# **CROWN BIOSCIENCE**

# 3D Ex Vivo Patient Tissue Platform

Evaluate oncology drugs in patient tumors with preserved native TME



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# **Moving Oncology Models Closer to the Clinic**

Patient-relevant translational systems that better mimic the heterogeneity and molecular/genetic complexity of human tumors are needed to:

- Understand drug effects on fresh patient tissue with native TME in 3D which is the most physiologically relevant environment preclinically
- Gain more accurate insights beyond general cell viability
- Evaluate immunotherapy effects including immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI) with endogenous immune cells
- Obtain more data for determining whether to progress a candidate into the clinic

#### Introducing a Unique 3D Ex Vivo Patient Tissue Platform

Make better informed decisions about progressing your oncology and immuno-oncology therapeutic candidates with the most patient-relevant *ex vivo* system available.

- From patients to assay plate within 24 hours
- Preserves native TME with endogenous immune cells, fibroblasts, and other stromal components
- Patient-specific plate: 50-300 patient tumor tissues directly seeded in hydrogel matrix in 384-well format
- Mono- and combination therapy assessment, including ICI evaluation *in vitro*
- Additional sample characterization available through flow cytometry, IHC, cytokine analysis, and next generation sequencing



# Key advantages:

# Physiologically Relevant 3D Models

Leveraging fresh patient tumors with endogenous immune cells, fibroblasts, and stromal components preserving the native TME, sourced through qualified tumor tissue providers

# • High-Throughput Platform

Enable efficient combination and dosing regimen evaluations

### • Multiple Read-outs

Select from a variety of readouts including high content imaging for efficient combination and dosing regimen evaluations, and flow cytometry for in depth evaluation of the immune population.

# Accurate Results

**Original patient tissue** 

Tumor killing and immune cell proliferation are accurately measured via phenotypic analysis to support important R&D decisions

# Preserving Patient Tumor Biology



Breast



Bladder



Ovarian

Mesothelioma



Cervical



Lung

# AE PAX-6 WIT-1

Representative ex vivo 3D cultured tumor tissue





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Patient tissues supplied by Vitroscan Ex vivo testing protocols established for a wide range of solid tumors representing patient tumor biology

# **Evaluating Combination Treatments With Autologous Cocultures**



High resolution images of the effect of tumor-targeting compounds combined with autologous PBMCs on ex vivo tissue isolated from resected NSCLC tumors.



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# Assessing Differential Responses to Standard of Care in Patients



Concentration-dependent tumor killing response to chemotherapeutic drugs 5-FU and doxorubicin, observed in ex vivo tumor tissue isolated from breast cancer patient

# **Discriminating Therapeutic Effects On Tumor and Immune Cell Populations**

- Dissect different cell populations within samples by separating tumoroids by size
- Identify big tumor clusters versus immune cells
- Assess tumor killing activity and immune cell proliferation using phenotypic analysis



Decreased tumor cell Increased population immune cell count





# **Reporting on Immunotherapy Responses with Phenotypic Readouts**





# **Defining Immune Niche Composition**

A. Identification of clinically relevant immunosuppressive Tregs using IHC (FOXP3) and Flow cytometry (CD45+CD3+CD4+CD25+FOXP3+) in a fresh *ex vivo* sample B Detection of EpCAM+ tumor clusters and CD3+ single cells by immunofluorescence in *ex vivo* sample after 6 days in culture

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