

Marquette University IACUC Guidelines for Harm-Benefit Analysis



General Considerations:

- The OLAW Guide states, “the IACUC is obliged to weight the objectives of the study against potential animal welfare concerns.”
- AAALAC International expects that as part of the protocol review process the IACUC will:
 - **Weigh the potential adverse effects of the study against the potential benefits that are likely to occur as a result of the research.**
 - **This analysis should be performed prior to final approval of the protocol and should be a primary consideration in the review process.**
 - **AAALAC International site visitors will assess whether the IACUC has conducted this analysis.**
- The MU IACUC will conduct a harm-benefit analysis during protocol review as described above of all studies potentially involving unrelieved pain and/or distress.

References:

Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals
Eighth Edition
Pages 28

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
IACUC Guidelines for Harm-benefit Analysis at UWM

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