

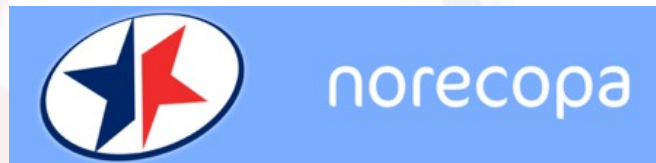
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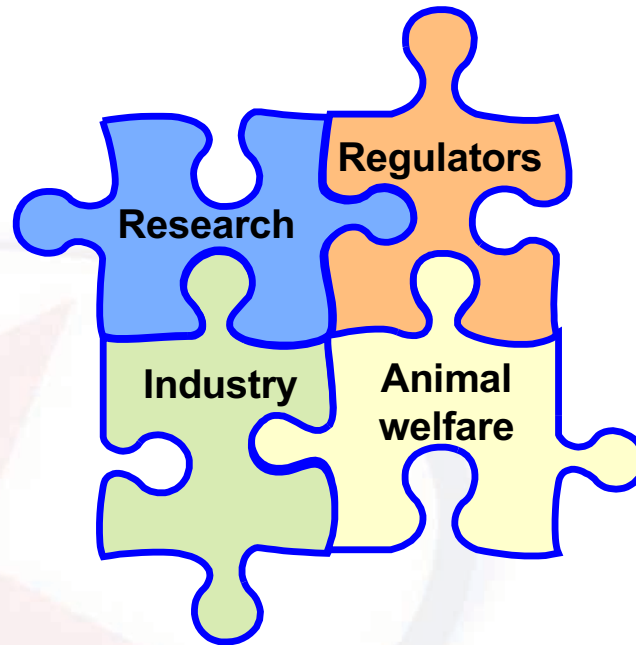
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Replacement, Reduction & Refinement

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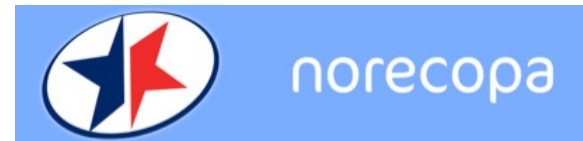
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Direct / contingent inhumanity

Russell and Burch distinguished between

- **direct inhumanity:** the pain or distress of a procedure (even when performed perfectly) e.g. pain of injection, immobilisation stress
- **contingent inhumanity:** the side-effects of a procedure that are not necessary for its success e.g. poor transport, housing, care, handling, substance administration, bloodsampling, anaesthesia, analgesia and killing



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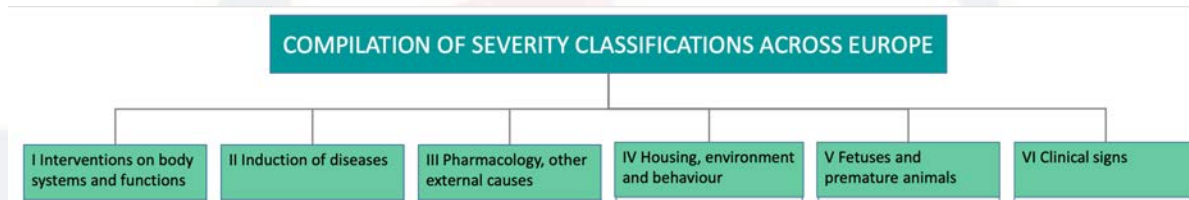
*Pain and suffering is experienced
at the level of the individual*

Issues to be aware of

- **Re-use of animals in new experiments** may be allowed, but their welfare depends upon both their experiences and memories from the first study, and the likely suffering in the second. Cumulative suffering may become excessive:

e.g. Mild+Mild+Mild can be Moderate or Severe

- **Guidelines for severity classification of procedures vary**, and individuals may differ in their opinions.



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Anne Zintzsch, Basel



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My starting point when trying to improve science

- Manager of an old facility with suboptimal standard while lecturing on good Laboratory Animal Science
- The most traumatic memories concerning poor practice were related to facility issues, not weak experimental design
- We sought (and obtained) accreditation from AAALAC International to bring the facility up to standard
- There were few good overviews of guidelines on how to conduct better science, so we started to produce our own overviews

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Solveig (38) forsket på kreft, ble selv uheldredelig syk

Slår alarm om arbeidsforholdene på Radiumhospitalet. Sykehuset innrømmer rutinesvikt.



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HELSEFARLIG ARBEIDSMILJØ: Solveig Garman-Vik (38) har fått diagnosen akutt myelogen leukemi (AML) etter å ha jobbet med kreftforskning på Radiumhospitalet i elleve år. Her får hun en klem av sykepleier Elisabeth A. Saghaug for hun går hjem for helgen. Få med hvor fantastiske alle her på Lovisenberg er mot meg, sier Solveig. Foto: LARS EIVIND BONES/DAGBLADET

We have tried to solve the “reproducibility crisis” for many years

Hurni 1969

(cited by Waller & Öbrink, 1996)

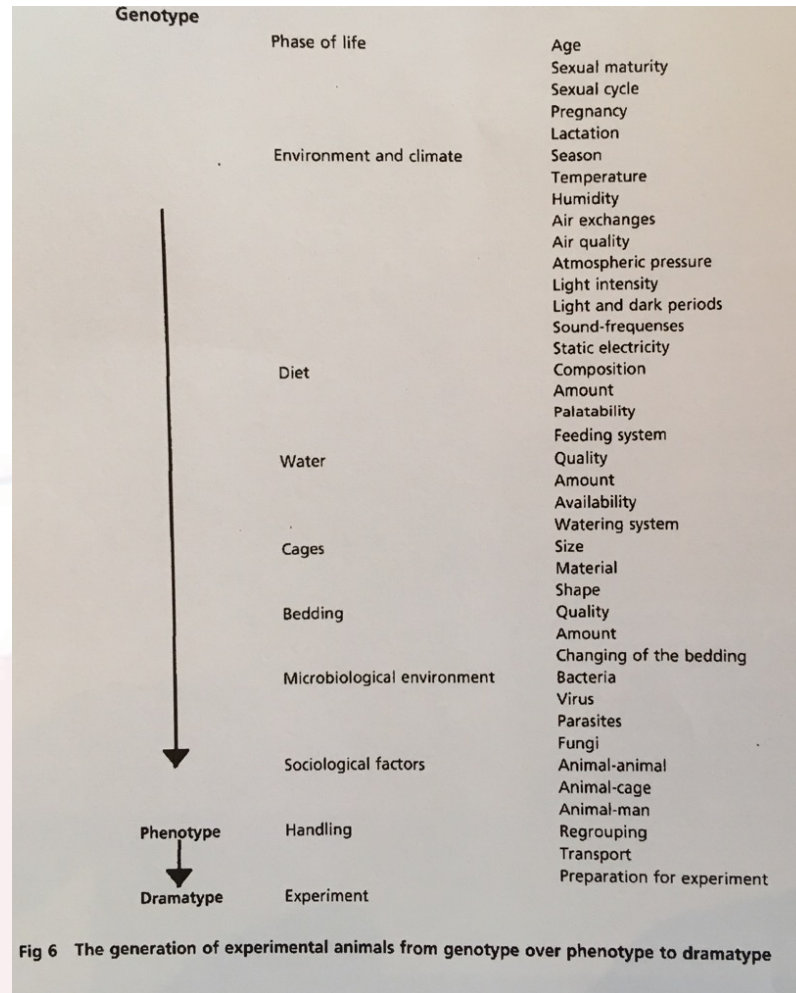


Fig 6 The generation of experimental animals from genotype over phenotype to dramatype

Guidelines for specification of animals and husbandry methods when reporting the results of animal experiments

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- Ellery (GV-SOLAS), 1985
- Öbrink & Waller, 1996
- Reporting animal use in scientific papers (Jane Smith *et al.*), 1997
- Öbrink & Rehbinder: Animal definition: a necessity for the validity of animal experiments? *Laboratory Animals*, 2000
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- **ARRIVE Guidelines, 2010** (Kilkenny *et al.*, NC3Rs), updated in 2020
- Gold Standard Publication Checklist, 2010 (SYRCLE)
- Institute for Laboratory Animal Research, NRC, 2011
- Instructions to authors, in many journals

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Design and reporting of animal experiments

This page supplements advice given in [Section 4 of the PREPARE guidelines](#). PREPARE covers all aspects of design (including animal and facility related issues).

