

Surgery

Item 2 - Oocyte Removal (Multiple Surgeries) from Frogs

Multiple surgeries for frog oocyte removal may be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), provided there is adequate scientific justification. Survival surgery in frogs requires aseptic techniques including sterile instruments and gloves (sterile skin preparation is not appropriate). The IACUC recommends a maximum of **4** surgeries per frog - **3** survival surgeries plus one non-survival surgery - to minimize the distress experienced by any individual frog. There should be a minimum of one month between surgeries. Non-surgical techniques of oocyte expression are encouraged whenever possible. If the investigator requires more than four surgeries, further justification must be provided. Any animal showing significant complications after surgery will be euthanized.

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