

# Challenge of Standardization in the AMED-MPS Project

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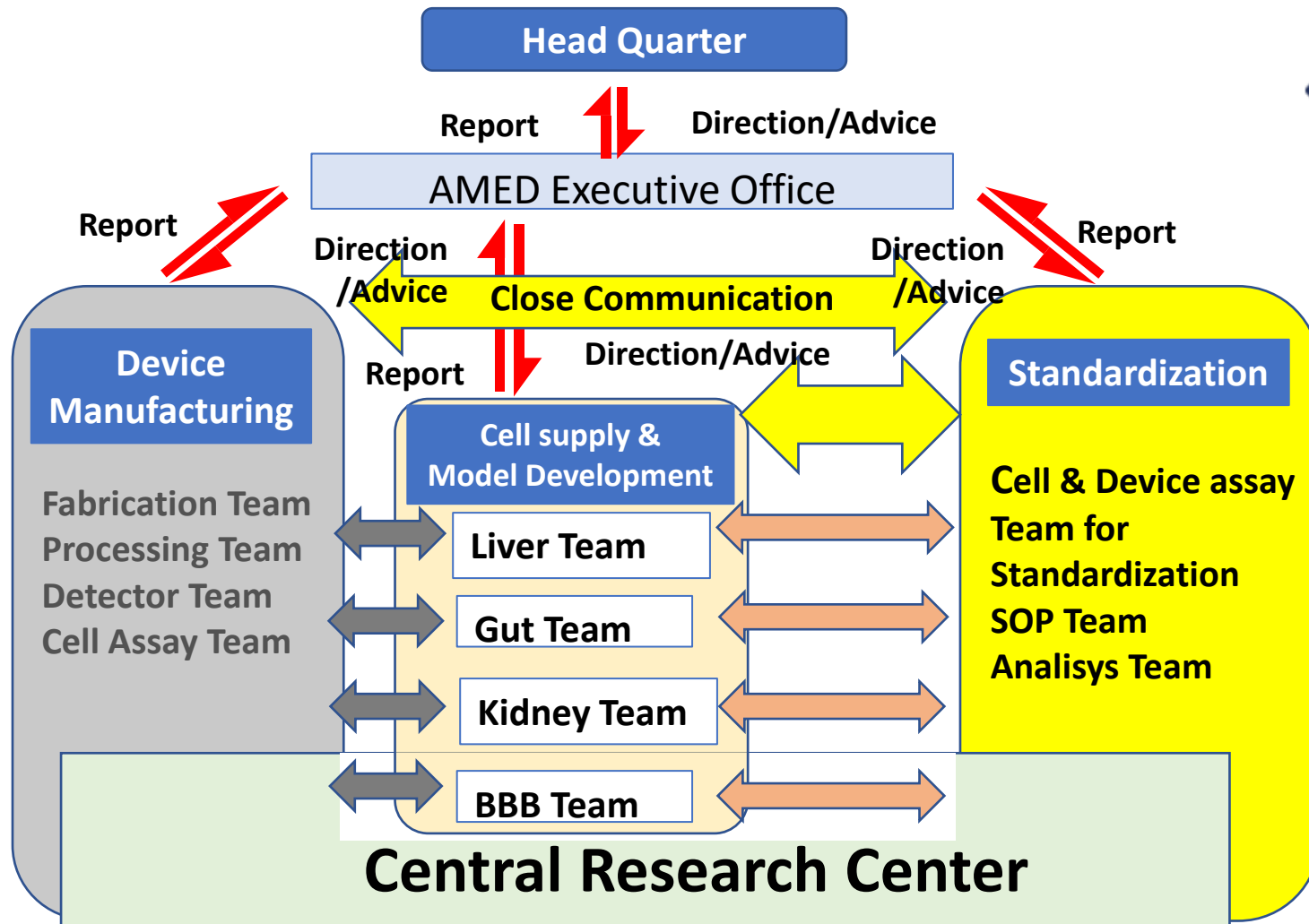
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# Microphysiological system (MPS) Project in Japan



