TITLE: Administrative Review with Verification of Veterinary Consultation (VVC)

PURPOSE
The purpose of this policy is to describe specified significant changes for which an amendment to an animal protocol may be approved by administrative review with veterinary consultation. This policy will be used in conjunction with the IACUC SOP on Review Procedures for Significant and Administrative Changes to an Approved IACUC Protocol for the purpose of clarifying circumstances in which administrative review with veterinary consultation may be used.

RESPONSIBILITY
It is the responsibility of the IACUC Coordinator and the Attending Veterinarian to identify amendments clarifying circumstances in which an administrative review with veterinary consultation may be used.

POLICY
Amendments describing changes below may be handled administratively in consultation with an attending veterinarian. The veterinarian will not be conducting an IACUC Designated Member Review (DMR) but will be serving as a subject matter expert on behalf of the IACUC verifying that the changes given below meet the criteria and are appropriate for the animal(s) in this circumstance. All efforts should be made to contact the Attending Veterinarian (AV) but if the AV cannot be reached, the back-up veterinarian at UC Denver Anschutz may be consulted to approve these types of changes. The veterinarian consulted may refer any request to IACUC for full committee review (FCR) or designated member review (DMR) at any time and for any reason. In addition, the administrative staff and/or veterinarian consulted will refer any request to the IACUC for review that does not meet the parameters outlined below:

- Changes to anesthesia, analgesia, sedation or experimental substance
- Changes to euthanasia to any method approved in the AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals
- Changing the duration, frequency, type or number of procedures performed on an animal that will not further negatively impact the health and welfare of the animal (Pain Category C) and are justified for scientific reasons (excludes teaching protocols).
- Changing the type of pain category D or E procedures provided that they have been peer-reviewed that are time-sensitive, scientifically justified (excludes teaching protocols), and may reduce number of animals needed for the study (reduction). This could be an interim measure until the review by the IACUC can take place through DMR or FCR.
- Transferring of animals from one protocol to another that have undergone pain category C procedures provided that the previously conducted procedures will not negatively impact the results on the second protocol, and that the animals will be used solely for training or equipment testing, or data collection when the previous procedures are determined by the PI to not affect the research results. Training and/or equipment testing must be listed on the approved protocol if this is the reason for the transfer.
Specified significant changes listed below will be processed via FCR or DMR:

- Change in procedures from non-survival to survival surgery
- Changes that result in greater potential pain, distress or degree of invasiveness
- Changes that add and/or alter procedural/housing locations(s) that have not been previously approved by the IACUC for the described purpose(s)
- Change in species, study objectives, Principal Investigator, or personnel safety
- Impacts animal welfare
- Increase in animal numbers greater than 15% of the originally approved number.

The CU Boulder Institutional Care and Use Committee shall periodically review this policy and propose changes as it deems necessary.