

A guide to practical tools for improving scientific validity, animal welfare, and health & safety

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What's the problem?

We have moral and legal obligations to ensure that preclinical *in vivo* research has the highest possible quality, reproducibility and translatability, while maximising the animals' welfare and replacing them with alternatives wherever possible. Those who work in research facilities are also highly aware of the potential health risks that arise when conducting animal research.

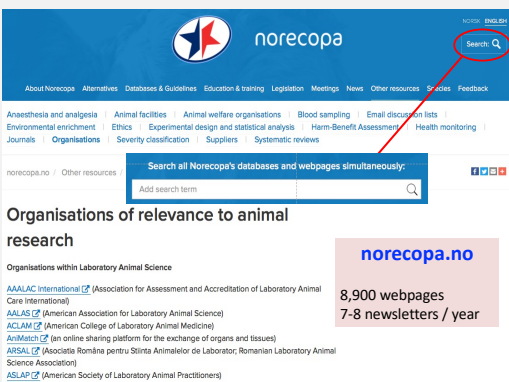
New techniques are being developed all the time, and we need a reliable source of information about them. In this way we can work to advance the 3Rs of Russell & Burch: *Replace, Reduce & Refine*.

What can Norecopa offer?

Norecopa maintains a comprehensive database of 3R resources, which include:

- 8,900 searchable webpages of 3R resources, with filters to facilitate searching
- the PREPARE guidelines for planning experiments that may involve the use of animals, with a checklist in over 30 languages
- an International Webinars & Meetings Calendar
- a Refinement Wiki
- the website of the International Culture of Care Network: norecopa.no/coc
- an interactive global map of 3R centres and Laboratory Animal Science associations
- presentations from international consensus meetings on the care and use of research animals

Examples of Norecopa's resources:



Search all Norecopa's databases and webpages simultaneously:

Organisations of relevance to animal research

Organisations within Laboratory Animal Science

AAALAC International (Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International)

AAALAS (American Association for Laboratory Animal Science)

ACLAM (American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine)

AniMatch (an online sharing platform for the exchange of organs and tissues)

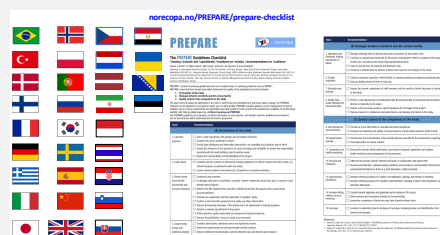
ARSA (Asociația Română pentru Știința Animalelor de Laborator; Romanian Laboratory Animal Science Association)

ASLAP (American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners)

8,900 webpages
7-8 newsletters / year

PREPARE

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



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PREPARE
The 100% System Checklist



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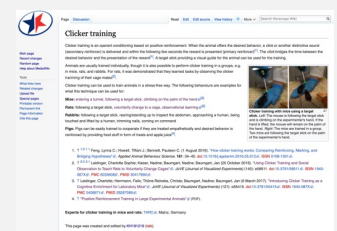
PREPARE Checklist | 1-Literature searches | 2-Legal issues | 3-Ethical issues, Harm-Benefit Assessment and humane endpoints | 4-Experimental design and statistical analysis | 5-Objectives and timescale, funding and division of labour | 6-Facility evaluation | 7-Education and training | 8-Health risks, waste disposal and decontamination | 9-Test substances and procedures | 10-Experimental animals | 11-Quarantine and health monitoring | 12-Housing and husbandry | 13-Experimental procedures | 14-Humane killing, release, re-use or re-homing | 15-Necropsy | Comparison with ARRIVE



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