

**Subject: Repeated Reviews of the Same Submission**

Source: UC Denver Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)  
Effective Date: 03/01/12  
Replaces: 02/09/09  
Applies to: Research or teaching studies involving animals  
Reference: Animal Welfare Act; PHS Policy on Humane Care & Use of  
Laboratory Animals; Guide for the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals



**Introduction**

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) maintains oversight review for federally mandated rules and regulations with regard to animal research, ethics, misconduct and biomedical research for the University of Colorado Denver (UC Denver). The IACUC reviews all procedures using animals in research or teaching. The IACUC evaluates and reviews all activities related to the care and use of animals and determines if the proposed activities are in accordance with regulations.

**Policy Statement**

This policy is intended to provide information on animal use applications (protocols) that are reviewed and deferred a total of three times by the UC Denver IACUC and to establish procedures to be followed under these circumstances.

**A. Procedures**

Animal use applications (protocols) that are reviewed and deferred a total of three times by the UC Denver IACUC will not be re-reviewed by the Committee until a significant revision has occurred (which includes extensive consultation with UC Denver veterinarians and/or IACUC Representatives).

**B. Procedures for Implementation of Policy**

- A protocol submission deferred by the IACUC because it has serious deficiencies must be rewritten and resubmitted for review at a future IACUC meeting
- Upon a second deferral of the same protocol, the Principal Investigator is requested to meet with the IACUC Representatives and/or a program veterinarian to discuss the problems associated with the application
- If, after receiving a third deferral action from the IACUC, the investigator wishes to submit the protocol, extensive consultation with the veterinarian and IACUC Chair/Representatives and substantial modification of the submission documents must occur for re-consideration of the protocol by the IACUC.