

Standard 14-day Cage Change Rationale for Mice

LAR highly recommends that all mice in ventilated caging systems be housed on a 14-day cage change cycle, therefore this the default housing procedure for mice in our vivariums. One of the most stressful events in a research mouse's life is the cage change process-mainly due to the disruption of scent/pheromone continuity and loss of previously built nests and additional handling. Researcher requests for a 7-day cage change cycle will be honored, but please take this increased ongoing stress into account when looking at your research or breeding colony results. There is also a different per diem in effect for 7-day changes, so please check the LAR website for those current rates.

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