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Parliamentary initiative 18,491

«Ban on animal experiments with high severity degree; Supplement to the Animal Protection Law»

The National Council clearly rejects the latest initiative of National Councilor Maya Graf; biomedical researchers in Switzerland welcome this decision.

On 25.09.19 the National Council debated and clearly rejected the parliamentary initiative 18.491 «Ban on animal experiments with high severity degree; Supplement to the Animal Protection Law» by National Councilor Maya Graf (G, BL). The association "Research for Life" welcomes this decision. We are relieved that the majority of the National Council is convinced that animal experiments are indispensable for the development of new and innovative therapies and that severity degree 3 experiments should continue to be allowed. The rejection of this parliamentary initiative will allow researchers in Switzerland to continue to study and develop therapeutic approaches for many diseases that have not yet been treated or are difficult to treat under the already existing strict Swiss legislation. Otherwise, these experiments and studies would be relocated abroad, where animals are usually less or not at all protected by law.

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