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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

IACUC Policy # 4.3

Title	Review of Modifications to Approved Protocols		
Date of Approval	11-12-18		
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Significant Changes

Significant changes to an IACUC-approved protocol must be reviewed and approved by the IACUC before they occur (PHS Policy IV.C.1., and AWR §2.31[d][1]). The Institution interprets significant changes to mean those that have the potential to impact substantially and directly on the health and well-being of the experimental animals. Examples of significant changes include, but are not limited to, changes:

- from non-survival to survival surgery;
- resulting in greater pain, distress or degree of invasiveness;
- in housing and/or use of animals in a location that is not part of the animal program overseen by the IACUC;
- in species;
- in study objectives;
- in Principal Investigator (PI); and that impact personnel safety.

Proposed significant changes require IACUC review (and approval) prior to initiation.

See IACUC Policy #4.4, "Veterinary Verification & Consultation and Protocol Changes" for additional examples of significant changes that require review.

Non-Significant Changes

The University interprets non-significant changes to mean those that do not have the potential to impact substantially and directly on the health and well-being of the experimental animals. Examples of non-significant changes include, but are not limited to, changes:

- correction of typographical errors and/or grammar;
- in the funding source;
- contact information updates;
- in personnel (other than the PI); and
- in the use of a new vivarium housing location.

Proposed non-significant changes require administrative review (and approval) prior to initiation.

See IACUC Policy #4.10, "Administrative Changes to Animal Numbers and Allocation" for additional examples of changes that require administrative review.

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Approval Date	Major Change(s) Approved
07/12/2021	• Policies 4.4 and 4.10 now referenced.