Studies in the field of validation of alternative methods to the use of laboratory animals in biomedical research

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- The definition and evaluation of the pre-validation procedure within the context of the validation of alternative methods, especially the drawing up of procedures involving transferability and evaluation of the performance of protocols of tests prior to the official validation of appropriate test methods. The interaction between the different laboratories with experience in the development and evaluation of standardized procedures is to be provided;
- The development of an integrated approach for predicting systemic toxicity using biocynetic models on computer and biological in-vitro test methods for the "various end-points" as alternative methods to the use of laboratory animals in biomedical research.

Tender documentation may be obtained from:

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