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- > [How to write a paper: quantitative methodology](#), SAGE webinar, 3 April 2024
- > [The principles of rigorous and responsible animal research](#), Basel/online (Hanno Würbel), 8 April 2024
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- > [Anaesthesia and analgesia in minipigs](#), online event (Adrian Zeltner), 8 April 2024
- > [3D Organ Modelling in Health and Disease](#), symposium, Leuven, 8-9 April 2024
- > [Systematic reviews of animal studies: usefulness and introduction to basic methods](#), webinar (Carlijn Hooijmanns & Kim Wever), 9 April 2024
- > [IMPROVE Training School - 3D cell models for 3Rs research](#), Kaunas, 9-10 April 2024
- > [Improving Welfare and Reproducibility in Research Studies with Zebrafish](#), Exeter, 9-11 April 2024
- > [3rd International Digital Vivarium Forum](#), Buguggiate, 9-11 April 2024
- > [Young TPI manifesto for animal-free science](#), Utrecht, 11 April 2024
- > [Bioethics, Harm/Benefit Analysis, the 3Rs and Ethics Committee](#), online event, 11 April 2024
- > [CLAST course on Genetics for Laboratory Animal Research](#), start 15 April 2024
- > [Harnessing the power of a Minimal Metadata Set \(MNMS\) to exploit home cage monitoring data and beyond](#), webinar ([registration](#)), (Leonardo Restivo), 16 April 2024
- > [Severity classification of laboratory animal procedures in two Belgian academic institutions](#), webinar (Stéphanie De Vleeschouwer), 17 April 2024
- > [40th LAMA/ATA Annual Conference](#), Fort Walton Beach, 15-18 April 2024
- > [3Rs Sharing Conference: The 3Rs Across Scientific Research](#), San Francisco, 17 April 2024
- > LAVA Spring Conference, 17-18 April 2024
- > [FRAME Training School in Experimental Design and Statistics](#), online event, 17-19 April 2024
- > [Cardiovascular Network launch event](#), online event, 17-19 April 2024
- > [Addressing Compassion in Science Experiments](#), Nottingham, 17-19 April 2024
- > [Addressing Compassion in Science Experiments](#), webinar (Heather N. Hersh), 19 April 2024
- > [The role of the 3Rs in the laboratory](#), Basel/online (David Lauras), 22 April 2024
- > [Organ-on-a-chip](#), Jena, 22-24 April 2024
- > [Non-invasive techniques in wildlife research](#), webinar (Miriam Zemanova), 24 April 2024
- > [Miniseminar om forsøg med fisk i et klima under forandring](#), Copenhagen, 24 April 2024
- > [Diving deeper: Exploring enrichment preferences in zebrafish](#), webinar (Angelika Rehrig), 24 April 2024
- > [The South African National Standard for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes](#), webinar (Bert Mohr), 24 April 2024
- > [A mapping view of refinements to laboratory rat housing and husbandry](#), webinar (Vikki Neville), 26 April 2024
- > [The culture of care in animal experimentation](#), Basel/online (Penny Hawkins & Marine Barnabé), 29 April 2024
- > [Responsible Aquatic Animal Research Training](#), online, 29 April - 2 May 2024
- > [NAMs Network launch event](#), London, 30 April 2024

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+ webpages for recorded meetings, sorted by PREPARE topics

"better science?"

- replacement if possible
- reduction and refinement if not possible to replace
- valid data (a true treatment effect)
- reproducible and translatable experiments
- best possible animal welfare
- health & safety (of animals and people)
- a culture of care at the animal facility
- communication of best practice to others



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We cannot improve our research by

better reporting alone...

we need reporting **and** planning guidelines



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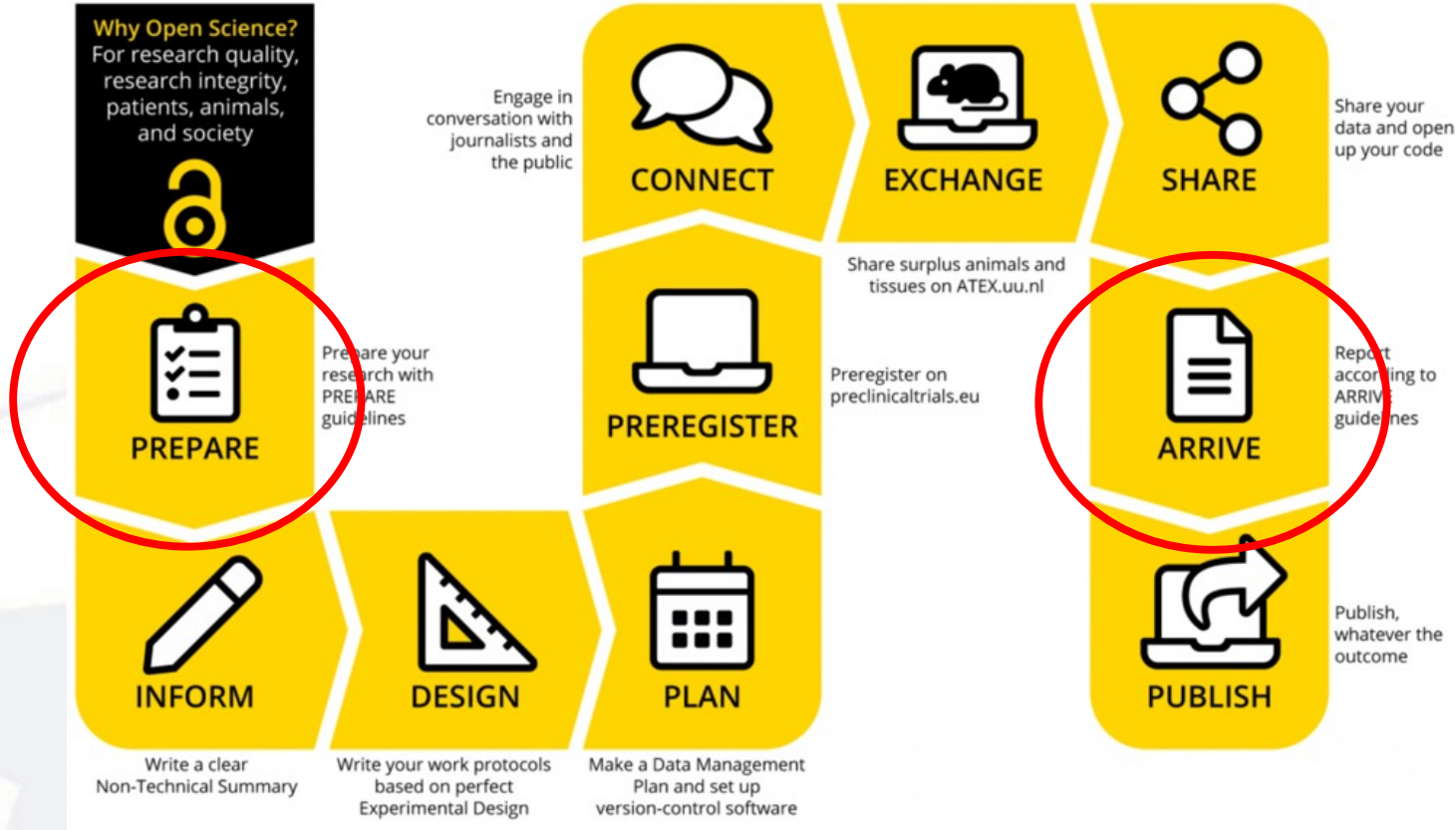
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***Reporting guidelines like ARRIVE describe the experiment.
Guidelines like PREPARE are used to plan the experiment
(choose the «ingredients» and «baking time»)***

The pathway to open (better) science



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STRIDE-Lab & Norecopa Summer School
Systematic reviews of animal
studies for evidence-based
preclinical research

Dates

20th - 23rd August 2024

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2 ECTS recommended

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Bergen, Norway

Price

NOK 3500
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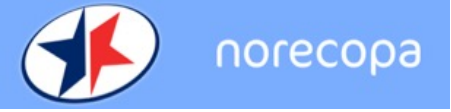


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15.25.38	-01.33	Kaptein	Cockpit	positive rate
15.25.39	-01.32	Styrmann	Cockpit	Gear up please
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15.27.13	+00.02	Styrmann	Cockpit	Oh yeah
15.27.14	+00.03	Styrmann	Cockpit	Uh oh
15.27.15	+00.04	Kaptein	Cockpit	We got one rol... both of 'em rolling back
15.27.18	+00.07	Kaptein	Cockpit	Ignition, start
15.27.21	+00.10	Kaptein	Cockpit	I'm starting the APU
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15.27.32	+00.21	Kaptein	Radio	Mayday mayday mayday. Uh this is Cactus fifteen thirty [sic] nine, hit birds. We've lost thrust on both engines. We're turning back towards LaGuardia.



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Hudson River, 2009

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All 155 passengers and crew saved

10-15 checklists even on short routine flights



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Checklists

- Reduce risk of **forgetting** to carry out vital actions
- Ensure checks are carried out in the **correct sequence**
- Encourage **cooperation** and **cross-checking** between crew members and ground staff
- Make sure that everyone is "**on the same page**"



Rapid evacuation by trained cabin crew saved many lives

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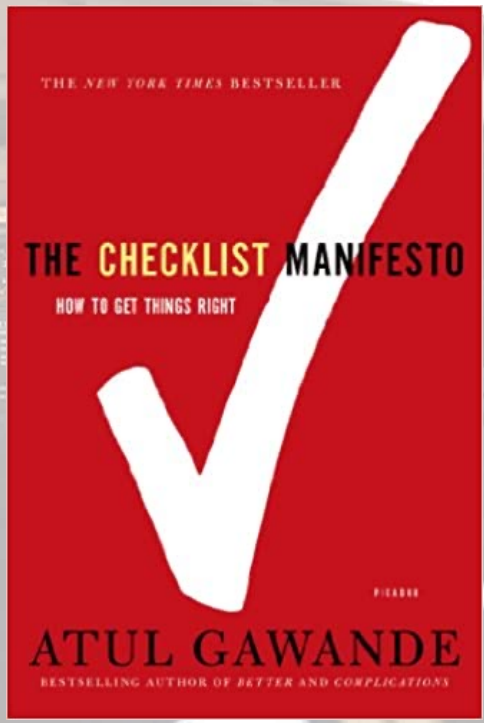
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Surgical Safety Checklist



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Before induction of anaesthesia <small>(with at least nurse and anaesthetist)</small>	Before skin incision <small>(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)</small>	Before patient leaves operating room <small>(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)</small>
Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role. <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm the patient's name, procedure, and where the incision will be made. Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	Nurse Verbally Confirms: <input type="checkbox"/> The name of the procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts <input type="checkbox"/> Specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name) <input type="checkbox"/> Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed
Is the site marked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	Anticipated Critical Events To Surgeon: <input type="checkbox"/> What are the critical or non-routine steps? <input type="checkbox"/> How long will the case take? <input type="checkbox"/> What is the anticipated blood loss? To Anaesthetist: <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any patient-specific concerns? To Nursing Team: <input type="checkbox"/> Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there equipment issues or any concerns?	To Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Nurse: <input type="checkbox"/> What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?
Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Is essential imaging displayed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
Is the pulse oximeter on the patient and functioning? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Does the patient have a: Known allergy? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Difficult airway or aspiration risk? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and equipment/assistance available Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and two IVs/central access and fluids planned		



This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged.

