

Sender

Nestlé Suisse S.A.
Postfach 2222
1800 Vevey
Switzerland

Date:

Dear Sir/Madam

I was shocked to learn that your company is responsible for enormous animal suffering by selling the botulinum toxin products Dysport® and Azzalure® of Galderma/Ipsen in North-America and other countries.

For every batch of Dysport®/Azzalure® the notorious LD50 test on mice is conducted. Groups of mice are injected with different doses of the substance in the abdomen. The mice are subjected to terrible pain and after up to three or four days of suffering they die of suffocation. For the licensing procedure required by the authorities LD50 tests are conducted for each batch produced. Tens of thousands of mice are used by Ipsen every year for this purpose.

Other companies have already developed and validated cell-based assays to test their botulinum toxin products while Ipsen has only recently submitted an animal-free test to authorities but it is unknown if and when it will be approved.

You are probably aware that the public does not accept animal testing, especially when it comes to beauty products. Even if the tests are commissioned by another company (Ipsen) by profiting from the sale of these products Nestlé is also responsible for this animal suffering.

I urge you to push Ipsen to implement the cell-based test with great urgency, and until this is approved refrain from selling their botulinum toxin products.

I will boycott all Nestlé products and encourage all my friends to do the same as long as your company is responsible for these cruel and outdated LD50 tests.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely