

Annual Report to OLAW

Institution: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Assurance Number: A3413-01 or D16-00257
Reporting Period: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

This institution's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), through the Institutional Official, provides this annual report to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW).

I. Program Changes *[Select A or B]*

- ☐ A. There have been **no changes** in this institution's program for animal care and use as described in the Assurance. *[Skip to Item II.]*
- ☐ B. Change(s) in this institution's program for animal care and use as described in the Assurance have occurred during this reporting period. ([FAQ 6](#))

Select all that apply:

- ☐ This institution's AAALAC accreditation status has changed ([PHS Policy IV.A.2.](#)).
- ☐ [AAALAC Accredited](#) – Category 1
- ☐ Non-Accredited – Category 2
- ☐ This institution's program for animal care and use has changed ([PHS Policy IV.A.1.a-i.](#)).
- ☐ The individual designated by this institution as the Institutional Official has changed. *[Provide name, title(s), address, e-mail, phone, and fax numbers in Item V.]*
- ☒ The membership of this institution's IACUC has changed. *[Provide current roster of members in Item VI.]*

II. Semiannual Evaluations

This IACUC has conducted semiannual evaluations of the institution's program and inspections of the institution's facilities (including satellite facilities) on the dates below. Reports of the evaluations and inspections have been submitted to the Institutional Official. The reports include any IACUC-approved departures from the *Guide* with a reason for each departure, any deficiencies (significant or minor) that were identified, and a plan and schedule for correction of each deficiency. *[Do not provide semiannual reports unless they include a minority view.]*

A. Program Evaluations

[Two dates (month/day/year) must be provided to satisfy the PHS Policy requirement that evaluations be done at 6 month intervals. If the IACUC conducted more than 2 evaluations of the program during the reporting period, please attach a list showing the dates.]

Date 1: April 26, 2019	Date 2: October 25, 2019
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B. Facility Inspections

[Two dates (month/day/year) must be provided to satisfy the PHS Policy requirement that facility inspections be done at 6 month intervals. If the IACUC conducted more than 2 inspections of each site during the reporting period, please attach a list showing the dates.]

Date 1: April 30, 2019	Date 2: October 31, 2019
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III. Minority Views [Select A or B]

- [X] A. There were **no minority** views during this reporting cycle.
- [] B. Any minority views submitted by members of the IACUC regarding reports filed under [PHS Policy IV.F.](#) for this reporting cycle are attached.

IV. Signatures

IACUC Chairperson	Institutional Official
Name: Christophe Ribelayga, PhD	Name: Michael R. Blackburn, PhD
Signature: (b) (6)	Signature: (b) (6)
Date: 01/24/2020	Date: 01/27/2020

V. Change in Institutional Official

Name:	
Title:	Degree/Credential:
Name of Institution:	
Address: [street, city, state, zip code]	
E-mail:	
Phone:	Fax:

VI. Change in IACUC Membership [*Current roster*]

Institution: The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center at Houston			
IACUC Contact Information			
Address: [<i>street, city, state, zip code</i>] Animal Welfare Committee Office 7000 Fannin, UCT (b) (4) Houston, TX 77030			
E-mail: AWC@uth.tmc.edu ; Brid.NicDhonnchadha@uth.tmc.edu			
Phone: (b) (6)		Fax: (b) (6)	
IACUC Chairperson			
Name: Christophe P Ribelayga, Ph.D.			
Title: Associate Professor, Ophthalmology & Visual Science		Degree/Credentials: Ph.D.	
PHS Policy Membership Requirements***: Chair, Scientist			
IACUC Roster [<i>Provide below or attach</i>]			
Name of Member/Code*	Degree/Credentials	Position Title/ Occupational Background**	PHS Policy Membership Requirements***
Mary Robinson	DVM, DACLAM	Associate Professor, Department J	Attending Veterinarian
(b) (6)			Scientist
			Scientist
			Nonscientist, Nonaffiliated
			Scientist, Administration
			Veterinarian
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Non-voting, Consultant
			Scientist
			Scientist
			Non-voting, Consultant
			Nonaffiliated
			Non-voting, Consultant
			Non-voting, Consultant
			Non-voting, Consultant
			Scientist
Scientist, Vice-Chair			

	(b) (6)	Scientist
		Scientist
		Scientist
		Non-voting, Consultant
		Veterinarian
		Scientist, Administration
		Scientist
		Scientist
		Non-voting, may serve as an alternate
		Scientist
		Scientist
		Scientist
		Scientist
		Scientist
		Nonscientist; Nonaffiliated
	Non-voting, may serve as an alternate	
* Names of members, other than the chairperson and veterinarian, may be represented by a number or symbol in this report to OLAW. Sufficient information to determine that all appointees are appropriately qualified must be provided and the identity of each member must be readily ascertainable by the institution and available to authorized OLAW or other PHS representatives upon request.		
** List specific position titles for all members, including nonaffiliated (e.g., banker, teacher, volunteer fireman; not "community member" or "retired").		
*** PHS Policy Membership Requirements:		
<i>Veterinarian</i>	veterinarian with training or experience in laboratory animal science and medicine or in the use of the species at the institution, who has direct or delegated program authority and responsibility for activities involving animals at the institution.	
<i>Scientist</i>	practicing scientist experienced in research involving animals.	
<i>Nonscientist</i>	member whose primary concerns are in a nonscientific area (for example, ethicist, lawyer, member of the clergy).	
<i>Nonaffiliated</i>	individual who is not affiliated with the institution in any way other than as a member of the IACUC, and is not a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution. This member is expected to represent general community interests in the proper care and use of animals and should not be a laboratory animal user. A consulting veterinarian may not be considered nonaffiliated.	

[Note: all members must be appointed by the CEO (or individual with specific written delegation to appoint members) and must be voting members. Non-voting members and alternate members must be so identified.]

APPENDIX III

III.F. INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM FOR ANIMAL CARE AND USE

The total gross number of square feet in each animal facility and each satellite facility, the species of animals housed therein and the average daily inventory, by species, of animals in each facility.

Facility and Species Inventory

Name of Institution: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Assurance Number: A3413-01

Laboratory, Unit or Building	Gross Square Feet (including service areas)	Species Housed in Unit (use complete common names)	Approx. Average Daily Inventory
(b) (4)	38,124 square feet	Zebrafish Goldfish Frogs Mice Rats Hamsters Rabbits Pigs Monkey: Rhesus Macaques	4,800 34 150 21,000 400 68 50 11 11
	20,847 square feet	Mice Rats	4,500 250
	15,714 square feet	Mice Rats Sheep Pigs	2,070 30 3 5
	3,554 square feet	Mice Rats	180 16
	54 square feet	Mice	0 (inactive)
	232 square feet	Mice	16
	354 square feet	Mice	100
	135 square feet	Mice	0 (inactive)
	440 square feet	Fish	100
	123 square feet	Rats	63
	256 square feet	Fish	100
	122 square feet	Mice	150
	200 square feet	Fish	100
	267 square feet	Mice	10
	721 square feet	Fish	100