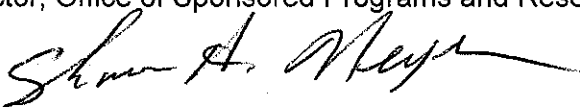


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TO: Dr. Eric Pani, Institutional Official as per PHS assurance #A3646-01
Dr. William McCown, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

FROM: Sharon A. Meyer, Ph.D. 
Chair, IACUC

SUBJECT: Semiannual Evaluation of Animal Care and Use Program and Inspection of Facilities

DATE: December 9, 2013

This represents the semiannual report of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) to the Institutional Official, as required by the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, as a condition of this institution's Animal Welfare Assurance with the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), and the Animal Welfare Act and USDA Animal Welfare Regulations, as applicable.

Review of Animal Care and Use Program

The IACUC conducted its semiannual evaluation of the institution's animal care and use program on October 14, 2013 using the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, 8th edition, and as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31. No major deficiencies were identified. All aspects of the program are consistent with PHS Policy, the *Guide*, 8th ed. and applicable Animal Welfare Regulations. One previously protocol approved with a departure from the *Guide* remains active.

Three new animal welfare assurance proposals on newly revised protocol forms were evaluated and approved by full committee (FCR). Five active 3-yr-old protocols were re-reviewed and approved. There are currently 58 protocols in effect. An audit of all active protocols will take place prior to the semiannual meeting in April, 2014.

Inspection of Animal Facilities

The IACUC inspected the Bienville animal facilities on October 14, 2013 using the 8th ed. of *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, and as applicable, 9 CFR Chapter I, 2.31. Facility inspection was aided by use of the OLAW checklist.

All surgical suites were observed and found acceptable.

Departures from the Guide

Departures from the *Guide*, 8th ed., continue in protocols 13APR-HMM-01 and 13APR-HMM-02, Mehendale, H.H., PD, with non-humane, experimental endpoints that were approved by IACUC based upon scientific justification on 4/3/13.

Minority Views:

No minority views were offered in objection or to modify this report.

Signatures:

Names of IACUC members

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