

Subject: ICCVAM and Alternatives to Animal Testing

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To whom it may concern:

I find it very disturbing that the Interagency Coordinating Committee for Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) has approved only one non-animal test method originating in the U.S. This is particularly depressing when one considers that the ECVAM has approved dozens of test methods which do not require animals.

I was under the impression that the ICCVAM would be a strong vehicle to support development and adoption of animal-free testing, but the opposite is true. Due to the lack of progress at the ICCVAM animals continue to die needlessly and human health suffers as animal tests continue to lead to less accurate and less sensitive information as regards human health.

I would like to see ICCVAM step it up in the alternative testing area and immediately accept internationally validated non-animal tests.

Sincerely,

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