

**Subject:** Please Support Animal Testing Alternatives

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I am writing to request that you please embrace any and all valid alternatives to invasive animal testing. In our pursuit of knowledge, I believe that we have a duty to do as little harm as possible, and that is certainly less than the amount of harm we are doing now. In the animal research field, we have a responsibility to seek an end to any treatment that is found to induce suffering, and to avoid unnecessary replication of animal procedures.

Logically, the suffering of animals in research *should* be of concern to researchers, since stressed animals will respond abnormally- both behaviorally and physiologically- and abnormal response can skew results and endanger the validity of an experiment.

Science has provided us with solutions for countless problems. In time, it will provide a solution for this one, too. Please advance that end by supporting and developing all possible alternatives to invasive animal experimentation.

Thank you,

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