



Inspection Report

Harvard Medical School
HARVARD CENTER FOR COMPARATIVE MEDICINE
665 HUNTINGTON AVE
BOSTON, MA 02115

Customer ID: **107**
Certificate: **14-R-0019**
Site: 001
HARVARD CENTER FOR
COMPARATIVE MEDICINE

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 27-FEB-2024

2.38(f)(1) Critical

Miscellaneous.

On September 20th, 2023, an investigator was returning a non-human primate to a bank of 4 enclosures, or "quad," housing another non-human primate. The animals were not pair housed with one another and were not intended to have contact. These types of enclosures have a grid-style floor panel above a solid barrier that prevents contact when another animal is housed in an enclosure below. At the time of the incident, the solid barrier below an enclosure housing a non-human primate had been removed during husbandry activities, leaving only a grid separating the animal from the other enclosure, allowing some physical contact. The empty lower enclosure had been secured with a padlock by husbandry staff.

The investigator, who did not recognize the vertical access between the two enclosures, unlocked the lower enclosure and secured an animal inside. Once in that enclosure, the animal was able to bite and fracture the tail and cause a laceration to the skin beneath the tail base of the animal housed above.

Two animals were handled in a manner that resulted in injuries when an investigator placed a primate into the lower enclosure beneath another primate in error. Handling of all animals must be done as carefully as possible and in a manner that does not cause behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

This incident was self reported by the facility and corrective measures had been implemented prior to inspection. To remain corrected from February 28th, 2024 forward.

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Watering.

At the time of inspection, an investigator was conducting studies involving the administration of fluid rewards (juice). The juice is supplied to animals on study through a sipper connected to a series of plastic tubes. Irregular light brown discoloration can be seen inside the tubing where two lengths are connected to one another, and small areas of white patchy discoloration can be seen on the interior of the tube in other areas. These areas of discoloration could be contaminants or microbial growth which may be hazardous to the animals.

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Water receptacles must be kept clean and sanitized as often as necessary to keep them clean and free from contamination.

To be corrected by March 12th, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>	PIG-TAILED MACAQUE
000005	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000035	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000042	Total	