

IACUC Guidelines for Harm-benefit Analysis

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Revision History:

- The *OLAW Guide* states, “the IACUC is obliged to weigh the objectives of the study against potential animal welfare concerns.”
- AAALAC International expects that as part of the protocol review process the IACUC will:
 - Weigh the potential adverse effects of the study on the animals against the potential benefits that are likely to occur as a result of the research.
 - This analysis should be performed prior to final approval of the protocol and should be a primary consideration in the review process.
 - AAALAC International site visitors will assess whether the IACUC has conducted this analysis.
- **The UWM IACUC will conduct a harm-benefit analysis as part of protocol review of all studies. Investigators provide a description of benefits in the protocol form as well as potential adverse effects. The IACUC will pay particular attention to protocols that are category “E” and record their discussion of this in the protocol review minutes.**