Category E Explanation

- 1. Registration Number: 34-R-0017
- 2. Number of animals used in these studies: 3
- 3. Species (common name) of animals used in the study:

Onychomys torridus (southern grasshopper mice)

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress:

Standard test for pain-related behavior in rodents: intra-plantar injection/hind paw licking test.

5. Provide an explanation with the reason(s) for why anesthetics, analgesics and tranquilizers could not be used:

This study documents pain-related paw licking behavior in grasshopper mice in response to the venom of one of their prey items, tarantulas. Analgesics would prevent, block or mask the pain-related behavior we are trying to measure.