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**Subject:** question about LD50 tests at Canterbury

Dear Stephen

Sorry about the delay in responding to your question.

I have looked through our files and I can confirm that no Lethal Dose 50 tests have been carried out at the University of Canterbury at any point in the last 5 years. The AEC has not approved any LD50 tests during this time period, and during a discussion of this procedure at our last meeting, we confirmed our view that these tests do not conform to the 3 R's of research as other, more informative and non-lethal tests, are available. I hope you find this information satisfactory, and again, my apologies for the delay in retrieving the information for you.

Sincerely,  
Jim Briskie  
Animal Ethics Committee

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