

Animal research – right or wrong?

Activity sheet A – Animal research – right or wrong?

	Views / statements	Evidence or opinion?
1	Human life is more valuable than the life of other animals which is why most people are happy to eat animals.	
2	In vitro tests can't tell whether the drug will work in a living organism.	
3	Animal research should only be carried out on invertebrates.	
4	Properly regulated animal research is essential to discover new treatments and check the safety and use of new drugs.	
5	Animal research is unethical. Animals shouldn't be harmed unless they can benefit from the research.	
6	Animals should never be used in experiments.	
7	Animal research is not needed to make new medicines.	
8	Research using animals is OK as long as it doesn't cause pain or distress.	
9	Many treatments for diseases and surgical procedures first tested on animals are now used to treat animals as well as humans.	
10	Animal research is necessary because it results in less human suffering.	
11	Animals need to be used for research because they are biologically similar to humans.	
12	Animal experiments should only be carried out once and not repeated.	
13	Animals can be used for research if there is no other way.	
14	The results of animal tests should be published so that everyone knows about them and tests don't need to be repeated.	
15	Chemicals and drugs can't be allowed onto the market without testing them on animals first.	
16	Many surgical procedures and treatments for polio, diabetes and other diseases were made possible by the use of animals.	
17	Some drugs have unexpected side effects which are only discovered when the drug is given to humans.	
18	Animals may respond to drugs differently from humans.	