# Novel Drosophila Model for Rapid Turnaround in vivo Toxicity Testing

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### **Biomedical** Engineering, Science and Health Systems

### Need

#### **Problem Statement and Users**

• Novel biomaterial systems require proof of biocompatibility

In Vitro

In Vivo

### **Current Solutions:**



complexity

High cost, low throughput

### **Objective**

Develop cost-effective, high-throughput toxicity assays using Drosophila melanogaster to test the biocompatibility of biomaterials.

# **Design Inputs**

#### **Constraints:**

- Clinical relevance, low cost
- Known toxic and nontoxic verification biomaterials

#### Requirements

#### Quantification



Systemic Toxicity Drosophila lifespan



Reproductive Toxicity

Hatchability ratio



Oxidative Toxicity

**ROS** concentration



Cellular Toxicity

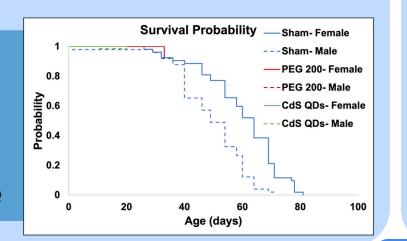
Dying cell quantity

## **Solution & Verification**



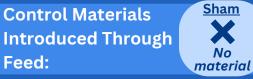
**Methods:** Dead flies counted over time **Results:** No significant differences

**Inconclusive** 



Feed:

**Control Materials** 



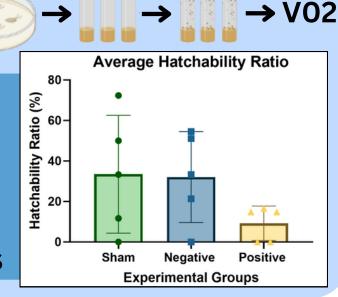








Methods: # Eggs laid and flies hatched counted over time. **Results:** No significant differences, but positive trend **Partial Pass** 

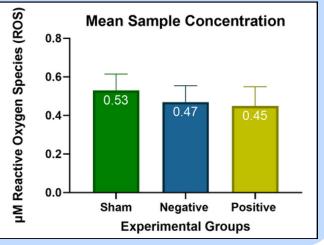




Methods: Cell samples incubated with ROSreactive dye

Results: No significant differences

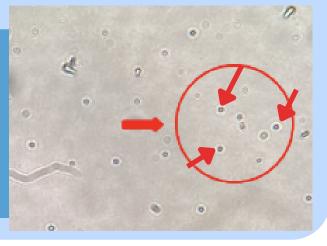
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**Apoptosis** 



Methods: Cells isolated and stained with Trypan Blue for apoptosis Results: Unable to count cells **Fail** 



# **Future** Revisions

ROS

- Include tracking technique to confirm uniform consumption
- Expand on exposure methods of materials

# Impact

- Accessible assays for early toxicity detection
- Advance safety testing in the development of safer clinical interventions