THE PATH TO DECIPHERING DIABETES

Complete Solutions for Diabetes Research



DIABETES PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION AND THERAPIES



Type 1 and type 2 diabetes are complex diseases affecting nearly every major bodily organ and impacting the lives of millions of people worldwide. Studies show that around 1.6 million deaths per year can be attributed directly to diabetes. That's why finding a cure, and adding to our arsenal of effective therapeutics, is so vitally important.

We're committed to helping you understand the complex cellular and molecular pathways involved in diabetes and translating these findings into new prevention and treatment strategies. Our solutions are helping you to:

- Examine the impact genetic and environmental factors have on molecular functions in cell models and effects *in vivo* and how epigenetics are mediating the interaction between these two factors.
- Determine the genetic basis for diabetes through identification and functional analysis of rare mutations associated with beta cell function (types 1 and 2), immune dysregulation (type 1), and metabolism and obesity (type 2).
- Discover biomarkers associated with the onset of diabetes and improve understanding of underlying pathways to reveal potential therapy targets.



GETTING AHEAD OF A GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGE

Diabetes is characterized by high levels of blood glucose, which can lead to serious damage to vital organs in the body – heart, kidneys, blood vessels, and nerves among them. The most common form of diabetes is type 2 (about 90% of cases), which occurs when the body stops producing enough insulin or becomes resistant to it. Type 1 diabetes is a chronic condition in which the pancreas by itself produces no insulin or makes it in insufficient quantities.

All types of diabetes can lead to health complications and increase the risk of dying prematurely. There's still no cure for any type of diabetes; however, most treatments aid in the management of symptoms and address the long-term health risks.









UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE GENETIC RISK

Though diabetes types 1 and 2 have different causes, genetic predisposition plays a critical role in both variations of the disease. Not everybody with genetic risk factors develops the disease – but the combination of environmental triggers and genetics always plays a part in its genesis.

For type 1 diabetes, scientists have identified a major association of disease risk with variants of the HLA-DQA1, HLA-DQB1, and HLA-DRB1 genes, important in immune regulation. Variations in HLA genes seem to increase the risk for an autoimmune response, resulting in the destruction of β cells in the pancreas. But this class of genes only accounts for a portion of genetic risk – variations in other genes are associated with risk of developing the disease.

Type 2 diabetes results from a combination of genetic and lifestyle factors. Though there's no clear pattern of inheritance, there's a strong link to family history and lineage. Hundreds of DNA variations associated with developing type 2 diabetes have been identified, and the difficulty is in understanding how these gene variations contribute to it.

Researchers need advanced tools for large-scale genomic studies of mutations associated with diabetes and obesity, helping us develop personalized medicine.

Click to read how the European Genomic Institute for Diabetes at the Institut Pasteur de Lille is focusing on the epigenetics and genomics of type 2 diabetes and obesity.





VISUALIZE MOLECULAR UNDERSTANDING

The pathogenesis of diabetes is complex, with various molecular pathways affecting and contributing to disease progression. Diabetes' pathophysiology is still not thoroughly understood, and more insight into molecular processes is needed to spur development of new therapeutics. Besides metabolic pathways, immune-response pathways and inflammatory processes also play key roles in understanding the disease.

We offer an extensive range of reagents and assays, as well as detection platforms, to study diabetes-related pathways and interactions, including GPCRs, kinases, cytokines, and hormones for target identification, screening, and more.

Researchers also benefit from technologies such as live-cell and highcontent imaging that deliver more physiologically relevant insights. Molecular processes can also be monitored and visualized by *in vivo* preclinical imaging, perfect for noninvasive real-time studies.





Learn about noninvasive bioluminescence imaging of β-cell function in obese-hyperglycemic [ob/ob] mice.





Read more about the organs affected by or contributing to type 2 diabetes.



BIOMARKER AND DRUG DISCOVERY FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Early diagnosis of diabetes is essential for predicting disease risk, progression, and response to treatment. Although several biomarkers are associated with diabetes, no single biomarker on its own is sensitive or specific enough to diagnose diabetes accurately in most cases. So you need access to robust, easy-to-use assays that can detect the wide range of biomarkers, enabling you to examine underlying pathways and discover novel drug targets.

Our solutions can help you detect and quantify many key biomolecules in diabetes research and gain precise insight on disease biomarkers such as C-reactive protein, fibrinogen, IGF, FGF, insulin and glucagon, leptin and ghrelin, adiponectin, and factor VIII. And we enable you to target diabetes-related complications such as heart disease and stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and nerve damage.



See how AlphaLISA technology provides a homogeneous, bead-based assay for guantification of TNFR1 in urine.



