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should particularly ensure that their research complies with the commonly-accepted '3Rs' [1]:

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Authors must include details on housing, husbandry and pain management in their manuscript.

For further guidance authors should refer to the Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals Used in Scientific Procedures [2], American Association for Laboratory Animal Science [3] or European Animal Research Association [4].

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- **1.** NSW Department of Primary Industries and Animal Research Review Panel. Three Rs. Available online: https://www.animalethics.org.au/three-rs
- **2.** Home Office. Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986. Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals Bred, Supplied or Used for Scientific Purposes. Available

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- **3.** American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. The Scientific Basis for Regulation of Animal Care and Use. Available online: <a href="https://www.aalas.org/about-aalas/position-papers/scientific-basis-for-regulation-of-animal-care-and-use">https://www.aalas.org/about-aalas/position-papers/scientific-basis-for-regulation-of-animal-care-and-use</a>
- **4.** European Animal Research Association. EU regulations on animal research. Available online: <a href="https://www.eara.eu/animal-research-law">https://www.eara.eu/animal-research-law</a>

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The HCT116 cell line was obtained from XXXX. The MLH1+ cell line was provided by XXXXX, Ltd. The DLD-1 cell line was obtained from Dr. XXXX. The DR-GFP and SA-GFP reporter plasmids were obtained from Dr. XXX and the Rad51K133A expression vector was obtained from Dr. XXXX.

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#### Registration

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