JaCVAM statement
on the *in-vitro* tests for skin irritation

At the meeting concerning the above method, held on 4 March 2010 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 [1] unanimously endorsed the following statement:

Following the review of the results of ECVAM (European Venter for the Validation of Alternative Methods) statement on the validity of *in-vitro* tests for skin irritation, it is concluded that the EPISKIN can be used for distinguishing between skin irritant and non-irritant chemicals within the context of the OECD testing guideline No. 404 on Skin irritation.

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 report on the results from the study, and also on the evaluation supported by JSAAE of the study prepared for the JaCVAM ad hoc peer review panel.

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