

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Criteria & Process for Designated Protocol Review

Specific forms of Animal Activity Protocols may qualify for a form of designated review. This SOP is designed to identify specific criteria for defining which submissions qualify and to outline the process used to review and ultimately approve such protocols.

Qualification Criteria

Consistent with PHS Policy, all members of the IACUC must be provided the opportunity to review all submissions, and consequently, call for full committee review. Only select types of Animal Activity Protocols may qualify for Designated Review.

Types of protocols that may be considered for Designated Review:

- 1) USDA Category “C” studies. These studies are defined as those involving “animals upon which teaching, research, experiments, or tests were conducted involving no pain, distress, or use of pain-relieving drugs”.
- 2) Standard rodent breeding protocols
- 3) Euthanasia with tissue harvest [no live animal treatments conducted]

Process for Designated Review

1. Submission of proposed Animal Activity Protocol electronically to the IACUC Office. Initial administrative review completed and assignment for Designated Review.
2. Proposal is assigned a primary and secondary reviewer.
3. As with all submissions received, the protocol is posted to Sharepoint for member review (paper copies are mailed to the lay members).
4. Primary and secondary reviewers evaluate protocol submission. Unusual aspects of the study are noted (those inconsistent with previous UMMC-type studies).
5. Any IACUC member may call for full committee review.
6. The primary and secondary reviewers work with the PI to resolve any questions regarding the protocol. Once all questions have been sufficiently addressed, the primary and secondary reviewers will approve the protocol via Designated Review.
7. All such protocols are highlighted at the monthly IACUC meeting.

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