

Approved Exceptions:

9 C.F.R. 2.31(d)(1)(x)(C):

On December 11, 2019, Emory University received an exception letter for permitting more than one survival surgery involving three Rhesus Macaques in order to conserve overall animal use. The letter states the following “The request for an exception is approved from December 11, 2019, to July 17, 2022 as a Special Circumstance. These animals that underwent craniotomies under one study, will be used in a different study for which craniotomies are required, reducing the need to sacrifice additional animals to achieve the same purpose. The surgeries are to be performed (b) (4) during the approval period. Emory University must reflect this exception on its Annual Reports for each year within the approval period as required under Title 9 Chapter 1 Subchapter A Section 2.36(b)(3).” All 3 animals were assigned, and the research completed by July 2020. This exception is no longer needed but being reported as required by USDA.

On 3/18/20 the IACUC approved an extension for husbandry and sanitation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this exemption, non-human primate primary enclosure sanitation can be decreased from every 2 weeks to every 4-6 weeks if needed. While sanitization intervals for cleaning in the cage washer were periodically delayed, daily cage cleaning continued to take place throughout the pandemic. Rodent Husbandry: if staff is reduced significantly, bottom cage changing may be changed to every 3 weeks, with other cage components reduced to as needed. These exemptions have been used sporadically within the DAR groups as needed due to staff shortages based on the continuing response to the pandemic. These exemptions were not used during the second period of 2021 and are no longer needed.