NIH Rigor and Reproducibility: Use of Animals in Research

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Rigor and Reproducibility of Research

Essay

Why Most Published Research Findings



NIH Review Criteria

- Scientific Premise
- Rigorous Experimental Design
- Consideration of Sex and Other Relevant Biological Variables
- Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources

From: NIH Notice – Enhancing Reproducibility through Rigor and Transparency (NOT-OD-15-103)

Recent Publications and Comments

Make mouse studies work

More investment to characterize animal models can boost the ability of preclinical work to predict drug effects in humans, says **Steve Perrin**.



Animal studies produce many false positives

Examination of neurological disease research shows pervasive 'significance bias'.

Heidi Ledford

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NIH to balance sex in cell and animal studies

Janine A. Clayton and Francis S. Collins unveil policies to ensure that preclinical research funded by the US National Institutes of Health considers females and males.



How predictive and productive is animal research?

Fiona Godlee editor in chief, The BMJ

Core Reporting Standards: Animal Studies

- Randomization
- Blinding
- Sample size estimation
- Data handling (inclusion/exclusion criteria)
 - Landis, et al *Nature* 490:187-191, 2012

- Standards
- Replicates
- Statistics

Professional Society Recommendations

Biophysical Journal



Enhancing Research Reproducibility: Recommendations from the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

FASEB





How Can Scientists Enhance Rigor in Conducting Basic Research and Reporting Research Results?



Research Practices for Scientific Rigor: A Resource for Discussion, Training, and Practice

General Guidelines and Standards

Guidance for the Description of Animal Research in Scientific Publications

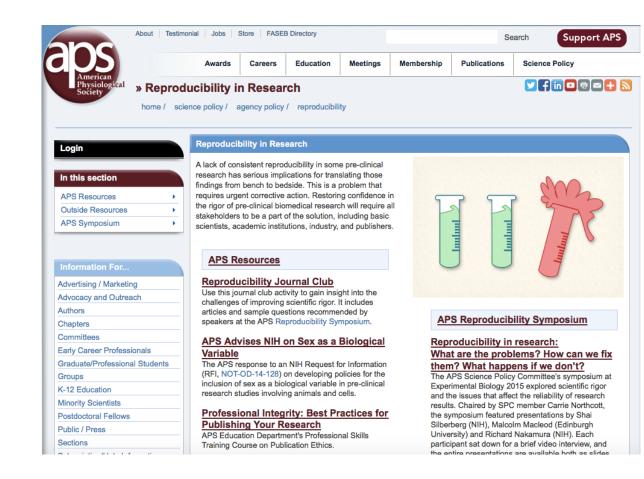
Institute for Laboratory Animal Research. Guidance for the Description of Animal Research in Scientific Publications. 2011. The National Academies Press

Improving Bioscience Research Reporting: The ARRIVE Guidelines for Reporting Animal Research

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http://www.plosbiology.org/article/fetchObject.action?uri=info:doi/10. 1371/journal.pbio.1000412&representation=PDF

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http://www.theaps.org/mm/SciencePolicy/Ag ency-Policy/Reproducibility



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Reproducibility Issues in Research with Animals and Animal Models http://nas-sites.org/ilarroundtable/roundtableactivities/reproducibility/

Discussion of parameters to be considered for in vivo work