The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

POLICY STATEMENT

Presenting a Protocol Review to the Convened IACUC

1) Identify the PI and the title of the project. Highlight objective information found in questions 1-13. Standard or routine matters are to be assumed unless specified otherwise [e.g., no hazardous materials unless YES answered to #11]….if standard, no need to mention.

Oral comments on questions #1-13 are to give animal species/number information coupled with unique housing/husbandry. Augment this information where appropriate such that the convened IACUC understands animal husbandry matters related to the proposal.

a. visiting scientist to conduct surgery
b. no peer review
c. breeding program involved
d. special feeding/watering
e. housing in lab for >12 hours

2) State the study objectives in lay terminology. Response should be clear, concise, and written in non-scientific language.

3) Does the rationale in #15A and #15B. Support the animal request in #9?

4) Briefly, present the study outline to the IACUC. In general, how are the scientific groups organized, what procedures are used, what is the time-line of events, etc? Specifically note which Appendices are required. Direct the Committee to unique experimental components or specific points in need of clarification.

5) Are the numbers of animals justified (as requested in #9 and described in #16)? Note for the Committee if numbers are reasonable and supported.

6) Are euthanasia methods consistent with the AVMA Panel? Is there a secondary method? If proposing decapitation or cervical dislocation without prior sedation/anesthesia, is there scientific justification?….if standard, no need to mention.

7) Does the “Search” look for alternatives? Any evidence of refinement practices? Is the “Narrative” written to explain the results of the search?

8) Are the appropriate appendices included? Highlight any unique components of appendices and specific problematic concerns.

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