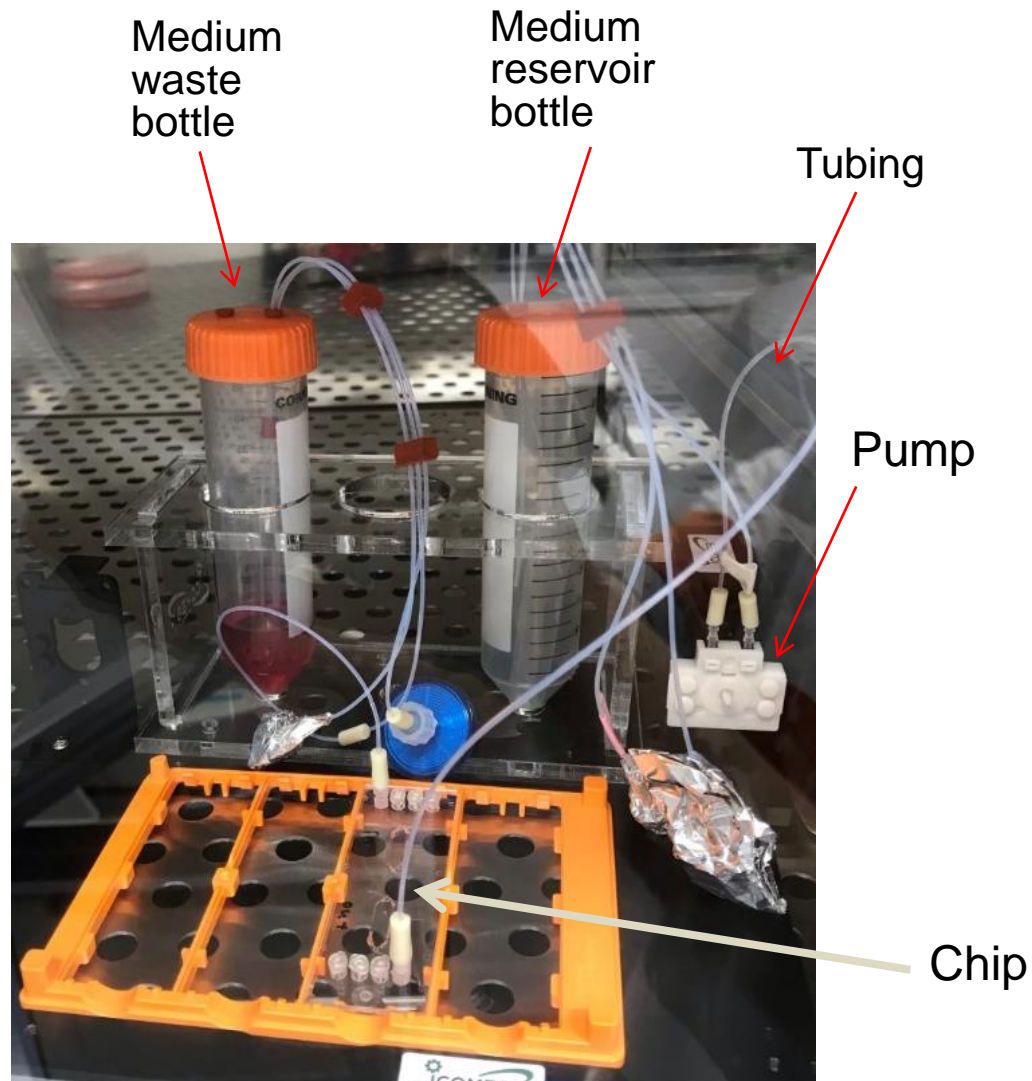
# Today's Agenda

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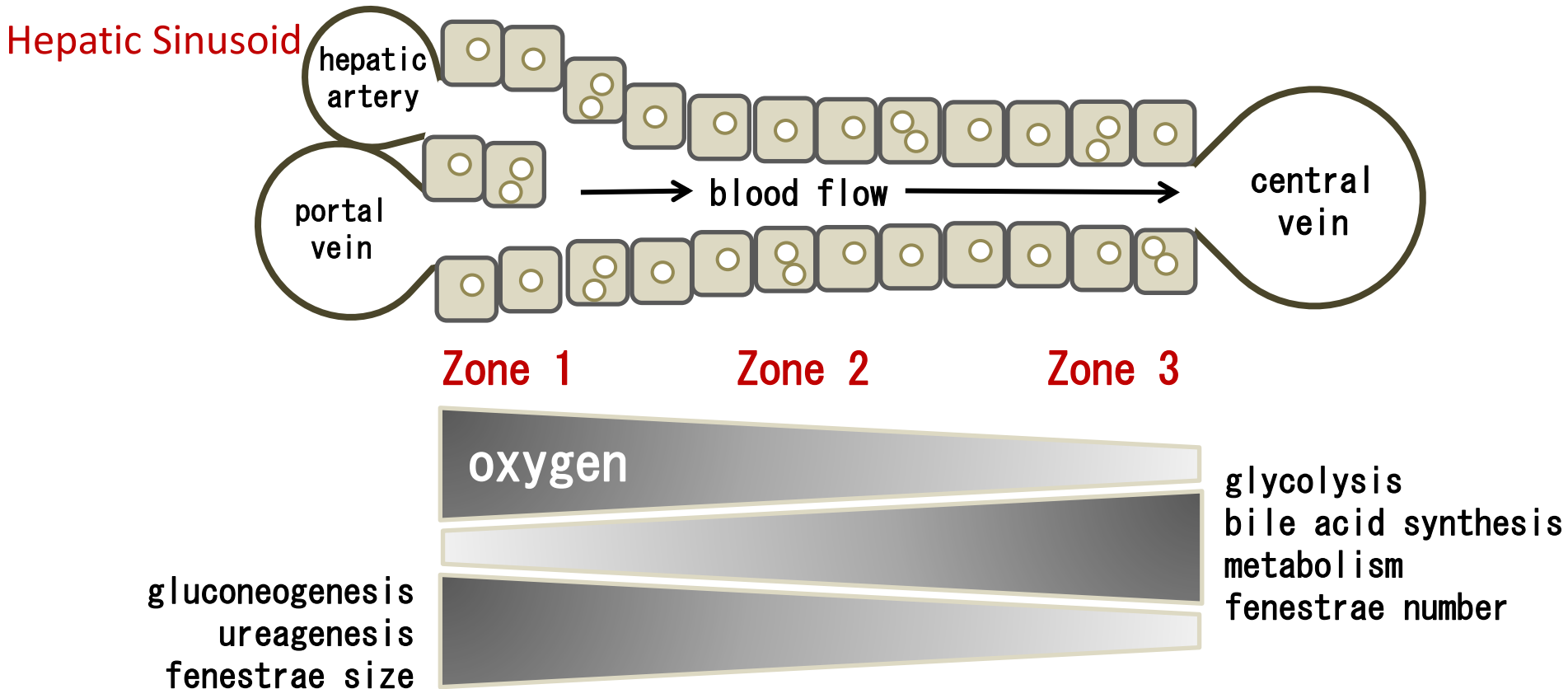
1. Development Stage of Microphysiological System (MPS)
2. Points to Consider for Industrial Implementation of MPS

# Development Stage of Microphysiological System

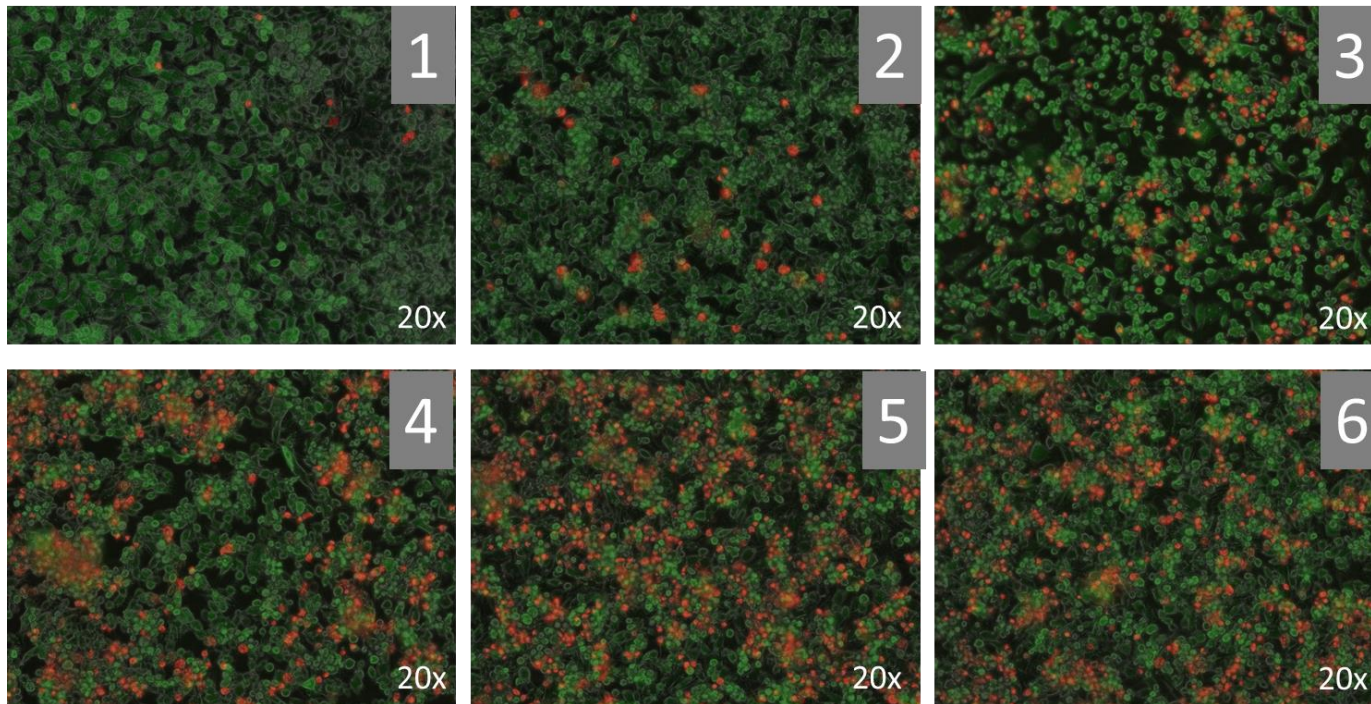
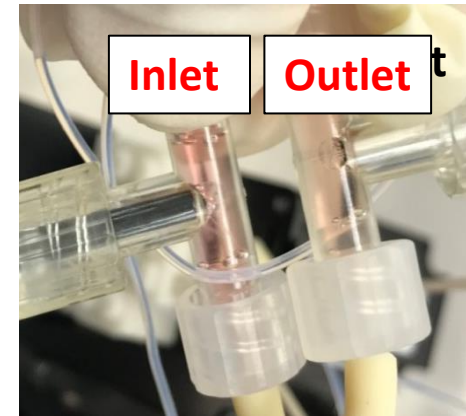
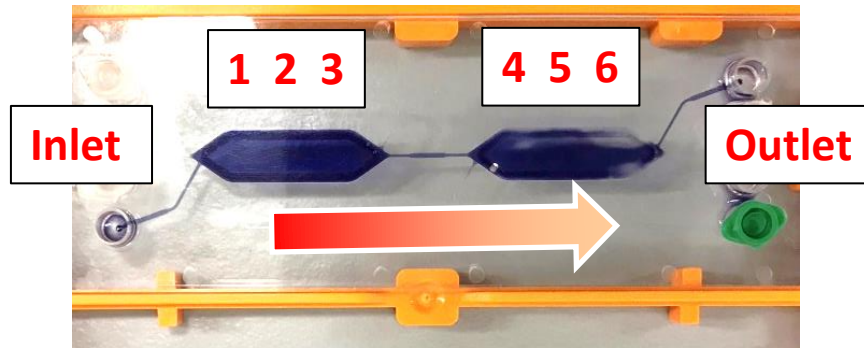
# Assemble-type MPS



