

SEMIANNUAL REPORT

ANIMAL CARE AND USE
PROGRAM REVIEW AND FACILITY INSPECTION
OF THE

Vaccine Research Center

April 2020

Section A – Site Visits & Program Review

- 1) Inspections of the Vaccine Research Center animal facilities (AF), satellite holding facilities (SF), USDA-defined study areas for regulated species (SA) and areas where any surgical manipulations (Surg) are performed (as applicable) were conducted as indicated below:

| Location | Type | Date | ACUC Members |
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- 2) Visits by at least one member of the ACUC to all remaining areas where animal activities were performed were conducted. These visits occurred during the previous six months and findings and corrective actions are described in this or the previous semiannual report.
- 3) The following document(s) was/were used as the basis for review of the animal care and use program:

| | Document/Resource: |
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| X | Guide for the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals, 8 th Edition (Guide) |
| X | AAALAC Program Description |
| X | OACU “ <u>Animal Program Semiannual Assessment Checklist</u> ” (1 page summary) |
| X | OACU/OLAW “ <u>Semiannual Program Review & Facility Inspection Checklist</u> ” (24 pages) |
| | Other documents/resources (please specify) |
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- 4) The program review was conducted in the following manner:

| | Program Review Process |
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| | Full committee member review for ALL of the review, i.e. the documents/resources listed in A3) are included in the meeting packet and reviewed at a fully convened meeting |
| | Full committee and subcommittee review, i.e. the documents/resources listed in A3) are assigned to various members who review their parts/sections and then they discuss their reviews with the full committee for a final review/approval |
| X | Designated member review, i.e. the documents/resources listed in A3) are assigned to various members who review their parts/sections and then report back to the full committee the results of their designated review |
| | Other, please describe: |
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Section B – Regulatory Compliance:

Except as noted in Sections E, F, and G below, the facilities and program are in full compliance with the Public Health Service Policy, the Animal Welfare Act Regulations and the Guide, which were used as the basis for this evaluation.

Section C – Program Changes:

The following administrative and procedural changes have occurred since the program was last evaluated:

1) Administrative/Procedural Changes:

- None

2) Key Personnel Changes - ACUC Chair, ACUC Attending Vet, APD, or Program Manager:

| Role (ACUC Chair, ACUC AV, IC APD, or IC Animal Program Manager) | Name | Action (joined or departed) |
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- None

3) Animal Facility/Area Changes:

- None

Section D – Guide Departures & USDA Exceptions:

Departures from the standards of the *Guide* and exceptions to the USDA *Animal Welfare Act Regulations*, which have been approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee, include the following:

1. Departures from the Guide:

- None

2. Exceptions to the AWAR:

| Species | 9CFR title/section | Description and Rationale |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Nonhuman Primates | 3.81 Environmental Enrichment to Promote Psychological Well Being (Singly housed NHP) | Some nonhuman primates on active animal studies approved by the VRC ACUC may not be pair-housed due to scientific justifications explained in the animal study proposal. The animals are a part of the facility Environmental Enrichment Program. |
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Section E – Previous Deficiencies & Plans:

- No Deficiencies were found.

Section F – Current Deficiencies & Plans:

- No Deficiencies were found.

Section G – Reportable Events:

- None

Section H – Shared & Central Facilities:

This semiannual report also encompasses review and oversight of animals and animal activities which were present or occurred in shared or central facilities. Deficiencies were noted and transmitted directly to the facility, and if necessary, to the responsible Animal Care and Use Committee. These reviews were conducted as indicated below:

| Building | Date | ACUC Members |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Redacted by agreement | 3/11/2020 | Scorpio, Redacted by agreement |
| | 2/27/2020 | Redacted by agreement |
| | 2/27/2020 | |
| | 2/26/2020 | Redacted by agreement |
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Redacted by agreement have been approved to serve as ad-hoc inspectors by the VRC ACUC.

**Inspections will be conducted once operations return to normal.

Section I – Minority Report

There is not a minority report filed with this semiannual report.

VRC ACUC Member Signatures:

Dr. Mario Roederer
Chair, ACUC

Dr. Diana Scorpio
Attending Veterinarian

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