



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

Instructions for investigators using COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE animal tissues

The IACUC requires a *brief* memo from any principal investigator (PI) who wants to use **commercially purchased** (ie grocery store, slaughterhouse, Carolina Biological, etc) animal tissue. The memo needs to be received by the IACUC office *before* the animal tissue is purchased. The memo needs to include the following things:

1. What is the tissue type?
2. Where will it be purchased?
3. Who will be working with the tissues (faculty, graduate students, staff)?
4. What type of protective equipment will be worn (ie masks, gloves, and/or lab coat)?
5. How will it be disposed of?
6. Are there any biosafety concerns?

This memo will be reviewed by the IACUC, included in the minutes, and filed by the IACUC office.

The IACUC will continue to require a ***full animal use protocol*** for cat/dog tissue (including blood) obtained from the shelters or veterinarians. Protocol amendments to existing protocols will continue to be required for sharing of tissues from animals euthanized here (for example a PI culls his rodent colony and gives tissue to another PI).

A memo is not required for procurement of “off-the-shelf” items such as cell lines, cytokines, and antibodies. For production of custom items (such as antibodies) in animals by a supplier, see SOP: IACUC Review and Approval of Outside Sources of Animal Samples.