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1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1. **GOAL**

The objective of this project is perform basic toxicogenomic analysis of rat primary hepatocyte gene expression data of two compounds (Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue), and deliver a brief written report including findings based on Drug Signature analysis, pathway impact and Gene Ontology analysis of significantly changed genes, and expression profile similarities.

1.2. STUDY DESIGN

Male Sprague Dawley rat primary hepatocytes were treated with two compounds (Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue) at single TC_{20} doses for 16 and 24h by Entelos scientists. Triptonide was determined to have a TC_{20} of $100\mu M$ and the TC_{20} for Triptolide Analogue was determined to be $32.5\mu M$. Experiments were performed using 3 replicates for each *in vitro* dose/time-point combination. RNA samples were extracted from treated rat primary hepatocytes and were hybridized onto the Affymetrix Rat Genome 230 2.0 GeneChip by Entelos scientists. The analysis was performed in the context of rat primary hepatocyte experiments profiled on Affymetrix RG230-2 array in the DrugMatrix reference database. Data are represented as the average log_{10} ratios of treated to animal and treatment time matched controls.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1. ANALYSIS SUMMARY IN RAT PRIMARY HEPATOCYTES

Treatment with Triptonide is predicted to cause hepatotoxicity in rats while the Triptolide Analogue is expected to have significantly fewer hepatotoxic liabilities. These predictions are based on strong Drug Signature matches, pathway impact, and Gene Ontology analyses. While primary rat hepatocytes were treated with equitoxic doses (TC₂₀) of each compound, Triptolide caused a much higher number of significant gene perturbations as compared to Triptolide Analogue. In addition, Triptonide has an overall greater impact than the Triptolide Analogue on Drug Signatures, pathways impacted by induced genes and repressed genes, and gene ontology (GO) terms.

The predicted rat hepatotoxicity for Triptonide treatment is supported by several lines of evidence. Triptonide treatments perturbed between 12,000 and 14,000 genes at a P value of <0.05 on the Affymetrix RG230-2 rat whole genome array at either time point, significantly higher than the average range of gene perturbations by most RPH experiments in DrugMatrix. In contrast, the Triptolide Analogue perturbed approximately 2700 genes at the 16 hour time point and 1331 genes at the 24 hour time point, both within the average range of gene changes induced by other RPH experiments in DrugMatrix. Correlation analysis at the level of global gene expression shows Triptonide treatment similar to ifosfamide, lomustine, cisplatin, and staurosporine treatments at both time points (all cc between 0.2 – 0.3). Hypergeometric enrichment analysis shows moderate similarity between Triptonide and DNA damaging free radical generators, PKC inhibitors, and H+/K+ ATPase inhibitor RPH treatments profiled on Affymetrix RG230-2 arrays in DrugMatrix. In contrast, the Triptolide Analogue had moderate similarity only to H+/K+ ATPase inhibitors at both time points. Triptonide had a number of strong matches to Drug Signatures indicating the compound may cause liver toxicity in rats. Triptonide showed strong matches to the "hepatotoxic to rat liver", "cross-tissue phospholipidosis", and "cholestasis" signatures. The Triptolide Analogue did not show a match to these signatures. The Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue both had weak-to-moderate matches to the "apoptosis" and "in vitro GSH depletion" signatures.

Gene Ontology (GO) term analysis revealed that Triptonide showed statistically significant perturbation of genes classified in ribosomal protein synthesis and nucleic acid binding terms while Triptolide Analogue treatment led to statistically significant perturbation of genes classified in nucleic acid binding and metabolism as well as mitochondrial oxidoreductase activity. Pathway impact analysis indicated that treatment with Triptonide led to statistically significant induction of genes in mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, oxidative stress response mediated by Nrf2, acute phase response, and ubiquitin-proteosome and protein degradation pathways. Downregulation was seen with Triptonide treatment at both time points in TGF- β signaling, Bcr-Abl signaling, and MAP kinase signaling pathways. Treatment with Triptolide Analogue induced genes in oxidative stress response mediated by Nrf2 and xenobiotic metabolism pathways while repressing genes in complement activation, P450 family, and integrin signaling pathways.

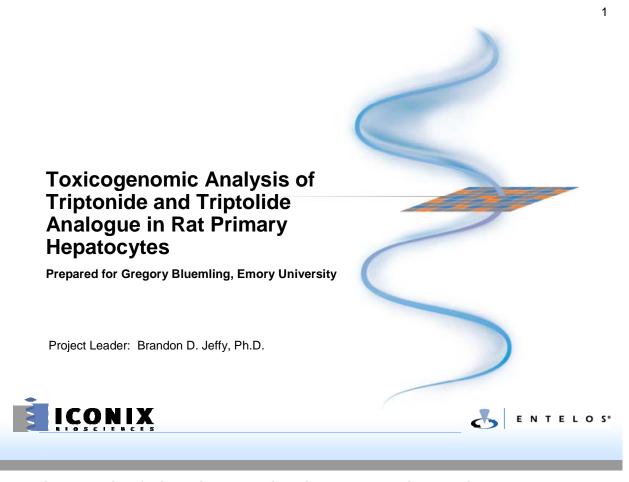
In summary, Triptonide is predicted to cause moderate toxicity in rat liver at the tested dose while the Triptolide Analogue is predicted to be less toxic than Triptonide. Drug Signature analysis revealed a different pattern of toxicity for Triptonide (hepatotoxic to rat liver, cross-tissue phospholipidosis, and cholestasis) than for Triptolide Analogue. Triptolide Analogue had a weaker impact than Triptonide on overall gene expression changes, signature matches, pathways impacted by induced and repressed genes, and gene ontology terms.

1.2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP ANALYSIS OF GENE EXPRESSION DATA

If further follow-up work is desired, we recommend in-depth contextual analysis to characterize the toxicological and pharmacological properties of Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue:

- 1. Contextual analysis into the mechanism(s) of predicted hepatotoxicity, cross-tissue phospholipidosis, and cholestasis induced by Triptonide and possible apoptosis and GSH depletion by both Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue.
- 2. Further compare Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue to other hepatocyte treatments in DrugMatrix to determine the significance of the induction of noted pathways and Gene Ontology processes, particularly with respect to the observed similarities to compounds causing perturbations in oxidative stress related pathways.
- 3. Analysis of additional highly impacted biological pathways, similarity to other hepatocyte treatments and their relevance to predicted toxicities.

3. SLIDE PRESENTATION



Slide 1: Toxicogenomic analysis of triptonide and triptolide analogue in rat primary hepatocytes A team of scientists at Entelos conducted this project. Dr. Brandon Jeffy was the project leader.

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Study Design and Objectives

Study Design: *In vitro* male Sprague-Dawley rat primary hepatocyte (RPH) study

- •2 time points (16h, 24h)
- •Single equitoxic dose (TC₂₀) for each compound
- •2 compounds provided by Gregory Bluemling (Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue)

Objective: Use *in vitro* toxicogenomic analysis to characterize predicted on- and off-target effects, mechanism of toxicity and relative severity of toxicity of 2 submitted compounds

•Compare Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue to each other and to DrugMatrix experiments in rat primary hepatocytes



Slide 2: Study design and objectives

Refer to the executive summary for discussion of the study design and objectives.

