



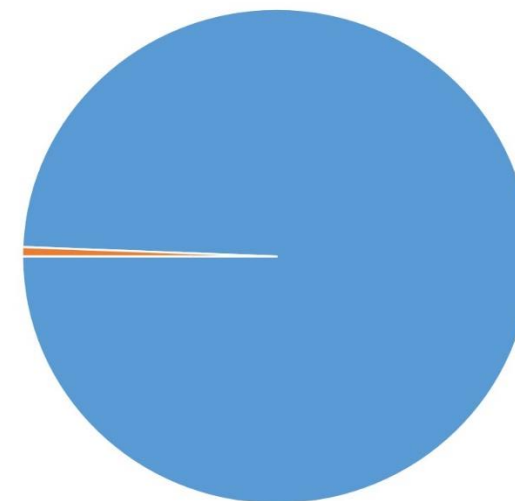
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In vitro combined bioassay to assess endocrine disrupting chemical (EDCs) affecting the thyroid system.

Endocrine disruptors: an every-day treat



- Chemicals used by consumers/industries
- Tested chemicals



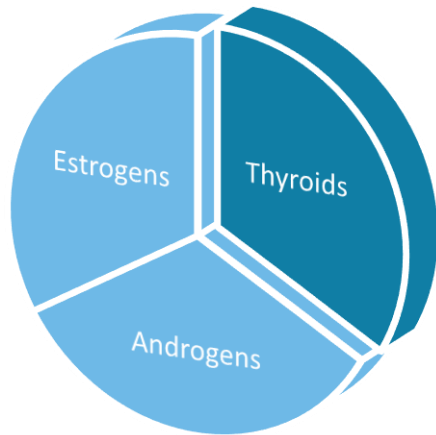
Develop new methods to **quickly** assess the potential disrupting properties of daily-life chemicals

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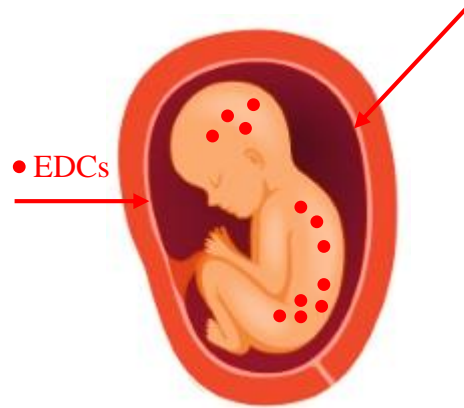
Innovative, sensitive and efficient in vitro test methods to protect the safety and the quality of our food, health and environment

Endocrine disruptors exposure leading to developmental and reproductive defects in newborns



Transthyretin-Thyroid Receptor β (TTR-TR β) bioassay

Thyroid hormones: key to fetal development

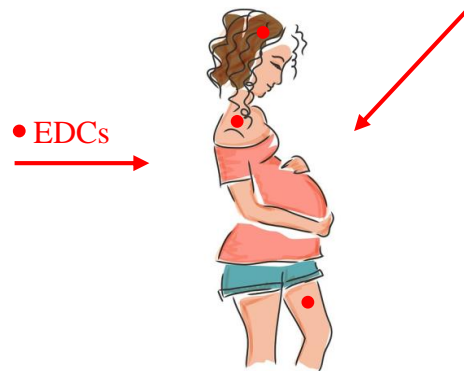


Brain, cardiovascular development

Proper growth

Premature delivery, low birth weight...

Impaired fertility



Fetus is heavily reliant on maternal **thyroid hormones**

Transporters to circulate in the serum

Two **thyroid receptors** (TR): α and β

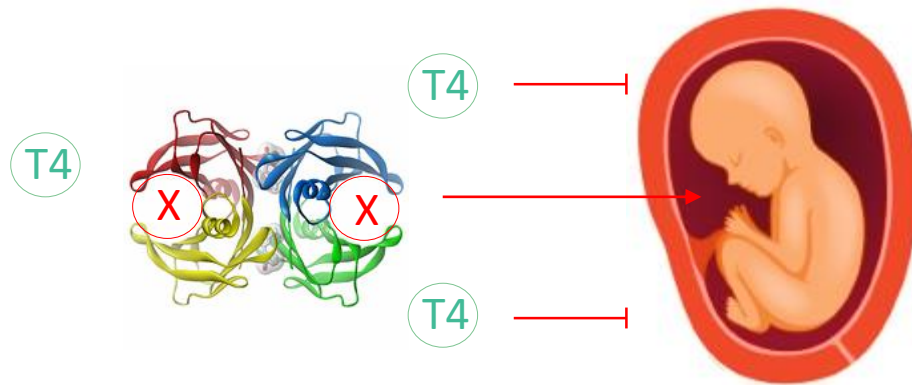
Transthyretin (TTR): special delivery to the fetus



