

## David Tribe: New EU GE legislation has no scientific justification for mandatory animal feeding trials

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

This commentary focuses on the potential added value of and need for (sub)-chronic testing of whole genetically modified (GM) foods in rodents to assess their safety.

Such routine testing should not be required since, due to apparent weaknesses in the approach, it does not add to current risk assessment of GM foods. Moreover, the demand for routine testing using animals is in conflict with the European Union (EU) Commission's efforts to reduce animal experimentation. Regulating agencies in the EU are invited to respect the sound scientific principles applied to the risk assessment of foods derived from GM plants and not to interfere in the risk assessment by introducing extra requirements based on pseudo-scientific or political considerations.

**Read the full post here: [New EU legislation for risk assessment of GM food: no scientific justification for mandatory animal feeding trials](#)**