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Summary

Research on animals has always been indispensable for medical practice. Until the 1960s, the sex of laboratory animals was almost completely disregarded (with the exception of studies on reproduction). Even today, in 22 to 42 percent of physiological, neuroscientific and biological studies, sex of animals used is still not apparent to the readers of research papers. Many studies still focus on male animals and exclude female animals from their study. The inclusion of female laboratory animals is a prerequisite for the proper investigation of female-specific phenomena: Studies on model organisms are particularly important, for example, with regard to pregnancy, in order to ensure the safe treatment of pregnant women in testing and practice.

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