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The popular vote "Animal experiment ban initiative" rejected by the Federal Council; Biomedical Researchers in Switzerland are relieved

The popular vote initiative "Yes to ban animal and human activity - yes to research with impetus for security and progress" was submitted on 18 March 2019. It is very radical and wants to ban not only all animal experiments, but also clinical studies on humans. Even the trade and the import and export of medical products based on animal experiments should be banned in the future.

Yesterday, the Federal Council requested the Swiss Parliament to reject this popular vote initiative. The association "Research for Life" welcomes this decision. If the initiative were accepted, medical research in Switzerland would be severely impaired and the Swiss population would be excluded from further medical progress. This would particularly affect human and animal patients, which today can be treated insufficiently or not at all. «Research for Life» will therefore continue to fight vigorously against such initiatives in order to ensure that research and development of medicines and therapies for many complex and incurable diseases in Switzerland will remain possible in the future in compliance with the strict Swiss legislation.

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