



### Inspection Report

University of California Los Angeles  
U.C.L.A. School of Medicine - DLAM

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Certificate: **93-R-0435**

Site: 001

THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 24-MAY-2023

#### 2.31(c)(7)

##### **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).**

- On January 23, 2023, research personnel inadvertently mixed up the animal medical record numbers for two rabbits on an approved protocol. One rabbit underwent a procedure but did not receive its required dosage of Meloxicam as stated in the protocol, however, it did receive an alternative post-operative analgesic for pain control by the Department of Lab Animal Medicine (DLAM). Another rabbit which was not subjected to the procedure, did receive a pain medication. According to the protocol, Meloxicam (oral or SQ) will be administered once daily for 3 days postoperatively. A discussion with the veterinarian confirmed it was not given per the protocol.

- On February 23, 2023, there was a last-minute decision, that was approved by a DLAM veterinarian, to switch one rabbit from a non-survival to a survival surgery, which resulted in the rabbit not receiving the pre-procedure antibiotics as required by the protocol. According to the approved protocol, on the day prior to surgery, the rabbit will be given a prophylactic dose of Orbax antibiotic. Medical records reviewed for the rabbit confirm Orbax was not administered to the rabbit prior to the surgery and confirmed by the veterinarian. Medical records and discussion with the veterinarians confirm there were no post-procedural complications due to the deviation from the protocol. Immediate correction action has been implemented to prevent reoccurrence.

Failure to follow the protocol's pre- or post-procedural directions may affect the health and well-being of the animals. This is a significant change regarding the care of animals in an ongoing activity that was not reviewed by the IACUC. The IACUC must ensure that all significant changes regarding the care and use of animals in ongoing activities are reviewed and approved prior to implementation.

To be corrected by close of business June 7, 2023

#### 2.38(f)(1) **Critical**

##### **Miscellaneous.**

On July 22, 2022, two guinea pigs on a covered protocol were placed in a temporary holding cage for a terminal procedure conducted by the DLAM veterinary staff. According to the facility, precautions were taken to ensure the safety and well-being of the animals while awaiting to undergo this procedure. Although precautions were taken, approximately two hours after these animals were moved to the temporary cage, it was discovered that a single cage containing the two guinea

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pigs had not received sufficient airflow, resulting in premature death of the animals due to asphyxiation. Failure to use a cage with appropriate airflow, for an extended period of time, may have caused these animals to experience behavioral stress and unnecessary discomfort before death. The veterinary staff immediately reported the incident and has taken corrective action to ensure temporary holding cages have lids with larger openings to increase airflow. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

On January 23, 2023, research personnel inadvertently mixed up the number identification for two rabbits on an approved protocol. One rabbit underwent a procedure but did not receive its required dosage of Meloxicam as stated in the protocol, however, it did receive an alternative post operative analgesic for pain control by the DLAM. Another rabbit which was not subjected to the procedure did receive a pain medication. Failure to accurately identify and handle the rabbits may have potentially caused one of the rabbits to experience unnecessary distress, pain or discomfort following the procedure. The DLAM has since taken appropriate corrective measures to prevent this from reoccurring. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. To be corrected by close of business June 7, 2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

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