



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **1512**

Certificate: **74-R-0003**

Site: 001

SOUTHWEST FOUNDATION FOR
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 09-JUN-2025

2.31(c)(1)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

During record review, it was discovered that the facility did not review their program for humane care and use of animals at the required six-month interval from January 2024 through April 2025. Records indicate the facility reviewed the program on the following dates: January 16, 2024, July 31, 2024, and April 14, 2025. Failure to review the program at the required interval prevents the facility from sufficiently ensuring the animals they use receive adequate welfare and that said welfare is being continuously maintained. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A – Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation.

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2.31(c)(2)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

During record review, it was discovered that the facility did not inspect their animal facilities at the required six-month interval from November 2023 through April 2025. Records indicate the facility performed their inspections on the following dates: November 7, 2023, July 31, 2024, and April 14, 2025. Failure to conduct facility inspections at the required interval prevents the facility from sufficiently assessing the well-being and welfare of the animals they use, verification of approved activities, identification of deficiencies, and regulatory compliance. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall inspect, at least once every 6 months, all of the research facility's animal facilities, including animals study areas, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A – Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation.

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2.31(d)(1)(ii)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

During records review, the inspector noticed that protocol numbers 1812 and 1841 describe that bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) procedures are to be performed on the animals in those studies. BALs may cause more than momentary pain or distress to the animals. However, the principal investigators did not describe any search for alternatives to BALs in these

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protocols. If a search for alternatives to procedures that may cause pain and distress is not performed, then the investigator may not learn about a different way to conduct their research which could have less impact to the welfare of the animals. Principal investigators must consider alternatives to procedures that may cause more than momentary or slight pain or distress to the animals and provide a written narrative description of the methods and sources used to determine that alternatives were not available.

Correct by July 11, 2025.

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Watering.

On December 12, 2024, the attending veterinarian reported that two rhesus macaques did not have access to a connected water hose for a total of eight days after being placed in new cages. The error was observed by care staff and the animals had their water hose connected and were assessed for dehydration. During this time, the animals had water rich fruit and vegetable enrichment was consumed, therefore no additional treatment was needed. Lack of potable water in sufficient quantity to nonhuman primates can negatively impact their health and well-being by resulting in dehydration, and possibly death. Potable water must be provided in sufficient quantity to every nonhuman primate housed at the facility. If potable water is not continually available to the nonhuman primate, it must be offered to them as often as necessary to ensure their health and well-being.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000015	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000024	<i>Chlorocebus aethiops</i>	AFRICAN GREEN MONKEY / GRIVET
000008	<i>Sapajus appella</i>	BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN
000121	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000012	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000102	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000268	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000124	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000005	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>	PIG-TAILED MACAQUE
000650	<i>Papio anubis</i>	OLIVE BABOON
001329	Total	