BioAssays & BioEfficacy Models
TOOLS, TARGETS & TECHNOLOGIES
PARADIGM SHIFT IN NEW DRUG DISCOVERY & BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH
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DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

The discovery of bioactive molecules primarily depends on their evaluation in a variety of phenotypic cell-based and pathways-specific/molecular drug targets-based bioassays. The cell-culture based phenotypic screening approaches have gained better acceptance since these assays employ live cells and may have the capacity to predict in vivo pharmacological responses in early phase of discovery of bioactive natural products. However, the pathways & targets-based screening technologies still hold significant promise due to recent technological advancements.

A variety of general cell and target-based assays shall be discussed that can measure cell proliferation, toxicity, cellular markers, enzymatic activities, activation of specific signaling pathways and morphological changes in the cells. Many of these assays utilize specifically developed transgenic cell lines and evaluation of reporter gene functions. These assays are highly sensitive and can be performed in high-throughput screening (HTS) mode to screen large compounds’ libraries.

The pharmacological cell- and target-based assays are well suited for bioassay-guided fractionation of natural product extracts in order to isolate the bioactive molecules in purified form that can be further developed as drug candidates or serve as potential bioactive lead molecules which can be chemically modified to optimize the pharmacophores. Recently, pre-fractionation screening approach has shown significant advantages over conventional bioassay-guided fractionation approach. Additionally, advancements and development of new cell and target-based technologies have resulted into a paradigm shift in development of new tools, targets and technologies for BioAssays and BioEfficacy models.

This course will discuss general principles, techniques and analysis of data for the BioAssays
and BioEfficacy models. Specific case studies covering exclusive bioassay technologies, their advantages, applications and limitations in new drug discovery will also be discussed.

**INVITED FACULTY**

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**COURSE OUTLINES**

- **Module 1-** Principles and Technologies for BioAssays
- **Module 2-** Instrumentation, Data analysis, Compliances and Good Laboratory Practices
- **Module 3-** Applications of *BioAssays & BioEfficacy* models and Therapeutic Areas

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

- Honors Under-graduate (final year) and Graduate (MS & Ph.D.) students Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology, Molecular Biology, Pharmaceutical sciences, Pharmacology, Biology and other allied disciplines;
- Faculty and Research Scientists in Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology, Molecular Biology, Pharmaceutical sciences, Biology and other allied disciplines.
- R&D personnel from Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology companies and Contract Research Organizations.
- **PRE-REGISTAION REQUIRED**-For Registration apply online at: [http://gan.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index](http://gan.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index)

**COURSE FEES**

- **JUN Students** –Free (Registration Required)
- **Others-**
  - Students and Post Doctoral Fellows INR 1000
  - Academic Faculty Scientists Techs- INR 1000
  - Company- INR 5000
  - Foreign Participants-US$ 400
  - Foreign SARC participants -US$ 250

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