Column E Explanation

1. Registration Number: 52-R-0012

2. Number of animals categorized as column E used in this study. 47

3. Species (common name) Pigs of animals used in this study.

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress. Explanations should include a brief description of the procedure, but also explain what the animal’s experience, examples of which may include, but are not limited to: Neurological signs, seizures, tremors, paralysis, lethargy, inappetance, respiratory signs, GI distress, vomiting, and diarrhea.

   Innoculation of human norovirus can cause transient, mild diarrhea with spontaneous recovery in 1-3 days. Animals that display signs of severe illness or pain, such as anorexia >48 hours, lethargy, sunken eyes, tented skin are euthanized to alleviate suffering.

5. Attach or include with the reason(s) for why anesthetics, analgesics, and tranquillizers could not be used. (For federally mandated testing, see Item 6 below)

   Due to the importance of observing diarrhea, which is a key marker for the studies of the vaccine protective efficacy in this protocol, the piglets will not be administered any antibiotics, anti-inflammatoryatories or electrolytes in order to alleviate the symptoms of norovirus infection. In particular, antibiotics are not indicated for treatment of the pigs because some of the research involves a microbiota or probiotic component, in which case antibiotic treatment would invalidate results. Pigs without any bacteria flora should not need antibiotic treatment for illness. In a recent published guideline for treatment of travelers' diarrhea, which can include gastroenterological viruses such as norovirus, antibiotic
treatment is only recommended for severe diarrhea in humans. Analgesics and antidiarrheals (loperamide) are also not indicated as they can have an effect on gastrointestinal motility and may alter clinical signs. This is especially a concern with the opioid derivatives. Hence, the normal course of infection in piglets of both unvaccinated and vaccinated groups have to be allowed in this study in order to evaluate the protection efficacy of the experimental vaccines tested against norovirus diarrhea in terms of severity and duration. We want to avoid supportive care and analgesics for all pigs in our study as we would like to keep each treatment group as consistent as possible.

6. What, if any, federal regulation require this procedure? Cite the agency, the code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title number and the specific section number (e.g. APHIS, 9 CFR 113.102): If the requirement is per a guidance document, such as an Agency notice or harmonization guideline, please provide specific sufficient information to identify the cited document.

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1. Registration Number: **52-R-0012**

2. Number of animals categorized as column E used in this study. **29**

3. Species (common name) **Pigs** of animals used in this study.

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   Piglets infected with human rotavirus (HRV) are expected to experience watery diarrhea, and occasional vomiting particularly in unvaccinated groups which may lead to transient dehydration. HRV infection in pigs is self-limiting and diarrhea stops within 3-5 days. Death does not occurs in Gn pigs after infection with HRV.

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Column E Explanation

1. Registration Number: 52-R-0012

2. Number of animals categorized as column E used in this study. 16

3. Species (common name) Guinea pigs of animals used in this study.

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress. Explanations should include a brief description of the procedure, but also explain what the animal’s experience, examples of which may include, but are not limited to: Neurological signs, seizures, tremors, paralysis, lethargy, inappetance, respiratory signs, GI distress, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Innoculation of ZIKA virus can cause fever, lethargy, hunched back, ruffled fur, and decrease in mobility of variable severity. The peak of clinical disease possibly at 4 days post inoculation. Monitoring will be 2 to 3 times daily dependent on severity of symptoms. Animals will be euthanized if moribund, >15% weight loss or if all monitored parameters severe levels goal is to euthanize before death occurs.

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Since we are interested in the pathogenesis of the virus after two different routes of infection and we want to examine tissue samples during peak of infection and after subclinical signs subside, we cannot give antivirals as this would alter the progression of the disease. Additionally, a clinical dose of of the virus must be given because a subclinical dose would not give an accurate representation of viral infection. Thus, the animals will exhibit clinical signs of infection, although we do not expect mortalities as a result of the viral infection.
Literature search showed infected guinea pigs injected subcutaneously with the virus and monitored them over the course of five days and did not report any mortalities. Guinea pigs will be under systemic anesthesia for either subcutaneous injection or vaginal infection in order to minimize pain, discomfort, and stress. Additionally, after the procedure, if advised by veterinary staff, analgesics will also be provided.

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