

UBS Guidance on filling in Health Concerns

Link to Animal Procedure UPDATE

As of November 2023, the **Link to Animal Procedure** box will now save (figure 1, Box A).

This will need to be filled in for every health concern.

This can be altered retrospectively.

This will populate the Return of Procedures form (figure 2, Box A) with either Yes, No or Unconfirmed

It is the **responsibility of the PPL holder** to make sure that this is filled in correctly.

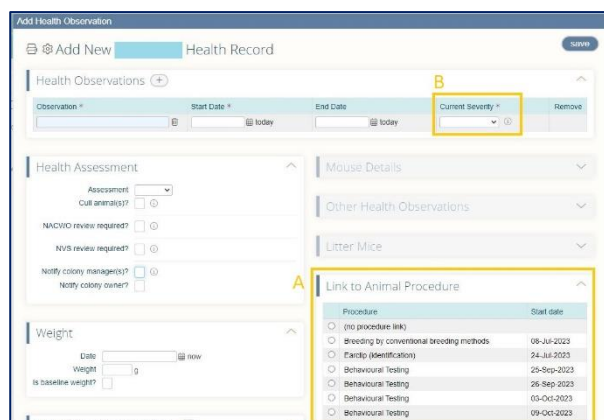


Figure 1 Link to Animal Procedures (Box A) now saves on MCMS. Box B is for assigning Current Severity.

PPL	any ult erty	Max Severity ①	Max Procedure Severity ①	Max Health Severity ①	Max Linked Severity ①	Max Severity After Regulated Procedure ①	Actual Severity ①	Last Procedure	First Regulated Procedure Date ①	Father Genotype	Mother Genotype	Age At Death	Single Earclip WT ①	Is Health Severity Linked To Procedure? ①
✓		Moderate	Moderate	Mild	Moderate	Moderate		Viral Infection	06-Sep-2017			36w 5d (at death)	Not WT	Yes

Figure 2 Return of Procedures will be populated. Box A with read "Yes", "No", or "Unconfirmed".

All UBS staff and users: when making a Health Concern please fill in Link to Animal Procedure as best as you can with the information available at the time. This can be changed afterwards.

Please refer to a Senior, NACWO, researcher or NVS if there are any questions.

Top Tips for deciding if Health Concern is procedure related or not

1. If the animal is not enrolled on a study, or study plan, then it is likely **No Procedure Link**
2. If the animal is on a study plan and been involved in a regulated procedure, and the health concern appears relevant to the regulated procedure, then it is likely **Procedure Linked**
3. If you have looked at a study plan or the PPL whilst making this health concern, then it is likely **Procedure Linked**

Top tips on deciding Current Severity of Health Concern

1. If the health concern is marked **No Procedure Link** then Current Severity level will not affect the animal's Actual Severity on the HO Return of Procedures¹.
2. If the health concern is **as expected on the study plan**, then current severity is **likely to match** the severity of the protocol.
3. If the health concern is being considered **a breach of a humane end point**, then current severity is **likely to exceed** the severity of the protocol.

¹<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-testing-and-research-annual-returns>; Advisory notes on recording and reporting the actual severity of regulated procedure, section 2d.