Animal Research Administration Updates

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Director
Office of Animal Research Oversight (OARO)
Clarifies that no costs for activities with live vertebrate animals may be charged to NIH if there is not a valid Animal Welfare Assurance and IACUC approval.

Applicable to grants and cooperative agreements involving activities with live vertebrate animals.

Absence of IACUC approval includes failure to obtain approval, expiration, or suspension of IACUC approval.
**Important Note!**

- The ARC sends expiration reminders 90, 60 and 30 days prior to the expiration date. The average turnaround time is 6 weeks (42 days).

- Federal regulations do not permit the ARC or any other University official to administratively extend the approval period if a protocol expires.

- If a protocol expires, all research must immediately stop until the ARC has reviewed the renewal/continuation and issued a new approval.
“Yikes! ARC approval for our federally funded protocol just lapsed and we still need to do experiments!!!”
What to do?

- Have your PI contact the ARC immediately!
- May need to contact DLAM to arrange for continued care of your animals.
- Above all ... make sure no research related activities are conducted during a lapse in ARC approval.
What can you do to ensure that your PI’s ARC protocols don’t expire?

❖ Get involved!

• Ask your PI for copies of all ARC Approval Notices.

• When the expiration date nears, prompt your PI to submit his/her protocol.

• Ask to be notified of all ARC correspondence.
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SUBJECT: ARC # 2009-123-01  
(Approval Period from 2/1/2010 through 1/31/2011)  
A Marine Model of Cataracts

The UCLA Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, known as the Chancellor’s Animal Research Committee (ARC), has approved your above-referenced protocol. The ARC understands that you will receive approval from all associated departments and/or Committees (e.g., Institutional Biosafety Committee, Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRHO) Committee) prior to starting relevant experiments.

In accordance with the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS Policy) IV.C.5 and USDA Animal Welfare Act Regulations (AWARs) §2.31(d)(5), the ARC is required to conduct continuing review of each previously approved animal research application, including an annual review and a complete de novo review no less than every 3 years. Continuation of animal activities beyond the maximum approval period without such review would be a violation of the USDA AWARs, PHS Policy, and the terms and conditions of NIH grants; therefore, if a lapse in approval occurs, investigators must cease conducting experiments until a new approval is received. Please note that NO exceptions or extensions to protocol approval can be granted.

The approval of this protocol is limited to the animal model(s) and procedures described in the application. If you require any modifications or additions to this protocol, you must obtain prior approval from the ARC before initiating such changes. The approval of your project includes:

ANIMAL SUBJECTS

The total number of animals, by species, approved for this protocol is:

Mouse (128)
Grant Information

FUNDING

According to the information provided in your application, the funding source(s) for this research project may include the following:

Funding Type: Extramural
Agency Name: NIH/NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
PI of Contract/Grant: Wadsworth Kathy
Contract/Grant Title: A Murine Model of Cataracts
Contract/Grant No: 1 RO1 CA 123456

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The Committee understands that experiments with doxorubicin will not be performed until Biosafety approval is granted. Please contact the Biosafety Division (x63929 or Biosafety@ehs.ucla.edu) for more information.

ANIMAL WELFARE ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION AT UCLA

UCLA’s Animal Welfare Assurance number with the Department of Health and Human Services is A319-01 (expiration date 7/31/2010). UCLA’s animal care and use program is fully accredited by the Association of Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC).

Approval Signature of the ARC Chair

Codicil (if any)

Information about our Assurance with the NIH/OLAW and AAALAC Accreditation
ARC: Who Are You Gonna Call?

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