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Title: **SOP -** Necropsy in Principal Investigator's Lab

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Attending Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/18/22

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### 1. Purpose

1.1 The intent of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to enforce all euthanasia must be conducted in the allocated spaces in the ACF. If a PI must euthanize the animal in the Investigator's lab, a valid scientific justification must be provided to the IACUC and approved prior to transporting animals outside of the ACF.

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5. References