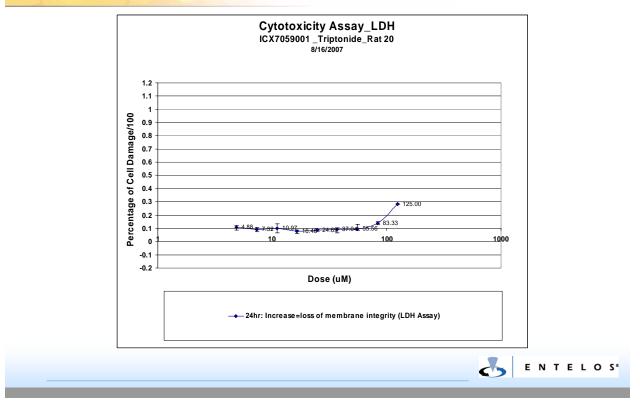
Summary of Findings for Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue in Rat Primary Hepatocytes

- Triptonide treatment at 16h and 24h perturbs a significantly higher number of genes than treatment with Triptolide Analogue
- Triptonide is predicted to be toxic to rat liver based on strong hits to hepatotoxicity, GSH depletion, cholestasis, and phospholipidosis signatures
- Triptolide Analogue is predicted to be less toxic to rat liver than Triptonide based on overall lack
 of signature hits (weak matches to hepatotoxic and apoptosis signatures)
- Triptonide significantly impacts genes in pathways related to mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, acute phase response, complement activation, integrin signaling, and oxidative stress response mediated by Nrf2
- Triptolide Analogue significantly perturbs genes in pathways related to acute phase response, complement activation, integrin signaling, and LPS & IL-1 mediated inhibition of RXR function pathways
- Triptonide significantly induces a large number of cytochrome P450 genes including CYP1A2, CYP2 family members, CYP3 family members (CAR/PXR), and CYP4 family members (PPARα-related)
- Triptolide Analogue shows a different pattern of P450 regulation than Triptonide: Induction of CYP1A1 and overall significant repression of CYP2 family members



Slide 3: Summary of findings for triptonide and triptolide analogue in rat primary hepatocytes Refer to the executive summary for discussion of the findings.

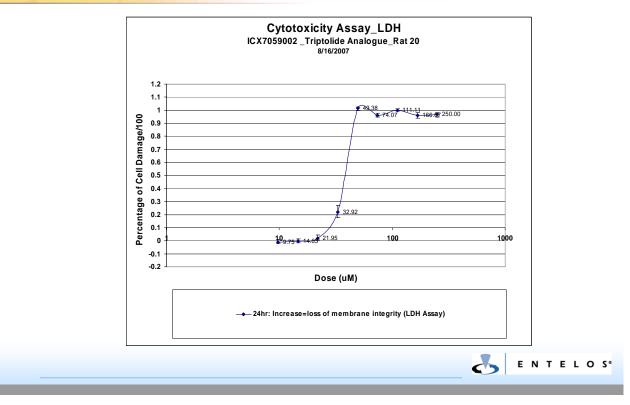
TC₂₀ Dose for Triptonide Determined to be 100μM



Slide 4: TC₂₀ Dose for triptonide determined to be 100µM

Rat primary hepatocytes were treated with increasing concentrations of triptonide for 24 hrs. Cytotoxicity was estimated using an LDH assay (Promega). The concentration that killed 20% of the cells (TC20) was determined by interpolation of the dose response curve using Graphpad.



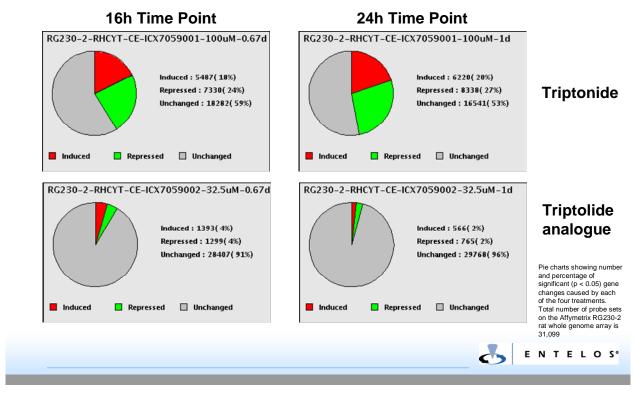


Slide 5: TC₂₀ Dose for triptolide analogue determined to be 32.5µM

Rat primary hepatocytes were treated with increasing concentrations of triptolide analogue for 24 hrs. Cytotoxicity was estimated using an LDH assay (Promega). The concentration that killed 20% of the cells (TC20) was determined by interpolation of the dose response curve using Graphpad.

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Triptonide Significantly Perturbs a Greater Number of Genes Than the Triptolide Analogue



Slide 6: Triptonide significantly perturbs a greater number of genes than the triptolide analogue

The number and percentage of significantly induced or repressed genes at p<0.05 by each of the triptonide and triptolide analogue treatment are shown in the pie chart. Red indicates induced genes while green indicates repressed genes.

Compounds Similar to Triptonide 24h Treatment Are Enriched in Free Radical Generators, PKC Inhibitors, and H+/K+ ATPase Inhibitors

EXPERIMENT_NAME	SIMILARITY
TRIPTONIDE67 d-100 uM	1.000
TRIPTONIDE-1 d-100 uM	0.812
IFOSFAMIDE-1d-11000uM	0.327
IFOSFAMIDE67d-11000uM	0.252
LOMUSTINE67 d-560 uM	0.249
STAUROSPORIN67 d-1.3 uM	0.246
CISPLATIN67 d-63uM	0.242
SPARTEINE-1d-2222uM	0.225
IFOSFAMIDE-1d-11000uM	0.210
CARMUSTINE67d-550uM	0.207
CISPLATIN-1 d-63uM	0.206
CYTOCHALASIN-1d-167uM	0.196
CARMUSTINE-1d-550uM	0.188
SPORIDESMIN -1d15uM	0.188
KETOCONAZOLE-1d-90uM	0.184
4,4'-METHYLE67d-296uM	0.179
VINBLASTINE-1d-45uM	0.173
HALOPERIDOL-1d-77uM	0.172
DIETHYLSTILB-1d-120uM	0.171
TACROLIMUS67d-50uM	0.170

EXPERIMENT_NAME	SIMILARITY	
TRIPTONIDE-1 d-100 uM	1.000	
TRIPTONIDE67 d-100 uM	0.812	
IFOSFAMIDE-1d-11000uM	0.369	
LOMUSTINE67 d-560 uM	0.290	
CISPLATIN67 d-63uM	0.288	
IFOSFAMIDE67d-11000uM	0.278	
STAUROSPORIN67 d-1.3 uM	0.277	
SPARTEINE-1d-2222uM	0.262	
IFOSFAMIDE-1d-11000uM	0.241	
CYTOCHALASIN-1 d-167uM	0.240	
CISPLATIN-1 d-63uM	0.239	
CARMUSTINE-1d-550uM	0.230	
CARMUSTINE67d-550uM	0.230	
KETOCONAZOLE-1d-90uM	0.229	
SPORIDESMIN -1d15uM	0.220	
TACROLIMUS67d-50uM	0.217	
VINBLASTINE-1d-45uM	0.214	
DIETHYLSTILB-1d-120uM	0.205	
TRIPTOLIDE A-1d-32.5uM	0.204	
HALOPERIDOL-1 d-77uM	0.202	
24h Triptonide		

Most similar experiments to 24h
Triptonide treatment are enriched in:

CATEGORY	TERM	ADJUSTED PVALUE
STRUCTURE_ACTIVITY	DNA damaging, free oxygen radical generator, nitrosourea	0.00505661
STRUCTURE_ACTIVITY	Protein-serine/threonine kinase (PKC) inhihitor	6.71E-05
STRUCTURE_ACTIVITY	H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor	2.89E-08
ACTIVITY_CLASS	H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor	2.92E-08

No enrichment in structure activity, activity class, or signature training set for experiments similar to 16h Triptonide treatment

Pearson correlation calculated across all RG230-2 probe sets. Top 20 most similar DrugMatrix hepatocyte experiments are shown.