Thyroxine (T4) transporter

Found in serum and cerebrospinal fluid

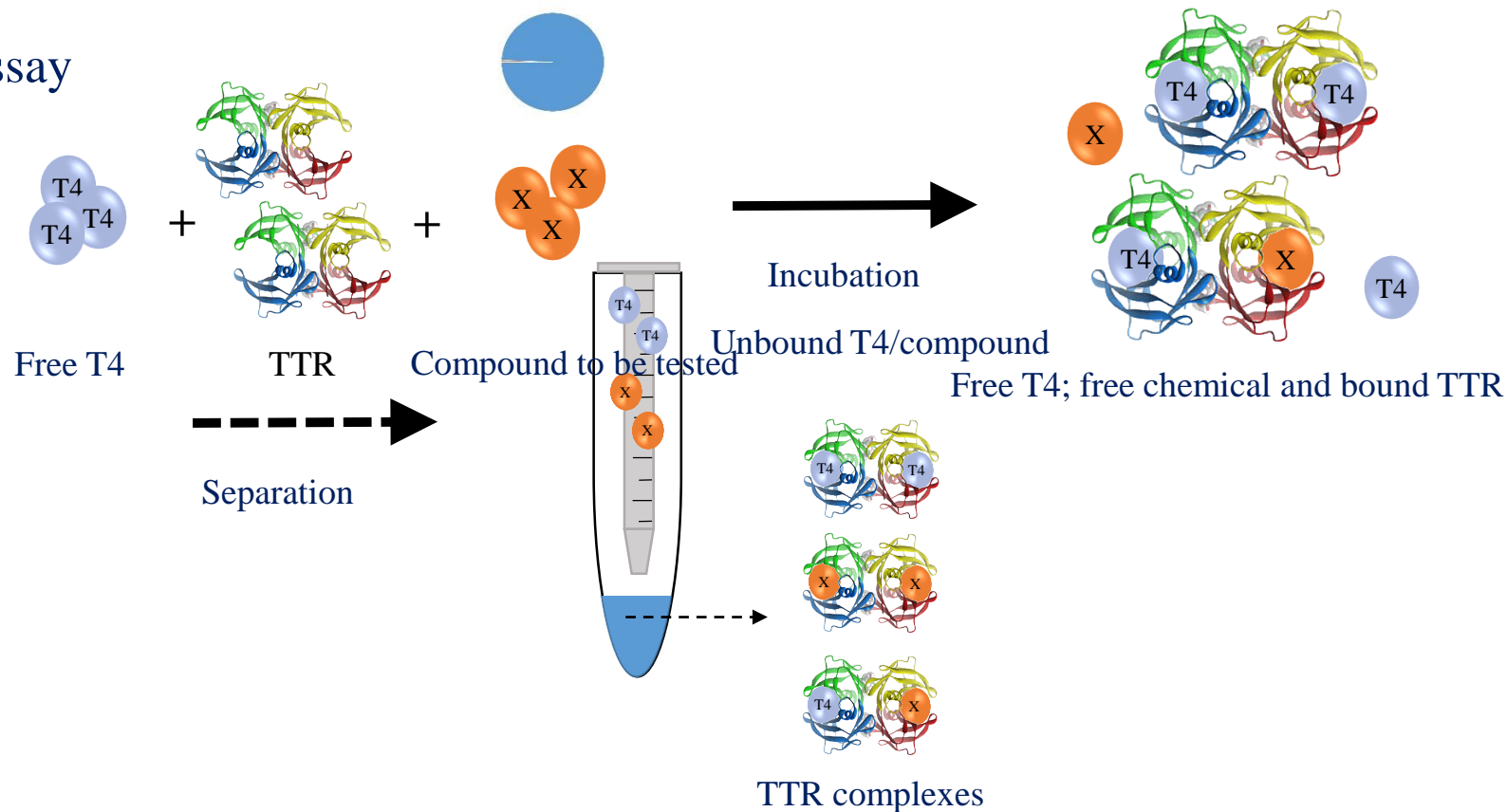
Through the uterine-placenta wall and blood brain barrier (BBB)



