

Statement on the use of animals in research

The public supports medical research charities to find new treatments and cures for debilitating and life threatening conditions.

We fully support and abide by the Association of Medical Research Charities' (AMRC) position statement on the use of animals in research. View this statement on <https://www.amrc.org.uk/position-statement-on-the-use-of-animals-in-research>

We are committed to the 3Rs of reduction, replacement and refinement, as basic principles of humane animal research.

All experimental programmes supported by Scoliosis Support and Research must only use animals where there are no alternatives

Experiments using animals funded by Scoliosis Support and Research must:

1. use the simplest possible, or least sentient, species of animal
2. ensure that distress and suffering are avoided wherever possible
3. employ an appropriate design and use the minimum number of animals consistent with ensuring that the scientific objectives will be met

See the NC3Rs website for further information and guidance (www.nc3rs.org.uk).

High standards of animal welfare are important. These both minimise discomfort for the animals involved and enable researchers to get reliable results. As an AMRC member, Scoliosis Support and Research will only fund research which complies with the law and supports the principle of the 3Rs to refine, reduce and replace the use of animals in research. Research funded outside of the UK must be carried out in the spirit of UK legislation as well as being compliant with all local legislation and ethical review processes.

All grant holders using animals must implement the principles in the cross-funder guidance Responsibility in the Use of Animals in Bioscience Research (www.nc3rs.org.uk/responsibility).

Grant holders using non-human primates must comply with the NC3Rs guidelines Primate Accommodation, Care and Use (www.nc3rs.org.uk/primatesguidelines).

Grant holders should make use of the ARRIVE guidelines (www.nc3rs.org.uk/ARRIVE) when designing their experiments, and ensure that they report animal-based studies in accordance with the ARRIVE guidelines as far as possible, taking into account the specific editorial policies of the journal concerned.

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Providing advice, support, and information for people with scoliosis and advancing the treatment of scoliosis through research and collaboration.

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