

Registration is open for the free webinar “**Rethinking Replacement with the Replacement Checklist**” which will be presented by Dr Juliet Dukes, Replacing Animal Research, UK.

Date: Tuesday, 04.11.2025, at 14:00 (EET, in Helsinki)

ABSTRACT

Based on the principle of *replacement*, UK and EU legislation requires that technologies or alternative approaches directly replacing or avoiding the use of animals in experiments must be used wherever scientifically possible. However, replacement is often not thoroughly considered, and failures in the existing system of checks and balances are widespread. Existing guidance and advice on searching for and identifying alternative approaches and replacement techniques is confusing and misleading, which contributes to the lack of confidence in addressing replacement and the structural and procedural barriers around it.

We present a simple and practical checklist tool, to help both researchers and reviewers to know what is needed to show that replacement obligations have been met and quickly identify if any crucial information is missing. This simple tool is accessible to the non-specialist and supports scientists, members of funding review panels, Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Bodies (AWERBs), Animal Welfare Bodies (AWBs), Animal Ethics Committees, and others preparing and reviewing applications— whether grant proposals or animal license applications.

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SPEAKER

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With an academic research background, Juliet has spent the past ten years working in the 3Rs, animal welfare and ethics. She now manages Replacing Animal Research’s grant funding programmes supporting the development of non-animal methods and works with all stakeholders to promote and uphold replacement, as the first, and the ultimate goal, of the 3Rs.

Juliet also serves on an institutional Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (the UK equivalent of AWBs/AECs/IACUCs), and convenes the FELASA [Working Group for Replacement Training](https://www.felasa.eu/working-groups/working-group-for-replacement-training/).

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With best regards, Vootele Voikar