



Standardised questions on the use of pigs

1. From where will the pigs be sourced? (name the supplier and give the location).
2. Will it be necessary to transport the pigs? If so, indicate approximate journey times and the measure that will be taken to minimise the potential stress during transport.
3. Please provide details of the housing for the pigs, including enclosure size and space allocation per animal. If the space allocations will not meet or exceed the [Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals Bred, Supplied or Used for Scientific Purposes](#) provide a scientifically principled justification for this.
4. What environmental enrichment is provided to for the pigs to permit performance of natural behaviours such as rooting and foraging, and to prevent maladaptive behaviours such as tail biting?
5. Will pigs undergo teeth clipping/grinding or tail docking? How often are these practices reviewed? What has been done to improve environmental conditions and management systems prior to resorting to these practices?
6. Will single housing of the pigs be necessary at any time? If so, please provide the justification for single housing, its duration, and what additional resources will be provided to the animals to minimise the impact of the single housing.
7. Describe the experimental procedures involved and the steps that will be taken to minimise any pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm. When were the procedures last reviewed by the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or equivalent?
8. What adverse effects might the animals experience? List the clinical and other signs that will be monitored, the frequency of monitoring, and where relevant state the humane endpoint criteria established for the study.

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9. Will any of the experimental procedures involve physical or chemical restraint? What alternatives have been considered? Describe the nature of the restraint, its duration and frequency, and what will be done to minimise distress.
10. What prior experience and training in pig use, care and welfare do those conducting the research have? What provision is made for continuing professional development in these areas?
11. Will any of the staff involved require specific training for any of the procedures concerned? Please provide details of the training needed and where it will be undertaken.