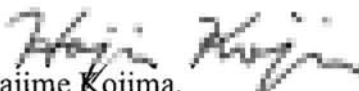


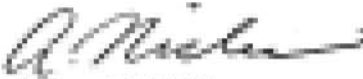
**JaCVAM statement
on the cytotoxicity tests to estimate starting doses
for acute oral systemic toxicity tests**

At the meeting concerning the above method, held on 20 April 2011 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:

Following the review of the results of the ICCVAM (Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods, USA) Background Review Document and Evaluation Report, it is concluded that the cytotoxicity tests can be used to estimate starting doses for acute oral systemic toxicity tests.

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.


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