



Inspection Report

Texas Heart Institute
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Customer ID: **1478**
Certificate: **74-R-0037**
Site: 001
TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-AUG-2014

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INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The IACUC approved protocols 2013-02 and 2013-16 without an adequate consideration of alternatives to procedures that may cause pain or distress. Electronic searches were conducted for literature reviews and the key words used for the searches included only general terms such as "alternative to animals" "pain and distress in animals" and "reducing numbers of animals." No scientifically relevant terminology was included in the electronic searches and the numbers of identified literature results were too large to be realistically assessed and applied to these protocols. For example, one protocol search yielded over 5 million results for the key words used.

Search terms for alternatives should be specific enough to be related to the animal use identified in the protocol. Including scientifically relevant terminology that references the field of investigation or study, methods or techniques to be used and/or the objective of the study are some examples. Prior to IACUC approval protocols must contain sufficient information for the IACUC to conclude that alternatives were not available.

Correct by: All future protocol reviews.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Coordinator for Laboratory Compliance.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
1478	74-R-0037	001	TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE	25-AUG-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000006	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000009	Total	