



# **NGTX - 21st Century Toxicology for Next Generation Tobacco and Nicotine Products (NGPs) Task Force 2020 Report**

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# Background

- ❖ **Advances in molecular biology, biotechnology, and human tissue modelling are paving the way for major improvements in how scientists evaluate the health risks of novel consumer products**
- ❖ **These advances are making it increasingly possible to study the effects using cells, cellular components and tissues- preferably of human origin**
- ❖ **Current routine test methods were developed over 50+ years ago and some studies employ the use of laboratory animals.**
  - **High dose exposures**
  - **Apical endpoints, no consideration of mechanism**
  - ***In vivo* studies require extrapolation to human exposure**
  - **Uncertainty factors to translate and account for species difference**
  - **Expensive, time consuming, sometimes raises ethical issues**

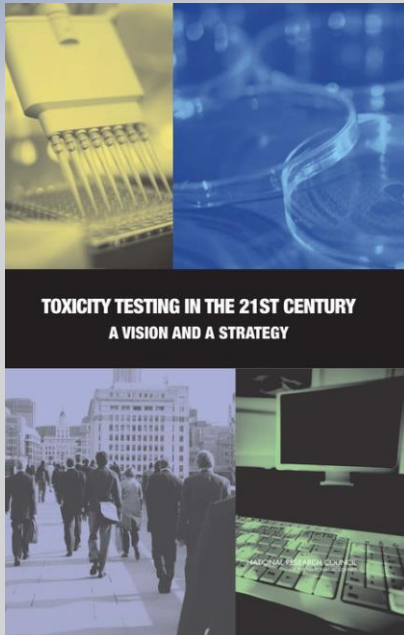
**Ongoing innovation in cellular and molecular biology have facilitated a paradigm shift in toxicology testing away from the traditional heavy reliance on low-throughput animal data towards the greater use of medium- and high-throughput *in vitro* cellular screening approaches**

# New technologies can transform classical approaches

## A framework for change: Toxicity Testing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TT21C)

Applying 21C science and technology to transform human health risk  
 - better understanding cellular and molecular effects levels (toxicity pathways)

- Significant research investment from US, EU gov authorities  
 - to underpin future regulatory changes for risk management; establishment of consortia

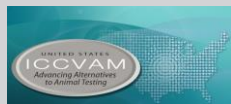
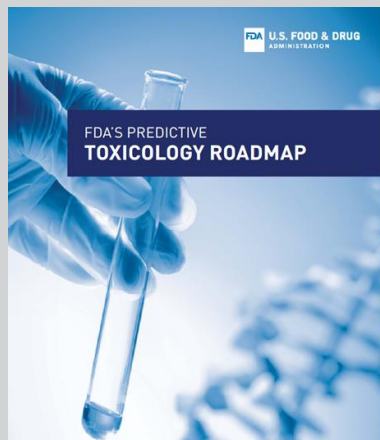


***“envisions a new toxicity-testing system that evaluates biologically significant perturbations in key toxicity pathways by using new methods in computational biology and a comprehensive array of in vitro tests based on human biology”***

# 21<sup>st</sup> century integration research

## ❖ In line with US EPA, US FDA, EU-JRC and OECD Strategic Plans

- Last 10 years- developing/ exploring new scientific capabilities (computational toxicology, dosimetry, *in vitro*, 'omics),
- Next 10 years- integration and application of new capabilities: AOP framework, bioinformatics, predictive modelling
- **Broader coverage of chemicals and endpoints, reduce cost and time of testing, use fewer animals**





# Scope and Objectives of NGTX TF

To review, assess, apply and harmonize 21<sup>st</sup> century toxicology approaches to tobacco and nicotine products, including but not limited to screening approaches, AOP development, organs on a chip and systems biology to support quantitative risk assessment.

- ❖ To review emerging technologies and application to NGP testing- review document to be prepared (NWIP#221)
- ❖ To identify appropriate approaches and application of emerging technologies to NGP testing (Dec 2020)
- ❖ To provide guidance documents to support assay application for NGP testing using TT21C relevant assays (dates TBC, but an ongoing activity)



- ❖ **January 2019 NWIP #199 21<sup>st</sup> Century Toxicology for NGP approved by CORESTA Scientific Commission**
- ❖ **March 2019 (London, England): Inaugural NGTX TF meeting**
- ❖ **October 2019 (Hamburg, Germany): 2<sup>nd</sup> NGTX TF meeting**
- ❖ **May 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, Belfast, hosted by Celerion - CANCELLED**
- ❖ **Autumn 2020 - virtual meetings - TBC**



