

Institutional declaration on the use of animals for experimental purposes

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Declares,

That the Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC) adheres to the transparency agreement concerning animal experimentation, sponsored by the Spanish Confederation of Scientific Societies (COSCE), with the collaboration of the European Animal Research Association (EARA), that came into effect on 20 September 2016.

Animal research plays a fundamental role in discovering the biological mechanisms involved in diseases and in developing medical treatments. Without the use of animals we would not have most medicines, antibiotics, vaccinations or surgical techniques as applied in human and veterinary medicine.

An important part of the scientific work that is carried out at the Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC), which contributes to the improvement of life for people, is thanks to the use of animals in studies into the basic, epidemiological, preventative, clinical and transferable aspects of leukaemia and other malignant blood diseases.

The well-being of experimental animals is a fundamental question for the Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC), as is strict respect for, and compliance with, current legislation on the protection of animals used experimentally, and for other scientific purposes, including teaching. Our aim is to achieve the highest standards of animal welfare, not only from the point of view of moral responsibility for them, but also because it is not possible to achieve quality science without animal welfare.

Our animal experiments comply with legal standards and are reviewed by an animal experimentation ethical committee, which promotes the use of alternative methods, a reduction in the number of animals used, and the refining of experimental procedures. No research project that requires the use of animals can start without a compulsory ethical evaluation, and final authorisation by the respective competent authority.

The Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC) also ensures that both the staff responsible for looking after the animals, and the researchers involved in experiments with animals, have all the necessary training and abilities, and the Institute undertakes, furthermore, to provide all the necessary resources for the correct maintenance (facilities, feeding and veterinary care) of the animals used for experimental purposes.

In witness whereof I sign this document in Badalona en 26 September 2017.



Dr. Evarist Feliu

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