Dear Dr. Stokes:

Thank you for asking the National Cancer Institute to review the ICCVAM Evaluation Report: *In Vitro Cytotoxicity Test Methods for Estimating Starting Doses for Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Tests*. As a member agency of ICCVAM we support the standardized protocols for the in vitro test methods. As NCI is not a regulatory agency, these guidelines do not apply to the basic research we perform. Thank you again for permitting us to evaluate these proposed recommendations.

Sincerely,

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