

University of Washington
August 29th , 2024 IACUC Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	AB	GS	JPVH	MB
	AP	GW	JT	MRB
	CC	JFI	KG	RM

Members Absent:	BE	DM	JS	SF
	AW	GL	MK	

Opening Business

- The IACUC Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

Confirmation of a Quorum and Announcement

- Quorum was confirmed by JFI.

Protocol Review:

JFI – The amendment that was submitted has been voluntarily withdrawn by the PI. This decision was made after it was identified that the dose that they were planning to use and that they had used previously in this animal was below the dose range approved in the protocol. The protocol is approved to use 10-100 ug/kg scopolamine, but the dose they were using was approximately 4 ug/kg. We are still verifying this animal's experimental history, but it looks like this dose was given approximately 3 times previously, out of approximately 5 total administrations of scopolamine to this animal.

CC- The AV reviewed relevant clinical history for this animal with the committee. The animal's condition is no longer responding to treatments or interventions. The animal has reached endpoint and humane euthanasia is recommended.

The PI has voluntarily stopped all animal work until a full protocol review and rewrite has been completed to bring the protocol into alignment with current practices and research plans. Work with behavioral management services may be continued during this period to support animal welfare, however, no data collection or experimental manipulation will take place.

Discussion:

The committee had an in-depth discussion centered on accountability, oversight, and compliance. The committee requests that the PI attend a future meeting to address these concerns as well as those outlined in the letter of reprimand that the committee voted to send the PI during the August 15, 2024 meeting. The committee also discussed possible endpoints for this animal, including placement in a sanctuary. Humane euthanasia is recommended due to the animal's underlying health conditions.

Closing Business:

The Floor was opened for public comment at 11:19 am.

The Meeting was brought to a close at 11:21 am.