Hypergeometric feature enrichment calculation on all similar experiments with cc> 0.15. Bonferroni correction applied to p value.



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Slide 7: Compounds similar to triptonide 24h treatment are enriched in free radical generators, PKC inhibitors and H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors

The triptonide treatments at 16 and 24hr were compared to all experiments in DrugMatrix that were profiled in rat primary hepatocyte using Pearson's correlation across all genes on the RG230-2 array. The top 20 most similar experiments, ranked by the correlation coefficient, are shown. Hypergeometric feature enrichment was calculated on all similar experiments with correlation coefficient higher than 0.15. Bonferroni correction was applied to p value. Triptonide 24hr experiment is similar to free radical generators, PKC inhibitors and H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors.

EXPERIMENT_NAME	SIMILARITY
TRIPTOLIDE A67d-32.5uM	1.000
STAVUDINE-1d-1120uM	0.379
METHAPYRILEN-1 d-300uM	0.373
LANSOPRAZOLE-1d-240uM	0.360
ETHINYLESTRA-1 d-190uM	0.347
ETHINYLESTRA67 d-190uM	0.345
ISOTRETINOIN-1 d-500 uM	0.344
BETA-ESTRADI67d-250uM	0.342
METHAPYRILEN67 d-300uM	0.342
PANTOPRAZOLE-1d-650 uM	0.331
OLANZAPINE-1d-250uM	0.331
1-NAPHTHYL I67d-166.67uM	0.327
ITRACONAZOLE-1 d-10uM	0.326
4,4'-METHYLE-1d-296uM	0.323
1-NAPHTHYL I-1d-166.67uM	0.321
STAVUDINE67d-1120uM	0.320
LABETALOL-1d-250 uM	0.317
4,4'-DIETHYL-1d-20uM	0.317
LANSOPRAZOLE67d-240uM	0.317
CHLORPROMAZI-1d-43.9uM	0.316

Most similar DrugMatrix primary rat hepatocyte experiments to 16h Triptolide analogue treatment are enriched in:

CATEGORY	TERM	ADJUSTED PVALUE
STRUCTURE_ACTIVITY	H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor	5.81E-10
STRUCTURE_ACTIVITY	Histamine receptor (H1) antagonist, tricyclic	0.0147
ACTIVITY_CLASS	Monoamine re-uptake/oxidase inhibitor	0.0353
ACTIVITY_CLASS	Histamine antagonist	0.0025
ACTIVITY_CLASS	H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor	5.92E-10

Pearson correlation calculated across all RG230-2 probe sets. Top 20 most similar DrugMatrix hepatocyte experiments are shown.

Hypergeometric feature enrichment calculation on all similar experiments with cc> 0.15. Bonferroni correction applied to p value.

16h Triptolide Analogue



Slide 8: Compounds similar to triptolide analogue 16h treatment are enriched in H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors, histamine receptor antagonists, and monoamine reuptake inhibitors

The triptolide analogue treatment at 16hr was compared to all experiments in DrugMatrix that were profiled in rat primary hepatocyte using Pearson's correlation across all genes on the RG230-2 array. The top 20 most similar experiments, ranked by the correlation coefficient, are shown. Hypergeometric feature enrichment was calculated on all similar experiments with correlation coefficient higher than 0.15. Bonferroni correction was applied to p value. Triptolide analogue 16hr experiment is similar to H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors, histamine receptor antagonists and monoamine reuptake inhibitors.

Compounds Similar to Triptolide Analogue 24h Treatment Enriched in H+/K+ ATPase Inhibitors

EXPERIMENT_NAME	SIMILARITY
TRIPTOLIDE A-1d-32.5uM	1.000
METHAPYRILEN-1 d-300uM	0.270
ETHINYLESTRA-1 d-190uM	0.268
BETA-ESTRADI-1d-250 uM	0.266
BETA-ESTRADI67d-250uM	0.255
1-NAPHTHYL I-1d-166.67uM	0.252
ITRACONAZOLE-1d-10uM	0.250
ETHINYLESTRA67d-190uM	0.249
1-NAPHTHYL I67d-166.67uM	0.248
LANSOPRAZOLE-1d-240uM	0.245
4,4'-DIETHYL-1 d-20uM	0.242
STAVUDINE-1d-1120uM	0.241
ISOTRETINOIN-1 d-500 uM	0.238
ITRACONAZOLE67 d-10uM	0.235
DIETHYLSTILB67d-120uM	0.233
CHLORPROMAZI-1d-43.9uM	0.233
COLCHICINE-1d-1000uM	0.231
LABETALOL-1d-250uM	0.228
PANTOPRAZOLE-1d-650 uM	0.225
4,4'-METHYLE-1d-296uM	0.225

24h Triptolide Analogue

Most similar DrugMatrix primary rat hepatocyte experiments to 24h Triptolide analogue treatment are enriched in:

CATEGORY	TERM	ADJUSTED PVALUE
STRUCTURE_ACTIVITY	H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor	0.0051
ACTIVITY_CLASS	H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor	0.0051

Pearson correlation calculated across all RG230-2 probe sets. Top 20 most similar DrugMatrix hepatocyte experiments are shown.

Hypergeometric feature enrichment calculation on all similar experiments with cc> 0.15. Bonferroni correction applied to p value.

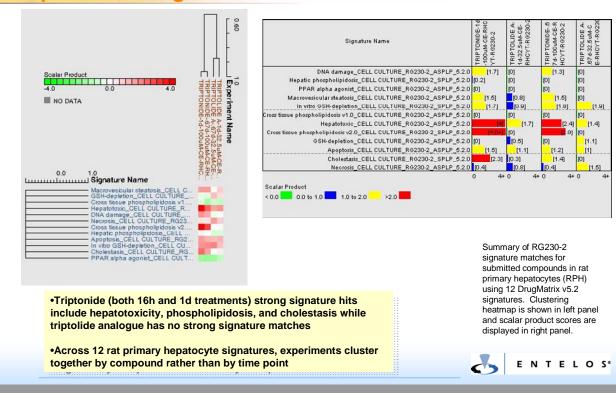


Slide 9: Compounds similar to triptolide analogue 24h treatment enriched in H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors

The triptolide analogue treatment at 24hr was compared to all experiments in DrugMatrix that were profiled in rat primary hepatocyte using Pearson's correlation across all genes on the RG230-2 array. The top 20 most similar experiments, ranked by the correlation coefficient, are shown. Hypergeometric feature enrichment was calculated on all similar experiments with correlation coefficient higher than 0.15. Bonferroni correction was applied to p value. Triptolide analogue 24hr experiment is similar to H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors.



