

# Workshop on severity assessment of animal experiments

Organized by the KU Leuven Laboratory Animal Center

## DATE

Thursday June 19, 2025  
From 14:00 to 16:00 CET



## LOCATION

Aula O&N5 (04.112), Campus Gasthuisberg, KU Leuven

## CONTENT

The objective of this interactive workshop is to learn how to estimate the severity score of animal experiments. The definitions in the Belgian legislation will be explained: what is mild, moderate, severe and non-recovery (examples will be given). What is the difference between prospective and actual severity? All factors that determine the severity of an animal experiment are explained: not only the procedure-related factors are important but also the frequency, phenotype, etc. Afterwards, a practical estimation of severity is made: how should this be done? This is demonstrated by means of a number of elaborated examples.

The workshop is interactive: on the one hand questions are asked, on the other hand there are polls to estimate the severity of the practical examples via an app.

In brief, following topics will be discussed in this interactive 2-hour workshop:

- Different severity classifications
- Actual and prospective severity
- Factors influencing severity
- Assessing severity in practice

## SPEAKER

Stéphanie De Vleeschauwer, designated veterinarian, Laboratory Animal Center, KU Leuven

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Everybody involved in animal experiments (researchers, technicians, EC members). This workshop is open for KU Leuven personnel and externals.

## REGISTRATION

You can register for this workshop via OneButton:

<https://icts.kuleuven.be/apps/onebutton/registrations/982021>

Note: you will not receive an automatic e-mail upon registration, but you will see 'Cross me off the list' in red once you are successfully registered in OneButton.

The maximum number of participants is limited to 40. Please be so kind to unsubscribe when you cannot attend. You can still register on the waiting list once the maximum number of participants is reached. In case places become available, you will be contacted.

Participation is free of charge. Detailed instructions on how to get there will be sent by e-mail a few days before the workshop. Certificates of participation will be sent by e-mail afterwards.