UMKC IACUC POLICY

USDA policy #3 on Pharmaceutical-Grade Compounds in Research

The UMKC IACUC is obligated to provide policies that notify and train personnel concerning the appropriate techniques, equipment, and agents for performing appropriate procedures to ensure humane care and use of laboratory animals.

Policy

USDA policy #3 on Pharmaceutical-Grade Compounds in Research is as follows:

Investigators are expected to use pharmaceutical-grade medications whenever they are available, even in acute procedures. Non-pharmaceutical-grade chemical compounds should only be used in animals after specific review and approval by the IACUC for reasons such as scientific necessity or non-availability of an acceptable veterinary or human pharmaceutical-grade product. Cost savings alone are not an adequate justification for using non-pharmaceutical-grade compounds in regulated animals.

Applicable To:
All UMKC faculty, staff, employees and students involved in the care or use of animals owned by the UMKC.

Revisions to the Policy:
This policy is intended to be flexible and readily adaptable to changes in regulatory requirements. It is reviewed as part of the semiannual program reviews to assess whether it is appropriate. It will be changed as experience shows that a certain approach is not effective or suggests a better alternative. The UMKC IACUC has the authority to amend this policy.

Policy Approval:
The UMKC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has reviewed and approved this policy as attested by the signature of the Committee Chairperson.

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Committee Chairperson                          Date

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