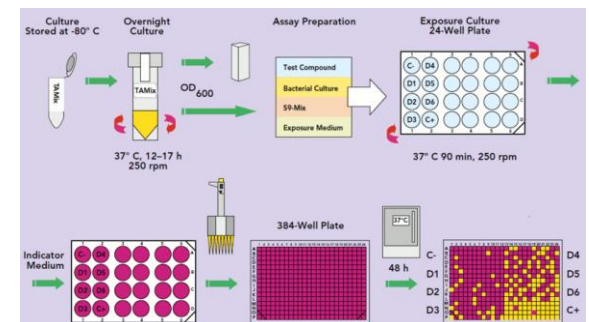


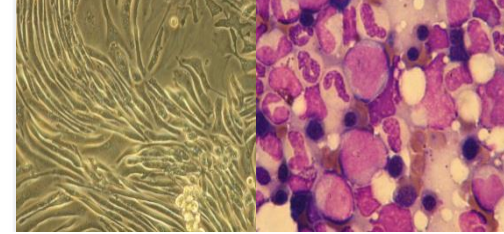
Newly implemented

Mutagenicity in bacteria – micro-fluctuation method:

... based on the same principle as the Ames test but uses a liquid, low-volume microplate version of the fluctuation method.

- Advantage**
- low compound requirement
 - increased throughput as compared to the standard format
 - processing several replicates at once
 - easy colorimetric readout
 - less S9 use and less production of hazardous waste due to the low-volume multiwell format.





Test under development

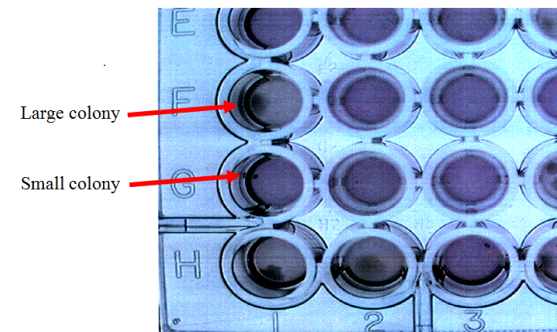
In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test (MLA)

The MLA test belongs to the basic battery of genotoxic tests and in some countries is explicitly required by regulatory authorities.

Mutagenic effect is based on change of impossibility of cells to synthesize thymidinkinase - mutant cells are able to proliferate in the presence of TFT, whereas normal cells, which contain the TK enzyme, are not.

Advantage: Detection of point mutations and chromosomal aberrations (deletions, mitotic recombination, aneuploidy) in cell culture of murine lymphoma cells 178Y/Tk+/- in one test

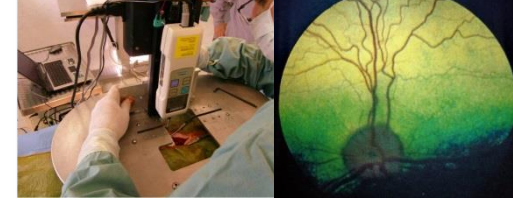
Full implementation expected: 2021





General toxicology

Maximum tolerated dose (single dose)	Rodents, non-rodents 3 – 5 dose levels
Dose range finding study (7 – 90 days)	Rodents, non-rodents 3 – 5 dose levels
Pilot, Proof-of-concept studies	Rodents, non-rodents
Single dose (acute) toxicity	Rodents, OECD
Extended single dose toxicity study	Rodents CPMP/ICH/286/95, ICH M3R2
Repeated dose toxicity study (1 week – 6 months)	Rodents, OECD, ICH
Repeated dose toxicity study (1 week – 12 months)	Non-rodents, OECD ICH



Safety pharmacology

Safety Pharmacology: CNS, CVS

ICH S7

Pharmacokinetics/Toxicokinetics/BEQ/BA

TK/PK/BA/BEQ studies, rodents, non-rodents (in-life phase)

ICH, VICH, OECD

Non-clinical safety

Non-clinical safety studies for the conduct of human clinical trials for pharmaceuticals

ICH

Preclinical safety evaluation of biotechnology-derived products, rodents, non-rodents

