

Registration Number: 14-R-0030 -- **Exception to Standards**

The following exception has been approved by the IACUC:

Standard -

Lighting. Indoor housing facilities shall have ample lighting, by natural or artificial means, or both, of good quality, distribution, and duration as appropriate for the species involved (9 CFR Ch. 1, Subchapter A, Part 3; 3.126(c)) – keeping animals in 24-hour dark cycle is the exception.

Exception -

Number	Justification
16 domestic ferrets	These animals are raised in total darkness in a dark-rearing room. They are used to investigate the neurological effects of a lack of visual exposure to help understand how the visual experience modifies the properties of neurons in the brain. Other than the absence of light, the housing and care is not different from that of typically reared animals. Night-vision goggles are used to provide standard animal care.
16	TOTAL