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Dear Dr. Haase

The German Toxicology Society (GT) promotes toxicology in Germany, at the scientific, educational and public health level. GT supports the improvement of human health and environmental safety. It links basic toxicological science and its application in risk assessment. Its members provide toxicological competence and advice in national and European expert committees responding to societal demands. At present, GT has 1414 members and is the leading scientific society in the field of toxicology in Germany.

The InnoMatSafety initiative is of special interest for our society, as the data driven decisions play an important role in the risk assessment of new materials like nanomaterials. Making the best use of existing data and having them set up for computational modelling and data mining will enable the assessors to come to reliable decision. In addition, reliable and sustainable research data will limit the need for testing and is this especially important with regard to animal welfare and the reduction of animal testing.

In conclusion, the InnoMatSafety initiative can play an important role in setting up the standards for data compilation in this field. The consolidated research data can be used in several ways, e.g. for regulatory and scientific research purposes. Therefore, GT welcomes this initiative and hopes it will serve in future as a basis for research towards sustainable new materials.

With kind regards,

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