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The Basel Declaration Society (BDS) condemns disregard of animal welfare regulation

During the last few days several media articles have dealt with the animal experimentation practice of the company LPT in Germany. For us at BDS, explaining the importance of the difficult topic of animal experimentation is very important. For years, we have been committed to respecting animal welfare, promoting the 3R principles of reduction, replacement, refinement and protecting the dignity of the animal.

Therefore, we declare:

- 1) Disregard of animal welfare rules and requirements is unacceptable
- 2) Carrying out animal experiments under uncontrolled conditions is unacceptable: the existing strict approval and control procedures in the EU are endorsed, promoted and supported by BDS
- 3) BDS is committed only to research, where the dignity of the animal and the development of treatment options for patients are best balanced against each other

The German authorities have launched an investigation against LPT. We hope that it will bring clarity to the practices of the company and punish potential violations of animal welfare regulation.

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