

Attention: Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods Meeting
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Comments: "I'm a Professor and neuroscientist in the field of chronic pain and addiction. I've been working in this field for decades to develop better ways to treat pain to provide relief to 10s of millions of suffering people, without the negative side effects and addiction of drugs like opioids. At this time there is no way to replace the sensory, emotional, and cognitive process of pain and addiction without an intact living organism. No cell culture, no computer program, no epidemiological study can come close to replicating one of the most complex biological processes in the universe. Animal models are our best way to help humans. Without animals, we have no further progress. No new medications, no improved understanding, no reductions in disease and suffering. Do not replace sound science with political ideology. Reject this foolish and unscientific crusade."