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The study contract will cover "Reporter gene expression in embryonic stem cell derived embryoid bodies as an endpoint for identifying potential embryotoxic or teratogenic substances". It will aim to promote further the scientific and regulatory acceptance of alternative methods, and to prevalidate or validate an embryonic stem cell assay which could be used as an embryotoxicity screening assay for base-set chemicals.

It also concerns the establishment of new toxicological endpoints which should be developed in order to simplify and facilitate the automation of such assays. The contract will last for two years.

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