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Appendix 1: STAAR Commitments

Commitment 1: We will be clear about how and why we use or support the use of animals in research.

This Commitment seeks to ensure that all organisations acknowledge, both internally and externally, and are transparent about their use or support for the use of animals in research. All signatories agree to these basic principles of openness, which underpin the whole of the transparency agreement.

Commitment 2: We will enhance our communication with the public and the media about our involvement with research using animals.

The purpose of this Commitment is to ensure that relevant details about signatories' involvement in the use of animals in research are readily accessible by the public. It builds on Commitment 1 by outlining some of the steps that organisations can take to facilitate their communication about animal research.

Commitment 3: We will be proactive in providing opportunities for the public to find out about our involvement with research using animals.

This Commitment aims to facilitate informed public discussion in Switzerland about animal research. It builds on Commitments 1 and 2 by suggesting ways in which signatories can engage proactively with the public, over and above the provision of information.

Commitment 4: We will report on progress annually and share our experiences.

Monitoring the implementation of the transparency agreement will be important for its success. The aim of this Commitment is to demonstrate and share the progress signatories have made towards being more open about research using animals in Switzerland and improving the information that is available to the public.