

Research Office LARC	Mouse Toe Clipping	IACUC Approved: July, 2011: LARC September 2014
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Toe-clipping is the removal of the first bone of certain toes, corresponding to a predetermined numbering code. It is strongly discouraged solely as a method of rodent identification. The IACUC must review and approve the justification for use of this procedure.

Toe clipping may be considered under the following conditions:

- Only when no other individual identification method is feasible.
- In combination with collection of tissue for genotyping of the animals.
- Only performed on neonatal rodents up to 7-days of age and the minimum number of toes are clipped.
- Under all circumstances, aseptic technique is followed.

Reference: Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, 2011