

Position statement on the use of animals in research

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Medical and health research charities are dedicated to improving patient lives and outcomes through the support of high-quality research to better understand and treat diseases such as cardiomyopathy. To achieve this, many types of research methods are used. These include clinical trials, use of cell, blood and tissues samples, computer modelling and, when there is absolutely no alternative animals may also be considered as an option.

In deciding which research studies to support, Cardiomyopathy UK ensures that all researchers have considered all the different options available to them in advancing knowledge and improving outcomes for patients.

Cardiomyopathy UK is committed to the [3Rs of reduction, replacement and refinement](#), as basic principles of humane animal research.

We are committed to openness and transparency around the use of animals in research. We recognise that not everybody is comfortable with the use of animals in research, and we work closely with the wider scientific community to encourage better practice and development of animal alternatives.