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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE Annual Report of Research Facility Column E Explanation (TYPE OR PRINT)		
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1. REGISTRATION NUMBER 74-R-0081	2. Research Facility Headquarters address 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd Fort Worth, Texas 76107	
3. Number of animals used in the study. 27	4. Species (common name) of animals used in the study. Hamster	
5. Explain the procedure producing pain and distress. Animals associated with this model may experience pain or distress as a result of infection and/or treatment with a compound. Historically, animals often do not manifest any signs of pain or distress prior to death, and 75% of the animals in those studies have either remained healthy and normal or have been euthanized to prevent prolonged suffering. Signs that indicate a severe disease state as a result of Clostridioides difficile infection include lethargy, acute/chronic diarrhea, hypothermia, >15% decrease in body weight, reduced water/food intake, and swollen peritoneum. In addition to the possible effects related to the infection, treatment with test articles (compounds) could also induce negative effects in an animal as well. Signs of test article related effects include acute paralysis, increased respiratory/heart rates, and a rough coat. To prevent treatment related effects, all compounds evaluated in this model are pre-screened for potential toxicity by the sponsors and selected dosing regimens will be based on what has been safely used for evaluating other test articles in this model. All animals associated with this protocol will be monitored for severe disease every 6 to 8 hours throughout the duration of a study (up to 37 days). A clinical observation sheet for each day of a study will be maintained that will include recording observations and animal disposition, including the date (day and time) and personnel initials. Using the guidelines associated with the IACUC 'Pain and Discomfort' (document 013) and 'Humane Endpoints' (document 008) protocols, any animal that appears to be moribund will be immediately removed from the study and euthanized.		
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