



Inspection Report

SK LIFE SCIENCE INC

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2.31 (c) (1)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation.

The IACUC has not conducted a review of the facility's program for human care and use of animals for the past 2 semi-annual inspections (since the facility has been registered). The program must be reviewed every six months to ensure proper functioning of the IACUC and the health and well-being of the animals.

Correct for the next semi-annual inspection/ review

2.31 (c) (3)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility....The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views...The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. A significant deficiency is one which, with reference to Subchapter A, and, in the judgment of the IACUC and the Institutional Official, is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animals. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency. Any failure to adhere to the plan and schedule that results in a significant deficiency remaining uncorrected shall be reported in writing within 15 business days by the IACUC, through the Institutional Official, to APHIS and any Federal agency funding that activity.

-The last 2 semi-annual inspections were not signed by a majority of the IACUC members.

-Deficiencies were noted during the last 2 semi-annual inspections; however, they were not distinguished as being "minor" or "significant". Also, scheduled correction dates for these deficiencies were not given.

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The IACUC needs to ensure that the semi-annual report to the IO is complete and in compliance with the regulations set forth in this sub-part.

Correct for the next semi-annual inspection/ review

2.31 (d) (1) (ii)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The principal investigator has considered alternatives to procedures that may cause more than momentary or slight pain or distress to the animals, and has provided a written narrative description of the methods and sources, e. g., the Animal Welfare Information Center, used to determine that alternatives were not available

The facility has 2 category D protocols using guinea pigs: #SK09045 and SK09046; however, searches for alternatives were not performed. The principle investigator must consider alternatives to procedures that may cause more than momentary or slight pain or distress to the animals, and written documentation must be provided.

Correct by: October 16, 2009

2.31 (d) (1) (iii)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

The principal investigator has provided written assurance that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments.

Written assurance was not provided for the following protocols: #SK09045 and #SK09046. The PI must provide this information to ensure that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments.

Correct by: October 16, 2009

2.33 (a) (1)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

Each research facility shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the research facility.

The facility employs a consulting veterinarian on a part-time basis; however, a written program of veterinary care has not been established. A written program of veterinary care must be established to ensure that the animals are receiving adequate veterinary care.

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3.29 (a)

FEEDING.

Guinea pigs and hamsters shall be fed each day except as otherwise might be required to provide adequate veterinary care. The food shall be free from contamination, wholesome, palatable and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the guinea pig or hamster.

The most recent bag of food that had been used to feed the guinea pigs had a mill date of 2/24/09. There are currently no animals on site; however, the last guinea pig used for research was sacrificed on 9/4/09. Therefore, the food was considered expired on 8/24/09 and its nutritive value could not be considered sufficient. The food needs to be checked on a routine basis to ensure that it is within the accepted 6 month time frame from the mill date.

Corrected during the inspection

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