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Makers @ HS/HSL: Drug Toxicity Screening

Maker:	Bryan Mackowiak
Affiliation:	<u>Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of</u> <u>Maryland, Baltimore School of Pharmacy</u>
Project:	Design and 3D print a custom 96-well plate
Used:	Tinkercad, Afinia H480

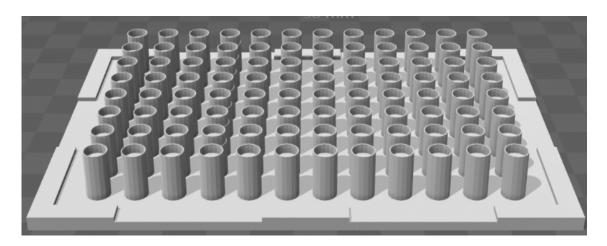
Bryan Mackowiak used the HS/HSL Innovation Space to learn basic 3D modeling skills to bring to life his design idea for a 96-well plate system that could be a boon to chemical testing methods. Bryan is a third-year Pharmaceutical Sciences student who works in Dr. Hongbing Wang's lab. The lab's research has shed light on how little is known about how metabolism affects the safety and toxicity of common drugs and environmental compounds. According to Mackowiak, "the majority of metabolites from environmental compounds that go into our bodies haven't been studied to the extent that regulated drugs have been studied."

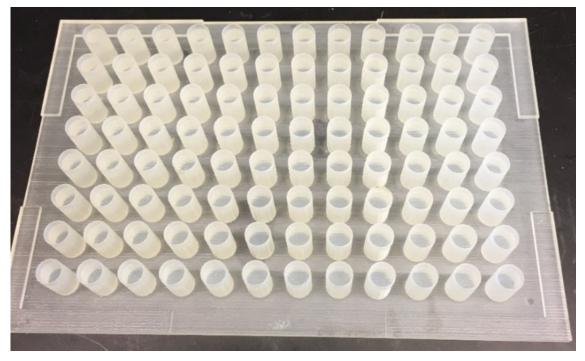
The Wang lab submitted Mackowiak's well plate design to <u>Transform Tox Testing</u> <u>Challenge: Innovating for Metabolism</u>, a tiered competition for \$1 million, launched by the <u>EPA</u>, the NIH's <u>National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences</u> (NCATS), and the <u>National Toxicology Program</u>. The challenge posed to scientists is to find new ways to incorporate physiological levels of chemical metabolism into high-throughput screening (HTS) assays. The lab learned earlier this year that their

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Mackowiak's well plate design is innovative for multiple reasons, including:

- it uses a co-culture system that allows scientists to add metabolism to toxicity assays to examine whether physiological relevant metabolites have any inherent toxicity
- it can be retro fitted with existing high-throughput screening systems, making it cheap and easy to implement





Mackowiak's initial 96-well plate design rendered in Tinkercad above. Below, his final design 3D printed by Potomac Photonics.

Mackowiak modeled his design using Tinkercad, a free online CAD program, and 3D printed the first few prototypes at the HS/HSL Innovation Space. These prints helped

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concept well plate that was used for actual data collection.

Bryan recently spoke about his entrepreneurial work at the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Expo, an event organized by the student-run Entrepreneurship and Innovation Network, to highlight our campus's entrepreneurial progress and achievements. HS/HSL Innovation Space staff were also part of the Expo. Stay tuned to the Tox Testing Challenge website to follow the lab's competition status.



Bryan Mackowiak, 3rd year Pharmacy Student

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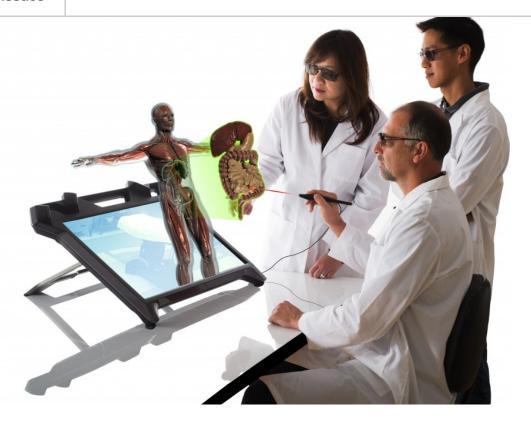
- 1. Augmenting Reality in the Operating Room (umaryland.edu)
- 2. <u>University of Maryland will be a Research Center for 3D Bioprinting</u> (technical.ly)
- 3. <u>Three Dimensional Surgical Modeling with an Open-Source Software Protocol</u> (nih.gov)

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