

POSITION STATEMENT

TEXAS SOCIETY FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Xenotransplantation

The Texas Society for Biomedical Research (TSBR), representing academic, medical, and research institutions in Texas, is dedicated to the improvement of health and well being for all life through advances in basic biomedical research. Transplantation of organs from animals to humans, or xenotransplantation, has the potential to prolong and enhance the quality of human life for people suffering from many diseases.

Shortages of donated human organs hinder the needs of society to accommodate a growing list of patients awaiting new organs. Many patients awaiting organ transplantation die before a suitable human organ becomes available. Xenotransplantation technology holds a promise for providing sufficient new organs for those recipients in need of a transplant.

Biomolecular animal research conducted in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations is supported by the TSBR.

Respect for the humane care and judicious use of animals in research is of importance to the TSBR and scientists across Texas. Implicit in this respect is that the animals are legally acquired, receive the highest standards for their care, and that their welfare remains important in the quest for new scientific knowledge and contributions to humanity.

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