



Inspection Report

Morehouse School Of Medicine
720 Westview Drive Sw
Atlanta, GA 30310

Customer ID: **883**
Certificate: **57-R-0124**
Site: 001

MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 12-DEC-2018

2.32(a) CRITICAL

PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS.

Two hamsters were severely injured during a social defeat model session conducted by a student researcher on/about 6/21/18. One of the hamsters (18-12) was reported as not looking good on 6/21/18 via an email from the student and was found deceased 10 minutes later by veterinary staff. The second hamster was found by veterinary staff to have multiple fight wounds on its back, neck and haunches and was noted to be extremely lethargic and grinding its teeth on 6/22/18. It was treated by veterinary staff on 6/22/18 and was found deceased on 6/23/18. Review by facility and IACUC members included interviews with the student and the principal investigator. It was determined that the student researcher was insufficiently trained. The student left the hamsters in the same cage for the full five minutes of the defeat session as described in the protocol and did not separate them sooner based on the aggressive actions exhibited by the hamsters as delineated in the protocol. In addition the student was not keeping adequate procedural records and was not adequately trained in identifying and reporting hamster health issues to include wounding. A retraining action plan was implemented by the PI for all lab student researchers. The IACUC July 19, 2018 minutes state that the incidence was reported to the USDA but further investigation determined that the statement was an error-the IACUC chair communicated that no report was made. Since the retraining was conducted, no further hamster wounding issues have been reported. Continue to ensure that all researchers using animals on this protocol are trained in the proper handling and proper post-procedural care of the hamsters.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with undersigned Director of Operations.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000009	Total	