

Advanced Molecular Imaging Platform Laboratory Animal Center

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- Advanced molecular imaging facilities and services
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Advanced Molecular Imaging Platform encompasses pre-clinical animal imaging facilities that incorporate the state-of-the-art medical imaging modalities as well as professionals and well-trained imaging technologists. Our goal is to build a thorough translational imaging platform to advance the medical research and development.





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Inline multimodalities promise precise localization and accurate quantification.

Multidisciplinary applications including oncology, hematology, immunology, nanomedicine, neurology, stem cells, and drug development.





The cutting-edge 9.4 Tesla MRI,

equipped with various RF coils for rodents, is capable of digging into neural, skeletal and cardiovascular diseases, as well as metabolism and xnuclei spectroscopy.

HistoFAXS is a motor-driven, high-end microscopic system to capture sample images from immunohistochemistry (IHC) or immunofluorescence (IF), and further quantify them accordingly.



XENOGEN IVIS is the fluorescence and bioluminescence imaging system, which can offer high throughput of 5-10 mice at once. It has been widely used in various fields regarding cancer, gene, stem cells, and fluorescence probes.



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EXAMPLE Advanced Molecular Imaging Platform Service Charges



Pre-clinical 9.4T MRI

Ultra-high field MRI yielding higher SNR and sensitivity than conventional imaging.

> Academia NT\$ 9,000 /hr Industry NT\$ 14,000 /hr



Pre-clinical PET/CT Three-dimension images oriented

from target organs with specific radioactive tracers.

Academia NT\$ 3,600 /hr Industry NT\$ 5,500 /hr



Pre-clinical SPECT/CT

Two- or three-dimension organ images from γ-ray emitted by specific radioactive tracers.

> Academia NT\$ 5,000 /hr Industry NT\$ 7,200 /hr



Pre-clinical microCT

Dedicated animal tomography, for cardiovascular, osteology, and biomaterials research. Academia

NT\$ 4,200 /hr Industry NT\$ 6,300 /hr





XENOGEN IVIS

High throughput fluorescence and bioluminescence imaging.

NT\$ 1,000 /hr



Hi-Res ultrasound imaging

Dedicated animal ultrasound system equipped with high frequency probes.

NT\$ 1,500 /hr

HistoFAXS

Modulated IHC and IF microscopic system including acquisition and analysis. NT\$ 400 /hr

FVMPE-RS (Duel-photon Microscope)

Multi-wavelength excitation and high frame rate scanning.

Academia NT\$ 2,000 /hr Industry NT\$ 3,000 /hr



After PET/CT or SPECT/CT scanning, molecular images subsequently merged with anatomical images to quantify drug bio-distribution and specificity in the either static or dynamic manner. With the aid of Autoradiography and ex-vivo gamma counting, we can even validate the tissue uptake.





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Dynamic scan and measurement of radionuclides in tumors or specific organs.





Biodistribution of radiopharmaceutical



Synthetic compounds

Hi-Res. Autoradiography ensures radionuclides distribution in tissues.

Mol Pharm. 2014 Nov 3;11(11):3904-14



The efficacy and specificity estimate of radiolabeled target therapy.

Mol Pharm. 2014 Nov 3;11(11):3904-14



Radiolabeled biomarkers

Tracer molecules

Biodistribution

Quantification

uptake in organs.

J Nanobiotechnology, 2021 Jun 13;19(1):180

B Time (min.)

Eur J Pharm Sci. 2017 Sep 30;107:217-229

Nuclear Medicine & Radiopharmaceutical Imaging and Validation

Advanced Molecular Imaging Platform Linkou Chang Gung Laboratory Animal Center **By a combination of high-resolution MRI** and high-sensitivity sonography, we can image and evaluate cardiac function, by means of ventricular ejection fraction, myocardial thickness, end-diastolic LV volume, end-systolic LV volume, aorta dimension, and the valves functionality.



Schematic shows cardiac MRI and sonography with some statistics respectively.

Contrast Media Mol Imaging. 2018 Jul 12;2018:8751267.



Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2021, 22, 11487

TABLE 1: Comparison of the cardiac function of control and HFD rats.

Cardiac function	Control $(n = 9)$	HFD $(n = 9)$	P value
Ejection fraction (%)	73.32 ± 0.8229	79.50 ± 1.799	0.0096*
Stoke volume (μ l)	322.2 ± 24.22	317.7 ± 23.52	0.8953
LV volume of ED (μ l)	439.9 ± 32.71	399.0 ± 26.79	0.3415
LV volume of ES (μl)	117.7 ± 9.545	81.33 ± 7.833	0.0081**
Cardiac output (µl/min)	133.7 ± 10.06	131.9 ± 9.765	0.8987
ED segmented wall thickness (mm)	3.061 ± 0.068	3.391 ± 0.098	0.0168^{*}

Values are expressed as mean \pm SD. The cardiac function of the control and HFD rats was measured from CMR images and QMass Software; **P* < 0.05 and ***P* < 0.01 versus control; LV = left ventricle; ED = end-diastolic volume; ES = end-systolic volume.

Cardiovascular Imaging and Evaluation

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Tumor growth and treatment response

In collaboration with IVIS and MRI in a longitudinal study, a series of images apparently exhibit luciferin activity, metastasis, and tumor growth trend, which helps from carcinoma in-situ animal modelling to treatment planning.



Bone marrow ablation animal model

Experimental animals exposed by Cesium-137 irradiation have been a model for transplantation surgery, leukemia, stem cell therapy, and pharmaceuticals research. A single-dose, whole-body irradiation will be performed, yet the total dosage is adjustable.





Cesium-137



Bone marrow ablation





animal modeling.

Tumor Growth Monitor and Treatment Planning Bone Marrow Ablation Animal Model

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