IACUC POLICY # 22

AAALAC-INTERNATIONAL POSITION STATEMENT ON CERCOPITHECINE HERPESVIRUS 1, CHV1 (HERPESVIRUS B)

Each AAALAC-International accredited institution housing macaques must have a protection and prevention program for CHV1 as a part of its occupational health and safety program. All macaques should be presumed to be harboring CHV1 and handled accordingly. The basic elements of the program include:

- Standard operating procedures and training for handling macaques and their tissues and dealing with potential exposures;
- Risk assessment and education of all personnel having potential contact with macaques;
- The presence of supplies for immediate and appropriate patient first aid and animal specimen collection;
- Maintenance of a bite, scratch, and incident log;
- The required use of appropriate protective equipment, including that necessary for hand and arm as well as for eyes and mucous membrane protection; and
- Access to occupational health and safety staff and medical care staff knowledgeable of both exposures and acute disease.

References:
1. Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide) revised NRC 1996.