

FDA-NIH Workshop: Reducing Animal Testing

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The International Society for Transgenic Technologies (ISTT <https://www.transtechsociety.org>) recognizes and supports efforts to refine and reduce animal use in research. However, we emphasize that model organisms remain indispensable to both fundamental discovery-based science and pre-clinical research. These organisms have enabled critical breakthroughs in genetics, development, immunology, and disease biology—insights that would not have been possible using human-focused approaches alone. Transgenic models, in particular, provide unparalleled opportunities to dissect gene function in a whole-organism context. We urge the NIH to maintain strong support for model organism research alongside its priorities, to ensure continued scientific innovation and biomedical progress.

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