Committee for Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA)

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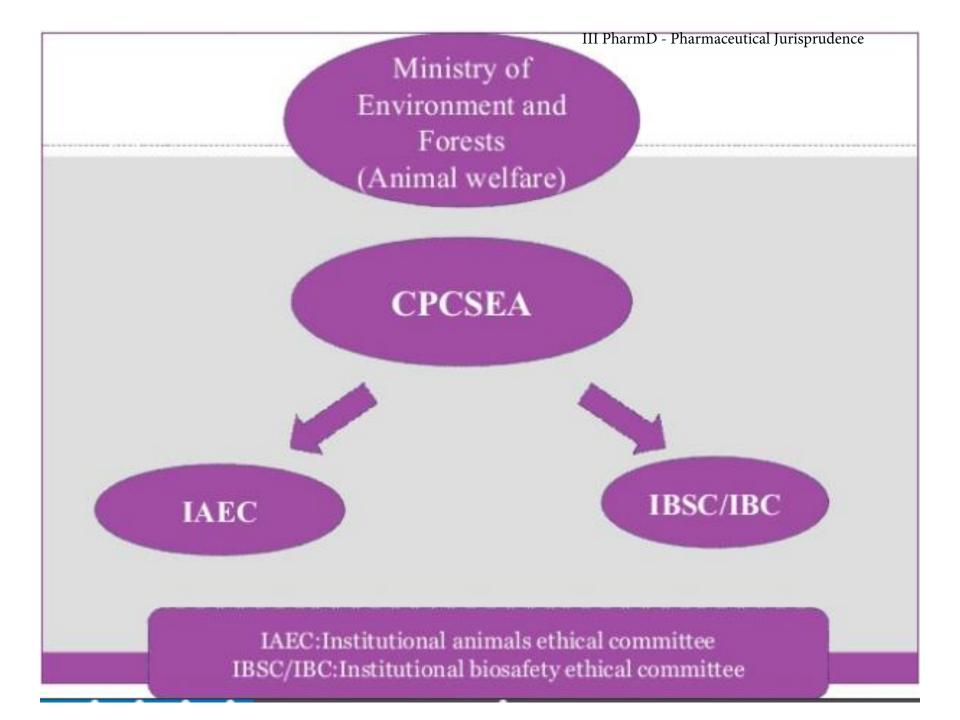
- Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA)
- Statutory body formed by the Act of the Indian Parliament under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960
- Formed in 1964
- Revived in 1998, under the committed chairpersonship of Meneka Gandhi
- Head quarters at Chennai
- Includes various guidelines and sub committees

- National level expert committee to scrutinize and approve the research projects conducted using animals.
- Introduced a national "Good Laboratory Practice" document
- Introduced the credo of 3R principles
- > 2004 CPCSEA officially accepts the concept of the 4th R

"investigators have a moral responsibility to take care of laboratory animals after use"

This committee is composed of

- ✓ Members of the scientific community
- ✓ Regulatory authorities
- √ Animal activists.
- ✓ The committee has 10 experts and 3 official members



CPCSEA and IAEC

- *Role of CPCSEA is to monitor animal experiments through ethics committees set up in institutions(IAEC)
- CPCSEA Nominee –important link between CPCSEA and IAEC
- IAEC scrutinize all project proposals for experimentation on animals.
- For small animals- give the final approval
- ✓ For large animals- make its recommendation to SCLA (Sub-Committee on Large Animals)

IAEC composition

- -- A Biological Scientist.
- -- Two Scientists from different bio disciplines.
- -- A Veterinarian involved in care of Animals.
- --Scientist In-Charge of Animal House Facility.
- The Chairman (preferably Head of the Institution / Department) and Member Secretary need to be nominated from the above five members.
- Other members: Main Nominee, Link Nominee, Scientist from outside and Socially Aware Nominee nominated by CPCSEA.
- The validity of IAEC is for 3 years.

Goals:

- To promote the humane care of animals used in research.
- To provide specifications that will enhance animals well being and quality of research.

Objective:

Effective functioning of Institutional animal ethical committee

Main Activities

- Registration of establishments
- for experiments on animals
- for Breeding of animals
- Approval of Animal House Facilities
- Permission of Committee for Conducting Experiments

CPCSEA guidelines

Veterinary care:

- ✓ Provided by a veterinarian
- Daily observation of animals adopted



Quarantine, Stabilization and Separation:

- ✓ Quarantine period for small lab animals : one wk to one mthlarge lab animals : up to 6 weeks
- ✓ Physiologic, psychological and nutritional stabilization required
- Physical separation of animals by species to prevent anxiety and behavioral changes

Animal procurement and tranportation

- Procurement of animals done from established commercial animal vendors.
- During transport, stress avoided by:
- ✓ Use of transport containers (cages or crates) of appropriate size
- ✓ Permissible number of animals accommodated in each container

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Experimental area:

- Experiments should be carried out in a separate area away from the place where they are housed.
- Separate functional areas for
- ✓ surgical support
- treatment of animals
- post operative and intensive care

Physical facilities

Building materials

Durable, moisture- proof, fire resistant and pest resistant

Corridor(s)

Wide enough to facilitate the movement of personnel and equipment

Animal room doors

Should fit properly, should not be rust

Exterior windows

Windows are not recommended

Floors

Smooth, moisture proof, nonabsorbent,

skid proof floors

Drains

Proper drainage,

Floors should be sloped

Storage areas

Designed for feed, bedding, cages and

materials not in use.

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Environment

Temperature

Humidity control

Ventilation

Power and lighting

Noise control

between 18-29° C range of 30-70%

designed with 12-15 air cycles per

hour.

System should be safe

Fluorescent lights are efficient

Emergency backup needed

noise free environment

Concrete walls are more effective