University of Rochester ABSL 3 Facility Description and Animal Care Costs for Grants

The University of Rochester’s ABSL3 Facility (to be recommissioned by December 2020) occupies 1,200 square feet within an 18,000 square ft., state-of-the-art, barrier-maintained vivarium. The facility meets all design and operational ABSL3 requirements described in the 5th edition of the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* (BMBL). The University operates the facility as a core under the direction of the University's Attending Veterinarian with Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) and Institutional Biosafety Committee oversight.

The ABSL3 Facility includes four mouse-housing rooms, a procedure room equipped with isoflurane inhalation anesthesia and CO2 euthanasia equipment, a pass-through autoclave room and an entry vestibule. All personnel entering the ABSL3 undergo specialized training and participate in a comprehensive medical surveillance program including risk assessment and respirator training. The Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) and the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) review all animal research protocols.

The University of Rochester maintains campus wide AAALAC Accreditation, an NIH Assurance and USDA APHIS Research Registration under IACUC oversight. A staff of four New York State licensed veterinarians (2 ACLAM Board Certified, 1 ACLAM eligible), 4 licensed veterinary technicians and 55 experienced, AALAS credentialed animal care and supervisory staff support the program.

ABSL3 Mouse Cage Costs: $2.92 cage per diem (maximum of 5 mice).

Facility Charge: $6.00 per day per protocol to cover facility QA/QC costs.

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