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PREPARE encourages scientists to collaborate with animal carers and technicians from Day 1

- they have a right to know and will be more motivated
- they know the possibilities (and limitations) in the animal facility
- they often possess a large range of practical skills and are good at lateral thinking
- they know the animals best
- the animals know them best
- lack of involvement creates anxiety, depression and opposition to animal research, as well as limiting creativity which might improve the experiments



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Original Article

PREPARE: guidelines for planning animal research and testing

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Abstract
There is widespread concern about the quality, reproducibility and translatability of studies involving research animals. Although there are a number of reporting guidelines available, there is very little overarching guidance on how to plan animal experiments, despite the fact that this is the logical place to start ensuring quality. In this paper we present the PREPARE guidelines: Planning Research and Experimental Procedures on Animals: Recommendations for Excellence. PREPARE covers the three broad areas which determine the quality of the preparation for animal studies: formulation, dialogue between scientists and the animal facility, and quality control of the various components in the study. Some topics overlap and the PREPARE checklist should be adapted to suit specific needs, for example in field research. Advice on use of the checklist is available on the Norecoba website, with links to guidelines for animal research and testing, at <https://norecoba.no/PREPARE>.

Keywords
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Introduction
The quality of animal-based studies is under increasing scrutiny, for good scientific and ethical reasons. Studies of papers reporting animal experiments have revealed alarming deficiencies in the information provided,^{1,2} even after the production and journal endorsement of reporting guidelines.³ There is also widespread concern about the lack of reproducibility and translatability of laboratory animal research.⁴⁻⁷ This can, for example, contribute towards the failure of drugs when they enter human trials.⁸ These issues come in addition to other concerns, not unique to animal research, about publication bias, which tends to favour the reporting of positive results and can lead to the acceptance of claims as fact.⁹ This has understandably sparked a demand for reduced waste when planning experiments involving animals.¹⁰⁻¹² Reporting guidelines alone cannot solve the problem of wasteful experimentation, but thorough planning will increase the likelihood of success and is an important step in the implementation of the 3Rs of Russell & Burch (replacement, reduction, refinement).¹³ The importance of attention to detail at all stages is, in our experience, often underestimated by scientists. Even small practical details can cause omissions or artefacts that can ruin experiments which in all other respects have been well-designed, and generate health risks for all involved. There is therefore, in our opinion, an urgent need for detailed but overarching guidelines for researchers on how to plan animal experiments which are safe and scientifically sound, address animal

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PREPARE:

Planning Research and Experimental Procedures on Animals: Recommendations for Excellence

PREPARE covers 15 topics:

Formulation of the study

1. Literature searches
2. Legal issues
3. Ethical issues, harm-benefit assessment and humane endpoints
4. Experimental design and statistical analysis

Dialogue between scientists and the animal facility

5. Objectives and timescale, funding and division of labour
6. Facility evaluation
7. Education and training
8. Health risks, waste disposal and decontamination

Methods

9. Test substances and procedures
10. Experimental animals
11. Quarantine and health monitoring
12. Housing and husbandry
13. Experimental procedures
14. Humane killing, release, reuse or rehoming
15. Necropsy

Items in pink are
not typically
highlighted in
reporting guidelines



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The PREPARE Guidelines Checklist Planning Research and Experimental Procedures on Animals: Recommendations for Excellence

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PREPARE består av retningslinjer for planlegging av dyreforsøk. Disse som f.eks. ARRIVE. PREPARE dekker de tre store områdene som beste
 1. **Designet av studiet**
 2. **Dialogen mellom forskerne og dyreavdelingen**
 3. **Kvalitetskontroll av de ulike komponentene i studiet**
 I praksis vil ikke temaene alltid behandles i den rekkefølgen som er på PREPARE-sjekklisten kan endres for å ivareta spesielle behov, f.eks. ved dyreavdelinger, fordi laboratorieforsøk er helt avhengige av deres kvalité Norecopas nettsider, med lenker til globale ressurser, på <https://morec>. PREPARE-retningslinjene er et dynamisk sett som vil videreutvikles etter produseres, og etter hvert som "best praksis" innenfor forskedyrmyllet forbedres.

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Tema	Anbefaling
(A) Designet av studiet	
1. Litteratursøk	<input type="checkbox"/> Formulere en klar hypotese, med primære og sekundære mål. <input type="checkbox"/> Vurdere å foreta en systematisk undersøkelse av litteraturen (Systematic Review). <input type="checkbox"/> Bestemme hvilke databaser og informasjonsspesialister som skal brukes, og konstruere søkebegrep. <input type="checkbox"/> Vurdere relevansen av dyrearten som skal brukes, dens biologi og egnethet til å svare på de eksperimentelle spørsmålene med minst mulig lidelse, og artens velferdsbehov. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluere prosjektets reproduserbarhet og overførbarhet.
2. Juridiske spørsmål	<input type="checkbox"/> Vurdere hvordan forsøket er påvirket av relevant lovgivning for dyreforsøk og andre aktuelle områder som f.eks. dyretransport og helse, miljø og sikkerhet. <input type="checkbox"/> Finne relevante veiledningsdokumenter (f.eks. EUs retningslinjer for prosjektevaluering).
3. Etske spørsmål, kostnad-nytteanalyse og humane endepunkter	<input type="checkbox"/> Skrive et sammendrag av prosjektet på legmannsspråk. <input type="checkbox"/> I dialog med etske komitéer, vurdere om uttalelser om denne typen forsøk er allerede blitt produsert. <input type="checkbox"/> Adressere "de 3 R-ene" (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) og "de 3 S-ene" (Good Science, Good Sense, Good Sensibillities). <input type="checkbox"/> Vurdere forhåndsregistrering av forsøket og publisering av negative resultater. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreta en kostnad-nytteanalyse ("Harm-Benefit Assessment") og diskutere eventuelle lidelser som kan oppstå under forsøket. <input type="checkbox"/> Diskutere læringsmålene dersom dyrene skal brukes i undervisnings- eller treningsøyemed. <input type="checkbox"/> Klassifisere prosjektet etter belastningsgraden. <input type="checkbox"/> Definiere objektive, lett målbare og utvetydige humane endepunkter. <input type="checkbox"/> Diskutere behovet (hvis det er noe) for å bruke død som endepunkt for forsøket.
4. Eksperimentelt design og statistisk analyse	<input type="checkbox"/> Vurdere pilotforsøk og diskutere statistisk styrke og signifikansnivåer. <input type="checkbox"/> Definiere den eksperimentelle enheten og bestemme antallet forsøksdyr. <input type="checkbox"/> Bestemme metodene for randomisering, fortløpe observasjonsskjemaer, og bestemme inklusjons- og eksklusjonskriterier.

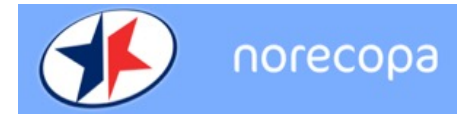
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(B) Dialogen mellom forskerne og dyreavdelingen	
5. Mål og tidshorisont, finansiering og arbeidsfordeling	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrangere møter med alle relevante personell når tidlige planer for prosjektet foreligger. <input type="checkbox"/> Lag en omtrentlig tidsramme for prosjektet, som viser behovene for assistanse med forberedelser, dyrestell, prosedyrer og avfallshåndtering/dekontaminasjon. <input type="checkbox"/> Diskutere og legge frem alle forventede og potensielle kostnader. <input type="checkbox"/> Lage en detaljert plan for fordelingen av både arbeidsoppgavene og utgiftene, på alle stadiene i forsøket.

