

Animal models are essential for the development of new therapeutic approaches. Each model has its limitations, but when these are taken into account, animal models are very well suited to develop different therapies. Which animal model to use depends on the therapeutic approach under study (e.g. it is impossible to test 10 year survival in mice, since they have a lifespan of only 2-2.5 years).

One should never forget that animal models are not humans: when something works in an animal model that is no guarantee it will also work in humans, or work as efficiently.