# NGTX workshop, SSPT 2019 Hamburg

## NGTX WORKSHOP

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16:00	NGTX TF	Report	Marianna Gaca (BAT)
16:20	STW01	The application of in vitro Toxicity Testing in 21 Century (TT21C) for Next Generation Products	Liam Simms (Imperial Brands)/ Edgar Trelles- Sticken (Reemtsma Cigarettenfabriken GmbH)
16:40	STW02	Contemporary high-content screening approaches to assess the biological impact of single compounds and complex mixtures in vitro	David Thorne (BAT)/Stefan Frentzel (PMI)
17:00	STW03	Organotypic in vitro models for assessment of biological impact	Shigeaki Ito (JT)
17:20	STW04	Multi-organ-on-a-chip platforms to assess the biological impact of toxicants as well as PBPK properties in vitro	Stefan Frentzel (PMI)
17:40	Discussion		





# NWIP #221 'Report and Publication on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Toxicology for Next Generation Tobacco and Nicotine Products (NGPs)

- ❖ A review document outlining the emerging 21st century *in vitro* toxicology tools and their potential application for tobacco and nicotine product testing.
- ❖ Monica Lee (Altria), David Thorne (BAT), Marianna Gaca (BAT), Hitoshi Fujimoto (JT), Liam Simms (Imperial), Stefan Frentzel (PMI), Damian McHugh (PMI), Edgar Trelles- Sticken (Reemtsma Cigarettenfabriken GmbH), Gaddamanugu Prasad (RAI), Sarah Moses (Swedish Match)
  - CORESTA Technical report (CTR) (Dec 2020/ Jan 2021)
  - External Publication (CXP) (Q1 2021)

*As the review will be quite comprehensive, it can provide content for NGTX webpage and also abstracts for future toxicology conferences*





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- ❖ **Introduction to Tox 21, 3Rs and high throughput approaches**
- ❖ **NGPs including oral products and lack of reference products**
- ❖ **Regulations and standards including CRM and HCl, oral standards**
- ❖ **Test articles (TPM, WA etc)**
- ❖ **Techniques available – Tox 21 programme**
- ❖ **Model systems, techniques that have been used for NGPs**
- ❖ **Challenges? Repeat dosing vs. acute exposure**

## ❖ Which approaches to take forward (practical)?

### ➤ Use and application of high content screening

- Common test systems (cells),
- common endpoints (cell health, oxidative stress, DNA damage),
- applied to tobacco and nicotine products

Liam Simms (Imperial Brands)

Hitoshi Fujimoto (JT)

Stefan Frentzel (PMI)

David Thorne (BAT)



**Chemical Research in Toxicology**  
*In Vitro* Systems Toxicology Assessment of a Candidate Modified Risk Tobacco Product Shows Reduced Toxicity Compared to That of a Conventional Cigarette  
 Ignacio Gonzalez-Suarez,<sup>1</sup> Florian Martin, Diego Marescotti, Emmanuel Guedj, Stefano Acali, Stephanie John, Remi Daloz, Karine Baumer, Dariusz Peric, Daler Goedertler, Stefan Frentzel, Nikola V. Ivanov, Carole Mathis, Julia Hoeng, and Manuel C. Peitsch  
 Philip Morris International R&D, Philip Morris Products S.A., Quai Jeannerod 3, 2000 Nyonville, Switzerland



**Toxicology in Vitro**  
 High Content Screening in NHBE cells shows significantly reduced biological activity of flavoured e-liquids, when compared to cigarette smoke condensate  
 Lukasz Czekała<sup>1,2</sup>, Liam Simms<sup>3</sup>, Matthew Stevenson<sup>4</sup>, Edgar Treles-Sticken<sup>5</sup>, Paul Walker<sup>6</sup>, Tamvir Waleel<sup>7</sup>  
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<sup>3</sup>Imperial Brands PLC, Altria Research, Chester CH1 3JL, United Kingdom



**Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology**  
 Assessment of novel tobacco heating product THP1.0. Part 6: A comparative *in vitro* study using contemporary screening approaches  
 Mark Taylor<sup>1</sup>, David Thorne<sup>1,2</sup>, Tony Carr<sup>3</sup>, Damien Breberg<sup>4</sup>, Paul Walker<sup>5</sup>, Christopher Proctor<sup>6</sup>, Marianna Gaça<sup>7</sup>  
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<sup>2</sup>Imperial Brands PLC, Altria Research, Chester CH1 3JL, United Kingdom

