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TO : All Concerned

THROUGH : The Respective Deans, Directors, and Heads of Units/Offices

SUBJECT : **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Scope of Protocol Review**

In compliance with the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 40, Series of 1999, titled "Rules and Regulations on the Conduct of Scientific Procedures Using Animals," all research and teaching activities involving the care and use of **live** vertebrates at the University of the Philippines Manila must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) prior to initiation.

The studies and teaching activities involving vertebrates include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Mammals (both domesticated and wild animals)
- Fish
- Amphibians
- Reptiles
- Avians (including embryo assays)

However, studies and teaching activities involving invertebrates do not require IACUC review. Invertebrates include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Insects (e.g., *Drosophila melanogaster*)
- Nematodes (e.g., *Caenorhabditis elegans*)
- Planarians
- Crustaceans
- Mollusks

For questions or further clarifications, please feel free to contact the IACUC Secretariat at iacuc.upmanila@up.edu.ph.

For your information, guidance, and compliance.

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