

# Animal Research S4 and S8 Drug Use Guidelines

## Section 1 - Introduction

(1) The use of restricted substances (Schedule 4 "S4" drugs) and drugs of addiction (Schedule 8 "S8" drugs) in animals used for research and teaching purposes is controlled under the following legislation:

- a. [Animal Research Act 1985 No 123](#)
- b. [Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 No 31](#)
- c. [Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008](#)
- d. [Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985](#)

(2) Additionally, the Animal Research Review Panel, the statutory body under the [Animal Research Act](#), has issued the following policy: [The use of restricted drugs and the conduct of restricted acts of veterinary science in animal research](#) (ARRP policy 14, revised 27 February 2014).

## Section 2 - S4 Drugs

(3) Researchers can use S4 drugs ("restricted substances") for animals in approved projects provided that:

- a. the Animal Care and Ethics Committee has approved the use of the drug in that project;
- b. the drug is ordered in accordance with the provisions of the [Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008](#) from the holder of a wholesaler's licence or wholesaler's authority. Such an order must be in writing and include the name of the Chief Investigator and the Animal Ethics Approval Number; and
- c. additional guidelines established by the Animal Research Review Panel ([ARRP Policy on the Use of Restricted Drugs in Animal Research](#)) are followed.

## Section 3 - S8 Drugs

(4) Researchers can use S8 drugs ("drugs of addiction") for animals in approved projects provided that:

- a. the Animal Care and Ethics Committee has approved the use of the drug in that project;
- b. a NSW Health "Application for Authority to Possess or Supply Schedule 8 or Schedule 9 Substances, Prohibited Drugs/Plants for the Purpose of Research, Instruction, Analysis or Treatment of Animals" has been completed and approved;
- c. the drug is ordered from the holder of a wholesaler's licence or wholesaler's authority. Such an order must be in writing and include:
  - i. the name of the Chief Investigator;

- ii. the Animal Ethics Approval Number; and
  - iii. the NSW Health authority number. The initial order should be accompanied by a copy of the authority from NSW Health.
- d. the drug is handled and held as required by the New South Wales [Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966](#), and its [Regulation 2008](#); and
- e. additional guidelines established by the Animal Research Review Panel ([ARRP Policy on the Use of Restricted Drugs in Animal Research](#)) are followed.

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