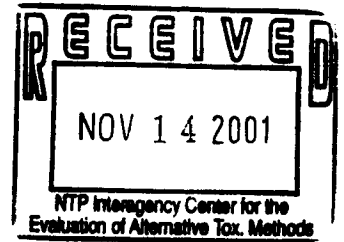


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Dear Dr. Stokes,

I am writing to comment on the use of in-vitro cell cultures as a replacement for lethal animal tests and to ask that NIEHS begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in-vitro testing methods. With the availability of these new testing methods, NIEHS and other similar institutions should do all they can to reduce the use and suffering of the sentient beings currently being used.

Sincerely,

Christine Richard