DrugMatrix Rat Primary Hepatocyte Signatures Predict Triptonide to be More Hepatotoxic Than Triptolide Analogue

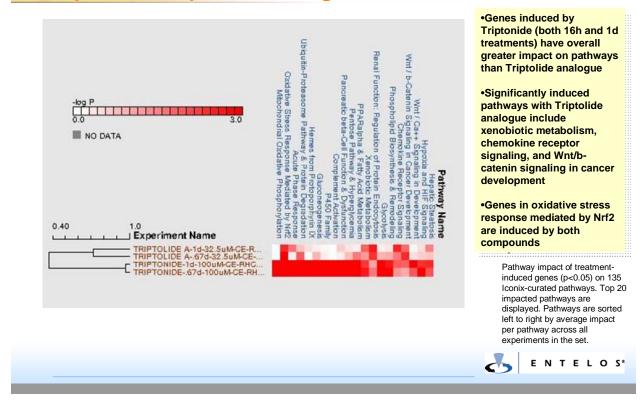


Slide 10: DrugMatrix rat primary hepatocyte signatures predict triptonide to be more hepatotoxic than triptolide analogue

Triptonide and triptolide analogue were evaluated using Drug Signatures in rat primary hepatocyte. Positive scalar product scores indicate the compound is classified positive for the endpoint predicted by the signature. Scalar product score higher than 1 indicates strong match to the signature. Triptonide strongly matched hepatotoxicity, phospholipidosis, and cholestasis signatures while triptolide analogue showed relatively weak match.



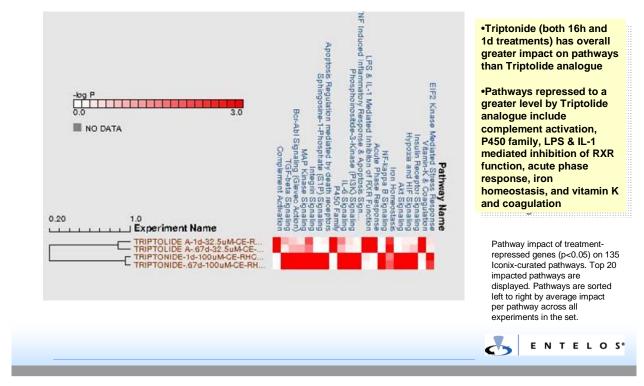
Pathway Impact Analysis with Induced Genes: Greater Impact from Treatment with Triptonide as Compared to Triptolide Analogue



Slide 11: Pathway impact analysis with induced genes: greater impact from treatment with triptonide as compared to triptolide analogue

Each experiment was evaluated for its impact on the 135 pathways using significantly induced genes (p <0.05). Pathways are sorted from left to right based on the average impact score [-log(p-value)] per pathway across experiments. Experiments are clustered based on the pattern of impact on pathways. Triptonide has overall greater impact on pathways than triptolide analogue. Triptonide treatments at both 16 and 24hr induced genes that strongly impact a number of pathways, including mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, oxidative stress, acute phase response, ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation, heme synthesis, and gluconeogenesis. Genes in oxidative stress response pathway were induced by both compounds.

Pathway Impact Analysis with Repressed Genes: Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue Show Different Patterns of Repression Across DrugMatrix Pathways

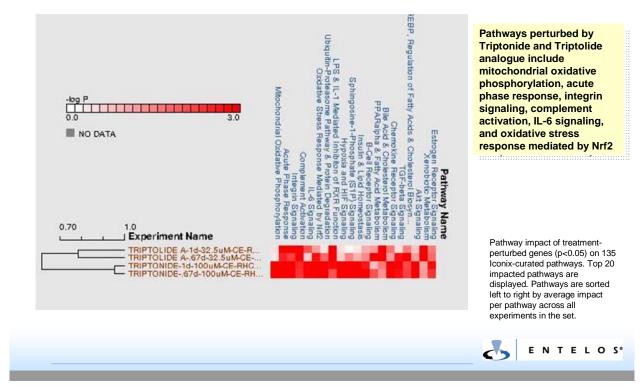


Slide 12: Pathway impact analysis with repressed genes: triptonide and triptolide analogue show different patterns of repression across DrugMatrix pathways

Each experiment was evaluated for its impact on the 135 pathways using significantly repressed genes (p <0.05). Pathways are sorted from left to right based on the average impact score [-log(p-value)] per pathway across experiments. Experiments are clustered based on the pattern of impact on pathways. Triptonide and triptolide analogue showed different patterns of repression across those pathways. Triptonide treatments at both 16 and 24hr repressed genes that strongly impact pathways including TGF-beta, Bcr-Abl, MAP kinase and integrin signaling. Triptolide analogue repressed genes involved in complement activation, P450 family, acute phase response and Vitamin K and coagulation pathways.

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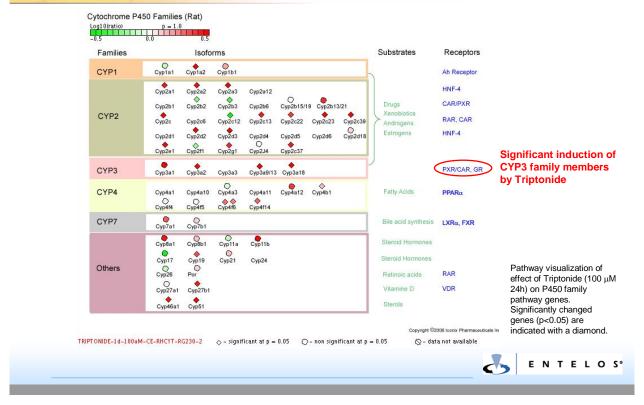
Pathway Impact with Perturbed Genes: Both Compounds Perturb Genes Involved in Oxidative Stress and Immune Response



Slide 13: Pathway impact with perturbed genes: both compounds perturb genes involved in oxidative stress and immune response

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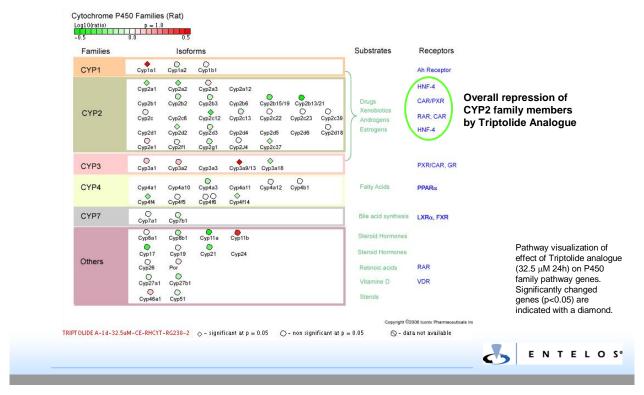
Triptonide Shows Significant Induction of a Large Number of Phase I Biotransformation Enzymes



Slide 14: Triptonide shows significant induction of a large number of phase I biotransformation enzymes

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptonide at 24hr on P450 pathway. The response from triptonide treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptonide significantly induced a large number of cytochrome P450 genes, especially Cyp3 family members.