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MEASURING PK/PD AND BIOMARKERS IN ANIMAL PLASMA AND CELL-CULTURE SUPERNATANTS

Research Bioanalysis Group, Novo Nordisk

Novo Nordisk is using AlphaLISA technology to measure thousands of samples for bioactive peptides and proteins, which are needed for PK/PD studies. AlphaLISA is a homogenous, easy-to-use technology that's simple to automate, and with a dynamic range of more than three orders of magnitude and superior sensitivity and superior sensitivity, it allows the quantification of biomarkers in the low pM range. AlphaLISA can determine insulin concentrations in a large number of samples during the drug discovery process, while saving time and sample compared to ordinary ELISA assays.

Novo Nordisk is using AlphaLISA[®] technology on two fully automated analysis lines with a throughput of 25,000 datapoints per six-hour run, as well on partially automated EnVision[™] plate readers, Biotek dispensers, and several pipetting workstations.

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STUDYING MOLECULAR PATHWAYS USING ALPHALISA

Dr. Jonathan Campbell, Duke University

Pancreatic α and β cells play critical roles in type 2 diabetes. While β cells lose the ability to release insulin, α cells increase production of glucagon. However, the role of α -to- β cell communication is not fully understood. This study suggests an essential contribution of proglucagonderived peptides (PGDPs) to α -cell regulation of β cells and the control of insulin secretion.

Insulin and glucagon content and secretion were assessed by AlphaLISA[®] technology and assayed using the EnVision[®] plate reader.



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IDENTIFICATION OF NEW DRUG TARGETS USING HCS

Stefan Kubicek, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austrian Academy of Science

Type 1 diabetes is caused by the destruction of pancreatic β cells. One way to treat the disease would be to generate insulin-producing cells from other cell types. Researchers from the CeMM Research Center show that a glucagon-producing α cell can be converted in a functional β -like cell by repression of the regulatory transcription factor ARX.

The compound artemether could be identified as a functional ARX inhibitor by targeting the protein gephyrin using the Operetta[®] CLS HCS system.



Immunofluorescence for insulin and gephyrin in α TC1 cells treated with artemether in the presence (shControl) or absence (shGephyrin) of the mutifunctional protein gephyrin. In contrast to control treated α cells, cells with significant reduction of gephyrin (shGephyrin) failed to increase intracellular insulin levels after artemether treatment.



VISUALIZING GLUCOSE UPTAKE

Tamara Maric, Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

To date, there's a lack of easy-to-use optical tools to image glucose uptake *in vivo* and *in vitro*, which limits our knowledge of diseaseassociated glucose flux. The goal of this study was to develop a new bioluminescent imaging probe (BiGluc) for real-time noninvasive longitudinal imaging studies. BiGluc technology is based on a reaction of two components (CLP and GAz4) resulting in the release of luciferin. Animals injected with BiGluc components were imaged using IVIS[®] Spectrum imaging system.

The signal is specific to the D-glucose and can be used to quantify physiological fluxes of D-glucose in a noninvasive way.



It could be shown that the BiGluc probe was D-glucose specific by administering the probe in the presence or absence of high concentrations of D-glucose (competition experiment).



TOWARD GENOMIC MEDICINE IN COMMON TYPE 2 DIABETES

Dr. Philippe Froguel and Dr. Amelie Bonnefond, European Genomic Institute for Diabetes, Institut Pasteur de Lille

Researchers at Insitut Pasteur de Lille are focusing on the epigenetics and genomics of type 2 diabetes and obesity (monogenic and polygenic forms).

Molecular diagnosis of monogenic forms of diabetes and obesity is crucial for personalized care, and recent studies reveal that pathogenic mutations of actionable genes linked with monogenic diabetes are more prevalent than previously thought in patients with polygenic-like type 2 diabetes.

The goal of this study is to confirm these results by sequencing all patients with type 2 diabetes passing through the Department of Diabetology at Liege Hospital in Belgium. The Sciclone[™] G3 NGS workstation is used for automating library prep processes.





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The study of gene variations in diabetes is critical to our ability to develop personalized medicines. Genomics solutions support your endeavors at every step, from DNA/RNA extraction to automated library quality control.



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EXPERT SERVICES WHEREVER YOU NEED THEM



Most labs don't maintain the in-house expertise needed to plan and implement the types of projects that can transform chaotic lab operations into the sleek, efficient, effective lab of the future. After all, you should be concentrating on your core competency – your science – and leaving the infrastructure, operations, and even lab management to the professionals. That's why so many smart labs are looking to outsourcing to help them plan, design, deploy, and manage their lab environments.

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