**Annexure 12**

**Animal Use**

1. Which animal is being used in the study? Mention the species and number of animals required for the study.
2. State the rationale for the use of this particular species and the number of animals being used?
3. How and from where are the animals going to be procured?
4. Where would the animals be kept during the study?
5. Give details of the professional qualifications and valid experience of those who would be responsible for the care and handling of the animals during study?
6. Briefly describe the procedure of animal use in this study with special reference to the use of organ, part of an organ or sacrifice of the animal for the study.
7. How would the animals be managed after the study, especially in case of organ or tissue-based studies that do not require the animals to be sacrificed.
8. Would veterinary care be available to the animals if needed?
9. What measures have been taken to minimize the physical or mental risk to the animals to avoid unnecessary discomfort, distress, and pain?
10. Would sedation or anaesthesia be employed during the research? If yes then also mention the method?
11. What evidence do you have to support the use of animals in this study and not any other validated alternative method? (Reference from literature can be cited here).
12. How would the disposal of biological waste be managed?
13. If female animals have to be used describe the essentiality of use and mention the means to screen the animals for pregnancy to avoid the use of pregnant animals in this study?