Triptolide Analogue Shows Significant Repression of a Large Number of Phase I Biotransformation Enzymes in the Cyp2 Family

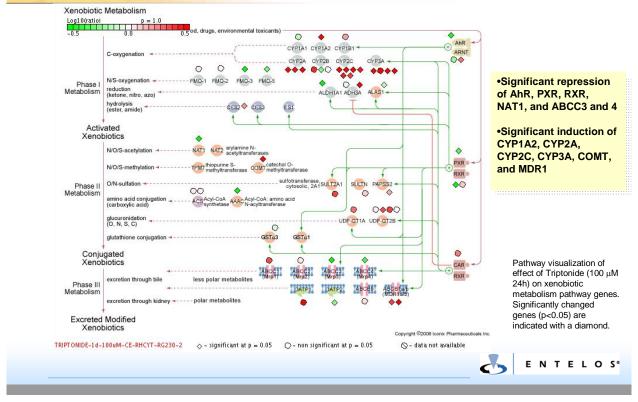


Slide 15: Triptolide analogue shows significant repression of a large number of phase I biotransformation enzymes in the Cyp2 family

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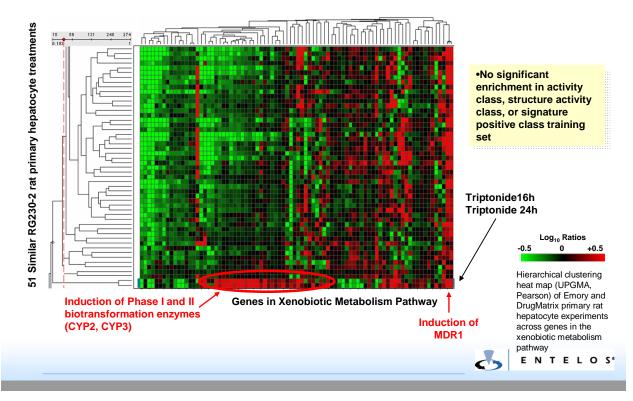
Triptonide Shows Significant Perturbation of Phase I and Phase II Biotransformation Enzymes



Slide 16 Triptonide shows significant perturbation of phase I and phase II biotransformation enzymes

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptonide at 24hr on xenobiotic metabolism pathway. The response from triptonide treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptonide significantly perturbed a large number of genes involved in phase I, II and III drug metabolism.

Triptonide Treatments Are Not Similar to Other DrugMatrix ¹⁷ Rat Primary Hepatocyte Treatments Across Xenobiotic Metabolism Pathway Genes

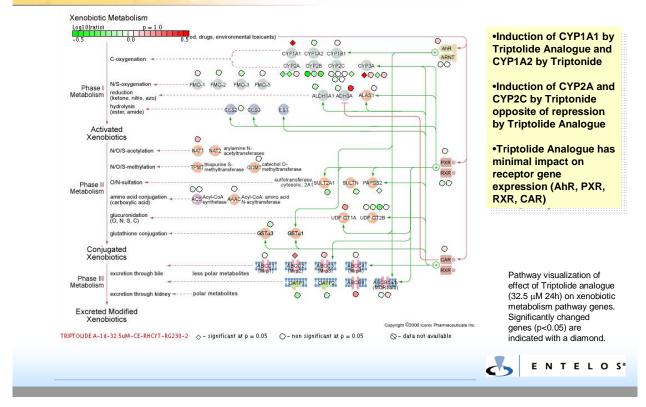


Slide 17: Triptonide treatments are not similar to other DrugMatrix rat primary hepatocyte treatments across xenobiotic metabolism pathway genes

Shown is the 2-D hierarchical clustering (UPGMA) of triptonide and triptolide analogue experiments and DrugMatrix rat primary hepatocyte experiments across the xenobiotic metabolism pathway genes. The result indicates that triptonide perturbed xenobiotic metabolism genes in a pattern distinct from other DrugMatrix experiments.

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Triptolide Analogue Shows a Weaker Overall Impact on Xenobiotic Metabolism Genes Than Triptonide



Slide 18: Triptolide analogue shows a weaker overall impact on xenobiotic metabolism genes than triptonide

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptolide analogue at 24hr on xenobiotic metabolism pathway. The response from triptolide analogue treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptolide analogue showed a weaker overall impact on the xenobiotic metabolism pathway than triptonide.

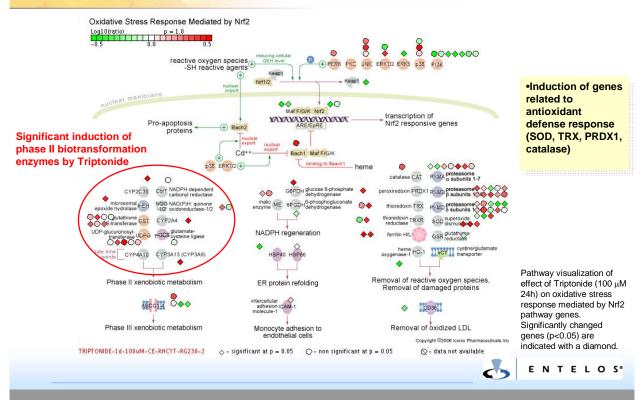
Triptolide Analogue is Similar to H+/K+ ATPase Inhibitors in Pathway Genes Rat Primary Hepatocytes Across Xenobiotic Metabolism Pathway Genes



Slide 19: Triptolide analogue is similar to H+/K+ ATPase inhibitors in rat primary hepatocytes across xenobiotic metabolism pathway genes

Shown is the 2-D hierarchical clustering (UPGMA) of triptonide and triptolide analogue experiments and DrugMatrix rat primary hepatocyte experiments across the xenobiotic metabolism pathway genes. The result indicates that triptolide analogue perturbed xenobiotic metabolism genes in a pattern similar to H+/K+-ATPase inhibitors.



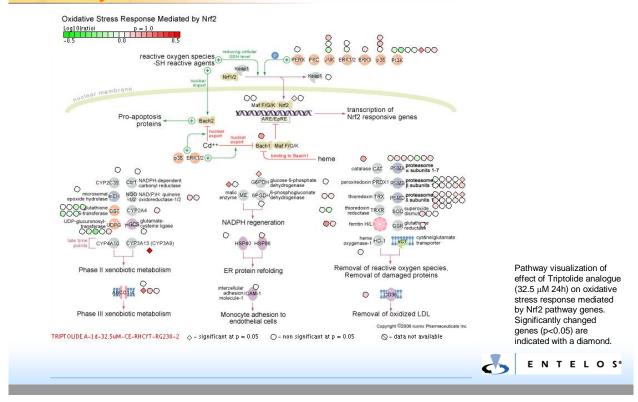


Slide 20: Triptonide treatment results in significant perturbation of genes in oxidative stress mediated by Nrf2 pathways

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptonide at 24hr on oxidative stress mediated by Nrf2 pathway. The response from triptonide treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptonide significantly induced genes involved in antioxidant defense response.



