

### United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

STANENBAUM INS-0001203578

### **Inspection Report**

WuXi AppTec Inc.

2540 EXECUTIVE DRIVE SAINT PAUL, MN 55120

Customer ID: 15690

Certificate: 41-R-0061

Site: 001

**WUXI APPTEC INC** 

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 11-DEC-2024

2.38(f)(1) Critical Repeat

#### Miscellaneous.

On November 19, 2024 an incident was self-reported to the IACUC regarding one guinea pigs on an IACUC-approved activity. According to the facility, a guinea pig was accidentally cut with scissors during a bandage change on October 18, 2024. An internal investigation showed that the technician had been using proper technique and the scissors likely got caught under the skin due to tissue changes that were a result of the approved study. The incident was reported to the attending veterinarian or safety officer that day. The guinea pig was ineligible to continue in the study and was humanely euthanized.

The facility was unable to ensure that all personnel involved in the handling and use of the above document animals were able to handle animals in a manner to prevent physical harm. Develop and maintain a program of training and instruction to all scientists and all personnel involved with research activities that ensures that all personnel and members of research handle animals as carefully as possible and in a manner that does not cause behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Corrective actions were implemented prior to IACUC notification and USDA inspection. Correct by December 20, 2024.

3.28(a)(1) Critical Repeat

#### Primary enclosures.

On November 19, 2024 an incident was self-reported to the IACUC regarding three guinea pigs on an IACUC-approved activity. According to the facility, the use of incorrect cage structures caused adverse impacts to three animals on October 9, 2024. One animal died and two developed hypothermia when water leaked into the cages of these animals. This was because cages designed to hold water bottles were placed on an auto-water rack above the cage of the injured animals. These cages pushed up against the auto-waterer, which then leaked water into the cages of the impacted animals. When personnel entered the room to stop the water leak, one animal was found dead and two were found to have hypothermia. The two hypothermic animals recovered with veterinary care. The incident was reported to the attending veterinarian or safety officer that day.

Use of correct cage structures when performing clean cage setup is vital to protect the health and welfare of animals. Guinea pigs housed in rack system enclosures rely on cage design to ensure the proper delivery of water and protect

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from injury. Housing facilities for hamsters must be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair	to protect the
animals from injury, contain the animals, and restrict the entrance of other animals.	

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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# **Species Inspected**

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15690	41-R-0061	001	WUXI APPTEC INC	11-DEC-2024

CountScientific NameCommon Name001003Cavia porcellusDOMESTIC GUINEA PIG000245Oryctolagus cuniculusDOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT

001248 **Total**