

The response reproduced below was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on the ethics of research involving animals during October-December 2003. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

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- Q1 What is your view about the use of animals in research?  
I totally **abhor** the use of animals in any kind of research, be it medical, cosmetic or household or other. As animals are not human beings, the ones subjected to human ailments do not always respond to human medicines therefore the process is cruel and ridiculous.
- Q2 What are your views about the use of genetically modified animals in research?  
I do not agree with this.
- Q3 What is your view about the use of alternatives?  
We should use human beings for testing.
- Q4 What is your view about ethical issues relating to the use of animals in research? I think that **WE** have **NO** right to inflict any kind of pain and suffering on animals in the name of research.
- Q5 What is your view about the UK regulations on research involving such animals in the UK? In my opinion we have **no** right to begin with to capture animals and keep them confined in cages for the rest of their lives for such purposes. I do not know enough about these to comment.
- Q6 What do you think about the information that is available to the public about research involving animals?  
There is not enough information available.