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Dear RADM Stokes:

Dr. Linda Birnbaum recently requested Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) review of a report titled, *ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Report: The LUMI-CELL ER (BG1Luc ER TA) Test Method, An In Vitro Assay for Identifying Human Estrogen Receptor Agonist and Antagonist Activity of Chemicals* (NIH Publication No. 11-7850). This product was prepared by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and your organization.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/ATSDR agrees with your proposed test method recommendations for screening and identifying substances for potential estrogen receptor agonist and antagonist activity. These recommendations should be considered before using whole animals for toxicity testing.

CDC/ATSDR uses experimental toxicity testing data but does not perform such testing. At this time, we do not have any alternative test methods to recommend. We will encourage the use of your methods when appropriate.

If you need further information, please contact Dr. Moiz Mumtaz, Science Advisor for the Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences (DTHHS), at (770) 488-3349, or Dr. John Wheeler, Acting Associate Director of Science, DTHHS, at (770) 488-0775.

Thank you for your efforts to reduce and replace the use of animals in toxicity testing.

Sincerely,

/s/

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