

Reporting Concerns About Animal Care and Use

Background:

The University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) intends for all aspects of animal care and use in research and teaching to fully comply with applicable Federal animal welfare policies, regulations, and with the standards of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. The UMKC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for oversight of all UMKC animal care and use activities for compliance with Federal mandates and standards, and with protocols and procedures approved by the IACUC for animal care and use. In addition, the University maintains accreditation by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC), an external peer review process that helps assure adherence to high standards.

The investigation of concerns about animal care and use is an important function of the IACUC in assuring compliance with standards. UMKC and the IACUC encourage reporting of concerns. It is UMKC's policy to prohibit discrimination or reprisal against anyone for reporting violations of standards or deviations from policies or approved protocols and procedures for animal care and use.

Procedure for Reporting Concerns:

The UMKC IACUC investigates all concerns regarding the care, treatment, and use of animals for research at the university. Reports can be made through the IACUC e-mail, umkciacuc@umkc.edu or reporting concerns to the following:

Compliance Office
UMKC Research Protections Office
5211 Rockhill Rd
Kansas City, MO, 64110
816-235-5929
umkciacuc@umkc.edu

Institutional Official
Office of Research and Innovation
5100 Rockhill Rd. Room 336
Kansas City, MO, 64110

Go to the link on the UMKC IACUC website for anonymous reporting: <https://ori.umkc.edu/facilities-compliance-and-commercialization/compliance/iacuc/index.html>

The IACUC would prefer the reports of concerns to be in writing, by either e-mail or memo to ensure accuracy and facilitate investigation. If possible, indicate times, dates, place, and procedures of concern. The more specific information provided, the more effective the IACUC's evaluation. Reports can be made to any member of the IACUC.

Background:

Functions of the IACUC specified by the Federal Animal Welfare Act Regulations, 9 CFR Part 2 and Subpart C include:

"Review and, if warranted, investigate concerns involving the care and use of animals at the facility resulting from public complaints received and from reports of noncompliance received from laboratory or research facility personnel or employees". In addition, institutions are required to train personnel in the "methods whereby deficiencies in animal care and treatment are reported including deficiencies in animal care and treatment reported by any employee of the facility."