

Policy for the Movement of Rodents into the BSRB Vivarium

In an effort to decrease the risk of introducing a rodent pathogen into the BSRB vivarium, the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine has adopted the following policy for the movement of animals into the vivarium. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact either the BSRB husbandry supervisors (Michelle Garner, mbejaoui@med.umich.edu, Julie Brinkmeier, julh@med.umich.edu, or Renaldo Jones, bradyj@umich.edu) or the clinical faculty veterinarian for the area (Dr. Lesley A. Colby, lacolby@umich.edu).

***** Please remember, in any case where animals are transferred into the BSRB vivarium, they must be changed into a new, sterile cage in the animal transfer room before entering the housing room.**

Transfer of rodents currently housed at the University of Michigan outside of the BSRB vivarium

If the animals are within a non-quarantine housing room for which no pathogens were detected during the most recent round of surveillance AND the surveillance testing was conducted within 30 days of the expected transfer date, then animals can be transferred directly into a standard BSRB housing room.

If the animals are within a non-quarantine housing room for which no pathogens were detected during the most recent round of surveillance AND the surveillance testing was conducted 31 days or more prior to the expected transfer date, then animals must be placed in a designated BSRB animal return room and undergo one round of surveillance. A round of surveillance is approximately 3 months in duration. If no pathogens are detected, then the animals can be transferred to a standard BSRB housing room. The ULAM husbandry supervisors must be contacted if the animals will need to be removed from the return room for any reason or if they will be exposed to any equipment that will be used with animals outside of the room.

All animals in quarantine on campus must be evaluated through the established sentinel system prior to entry to BSRB. There is no quarantine facility within BSRB. If no pathogens are detected, animals can then be transferred directly into a standard BSRB housing room.

Transfer of rodents from an institution external to the University of Michigan

All animals must be placed in a quarantine facility and evaluated through the ULAM established sentinel system prior to entry to BSRB. A round of surveillance is approximately 3 months in duration. There is no quarantine facility within BSRB. If no pathogens are detected, animals can then be transferred directly into a standard BSRB housing room.

Movement of rodents from BSRB to another vivarium on campus, and then back to the BSRB vivarium within one workday

If the animals are contained within a sterile, filter-top cage or device for the entire time outside of the vivarium, then they can be returned directly to the original housing room. They must be transferred to a new, sterile cage upon return to the BSRB vivarium.

If the animals cannot be maintained within a sterile, filter-top cage or devise for the entire time outside of the BSRB vivarium, then the animals must be placed in a designated BSRB animal return room and undergo one round of surveillance. They must be transferred to a new, sterile cage upon return to the BSRB vivarium. A round of surveillance is approximately 3 months in duration. If no pathogens are detected, then the animals can be transferred to a standard BSRB housing room. The ULAM husbandry supervisors must be contacted if the animals will need to be removed from the return room for any reason or if they will be exposed to any equipment that will be used with animals outside of the room.

Please contact the BSRB Animal Husbandry Supervisors for instructions on the proper procedures for changing animals into sterile caging when returning to BSRB.

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