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AnimCare Animal Research Ethics Committee (AREC-130913-015)
Sample Referencing of Ethics Approval & Vivarium
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The wording below may be considered for referencing ethics approval and housing of animals at the North-West University in manuscripts (e.g. articles, reports, dissertations, theses). Give special attention to contextualise **highlighted** text for your study.

Animals (*specify species, line/strain, gender, n = quantity*) were bred, supplied, and housed at the Vivarium (SAVC reg. no. FR15/13458; SANAS GLP compliance no. G0019; AAALAC accreditation international file #1717) of the Pre-Clinical Drug Development Platform of the North-West University. The original animal colonies were obtained from ??? (if applicable). All experiments were approved by the AnimCare animal research ethics committee (NHREC reg. no. AREC-130913-015) of the North-West University (ethics approval no. NWU-000??????), and all animals were maintained and all procedures performed in studies involving animals were in accordance to the code of ethics in research, training and testing of drugs in South Africa and complied with national legislation. The animals were housed 3-4 rats per cage (size dependant) in 395 x 346 x 213 mm (WxDxH) polysulphone individually ventilated cages, and max 7 mice per cage in 391 x 199 x 160 mm (WxDxH) polysulphone individually ventilated cages, under conditions of constant temperature ($22 \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$) and humidity ($55 \pm 10\%$) with a 12:12-h light/dark cycle (lights on at 06:00 and lights off at 18:00). Food and water were provided *ad libitum*. Cages were cleaned and bedding (chipped corncob / sawdust) replaced weekly.

Please note! In case of animals bred at the NWU Vivarium, the Vivarium could assist with proper strain nomenclature.