2019 USDA Exception Statement Report
UTMB, Galveston Customer #1469
Registration # 74-R-0073

Species	IACUC-approved exception to space requirements
Sheep (211)	Sheep are maintained in metabolic stanchions for 12-72 hours prior to surgery, to ensure physical and psychological adaption to this type of housing. The stanchions allow the sheep to stand or lie down in sternal recumbancy. The sheep are surgically instrumented with specialized equipment (chronic indwelling catheters, ect). Stanchions provide a safe housing environment for the post surgery, yet allow easy manipulation of sampling lines and ports by investigators with a decreased risk of instrument failure due to pulling or biting of a line. While the animals are singly housed they are within visual, olfactory, and auditory of other sheep in the lab. The total time a sheep may be in a stanchion is 5 weeks. This includes an extended post operative recovery period if required by the animal's condition. If animals do not become acclimated to the stanchions, they will be returned to the vivarium and ARC vet staff will be consulted.
Species	**IACUC-approved exception to sanitation of primary enclosures**
Nonhuman primates (323) Guinea Pig (447) Ferrets (105)	Exemption for animals housed in Allentown Rabbit IVC systems in the ABSL-4 to the AWR for cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures of every two weeks. Exemption provided due to personnel safety concern while performing the task in the ABSL-4. Catch pan liners are changed no less than three times a week. The pans are hand cleaned using an appropriate disinfectant. There is an IACUC-approved exemption for NHP caging systems in the ABSL-4 to the AER for cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures every two weeks. This exemption was provided due to personnel safety concerns while performing this task in the ABSL-4. Cage bottoms waste pans are hand-cleaned on a daily basis using disinfectant and water to remove organic material.

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