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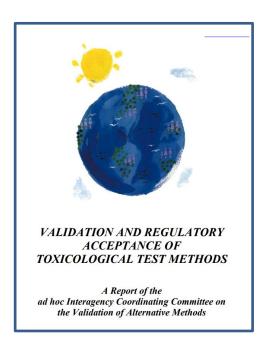
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#### **ICCVAM: Validation Workgroup**

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- 1. Foster the use of efficient, flexible, and robust practices to establish confidence in new methods
  - Clearly delineate testing requirements and context of use
  - Promote the use of new approaches for establishing confidence
  - Utilize public-private partnerships to promote cross-sector communication and cooperation



- 2. Developing and evaluating flexible practices that consider context of use to build confidence in new methods
  - Biological and mechanistic relevance to human or appropriate taxa
    - Components of NAMs and how they map to taxa appropriate mechanistic information (e.g., using AOP frameworks)
    - Integrating multiple NAMs together into IATAs and DAs that provide sufficient biological coverage to predict endpoints in humans or other species of interest
  - Characterization of the animal reference data and their relevance to humans or other relevant taxa
  - Case studies/examples



- 3. Recommendations to facilitate regulatory acceptance
  - Regulatory considerations
    - Understanding regulatory needs and decision contexts
  - Understanding how NAMs fit into regulatory requirements/decision contexts
    - Application within context of use/fit for purpose
    - Regulatory decision frameworks (e.g., classification and labeling, risk assessment)
  - Intra- and interagency coordination and harmonization
  - Communication and training to encourage use of NAMs



4. Determine how new principles of validation can fit into a globally harmonized approach to allow for continued mutual acceptance of data

5. Reference existing and well-vetted documents (e.g., GIVIMP, OECD GD34, GD69 on QSAR Validation, FDA Guidance for Industry, etc.)

- 6. Outlining best practices
  - Sensitivity, reproducibility, robustness, etc.



- 7. Examining best practices for quality and quality systems development
  - Incorporation of selected quality tools
    - Control charting
    - In-process control measurements
    - Flowcharts
    - Check sheets
  - Building a statistical model
  - Setting specifications



#### **Next Steps**

- Moving forward:
  - Format and organization of the document still under consideration.
  - VWG members and NICEATM staff will contribute to the drafting and editing.
  - ICCVAM at large will review and provide comment.
  - We encourage stakeholders to comment on the document.