- ↘ Thyroid hormones in the fetus
- ↗ Endocrine active compounds
 - Agonists
 - Antagonists

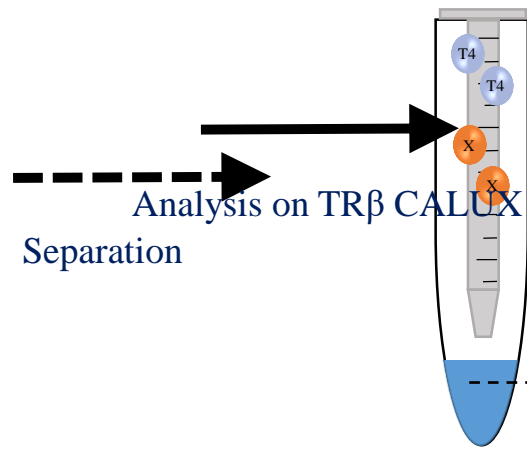
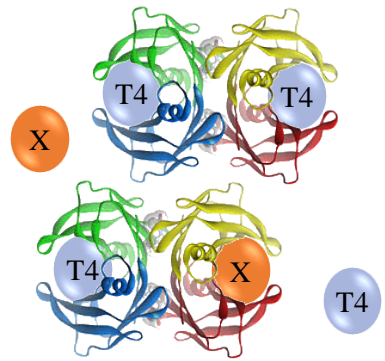
Transthyretin-TR β bioassay

