

Protocol Review & Facility Assessment

Item 11 - Use of Animal Tissues/Products

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) recognizes that the use of shared tissues and slaughterhouse material is an effective application of the "three Rs," and encourages this where scientifically appropriate. Although an IACUC animal use protocol is not required for tissue use, a "paper trail" is important to document that an institution has applied the appropriate standards to the acquisition, use and disposition of animals.

The following have been deemed appropriate for completing a [Use of Animal Tissues/Products](#) form:

1. Use of tissues or blood from animals euthanized under another IACUC protocol or any DLAR excess stock animals that must be euthanized.
2. Use of tissues from a slaughterhouse
3. Use of tissues from another institution

The Use of Animal Tissues/Products form **cannot be used** for the following:

- The only purpose for euthanizing the animal is to collect the required tissues. In this case, a protocol form or addendum form should be completed.
- To procure "Custom" Antibodies from a commercial source.
Please refer to [IACUC Policy: Protocol Review & Facility Assessment, Item 8 - Studies Performed at Another Facility \(Collaborations\)](#) for further instructions.

Use of Animal Tissues/Products form will be kept on file in the IACUC Office and notation will be made in the "Other Committee Actions" section of the minutes indicating the form has been processed.

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