



Inspection Report

Texas A&M Univ. Health Science Center
Animal Welfare Office
1186 Tamu
College Sta, TX 77843

Customer ID: 1411

Certificate: 74-R-0039

Site: 002

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 29-SEP-2015

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PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS.

*Protocol #2015-0024 using hamsters requires observation 3 times daily after infection of the animals and start of the study. Documentation indicates and research personnel verified that observations occurred a maximum of 2 times daily for the animals used to date.

*Under protocol #2015-0024 animals were to be assessed using a modified "Karnofsky Scale" to evaluate disease progression and animal distress. Record reviews indicate that the numerical scoring system outlined in the protocol was not used to assess the animals. Additionally, animals housed collectively were not individually identified in the records. Therefore it could not be verified that sequential observations were accurately recorded.

The facility must ensure that all personnel involved in animal care and use are appropriately qualified and trained. Animal observations, record keeping and documentation are integral parts of humane animal use and necessary for assurance that animal distress will be minimized. The facility should review review personnel qualifications including research technicians and scientists. Training and instruction should be provided as needed to achieve compliance with required AWA regulations and the facility protocol.

Correct by: October 29, 2015.

The inspection was conducted with the LAC manager. The exit interview was conducted with the IACUC chair, manager and office associate.

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Date:
29-SEP-2015

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 1044

Received by Title: IACUC CHAIR

Date:
29-SEP-2015



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
1411	74-R-0039	002	Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	29-SEP-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000021	<i>Cricetus cricetus</i>	EUROPEAN HAMSTER / BLACK-BELLIED HAMSTER
000021	Total	