



INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE
AND USE COMMITTEE

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.
2. Occupational Health and Safety in the Care and Use of Research Animals, NRC 1997.
3. Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of B-Virus Infections in Exposed Persons, Holmes, et al., Clinical Infectious Diseases 20:421-39, 1995.
4. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 3rd Ed., CDC/NIH, 1993.

