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Re: Exceptions

USDA Registration Number: 32-R-0002

The following exceptions to research animal care standards and regulations have been scientifically justified and approved by the Bloomington IACUC:

 Species: Siberian Hamster Number of animals used: 621 Exceptions:

Single Housing

<u>Justification</u>: In this species, aggression is elevated when individuals are housed together with unrelated animals; thus, it is best to house them individually. In addition, food intake is monitored for individual animal in this study and it is not possible to collect these measurements for group-housed animals.