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Overview

LAMPIRE delivers fully customizable, flow cytometry–based toxicology solutions designed to evaluate cellular health, function, and safety with high sensitivity and precision. Our multiparametric approach enables detailed assessment of cell viability, oxidative stress, cell cycle dynamics, genotoxicity, and immune response at single-cell resolution.

Supporting both early discovery and preclinical development, our studies generate high-quality, decision-ready data to better understand compound effects across biological systems. Backed by experienced scientific teams and robust quality systems, LAMPIRE serves as a trusted partner from initial screening through regulatory submission.

Why Choose Us?

- Flexible, client-specific protocols tailored to compound, model, and study goals
- Tailored study designs, including surgical model development, catheterization and tissue perfusion, formulation expertise, brain region isolation, dorsal root ganglia, and lymph node collection
- Comprehensive protection of your data from raw acquisition through final reporting
- Cost effective studies that meet the requirements of multiple regulatory agencies
- US based, AAALAC accredited facilities with quality oversight

Capabilities

- In Vivo PK Services:
  - Hamster, guinea pig, rabbit, rat, mouse, and mini-pig.
  - Vascular and intestinal cannula implantations
  - PK/PD Modeling
  - Micro-serial sampling
  - Diverse dosing methods: IV, PO, SC, or IM
- Cell viability & cytotoxicity analysis
- Oxidative stress management
- Cell cycle disruption assessment
- Genotoxicity monitoring
- Immunotoxicology profiling
- Cytokine & signaling analysis

Benefits

Confident Toxicity Readouts

Differentiate live, apoptotic, and necrotic cell populations using fixable viability dyes to generate clear, actionable toxicity data across study conditions.

Early Insight into Cellular Stress

Measure intracellular ROS and mitochondrial function with sensitive probes to detect subtle oxidative imbalance before overt toxicity occurs.

Understanding of Cell Cycle & DNA Impact

Use DNA-binding dyes to profile G0/G1, S, and G2/M phases, alongside micronucleus analysis, to evaluate proliferation changes and chromosomal damage.

Comprehensive Immune & Signaling Insight

Combine immune profiling with intracellular cytokine staining and phospho-flow (pSTAT, pERK, pAKT, pNF-κB) to understand functional responses and underlying signaling pathways.

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Preparing Challenging Antigens and Compounds for Toxicology Studies

Practical Strategies to Reduce Risk in Early Development

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Introduction

Toxicology studies are critical for early decision-making. Their outcomes are often influenced as much by test article preparation as by biology. Challenging antigens and compounds—such as poorly soluble small molecules or unstable biologics—can introduce variability that obscures true toxicological signals.

At LAMPIRE, we encounter these challenges routinely and recognize that making decisions to move forward are critical in early development toxicology. This paper highlights common preparation-related risks in tox studies and outlines practical, fit-for-purpose strategies used to improve data quality and interpretability.

Why Test Article Preparation Matters

Early toxicology studies are designed to be fast and flexible. However, insufficient attention to test article preparation can result in:

- Inconsistent or inadequate exposure
- Misleading toxicity signals
- Difficulty interpreting dose–response relationships
- Costly study repetition

Our team commonly observes that preparation-related issues—not study design—are the primary drivers of inconclusive early tox outcomes.

What Makes a Test Article Challenging?

Compounds

- Low solubility at target dose levels
- Precipitation during preparation or dosing
- Vehicle tolerability limitations
- Adhesion to dosing equipment

Antigens and Biologics

- Physical or chemical instability
- Aggregation or particle formation
- Sensitivity to temperature or light
- High potency with narrow exposure margins

Operational factors such as limited material availability and aggressive timelines are common in non-GLP studies–subsequently amplifying challenges.

A Risk-Based Mindset for Tox

Non-GLP does not mean non-rigorous. Successful collaborations apply a risk-based, fit-for-purpose approach that focuses effort where it most impacts study interpretation.

Risk	Potential Impact	Practical Mitigation
Poor solubility	Under-dosing	Vehicle screening at dose level
Instability	Variable exposure	In-use stability checks
Aggregation	Artifactual toxicity	Controlled handling
Limited material	Data gaps	Prioritized testing

Our mitigated approach supports speed while maintaining scientific confidence.

Practical Strategies for Challenging Compounds

LAMPIRE's experienced tox team routinely apply the following practices:

- Evaluate solubility at intended dosing concentrations
- Balance solubilization with vehicle tolerability
- Confirm homogeneity at the point of dosing
- Minimize hold times after preparation

These measures help ensure consistent exposure and reduce variability and potential adverse effects associated with poor test article preparation.

Practical Strategies for Challenging Antigens

For unstable or potent antigens, LAMPIRE teams emphasize:

- Early aggregation screening under dosing conditions
- Use of simple, stabilizing formulations
- Clearly defined thawing and dilution procedures
- In-use time limits supported by stability data

Consistent handling practices are especially important when small deviations can influence outcomes.

Impact on Study Outcomes

When test article preparation is aligned with study objectives:

- Variability is reduced
- Exposure confidence improves
- Toxicity signals are clearer
- Decisions can be made faster

LAMPIRE's experience across multiple programs enables early identification of preparation-related risks, so that we may work together on your study design to ensure it is best suited to your test article, before impacting study timelines.

Illustrative Examples

Compound

A poorly soluble molecule showed no toxicity in an early study due to precipitation during dosing. Reformulation enabled consistent exposure and revealed a clear dose-dependent toxicity signal, allowing confident program decisions.

Antigen

An unstable protein produced variable findings across studies. Improved handling controls and in-use limitations reduced aggregation and led to reproducible toxicology outcomes.

Key Takeaways

- Challenging test articles are common
- Preparation quality directly affects study interpretability
- Risk-based strategies balance speed and rigor
- LAMPIRE's experience adds value early, when flexibility matters most

Conclusion

Toxicology studies set the foundation for development decisions At LAMPIRE, we can apply practical, experience-driven strategies to prepare challenging antigens and compounds that help ensure early tox data are reliable and actionable, reducing downstream risk and avoiding unnecessary delays.