## **REPLACE™**

# Exhaust Dust Testing (EDT) Health Monitoring

# **IDEXX BioAnalytics**

### **Preparation**



EDT works with IVC racks without cage-level filtration of exhaust air. Materials needed include: a clean manufacturer's exhaust air prefilter, REPLACE™ matrix and an IDEXX supplied flat metal clip.

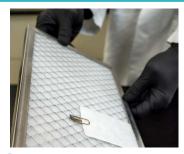
#### **REPLACE™ EDT Process**



With fleece side facing up, tuck one end of REPLACE™ matrix under the prefilter frame. More than one **REPLACE™** may be positioned on the prefilter if multiple samples or time-points for the health monitoring period are desired.



Secure the free end of **REPLACE™** matrix with the supplied flat metal clip with the outer u-shaped portion of the clip on top of **REPLACE™** and the inner tongue of the clip tucked under the prefilter wire mesh. The **REPLACE™** and clip should be secure and flat against the prefilter.



Place exhaust air prefilter onto rack with **REPLACE™** facing the oncoming cage exhaust airflow.



If the prefilter needs to be cleaned or replaced during the health monitoring period, remove REPLACE™ and place on a clean surface or in a clean plastic bag. Reposition REPLACE™ on new or cleaned prefilter as in steps 2-3 and place exhaust air prefilter onto rack as in step 4.

## **REPLACE™ Sample Collection and Submission**



At the end of the monitoring period remove **REPLACE™** from prefilter. Curl REPLACE™ lengthwise with fleece-side-inward, place in labeled 50 mL conical tube and secure lid.



Ensure tubes are appropriately labeled, and store samples at room temperature until read to ship. Place organized tubes in shipping container with packaging material to prevent damage.



Complete online submission form. Send samples to IDEXX BioAnalytics.

#### **Receive Results**



PCR Turnaround time = 3 days.