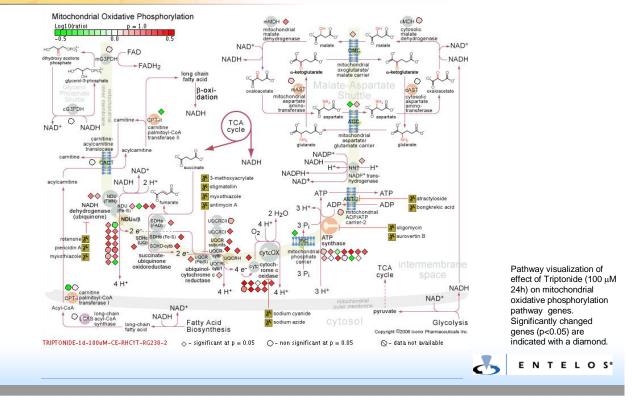
Triptolide Analogue Treatment Results in Overall Weak Impact on Oxidative Stress Response Mediated by Nrf2 Pathway Genes



Slide 21: Triptolide analogue treatment results in overall weak impact on oxidative stress response mediated by Nrf2 pathway genes

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptolide analogue at 24hr on the oxidative stress response mediated by Nrf2 pathway. The response from triptolide analogue treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptolide analogue showed a weaker overall impact on the oxidative stress response mediated by Nrf2 pathway than triptonide.





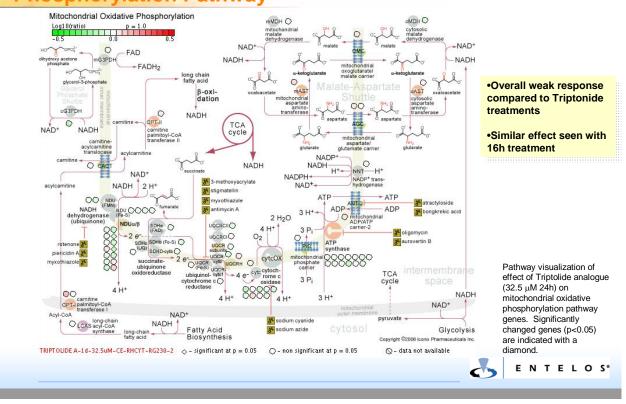
Slide 22: Triptonide treatment results in significant induction of genes in mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation pathway

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptonide at 24hr on mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation pathway. The response from triptonide treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptonide significantly induced a large number of genes involved in mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation.

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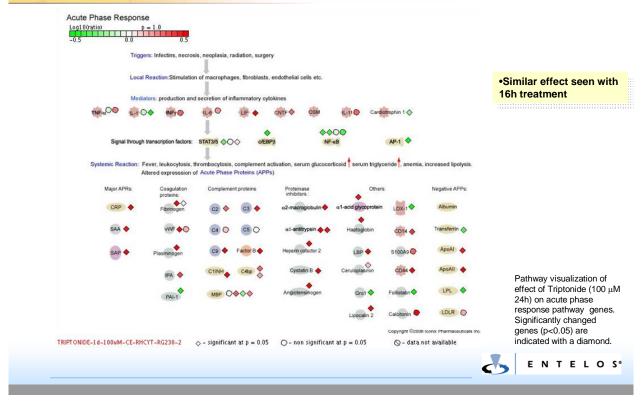
Triptolide Analogue Treatment Results in Minimal Perturbation of Genes in Mitochondrial Oxidative Phosphorylation Pathway



Slide 23: Triptolide analogue treatment results in minimal perturbation of genes in mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation pathway

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptolide analogue at 24hr on the mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation pathway. The response from triptolide analogue treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptolide analogue treatment resulted in minimal perturbation of genes in the mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation pathway.

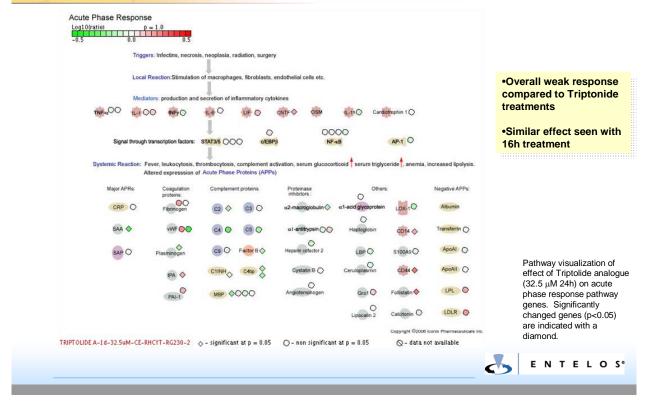
Triptonide Treatment Results in Significant Induction of Genes in Acute Phase Response Pathway



Slide 24: Triptonide treatment results in significant induction of genes in acute phase response pathway

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptonide at 24hr on acute phase response pathway. The response from triptonide treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptonide significantly induced genes involved in acute phase response.

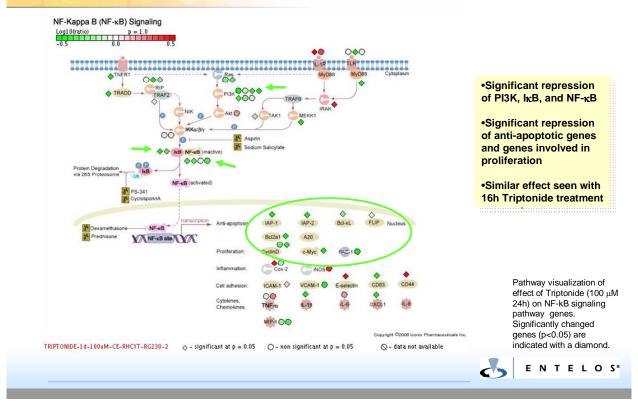
Triptolide Analogue Treatment Results in Minimal Perturbation of Genes in Acute Phase Response Pathway



Slide 25: Triptolide analogue treatment results in minimal perturbation of genes in acute phase response pathway

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptolide analogue at 24hr on acute phase response pathway. The response from triptolide analogue treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptolide analogue treatment resulted in minimal perturbation of genes in the acute phase response pathway.

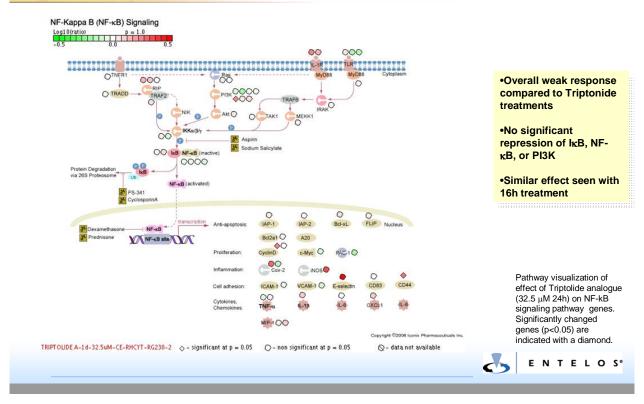




Slide 26: Triptonide treatment results in significant perturbation of genes in NF-kB signaling pathway

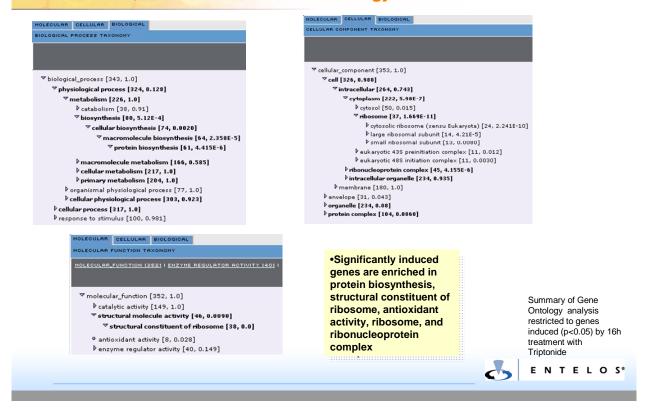
Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptonide at 24hr on NF-kB signaling pathway. The response from triptonide treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptonide significantly induced IL-1R and IRAK, but repressed down-stream factor PI3K, IkB and NF-kB. Significant repression of anti-apoptotic genes and genes involved in proliferation was observed following triptonide treatment, but Cox-2 and iNOS were induced.

