

KM Biologics Co., Ltd.

To Ensure Animal Testing that is Considerate of Test Animal Welfare

Animal testing is sometimes necessary in activities related to the research and development of pharmaceuticals. To ensure the appropriate conducting of animal testing from the perspective of animal welfare, KM Biologics has formulated Animal Testing Rules that are in compliance with the Basic Guidelines for the Conduct of Animal Experiments in Implementing Agencies under the Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. We also established an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee to inspect the adequacy of all animal testing plans from the perspective of the 3Rs* and, following animal testing, to confirm that animal testing was conducted appropriately.

We provide education and training to persons involved in animal testing and the feeding management of test animals to ensure that tests are conducted in accordance with Animal Testing Rules. Furthermore, we conduct self-inspections to promote more appropriate animal testing and initiatives related to feeding management. Additionally, we regularly hold animal memorials to ensure that all related parties continue to maintain gratitude towards test animals and a sense of responsibility towards the lives of test animals. KM Biologics also receives external evaluations and verification of our structure and initiatives related to animal testing by the Japan Pharmaceutical Information Center (JAPIC), and we have been certified as a facility that is compliant with the Basic Guidelines for the Proper Conducting of Animal Testing and Related Activities in Research Institutions under the Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

*3Rs refer to the following principles related to the welfare of test animals.

Refinement: Mitigate pain

Reduction: Reduce the number of animals used

Replacement: Use alternative methods