



## Inspection Report

Hygieia Biological Laboratories  
P.O. Box 8300  
Woodland, CA 95776

Customer ID: **22308**

Certificate: **93-R-0571**

Site: 001

HYGIEIA BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 29-OCT-2019

### 2.31(d)(4)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The two active protocols did not have written approval notification from the IACUC available at the time of inspection. The records reviewed included an approval page that was blank for both protocols, and the facility was not able to find a copy of the written notification to the principal investigator. These protocols had subsequent amendments that were approved in April of 2019 with a new principal investigator listed, and the IACUC deliberations included discussion of a protocol rewrite with a new PI that has not been completed or approved in writing at the time of inspection. There has been covered animal activity on this protocol in the interim.

The approval letter serves to notify the principal investigators that their protocol was approved and that activities related to the care and use of animals may begin. Correct by notifying the principal investigators in writing of the decision to approve or withhold approval of the activities or of modifications required to secure approval.

Correct before animals are utilized on the new protocol, or 30 November, 2019 whichever comes first.

### 2.33(b)(3) DIRECT

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

Timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being are required to be communicated to the attending veterinarian. During inspection, four guinea pigs (A83, B28, B32 B35), had significant areas of fur loss, scabbing and skin injuries consistent with bite wounds on the caudal half of their bodies in two all male enclosures. According to the facility records, July 12th was the last time the veterinarian had treated any guinea pigs for bite wounds.

Following inspection, the attending veterinarian communicated that she had walked through the facility monthly, but that any wounds should have been reported to her immediately, in accordance with the facility Guinea Pig Care and Health Protocol.

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Correct by 7 November, 2019

### 3.31(a)(1)

#### **SANITATION.**

This facility is not sanitizing primary enclosures every 2 weeks as required. The room activity checklist maintained by the registrant documented that bedding is being changed twice a week while disinfecting kennels as well as food and water bowls should be completed monthly.

Failure to sanitize surfaces in contact with the animals in a manner provided in Section 3.31(a)(4) may expose the guinea pigs to disease hazards. Facility must ensure that all surfaces in contact with the animals are sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.

Correct by 12 November, 2019

### 3.33

#### **CLASSIFICATION AND SEPARATION.**

There is a compatibility issue in Cages 20 & 25 where there are 8 males in each pen and 2-3 male guinea pigs in each enclosure have significant fur loss and open wounds or scabs over the caudal half of their bodies. While the enclosures do appear large enough for the number of animals, there are some animals that are aggressively injuring other animals in the pens and are not compatible.

It is important that all animals are put in compatible groups in order to prevent stress fighting or injuries caused by aggressive animals. Any aggressive animals should be removed from the group living or put in conditions where there is no risk of injury to the other regulated animals. The facility SOP on behavior says "If two animals simply refuse to get along, you may have to house them separately in order to keep the peace"

The registrant must ensure that the guinea pigs are housed together in compatible groups and do not cause harm to one another, such as fur loss or bite injuries.

Correct by 8 November, 2019

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
22308	93-R-0571	001	HYGIEIA BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES	29-OCT-19

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000156	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
<b>000156</b>	<b>Total</b>	