



Inspection Report

Ohio University
Grosvenor Hall, Room 202
OFF OF COMPLIANCE, RES & TECH BLDG 117
Athens, OH 45701

Customer ID: **251**
Certificate: **31-R-0082**
Site: 001
OHIO UNIVERSITY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 05-JUN-2024

2.31(d)(1)(x) Critical

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Rabbits have undergone multiple major operative procedures on an IACUC approved protocol without adequate justifications or prior approval from the USDA APHIS Administrator. A review of IACUC approved protocol 15-U-030 found since the start of Fiscal Year 2023, 4 rabbits underwent multiple major operative procedures including procedures to replace equipment. The given justification for performing multiple major operative procedures to replace equipment was to decrease the total number of animals undergoing procedures while potentially causing additional stress on individual animals. This justification is not adequate as it does not provide scientific reasons for performing multiple major operative procedures. Animals that undergo multiple major operative procedures and are allowed to recover are subjected to increased stress, pain, and discomfort. No animal will be used in more than one major operative procedure from which it is allowed to recover unless justified for scientific reasons by the principal investigator in writing, required as routine veterinary procedure or to protect the health or well-being of the animal as determined by the attending veterinarian; or in other special circumstances as determined by the Administrator on an individual basis. Correct by not allowing any animal to undergo more than one major operative procedure from which the animal recovers, unless justified for scientific reasons by the principal investigator, required for a routine veterinary procedure or to protect the health or well-being of the animal, or by receiving approval from the USDA APHIS Administrator. Correct by 26-JULY-2024.

2.36(b)(3)

Annual report.

The facility did not report an exception to Animal Welfare Act (AWA) standards on the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report. A review of IACUC approved protocol 21-U-019 found that it included rabbits undergoing a food restriction diet for weight loss to induce hunger for behavior studies. Two rabbits were used on this protocol during Fiscal Year 2023, however this exception to the AWA standards and regulations for feeding was not included with the annual report submitted to USDA APHIS Animal Care. A summary of all IACUC approved exceptions must be attached to the annual report in order to assure that the facility is adhering to the standards and regulations under the AWA. The annual report shall assure that the facility is adhering to the standards and regulations under the Act, and that it has required that exceptions to the standards and regulations be specified and explained by the principal investigator and approved by the IACUC. A summary of all such exceptions must be attached to the facility's annual report. In addition to identifying the IACUC-approved exceptions, this summary must include a brief explanation of the exceptions, as well as the species and number of animals affected. Correct by submitting a corrected Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report with a summary of all exceptions

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including a brief explanation of the exceptions, as well as the species and number of animals affected. Correct by 26-JULY-2024.

2.36(b)(6)

Annual report.

The Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report submitted to USDA APHIS Animal Care by the facility did not report any animals used in research during the reporting time period. However, the USDA APHIS Animal Care inspection report dated February 13, 2023 listed 8 rabbits inspected. The facility confirmed that 7 rabbits were used under protocol 15-U-030 during Fiscal Year 2023. Under this protocol, the animals underwent stressful procedures and appropriate methods were used to alleviate pain and distress. Correct reporting of all required information on the annual report is required so that the public, USDA APHIS Animal Care, and Congress can have knowledge of the number, type, and pain category of animals used- or held for use in research. The annual report shall state the common names and the numbers of animals upon which experiments, teaching, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs were used. Correct by submitting a corrected Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report to USDA APHIS Animal Care. Correct by 26-JULY-2024.

2.36(b)(7)

Annual report.

The Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report submitted to USDA APHIS Animal Care by the facility did not report any animals used in research during the reporting time period. However, the USDA APHIS Animal Care inspection report dated February 13, 2023 listed 8 rabbits inspected. The facility confirmed that 2 rabbits were used under protocol 21-U-019 during Fiscal Year 2023. Under the protocol, the animals underwent a food restriction diet for weight loss to induce hunger for behavior studies. The food restriction resulted in a greater than 15% weight loss of the animals at certain points under this protocol. Correct reporting of all required information on the annual report is required so that the public, USDA APHIS Animal Care, and Congress can have knowledge of the number, type, and pain category of animals used- or held for use in research. The annual report shall state the common names and the numbers of animals upon which teaching, experiments, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which the use of appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs would have adversely affected the procedures, results, or interpretation of the teaching, research, experiments, surgery, or tests. An explanation of the procedures producing pain or distress in these animals and the reasons such drugs were not used shall be attached to the annual report. Correct by submitting a corrected Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report with the explanation to USDA APHIS Animal Care. Correct by 26-JULY-2024.

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
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