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The Comité Institucional para el Cuidado y Uso de Animales de Laboratorio (CICUAL) has for purpose to review the experimental protocols for the enforcement of current biological norms (RHCD 674/09) (<https://secyt.fcm.unc.edu.ar/investigacion-cientifica-2/comite-institucional-para-el-cuidado-y-uso-de-animales-de-laboratorio/>) y ([https://secyt.fcm.unc.edu.ar/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2013/07/Reglamento para el Cuidado y Uso de Animales de Laboratorio1-2.pdf](https://secyt.fcm.unc.edu.ar/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2013/07/Reglamento_para_el_Cuidado_y_Uso_de_Animales_de_Laboratorio1-2.pdf))

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- OEA Documentos de Referencia:  
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