



MRI Statement on the Use of Animals in Scientific Research

Moredun Research Institute (MRI) is internationally recognised for its research on the prevention and control of infectious diseases of livestock and the improvement of animal health and welfare.

MRI follows and complies with stringent guidelines and regulations and has been operating and continually developing an ethical review procedure for over 30 years to ensure that if animals are used in research it is to advance science and knowledge to benefit animal health and welfare in the future. MRI is committed to applying the principals of reduction, refinement and replacement of animals in research. To this end, every experiment using animals has the experimental design reviewed by an Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB) to ensure the use is justified. The AWERB includes staff working with the animals and a statistician to advise on minimal numbers. A report is given to the AWERB at the end of each experiment where promotion of the 3Rs is paramount.

We have a communications centre to promote communications with the media and the public about our research using animals. We encourage openness and are proactive in providing opportunities for the public to find out about our research.