

Dear Investigators housing mice in B9816, B9826 and B9856,

The sanitation of the KMRB B9836 and B9846 suites will require more labor than I anticipated. Therefore, we must postpone the fenbendazole (FBZ) treatment of suites B9816, B9826 and B9856 until later in February. Please remember that we have never identified pinworms in sentinel or experimental mice in these suites but will treat the mice and sanitize the suites to be safe. I will send another communication later describing protocols we may follow if you determine that your mid-study mice may not be treated with fenbendazole. After the suite mice are treated for a minimum of four weeks, we will sanitize all animal rooms and procedure rooms. Please always use microisolator technology when handling mice in the KMRB and report any noncompliance to me by phone (X5-2651) or e-mail for immediate corrective action.

Six to eight weeks ago we cleared the mice in the two rooms in B9836 and B9846 where we diagnosed pinworms by feeding fenbendazole medicated diet. We also treated all of the mice in the adjacent rooms which shared the suite procedure room even though we never found pinworms in these mice. Over the next two weeks we will be sanitizing each room in the KMRB B9836 and B9846 suites as well as formaldehyde gas fumigate the biosafety cabinets and sanitize autoclave or discard all materials in the procedure room cabinets. The pinworm eradication strategy for these two suites consumes six full time staff daily for two weeks.

There are no restrictions moving your mice housed in B9816, B9826 and B9856 out to the lab for terminal procedures or between these three suites (with approved move form). These mice may not be moved into B-9836 or B-9846 after sanitation. All proposals to move mice to another animal room must be approved per usual after completion and vet review of a move form. During the KMRB facility-wide sanitation over the next three months, movement of cages between suites will be limited to vivarium staff only after approval of your move forms. No PI staff will be permitted to move mice between suites. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me or Bob Baitchman or Dr. Diane Moorman-White at 5-2651 or by e-mail.

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