

The animal is stunned before being slaughtered by bleeding, as recommended by the French ethics committee. The organs are extracted as a whole from the carcass by a dissection expert and weighed. Small 0.5 cm long cubes are cut and stored individually in an empty 2 mL cryotube or in pre-labelled aluminium foil. The latter is then immersed in liquid nitrogen stored in the styroform box with less than 10 minutes between the slaughter of the animal and the freezing of the tissue. The tissue sample is then transported in dry ice to the resource centre before being permanently stored in a freezer at -80°.