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Department of Energy • Department of the Interior • Department of Transportation • Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development  
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National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences • National Institute of Standards and Technology • National Institutes of Health  
National Library of Medicine • Occupational Safety and Health Administration

ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000: To establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing ( 3Rs ) animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness.

### 7 Regulatory Agencies

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### 10 Research Agencies

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National Library of Medicine  
National Institutes of Health  
Department of Defense  
Department of Energy  
National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development

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NCATS, Tox21 Representatives, and NICEATM

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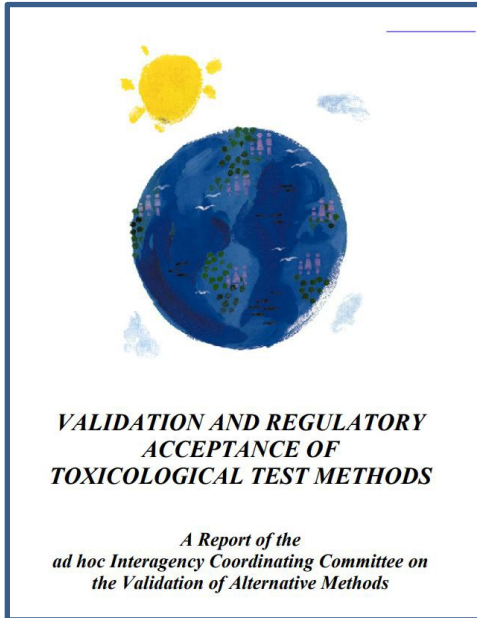


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# ICCVAM: Validation Workgroup

## Updating the ICCVAM Report



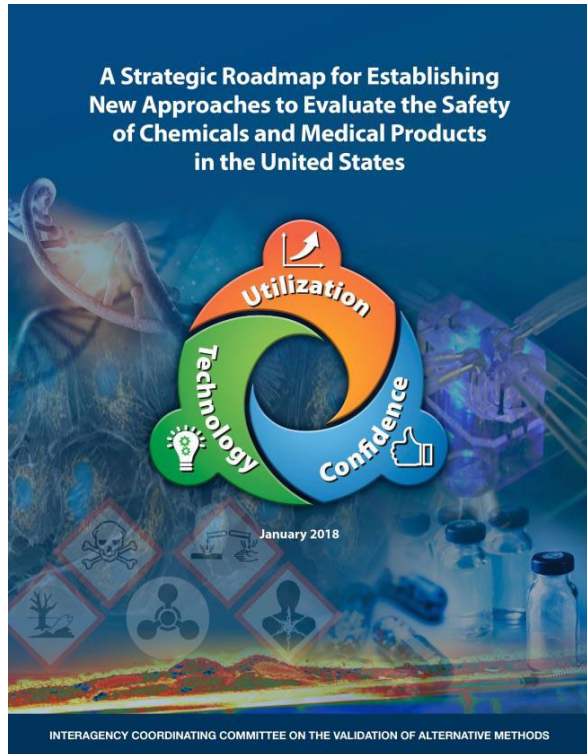
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“Advances in science and technology have not been effectively leveraged to predict adverse human health effects”



Help end users guide the development of the new methods



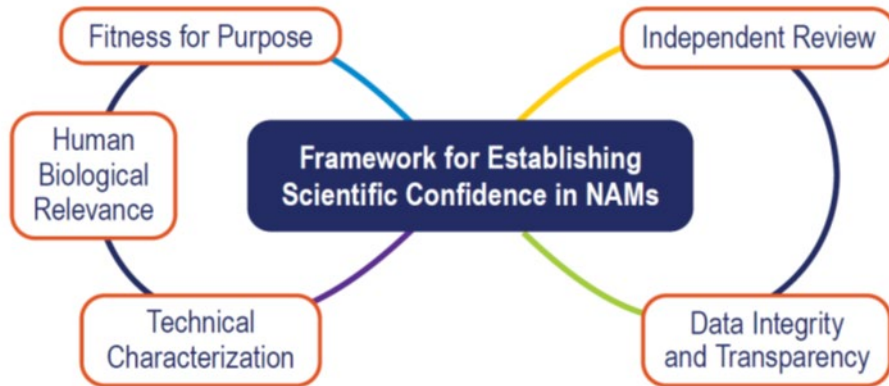
Use efficient and reliable approaches to establish confidence in new methods



