

Hi,

Since the 1920s, scientists have studied acute toxicity using lethal poisoning tests in which animals are force-fed, injected with, or forced to inhale a chemical until they die. These tests are not only cruel, they are virtually irrelevant to humans (producing inaccurate and misleading results in almost half of all cases, whereas the non-animal cell culture tests have been found to be highly predictive of chemical toxicity in humans). While non-animal test methods are required to undergo rigorous scientific scrutiny ("validation") before they can be used, unbelievably animal tests have never been proved to be scientifically reliable, reproducible, or relevant to humans. In fact, one top scientist at the NIEHS workshop even stated that the results of lethal poisoning tests on rats aren't even relevant to rats, let alone to people! Yet the government wants this double standard to stay in place and continues to demand a far higher level of performance from non-animal tests.

Thanks,

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