

Researcher comes to the conclusion: Alternative methods are not available for his purposes.

Researcher has a scientific question for which he considers whether an animal experiment is necessary or not. He is obliged to thoroughly check the necessity for the animal experiment.

Researcher submits application for an animal experiment to the competent authority.



Authority examines if the application is complete and feasible and consults animal experimenting committee and other experts.

5^a Authority rejects application because the experiment can be conducted with alternative methods or it has already been conducted or because the statistical planning is not correct.

5^b Authority **approves** the animal experiment without any additional requirements or on the condition that fewer laboratory animals are used (reduction) and that pain, suffering or harm to the laboratory animals have to be minimised (refinement).

Researcher conducts the authorised animal experiment and makes the acquired knowledge available to the public.





Procedure for approving an animal experiment

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