ICH

Preclinical pharmacological and toxicological testing of vaccines, rodents, non-rodents

ICH

Nonclinical evaluation for anticancer pharmaceuticals, rodents, non-rodents

ICH



Medical device biocompatibility

Tests for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity

ISO 10993-3,
OECD 471, 473, 475, 474, 487, 490

Tests for *in vitro* cytotoxicity

ISO 10993-5

Tests for local effects after implantation, rodents, non-rodents

ISO 10993-6

Tests for irritation and skin sensitization

ISO10993-10,
OECD 404, 405, 406, 429, 431, 438

Tests for systemic toxicity, rodents, non-rodents

ISO 0993-11, OECD 407, 408, 420, 423



Veterinary drug and feed assessment

Target animal safety studies

VICH, EFSA

Oral hygiene and anti-plaque efficacy study in dogs

VOHC

Immersion/wash out study of spot-on veterinary products in dogs

VICH

Feed safety studies

VICH, EFSA

Palatability study, rodents, non-rodents

EFSA



Newly implemented

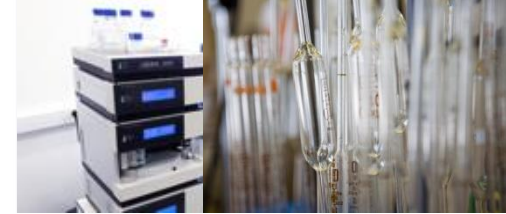
Oral hygiene and anti-plaque efficacy study in dogs (by VOHC)

The key to management of gum disease (for humans or pets!) is prevention. As long as the surfaces of the teeth are cleaned frequently, the gums will stay healthy. Excellent oral health is maintained by daily oral hygiene. Except of daily brushing, **daily chewing activities** can also be effective in maintaining oral health.

Test procedure:

- Day 0 - scaling and polishing the teeth – plaque and calculus scores are zero, gingivitis scoring
- Day 1 – x - providing the product tested, daily assessment of general health state
- Day x - gingivitis, calculus and plaque scoring by trained scorer according to scoring system by Hennet et al. (Res Vet Sci. 2006; 80: 175-80)



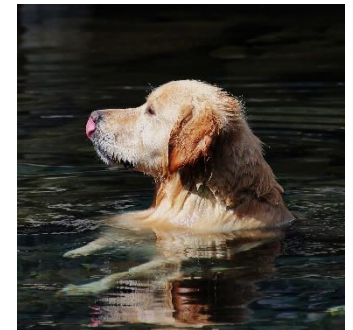


Newly implemented

The immersion/washout study of spot on veterinary products

The study documents the impact of dogs with spot-on products on the aquatic environment, especially its remains in surface waters bathing of treated dogs

- Advantage**
- standardized immersion bathtubs covered with inert plastic material
 - standardized water temperature allowing standard condition for spon-on product washing into the water
 - standardized water sampling protocol
 - GLP-compliant study





Disease models

Chronic glaucoma (chemically induced)	Dog
Acute contact dermatitis	Pigs
Human influenza	Ferret
Osteoarthritis (CLT)	Dog

Models under development

Chronic glaucoma (chymotrypsin, laser)	Rabbit
Knee osteoarthritis (ACLT)	Rabbit



Experimental chronic glaucoma, dogs

„More than 70 million people worldwide suffer from glaucoma. Glaucoma is leading cause of blindness.“

Induced by intraocular injection of chymotripsine

Revealing characteristic clinical signs

- elevation of IOP
- corneal opacity
- dilated episcleral blood vessels at the corneal edge
- reduced or absent pupillary reflex
- uveitis.





Ferret model for safety and efficacy of influenza therapy

Ferrets (*Mustela putoria*) emulate numerous clinical features associated with human disease; this is especially the case with regard to influenza

Clinical and clinical laboratory features shared by humans and ferret model following virus infection

- Fever
- Nasal secretion
- Coughing
- Serum abnormalities
- Weight loss and/or anorexia
- Lethargy
- Lymphopenia
- Transmission to susceptible contacts
- Hypercytokinemia
- Distribution of sialic acid in respiratory tract





Models under development

Knee osteoarthritis (rabbit)

The prevention and treatment of knee osteoarthritis (OA) is increasingly important in the context of the aging population, both in terms of health-related quality of life and financial burden of disease. Animal models provide practical and clinically relevant ways to study both the natural history and response to treatment.