**SPPOST 39**  
 Risk Assessment of a novel tobacco vapour product using ToxTracker® assay and highcontent screening *in vitro*  
 Munakata S, Erami K, Hashizume T  
 Japan Tobacco Inc, R&D Group, Scientific Product Assessment Centre, Japan



# Next steps (2)

## ❖ Guidance documents (theoretical)?

### ➤ Recommendations

- Guidance Document on Good In Vitro Method Practices (GIVIMP)

<http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/publicdisplaydocumentpdf/?cote=ENV/JM/MONO%282018%2919&doclanguage=en>

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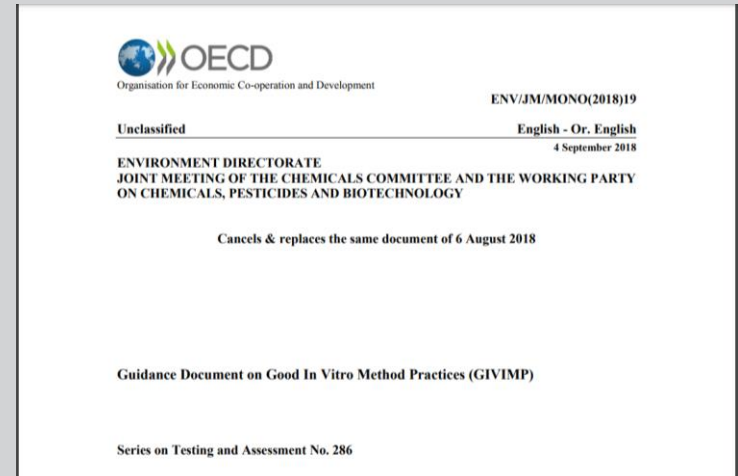
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# Materials for webpage

Example of a publication- similar publications can be achieved in NGTX

## An interlaboratory *in vitro* aerosol exposure system reference study

David Thorne<sup>1\*</sup>, Jason Adamson<sup>1</sup>, Edgar Trelles Sticken<sup>2</sup>, Roman Wieczorek<sup>2</sup>, Holger Behrsing<sup>3</sup>, Sandro Steiner<sup>4</sup>, Shoaib Majeed<sup>4</sup>, Stefan Frentzel<sup>4</sup>, Shinkichi Ishikawa<sup>5</sup>, Shigeaki Ito<sup>5</sup>, Liam Simms<sup>2</sup>, Kei Yoshino<sup>5</sup>, Julia Hoeng<sup>4</sup>, Marianna Gaca<sup>1</sup>

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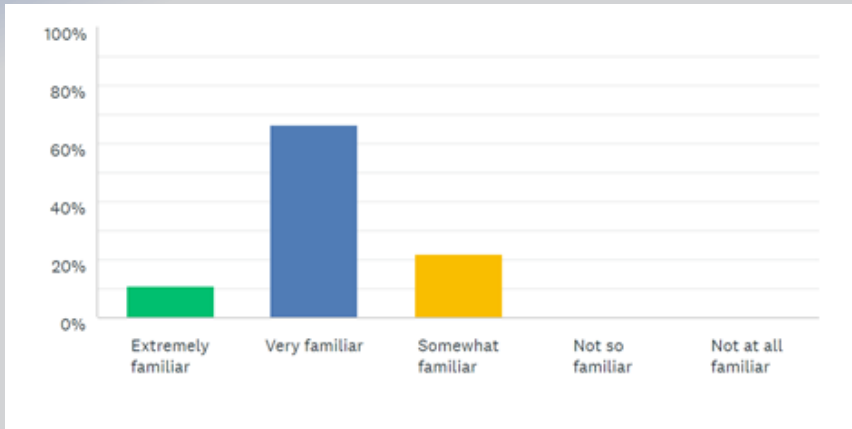
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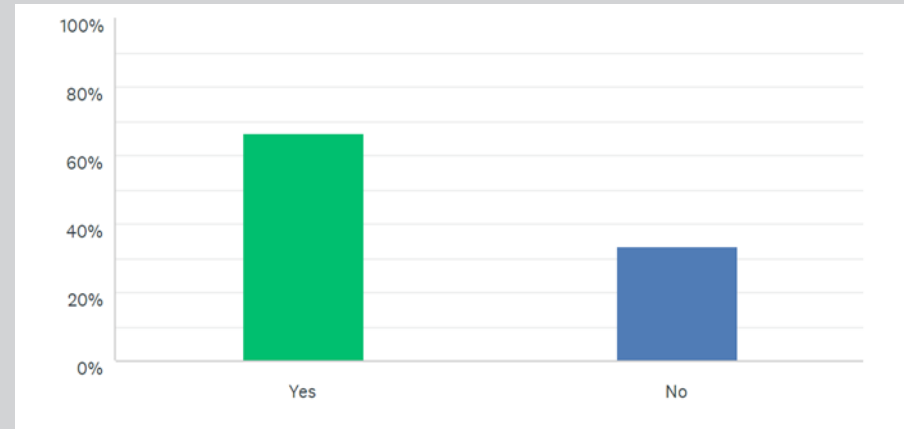


