# Self-assessment for animal-based research abroad

Karolinska Institutet has implemented a framework for researchers that participate in animal-based research in countries outside of the EU.

The animal welfare body has established this self-assessment to assist you in evaluating if your proposed project adheres to the framework that KI has established.

You can find additional information and the framework [here](https://ki.se/en/comparative-medicine/for-researchers/animal-welfare-body-awb/animal-research-outside-the-eu).

Please fill out the self-assessment below if you plan to conduct or participate in research involving research animals abroad.

Please send the self-assessment for further processing to the animal welfare body if:

* You have identified potential risks with the planed project
* If your project is involving non-human primates

Please store the self-assessment yourself for future reference if you did not identify any potential risks and/or your research is not involving non-human primates.

If you have any further questions or comments, please send us an email through [awb@ki.se](mailto:awb@ki.se).

**Self-assessment:**

**General assessment of the proposed project:**

1. Are there economic reasons involved in the decision to perform the animal study in a non-EU country?
   * Yes (Please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
   * No
2. Would the Swedish legislation on animal experiments (JVFS 2019:9, saknr. L150) allow you to conduct the proposed project in Sweden? *Please contact the animal welfare body or the animal welfare officer at KI for guidance if you are unsure.*
   * Yes
   * No (Please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
3. Do you know of any research group that performs similar studies in Sweden?
   * Yes (Please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
   * No
4. Has an ethical license or similar been obtained for the proposed study abroad?
   * Yes Please add the issuing authority and license number here:

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* + No (you need to make sure that all required licenses are in place before commencing your study)
  + No ethical license is required

1. Does your study involve non-human primates?
   * Yes (please send the completed self-assessment form to the animal welfare body)
   * No
2. Does the planned study involve red-listed species? (*Please look at the IUCN:s Red list of threatened species at* [*IUCN Red List of Threatened Species | IUCN*](https://www.iucn.org/resources/conservation-tools/iucn-red-list-threatened-species))
   * Yes (please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
   * No

**Assessment of the animal welfare during the procedures:**

1. Does the animal facility in which the proposed experiments will be conducted have staff responsible for animal welfare (such as animal caretakers, animal welfare officers, veterinarians)
   * Yes
   * No (please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
2. Does the staff of the animal facility in which the proposed experiments will be conducted have relevant and species-specific training
   * Yes
   * No (please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
3. Does the animal facility in which the proposed experiments will be conducted have readily access to veterinarians to similar who could administer analgesia or other treatments improving the animal welfare?
   * Yes
   * No (please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)
4. Does the housing condition including the environmental enrichment before, during and after the procedure(s) match the housing condition that would be required if the experiment was conducted in Sweden?
   * Yes
   * No (please contact the animal welfare body for further processing)