Volume 7 Issue 1 January 2023

Short Communication

Zebrafish: A Powerful Tool in Drug Discovery and Development

Neeraj Verma*

Hygia College of Pharmacy, Lucknow, India *Corresponding Author: Neeraj Verma, Hygia College of Pharmacy, Lucknow, India.

DOI: 10.31080/ASMS.2023.07.1421

Animal models are non-human animal species which may be used to recognize unique biological methods and to acquire informations which could offer a perception into working of different organisms. Animal models are crucial tool for addressing essential scientific questions on illnesses and for the development of new therapeutic approaches. Among the various version organisms, the zebrafish (Danio rerio) is one of the leading models to look at developmental biology, most cancers, toxicology, drug discovery, and molecular genetics. The zebrafish has been used as a good opportunity vertebrate model for the study of human skeletal illnesses, because of its genetic manipulation, excessive fecundity, outside fertilization, transparency of hastily growing embryos, and occasional renovation fee.

Zebrafish is a tropical freshwater fish, inhabitant of rivers (Ganges mainly) of Himalayan vicinity of South Asia specifically India, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. It is a bony fish (teleost) that belongs to the family Cyprinidae below the class Actinopterygii (ray-finned fishes). Zebrafish became first used as a biological model by George Streisinger (University of Oregon) withinside the Seventies as it became easier over mouse and clean to govern genetically.

The use of zebrafish as a model organism were given impetus from the 1990s while it became used to develop two big genetic mutants, one through Nobel Prize winner Christiane Nusslein-Volhard in Tubingen, Germany, and the other by Wolfgang Driever and Mark Fishman in Boston, USA.

Zebrafish has a number of physiological and genetic similarities with human beings, which includes the mind, digestive tract, musculature, vasculature, and innate immune system [1-7]. Also Received: November 21, 2022 Published: December 07, 2022 © All rights are reserved by Neeraj Verma.

70% of human ailment genes have purposeful similarities with the ones of zebrafish [8].

D. Rario is favoured through scientists due to its style of capabilities that make it beneficial as a model organism. The embryo develops hastily outside mother and optically clean and for that reason, effortlessly reachable for experimentation and observation. The embryo develops very fast, and the blastula level lasts most effective for 3 h, even as gastrulation receives finished in 5 h; in an embryo this is approximately 18 h old, very well-evolved ears, eyes, segmenting muscles, and brain may be considered because the embryo is transparent. By 24 h, segmentation receives finished, and most primary organ systems are formed. By 72 h, the embryo hatches out from the eggshell and withinside the subsequent 2 days begins hunting for food. In a duration of simply 4 days, the embryo converts hastily right into a small model of adult. The fast improvement simplifies improvement and genetic studies. The adult zebrafish attains sexual maturity very quickly, having generation time of approximately 10 weeks, and additionally this tiny fish has exact fecundity rate. When stored below most reliable situations, the zebrafish can lay approximately 200 eggs per week [9,10]. Under laboratory situations the zebrafish can spawn through the year that guarantees the steady deliver of offspring from exact pairs that makes this transparent fish an imperative preference for big-scale genetic processes to perceive novel genes and to find out their unique capabilities in vertebrates [11]. The zebrafish is a completely difficult fish and may be very clean to raise. In addition to the capabilities of zebrafish noted above, it calls for very low area and renovation fee. These features make this fish an appealing version organism for developmental, toxicological, and transgenic studies [12].

Citation: Neeraj Verma. "Zebrafish: A Powerful Tool in Drug Discovery and Development". Acta Scientific Medical Sciences 7.1 (2023): 12-14.

Most of the organs and tissues determined in human beings and zebrafish are the equal besides lungs and prostrate and mammary glands. The cloning of mutated genes screened for unique phenotypes in zebrafish is similar in human beings and for that reason serves as version for human ailment and to look at underlying mechanisms. The first human ailment diagnosed the usage of zebrafish became a blood ailment related to unique disorder in hemoglobin manufacturing via ALAS2 mutated gene [13]. Many different mutants which display phenotypic similarities to human ailment had been screened and diagnosed. These consist of neurological situations [14], hematological condition [15,16], cardiovascular illnesses [17], muscle ailment [18] and cancers [19,20], Parkinson's ailment [21], anxiety, and post-annoying strain ailment [22].

