

Summary of IACUC Approved Exceptions Permitted By the Standards and Regulations
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Pain/Distress Exceptions

Each of the following Animal Care and Use Procedures (ACUP) involved studies in which animals could have experienced pain and/or distress. *The test substances being evaluated are novel compounds; consequently, data on how these compounds react in the animal model and with other chemical entities is very limited or non-existent. Therefore, the use of analgesics or other pain-relieving agents could defeat the objectives of the research by directly interfering with the end point parameter being measured. This interference could give results that are not reliable which would lead to repeating the studies, thus requiring the need to use more animals* For this reason, an exception was granted by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for each. Any incident of pain or distress was limited in duration to that scientifically necessary. In actual practice, many animals involved in such studies were not observed by the investigator to experience pain and/or distress.

ACUP #1223, 1263 Species: Dogs

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 42 animals of which 20 animals showed signs of pain and /or distress based on investigator observations.

ACUP #1292 Species: Dogs

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 28 animals of which 14 animals showed signs of pain and /or distress based on investigator observations.

ACUP #10008 Species: Dogs

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 96 animals of which 30 animals showed signs of pain and /or distress based on investigator observations.

ACUP #1250: Species: Guinea pigs

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 205 animals of which all showed signs of pain and/or distress based on investigator observations.

ACUP #1126 Species: Hamsters

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 35 animals of which 14 animals showed signs of pain and /or distress based on investigator observations.

ACUP #1093, 10215 Species: Hamsters

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 905 animals of which 633 animals showed signs of pain and /or distress based on investigator observations.

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ACUP #1179: Species: Ferrets

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 53 animals of which all animals showed signs of pain and /or distress based on investigator observations.

ACUP #10158: Species: Ferrets

(b)(4) → This ACUP used 54 animals of which all animals showed signs of distress based on investigator observations.

Other Exemptions

ACUP #0361 Species: Dogs

(b)(4) → ACUP used 67 animals.

→ During this reporting period, this

ACUP #0374 Species: Dogs

(b)(4) → During this reporting period, this ACUP used eight animals.