fasilitetene, for å evaluere bygningsmassen, standarden på utstyret og ved perioder med ekstra risiko.
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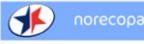
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(C) Kvalitetskontroll av de ulike komponentene i studiet	
9. Testsubstanser og -prosedyrer	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppgi så mye informasjon som mulig om testsubstansene. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluere gjennomførbarheten og validiteten av testprosedyrene, og de praktiske ferdighetene som er nødvendige for å gjennomføre dem.
10. Forsøksdyr	<input type="checkbox"/> Bestemme egenskapene til dyrene som er essensielle for studiet og som må rapporteres. <input type="checkbox"/> Unngå produksjon av overskuddsdyr.
11. Karantene og helsemonitorering	<input type="checkbox"/> Diskutere dyrenes sannsynlige helsestatus, og eventuelle behov for transport, karantene og isolasjon, samt helsemonitorering og konsekvensene for personalet.
12. Oppstalling og stell	<input type="checkbox"/> Ta hensyn til dyrenes spesifikke instruksjoner og behov, i samråd med eksperter. <input type="checkbox"/> Diskutere akklimatisering, optimale oppstallingsforhold og prosedyrer, miljøfaktorer og eventuelle begrensninger på disse (f.eks. fasting eller oppstalling i enebur).
13. Eksperimentelle prosedyrer	<input type="checkbox"/> Utvikle optimale metoder for fangst, immobilisering, merking og frisetting eller omplassering. <input type="checkbox"/> Utvikle optimale metoder for å gi dyrene behandling, samt for prøvetaking, sedasjon og anestesi, kirurgi og andre inngrep.
14. Human avlving, frisetelse eller omplassering	<input type="checkbox"/> Konsultere relevant lovgivning og retningslinjer i god tid før studiet. <input type="checkbox"/> Definiere de primære metodene for avlving, samt metoder som kan brukes i en nødsituasjon. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluere kompetansen til personene som må foreta disse handlingene.
15. Obduksjon	<input type="checkbox"/> Lage en systematisk plan for alle stadiene i obduksjonen, inkl. hvor den skal foregå, og identifikasjon av alle dyrene og prøvene som tas.

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2. Legal issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider how the research is affected by relevant legislation for animal research and other areas, e.g. animal transport, occupational health and safety. <input type="checkbox"/> Locate relevant guidance documents (e.g. EU guidance on project evaluation).
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4. Experimental design and statistical analysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider pilot studies, statistical power and significance levels. <input type="checkbox"/> Define the experimental unit and decide upon animal numbers. <input type="checkbox"/> Choose methods of randomisation, prevent observer bias, and decide upon inclusion and exclusion criteria.

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(B) Dialogue between scientists and the animal facility	
5. Objectives and timescale, funding and division of labour	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrange meetings with all relevant staff when early plans for the project exist. <input type="checkbox"/> Construct an approximate timescale for the project, indicating the need for assistance with preparation, animal care, procedures and waste disposal/decontamination. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss and disclose all expected and potential costs. <input type="checkbox"/> Construct a detailed plan for division of labour and expenses at all stages of the study.
6. Facility evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a physical inspection of the facilities, to evaluate building and equipment standards and needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss staffing levels at times of extra risk.
7. Education and training	<input type="checkbox"/> Assess the current competence of staff members and the need for further education or training prior to the study.
8. Health risks, waste disposal and decontamination	<input type="checkbox"/> Perform a risk assessment, in collaboration with the animal facility, for all persons and animals affected directly or indirectly by the study. <input type="checkbox"/> Assess, and if necessary produce, specific guidance for all stages of the project. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss means for containment, decontamination, and disposal of all items in the study.
(C) Quality control of the components in the study	
9. Test substances and procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide as much information as possible about test substances. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the feasibility and validity of test procedures and the skills needed to perform them.
10. Experimental animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Decide upon the characteristics of the animals that are essential for the study and for reporting. <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid generation of surplus animals.
11. Quarantine and health monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Discuss the animals' likely health status, any needs for transport, quarantine and isolation, health monitoring and consequences for the personnel.
12. Housing and husbandry	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend to the animals' specific instincts and needs, in collaboration with expert staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss acclimatization, optimal housing conditions and procedures, environmental factors and any experimental limitations on these (e.g. food deprivation, solitary housing).
13. Experimental procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop refined procedures for capture, immobilisation, marking, and release or rehoming. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop refined procedures for substance administration, sampling, sedation and anaesthesia, surgery and other techniques.
14. Humane killing, release, reuse or rehoming	<input type="checkbox"/> Consult relevant legislation and guidelines well in advance of the study. <input type="checkbox"/> Define primary and emergency methods for humane killing. <input type="checkbox"/> Assess the competence of those who may have to perform these tasks.
15. Necropsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Construct a systematic plan for all stages of necropsy, including location, and identification of all animals and samples.

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- 3-Ethical issues, harm-benefit assessment and humane endpoints
 - 3a Construct a lay summary.
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- 4-Experimental design and statistical analysis

5. Have the experiments been carried out before, and is any repetition justifiable?
6. What [approaches to reduce distress](#) have been considered?

3a Construct a lay summary.

- General principles
- For fish researchers**

1. Have national or local research ethics committees already produced statements relevant to the research being planned? Consideration should also be paid to the broader context of the research. For example, research directed at increasing the productivity of farming at the expense of (or without improving) individual animal welfare, or wildlife research whose primary aim is population management.

Links to quality guidelines and scientific papers worldwide on e.g. blood sampling, injection volumes, housing and husbandry, analgesia, humane endpoints, experimental design

2. Will any advances in this research be published, and if so, will the publication only index the title and abstract, or will the full text be made available? Will the project be rejected?
3. Have the Three S's ([Good Science, Good Sense and Good Sensibilities](#)) been addressed? Sufficient time should be allocated to this point, since two of the three S's are highly subjective, but equally important. The use of commonsense and critical anthropomorphism are justifiably part of the work to assess the impact of research on animals, not least when a scientific evidence base does not exist.
4. Does the proposed study have a clear rationale and scientific relevance, and what will be the next step if the hypothesis is supported or rejected?
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6. What [approaches to reduce distress](#) have been considered?
7. Will the project undergo [pre-registration](#) and will negative results be published, to avoid publication bias?

Many more [links to resources on ethics are available here](#). Details about pre-registration of animal studies and reporting of critical incidents are to be found in the section on [Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis](#).

Harm-Benefit Assessment

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Design and reporting of animal experiments

This page supplements advice given in [Section 4 of the PREPARE guidelines](#). PREPARE covers all aspects of design (including animal and facility related issues).

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Databases & Guidelines

Published lists of resources are difficult to search and quickly become outdated. Lists on a website are easier to search, but do not enable the use of filters or intelligent search engines.

Norecopa has therefore constructed four databases, which together with all the text on this website can be searched simultaneously using the search field at the top of every page.

- > [3R Guide](#): a global overview of **databases, guidelines, information centres, journals, email lists, regulations and policies** which may be of use when planning experiments which might include animals. [A quick overview of all the guidelines can be accessed here.](#) Norecopa has written several of these, including [the PREPARE guidelines for planning animal research and testing.](#)
- > [NORINA](#): a global overview of audiovisual aids and other items which may be used as **alternatives or supplements to animals in education and training** at all levels from junior school to University, including [dissection alternatives](#) and surgical simulators.
- > [TextBase](#): a global overview of **textbooks and other literature within laboratory animal science** and related topics.
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- > [NAL](#): a collection of literature references relating to [the 3Rs](#) from the US National Agricultural Library
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 - ▶ [3Rs Education and Training Resources](#), over 560 items collected in 2018
 - ▶ [Non-animal models for respiratory tract diseases](#), over 280 models identified in a literature review of over 21,000 publications

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links to over 70 other databases

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Links to over 400 guidelines



A good practice guide to the administration of substances and removal of blood, including routes and volumes

3R Guide database/c6721 (legacy id: 15079)

This paper provides the researcher in the safety evaluation laboratory with an up-to-date, easy-to-use set of data sheets to aid in the study design process whilst at the same time affording maximum welfare considerations to the experimental animals.

A guide to defining and implementing protocols for the welfare assessment of laboratory animals

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Eleventh report of the BVAAWF/FRAME/RSPCA/UFAW Joint Working Group on Refinement

A guide to the care and use of native Australian mammals in research and teaching

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The Guide supports implementation of the Australian Code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (8th edition, 2013) and ensures that the specific and unique needs of Australian native mammals are met when these animals are used for scientific purposes.

AAALAC Position Statements

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In connection with its work of accreditation of animal care and use programmes, AAALAC International has issued position statements on a number of key elements in such a programme.



