

# Our research policies

Our research policies on the use of animals in medical research, and open access publishing.

## Position statement on the use of animals in medical research

Target Ovarian Cancer would like to see future advances made without research involving animals, but currently work with animals continues to be essential in some aspects of medical research. Target Ovarian Cancer therefore supports such work where no alternative exists and where it is carried out according to best practice as laid down in legislation.

Research using animals has made an important contribution to advances in medicine and surgery, which have brought major improvements in the health of human beings and animals.

Much basic research on physiological, pathological and therapeutic processes still requires the use of animals in experiments. Such research has provided and continues to provide the essential foundation for improvements in medical and veterinary knowledge, education and practice.

Research using animals will continue to be essential for the conquest of many unsolved medical problems, such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, other infectious diseases and AIDS; and genetic, developmental, neurological and psychiatric conditions. Target Ovarian Cancer will support research using animals in the UK only if:

- it is fully compliant with current Home Office legislation
- it has been approved by a local ethics committee
- animal welfare is ensured
- it has been successfully independently peer reviewed

- due consideration has been given to the refinement, reduction or replacement of the animals in the experiment and no viable non-animal alternatives exist.

Target Ovarian Cancer believes that a dialogue on the use of animals in research is healthy and should be supported, and that the research community should explain the methods and aims of its research.

Target Ovarian Cancer fully endorses the Association of Medical Research (AMRC) position on animal testing.

## Position statement on supporting research in universities

Target Ovarian Cancer fully endorses the AMRC position statement on supporting research in universities.

## Position statement in support of open and unrestricted access to published research

The mission of Target Ovarian Cancer is to support the brightest minds in cancer research.

The main output of this research is new ideas and knowledge, which Target Ovarian Cancer expects its researchers to publish in high-quality, peer-reviewed journals.

Target Ovarian Cancer believes that maximising the distribution of these papers – by providing free, online access – is the most effective way of ensuring that the research we fund can be accessed, read and built upon. In turn, this will foster a richer research culture.

Target Ovarian Cancer therefore supports unrestricted access to the published output of research as a fundamental part of its charitable mission and a public benefit to be encouraged wherever possible.

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It is a condition of funding that all original papers published from research that is wholly or substantially funded by Target Ovarian Cancer are deposited in the open access repositories [PubMedCentral](#) (PMC) and its linked sister repository [EuropePMC](#) within six months of publication. This policy does not extend to reviews, book chapters, editorials or conference proceedings.

## Step-by-step guide to open access publishing

### Step 1

Prior to submission, check that the journal you wish to publish in offers an open access policy that is compliant with our conditions of funding.

The Wellcome Trust holds a [comprehensive list of the open access arrangements of journals](#). If you're unable to determine the journal's open access policy, please contact us prior to submission: [info@targetovariancancer.org.uk](mailto:info@targetovariancancer.org.uk).

### Step 2

Determine which of the following actions is required to achieve open access. This will depend on the journal's policy.

Automatic deposition into PMC

Author pays for deposition into PMC

Publish in an open access journal

Author self-deposits the manuscript into EuropePMC

Publisher deposits manuscript on author's behalf

No open access option offered

### Step 3

Ensure that the paper is attributed to Target Ovarian Cancer funding and that the grant reference number is accurately cited. This allows both the grantholder and Target Ovarian Cancer to link papers to grants in UKPMC.

If the journal does not provide a template for this information, the following wording is recommended:

'This work was supported by Target Ovarian Cancer [grant number xxxx]'

### Step 4

Email us to request open access funding if required: [info@targetovariancancer.org.uk](mailto:info@targetovariancancer.org.uk). You may apply at any time during or after the completion of a grant. Funding decisions would be on a case-by-case basis and we would only consider providing funding in proportion to the Target Ovarian Cancer-funded author's contribution to the work.

### Step 5

Inform us directly as soon as a paper is accepted for publication: [info@targetovariancancer.org.uk](mailto:info@targetovariancancer.org.uk).

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