### Level: PhD

Course title: Cell culture in medicinal chemistry (DSB-624)

Status: elective

**ECTS**: 15

#### **Requirements**:

## Learning objectives

The aim of the course is to acquire integrated knowledge about the possibilities of applying cell model-systems, as well as the ability of scientifically interpreted experimental data in the field of in vitro testing of the biological activity of potential therapists.

## Learning outcomes

After successfully completing the course, students should be able to use the methods and techniques necessary to perform *in vitro* tests on cell cultures as model systems, and have the ability to critically analyze scientific papers, scientific hypotheses, and experimental results in *in vitro* assays on cell cultures, and independently know how to perform an experiment related to the given area and process and discuss the results obtained.

# Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

Maintenance of cell lines. Biology of cell cultures, primary and continuous cell lines. Culture of tumor and control cells (healthy tissue cells). Physical methods for cell separation. Quantification and characterization of cell growth. In vitro tests with cell cultures: measurement of cell viability, antiproliferative and cytotoxic activity; methods for detecting and quantifying cell death and cell cycle phases; studying changes in cell morphology by specific colors: changes on the membrane, DNA, organelles, identification of proteins characteristic of individual signal pathways by modern molecular methods; use of cell cultures to assess the genotoxic effects of compounds or extracts.

### Experimental

Preclinical studies of the pharmacological potential of compounds by qualitative and quantitative *in vitro* methods: Measurement of cell viability, morphological changes using specific color dyes, cell cycle changes, apoptosis measurement, necrosis and membrane potential of mitochondrial by flow cytometry, genotoxicity testing (SCE, MN and other tests). Study of available data and development of a mini-project to investigate the pharmacological potential of substances or mixtures in cell cultures as a model system.

Weekly teaching load				Other:
Lectures:	Exercises:	Other forms of	Student research:	
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