Triptolide Analogue Treatment Results in Minimal Perturbation of Genes in NF-kB Signaling Pathway



Slide 27: Triptolide analogue treatment results in minimal perturbation of genes in NF-kB signaling pathway

Shown is the visualization of the effects of triptolide analogue at 24hr on the NF-kB signaling pathway. The response from triptolide analogue treatment on this pathway is indicated by circles and diamonds. Significantly induced or repressed genes (p<0.05) are indicated with a diamond. The coloring is based on the direction of the gene changes observed, where green represents downregulation and red represents upregulation. Triptolide analogue treatment resulted in minimal perturbation of genes in NF-kB signaling pathway.

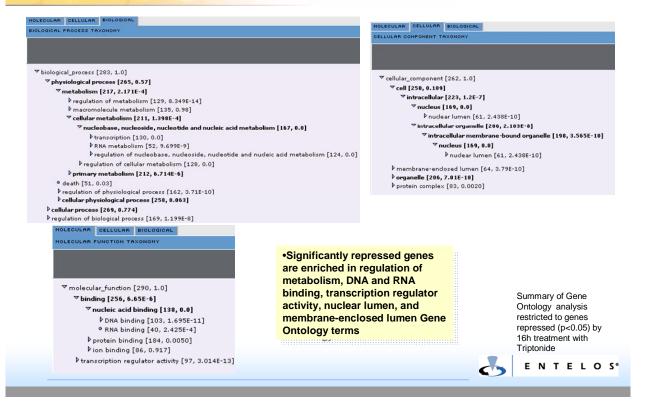


Slide 28: GO analysis with induced genes from triptonide 16h treatment indicates significance for protein biosynthesis, structural constituent of ribosome, and ribosome Gene Ontology terms

The Gene Ontology consortium has curated information for a large fraction of the genes that are used on the Affymetrix arrays. The Gene Ontology analysis determines whether a subset of selected genes is enriched in any Gene Ontology (GO) terms. The probability of the coincidence of the genes within the selected subset and the genes in each GO category is determined by the hypergeometric distribution and represented by a p value. Genes significantly (p<0.05) induced by triptonide treatment at 16hr were submitted to the Gene Ontology analysis. Protein biosynthesis and structural constituent of ribosome are significantly impacted Gene Ontology terms by triptonide

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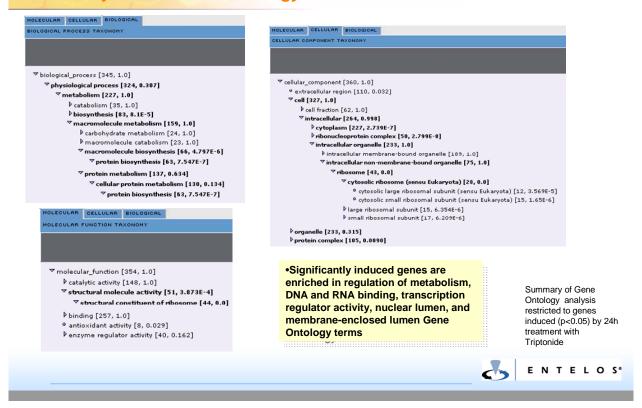
GO Analysis With Repressed Genes from Triptonide 16h Treatment Indicates Significance for Cellular Metabolism, Nucleic Acid Binding, and Nuclear Lumen Gene Ontology Terms



Slide 29: GO analysis with repressed genes from triptonide 16h treatment indicates significance for cellular metabolism, nucleic acid binding, and nuclear lumen Gene Ontology terms

Shown is the Gene Ontology analysis using genes significantly (p<0.05) repressed by triptonide treatment at 16hr. Cellular metabolism, nucleic acid binding are significantly impacted Gene Ontology terms by triptonide.

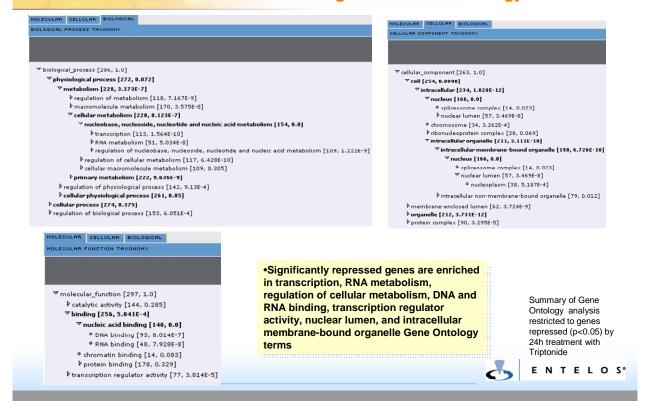
GO Analysis With Induced Genes from Triptonide 24h Treatment Indicates Significance for Structural Constituent of Ribosome and Protein Synthesis Gene Ontology Terms



Slide 30: GO analysis with induced genes from triptonide 24h treatment indicates significance for structural constituent of ribosome and protein synthesis Gene Ontology terms

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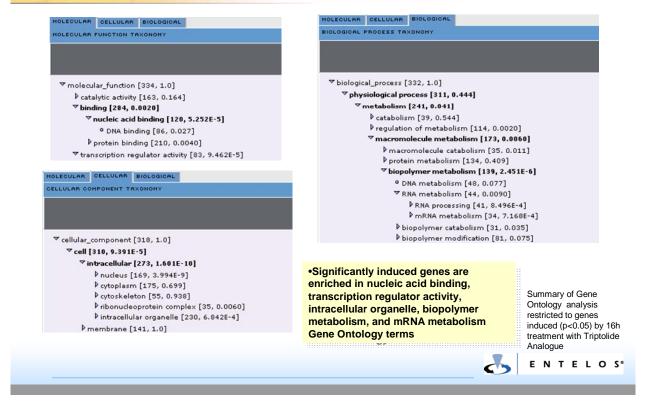
GO Analysis With Repressed Genes from Triptonide 24h Treatment Indicates Significance for Cellular Metabolism, Nucleic Acid Binding, and Intracellular Membrane-Bound Organelle Gene Ontology Terms



Slide 31: GO analysis with repressed genes from triptonide 24h treatment indicates significance for cellular metabolism, nucleic acid binding, and intracellular membrane-bound organelle Gene Ontology terms

