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Dear Dr. Stokes:

I am writing to comment on the "Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity."

I am pleased that the scientists at the NIEHS workshop have agreed to a partial implementation of in vitro testing, to set a "starting dose" for the lethal poisoning tests, which would have the effect of further reducing the number of animals in the tests. I would urge the NIEHS to begin efforts to *completely* replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

Thank you,

Sara Gann