

Dear Dr. William Stokes:

I have heard that scientists at the NIEHS workshop have agreed to a partial implementation of in vitro testing, to set a "starting dose" for lethal poisoning tests. I strongly support the use of in-vitro cell cultures as a replacement for lethal animal tests.

I encourage you to begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods. As the history of science shows, advancement in science is composed not merely of advancement in theory, but in methods and techniques. Often, in fact, it is advancement in techniques that unwittingly lead to new theorizing.

As a supporter of good science and a humanist, I ask you please to put in-vitro cell culture use near the top of your agenda.

Sincerely,  
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