

ANIMAL RESEARCH POLICY



Bone Cancer Research Trust recognise in order to beat primary bone cancer we must invest in a variety of research including cell and tissue experiments, developing computer models and animal research.

We do not take the decision to fund animal research lightly and will only fund studies using animals in the UK under the following conditions:

- Compliance with the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, amended 2012, and any related guidance and codes of practice
- Approval from the local animal welfare and ethical review body
- Independent peer review of the study to ensure high quality research and appropriate animal usage
- No suitable non-animal alternative exists and the study has addressed the 3Rs

The 3R's of animal research funding are:

- **Reduce:** minimise the number of animals used or obtain more information from each animal
- **Refine:** improve animal welfare by modifying or developing techniques
- **Replace:** avoid or replace animals in research

If research is conducted outside the UK the Bone Cancer Research Trust expects all UK standards, as well as local ethical and legislation requirements, to be adhered to.

We expect our researchers to:

- Ensure good quality reliable research is produced by maintaining excellent *health* and *welfare* standards of the experimental animals
- Be *open* and *honest* about their research

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