**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ANIMAL CARE AND USE OVERSIGHT BETWEEN COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS**

This Memorandum of Understanding between the animal care & use programs of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and of the collaborator noted below sets forth the agreed terms and conditions in accordance with which both institutions shall collaborate on an animal care & use activity.

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| **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center** |
| USDA REGISTRATION #: 72-R-0003 | PHS ASSURANCE: D16-00058 | AAALACi UNIT #: 000037 |
| PI Name:       | Protocol Title:       | Protocol #:      Approval date:       |
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| COLLABORATOR INSTITUTION NAME:       |
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1. The parties acknowledge that both institutions are independent programs of animal care and use, and each is qualified to perform animal care and use activities under federal and state regulatory requirements.
2. The parties acknowledge, regardless of funding, that each institution is responsible for and owns the animals at their facility. Ownership encompasses the following:
	1. Assignment of animals to the institution’s approved IACUC protocol,
	2. Ensuring research procedures are performed by qualified personnel,
	3. Provision of appropriate housing, husbandry, and veterinary care by qualified personnel,
	4. Provision of appropriate anesthesia, analgesia, peri-procedural care, and final disposition for research procedures,
	5. Provision of appropriate transportation when necessary,
	6. Inclusion on their facility’s annual report to applicable regulatory agencies, and
	7. Having established procedures for monitoring on-going animal related activities to identify and report adverse events associated with research procedures or animal care.
3. The parties acknowledge that the institution that owns and houses the animals will review and approve all animal research activities and will provide a copy of the IACUC approved protocol and any corresponding documents.
4. The parties acknowledge that they will provide to representatives of the other institution’s animal care and use program requested regulatory information concerning the program procedures or activities regarding the protocol(s) affiliated with this MOU.
5. The parties agree to report to each other’s animal care and use program:
	1. Any changes to the status of their PHS Assurance, AAALAC accreditation, or USDA registration (if applicable) – immediately; or
	2. For animals covered by this collaboration, any reportable items to regulatory or accrediting agencies when required due to non-compliance or significant adverse event that directly affects animal welfare and well-being – within 30 days.
6. The parties agree that no component of the work to be performed at their location will be further subcontracted or performed at another location without first obtaining approval from the other institution’s PI who is funding the work and its IACUC. Additional documentation will need to be collected and reviewed prior to IACUC approval of work at another location.

**Contact Information and Signature of Animal Program Representative (e.g. IACUC Chair, IACUC Administrator, AV or IO)**

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| *Signature of LSUHSC Representative Date*  | *Signature of Collaborator Institution Representative* | *Date* |
| Paul Fidel, Ph.D. | Name:       |
| IACUC Chairperson | Title:       |