TITLE: Request for Change to Minor Non-Surgical Procedures

PURPOSE: All IACUC SOP numbered 5xx describe the specific incidences where a protocol can be modified using the Request for Change procedure outlined in IACUC SOP 500.

To request a change to a minor, non-surgical procedure.

REVIEW/REVISIONS: The IACUC will review and approve this SOP every six months. Modifications may be made at any time by full committee review (FCR) or designated member review (DMR). Updates to internet URLs or Unit names can occur without FCR/DMR.

DATE OF LAST REVIEW: 11/5/2015

PROCEDURES:

This Request for Change is only for additions of or modifications to minor, non-surgical procedures. The types of modifications that are appropriate include:

- Addition of anesthesia for chemical restraint for an approved procedure
- Addition of non-invasive behavioral testing
- Addition of non-invasive imaging, with or without anesthesia
- Addition of short term fasting of $\leq 4$ hours
- Addition of voluntary exercise such as a running wheel
  - A concomitant need for single housing must not be required
- Change to diet (does not include fluid restriction or diets $< 85\%$ of normal calories)
- Other modifications to procedures that meet the criteria below

If the Request for Change is appropriate AND meets the criteria below, it is eligible for veterinary consult and verification, by the process outlined in IACUC SOP 500.

- The Request for Change must pertain to a non-USDA regulated species
- The change in minor, non-surgical procedure must be in line with the approved scope of work
- The change in minor, non-surgical procedure must enhance the quality/quantity of the scientific data obtained or should enhance animal welfare
- The change in minor, non-surgical procedure must not increase the pain or distress of the animal beyond that already approved
- If the minor, non-surgical procedure involves a hazard, it must conform to the criteria listed in IACUC SOP 501 (e.g., imaging)

JUSTIFICATION:

NOT-OD-14-126 Guidance on Significant Changes to Animal Activities describes the types of animal activities where the IACUC has the authority to establish and approve internal policies/procedures for the review and approval of protocol amendments.

USDA agreement with NOT-OD-14-126: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/educational_resources.htm#a_08212014