JaCVAM statement
on skin absorption i*n vitro* method

At the meeting concerning the above method, held on 21 October 2013 at the National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS), Tokyo, Japan, the members of the Japanese Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods (JaCVAM) Regulatory Acceptance Board unanimously endorsed the following statement:

The skin absorption i*n vitro* method is considered to be useful to guess the exposed dose of substances or products to whole body for regulatory use.

Following the review of the results of OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Test Guideline (TG) 428 and EU の SCCP (Scientific Committee on Consumer Products) opinion on basic criteria for the *in vitro* assessment of dermal absorption of cosmetic ingredients, etc. it is concluded that skin absorption i*n vitro* method are clearly beneficial.

The JaCVAM Regulatory Acceptance Board has been regularly kept informed of the progress of the study, and this endorsement is based on an assessment of various documents, including, in particular, the evaluation report prepared by the JaCVAM ad hoc peer review panel for skin absorption testing.

Takemi Yoshida
Chairperson
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20 January, 2014

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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This statement was endorsed by the following members of the JaCVAM steering Committee after receiving the report from JaCVAM Regulatory Acceptance Board:

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