TTR-binding bioassay

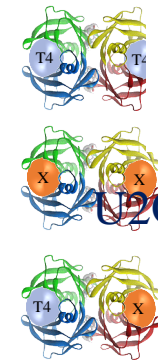


Transthyretin-TR β bioassay

TR β reporter gene assay



Unbound T4/c



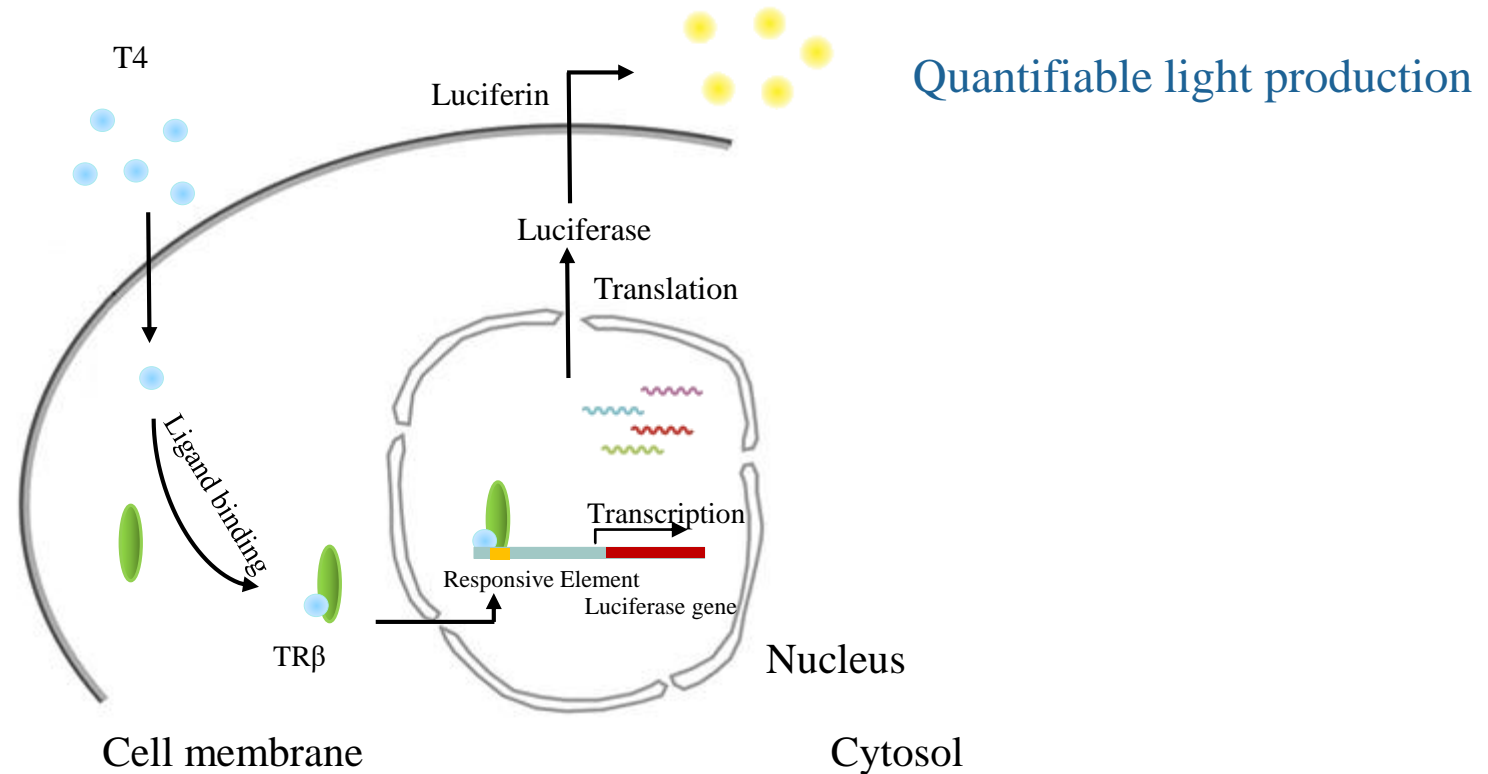
TTR complexes

U2OS cells expressing Thyroid Receptor β
Cotransfected with luciferase gene



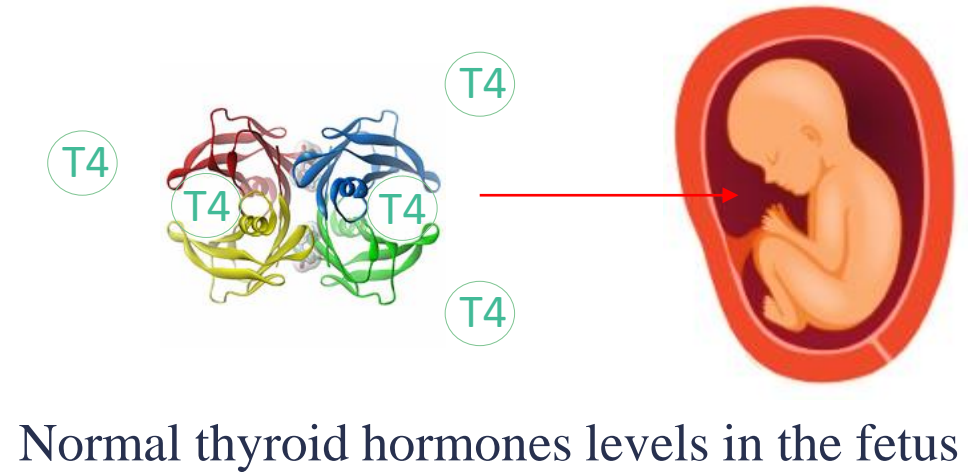
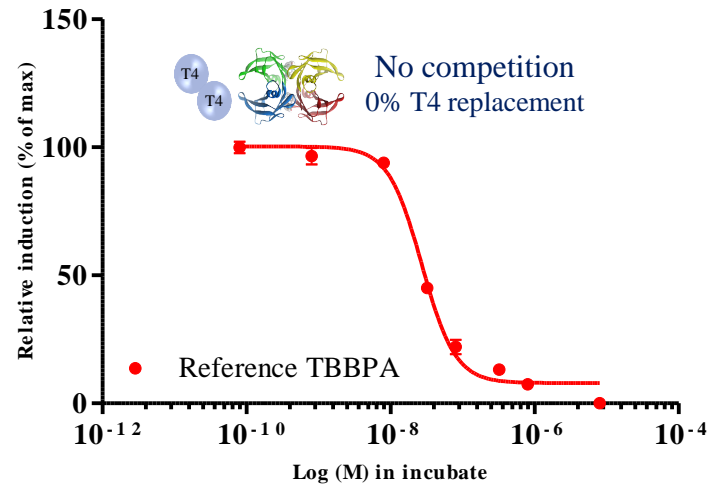
Reporter gene assay

