Modifications to an Animal Protocol

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) has established the following procedure for the review of modifications to an IACUC protocol:

**Limited Modifications**

- The PI must complete form P-05 and submit to the LAMS veterinary staff.
- Once signed by a LAMS veterinarian, the IACUC membership is provided a summary of the proposed modification and is afforded three business days to request full IACUC review. The IACUC Chair and a LAMS veterinarian on the IACUC act as designated reviewers.
- If no request is received for full review, the IACUC Chair and a LAMS veterinarian’s approval will be considered final IACUC approval by designated review.

The following will not be considered as limited modifications:

- Changes resulting in an increase in the pain category
- Additions to the numbers of animals used
- Changes in the overall scientific justification or purpose of the protocol

Items that may be considered for modifications under this policy include but are not limited to:

- Administrative changes (changing titles, contact information, etc.)
- Changes in strain, sex, source, or age of animals
- Changes in experimental drug route or dose of an approved drug
- Changes or additions of veterinary therapeutic drugs
- Changes in nutritionally complete diet formulations, diet form (liquid/solid), source, or the addition of nutritional supplements or treats
- Changes or additions to identification methods excluding the addition of toe clipping or freeze branding
- Changes or additions to sterilization/Disinfection methods
- Changes or additions to anesthesia monitoring methods
- Changes in blood draw techniques
- Changes or additions to environmental enrichment methods
- Changes in delegation of the provision of care or husbandry
• Changes or additions to the anesthetics or analgesic regimen
• Changes to wound closure type, technique, or removal date
• Changes or additions to supportive care (i.e. supplemental heat, IV fluids, etc.)
• Changes in surgery length
• Addition of genotyping methods
• Removal of a species, agents, or procedures from a protocol
• Increasing the number of collections for tissue or fluid collections currently listed in the protocol
• Addition of drugs to induce a transgene expression
• Addition of minor procedures similar to ones currently approved in the protocol
• Changes or additions to the euthanasia methods which are AVMA acceptable

**Standard Modifications**

Modifications not covered above will be processed as standard modifications. Standard modifications:

• require the revision and resubmission of the currently approved IACUC protocol form
• May not be submitted on the Limited Modifications form
• May still qualify for urgent review