# Hepatic Zonation and Region-specific Functional Expression



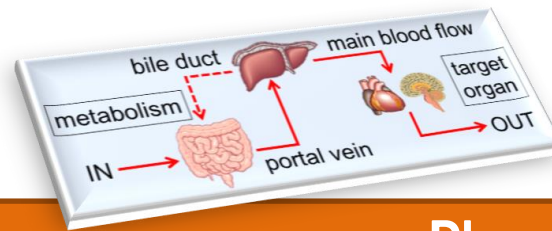
# Gradient Formation according to Medium Flow



LIVE/DEAD staining (20x)



# Availability and Application of MPS for *in vitro* Test



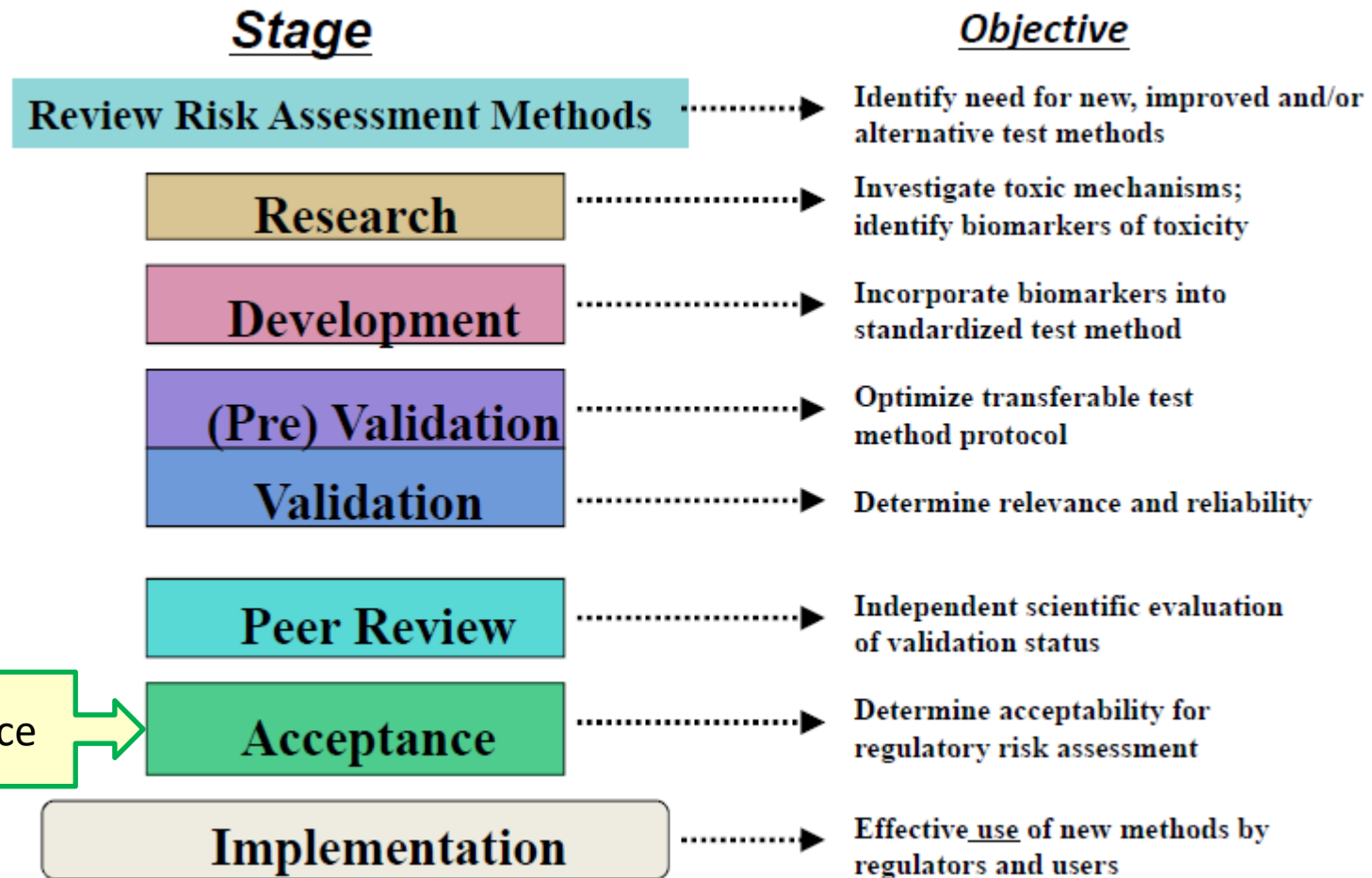
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Physiological relevancy

