

Subject: Step into the 21st Century!
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To whom it may concern,
this is to strongly urge the ICCVAM to step into the 21st century by accepting internationally validated non-animal methods, including non-animal test methods for skin and eye irritation, phototoxicity, and pyrogenicity, and to follow the additional December 2006 recommendations of the animal protection community.

Will you please take the following into consideration?

ICCVAM's European counterpart has approved dozens of non-animal test methods, while ICCVAM has approved only one in its 10 years of existence. Clinging to decades-old animal-poisoning tests that were never proved to be relevant to humans to begin with causes two major problems. First, animals are being killed needlessly, when non-animal tests could be adopted instead. Second, public health is jeopardized, as non-animal test methods have been demonstrated to be more accurate, more sensitive, and more protective of public health.

In other words, instead of continuing to be part of the problem, will you please let ICCVAM become part of the solution?

Sincerely
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