The rabbit anterior cruciate ligament transection (ACLT) model is increasingly being used in early OA studies.

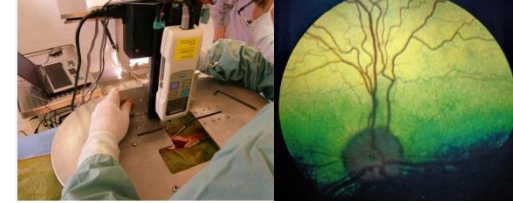
Animal model: albino rabbit (no single „gold standard“ exists)

Advantage:

- easy to use
- rapid and severe changes in articular cartilage and subchondral bone
- knee biomechanics cartilage capable of regeneration

Full implementation expected: 2021





Experimental facilities available

Besides of common conventional and SPF experimental facility for studies in rodents and dogs:

- reconstructed experimental facility for studies in NHP
- experimental facility for studies in cats
- BSL II experimental facility for studies in rodents, rabbits and ferrets
- Experimental facility for studies in mini pigs
- Fully equipped surgical room for conducting studies requiring surgery



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INEB, Portugal

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Olainfarm, Latvia

Oxford University, UK

Rottapharm, Italy

Sanofi Group (Zentiva)

Sunpharma, India

Univ Hospital Basel, Switzerland

University of Zagreb, Croatia

Triveritas, USA/UK

Univ of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ireland

Vetcare Oy, Finland

Virbac, France

General service flow chart

Event	Responsibility	Approximate duration
1.RFQ	Sponsor	N/A
2.Proposal/Quotation	CRO	3 – 7 days
3.PQ assessment	Sponsor	2 – 4 weeks, preferably as soon as possible
4.If PQ agreed by Sponsor, preparation of Contract	CRO	1 – 2 weeks
5.Contract comments	Sponsor	2 – 4 weeks, preferably as soon as possible
5.1 TIDS available to CRO	Sponsor	1 – 2 weeks, preferably as soon as possible after PQ/Contract approval
5.2 TIDS comments by CRO	CRO	3 - 7 days
5.3 Preparation and internal approval of Application for Ethical Approval (EA)	CRO	3 – 5 days after TIDS is completed
6. Application for Ethical Approval assessment	State Authority (Ministry of Health)	6 – 8 weeks (up to 40 working days from the submission + 1 - 2 weeks for administration)
6.1 Preparation of SP and discussion with Sponsor	CRO/Sponsor	2 – 4 weeks (study prepared within EA approval period)
6.2 Request for test system	CRO	Rodents: 2 – 6 weeks Non-rodents 1 - 6 months (depending on species) before planned study start, usually just after Contract is approved
6.3 Test item delivery to the Test facility	Sponsor	1 - 2 weeks before planned start of the study at the latest
7. Performing of the study	CRO	As soon as possible after getting Ethical Approval, duration depends on study type
8. Audited Draft Report submission	CRO	Within 3 - 10 weeks after the end of in-life phase of the study (depending on study type)
8.1. Sponsor comments and discussion	Sponsor/CRO	2 – 6 weeks, preferably as soon as possible
9. Submission of Final Report	CRO	1 – 2 weeks after Sponsor approved the Draft Report

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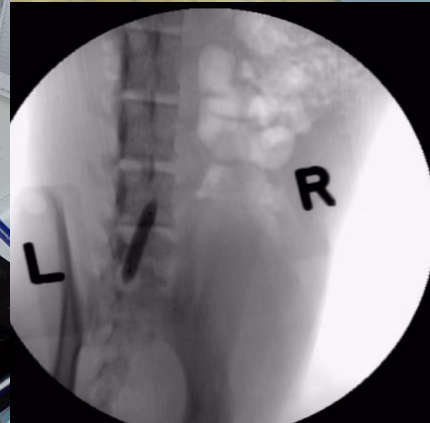
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