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Dear Ken:

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has reviewed the toxicological test recommendations from the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), which you sent to us on March 21, 2003.

Pursuant to the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-545), the NLM is responding to the ICCVAM recommendation that the Up-and-Down procedure be used in place of the conventional LD50 procedure to reduce and refine animal use. NLM has no regulatory or guidance responsibilities directly applicable to the recommended testing methods. NLM, however, will facilitate access to the validated methods and published test results through its databases.

Best wishes.

Yours truly,

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Director