TR β bioassay

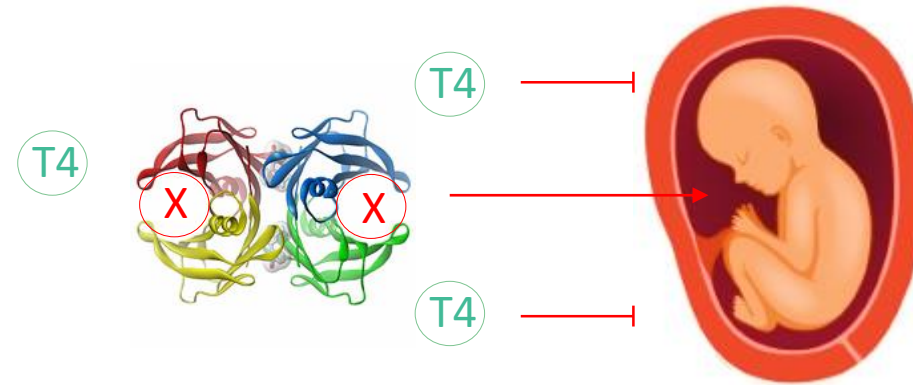
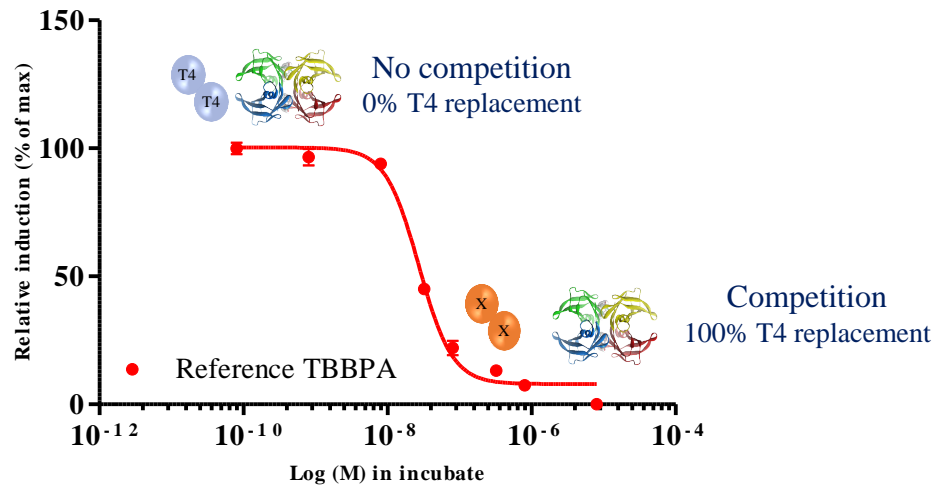


Schematic representation of CALUX reporter assay

Analysis of the results



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- Thyroid hormones in the fetus
- Endocrine active compound

What is the conclusion for an unknown chemical?

Data analysis: Agonist/Antagonist

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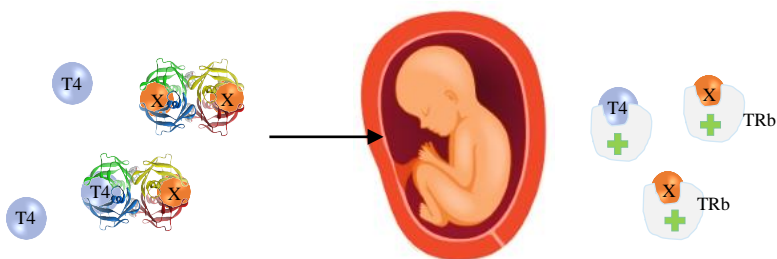
TR β reporter gene assay:
Agonist

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TR β reporter gene assay:
Antagonist