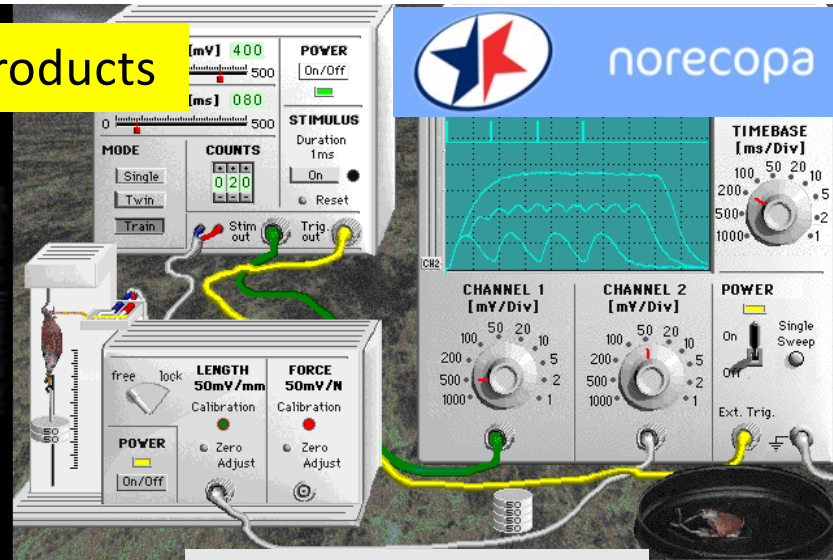
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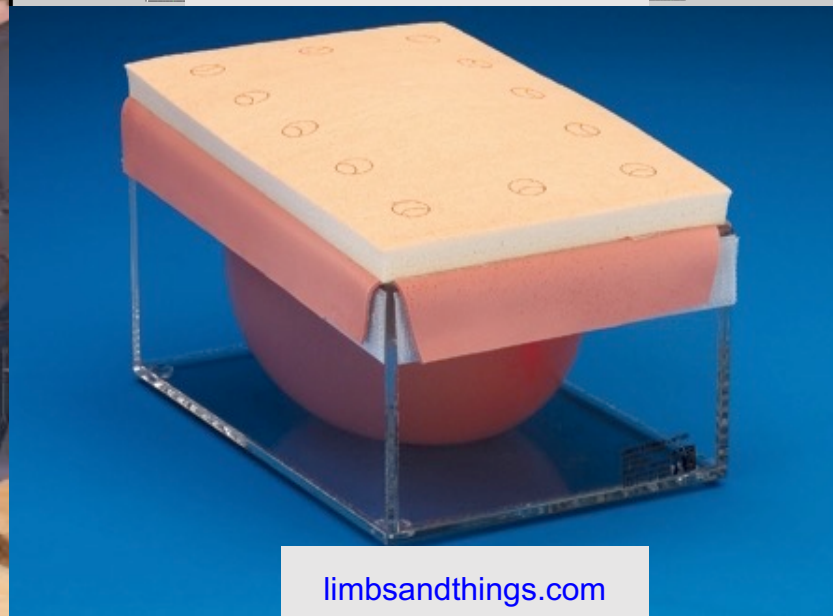
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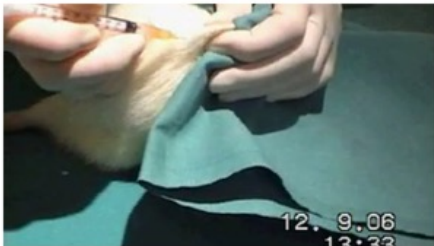
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







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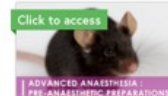

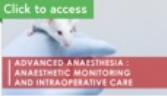




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Training resources for animal research

 <p>National Legislation (EU1) Understand the national and international legal and regulatory framework within which projects involving animals are constructed and managed and of the legal responsibilities of the people involved.</p>	 <p>Ethics, Animal Welfare and the 3Rs (EU2) Identify the ethical and welfare issues raised by the use of animals in scientific procedures and understand the basic principles of the 3Rs.</p>
 <p>Basic and Appropriate Biology (EU3) Discover the basic principles of animal behaviour, care, biology and husbandry.</p>	 <p>Animal Care, Health and Management (EU4) Examine information on various aspects of animal health, care and management including: environmental controls, husbandry practices, diet, health status and disease.</p>
 <p>Recognition of Pain, Suffering and Distress (EU5) Identify the normal condition and behaviour of experimental animals and differentiate between a normal animal and one which is showing signs of pain, suffering or distress.</p>	 <p>Humane Methods of Killing (EU6.1) Learn the principles of humane killing including descriptions of the different methods available and information to help you compare the methods permitted to determine the most appropriate method.</p>
 <p>Minor Procedures without Anaesthesia (EU7) An introduction to the theory relating to minor procedures and information about appropriate methods of handling, restraint, appropriate techniques for injection, dosing and sampling relevant to the species.</p>	 <p>Anaesthesia for Minor Procedures (EU20) Guidance and information for individuals who, during their work with animals, will need to apply sedation or short-term anaesthesia for a brief period and mild pain level procedure.</p>

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 <p>eModule – Recognition and Prevention of Pain, Suffering and Distress (EU5) ACCESS</p>	 <p>eModule – Humane Methods of Killing (EU6) ACCESS</p>	 <p>eModule – Design of procedures and projects (level 1) (EU10) ACCESS</p>	 <p>eModule – Design of procedures and projects (level 2) (EU11) ACCESS</p>
 <p>eModule – The Severity Assessment Framework (EU12) ACCESS</p>	 <p>eModule – Anaesthesia for Minor Procedures (EU20) ACCESS</p>	 <p>eModule – Pre-Anaesthetic Preparations (EU21-1) ACCESS</p>	 <p>eModule – Choosing an Anaesthetic (EU21-2) ACCESS</p>
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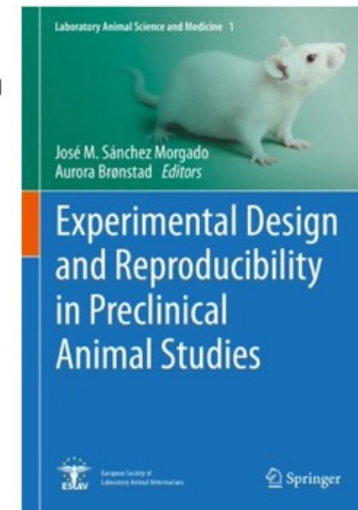
Experimental Design and Reproducibility in Preclinical Animal Studies

By José M. Sánchez Morgado & Aurora Brønstad (Eds.)

Record number: 8619d

This book provides grounds on how to plan and conduct animal experiments that can be reproduced by others. It touches on factors that may impact the reproducibility of animal studies including: the animal genetic background, the animal microbial flora, environmental and physiological variables affecting the animal, animal welfare, statistics and experimental design, systematic reviews of animal studies, and the publishing process.

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- a portal for rapid publication and dissemination of these ideas
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Clicker training

Clicker training is an operant conditioning based on positive reinforcement. When the animal offers the desired behavior, a *click* or another distinctive sound (secondary reinforcer) is delivered and within the following few seconds the reward is presented (primary reinforcer)^[1]. The *click* bridges the time between the desired behavior and the presentation of the reward^[1]. A target stick providing a visual guide for the animal can be used for the training.

Animals are usually trained individually, though it is also possible to perform clicker training in a groups, e.g. in mice, rats, and rabbits. For rats, it was demonstrated that they learned tasks by observing the clicker training of their cage mates^[2].

Clicker training can be used to train animals in a stress-free way. The following behaviours are examples for what this technique can be used for:

Mice: entering a tunnel, following a target stick, climbing on the palm of the hand^[3]

Rats: following a target stick, voluntarily change to a cage, observational learning^[2]

Rabbits: following a target stick, rearing/standing up to inspect the abdomen, approaching a human, being touched and lifted by a human, trimming nails, coming on command

Pigs: Pigs can be easily trained to cooperate if they are treated empathetically and desired behavior is reinforced by providing food stuff in form of treats and apple juice^[4].



Clicker training with mice using a target stick. *Left:* The mouse is following the target stick and is climbing on the experimenter's hand. If the hand is lifted, the mouse will remain on the palm of the hand. *Right:* The mice are trained in a group. Two mice are following the target stick on the palm of the experimenter's hand.

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Experts for clicker training in mice and rats: [TARC](#), Mainz, Germany