Zebrafish is a hit and flexible animal model system, imparting a device to version gene function, improvement of numerous organ structures, most cancers studies, toxicology, drug discovery, human ailment and issues and additionally in aquaculture, etc. due to the fact low fee and clean renovation, obvious embryo, clean manipulation, excessive fecundity, and fast embryonic improvement choose the zebrafish as an appealing version for in vivo assays with simplicity and flexibility of in vitro assays over mammalian fashions which lack all of those benefits. The destiny of zebrafish as version organism may be very bright. In coming years, an accelerated range of stories are predicted at the software of zebrafish as a powerful bioindicator.

Bibliography

- 1. Gore AV., *et al.* "Vascular development in the zebrafish". *Cold Spring Harbor Perspectives in Medicine* 2.5 (2012): a006684.
- 2. Kanungo J., *et al.* "Zebrafish model in drug safety assessment". *Current Pharmaceutical Design* 20.34 (2014): 5416-5429.
- Kalueff AV., *et al.* "Zebrafish as an emerging model for studying complex brain disorders". *Trends in Pharmacological Sciences* 35.2 (2014): 63-75.
- 4. Guyon JR., *et al.* "Modeling human muscle disease in zebrafish". *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* 1772.2 (2007): 205-215.
- 5. Weinstein B. "Vascular cell biology *in vivo*: A new piscine paradigm?" *Trends in Cell Biology* 12.9 (2002): 439-445.

- 6. Lieschke GJ, *et al.* "Morphologic and functional characterization of granulocytes and macrophages in embryonic and adult zebrafish". *Blood* 98.10 (2001): 3087-3096.
- 7. Zhao S., *et al.* "A fresh look at zebrafish from the perspective of cancer research". *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Cancer Research* 34. 80 (2015).
- Santoriello C and Zon LI. "Hooked! Modeling human disease in zebrafish". *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* 122.7 (2012): 2337-2343.
- Brand M., et al. "Keeping and raising zebrafish". In: Nusslein-Volhard C, Dahm R, editors. Zebrafish: A Practical Approach. Oxford: Oxford University Press; (2002): 7-37.
- 10. Carpio Y and Estrada MP. "Zebrafish as a genetic model organism". *Biotecnologia Aplicada* 23 (2006): 265-270.
- 11. Pelegri F. "Mutagenesis". In: Nusslein-Volhard C, Dahm R, editors. Zebrafish: A Practical Approach". Oxford: Oxford University Press; (2002): 145-174.
- 12. Lele Z and Krone PH. "The zebrafish as a model system in developmental, toxicological and transgenic research". *Biotechnology Advances* 14.1 (1996): 57-72.
- 13. Chitramuthu BP. "Modeling human disease and development in zebrafish". *Human Genetic Embryology* 3 (2013): e108.
- Gama Sosa MA., et al. "Modeling human neurodegenerative diseases in transgenic systems". Human Genetics 131 (2013): 535-563.
- 15. Berman J., *et al.* "The zebrafish as a tool to study hematopoiesis, human blood diseases, and immune function". *Advances in Hematology* 2012.2 (2012).
- Brownlie A., *et al.* "Positional cloning of the zebrafish sauternes gene: A model for congenital sideroblastic anaemia". *Nature Genetics* 20 (1998): 244-250
- 17. Sehnert AJ., *et al.* "Cardiac troponin T is essential in sarcomere assembly and cardiac contractility". *Nature Genetics* 31 (2002): 106-110.
- 18. Lin YY. "Muscle diseases in the zebrafish". *Neuromuscular Disorders* 22 (2012): 673-684.
- 19. Liu S and Leach SD. "Zebrafish models for cancer". *Annual Review of Pathology* 6 (2011): 71-93.

- 20. Patton EE., *et al.* "BRAF mutations are sufficient to promote nevi formation and cooperate with p53 in the genesis of melanoma". *Current Biology* 15 (2005): 249-254.
- 21. Sarath Babu N., *et al.* "1-Methyl-4- phenyl-1, 2,3, 6-tetrahydropyridine induced Parkinson's disease in zebrafish". *Proteomics* 16 (2016): 14071-14420.
- 22. Chakravarty S., *et al.* "Chronic unpredictable stress (CUS)-induced anxiety and related mood disorders in a zebrafish model: Altered brain proteome profile implicates mitochondrial dysfunction". *PLoS One* 8 (2013): e63302.