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TTR-TR β assay:
Competitor

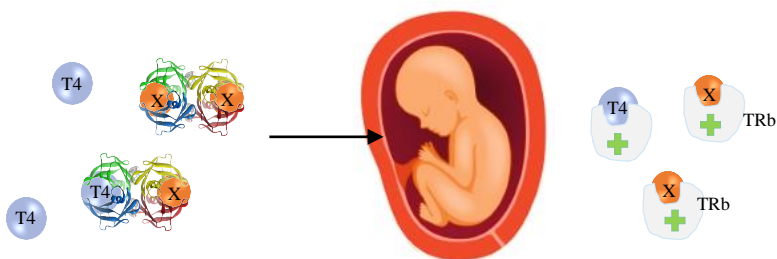


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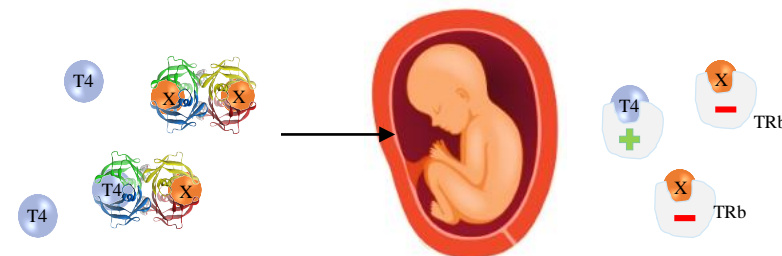
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TR β reporter gene assay:
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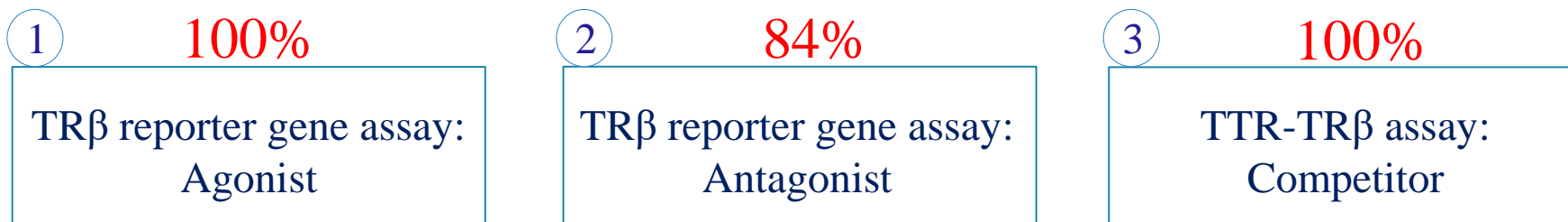
- ↘↘ TR β activation by T4 (competition)
- Antagonist effect of chemical

Double hit

3

TTR-TR β assay:
Competitor

Validation 30 Compounds Triplicate Different technicians



Competitive Binding of Poly- and Perfluorinated

Thyr

Anti-thyroid hormone activity of bisphenol A, tetrabromobisphenol A and tetrachlorobisphenol A in an improved reporter gene assay

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Potent Competitive Interactions of Some Brominated Flame Retardants and Related Compounds with Human Transthyretin *in Vitro*

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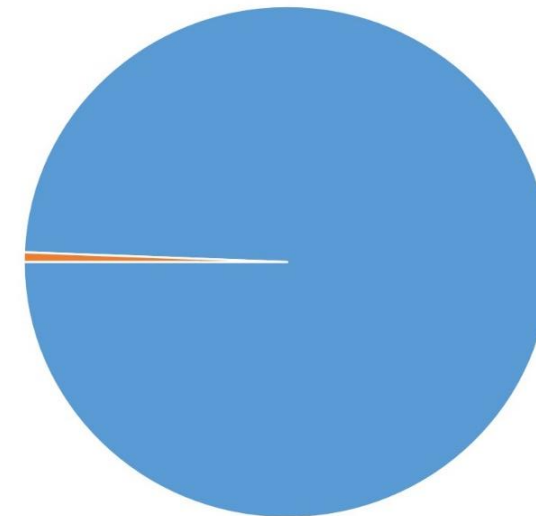
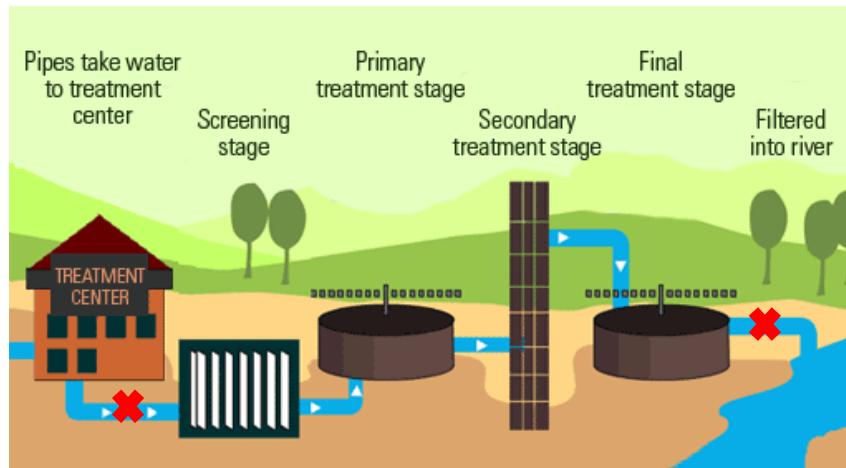
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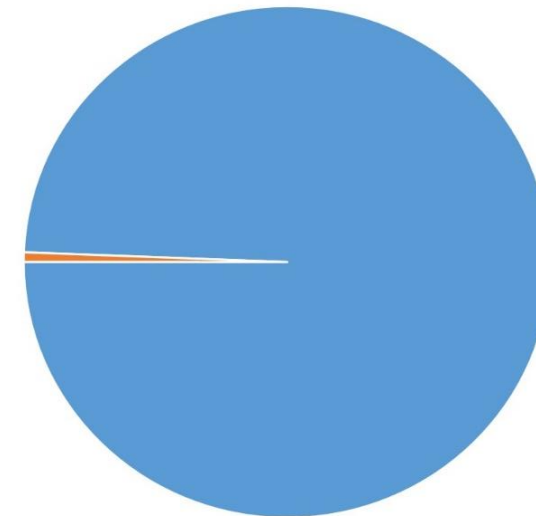
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- Give better directives to population

