

Research Facility Summary of Exceptions 2018-2019
Registration No. 34-R-0025

An exception to the standards and regulations under the Act, involves non-human primate caging. Wall mounted non-human primate caging was used in portable rolling racks in various animal rooms. The cages provide approximately 4.2 ft² of floor space rather than the 4.3 ft² required for non-human primates between 3 to 10 kg. Cage height is 34.6 inches. The cages slant outward from the bottom and the total volume is greater than 12.0 ft³. Height and volume are both above the required 30 inch height and 10.75 ft³ volume. The guidelines state that innovative primary enclosures not precisely meeting the floor area and height requirements, but that do provide a sufficient volume of space and opportunity to express species typical behavior may be used when approved by the IACUC. The Animal Care and Use Committee approved the use of the 4.2 ft² floor area, 34.6 inch height and > 12.0 ft³ volume cages for animals up to 10 kg weight range. A total of 439 cynomolgus and rhesus monkeys were housed in these cages at various times during the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

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