

Axcelead Group Animal Testing Policy

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When the Axcelead Group considers the roles and results that animal testing has taken in maintaining human survival and health, as well as the necessity for the future development of life sciences, animal testing is a necessary and unavoidable method to progress in any academic field, especially in health sciences such as medicine, health care, and pharmaceutical studies, even though it forces animals to sacrifice their lives. We thoroughly understand the physiology, ecology, habits, etc. of animals, in addition to respecting their lives, and we implement methods appropriately, always keeping in mind the 3R principles (*) based on the scientific and ethical foundation.

When conducting animal testing properly, we comply with the "Act on Welfare and Management of Animals", "Fundamental Guidelines for Proper Conduct of Animal Experiments and Related Activities", and other related laws and guidelines. In addition, our testing facilities should, in general, be certified by the AAALAC International (International Association for the Assessment and Certification of Laboratory Animal Care) (**), an international third-party certification body. We promote the humane care of animals in scientific research through a voluntary inspection/evaluation program required in their certification process.

(*) 3R principles: The 3R principles are the basic philosophy of animal testing and mean "Replacement (use of alternative methods)", "Reduction (reduction in the number of animals tested)", and "Refinement (reduction of suffering)".

(**) One of our two in-house testing facilities has been regularly verified by AAALAC International and has maintained full certification. The other is currently preparing to obtain that certification, in addition to certification by the Animal Testing Facility Certification Center of the Japan Pharmaceutical Information Center.

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