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Thank you for your attention



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Questions

If the chemical is an antagonist, will it influence the TTR-TRb bioassay?

Concentrations tested for the TTR-TRb are lower than concentrations usually required for getting an antagonistic response.

How is it better than another method?

No radioactivity

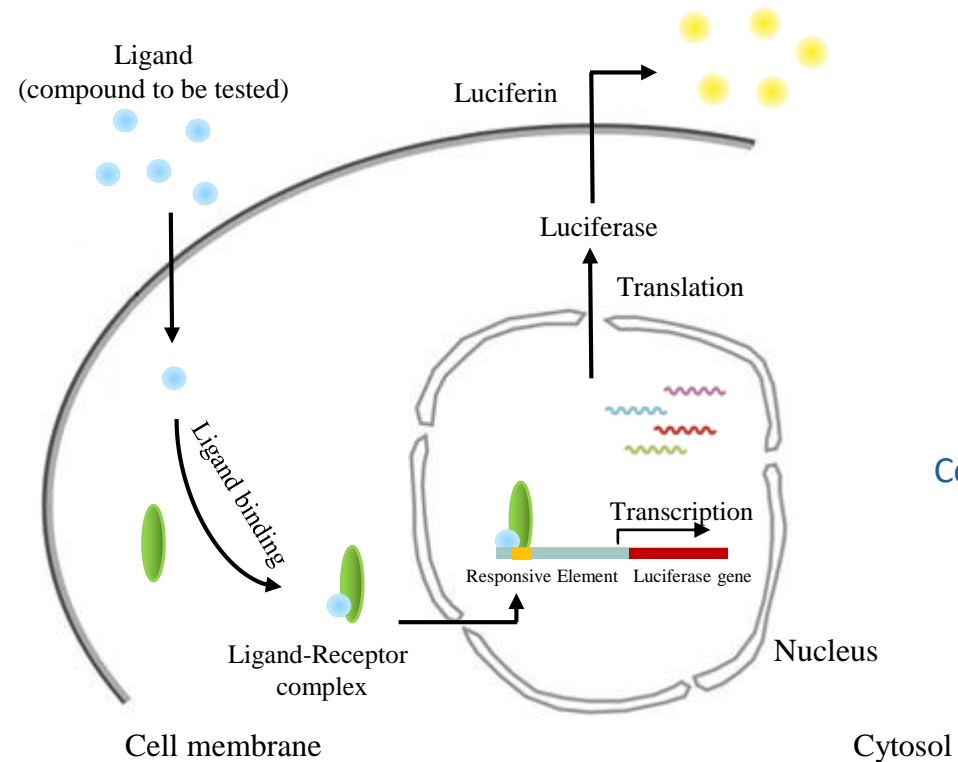
Three different information: agonist, antagonist, T4 competitor.

Can be performed alongside other CALUX bioassays (ER ; AR ; AhR...)

Why TR β and not TR α ?

TR β is more likely to be involved in human pathophysiological changes if compared with TR α , suggesting a stronger role of this isoform in homeostasis

BioDetection Systems



Quantifiable light production
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Compound's effects on receptor activity

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