



**Scientific Merit Review for Animal Care and Use in Research
Instructions for Peer Reviewers of Scientific Merit**

In accordance with Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) guidelines, an independent, expert peer review, of the scientific merit of the research program or project, is required prior to approval by the institution's Animal Care Committee (ACC).

You have been asked to provide peer review for the attached submission. In accordance with CCAC Policy, expert opinion must attest to the potential values of studies with animals. The reviewer is required to:

1. Evaluate the research proposal by addressing the questions in the Reviewer's Report Form.
2. Provide sufficient critical and/or constructive information concerning your evaluation to justify your conclusion about scientific merit.
3. Document your review using the confidential Reviewer's Report Form.

Upon completion of your review, please submit the completed form to the relevant faculty's Associate Dean (Research).

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Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions about the Peer Review process, please contact Anulika Mbakwe, Animal Care Committee Coordinator at ambakwe@mun.ca or 709 777 6621.



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Reviewer's Report Form

Proposal:

Applicant(s):

Please provide replies to the questions below. If your response to #4 is No, please provide the reasons for your answer. Please sign the report. This is for our records only. Your comments, but not your name, will be made known to the applicant(s).

1. Please comment on the appropriateness of the objectives, hypothesis and methodological approach.

2. Please comment on the potential contribution(s) of the study to scientific knowledge.

3. Are there any additional comments you can make which might aid the applicant's proposed animal research protocol?

4. Would you categorize this proposal as acceptable scientifically?
___ Yes or ___ No.

Signature of Reviewer: _____

Date: _____