**Introduction**

The [*NHMRC Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes*](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/australian-code-care-and-use-animals-scientific-purposes) states that if the potential impact on the animal, or the validity and efficacy of criteria for intervention to minimise harm, including pain and distress, cannot be predicted on the basis of available evidence, the incorporation of a pilot study into the design of the project must be considered. This can include studies on the tolerability or toxicity of unknown substances. The results of the tolerability or toxicity study must be approved by the UNSW ACECs prior to commencing the full study.

Where appropriate, the investigator may work with the Director of Animal Care or the Animal Welfare Officers to refine the project.

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Submit this report to [animalcare@unsw.edu.au](mailto:animalcare@unsw.edu.au).

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| ACEC Number |  | Chief Investigator |  |
| Project Title |  | | |
| Condition of approval |  | | |
| List all drug or drug combinations |  | | |

DRUG OR DRUG COMBINATION 1.\*

1. Provide a summary of the experiments conducted using this ~~for each~~ drug or drug combination (including drug dose, schedule, route of administration and number of animals used).
2. Provide a summary of any adverse effects noted.
3. Provide a summary of results (including graphs/tables if applicable).
4. Provide a statement/conclusion on the tolerability/efficacy of drugs tested and which drug concentration/dose will be used for further experiments as appropriate.

DRUG OR DRUG COMBINATION 2.\*

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*\* Additional sections can be copied for different combinations where appropriate.*

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