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RE: Follow-up report of protocol suspension

Regional Director:

I am writing to follow up on an IACUC protocol suspension report filed on April 13, 2020.

**Summary of the suspension:**

Two issues involving potential non-compliance on a protocol involving rabbits were reported to the IACUC at a convened meeting on Wednesday, 3/25/2020. First, the IACUC was informed of an issue that involved fasting more frequently than approved in the protocol for glucose tolerance testing without veterinary consultation. The second issue involved several incidents in which animal treatments were not administered according to the IACUC-approved schedule, and in one instance, not provided at all though the medical records completed by the laboratory staff and held in the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR) indicated that the treatments were administered during the correct timeframe. The majority of the off-protocol treatments were administered on Friday or Saturday evenings instead of the mornings of the following days, as required under the protocol.

**IACUC Action:**

The response of the P.I. including the proposed corrective actions were discussed at a convened meeting of the IACUC on April 22, 2020 and the members of the IACUC voted to reinstate the protocol with the following provisions:

1. The postdoctoral fellow working with the animals will report each time he comes in contact with the animals for the first month of reinstatement with the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR) staff. This will be in a form of a written log that will be kept in the DLAR Office and validated by one of the DLAR Staff verifying the post-doc was in the vivarium working with animals under this protocol.
2. After the first month the IACUC will periodically retrieve the vivarium keycard entry records for the post-doc and check them against the animal health records. This will be done by the IACUC Chairperson and will continue for 2 years (ending 4/23/2022).

Please contact me if you would like additional

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