STOP THE BOTOX HORROR AT WICKHAM LABS

We call upon the Home Office to withdraw Wickham Labs licence to test an anti-wrinkle treatment, Botox. Wickham is using the partially banned 'Lethal Dose 50 test' to test Botulinum for Ipsen Biopharm who sell the product for both therapeutic and cosmetic purposes.

We understand that The Home Office **only** issue licences to test products on animals where no alternatives exist, and yet a non-animal method is available. 'The SNAP-25 assay' is used to test the toxicity of products and is used by the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC). The SNAP-25 test is recognised as meeting regulatory safety requirements.

The LD50 test is an outdated and heavily criticised form of animal experimentation. It involves testing on a batch of animals until half of them have been killed. It was partially banned in 1999 due to its severity amid claims that it would only be used on 'exceptional scientific grounds'.

Considering cosmetics tests are banned, the LD50 test is partially banned, and the Snap-25 test is available and in use; logic dictates that the Home Office should not issue any more licences to Wickham or any other labs for the testing of Botulinum, and the loophole allowing cosmetic testing should be closed.

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