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Dr. Stokes,

I urge ICCVAM/NICEATM to recommend federal agencies immediately begin accepting alternative methods found to be useful in eye irritancy testing; (2) to move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms;

and (3) go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating non-animal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test.

It is

my understanding the Draize test is conducted on rabbits, causing pain and

suffering, while the alternative methods under consideration use eyes salvaged from animals killed for other purposes. Please support the alternative methods in the testing of eye irritants in animals. Thank you

for your consideration.

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