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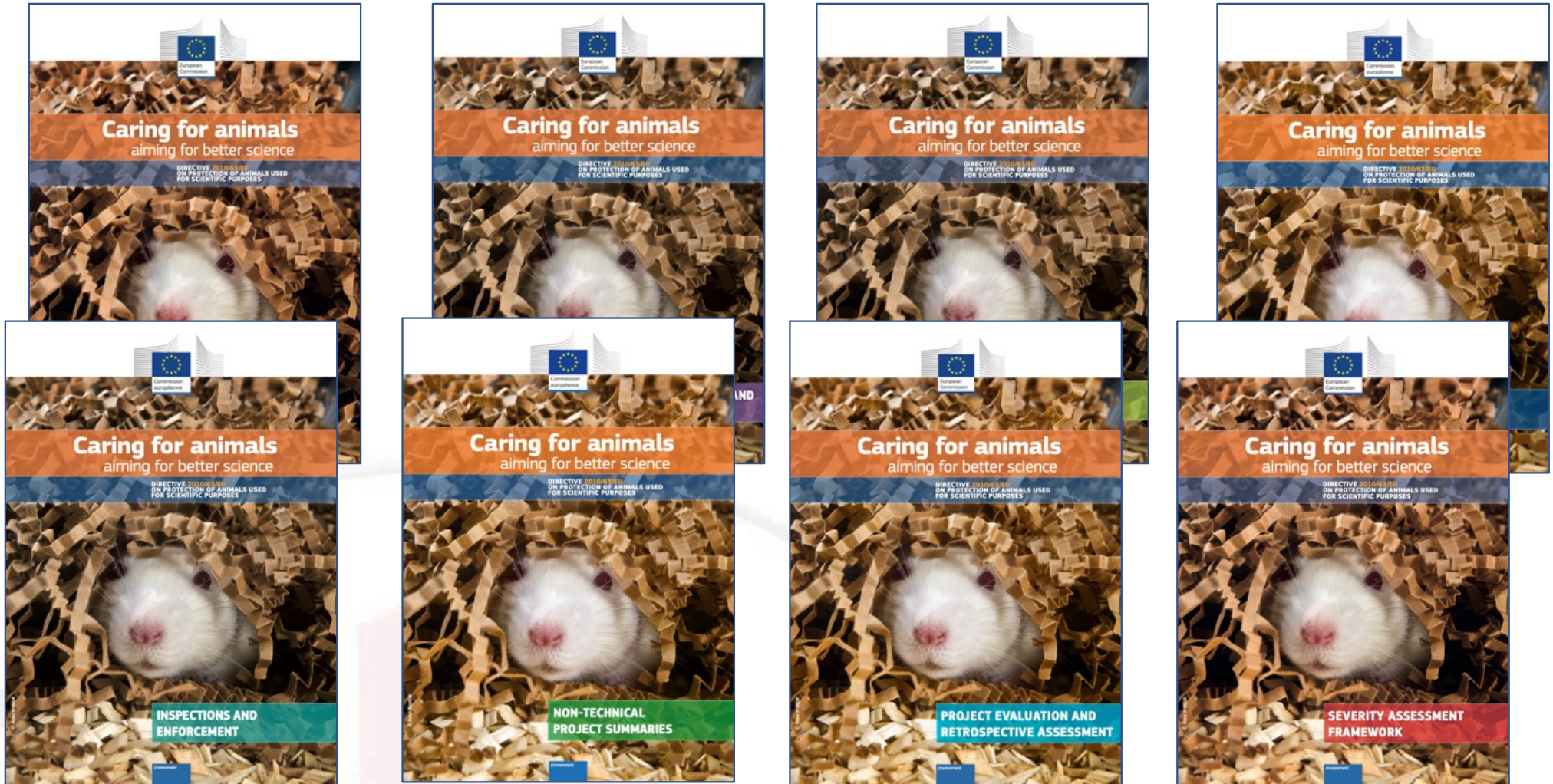
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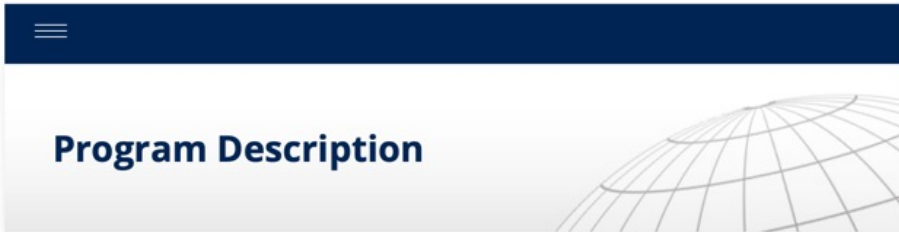


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A simple but effective Master Plan



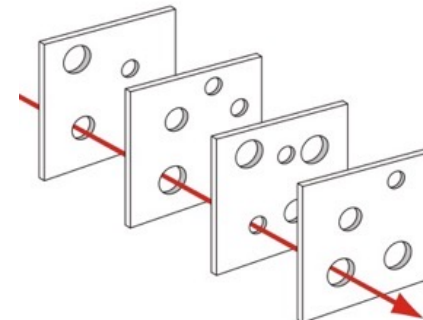
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A Contingency Plan, based upon risk assessment

- Access to emergency services (police, fire, medical and veterinary help, security guards, personnel transport in cases of acute illness)
- Means of communication with staff members at all levels
- SOPs for acute illness, including
 - serious haemorrhages
 - fainting
 - allergic reactions

Many of these needed revision in the light of Covid-19
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Temporary staff at weekends and holidays

- corrosive injuries
- and forms for reporting such injuries
- Firefighting, evacuation of personnel and animals
- Access to specialist services (e.g. ventilation system, plumbing, electrical installations, suppliers of equipment)
- Routines in cases of power failure, water leaks and (if applicable) natural disasters such as flooding
- Routines for emergency killing of animals
- Routines in cases of threats to the facility or personnel

<https://norecopa.no/prepare/6-facility-evaluation/master-plan-and-sops/contingency-plan>

Contingency and redundancy

Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong (Murphy's Law)
when it's least convenient (Sod's Law)

Work in the spirit of AAALAC,
even if not accredited!



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Critical incident reporting system in laboratory animal science

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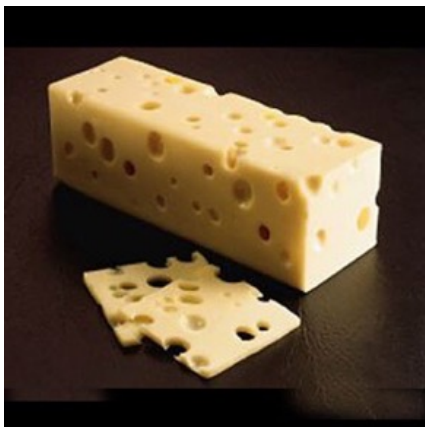
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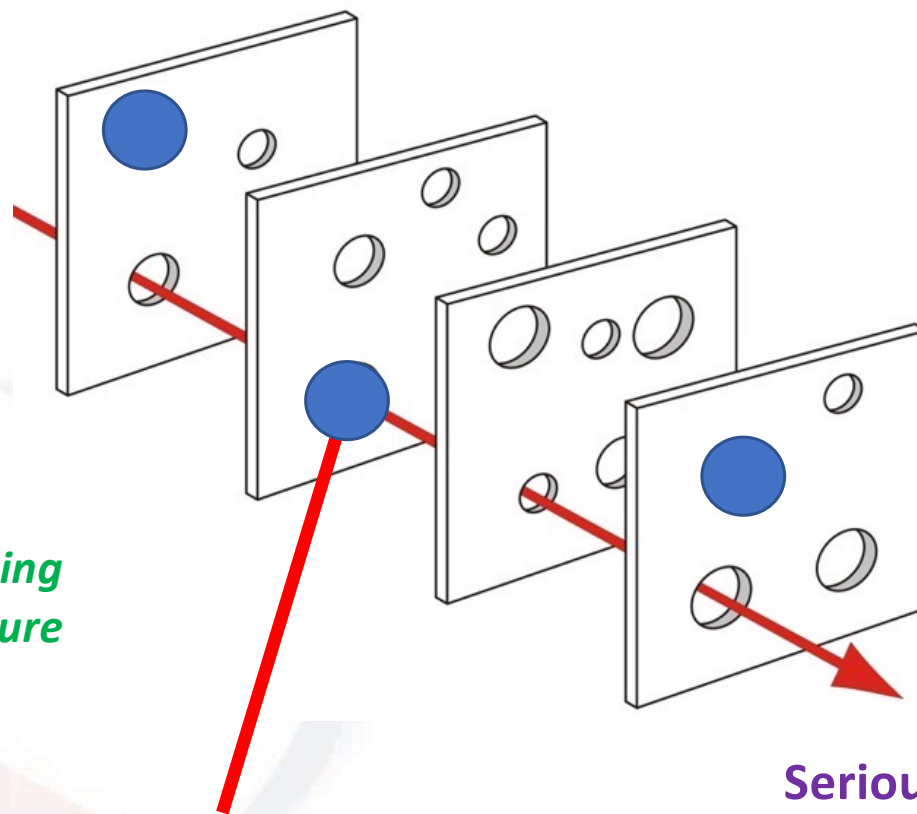
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“Threat and Error Management”



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Embrace the opportunity to learn something from an incident, reducing the risk for future incidents



Weaknesses / dangers

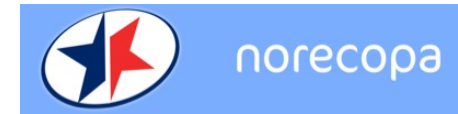
Serious incidents

wikipedia.org/wiki/Swiss_cheese_model



*'Our long experience and modern coffee machines
are your guarantee of quality' (?)*

Share best practice!




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3Rs PRINCIPLES IN WILDLIFE RESEARCH

This website has been created to provide information about the 3Rs principles of responsible animal use and guide their application in wildlife research. It includes examples of peer-reviewed studies that implemented non-lethal or non-invasive methods and that could be used as guidance. It is the first online resource of its kind developed specifically for wildlife biologists, ecologists, and conservation managers.



Featured so far:

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Nordic zebrafish meeting 2023

The zebrafish core facility at Karolinska Institutet, in collaboration with partners from Nord University and Norecopa, would like to invite you to a Nordic zebrafish meeting.

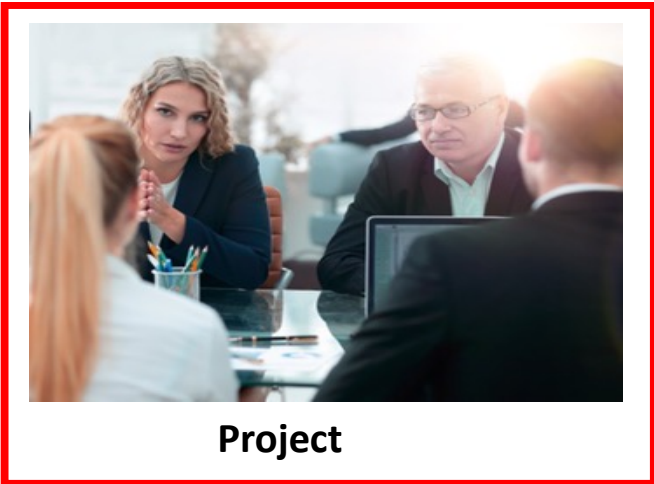
The meeting will be held 16–17 November 2023.

