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Dr. Stokes:

Re: Draize Tests

We all know that Draize test alternatives could reduce laboratory animal pain and suffering!

I am urging that ICCVAM/NICEATM to please recommend the federal agencies to begin accepting alternative methods found to be useful - immediately; to move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms; and to go beyond current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test.

We are way past the time to use live animals for this test.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

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