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Our aim at Sanofi is to ensure that patients have always access to medicines, vaccines, medical devices, and other healthcare products whose quality, safety and efficacy has been proved to the highest scientific standards. For this reason, the use of animals remains a small but critical part of our comprehensive research and testing strategy along with non-animal methods and clinical studies. Importantly, animal use is authorized by Sanofi only when clear regulatory and scientific necessity and merit are established and is conducted under strict ethical oversight. At Sanofi, using animals for scientific purposes is conducted only when justified in pursuit of benefits for human health and/or a regulatory requirement. The 3Rs principles (replacement, reduction, and refinement of animal use) are always applied.

In this context, it should be noted that Sanofi does not use the Porsolt swim test. We have no research projects that involve the use of this test and have no plans for this test to be used in the future, either in-house or at a contract research partner. Also of note, this test has not been used at Sanofi for several years, consistent with our ethics, standards and procedures described above.

Overall, Sanofi is committed to using animals responsibly, and to significantly reducing our reliance on the use of animals as appropriate scientifically valid alternative means become available.

For more information on the responsible use of animals at Sanofi, please refer to our dedicated [webpage](#).

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