Cell-based intestinal absorption models combined with food and digestive matrixes to study toxicity and in vitro bioavailability of food bioactives and contaminants

Commonly used acronym: *bioavailability*

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SCOPE OF THE METHOD

The Method relates to	Human health
The Method is situated in	Basic Research
Type of method	In vitro - Ex vivo
Specify the type of cells/tissues/organs	intestine, liver, immune cells

DESCRIPTION

Method keywords

bioavailability
digestion
intestine
food
bioactives
toxins
epithelial barrier function

Scientific area keywords

bioaccessibility
bioavailability
food
effect of food matrix on availability of compounds
cytotoxicity

digestion

Method description

A set of protocols to combine the widely used Caco-2 cell line with digests from *in vitro* digestion models (small intestine, colon) to study toxicity, intestinal barrier integrity, bioavailability and, when combined with other cell models (immune, liver, endothelium), bioactivity of food related bioactives and contaminants.

Lab equipment

- Cell culture facilities;
- Trans-epithelial electrical resistance measurements;
- Fluorescence plate reader;
- Advanced analytical techniques.

Method status

History of use
Published in peer reviewed journal

PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

Advantages

- Includes relevant food and digestive matrices;
- Barrier and transport assays combined.

Challenges

- Case-per-case optimization;
- Toxicity.

REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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