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In view of the alarming and escalating numbers of serious adverse drug reactions (now our fourth leading cause of death), drug safety testing is a major public health concern. Substantial evidence exists that animal testing of new drugs is not sufficiently predictive to ensure human safety but this has never been systematically evaluated. 83% of GPs support such an evaluation, as do 250 MPs who signed a 2006 Early Day Motion.

We, the undersigned, call upon the Government to facilitate an independent and transparent scientific evaluation of the use of animals as surrogate humans in drug safety testing.

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