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Dr. William S. Stokes, Director
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Dear Dr. Stokes,

I am researcher at Wayne State University School of Medicine who is involved in translational research. I commend your agency's commitment to develop an effective assay for endocrine-disruptor estrogen receptor binding and transcriptional activation. This is an extremely important issue that will impact the health of a large number of people. It is essential that products and chemicals be properly tested for safety.

I strongly recommend that NICEATM validate the cell-based estrogen receptor (ER) transcription activation (TA) test method from CertiChem Inc. The Robotic MCF-7 Cell Proliferation Assay of Estrogenic Activity developed by CertiChem showed excellent performance in terms of reliability and accuracy.

Sincerely,

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