

<b>University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Standard Operating Procedures</b>		
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**A PURPOSE**

To describe the process by which Designated Member Review (DMR) is used subsequent to Full Committee Review (FCR).

**B Policy**

The following policy has been developed in accordance with PHS Policy IV.C.1-3 and the OLAW Protocol Review FAQ #19 "[May an IACUC use designated member review \(DMR\) to review an animal study protocol subsequent to full committee review \(FCR\) when modifications are needed to secure approval?](#)"

If, during a FCR of a protocol at a convened meeting, substantive information is lacking that requires a response by a PI, the committee may decide to move forward with a Review of Protocol Modifications by DMR subsequent to FCR.

If all members of the IACUC are present at the meeting, the committee will vote (majority decision) to require modifications to secure approval and have the revised research protocol reviewed and approved by DMR or returned for FCR at a convened meeting.

If all members of the IACUC are not present at the meeting, a quorum of members present at a convened meeting must decide by unanimous vote to use DMR subsequent to FCR when modification is needed to secure approval. This SOP, formally approved by the full IACUC committee and recorded in the official committee minutes, serves as written approval of this policy.

Following a vote to use DMR subsequent to FCR, the IACUC Chair appoints one or more appropriately qualified IACUC members to serve as the designated reviewer(s). This individual(s) has authority to approve, require modifications or request a full committee review. However, any member of the IACUC may, at any time, request to see the revised protocol and/or request FCR of the protocol. The designated reviewer does not have the authority to disapprove the research project. Disapproval can only be done by a majority vote of a quorum at a convened meeting of the IACUC. The approval date is the date that the designated reviewer approves the study.

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**D LINKS**

<http://www.utc.edu/research-integrity/institutional-animal-care-use-committee/>

<http://www.utc.edu/research-integrity/pdfs/iacuc-bylaws.pdf>

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/Guide-for-the-Care-and-Use-of-Laboratory-Animals.pdf>

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_welfare/downloads/AC\\_BlueBook\\_AWA\\_FINAL\\_2017\\_508comp.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/AC_BlueBook_AWA_FINAL_2017_508comp.pdf)

<https://olaw.nih.gov/guidance/faqs#641>

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-035.html>