

## **PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ANIMAL RESEARCH**

This public statement is intended to confirm that Antisense Therapeutics Limited (the Company) supports the use of animals in research where justified and to ensure that animal use is properly governed and conforms to the highest ethical standards.

The Company engages research institutions that are in a jurisdiction with appropriate animal welfare standards.

The Company confirms that to the best of its knowledge any research institution it uses upholds the 3Rs principle.

The 3Rs are:

- *Replacement*: methods that permit a given purpose of an activity or project to be achieved without the use of animals.
- *Reduction*: methods for obtaining comparable levels of information from the use of fewer animals in scientific procedures or for obtaining more information from the same number of animals.
- *Refinement*: methods that alleviate or minimise potential pain and distress, and enhance animal wellbeing.

The Company intends as its ongoing commitment to the 3Rs to ensure that individuals or organisations with scientific expertise in alternatives to animal research are consulted at the design stage of the proposed animal studies to assess if an animal study can be replaced by an alternative approach.

The Company in engaging with research institutions will require that at all stages of the studies the research institution employ measures to meet the reduction and refinement objectives stated above.