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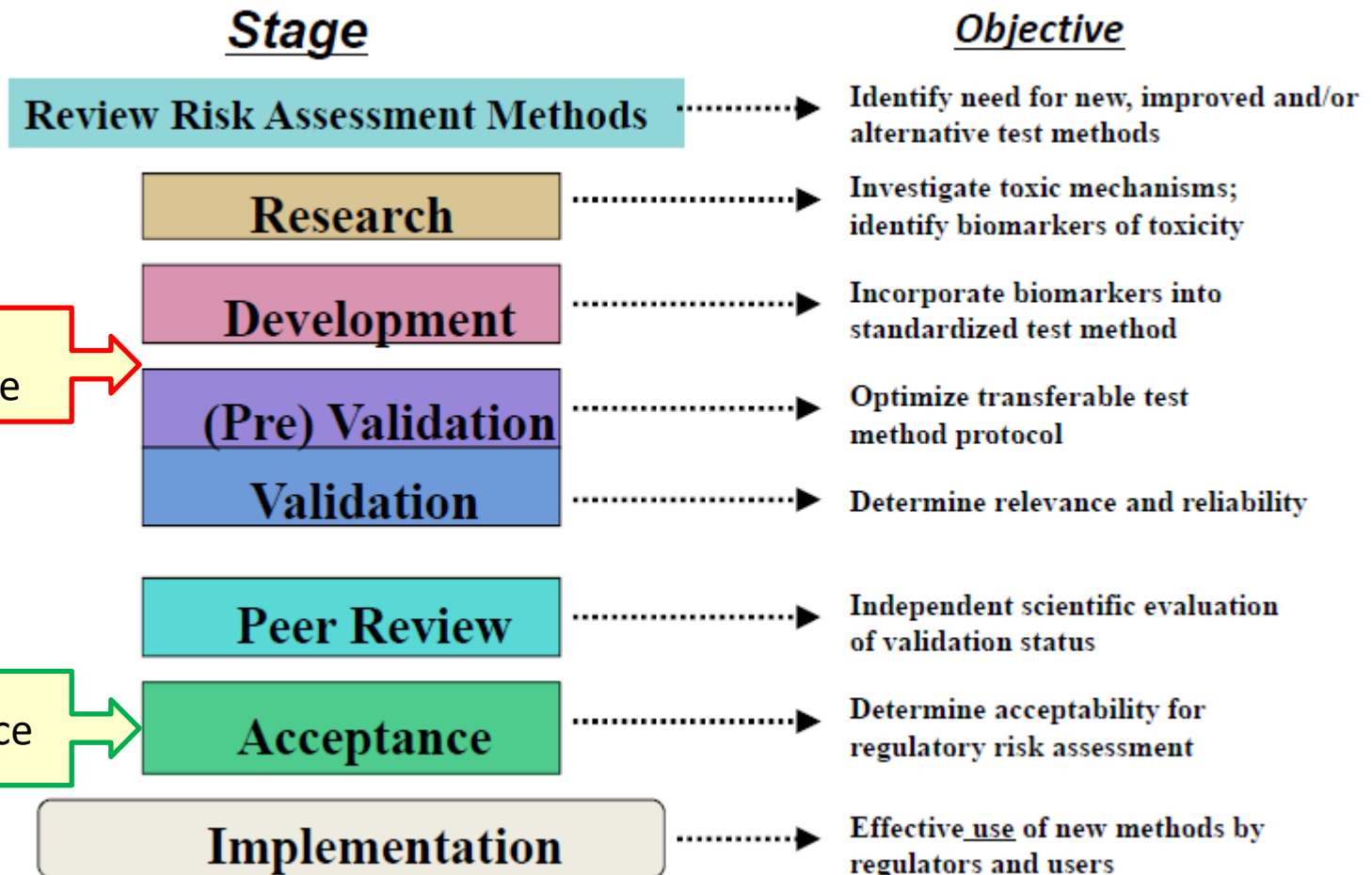


# Test Method Evolution and Translation Process: Concept to Implementation



Regulatory Acceptance

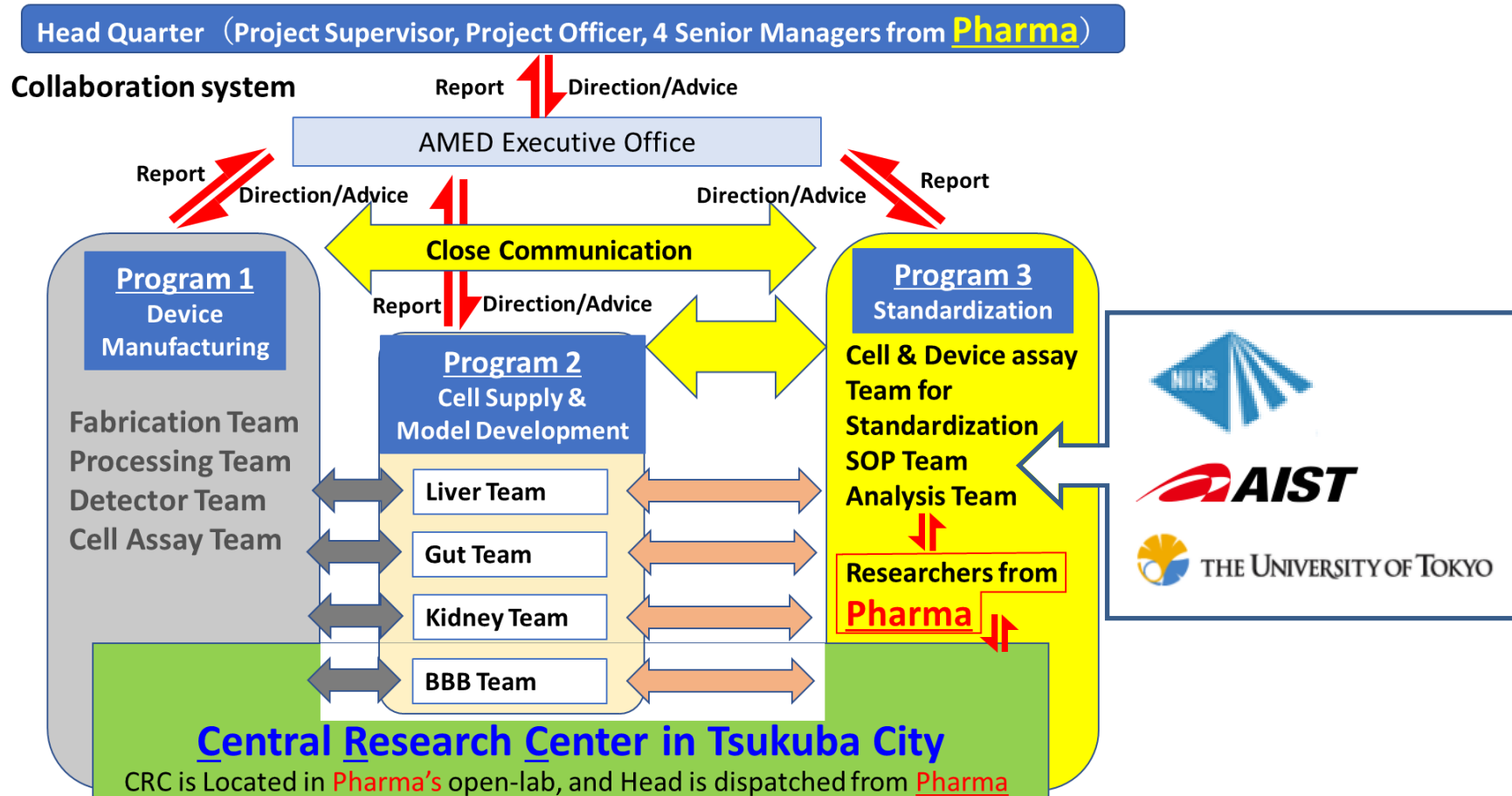
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MPS:  
Industrial Acceptance

