

Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

Animals in Research Policy

Objective

The purpose of this policy is to set out the principles that will apply to animal studies funded and supported by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

Policy statement

CEPI will support animal studies if the potential health benefits are compelling, appropriate welfare standards are met, and where there are no alternatives. CEPI will ensure the appropriate care and use of animals in research and will submit applications proposing experimentation involving non-human primates, cats, dogs, or horses to the UK [National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research](#) for guidance. CEPI will support biomedical and veterinary research using animals regardless of where it is conducted, expecting it to be carried out by awardees in the spirit of UK legislation (e.g., Scientific Procedures Act 1986; consult the UK Government Home Office website, in particular the pages on Animal Research and Testing, for additional guidance) where feasible and to be compliant with all local legislation and ethical review procedures.

For CEPI-supported projects, CEPI requires that due consideration has been given to the refinement, reduction or replacement of the animals in the proposed work and that no viable alternatives not requiring the use of animals exist.

In line with World Health Organization's statement on data sharing in the context of public health emergencies (http://www.who.int/ihr/procedures/SPG_data_sharing.pdf), CEPI requests CEPI-funded projects contribute to a public log of animal models and outcomes.

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