Encourage the adoption of new methods by federal Agencies and regulated industries



## ICCVAM Roadmap: Inspiring papers on how to increase confidence:

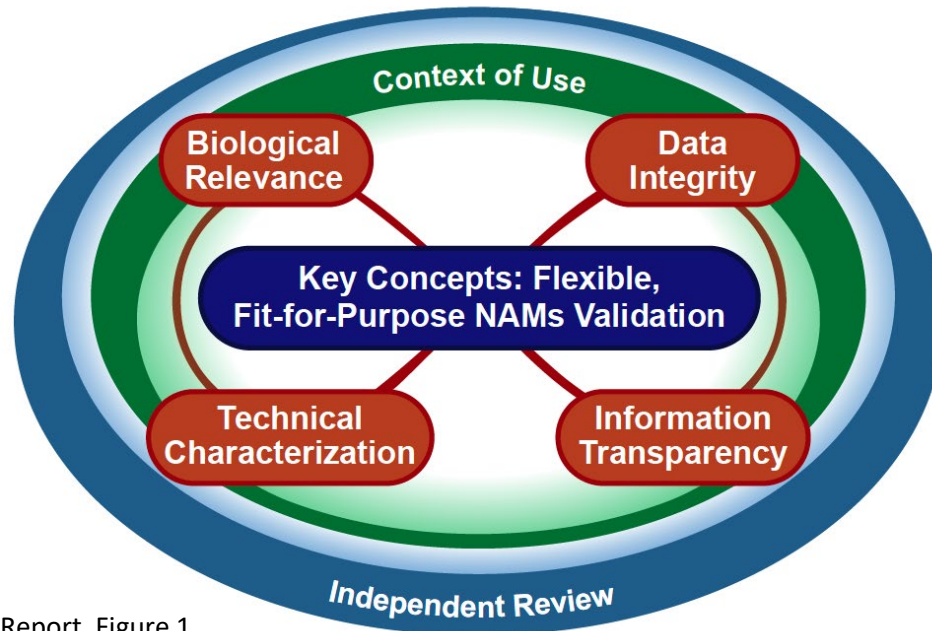


van der Zalm et al. 2022 Arch Tox



A. Harrill , EPA NAMs Conference,  
Oct 2022

## Key Concepts to Consider During Development and Implementation of Flexible, Fit for Purpose NAMs Validation Strategies





# **Validation, Qualification, and Regulatory Acceptance of New Approach Methodologies**

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Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) Validation  
Workgroup

## Topics of Consideration

1. Foster the use of efficient, flexible, and robust practices to establish confidence in new methods
2. Developing and evaluating flexible practices that consider context of use to build confidence in new methods
3. Recommendations to facilitate regulatory acceptance
4. Determine how new principles of validation can fit into a globally harmonized approach to allow for continued mutual acceptance of data

## Topics of Consideration

5. Reference existing and well-vetted documents (e.g., GIVIMP, OECD GD34, GD69 on QSAR Validation, FDA Guidance for Industry, etc.)
6. Outlining best laboratory practices
7. Examining best practices for quality and quality systems development

## Validation Work Group

- Scope and Charges were developed in March of 2021.
- Completed the draft version of the document in August 2023
- The document was cleared by all participating federal agencies.
- The Federal Registry notice was published on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The document went out for Public Comments August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Public comment period ended September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Public Comments: Terminology

- NAM definition
- “predictive” vs. “protective”
- “validation” vs. “qualification”
- Use of flexible vs prescriptive language
  - i.e. some commenters asking for use of the term “required”
- “as good as or better” concept

## Public Comments: Role of ICCVAM

- Communication amongst stakeholders
- Ensuring clear and up-to-date communication from agencies
- 5 Cs (confidence, collaboration, clarity, communication, commitment...)
- Clarify in executive summary the role of this guidance to support diverse needs across agencies and the importance of communicating directly with individual agencies

## Public Comments: Context of Use (COU)

- How to expand COU?
- What information and evaluation are needed to expand an existing COU?

## Public Comments: Additional Topics for Discussion

- Transferability and/or interlaboratory evaluation: when is it needed?
- Biological relevance
  - How to integrate diverse evidence streams?
  - Necessity for AOPs?
- How to transparently describe animal reference data to set expectations for assessing the performance of NAMs?
- Comments around need for standards or use of “good practices”.





**Thank You.**