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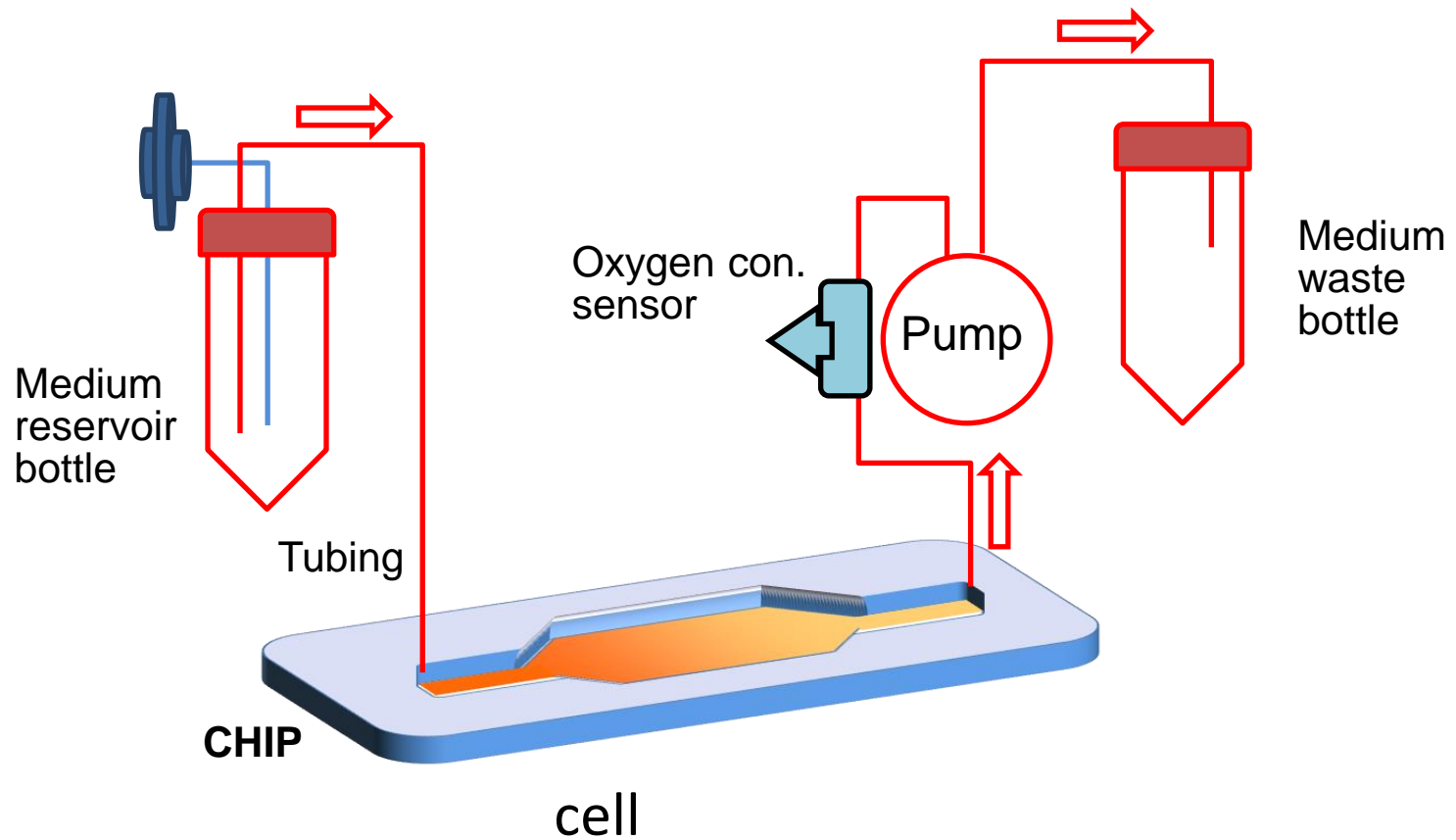
# Challenge of Standardization in the AMED-MPS Project



- AMED (Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development) governed by the Cabinet Office.
- Targeting organs are liver, intestine, kidney and BBB.
- 30 organizations with ca. 130 researchers and engineers under one intellectual property agreement.
- Ca. 700 mil Yen/year from 2017 FY to 2021 FY.

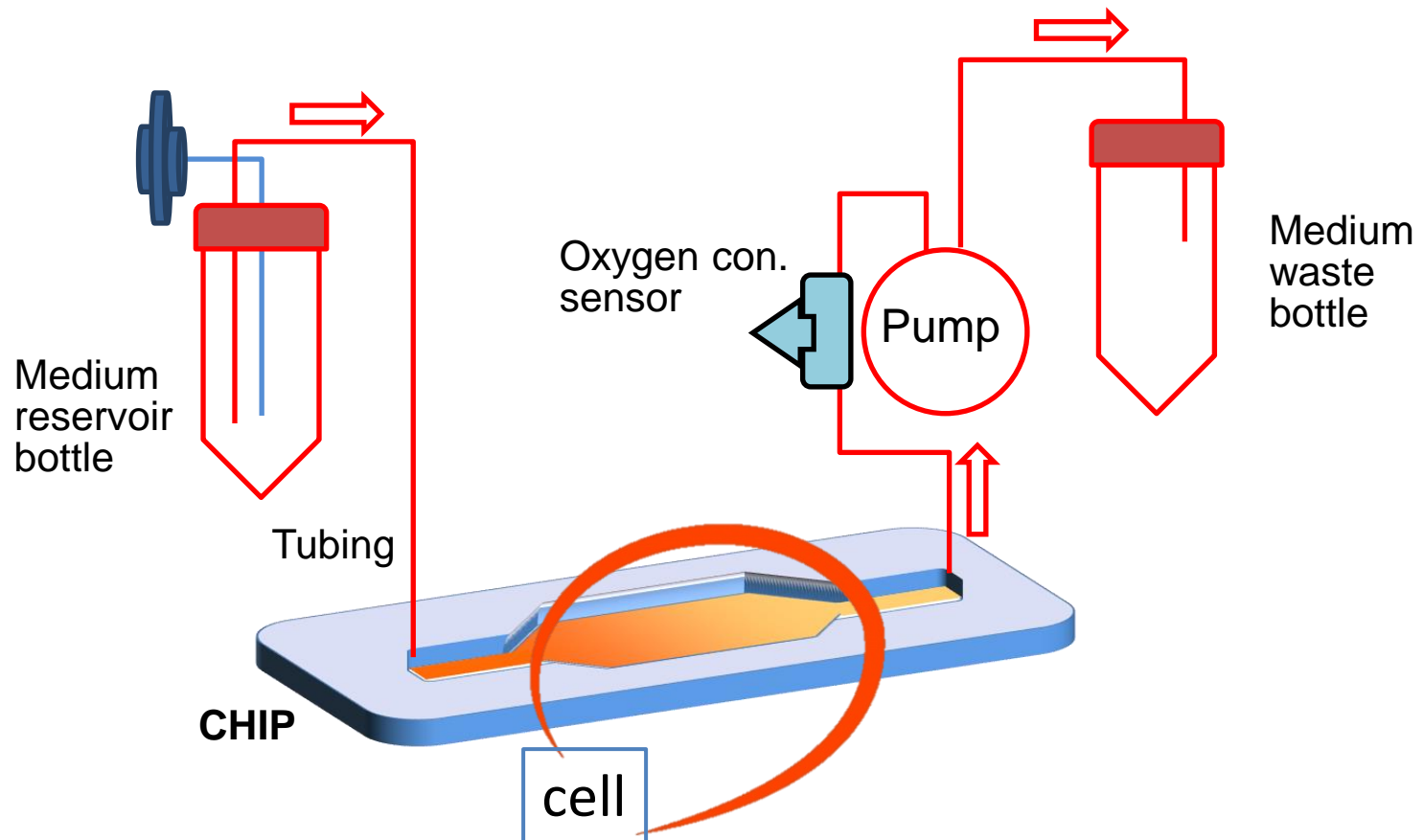
## Points to Consider for Industrial Implementation of MPS

