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3. Species (common name) Hamsters of animals used in the study.

Animals are given an oral dose of *Clostridium difficile*.

This experiment is designed to investigate the effects of toxin variant strains. Although every effort is made to identify and euthanize animals that become ill following the *C.difficile* infection, there are some animal that may die naturally very suddenly without prior evidence of illness or distress, despite frequent observation. Because not all such animals can be identified by us, and we cannot predict with certainty how many animals will become ill, we have placed all of these animals in USDA category E.

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