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## Re: In vitro Mechanisms of Hepatic Fibrogenesis

Protocol Number: 4117.10-08

Following review by the Executive Committee of the information to clarify experiments and animal numbers for this project, the Westmead Hospital Animal Ethics Committee grant approval of your protocol for a period of 5 (five) years with a commencement date of October 2007 and for the supply of animals for your research procedures. The WHAEC requests that for future applications the most current version of the Application for Animal Research be completed, available from the Animal Care Department.

It should be noted that approval is **subject to available housing space, e.g. cages, pens, runs etc., in the Animal Holding Area and Vivarium**. It is a condition of approval that you provide an Annual Return and Morbidity/Mortality Report, when requested. An Annual Return consists of a summary of the years' work, any animal welfare issues and details of scientific progress made in the Research application. Animal Research Authorities must be renewed every twelve months for each person involved in animal work on the project. When the due date arises, the necessary paperwork will be forwarded to you. All people with an ARA for this Protocol must have a copy of the Protocol. After receipt and identification of your animals, their health is your responsibility. If any animal is in distress, you are required to notify the person in charge of the Animal Holding Area, Vivarium or the Veterinarian on duty.

The Protocol number allocated to you is 4117.10-08. The first four digits is the actual Protocol number, followed by the expiry/due date for ARA's and Annual Returns. This Protocol number cannot be used to continue housing or ordering animals after the end of that month, unless re-approval is given. The Protocol number should be used to identify correspondence, cages and animals as they arrive, to facilitate record keeping with respect to their health and disposal. It must be remembered that it is your responsibility as the Principal Investigator, to guarantee that the Guidelines for Animal Welfare provided by the National Health and Medical Research Council, and regulations of State legislation are followed. The Animal Ethics Committee is responsible for ensuring that this occurs.

**Approved for 5 years, commencing October 2007 for 1,000 Sprague Dawley rats, 300 Zucker rats, 750 Ob/Ob mice & their littermates, 750 Db/Db mice & their littermates, 750 Adiponectin knockout mice, 750 Adiponectin receptor 1 ko mice and 750 Adiponectin receptor 2 ko mice in total.**

A/Professor Robert A. Osborn  
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