

# Advanced pyrogen/allergen detection through impedance analysis

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### **SCOPE OF THE METHOD**

The Method relates to	Animal health, Human health
The Method is situated in	Basic Research
Type of method	ln vitro - Ex vivo
Specify the type of cells/tissues/organs	Cells of the immune system

#### DESCRIPTION

#### Method keywords

alternative to rabbit pyrogen test advanced impedance spectroscopy

#### Scientific area keywords

allergy

#### pyrogenicity

## Method description

Fever-inducing substances need to be traced in medical packaging material. To do so, in the past, rabbits were often exposed to these substances. Causing enormous amounts of animal suffering. Nowadays this test has been largely replaced by the socalled LAL (Limulus amebocyte lysate) test, which uses the blood of the horseshoe crab. This has however led to severe endangerment of this prehistoric species. It is for this reason that mainly colorimetric methods have been developed to detect secondary messenger molecules that are released after immune cells are exposed to pyrogens. However, these *in vitro* detection methods are expensive and require many hours of preparatory work. In comparison, CellSine's detection method, based on broad-spectrum electrical impedance measurements, is label-free and requires no additional chemicals or pretreatments. Therefore it can be a viable alternative for the LAL test.

## Lab equipment

Basic laboratory equipment (biosafety cabinet, mammalian cell incubator, ...)

## Method status

Still in development

## PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

## Advantages

- Label-free;
- Real-time;
- Easy assay development;
- Costs.

# **REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

## References

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