

PHARMACOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL SCREENING  
METHODS - I  
(MPL 103T)

Scope

This subject is designed to impart the knowledge on preclinical evaluation of drugs and recent experimental techniques in the drug discovery and development. The subject content helps the student to understand the maintenance of laboratory animals as per the guidelines, basic knowledge of various in-vitro and in-vivo preclinical evaluation processes

Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student shall be able to,

- Appraise the regulations and ethical requirement for the usage of experimental animals.
- Describe the various animals used in the drug discovery process and good laboratory practices in maintenance and handling of experimental animals
- Describe the various newer screening methods involved in the drug discovery process
- Appreciate and correlate the preclinical data to humans

THEORY

60 Hrs

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| 1. | Laboratory Animals<br>Common laboratory animals: Description, handling and applications of different species and strains of animals.<br><br>Transgenic animals: Production, maintenance and applications<br>Anaesthesia and euthanasia of experimental animals.<br>Maintenance and breeding of laboratory animals.<br>CPCSEA guidelines to conduct experiments on animals<br><br>Good laboratory practice.<br>Bioassay-Principle, scope and limitations and methods | 12<br>Hrs |
| 2  | Preclinical screening of new substances for the pharmacological activity using in vivo, in vitro, and other possible animal alternative models.<br><br>General principles of preclinical screening. CNS Pharmacology: behavioral and muscle co ordination, CNS stimulants and   | 12<br>Hrs |

depressants, anxiolytics, anti-psychotics, anti epileptics and nootropics. Drugs for neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinsonism, Alzheimers and multiple sclerosis. Drugs acting on Autonomic Nervous System.

- 3 Preclinical screening of new substances for the pharmacological activity using *in vivo*, *in vitro*, and other possible animal alternative models. 12 Hrs

Respiratory Pharmacology: anti-asthmatics, drugs for COPD and anti allergics. Reproductive Pharmacology: Aphrodisiacs and antifertility agents Analgesics, antiinflammatory and antipyretic agents. Gastrointestinal drugs: anti ulcer, anti -emetic, anti-diarrheal and laxatives.

- 4 Preclinical screening of new substances for the pharmacological activity using *in vivo*, *in vitro*, and other possible animal alternative models. 12 Hrs

Cardiovascular Pharmacology: antihypertensives, antiarrhythmics, antianginal, antiatherosclerotic agents and diuretics. Drugs for metabolic disorders like anti-diabetic, antidyslipidemic agents. Anti cancer agents. Hepatoprotective screening methods.

- 5 Preclinical screening of new substances for the pharmacological activity using *in vivo*, *in vitro*, and other possible animal alternative models. 12 Hrs

Immunomodulators, Immunosuppressants and immunostimulants

General principles of immunoassay: theoretical basis and optimization of immunoassay, heterogeneous and homogenous immunoassay systems. Immunoassay methods evaluation; protocol outline, objectives and preparation. Immunoassay for digoxin and insulin  
Limitations of animal experimentation and alternate animal experiments.

Extrapolation of *in vitro* data to preclinical and preclinical to humans

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