

## **“Replacement in animal research – a qualitative study of barriers and opportunities”**

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### **Abstract:**

A recent questionnaire study shows that animal researchers in Denmark are knowledgeable about the 3R principles at the textbook level. The study, however also found there are very few efforts to implement one of the 3Rs, namely *replacement*.

This presentation reports from a qualitative interview study carried out in 2017-18 aiming to explore factors that inhibit and promote replacement. Respondents included researchers and managers at public and private research institutions where animal experimentation is carried out. Based on the findings the presentation also highlights a number of key points that require attention and resources in the future effort to promote replacement and the use of non-animal methods.