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Sandoz is a global leader in generic pharmaceuticals and biosimilars. Sandoz is committed to pioneer access to patients to help people around the world to access high-quality medicines.

Sandoz always strives to minimize the usage of animals for research by opting for alternative research methodologies like computer modelling (*in silico*) and *in vitro* testing, etc., wherever feasible. Sandoz conducts animal studies very rarely and only when mandated by health authorities. In unavoidable circumstances, if animal studies are required, Sandoz will ensure that these studies are conducted with the highest ethical and scientific quality standards adhering to 3R principles (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement) of animal welfare.

Sandoz Commitment for Ethical usage of Laboratory Animals in Research:

- Sandoz will opt for animal studies only when use of animals is essential and unavoidable to achieve the research objective, meet the regulatory requirement and alternative methods are not available.
- If animal research is unavoidable, the methodology used should strive to reduce the number of animals and to refine procedures to minimize pain and distress as much as possible.
- Sandoz has an Animal Welfare Guideline and a set of Animal Welfare Standards that define key principles, requirements and responsibilities governing the care and use of animals and the conduct of animal-based research. All animal studies sponsored by Sandoz must comply with these standards, as well as with all applicable laws and regulations governing the care and use of animals in research.
- Sandoz has a Global Animal Welfare Committee that is empowered to steer and ensure the company's adherence to the policy and standards.
- All animal studies sponsored by Sandoz are reviewed, monitored and recorded to ensure the scientific need of animal studies (3R principles) as well as the compliance with ethical standards for animal welfare are met.
- Sandoz recognizes that people have the right to express their opinions freely and openly about biomedical research involving animals. However, we condemn the use of any violence, harassment, and intimidation by animal rights activists as substitute for meaningful, constructive dialogue.

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