

## The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

### THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

#### POLICY STATEMENT

##### **Minor vs. Major Amendments to Animal Activity Protocols**

The IACUC is required to act as a full committee on amendments or alterations to an Animal Activity Protocol deemed MAJOR. MINOR amendments or alterations may be approved by the Chair of the IACUC.

##### MINOR

- Reduction in the proposed number of animals
- Refinement in techniques to be less invasive
- Addition of a technique or procedure (analogous to currently approved procedures in the protocol) that poses no greater degree of invasiveness
- One time addition of up to 10% of the total animal numbers requested (mice and rats only)
- Personnel changes
- Change in strain of animal model
- Change in animal gender

##### MAJOR

- Changes in the objectives of the study
- A proposal to switch from a nonsurvival to survival surgery
- Changes in the degree of invasiveness of a procedure or discomfort to an animal
- Addition of >10% of the total animal numbers requested (mice and rats)
- Addition of animal numbers for USDA covered species
- Changes in anesthesia or withholding analgesia (for instances other than veterinary recommendation)
- Method of euthanasia (for instances other than veterinary recommendation)
- Changes in animal procedures that affect the duration, frequency, or number of procedures conducted on an animal

Regardless of the type of amendment, these additions to the original Animal Activity Protocol should provide the IACUC with some form of rationale and justification for the proposed changes. Approval of changes should be received prior to commencement of the work.

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