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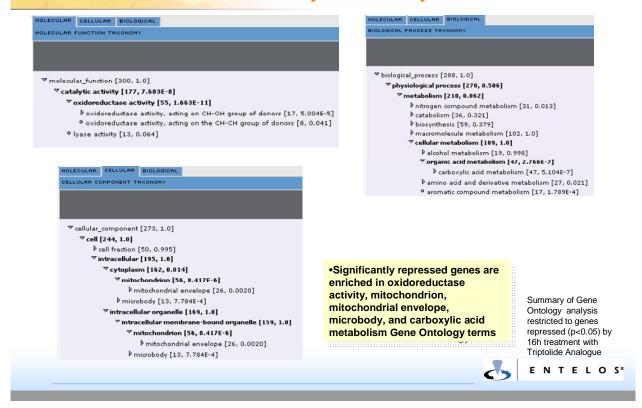
GO Analysis With Induced Genes from Triptolide Analogue 16h Treatment Indicates Significance for Nucleic Acid and Protein Binding and Nucleic Acid Metabolism



Slide 32: GO analysis with induced genes from triptolide analogue 16h treatment indicates significance for nucleic acid and protein binding and nucleic acid metabolism

Shown is the Gene Ontology analysis using genes significantly (p<0.05) induced by triptolide analogue treatment at 16hr. Nucleic acid and protein binding and nucleic acid metabolism are significantly impacted Gene Ontology terms by triptolide analogue.

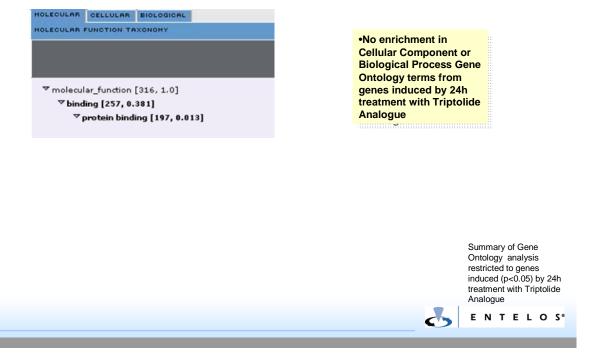
GO Analysis With Repressed Genes from Triptolide Analogue 16h Treatment Indicates Significance for Mitochondrial Genes and Genes Involved in Oxidoreductase Activity and Carboxylic Acid Metabolism



Slide 33: GO analysis with repressed genes from triptolide analogue 16h treatment indicates significance for mitochondrial genes and genes involved in oxidoreductase activity and carboxylic acid metabolism

Shown is the Gene Ontology analysis using genes significantly (p<0.05) repressed by triptolide analogue treatment at 16hr. Mitochondrion, oxidoreductase activity and carboxylic acid metabolism are significantly impacted Gene Ontology terms by triptolide analogue.

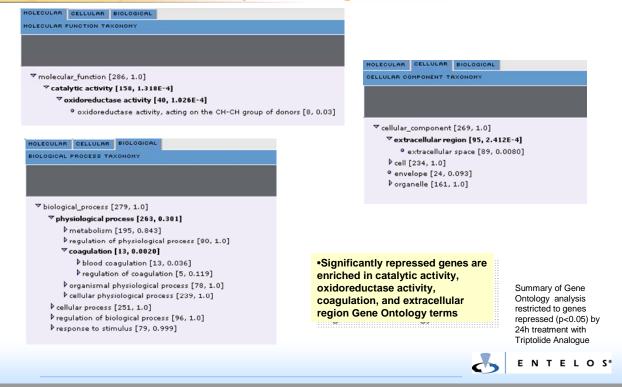
GO Analysis With Induced Genes from Triptolide Analogue ³⁴ 24h Treatment Indicates Significance for Genes in Protein Binding



Slide 34: GO analysis with induced genes from triptolide analogue 24h treatment indicates significance for genes in protein binding

Shown is the Gene Ontology analysis using genes significantly (p<0.05) induced by triptolide analogue treatment at 24hr. Protein binding is significantly impacted Gene Ontology term by triptolide analogue.

GO Analysis With Repressed Genes from Triptolide Analogue 24h Treatment Indicates Significance for Genes in Oxidoreductase Activity and Coagulation



Slide 35: GO analysis with repressed genes from triptolide analogue 24h treatment indicates significance for genes in oxidoreductase activity and coagulation

Shown is the Gene Ontology analysis using genes significantly (p<0.05) repressed by triptolide analogue treatment at 24hr. Oxidoreductase activity and coagulation are significantly impacted Gene Ontology terms by triptolide analogue.

Summary of Gene Ontology Analysis Results

	Induced	Repressed
Triptonide	Ribosomal protein synthesis	Nucleic acid binding and metabolism
Triptoniae	(16hr, 24hr)	(16hr, 24hr)
		Oxidoreductase activity, coagulation
Triptolide	Protein binding (24hr)	(24hr)
Analogue		
Analogue	Nucleic acid, protein binding and	Mitochondrial oxidoreductase activity,
	DNA, RNA metabolism (16hr)	carboxylic acid metabolism (16hr)



Slide 36: Summary of gene ontology analysis results

Triptonide treatments at 16 and 24hr show similar impact on Gene Ontology terms, inducing ribosomal protein synthesis and repressing nucleic acid binding and metabolism. Triptolide analogue induces protein binding and represses oxidoreductase activity at both time-points. Triptolide analogue also induces nucleic acid binding and metabolism and represses carboxylic acid metabolism at 16hr.

Summary of Gene Expression Findings

	Triptonide	Triptolide Analogue
Gene Perturbation	40-50%	<10%
Compound Similarity	Similar to free radical generator	Similar to H+/K+-ATPase inhibitor
Drug Signature Match	Strong match to hepatotoxicity, phospholipidosis, cholestasis and GSH depletion signatures	Weak to moderate match to hepatotoxicity, apoptosis signatures
Pathway Perturbation	Strongly impact pathways including mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, acute phase response, oxidative stress and xenobiotics metabolism	Minimal impact on pathways
Drug Metabolism	Strong induction of phase I and phase II drug metabolism genes, potential PXR/CAR activator	Significant induction of Cyp1a1, overall repression of Cyp2 family members
Oxidative Stress	Strong induction of antioxidant defense response and glutathione metabolism genes, indicative of oxidative stress	Minimal perturbation of genes involved in oxidative stress response
Gene Ontology	Induction of ribosomal protein biosynthesis and repression of nucleic acid binding and metabolism	Induction of nucleic acid and protein binding, repression of oxidoreductase activity



Slide 37: Summary of gene expression findings

Refer to the executive summary for discussions on gene expression findings.

Recommendations For Follow-Up Analyses of Gene Expression Findings

If further follow-up work is desired, we recommend in-depth contextual analysis to characterize the toxicological and pharmacological properties of Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue:

- Contextual analysis into the mechanisms of predicted hepatotoxicity, GSH depletion, phospholipidosis, and steatosis by Triptonide and apoptosis by Triptolide Analogue.
- Further compare Triptonide and Triptolide Analogue to other hepatocyte treatments in DrugMatrix to determine the significance of the induction of noted pathways, particularly with respect to compounds inducing changes in oxidative stress response and xenobiotic metabolism.
- In-depth analysis of significance of expression pattern of xenobiotic metabolism genes (especially CYP2b and CYP3 family members in regards to PXR/CAR activation).



Slide 38: Recommendations for follow-up analyses of gene expression findings

Refer to the executive summary for discussions on recommendations.