

In vitro short-term colonic screening of compounds for gut microbiome interaction

Commonly used acronym: Short-term SHIME

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SCOPE OF THE METHOD

Alternative method relates to	Animal health, Human health
Alternative method is situated in	Basic Research
Type of alternative method	In vitro - Ex vivo
This method makes use of	Other (e.g. bacteria): Faecal sample from donor organism

DESCRIPTION

Method keywords

gut microbiota
metabolic profiling
metagenome
screening
gut health
short-term
human

Scientific area keywords

fibre
probiotic
prebiotic

postbiotic

api

stability

drug-bug interaction

host-microbiome interaction

inter-individual variability

IBD

pathogen

Method description

ProDigest's short-term colonic simulation is an *in vitro* model for rapid screening of the interaction between test products and the gut microbiome. The key microbial saccharolytic and proteolytic markers are analysed as well as evolution in the composition of the microbiome and other endpoints as desired by the customer. Ideally suited for cost-efficient investigation of many test products, combinations or formulations, inter-individual variability in effect, ... Model organisms:

- human: adult vs infant, healthy vs diseased
- dog
- cat
- pig
- poultry (caecum)

Lab equipment

Method status

History of use

Internally validated

Published in peer reviewed journal

PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

Advantages

Representative of donor microbiome,
Robust simulation,
Enough sampling for multiple analyses and kinetic investigations.

Challenges

This set-up considers short-term interactions between one dose of test product and the microbiome.

REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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Associated documents

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