



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

Confidential Peer Review Form

The use of animals in research, teaching and testing is a privilege and only acceptable if it promises to contribute to the understanding of fundamental biological principles, or to the development of knowledge that can reasonably be expected to benefit humans or animals.

Before a protocol to use animals is approved, it must be shown that the use of animals is justified, that the project has merit, and that the procedures to which the animals will be submitted are humane. If a project has not been externally reviewed by a granting agency, the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), which oversees animal use for research, teaching and testing in Canada, requires that all animal-based research projects receive peer review of scientific merit from two independent experts prior to their approval by the Trinity Western University Animal Care Committee (TWUACC). The TWUACC asks that you, please, review this proposed project, assess its scientific merit, and determine if the use of animals is necessary and justifiable.

AUP #:

Dept.:

Title of project:

Please comment on the following questions. In addition, circle the words that best summarize your assessment. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Importance/relevance of the proposed study to scientific knowledge.

Very important Important Moderately important Not important

Comments:

2. Originality of the proposed research:

Highly original Original Not original Not original
but necessary/useful and unnecessary

Comments:

3. Quality and appropriateness of the experimental design and methodology:

Excellent Good Fair Poor

Comments:

4. Is the number of animals proposed appropriate?

Too many

Appropriate

Too few

Comments:

5. Are the species/models of animals appropriate?

Appropriate

Not the most appropriate

If not, what species/model would you recommend?

6. Are there alternative experimental procedures which would address the same research questions and would decrease or eliminate the use of experimental animals?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

7. Other comments:

Signature of Reviewer:

Date:

Reviewer's Name:

Credentials:

Years of Experience in this field:

Address:

Phone:

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Email:

Qualifications of Reviewer as it relates to the ability to review this proposal:

Please return proposal and review form to:

Chair, Trinity Western University Animal Care Committee

c/o TWUACC Coordinator

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