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1.0 OBJECTIVE

1.1 The objective of this procedure is to describe the procedures for individual identification of cages holding the animals.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 This procedure applies to animal cages in the MMRI Animal Care Facility.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 It is the policy of MMRI to establish written and approved procedures to ensure that animal cages are appropriately identified.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 It is the responsibility of Manager of Animal Research or designated alternate to implement this procedure and revise it when necessary.

5.0 PROCEDURE

- 5.1 All cage cards (see Appendix I) must contain the following information:
 - 5.1.1 Study dates
 - 5.1.2 Project
 - 5.1.3 Study number, if applicable to be hand written at initiation of the study
 - 5.1.4 Study group number (if applicable)
 - 5.1.5 Species/strain/sex
 - 5.1.6 Animal I.D. number
 - 5.1.7 Animal source, (vendor and barrier)
 - 5.1.8 Date of receipt
 - 5.1.9 Date of birth
 - 5.1.10 Date of euthanasia

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- 5.2 Additional information may appear on the cage card at the supervisor's and/or Study Director's discretion.
- 5.3 Information on card should be checked at the time of euthanasia and initialed.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix I - MMRI Cage Card

APPENDIX I

MMRI CAGE CARDS

Cage #: Strain:	MMRI	Animal Facility	# of Mice <u>: </u>
ID	Sex	DOB	Arrival
Protocol #:			

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MMRI Animal Facility	RAT-04-005			
Source: Charles River	Strain: Sprague-Dawley			
Sex: <u>Male</u>	Date of Birth: <u>8/31/04</u>			
Arrival: 10/25/04	Sacrifice Date: 12/25/04			
Arrival: 10/25/04 Affiliation: Theracos	Investigator: <u>Lewis</u>			
Protocol Number: <u>03-005</u>				
Comments: Jug Vein cannulated				