

Self-inspection and Evaluation
Animal Experiments and Related Activities

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I. Regulations and Systems

1. Institutional Regulations

1) Evaluation
☒ 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) References for self-inspection
• OIST Animal Experiment Regulations
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues for improvement, if needed.
• Relevant institutional regulations are established.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
• Not applicable

2. Institutional Animal Experiment Committee

1) Evaluation
☒ 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) References for self-inspection
• OIST Detailed Stipulations for Animal Care and Use Committee
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
• Institutional Animal Experiment Committee is properly operated.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
• Not applicable

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

1) Evaluation
☒ 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 system for implementation of animal experiments has not been established.
2) References for self-inspection • OIST Animal Experiment Regulations • Application for Approval of Animal Experiment • Notification of Animal Experiment Completion
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any. • Institutional regulations and forms are properly established.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment • Not applicable

4. Implementation of Animal Experiments that require Safety Management.

Is there a safety management system to implement animal experiments using genetically modified or infected animals?

1) Evaluation ☒ A system for implementation of animal experiments which require safety management has been established in compliance with the “Fundamental Guidelines”. ☐ A system for implementation of animal experiments which require safety management has been established; however, there are some matters to be improved. ☐ A system for implementation of animal experiments which require safety management has not been established. ☐ No animal experiments requiring safety management are conducted.
2) References for self-inspection • OIST Biosafety Management Rules
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any. • Biosafety Committee are operating properly.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment • Not applicable

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. ☐ The current system for animal care management nearly complies with the “Fundamental Guidelines”; however, there are some matters to be improved. ☐ 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. • Animal facilities are operated properly by Laboratory Animal Manager.
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.

Not applicable

II. Implementation

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 • OIST Animal Experiment Regulations • OIST Detailed Stipulations for Animal Care and Use Committee • OIST Animal Care and Use Committee Minutes • 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 • Notification of Animal Experiment Completion
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 • 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 Guidelines”. ☐ Generally well-functioning; however, there are some matters to be improved. ☐ There are many matters to be improved. ☐ No animal experiments are conducted.
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2) References for self-inspection
• OIST Animal Experiment Regulations • OIST Biosafety Management Rules • Application for Approval of Animal Experiment
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”. ☐ 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”. ☐ 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 July 14 and October 24, 2025.
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
• The facility is adequately managed and the issues identified by the committee are properly resolved.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment

- Not applicable

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.
• Education and training programs for laboratory animal managers, researchers, and animal care staff are appropriately implemented.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
• Not applicable

7. Self-inspection, Evaluation and Disclosure. Are self-inspection, evaluation, and disclosure implemented in compliance with the Fundamental Guidelines?

1) Evaluation
☒ 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
• Self-assessment of Animal Experiment and Evaluation Report • OIST Detailed Stipulations for Institutional Animal Experiment Committee • OIST HP
3) Reasons for the evaluation. Specify the issues that need improvement, if any.
• Disclosure of information has been implemented.
4) Plan for improvement / Estimated time of accomplishment
• Not applicable

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

Not applicable