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TrueTissue

Biofidelic Skin Surrogate for Less-Lethal Weapons Testing

BACKGROUND AND CHALLENGE

Less-lethal weapons are employed by law enforcement or military forces in situations where lethal force is prohibited or undesirable. To ensure development of less-lethal weapons capable of the intended use, safety assessments are critical. Ballistic injury surrogates have been limited by high costs, variable outcomes, and lack of a predictive injury response. A skin surrogate for penetration evaluations is needed for greater confidence of safety.

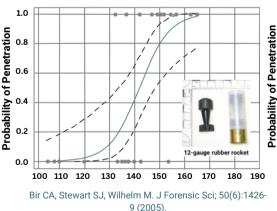
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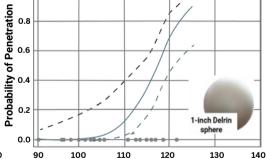
Luna Labs has developed TrueTissue[™], a physical skin surrogate which demonstrates mechanical properties comparable to human skin with less sample-to-sample variability.

- Designed to mimic the structure of human skin
- Demonstrates high consistency in munition impact response
- Validated to accurately assess penetration risk with multiple less lethal munitions

Assessment of penetration risk for multiple less lethal projectiles has been demonstrated with TrueTissue. TrueTissue test results show velocity-dependent injury response curves with 90% confidence bounds for two different projectiles.

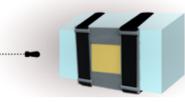
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TrueTissue secured to gelatin block and impacted with a nonlethal projectile.

Inspect

Injury

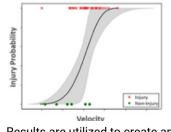
No Injury





Skin surrogates are inspected for penetration indicating injury or no injury.





Results are utilized to create an injury probability function to ensure effective weapon use.



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