

Animal

House

VFSTR ANIMAL HOUSE FACILITY

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1. A Mechanistic Approach for development of Multi-Class/Multi-Antigen Subunit Vaccine(s) and Assessment of Immunobiologic Response to Combat S.aureus Infections
2. Evaluation of anti-Outer membrane protein IgY of Shigella species
3. Construction and studies on vaccine potential of chimeric protein molecules comprising immunodominant regions of outer membrane proteins of enterobacteriaceae for application as broad spectrum vaccine against Salmonella, Shigella, E. coli and Proteus.
4. Studies to unfold the immunomodulatory attributes of Thymus vulgaris using Balb/c mouse model system
5. Evaluation of acute oral toxicity, acute dermal toxicity, in vivo antioxidant, anti-diabetic and diabetic wound healing properties of polyherbal formulation
6. Studies on Anti-inflammatory activity of Tinospora cordifolia on Carrageenan or LPS induced-inflammation in Sprague Dawley rat model



CODE OF ETHICS FOR ANIMAL HOUSE

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1. We all know that in many research protocols there is simply no alternative to the use of live animals. To develop the research from the available non-animal or *in vitro* models to clear justification in the biology (Drug discovery and physiology of Human system), someone need to work on the animals.
2. All the experiments and protocols performed in the animal house should be performed under the high supervision of an individual who is having adequate training and relevant experience in animal handling.
3. The use of the animals in the biological research should always enhance the human and animal health for a good society.
4. Animal selection for a particular experiment is the major consideration. The supervisor who is working should maintain the animal selection and experiment protocols in that particular project.
5. All the animals, which were procured for the experimental research, are lawfully acquired. The animals utilized in the experiment should be minimized as much as. The investigator has to take whole responsibility to avoid pain, stress and discomfort to the animal.
6. If a procedure will cause more than momentary slight pain or distress to the animal, the pain must be minimized both in intensity and duration through the administration of

appropriate anesthetics, analgesics, and tranquilizers consistent with acceptable standards of veterinary medicine.

7. The appropriate anesthetic conditions are provided when painful experiments are conducting on the animals.
8. Multiple survival surgeries should not be done on the animal and most of the times the survival surgeries should be avoided until it was highly recommended.
9. It is the responsibility of the investigator to ensure that adequate post-surgical/procedural care is provided to all animals. This care must meet acceptable standards of veterinary medicine and be provided as long as necessary, including during non-duty hours.

Note: All the experimental work and maintenance of the animals in the animal house should strictly follow the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India,

S. No.	Name of the Equipments	Make	Unit Cost (Rs.)	Quantity (Nos)
1	Electrically Heated Incinerator	Technico (HSN No: 85141000)	2,40,975.00	01
2	Trinocular Stereozoom Stereo Microscope	Optica SZM-LED2	1,34,820.00	01
3	Refrigerator	Whirlpool (HSN No: 8418)	18,200.00	01
3	Autoclave	Technico (HSN No: 84198930)	50,200.00	01
4	Hotplate	Technico (HSN No: 84198190)	8,075.00	01
5	Thermo- Electric Dehumidifier	BBH (HSN No: 8509)	14,598.00	02
Total Cost Rs.			4,66,868.00	

Inaugural Function

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Waste management in Animal House

CPCSEA Registration No: 2046/PO/ReBi/S/18/CPCSEA

The following steps are taken to manage the waste generated from Animal House:

Source of Waste

1. White rats and White Mice are maintained in the animal house with the permission of CPCSEA for experimentation.
2. They are maintained in separate cages of 1 ft depth x 7 inches height x 8 inches width transparent plastic cages with grill and water source for feeding.
3. They are being used for laboratory and research activities in the (i) Biotechnology and (ii) Pharmacy departments by students.

Generation of waste:

1. As the animals are being fed, there arises fecal matter and urine droplets in the rice husk kept as bed in cages.
2. A few animals fight each other and tear the week specimen.
3. At times mother tears away a few pups.
4. During experimentation, the narcotized animals are dissected and ultimately it will be dead.

Steps taken to dispose of generated waste:

1. The used rice husk contaminated with the fecal matter and urine droplets are incinerated in the incinerator arranged at the rear end of the animal house on every two days.
2. The dead animals are closed in the polythene bag and kept for incineration upon observing the dead animals in the cages.
3. The animals used for experimentation are also incinerated on the day of experimentation. The same are recorded.
4. The workbench is cleaned with Dettol soon after the experimentation.
5. Mopping is done on a daily basis in the animal house.
6. The humidity and temperature is maintained with air conditioners.

**Outcomes of research activities using Animal House Facility
(CPCEA Registration No: 2046/PO/ReBi/S/18/CPCSEA)**

I. Publications

S.No.	Authors	Title of articles	Journal	IF	Area
1	Bobbadi, Suresh; Ch, Bindu Kiranmayi; Reddy, Prakash ; Kandhan, Srinivas	Analysis of antibiotic Resistance and Virulence Patterns in Klebsiella Pneumoniae Isolated from Human Urinary Tract Infections in India	Letter in applied Microbiology, 73(5), 590-598.(2021)	2.858	Microbiology
2	Dr.Prakash Narayana Reddy	An efficient method for integration of PCR fragments into adjacent or overlapping restriction sites during cloning.	3 Biotech. 8: 197 (2018)	1.49	Molecular Immunology
3.	Dr.Prakash Narayana Reddy	Evaluation of recombinant multi- epitope outer membrane protein- based <i>Klebsiellapneumoniaesubu</i> nit vaccine in mouse model.	Frontiers in Microbiology, 8:1805, (2017).	4.01	Recombinant Technology

II. PhD awarded

S.No.	Name of the scholar	Name of the guide	Year of award	Title of the thesis
1	Kota N Venkata Swathi Rohini Krishna	Prof.S.Kr upanidhi	Awarded 2021	Development and Evaluation of Cross-Reaction Free Diagnostics Against <i>Staphylococcus Aureus</i>

III. Placed scholar

S.No.	Reg.No.	Ph.D. Scholar	Placed position
1.	171FG01001	Dr. Kota Rohini Krishna Priya	Senior Research Associate, Reddys lab, Institute of Life Sciences, Hyderabad

IV. Seed Project

S.No.	Date	Name of the faculty	Title	Amount sanctioned Rs
1.	17-7-2019	Dr.M. Indira	Anti-inflammatory potential of <i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> on RRBC induced inflammation in Sprague Dawley rat model.	1.90 lakhs

V. Research grant

S.No.	Year of sanction	Title of the project	Name of the faculty	Scheme	Amount Sanctioned in lakh Rs.
1.	2017	A mechanistic approach for --subunit vaccine and infections	Dr. K. Prakash Narayana Reddy	DST-INSPIRE	35.00