TITLE: Request for Change to 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 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: 05/03/2018

PROCEDURES:

This Request for Change is only for modifications to non-surgical procedures that are already approved on the protocol. The types of modifications that are appropriate include:

- Addition of anesthesia for chemical restraint for an approved procedure
- Addition of bleeding time points
- Modification to behavioral tests or exercise regimens
- Addition of short term fasting of ≤ 4 hours
- 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 change in non-surgical procedure must be in line with the approved scope of work
- The change in non-surgical procedure must enhance the quality/quantity of the scientific data obtained or should enhance animal welfare
- The change in non-surgical procedure must not increase the pain or distress of the animal beyond that already approved
- If the 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