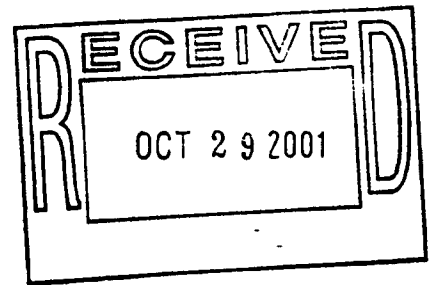


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*RE: Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro  
Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity*

Dear Dr. Stokes:

As an animal lover and a citizen of the United States, I am asking the NIES to *please* use in vitro cell culture tests to **immediately** replace animal lethal dose tests. I do not understand the "science" in poisoning animals, especially when the results are conflicting in different types of animals, and cannot be at all helpful to human beings. The torture and suffering the animals have had to endure must stop.

Please, Dr. Stokes, do what you can to help the animals that (many people seem to forget) feel pain and fear, and suffer needlessly at the hands of human beings.

Thank you so much for your help in making this world a better place to live, for all of us.

Sincerely,

Linda Cobban-McManus

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