



## Inspection Report

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ACCURO FARMS INC  
346 BLACKMER RD  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550

Customer ID: **40933**  
Certificate: **14-R-0200**  
Site: 001  
ACCURO FARMS INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 29-JUL-2024

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### 2.31(d)(1)(iii)

#### Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Review of Protocol AQ004: The protocol did not contain a written assurance by the principal investigator that the animal use activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments.

Per this Section, the IACUC shall determine during the review of proposed animal use activities or significant changes in ongoing activities that the principal investigator has provided written assurance that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments. This requirement ensures that the animals under study do not experience research activities that are unnecessarily duplicative. The IACUC needs to address this deficiency for the protocol and needs to ensure that all approved protocols contain a written assurance regarding unnecessary duplication. Correct by 9/1/24.

### 2.31(d)(2)

#### Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

It was noted during the review of IACUC meeting minutes that the IACUC members designated by the Chairperson as the Designated Member Reviewer (DMR) for protocols Accuro 8 and Accuro 10 are the research facility staff who will perform the surgical procedure described in the two proposed research activities.

Per this Section, no member of the IACUC may participate in the IACUC review or approval of an activity in which that member has a conflicting interest (e.g., is personally involved in the activity), except to provide information requested by the IACUC, nor may a member who has a conflicting interest contribute to the constitution of a quorum of IACUC members. These two protocols need to undergo review either by full Committee review or by review by a member of the IACUC who is not personally involved in the research activity who is designated by the IACUC Chairperson. Correct by 9/1/24.

### 2.38(f)(1)

#### Miscellaneous.

On 5/9/24 one pig sustained a thermal injury to two areas of the skin in the middle of its back during a surgical procedure. The animal was positioned in dorsal recumbency for approximately 45 minutes on an electric heating pad that had been covered and padded with towels. The thermal injuries were identified at the conclusion of the surgery and the animal was

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immediately examined and treated by the Attending Veterinarian. The animal recovered uneventfully. The heating pad with towels placed on top as padding had been used in the past without incident.

Per this Section, the handling of animals by all personnel, including research staff, should be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause physical harm, behavioral stress, or unnecessary discomfort. Thermal injuries sustained by an animal during anesthesia is not handling of the animal as carefully as possible. The research facility addressed this incident prior to the inspection by immediately discarding all electric heating pads and using Bair Hugger air warming units during all surgical procedures. To remain corrected from this date 7/29/24 forward.

This inspection and exit briefing were conducted with facility representatives.

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
40933	14-R-0200	001	ACCURO FARMS INC	29-JUL-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000047	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000047	<b>Total</b>	