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GENERAL PRESENTATION



Complete denomination: Institute of Experimental Morphology, Pathology, and Anthropology with Museum – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Location (city, country): Sofia, Bulgaria

Director: Prof. Nina Atanassova, PhD. DSc

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Working Group involvment: WG4

Members involved: 6 persons – 1 Assoc. Prof., 1 post doc, 4 research assistants (two of them PhD students)

Research topics: In vitro biocompatibility assessment of new materials for bone implants

Researchers expertises: in the field of:

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- Cell biology and pathobiology
- Immunology

Virology

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Evaluating effect of the compounds on:

- Cell viability and proliferation;
- Replication of human herpesviruses (HSV-1, HSV+2).





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BIOMATERIALS/NEWGEN TOPICS





Model Systems:

- Murine, rat, bovine, human cells;
- Primary cultures and permanent cell lines;
- •Fibroblasts, embryonic and bone marrow cells, mesenchymal stem cells, primary cultures from bone explants., etc;
- •Tumor (i.e. breast cancer) and non-tumor cells.









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Methods with different cellular/molecular targets and mechanism(s) of action:

- MTT test;
- Neutral red uptake cytotoxicity assay;
- Trypan blue dye exclusion technique with automated cell counter;
- Crystal violet staining;
- Double staining with acridine orange and propidium iodide;
- FACS;
- Method of Reed and Muench;
- Electron microscopy, etc.

















Investigations in the field of:➤Cell Biology➤Biochemistry and Molecular Biology➤Virology➤Immunology

- Equipment for cell and tissue cultures, cell and viral banks;
- Electron microscopes (transmission and scanning);
- Light and fluorescent microscopy;
- ELISA reader;
- Apparatus for electrophoresis and blot-techniques, HPLC apparatus, spectrophotometer, centrifuges, ultracentrifuges
- PCR, Real time PCR...



