

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Adjusting Animal Numbers on Approved Animal Activity Protocols

Ongoing research projects often encounter unanticipated problems related to technical complications, animal health, or other situations. Frequently, these issues result in a need to amend the original protocol to incorporate additional animals.

For mice and rats, additions up to 10% of the originally-requested amount may be Chair approved, assuming that the protocol objectives and techniques of the protocol remain the same and justification is provided (e.g., Minor Amendment). This approval by the IACUC Chair is a one-time event. Any subsequent requests for additional animals from the same protocol must receive full committee review. Request for greater than 10% of the originally-requested amount of mice and rats or any request for other species, regardless of amount, must receive full committee review.

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