


JaCVAM statement

on the Vitrolife-Skin™, a 3-dimensional cultured skin model for skin corrosivity testing

At the meeting concerning the above method, held on 22 April and 8 July 2008 at the National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS), Tokyo, Japan, the non-commission members of the Japanese Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods (JaCVAM) regulatory acceptance board [1] unanimously endorsed the following statement:

Following the review of the results of the the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)-funded validation study on the Vitrolife-Skin™ skin corrosivity test coordinated by Japanese Society for Alternative to Animal Experiments (JSAAE), it is concluded that the Vitrolife-Skin™, a 3-dimensional cultured skin model can be used for distinguishing between corrosive and non-corrosive chemicals within the context of the OECD testing guidelines No. 431 on In Vitro Skin Corrosion: Human Skin Model Test.

The JaCVAM regulatory acceptance board has been regularly kept informed of the progress of the study, and this endorsement was based on an assessment of various documents, including, in particular, the report on the results from the study, and also on the evaluation supported by MHLW of the study prepared for the JaCVAM ad hoc peer review panel.



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1. The JaCVAM regulatory acceptance board was established by the JaCVAM steering committee, and is composed of nominees from the industry and academia.

This statement was endorsed by the following members of the JaCVAM regulatory acceptance board:

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The following members of the JaCVAM steering committee were involved as observers in the consultation process, but not in the endorsement process itself.

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