# Survey of NGTX TF members

Q1. What is your understanding of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Toxicology



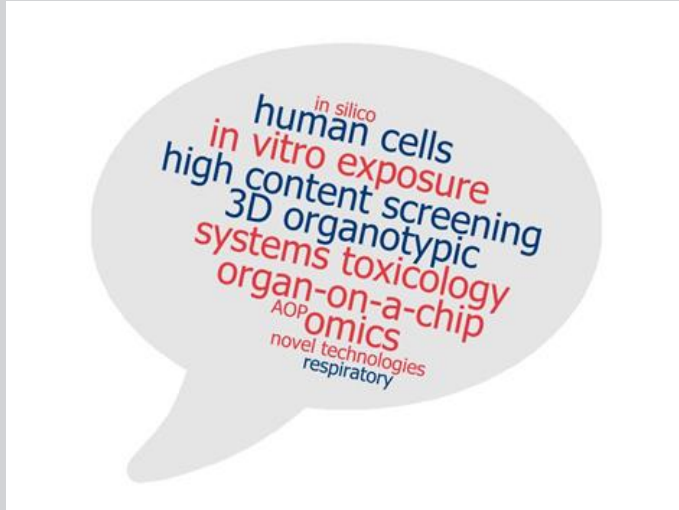
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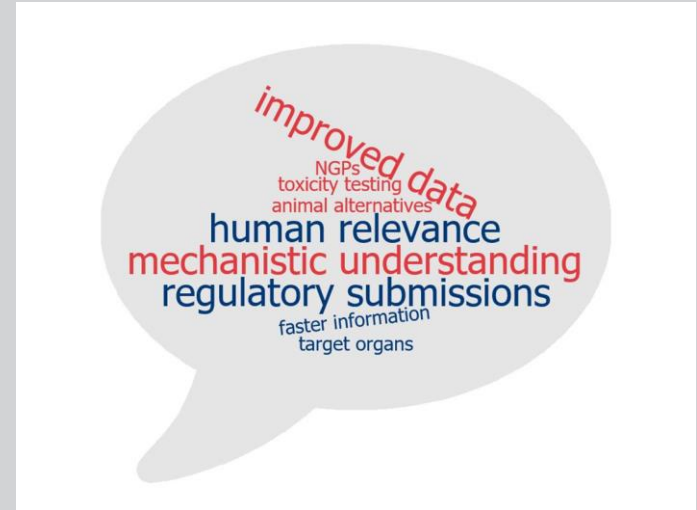
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Q2. Are you currently using 21st Century Toxicology approaches for *in vitro* assessment?

Q3 What approaches?



Q4 Why?





# Survey of NGTX TF members

## Q5/Q6. What topics do you see as 'in scope'/'out of scope' for NGTX TF?

In scope
<i>In vitro</i> exposure systems
Dosimetry
Systems toxicology
High content screening
AOP
Organ on a chip
Non- regulatory toxicology assays
Reference products
Review of new assays
TOX 21 initiatives- alternative method roadmaps

Out of scope
Specialised assays, not used universally
Standard reg tox assays (IVTSG)
Device technology
Chemical analysis
Ringtrials (regulatory toxicology)



# Survey of NGTX TF members

## Q7. What topics should be addressed in future by NGTX TF?

1. Standardisation of *in vitro* whole aerosol exposure
2. Alignment of current methods
3. Reference products for NGPs
4. Standardisation of high content screening
5. Screening technologies for whole aerosols
6. Translation of data to human exposures
7. Dosimetry
8. New TOX 21 assays
9. Oral models (absorption, permeation)
10. Regulatory acceptance
11. AOPs
12. Adaptation of models for CROs





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- ❖ **Develop plan to share HCS data/ experiences and alignment a  
'standardized' approach\***
- ❖ **'Review' of OECD Guidance Document on Good In Vitro  
Method Practices (GIVIMP)\***
- ❖ **Autumn 2020- virtual meetings- TBC**

**\*To review timelines and content at Autumn meeting**



# Thank You