



Inspection Report

University of Houston
Health & Biomedical Sciences Building 1
4849 Calhoun Rd
HOUSTON, TX 77204

Customer ID: **1458**
Certificate: **74-R-0020**
Site: 003
University of Houston

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 21-MAR-2023

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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Protocols 201800039 and 16-007 are approved by the IACUC but have insufficient rationale for the appropriateness of the number of animals used.

Protocol 201800039 refers only to how many animals have been used historically by the principal investigator to determine how many macaques will be used for this animal activity. The Amendment Summary (AMEND202300036) from said protocol states, under the "Justify the number of animals to be involved in this protocol" heading, "Our estimate is fundamentally based on historic usage in our lab."

Protocol 16-007 (experiments 6, 7, and 8 within this protocol) only list the number of animals used for each testing method with no reference to how those numbers were determined.

The rationale/justification for the appropriateness of the numbers of animals used is vital to ensure an adequate representation of the animal population to render useful research results, while also avoiding unnecessary overuse of the selected animal species. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must ensure any proposals to conduct

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an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain a rationale for involving animals, and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers of animals to be used.

Correct by: April 5, 2023

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
000034	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000008	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000015	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000057	Total	