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When you make a donation to your favourite health charity, are you inadvertently funding animal experiments?

We would all like to play a role in the discovery of cures and the development of treatments for devastating diseases such as cancer, AIDS, Parkinson's disease, dementia, arthritis, and diabetes.

Many scientists now recognise that the best hope of finding these cures and treatments lies with human-specific, non-animal research techniques. Computer modelling, micro-dosing, micro-fluidic chips, in-vitro human tissue studies, autopsy, and epidemiology are all examples of the modern cutting-edge technology that can provide results directly applicable to humans.

Using another species to model human health and disease is a dangerous, inaccurate, and outdated mode of research. In fact, **'nine out of ten experimental drugs fail in clinical studies because we cannot accurately predict how they will behave in people based on laboratory and animal studies'**¹

Animal experiments also pose a huge ethical concern over the cruelty of forcing sentient animals to undergo experiments which are often invasive, withhold anaesthetic and analgesics, and end in death. In addition to the experiments themselves, animals in laboratories often experience physical, mental, and emotional suffering caused by housing conditions, isolation, and handling.

It is no wonder those in the scientific community who are dedicated to finding real solutions to human diseases, are now looking towards human-specific case studies as a way of achieving them as quickly as possible.

Many people who have ethical concerns and who understand the irrelevance of animals studies to human health choose to support research organisations that invest in modern human-specific studies rather than outdated and ineffective animal experiments.

1 U.S. Food and Drug Administration (2006, Jan. 12). FDA Issues Advice to Make Earliest Stages of Clinical Drug Development More Efficient. News Release.
2 Nexus Research (2013). Public Opinion Poll on Humane Research Issues: A Market Research Report to Australian Association for Humane Research Inc., Abbotsford: Nexus Research Pty Ltd.

Humane Charities provides a growing list of Australian health and medical charities that do not conduct or fund animal research. By donating to them, you can be assured that your gift will provide the best possible chance of helping people, whilst sparing animals.



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"Only 13% of Australians would donate to a health or medical research charity if they knew it were funding animal experiments."²

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