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Appendix 2: STAAR Standards¹

1. Policy statement

Signatories acknowledge their involvement with research using animals by adding a policy statement on their website, including a commitment to advancing the implementation of the 3Rs. The policy statement is signed by the responsible of the domain of animal experimentation in the institution.

2. Contact person

Signatories identify a point of contact for information on their organisation's involvement in the use of animals in research and on eventual further initiatives aimed at increasing transparency (e.g. site visits).

3. Open animal experimentation

Signatories work towards providing comprehensible explanations of animal research projects and procedures and information about the statistics of animal experimentation in their institution. In this regard, signatories work towards making publicly available

- images and, if possible, videos from their institutions,
- figures of animal use specific to their institutions,
- the mention of the use of animal research in press releases reporting important new research findings.

4. Annual report

Signatories report to STAAR annually on measures they have taken in order to fulfil the commitments (see previous page).

¹ Standards as defined for STAAR 2022. The standards will be reviewed annually and adapted if necessary.