





Animal research abroad and international collaborations: principles of good governance

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- What are the risks associated with global collaborations and how can these be mitigated?
- How aware should we be of the standards of animal care and welfare in other countries?

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- What should an effective due diligence programme look like?
- What percentage of academic institutions are engaged in animal research outside the UK?
- How many institutions involved in animal research abroad are covered by the EU Directive?
- Do local academic AWERBs consider applications where all or part of the research is conducted outside the UK?
- What does good governance look like and are institutions aware of published best practice?



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 mixed picture, not 1 measure fits all (because of different type of relationships, collaborations) > student collaboration vs PPL holder collaboration

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- Monitoring of collaboration is resource intensive. Attendees discussed the usefulness of a risk based approach (examples of best practice were shared) > potentially need to disseminate them further
- To improve oversight processes you need top down support and buy in from establishment and not just driven by AWERBs
- governance of these issues is very different in pharma vs academia; with AWERBS tasked with responsibility of assessing collaborations in academia
- your institution reputation is at risk and this should inform the way you manage the risk (due diligence process are needed)