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Comments: Dear Sirs:

As scientists, we recognize the need for valid and reliable test measures. Therefore, we feel that the continued use of animals in research is not warranted when other more accurate and sensitive non-animal tests are available. We urge you to support the acceptance of internationally validated non-animal tests.

To date, the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) has approved only one non-animal test method originating in the U.S. A shameful record when ICCVAM's European counter, ECVAM, has approved dozens.

Rather than being a vehicle to support development and adoption of animal-free testing, ICVAM has done little in comparison to what can and should be done. As a result, animals continue to needlessly die and human health suffers as animal tests continue to lead to less accurate and less sensitive information regarding human health.

Thank you,

Drs. Ryan and Rosemary Lindle
