

**TITLE: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Policy on the Use of Adjuvants**

**PURPOSE:** Local irritation, pain and distress are often associated with the use of Complete Freund’s Adjuvant (CFA). These side effects should be viewed as unnecessary and not accepted as normal events.

Although CFA remains the most commonly used, there are alternative adjuvants which are equal or superior to CAF in stimulation properties, yet which cause only minimal reactions in the animal.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) requires that investigators evaluate the use of an alternative adjuvant, and justify to the committee why an alternative method cannot be used in the place of CFA.

**REVIEW/REVISIONS:** Permanent amendment/revisions to this policy must be presented to the IACUC for review before implementation and should be developed by the IACUC membership and/or University Animal Care Veterinary personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 11/6/2008

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE:** Principal Investigators, IACUC Membership

**POLICY/PROCEDURES:**

The University of Arizona IACUC mandates that researchers follow the guidelines established by the NIH Office of Animal Care and Use for the research use of adjuvants.

The guidelines can be viewed on their webpage at: [http://oacu.od.nih.gov/ arac/Adjuvants\\_111407F.pdf](http://oacu.od.nih.gov/ arac/Adjuvants_111407F.pdf)