

**From:** Cynthia Kimura  
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**To:** NIEHS NICEATM  
**Subject:** Draize test

Dear Mr. Stokes,

I am writing to encourage you to immediately recommend that federal agencies begin accepting alternative methods to the Draize test. As you know these methods have been proven very useful by the panel from ICCVAM and NICEATM. Examples of alternatives range from use of eyes salvaged from animals killed for other purposes to use of membrane from chicken embryos. I am also asking that you move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms. I would also like to suggest that you go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the Draize test. It is time to stop the outdated and cruel Draize test. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Kimura-Katalo  
Educator