IACUC Protocol Review Process

PIs submit protocols to the IACUC Office

Administrative review & coordination of process by IACUC Administrative Staff

Types of Review

Facilitated Review*
- Annual progress reports;
- Exemptions;
- Amendments to an approved protocol:
  - Identical (except for funding source) to a protocol approved in the past year;
  - Personnel changes other than PI;
  - Very minor changes;
  - Change in animal strain;
  - Change in source of animals.

Regular Review*
- Animals are not likely to experience pain or distress (i.e. tissue harvesting, modified diets, moderate exercise, limited blood collection, injections with no resulting pain & distress);
- Identical (except for funding source) to a protocol approved more than one year ago;
- Modifications of an approved protocol which involve the addition of another species or a major procedural change;
- Non-invasive procedure for teaching;
- Increase the number of animals (<50%) on an approved protocol;
- Under extraordinary circumstances the IACUC Chair may initiate this process for protocols that would otherwise receive full committee review.

Full Committee Review (FCR)
- Procedures may cause the animals pain or distress (i.e. survival surgery, Non-survival surgery, tumor burden studies, transplantable tumors, death as an endpoint, drug studies, prolonged restraint);
- Increase the number of animals (>50%) on an approved protocol;
- Modifications of approved protocols to include procedures that have the potential to cause the animals pain or distress;
- Protocols that will not receive outside peer-review;
- Protocols from new investigators.

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Veterinary review (100%)

IACUC 1st reviewer

IACUC 2nd reviewer

IACUC Primary Reviewer
IACUC Secondary Reviewer

Final Disposition (approve, withhold approval, send to FCR, or disapprove**)
- IACUC Chair or Vice Chair signs

Note: Protocols may be returned to Principal Investigator for revisions at any stage of the review process.
* Any protocol submitted to the IACUC office may be redirected to Full Committee Review at any time if requested by a member of the IACUC.
** Disapproval requires a vote of the majority of a quorum present at a convened meeting.