The aim of this meeting is to build a strong network of zebrafish facility managers and PIs by founding a Nordic Zebrafish Network. The two-day meeting will cover the following aspects:

- Harmonization of husbandry procedures
- Harmonization of biosafety strategies
- Building a platform for education and training of zebrafish care staff
- Building a platform for exchange of fish lines
- Building a platform for cryopreservation of fish lines
- Founding a Nordic Zebrafish Network

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A contract between the animal facility and the research group

- Division of labour, responsibilities and cost
- Clarifying all stages of the experiment
- Ensuring that all necessary data are recorded

	Animal facility	Researcher	Not applicable
Animal:			
Arrival date			
Species			
Strain/stock and substrain			
Supplier (full name and address) or bred on the premises			
Number and sex			
Age, weight, stage of life cycle on arrival			
Pre-treatment (surgical or medical) from supplier			
Quality (e.g. SPF, germ-free, gnotobiotic, conventional)			
Acclimation time before the start of the experiment			
Time and duration of fasting (with/without water and bedding)			
Environment:			
Type of housing: barrier/conventional			
Temperature (mean ± variation)			
Light schedule			
Relative humidity (mean ± variation)			
Number of air changes in the animal room/cabinet per hour			
Environmental enrichment			
Housing:			
Free-range, shelf, cabinet, isolator			
Cage type and size			
Number and method of distribution of animals per cage			



Culture of Care

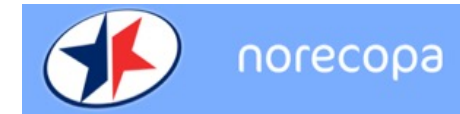
The International Culture of Care Network
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A demonstrable commitment, throughout the establishment, to improving:

- animal welfare
- scientific quality
- care of staff
- transparency for all stakeholders, including the public

It goes beyond simply complying with the law!

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Communication and the Culture of Care

Penny Hawkins, RSPCA Research Animals Department
on behalf of the International Culture of Care Network*

Effective two-way communication between scientists and animal technologists is essential for a good Culture of Care
The European Commission suggests the 'development of formal and informal communication channels, for mutual benefit with respect to science and animal welfare'
Here are some examples from International Culture of Care network members

Regular meetings

Scheduled meetings for scientists, animal technologists, vets, unit managers and AWERB members



Regular refresher/update meetings for all organised by NTCO



Special events

Duo-talks: researcher talks about their science, and animal technologists talk about techniques and animal care within the project



ELH organises an informal meeting for all, in which anyone can raise welfare issues



Building communication into existing processes

Each study has a pre-start and wash-up meeting involving everybody



Three Rs improvements reported to AWERB & shared at external user meetings



Other ideas

A 'boxless' event: anyone can submit 'out of the box' ideas to improve practice



A staff survey for all e.g. how much do you agree with statements such as 'in our group we listen to each others' ideas about animal welfare'



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Culture of Care facilitates honest discussion



"because we've always done it that way"

"as often as necessary"

"there are no alternatives"

Closely related to a culture of care is

a **Culture of Challenge** (Louhimies, 2015).

Look for the acceptable, rather than choosing the accepted.



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NAMs og NATs

NAMs: New Approach Methodologies (not *Non-Animal Methods!*)
Avoidance (methods which don't directly replace animal experiments)

e.g. studies on the human placenta
 "Read-Across"



colourbox.com

NATs: Non-Animal Technologies
Alternatives to animal experiments

e.g. organoids (mini-organs)
 organs-on-chips
 experiments on fruit flies

	Chemical 1	Chemical 2	Chemical 3	Chemical 4
Structure	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
Property 1	● → ○	○	● → ○	○
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Activity 3	○ ← ●	●	● → ○	○

● Existing data point ○ Missing data point

NB. Those who work with NAMs may not even be aware that they use a method that can reduce animal use. It is therefore important to build bridges between the lab animal community and the NAMs/NATs-communities !

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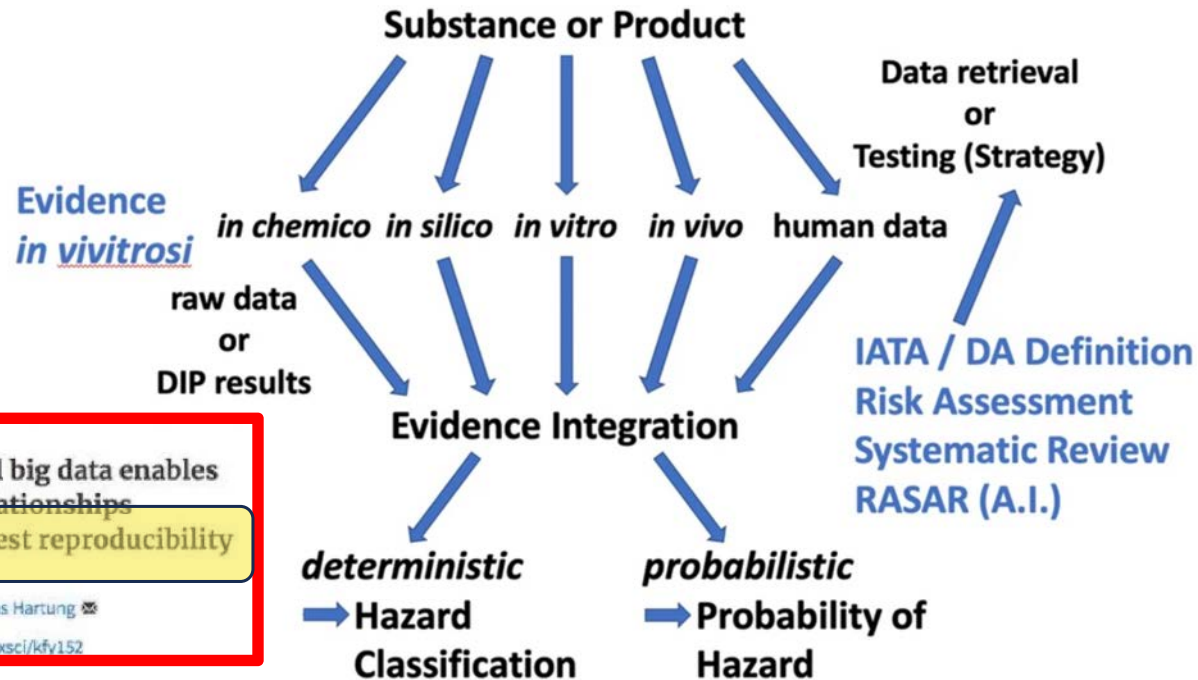
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Replacement of animal testing by integrated approaches to testing and assessment (IATA): a call for in vivitrosi

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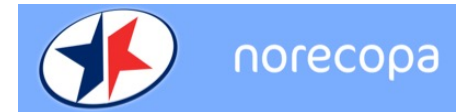



Aka Integrated Testing Strategies, IATA, Defined Approaches...



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 Toxicological Sciences, kfy152, <https://doi.org/10.1093/toxsci/kfy152>

The ARRIVE guidelines 2.0: Updated guidelines for reporting animal research



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Version 1 of ARRIVE (2010) was endorsed by more than a thousand journals but only a small number of journals actively enforce compliance

(Swiss study in 2016: 51% of researchers publishing in journals that had endorsed ARRIVE had never heard of them)

'Important information as set out in the ARRIVE guidelines is still missing from most publications sampled:

randomisation 30-30%

blinding 20%

sample size justification <10%

all basic animal characteristics <10%'

'It is likely that the level of resource required from journals and editors currently prohibits the implementation of all the items of the ARRIVE guidelines.'

The ARRIVE guidelines 2.0

This section of the website provides detailed explanations about each item of the guidelines. Use the left-hand side menu to navigate to each item.

To facilitate a step-wise approach to improving reporting, the guidelines are organised into two prioritised sets:

ARRIVE Essential 10

These ten items are the basic minimum that must be included in any manuscript describing animal research. Without this information readers and reviewers cannot assess the reliability of the findings.

Recommended Set

These items complement the Essential 10 set and add important context to the study described. Reporting the items in both sets represents best practice.

arriveguidelines.org

ARRIVE 2.0

ARRIVE Essential 10		
Study design	1	For each experiment, provide brief details of study design including: a. The groups being compared, including control groups. If no control group has been used, the rationale should be stated. b. The experimental unit (e.g. a single animal, litter, or cage of animals).
Sample size	2	a. Specify the exact number of experimental units allocated to each group, and the total number in each experiment. Also indicate the total number of animals used. b. Explain how the sample size was decided. Provide details of any <i>a priori</i> sample size calculation, if done.
Inclusion and exclusion criteria	3	a. Describe any criteria established <i>a priori</i> for including and excluding animals (or experimental units) during the experiment, and data points during the analysis. b. For each experimental group, report any animals, experimental units or data points not included in the analysis and explain why. c. For each analysis, report the exact value of N in each experimental group.
Randomisation	4	Describe the methods used: a. To allocate experimental units to control and treatment groups. If randomisation was used, provide the method of randomisation. b. To minimise potential confounding factors such as the order of treatments and measurements, or animal/cage location.
Blinding	5	Describe who was aware of the group allocation at the different stages of the experiment (during the allocation, the conduct of the experiment, the outcome assessment, and the data analysis).
Outcome measures	6	a. Clearly define all outcome measures assessed (e.g. cell death, molecular markers, or behavioural changes). b. For hypothesis-testing studies, specify the primary outcome measure, i.e. the outcome measure that was used to determine the sample size.
Statistical methods	7	a. Provide details of the statistical methods used for each analysis. b. Specify the experimental unit that was used for each statistical test. c. Describe any methods used to assess whether the data met the assumptions of the statistical approach.
Experimental animals	8	a. Provide details of the animals used, including species, strain and substrain, sex, age or developmental stage, and weight. b. Provide further relevant information on the provenance of animals, health/immune status, genetic modification status, genotype, and any previous procedures.
Experimental procedures	9	For each experimental group, including controls, describe the procedures in enough detail to allow others to replicate them, including: a. What was done, how it was done and what was used. b. When and how often. c. Where (including detail of any acclimation periods). d. Why (provide rationale for procedures).
Results	10	For each experiment conducted, including independent replications, report: a. Summary/descriptive statistics for each experimental group, with a measure of variability where applicable. b. If applicable, the effect size with a confidence interval.

