## Self-inspection and Evaluation Animal Experiments and Related Activities

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## I. Regulations and Systems

## 1. Institutional Regulations

1)	Eva	luation
		Institutional regulations are established in compliance with the
		"Fundamental Regulations".
		Institutional regulations are established; however, there are some matters
		to be improved.
		Institutional regulations are not established.
2)	Ref	erences for self-inspection
	•	OIST Animal Experiment Regulations
3)	Rea	sons for the evaluation. Specify the issues for improvement, if needed.
	•	Relevant institutional regulations are established.
4)	Pla	n for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	•	Not applicable

## 2. Institutional Animal Experiment Committee

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1)	Eva	aluation
		The Institutional Animal Experiment Committee is established in
		compliance with the "Fundamental Guidelines".
		The Institutional Animal Experiment Committee is established; however,
		there are some matters to be improved.
		The Institutional Animal Experiment Committee is not established.
2)	Ref	Perences for self-inspection
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3)	Re	OIST Detailed Stipulations for Animal Care and Use Committee easons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any. Institutional Animal Experiment Committee is properly operated.

3. System for Implementation of Animal Experiments. Is there a system for drafting, reviewing, approving, and reporting animal research protocols?

1)	Eva	luation
		A system for implementation of animal experiments has been established in
		compliance with the "Fundamental Guidelines".
		A system for implementation of animal experiments is established; however,

	there	are some matters to be improved.
	☐ A sys	tem for implementation of animal experiments has not been
	estab	lished.
2)	Reference	s for self-inspection
	· OIST	Animal Experiment Regulations
	• Appli	cation for Approval of Animal Experiment
	<ul> <li>Notifi</li> </ul>	cation of Animal Experiment Completion
3)	Reasons fo	or the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	• Instit	utional regulations and forms are properly established.
4)	Plan for in	nprovement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	· Not a	pplicable
	4. Implem	entation of Animal Experiments that require Safety Management.
	Is there	a safety management system to implement animal experiments using
	genetic	eally modified or infected animals?
1)	Evaluation	n
	■ A syst	em for implementation of animal experiments which require safety
	mana	gement has been established in compliance with the "Fundamental
	Guide	elines".
	☐ A sys¹	tem for implementation of animal experiments which require safety
	mana	gement has been established; however, there are some matters to be
	impro	ved.
	☐ A sys	tem for implementation of animal experiments which require safety
	mana	gement has not been established.
	□ No an	imal experiments requiring safety management are conducted.
2)	References	s for self-inspection
	· OIST	Recombinant DNA Experiment Rules
	· OIST	Biosafety Management Rules
3)	Reasons fo	or the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	• Biosa	fety Committee are operating properly.
4)	Plan for in	nprovement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	· Not a	pplicable

5. System for Laboratory Animal Care and Management. Is there a system for laboratory animal care and management, and is a laboratory animal manager assigned for each facility?

1)	Evaluation result
	■ A system for animal care management is established in compliance with the
	"Fundamental Guidelines", and a laboratory animal manager has been
	assigned to each facility.
	$\ \square$ The current system for animal care management nearly complies with the
	"Fundamental Guidelines"; however, there are some matters to be
	improved.
	$\square$ There are many matters to be improved.
2)	References for self-inspection
	· OIST Animal Experiment Regulations
3)	Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	<ul> <li>Animal facilities are operated properly by Laboratory Animal Manager.</li> </ul>
4)	Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	· Not applicable
	6. Other. Specific matters that should be mentioned for implementing animal
	experiments, and their inspection/evaluation.
No	ot applicable
II.	Implementation
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	1. Institutional Animal Experiment Committee
	(Activities of the Institutional Animal Experiment Committee comply with
	Institutional Regulations)
1)	Evaluation result
	■ Functions properly in compliance with the "Fundamental Guidelines".
	☐ Generally well-functioning; however, there are some matters to be improved.
	☐ There are many matters to be improved.
2)	References for self-inspection
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Applications for Approval of Animal Experiments Notifications of Animal Experiment Completion

Records of Education and Training

3)	Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	• The Institutional Animal Experiment Committee functions in accordance
	with Animal Experiment Regulations and Detailed Stipulations for the
	Animal Care and Use Committee.
4)	Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	Not applicable
	2. Implementation of Animal Experiments. Are drafting, reviewing, and
	approval of protocols, and reporting systems in practice?
1)	Evaluation result
	■ Animal experiments are being conducted in compliance with the
	"Fundamental guidelines".
	☐ Animal experiments are being conducted in compliance with institutional
	regulations; however, there are some matters to be improved.
	☐ There are many matters to be improved.
2)	References for self-inspection
	· OIST Animal Experiment Regulations
	· Application for Approval of Animal Experiment
	· Animal Care and Use Committee Minutes
	<ul> <li>Notification of Animal Experiment Completion</li> </ul>
3)	Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	· The Review of Application for Approval of Animal Experiment and
	Notification of Animal Experiment Completion is provided.
4)	Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
1	· Not applicable
	3. Implementation of Animal Experiments which Require Safety Management.
	Are animal experiments conducted safely?
1)	Evaluation result
	■ Animal experiments are functioning in compliance with the "Fundamental
Gu	idelines".
	☐ Generally well-functioning; however, there are some matters to be improved.

 $\square$  There are many matters to be improved.

	□ No animal experiments are conducted.
2)	References for self-inspection
	<ul> <li>OIST Animal Experiment Regulations</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>OIST Recombinant DNA Experiment Rules</li> </ul>
	· OIST Biosafety Management Rules
	<ul> <li>Application for Approval of Animal Experiment</li> </ul>
3)	Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	· Animal experiments that require safety management are conducted safely.
4)	Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	Not applicable
	4. Care and Management of Experimental Animals. Are care and management
	of experimental animals conducted properly, according to SOPs, manuals, etc.?
1)	Evaluation result
	■ Properly functioning in compliance with the "Fundamental guidelines".
	$\hfill \Box$ Generally well-functioning, however, there are some matters to be improved.
	☐ There are many matters to be improved.
2)	References for self-assessment
	OIST Animal Experiment Regulations
	Animal Facility Operation Manual
3)	Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	Properly conducted.
4)	Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
	Not applicable
	5. Facility Maintenance and Operation. Are the animal facilities properly
	maintained? Is renovation planned, if needed?
1)	Evaluation result
	■ Properly functioning in compliance with the "Fundamental guidelines".
	$\hfill \Box$ . Generally well-functioning, however, there are some matters to be improved.
	☐ There are many matters to be improved.
2)	References for self-inspection
	· Facility inspections conducted by the Animal Use and Care committee on
	May 17 and October 25, 2024.
3)	Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
	· The facility is adequately managed and the issues identified by the

6. Implementation of Education and Training Programs. Are the education and
training programs for laboratory animal managers, researchers, and animal care staff in practice?
1) Evaluation result
■ Properly functioning in compliance with the "Fundamental guidelines".
☐ Generally well-functioning; however, there are some matters to be improved.
☐ There are many matters to be improved.
2) References for self-inspection
· OIST Education and Training Implementation Status Report (FY2024)
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
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 $4) \quad Plan \ for \ improvement \ / \ Estimated \ time \ of \ accomplishment$ 

8. Other. Institute original self-inspection/evaluation for implementation of

animal experiments.

Not applicable