



## Inspection Report

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Battelle Memorial Institute  
505 KING AVENUE ROOM NO. 11-8-070  
COLUMBUS, OH 43201

Customer ID: **228**  
Certificate: **31-R-0021**

Site: 002  
BATTELLE BIOMEDICAL  
RESEARCH CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 27-MAY-2025

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

The facility self-reported a deviation in a protocol previously approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) in a letter to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), upon which the USDA was also included. On December 2, 2024, an ocular study involving 43 rabbits was IACUC-approved for a 90 second exposure duration, however the calculation for the elapsed exposure time was inadvertently not updated from 120 seconds in the Excel spreadsheet used on previous studies. Failure of staff to update the exposure time in the Excel spreadsheet resulted in the deviation from the IACUC-approved protocol. Additionally, a male rabbit was inadvertently introduced into the study, which had been specifically approved for female rabbits only, resulting in a need to repeat the study. Medical records evaluated by the USDA inspector for the affected animals did not indicate any untoward effects to the animals from this deviation in the protocol. The facility has a standard ocular exposure study which uses 120 seconds of exposure. This particular study was requested and approved for 90 seconds of exposure, which was where the accidental deviation originated.

In response to the incident, the IACUC implemented and approved the following corrective actions: use of locking spreadsheet calculators, version control of study forms, and quality control along with using a revised chart for study directors. Additionally, two individuals will now be involved in the study flow and the charts outlining the sexing of rabbits have been updated with additional information. Staff have been informed of these changes.

Correct by May 29, 2025, onward. Corrective actions by the facility have been taken prior to the time of inspection.

This inspection was conducted with the IACUC Vice Chair and a Clinical Veterinarian. The exit interview was conducted with the Attending Veterinarian, Clinical Veterinarians, IACUC representatives, and additional facility representatives via Teams.

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30-MAY-2025

**Received by Title:** Attending Veterinarian

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
228	31-R-0021	002	BATTELLE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER	27-MAY-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000048	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000009	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000079	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000011	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000004	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	HISPID COTTON RAT
000151	<b>Total</b>	