ARRIVE 2.0

		Recommended Set
Abstract	11	Provide an accurate summary of the research objectives, animal species, strain and sex, key methods, principal findings, and study conclusions.
Background	12	<p>a. Include sufficient scientific background to understand the rationale and context for the study, and explain the experimental approach.</p> <p>b. Explain how the animal species and model used address the scientific objectives and, where appropriate, the relevance to human biology.</p>
Objectives	13	Clearly describe the research question, research objectives and, where appropriate, specific hypotheses being tested.
Ethical statement	14	Provide the name of the ethical review committee or equivalent that has approved the use of animals in this study and any relevant licence or protocol numbers (if applicable). If ethical approval was not sought or granted, provide a justification.
Housing and husbandry	15	Provide details of housing and husbandry conditions, including any environmental enrichment.
Animal care and monitoring	16	<p>a. Describe any interventions or steps taken in the experimental protocols to reduce pain, suffering and distress.</p> <p>b. Report any expected or unexpected adverse events.</p> <p>c. Describe the humane endpoints established for the study and the frequency of monitoring.</p>
Interpretation /scientific implications	17	<p>a. Interpret the results, taking into account the study objectives and hypotheses, current theory and other relevant studies in the literature.</p> <p>b. Comment on the study limitations including potential sources of bias, limitations of the animal model, and imprecision associated with the results.</p>
Generalisability /translation	18	Comment on whether, and how, the findings of this study are likely to generalise to other species or experimental conditions, including any relevance to human biology (where appropriate).
Protocol registration	19	Provide a statement indicating whether a protocol (including the research question, key design features, and analysis plan) was prepared before the study, and if and where this protocol was registered.
Data access	20	Provide a statement describing if and where study data are available.
Declaration of interests	21	<p>a. Declare any potential conflicts of interest, including financial and non-financial. If none exist, this should be stated.</p> <p>b. List all funding sources (including grant identifier) and the role of the funder(s) in the design, analysis and reporting of the study.</p>

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Recommended Set ^

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RECOMMENDED SET

11. Abstract

11 Provide an accurate summary of the research objectives, animal species, strain and sex, key methods, principal findings, and study conclusions.

Explanation Examples

A transparent and accurate abstract increases the utility and impact of the manuscript, and allows readers to assess the reliability of the study [1]. The abstract is often used as a screening tool by readers to decide whether to read the full article or whether to select an article for inclusion in a systematic review. However, abstracts often either do not contain enough information for this purpose [2], or contain information that is inconsistent with the results in the rest of the manuscript [3,4]. In systematic reviews, initial screens to identify papers are based on titles, abstracts and keywords [5]. Leaving out of the abstract information such as the species of animal used or the drugs being tested, limits the value of preclinical systematic reviews as relevant studies cannot be identified and included. For example, in a systematic review of the effect of the MVA85A vaccine on tuberculosis challenge in animals, the largest preclinical trial did not include the vaccine name in the abstract or keywords of the publication, the paper was only included in the systematic review following discussions with experts in the field [6].

To maximise utility, include details of the species, sex and strain of animals used, and accurately report the methods, results and conclusions of the study. Also describe the objectives of the study, including whether it was designed to either test a specific hypothesis or to generate a new hypothesis (see [item 13 – Objectives](#)). Incorporating this information will enable readers to interpret the strength of evidence, and judge how the study fits within the wider knowledge base.

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2. Hair K, Macleod MR, Sena ES, Sena ES, Hair K, Macleod MR, Howells D, Bath P, Irvine C, MacCallum C, Morrison G,

There are three broad areas which need to be considered when planning animal studies:

1. The suitability of the species or strain as a model of the target organism
2. The ethical issues surrounding their use: '[choosing the right animal for the right reason](#)'. The large increase in use of genetically altered lines has created increasing [concern about the suitability of these animals as models of human conditions](#).
3. Characterisation of the animals. Items to be considered, in collaboration with the supplier, include:
 - > Species, strain, line and phenotype (with an explanation of any genetic modifications)
 - > Age, developmental stage, sex and weight
 - > Stage of oestrous cycle and any previous breeding history
 - > Any necessary pre-treatment (e.g. castration) for this
 - > Name and address of the supplier/breeder, method of capture and transport
 - > [Health status](#) (e.g. germ-free, gnotobiotic, SPF)
 - > Re-use of animals, which should be justified by legislation
 - > Any plans for release or re-homing, which must be justified

More resources

- > [Examples and references](#) from the NC3Rs
- > [Information on inbred strains of mice and rats](#)
- > [Strategies to minimise genetic drift and maximise experimental reproducibility in mouse research](#)
- > [Mouse Locator, UK](#)
- > [The Collaborative Cross panel of inbred mouse strains](#)
- > [Nude mice - more than what meets the eye](#)
- > [The Rat Guide](#)
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- ✓ *Better Science*
- ✓ *Improved animal welfare*
- ✓ *Advancement of the 3Rs*
- ✓ *Safer working environment*



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My easy summary

The 3 Rs to minimise the harm:

- *Replace the unnecessary experiments*
- *Reduce the number of animals used*
- *Refine the conditions for the animals*

The 3 Ss - use your commonsense and your heart

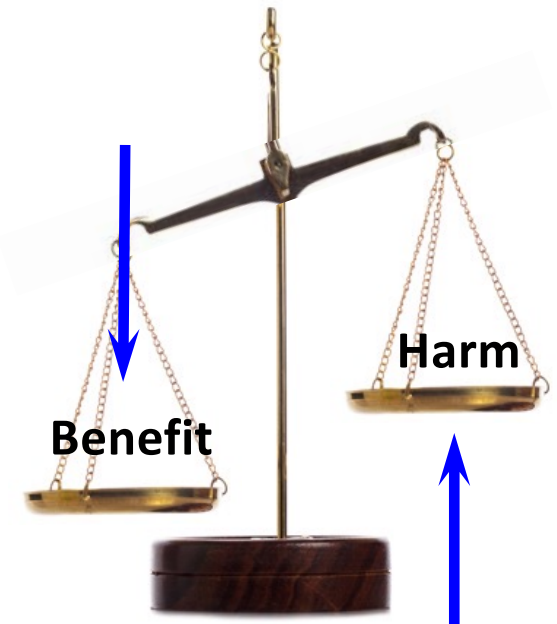
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The 3 Vs to increase the validity of the experiment:

- *Construct Validity (can the model answer the question?)*
- *Internal Validity (has the experiment been correctly designed?)*
- *External Validity (are the results translatable to the target group?)*

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What's the problem?

Preclinical *in vivo* research needs to be reproducible and translatable, while maximising the animals' welfare and replacing them with alternatives wherever possible. This can be summed up in the 3Rs of Russell & Burch: **Replace, Reduce & Refine**.



Scientists are usually well aware of **reporting** guidelines when publishing research. These are important, but a sub-standard study, like a burnt cake, cannot be improved by a better description. Guidelines for **planning**, although not mandatory, are of great help in designing better experiments.



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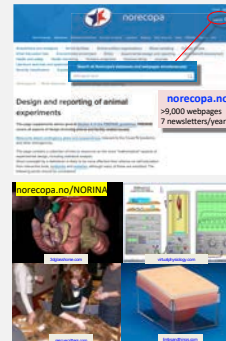
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- over 9,000 searchable webpages of quality 3R resources, with filters to facilitate searching
- the PREPARE guidelines for planning animal experiments, with a checklist in over 30 languages
- links to recordings of webinars covering all aspects of animal research
- an International Webinars & Meetings Calendar
- a collection of over 400 guidelines for planning and conducting animal research
- an English-language newsletter with the latest developments within the 3Rs
- the NORINA database of alternatives to animal use in education and training
- a slide set describing the 3R concept in detail: norecopa.no/3Rs
- a Refinement Wiki

Examples of Norecopa's resources:



- PREPARE covers:**
- ✓ Formulation of a study
 - ✓ Dialogue between scientists and the animal facility
 - ✓ Quality control of the components in the study



The Refinement Wiki
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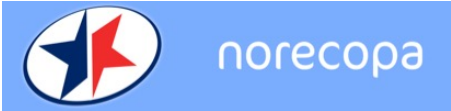
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