# Points for MPS Performance Criteria



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- Cell -



# Minimal Requirements for liver-MPS

Tissue	Standard existing evaluation system	Required profile	Evaluation target	Measurement item
Liver	human cryo-preserved hepatocyte	• has sufficient drug metabolic activity.	Expression of phase I enzyme activity Expression of phase II enzyme activity	CYP, AO, FMO, MAO, CES UGT, SULT, GST
		• has sufficient transporter activity.	Functional expression of transporter	ABC, SLC
		• has the ability to induce the drug metabolizing enzymes.	induction of CYPs	CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP3A4, nuclear receptor
		• capable of long-term culture.	cellular function	MTT, albumin, urea metabolism
		• The structure of a micro bile duct can be confirmed.	Bile pocket formation	Localization of the biliary transporter Bile excretion capability
		• has the ability to excrete bile.	Biliary transporter expression	BSEP, MRP2, BCRP, PGP
		• Long-term repeated exposure that mimics the living body	Zonation	Functional gradient
		• Covering various toxicity mechanisms	Liver fibrosis	aSMA, collagen



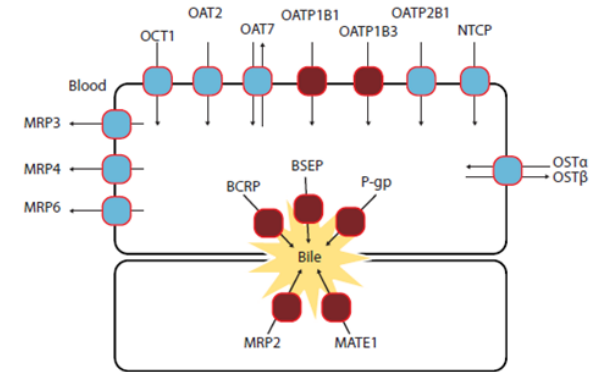
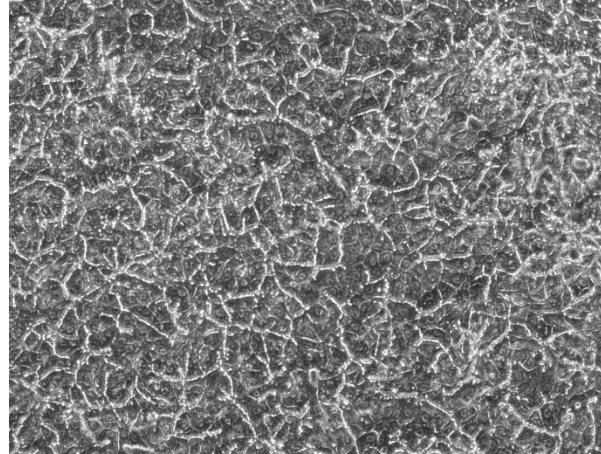
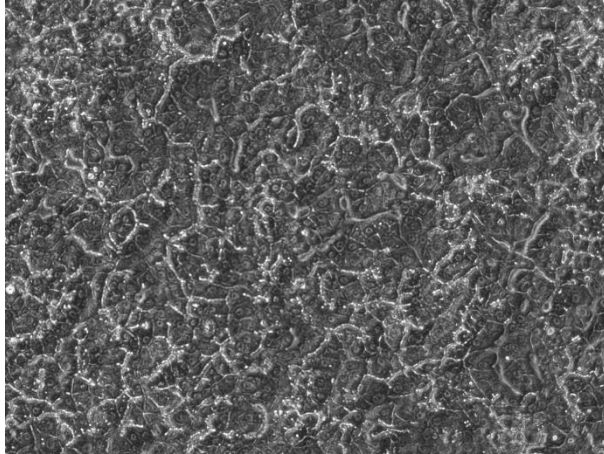
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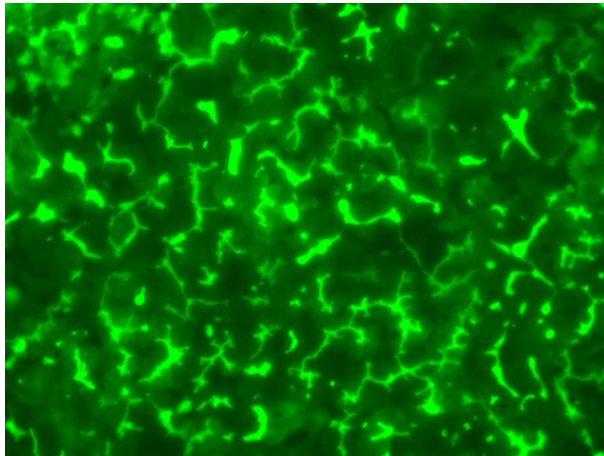
# Bile Canaliculi Formation

iPSC-hep: long term culture + sandwich culture

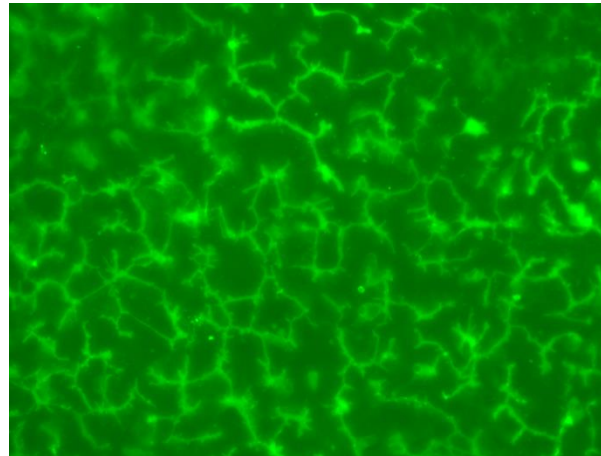
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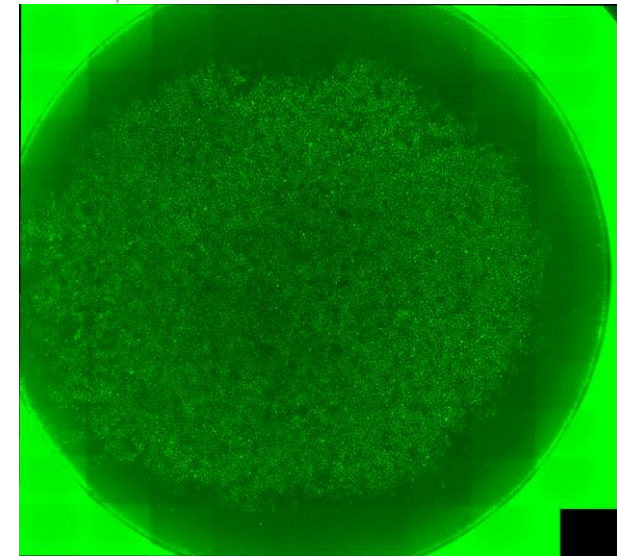
Common uptake and efflux transporters in human liver  
Highlighted (red) transporters represent knockout cell lines currently in development.



