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ITR Canada Overview

- Privately owned facility
- Purpose built for pre-clinical research
- ٠ 110,000 sq feet
- 50 animal rooms with anterooms, 11 inhalation exposure rooms ٠
- Established in 1989. Expanded 8 times with the most recent in 2013 ٠
- 230 Employees
- Conducted over 3000 safety studies with over 2000 run GLP ٠
- Has long-term Financial Stability, Debt-free
- FDA, EMA, OECD-GLP inspected and AAALAC, CCAC, DOD accredited ٠

Preclinical Services

Toxicology Services (Covers all phases of preclinical drug development for IND and NDA)

- Mammalian Tox
- Neurotox and bone research • Immunology
- Safety Pharmacology Genetic Toxicology
- Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics (non-radiolabelled) \geq
 - Toxicokinetics/Pharmacokinetics
- In vitro assays
- Surgical models ٠

\geq Laboratory Services

- Bio-analysis (LCMS, ELISA, etc) ٠
- Immunology (Biomarker analysis, flowcytometry, QPCR, cell based assays) •
- Formulation and analytical chemistry (HPLC, ELISA, etc) •

\geqslant **On-Site Support Services**

- ٠ Clinical pathology
- Gross pathology and histopathology
- 3 on-site pathologists 1 is board certified
- Cell culture •
- Toxicokinetic modeling
- Separate TK/PK laboratory and group with a separate control area
- QAU and on-site archiving
- \geq Toxicology Species (Commonly used Species)
 - Mouse Rat
 - Dog • Minipig
- **Primates**

Dosing frequencies & Durations

- Acute, MTD & DRFs
- Sub-chronic (14-90 day)
- Chronic (6-12 months)
 - 6 Month Tg.rasH2
- Carcinogenicity 2 Year Rodent
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- Routes of Administration (Common routes)
 - Oral (gavage & capsules) •
- Parenteral (IV bolus, IP, SC, intradermal, etc)
- Topical (ocular and dermal) • Infusion (continuous or intermittent) Inhalation and intratracheal





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- Rabbit •



General Information on Specialty Areas

- Infusion Overview (Facility opened as an infusion lab)
- Well equipped surgical suite, large inventory of infusion pumps (syringe & peristaltic mechanisms)
- Jacket & tether systems
- 500 + studies performed over 20 years
- Durations from minutes up to 24 hours/day for 6 months in various animal species
- Formulations can be administered:
 - Via implanted exteriorized catheter in a femoral vein
 - A disposable indwelling catheter in a peripheral vein (eg. tail vein, cephalic, etc.)
 - Implanted Vascular Access Port (VAP)
 - Other catheterized sites include subcutaneous, etc

Inhalation Overview

- Inhalation Unit, built in 2001, over 300 inhalation studies to date
- Durations ranging from single dose to two year carcinogenicity studies
- Modern inhalation unit using flow-past technology minimizing TA requirements
- Before commencing animal work, characterization of the aerosol in the exposure system is verified
- Supports all forms of aerosol (gas, powder, liquid or suspension)
- On-site analytical chemistry support
- Facility and work-flow designed to minimize cross contamination between groups, especially with control groups

Dermal Overview

- Mini-pig is the most common species of choice
- Occluded vs. non-occluded
- From single application to chronic use
- Formulations experienced with: Gels, Creams (ointment), Sprays, Patches, Emulsions

Safety Pharmacology

- Cardiovascular: Radiotelemetry (dog/primate using colony or naïve animals)
- CNS: Functional Observation Battery in rodents and non-rodents
- Respiratory: with head out in rodents and face mask in large animals

> Immunology Services

- Modern, purpose built labs:
 - Ligand binding lab
 - Tissue culture room
 - Molecular biology lab
- Support for biotechnology derived therapeutics:
 - Tox species selection
 - Bioanalysis
 - Immunogenicity: binding and neutralizing antibody assays
 - Biodistribution and persistence; genomic integration
 - Pharmacodynamics
- Specific assays for immunotoxicology studies:
 - Standard format Rat KLH TDAR; NK; ALC are commercialized, cyno assays in progress
 - Custom endpoints; Surface and intercellular flow phenotyping, including phospho flow, ex vivo lymphocyte, pDC, neutrophil and macrophage responses







