

norecopa.no: providing 3R-resources to find the best way forward

An intelligent search engine coupled to a large collection of quality global 3R-resources:

- databases
- guidelines and legislation
- 3R-alternatives
- education & training materials
- lab animal science resources
- email lists and journals
- 3R-information centres
- organisations
- meetings calendar
- newsletter
- newsfeed



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The need for easy access to quality-controlled, species- and situation-specific guidelines for animal research has never been greater. The media are now overflowing with animal-related material, much of which is not specially selected or peer-reviewed. Indeed, the advent of powerful search engines can give the impression that it is no longer necessary to involve professional information specialists. Recent scientific papers have revealed poor reproducibility and translatability of animal studies, weak experimental design, indications of inadequate post-operative analgesia, and lack of compliance with guidelines for reporting animal studies.

Scientists need easy access to quality 3R-resources and the ability to document the searches they have performed.

With this in mind, Norecopa has built a relational database of 3R resources, coupled to an intelligent search engine tuned to the field of laboratory animal science (norecopa.no).

The Norecopa website integrates 4 databases and webpages within laboratory animal science, welfare and alternatives. A large number of filters can be applied to increase the relevance of the search results. All searches and their filters generate unique web addresses (URLs), making it easy to document (and repeat) the searches they have performed.

In addition to the 3Rs, Norecopa endorses the 3S's: **Good Science, Good Sense, Good Sensibilities:** norecopa.no/3S

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