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Ferrets

76 ferrets were used in influenza or COVID studies. The studies were to determine levels of viremia, pathogenicity, infectivity, and clinical signs of different viral strains. The use of any clinical treatment would have changed the parameters being studied.

Hamsters

1151 hamsters were used in experiments that examined the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. The studies were to determine levels of viremia, pathogenicity, infectivity, and clinical signs. The use of any treatment would have changed the parameters being studied.