

Dear Dr Stokes

I am an Australian vet and am writing to request that -

1. NIEHS should adopt the new non-animal test methods immediately.

The non-animal test methods have been considered for nearly 20 years, and animals should not continue to suffer and die because of bureaucratic inertia.

2. NIEHS recommends using the nonanimal method to set the starting dose for further animal-poisoning tests. While this is a step in the right direction because it may reduce the number of animals killed, it does not go far enough. Government agencies should use in vitro cell culture tests to completely replace the inhumane use of animals in lethal dose tests.

Yours faithfully

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