

Questions for the EDMVAC

on the Fish Screening Assay Discussion Paper
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The purpose of the discussion paper was to briefly summarize the available data on the fathead minnow short-term reproduction assay and present a rationale to support the U.S. contention that a broader suite of endpoints is ready to be included in a Test Guideline.

Questions:

1. Is the case made that, with the addition of a limited interlaboratory trial, sufficient data are available for preparing an integrated validation report for the assay? If not, what additional points need to be made?
2. Is the rationale provided adequate to support the inclusion of the broad suite of endpoints in the screening assay? If not, what additional points need to be made?
3. From what is generally outlined in the paper, does the committee have additional recommendations for what should be included on this assay in an integrated validation report to be advanced for peer review?
4. Are there additional considerations for the planned interlaboratory trial?