MRP2  
(Fluorescein diacetate)



BSEP  
(Tauro-nor-THCA-24DBD )

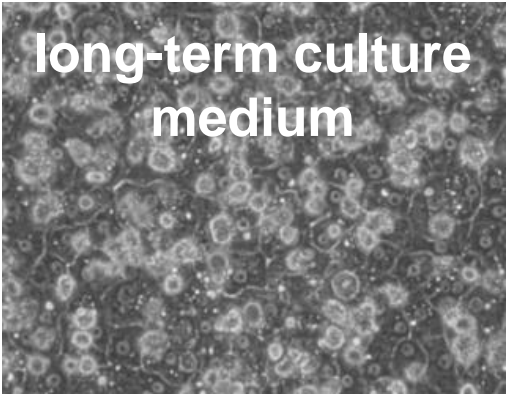
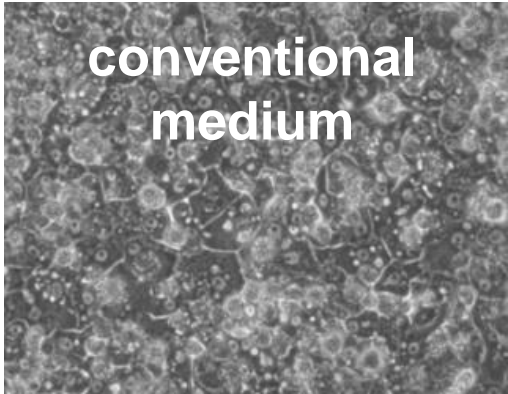


Overall observation of the culture-well bottom

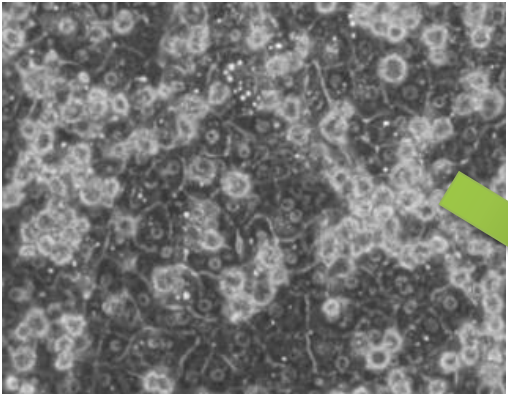
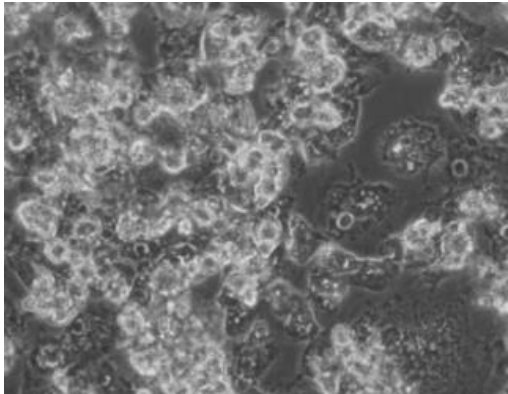
Fluorescent substrates of MRP2 and BSEP were excreted into the bile canaliculi. 18

# Cell, Medium, and Protocol

Day 9

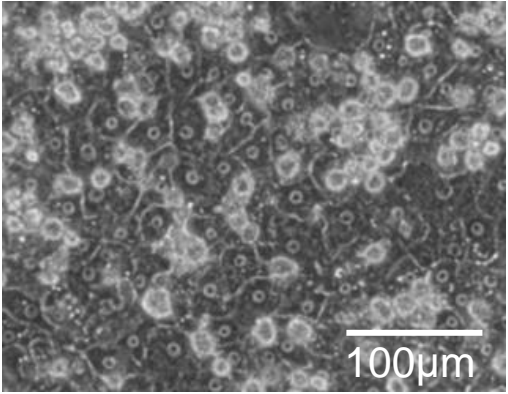
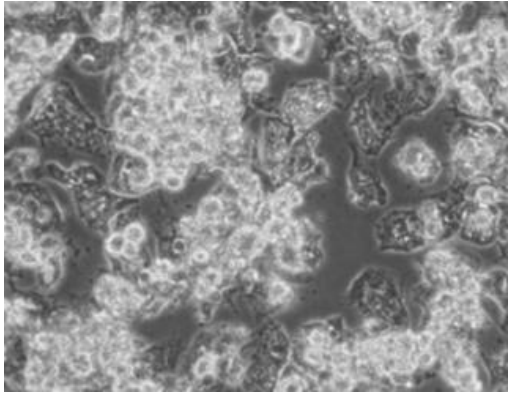


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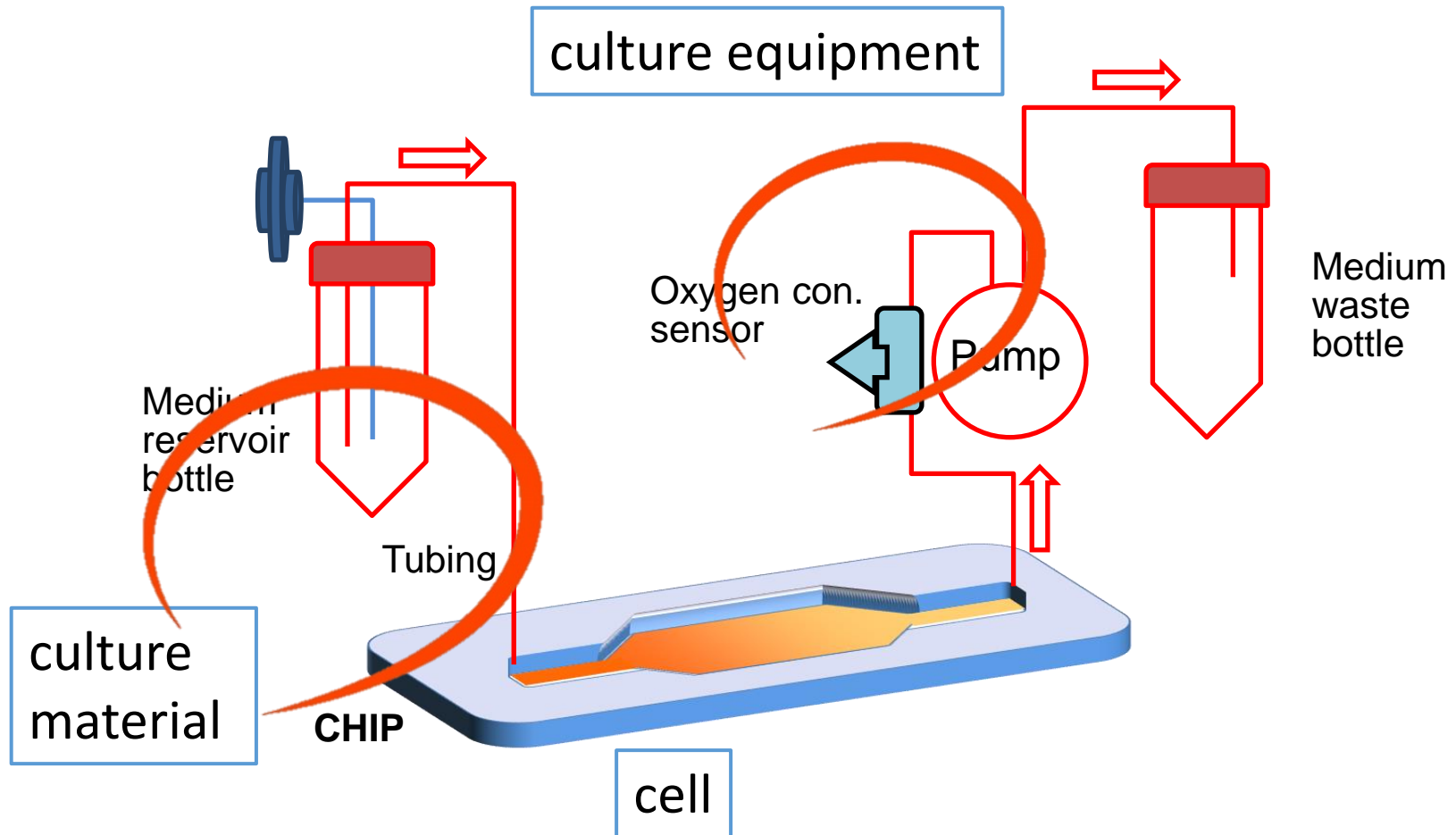
**PROTOCOL**

Day 28



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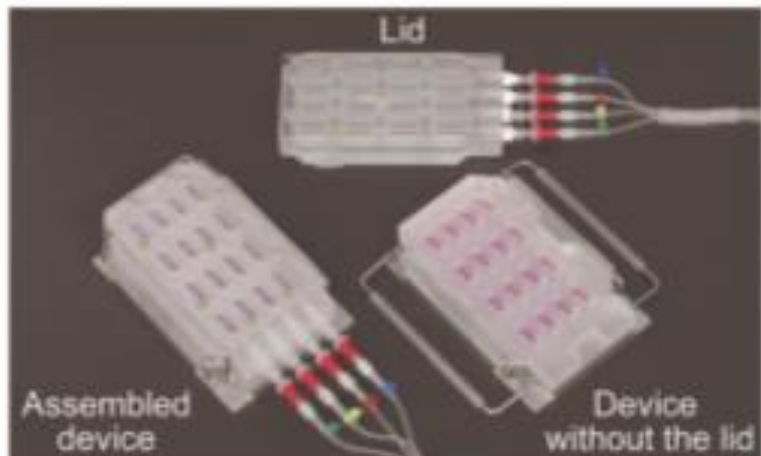
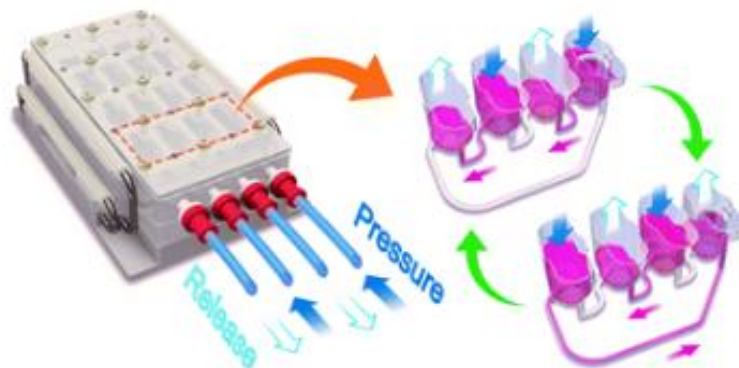
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# A Solution for Sterilization: Pressure Driven-MPS



## A multi-throughput multi-organ-on-a-plate on a pneumatic pressure-driven medium circulation platform †

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- microplate-sized pneumatic pressure-driven multi-organ culture platform
- pneumatic pressure directly drives the liquid.
- connections to the pneumatic pressure lines are easily detachable.
- lid is easily removed.

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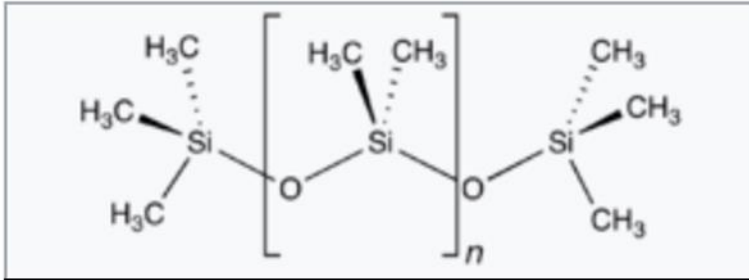
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# PDMS

## Polydimethylsiloxane



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### REVIEW

#### Microfluidic Organ-on-a-Chip Models of Human Intestine

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The Gut Chip is made of a flexible, gas-permeable, silicone polymer (polydimethylsiloxane [PDMS]) that is crystal clear so that it allows high-resolution imaging by phase contrast, differential interference contrast, or immunofluorescence confocal microscopy.

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Although PDMS holds many favorable properties for manufacturing microfluidic organ devices, it also has the potential drawback of adsorbing small and hydrophobic molecules.

Organs-on-chips are often fabricated in part or wholly from polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS), an oxygen-permeable, optically-clear, non-flammable, non-toxic silicon-based organic polymer. However, PDMS absorbs or binds compounds or proteins under certain conditions, leading to loss of drugs or compounds that are introduced into the system. This is undesirable in the context of organs-on-chips as it reduces the ability to accurately assess protein binding or calculate dosage ranges and responses of small molecules.

[<https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/detail/1508473>]

# A Solution for Adsorption: PDMS-free MPS



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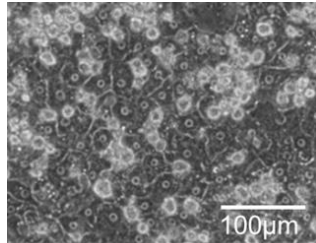
## Tetrafluoroethylene-Propylene Elastomer for Fabrication of Microfluidic Organs-on-Chips Resistant to Drug Absorption

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Koichi Tashima <sup>2</sup>, Shinsuke Yamasaki <sup>2</sup>, Kana Tanabe <sup>2</sup>, Kayo Yano <sup>1</sup> and Yu-suke Torisawa <sup>1,3,\*</sup>

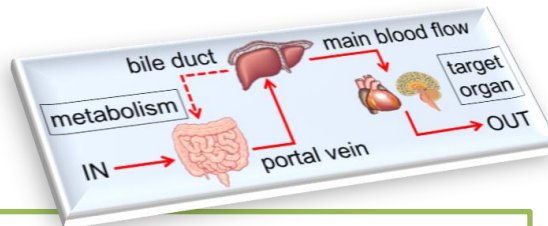
Absorption of **rhodamine B** into  
PDMS and FEPM.

Time-course analysis of drug absorption into  
**PDMS**, FEPM, and **polystyrene**.

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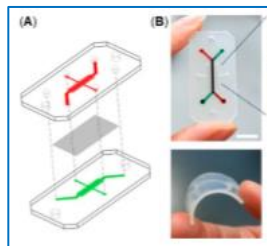
Cell Criteria



MPS performance standard



Standard for material and equipment



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