



## Inspection Report

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SCHOOL  
55 LAKE AVENUE NORTH  
WORCESTER, MA 01655

Customer ID: **130**

Certificate: **14-R-0035**

Site: 001

UNIV. OF MASS. MEDICAL  
CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 20-SEP-2021

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**2.38(f)(1) Critical**

**Miscellaneous.**

In September 2020, hamsters that underwent research procedures as per the IACUC approved protocol experienced unanticipated outcome. After consultation with the veterinarian, laboratory staff euthanized the animals and disposed of the carcasses, leaving the primary enclosures for animal care staff to clean. Later the same day when animal care staff was preparing the enclosures to take them to cage wash, they found one cage that contained two dead hamsters and one alive. Veterinary staff was contacted, and the hamster was immediately euthanized.

Per this Section of the Regulations, handling of animals by all personnel, including laboratory staff, should be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause physical harm, behavioral stress, or unnecessary discomfort. The delay in euthanasia of this animal may have resulted in unnecessary discomfort, pain, and distress for the hamster.

The IACUC and AV acted promptly to address this incident by conducting an investigation and implementing corrective actions to prevent future incidents. Corrective actions included but were not limited to re-training of the laboratory staff on euthanasia, appropriate carcass disposal, and cage preparation for cage wash. No additional incidents have occurred.

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This item was corrected by the research facility prior to the inspection.

This inspection was conducted with facility representatives on 9/20/21 and 9/21/21, and the exit briefing was held with facility representatives 9/21/21.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
130	14-R-0035	001	UNIV. OF MASS. MEDICAL CENTER	20-SEP-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000052	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000213	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000002	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000052	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000003	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000325	<b>Total</b>	