

IACUC Policy on Significant Changes to Animal Use Proposals

Background:

The Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the federal regulation in Animals Welfare require that the Institutional Animals Care and Use Committee (IACUC) shall, “review and approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or withhold approval of proposed significant changes regarding the use of animals in ongoing activities...”

Policy:

Significant Changes include:

1. Changes in the objectives of the study;
2. Changes or additions to the species of animal to be used;
3. Changes in the approximate number of animals used;
4. Proposals to switch from nonsurvival to survival surgery;
5. Changes in the degree of invasiveness of a procedure;
6. Changes in the procedure which may change the level of potential discomfort of the animal;
7. Change in the Principle Investigator (PI) and/or Co-PI;
8. Changes in anesthetic agent(s), analgesics, and/or methods of euthanasia.

Request to make significant changes to an approved Animals Use Proposal may be made by requesting approval of an Amendment to the protocol.