

NTP BSC Immunotoxicology Criteria Working Group (ICWG)

The NTP developed draft immunotoxicology criteria loosely based on those used to evaluate NTP carcinogenicity studies. The NTP convened a working group in August 2008 that was given the following charge:

To evaluate the suitability and utility of proposed criteria for describing the results from individual NTP immunotoxicology studies to indicate the strength of the evidence for their conclusions.

The ICWG reviewed and discussed the draft NTP criteria, tested their utility by applying them to case studies, and reached consensus about changes needed in the draft criteria to facilitate their use. The draft ICWG report outlines the meeting and presents the ICWG's recommendations for revised immunotoxicology criteria.

Process

Dr. Nancy Kerkvliet, ICWG chair, will present the draft report followed by BSC discussion and action.

Action

The BSC will vote on acceptance of the ICWG's report. The BSC can vote to (1) accept the report as written, (2) accept with revision (assuming identifiable edits are needed), or (3) not accept. Please note: the BSC can have additional discussion about the draft criteria that will be captured in the minutes for this meeting and still accept the report.

Lead Discussants

Ray Novak and Russell Cattley

Discussion Questions

- Do you have any comments on the ICWG report?
- Do you have any comments on the proposed revised criteria?
- Do you have any comments on the "Points for NTP consideration in applying the criteria"?

Materials

- Criteria for NTP Immunotoxicology Studies. Report from the Immunotoxicology Criteria Working Group (ICWG) of the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors