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## **ABSTRACT**

In 2011, a field trial was conducted in southeastern West Virginia to evaluate the safety and immunogenicity of a live recombinant human adenovirus (serotype 5)-rabies glycoprotein vaccine (ONRAB<sup>®</sup>) in wild raccoons and skunks. ONRAB<sup>®</sup> was selected for evaluation based on the success achieved in eliminating raccoon rabies from Ontario and Quebec, Canada, through the integration of this vaccine into rabies management strategies and significantly higher seropositivity in comparison to Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> in studies along the U.S.-Canada border. The field trial site was composed of forested and agricultural habitats in an area where raccoon rabies is enzootic and oral rabies vaccine (ORV) has never been used as a management strategy. The ULTRALITE bait is composed of a small blister pack that contains the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine with a waxy coating matrix of sweet attractants, impregnated with tetracycline biomarker, camouflaged by a khaki green dye. Approximately 80,000 baits were distributed at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> mostly by fixed wing aircraft along parallel flight lines spaced at 750 m intervals. There were no phone calls related to human or pet bait contacts reported through the affixed, legible toll free phone number on each bait. Relatively low human population density in the study area and bait attributes that may make them less attractive to dogs could have been contributing factors resulting in no reported bait contacts. Histopathology results from up to 23 tissue types from diverse target and nontarget wildlife species samples pre (n=290) and post-ORV (n=300) with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> will be provided under a separate cover once the analysis is completed. No differences were observed between control and treatment captive animals, including cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*), and eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestri*) that received a 10x ONRAB<sup>®</sup> dose in a companion histopathology study conducted at the Wildlife Services (WS), National Wildlife Research Center. These species that have not been previously evaluated for potential ONRAB<sup>®</sup> effects are common to the West Virginia field trial site. The proportion of raccoons categorized as seropositive was significantly higher in ( $P < 0.05$ ) the post-ORV ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baiting period (49.4%, n=296) in comparison to the pre-ORV (9.6%, n=395) period (naïve to ORV either with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> or Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> but where raccoon rabies is enzootic). The 49.4% seropositivity in raccoons was the highest observed by WS for areas with similar management histories that were baited once at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>. Biomarker presence was significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) higher among sero-positive raccoons post-ORV and similar ( $P > 0.05$ ) among raccoons during the pre-ORV period, an indication of vaccine-induced rabies virus neutralizing antibodies (RVNA) following bait consumption. Skunk sample size was inadequate to assess ONRAB<sup>®</sup> effects, but other studies have not shown a strong RVNA response at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup>. Overall, the safety and immunogenicity outcomes from this field trial support replicating the West Virginia field trial to determine if raccoon population immunity would increase as a function of a second annual ORV campaign with ONRAB<sup>®</sup>. Expansion of field trials into other strategic areas such as the Ohio contingency action zone, the Niagara Frontier and along the Quebec border with New York, Vermont and New Hampshire is recommended.

## **INTRODUCTION**

In 2011, APHIS, Wildlife Services (WS) coordinated a collaborative oral rabies vaccine field trial to evaluate the safety and immunogenicity of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> (Artemis Technologies, Guelph, Ontario, Canada) in raccoons and skunks in West Virginia (Appendix A). It was the first field trial of this type in the U.S. in over 20 years (Roscoe et al. 1998). This field trial was conducted to evaluate a vaccine that has the potential to be licensed and applied strategically to more aggressively meet raccoon rabies management goals, including elimination. ONRAB<sup>®</sup> is a live recombinant vaccine that uses human adenovirus (serotype 5) to express the rabies virus glycoprotein gene (Charlton et al., 1992). Over 6 million doses of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> have been distributed in Ontario since 2006 for skunk and raccoon rabies control (D. Donovan, personal communication) and Quebec since 2007 for raccoon rabies control (J. Mainguy, personal communication). Both Provinces appear to have eliminated raccoon rabies virus variant through the integration of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> into broader rabies control strategies (Rosatte et al. 2009a, Rees et al. 2011).

Highly collaborative processes were put in place to meet regulatory, technical, environmental and logistical demands associated with the vaccine-bait field trial conducted in West Virginia. Collaborators included county, state, federal and international partners from government and non-government organizations, as well as Artemis Technologies, ONRAB<sup>®</sup> manufacturer (Table 1). Artemis Technologies was responsible for providing the requisite data to APHIS, Veterinary Services, Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB), with formal public health input from CDC to facilitate a comprehensive ONRAB<sup>®</sup> risk assessment. Published information on ONRAB<sup>®</sup> and data on file were also part of the foundation for a WS Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential impacts of releasing this vaccine into the wild in West Virginia. A joint CVB and WS Federal Register Notice was issued to notify the public of plans for an ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial and to solicit input and comments (U. S. Department of Agriculture, 2011a).

This report covers key aspects and findings of the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial and provides recommendations for future field evaluations.

## **BRIEF BACKGROUND**

The concept of oral rabies vaccination (ORV) to control rabies in free-ranging wildlife originated in the U.S. (Baer et al., 1971; Baer, 1988). ORV has been widely used in Europe beginning in the late 1970's and Canada in the late 1980's with success in controlling and eliminating rabies in foxes from several European countries (Blancou, 2008; Wandeler, 2008) and all but a few residual foci of an arctic variant of rabies in skunks in Ontario (Nadin-Davis et al., 2006; Rosatte et al., 2011), as well as raccoon rabies from Ontario (Rosatte et al., 2009b) and Quebec (Rees et al., 2011)(no cases since 2009). The rapid spread of raccoon rabies along the eastern seaboard of

the U.S. and west to eastern Ohio as the probable result of translocations from Florida to Virginia and West Virginia during the 1970's (Nettles et al., 1979) served as a major stimulus for intervention with ORV to prevent raccoon rabies from gaining an even broader geographic footprint in the U.S.

Due to the risk, albeit it low, of vaccine-induced rabies associated with residual pathogenicity in the Evelyn Rockitnicki Abelseth (ERA) strain of attenuated rabies virus (Fehlner-Gradiner et al., 2008), a live recombinant *Vaccinia*-rabies glycoprotein (V-RG) vaccine became the prime candidate for testing in the U.S. (Rupprecht et al., 1986). This vaccine cannot cause rabies, although low levels of risk may be associated with exposure to the virus vector (Roess et al., 2012). However, V-RG proved to be safe in more than 50 vertebrate species (Artois et al., 1990; Rupprecht et al., 1992a; Rupprecht et al., 1992b). As a result of field safety and immunogenicity testing in the early 1990s (Hanlon et al., 1998; Hanlon and Rupprecht, 1998; Roscoe et al., 1998), V-RG was conditionally licensed in 1995, and fully licensed in 1997, in the U.S. for vaccination of free-ranging raccoons by Merial Ltd., Athens, Georgia under the registered name Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>. It was also fully licensed in 2002 for coyotes in the U.S. and for raccoons in Canada (Rosatte et al., 2001). It has been approved for experimental use in wild gray foxes and has been used for this purpose in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas (J. Maki, personal communication). Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> currently remains the only licensed oral rabies vaccine for use in the U.S.

Following the first field trial with V-RG in 1990, the number of vaccine-laden baits distributed annually in the U.S. rose exponentially through 2006, but has decreased to about 8 million baits in 2011 due to implementation of efficiencies such as consistency in ORV zone width throughout most areas and 750m flight line spacing, as well as level WS funding for rabies management (Figure 1). Since WS involvement in rabies management, APHIS has contributed about 120 million Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> baits for distribution in the U.S. between 1995 and 2010 (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2012). More than 75% of those baits have been used in campaigns to prevent the spread of raccoon rabies beyond the eastern U.S. (Figure 2) and the remainder has been applied in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona for rabies control and elimination efforts in coyotes and gray foxes (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2008; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2009; U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2010a).

Coordinated ORV with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> has resulted in three major rabies management accomplishments in the U.S. Canine rabies from sources in Mexico, which had spilled over and spread among coyotes in south Texas, has been eliminated through the integration of ORV into conventional rabies prevention and control programs (Fearneyhough et al., 1998; Sidwa et al., 2005). This success led to the U.S. being declared canine rabies free in 2008 (Velasco-Villa et al., 2008). ORV has also been successfully applied to control a unique variant of gray fox rabies in western Texas, with no reported cases since May 2009 (Blanton et al., 2011). Intervention



with ORV beginning in 1997 has also prevented appreciable spread of raccoon rabies from its new-found stronghold in the eastern U.S. (Slate et al., 2009).

These accomplishments are noteworthy, yet the inability to eliminate raccoon rabies in high risk spread corridors has prompted the need to evaluate vaccines that may be capable of producing higher levels of population immunity to achieve this programmatic goal. Ideally, vaccines deemed safe, inexpensive and immunogenic in all meso-carnivore rabies reservoir species under field conditions are desired. To date, little RVNA response has been observed among skunks captured from ORV zones established with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> to raccoon rabies control (Slate et al., 2009). WS and collaborators identified the need to test new vaccine-baits as a priority in the Vaccine/ Bait/Biomarker Team as part of discussions at the annual WS National Rabies Management Team meeting during the past decade. In addition, a comprehensive review of the WS, National Rabies Management Program recommended that new or improved vaccine-baits be brought on line as swiftly as possible to better ensure program sustainability and success (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2010b).

After considering four candidate vaccines (Table 2), WS and collaborators decided to pursue a field trial with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> in 2011. That decision was largely based on extensive use of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> in Ontario and Quebec along the U.S border without untoward events and success in reducing and eliminating raccoon rabies. Other contributing factors included the inability to access other candidate vaccines for field testing in a timely fashion. Also, no skunks infected with the raccoon rabies virus variant have emerged in Ontario since 2004, or Quebec since 2009, suggesting that the occurrence of skunks infected with raccoon rabies is dependent on spillover from the raccoon reservoir. In addition, under operational rabies control strategies using high ORV bait densities (300 baits/km<sup>2</sup>) and narrow flight lines (250m), meaningful levels of immunity have been achieved in skunk populations in an attempt to eliminate residual foci of an arctic rabies variant from Ontario (Rosatte et al., 2011). While these bait densities would not be sustainable at the landscape level, perhaps bait modifications could enhance future performance of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> in skunks at lower bait densities.

ONRAB<sup>®</sup> uses a human adenovirus type 5 (HAd5) as a vector to express the rabies virus glycoprotein gene. The virus vector has a well-characterized molecular structure, genomic stability, and possesses the ability to grow high titers in a wide spectrum of cells (Graham and Prevec, 1992). Each ONRAB<sup>®</sup> bait contains 1.8 ±0.1 ml of HAd5 ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine (titer of not <10<sup>9.5</sup> cell culture infectious dose 50% [CCID<sub>50</sub>]/ml) in an elongated plastic blister pack coated with an attractant-bait matrix (Figure 3). The matrix is composed of partially hydrogenated vegetable shortening (34%), Microbond<sup>®</sup> wax (International Wax Ltd., Agincourt, Ontario, Canada) (30%), stearine (12.5%), icingsugar (20%), vegetable oil (1%), artificial marshmallow flavor (1%), artificial sweet flavor (1%), and a fat-soluble food dye (0.5% khaki green) to camouflage the baits. Each vaccine-bait weighs approximately 4 g. The body of the blister pack is an elongated oval with dimensions of 1.81 x 0.55 x 0.39 in (30 x 14 x 10 mm) and a

rectangular lip extending to 1.57 x 0.79 in (40x20 mm) (Figure 3). The blister pack contains an identifying label as to the contents of the bait and a toll-free phone number where people can obtain information about the baits (Rosatte et al., 2009a).

The ONRAB<sup>®</sup> bait matrix also can deliver 100 mg of tetracycline hydrochloride as a biomarker to aid in evaluating bait ingestion. Tetracycline deposits in metabolically active portions of bones and teeth of animals, which can be viewed in slide preparations under fluorescent light microscopy. Tetracycline-positive tooth or bone indicates the likelihood that an animal has eaten at least one bait (Johnston and Voight, 1982; Rupprecht et al., 1987; Rosatte et al., 2009a). The presence of tetracycline does not equate to immunity because it is possible for an animal to eat the outer bait matrix without rupturing the blister pack, resulting in no oral exposure to the vaccine. Potential sources of "background" tetracycline may include consumption of medicated feeds such as those sometimes used for production animals, intentional treatment by humans with tetracycline, and non-specific fluorescence that may be found naturally (Chopra and Roberts, 2001).

### **FIELD TRIAL DESIGN**

The ONRAB<sup>®</sup> ORV zone was 1,460 km<sup>2</sup> composed of hardwood and mixed coniferous-hardwood forest, interspersed with livestock agriculture and small towns (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2011a). The spatial field trial design contained four 127 km<sup>2</sup> sampling cells, separated from each other by a 5 km buffer (Figure 2). The distance from the western edge of the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling cells to the existing ORV zone baited at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> since 2001 (U.S. Department of Agriculture 2005) with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> was 11km. The buffer was provided to reduce the chance of confounded serological results. The distance from the edges of the sampling cells and the outer perimeter of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baited area was 5 km to reduce dilution effect from raccoon home ranges that may overlap from ONRAB<sup>®</sup> naive areas, where raccoons and skunks would not have had equal opportunity to consume baits as compared to animals with home ranges totally within the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> zone. A total of 79,027 ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits with tetracycline biomarker in the bait matrix were distributed within the field trial zone, with 77,448 baits aerially distributed along parallel flight lines at a 750 m spacing. A total of 1,580 ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits were distributed through ground baiting in the vicinity of towns in the field trial zone where aerial baiting could present a safety concern.

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The pre and post ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling profile for assessing safety and immunogenicity of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> is summarized in Table 3.

## **Animal Sampling**

### ***Target species biological and serological sampling***

Animal sampling included live (cage) trapping (Tomahawk model 608) and release of target species that were apparently not rabid based on behavior and gross examination for lesions. Suspect animals were tested for rabies using a direct rapid immunohistochemistry test (dRIT), with diagnostic confirmation and rabies virus variant typing performed at CDC. Non-target species were either released or included among the required samples for histopathological analysis. The same trapping approach was applied for pre and post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling.

About 150 live traps were set within 800 m of 25 preselected random points in each sampling cell to ensure adequate spatial coverage (Figure 4). The same random points were used both pre and post-ORV ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling periods, which were August 2-26, 2011 and September 21-31, respectively. Traps were checked once every 24 hours. All rabies reservoir species captured during pre and post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> were anesthetized using an IM injection of a 5:1 mixture of ketamine and xylazine (Kreeger, 1999) so that blood as well as first premolar tooth samples could be collected for aging and biomarker presence, and other pertinent biological information such as sex, reproductive status, and the general condition of each animal. Serum samples were collected from blood centrifuged the same day of capture, with aliquots briefly stored in labeled cyrovials at minus 25-70° C before shipment to the appropriate laboratory for analysis. After full recovery from anesthesia, all raccoons and skunks were released at their site of capture.

### ***Target species swab sampling***

The same animal capture and handling procedures were followed from day 1-6 post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> to collect oral swab samples (Appendix B). However, live trapping was confined to the intercellular spaces between the four primary sampling cells 1-2, 2-3, and 3-4. This sampling scheme was used to reduce the chance of trap shyness among raccoons and skunks post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> to collect blood sera and other samples, which began the recommended 5-weeks after bait distribution (C. Fehlner-Gardiner, personal communication) and would include recaptures from the pre-ORV sampling period. Swab samples were labeled and stored in universal viral transport tubes (Becton Dickinson, #220222) containing 3 ml of transport medium and shipped in near real time to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, Cornell University for analysis.

### ***Target and nontarget species histopathology sampling***

Victor Rat (model BM205) and mouse (model BM154) traps were used to capture small mammals for tissue sampling from major organs. Trapping began on July 21, 2011, two weeks prior to serological baselines samples, and continued opportunistically up to the distribution of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits September 16, 2011. These samples were supplemented with live trapped

nontarget captures to assure a diverse representation of faunal samples for histopathological investigation. Larger mammals and birds were donated from WV, Division of Natural Resources or collected by live trapping or shooting.

Histopathological samples were also collected from target and nontarget species within the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> ORV zone after the 6-day swab sampling period. No target species were collected for histopathology from the four primary sampling cells within the field trial zone (Figure 2). Necropsies were performed on animals on the day of capture and tissues were harvested, placed in labeled vials in 10 percent buffered formalin, stored for a short period, and shipped for laboratory analysis to MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, Texas) according to the protocol in Appendix B.

### **RVNA Antibody Determination**

Serum was shipped frozen in labeled, cryovials within containers of dry ice to the CDC Rabies Program Laboratory upon completion of the Pre-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling period and again after the Post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling period. The RVNA were determined at CDC using the Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011). Samples with I.U.  $\geq 0.06$  were deemed indicative of positive RVNA activity.

### **Human Adenovirus (Serotype-5) Antibody Determination**

Serum was also shipped frozen in labeled, cryovials within containers of dry ice to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, Cornell University to determine antibody levels of HAd5 upon completion of the Pre-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling period and again after the Post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sampling period. The adenovirus virus neutralization (VN) assay for Ad-5 followed standard procedures for VN assays in microtiter plates. Two-fold serum dilutions (50  $\mu$ l) in duplicate were mixed with 100-300 TCID<sub>50</sub> of Ad-5 (VR-5 ATCC) in a 50  $\mu$ l volume. Mixtures were allowed to incubate for at least 1 hr at room temperature. A 100  $\mu$ l volume of indicator cells (A549 - ATCC) was added to each well and the plates were placed in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator at 37°C for 6 days. Wells were scored for the presence or absence of typical Ad-5 cytopathology. Positive serum controls were an equine anti Ad-5 (CDC) and a bovine anti Ad-5 (ARS-USDA).

### **Tetracycline Biomarker**

First premolars extracted from each live captured and anesthetized raccoon or skunk were shipped in small, labeled Manila envelopes to Matson's Laboratory (Missoula, MT) for tetracycline and specific age determination based on cementum annuli counts. For the analysis in this report only juvenile and adult age classes could be evaluated until age specific age results become available.

## **ONRAB<sup>®</sup> Detection from Oral Swab Samples**

Oral swab samples were shipped in universal viral transport tubes (Becton Dickinson, #220222) containing 3 ml of transport medium to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, Cornell University for analysis. Complete descriptions of the swab sampling protocol and the quantitative real time polymerase chain reaction analysis (*qPCR*) can be found in Appendices B and C, respectively.

## **Histopathology**

### ***Field studies***

These studies are being conducted under contract with MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. A complete description the protocol is present in Appendix B.

### ***Captive studies***

The study protocol for captive histopathology studies conducted at the WS, NWRC animal research facilities in Ft. Collins, Colorado is provided in Appendix D. The species evaluated included: Eastern Woodrat (*Neotoma floridana*), Cottontail Rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), Fox Squirrel (*Sciurus niger*) and Eastern Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestri*). Because animals in the wild could consume more than one bait, this study evaluated animals exposed to a 10x dose of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> and controls.

## **ONRAB<sup>®</sup> Bait Contact**

Enhanced surveillance for human and domestic animal bait and vaccine contact was a critical component of the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial to measure and address potential human and pet safety issues. Typically during ORV projects, reports of human or pet contact with ORV baits occurs when a person who has found a bait calls the toll-free number printed on the bait, or when a person directly contacts federal, state or local agencies after a bait is found (Roess 2012). Each ONRAB<sup>®</sup> bait distributed as part of this field trial contained a warning label (“Rabies vaccine, DO NOT TOUCH. Live adenovirus vector”) (Figure3) and was marked with a toll-free number that put callers in direct contact with public health officials at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services (WVDOH). To assist the WVDOH in documenting and managing human bait contacts, CDC and WS developed a recommended SOP for ONRAB<sup>®</sup> bait contacts through a detailed algorithm (Figure 5).

To improve surveillance for bait and vaccine contacts, a communication campaign was cooperatively implemented by WS specifically for the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial. This campaign focused on raising public awareness of the field trial, enhancing public understanding of ORV and the associated risk of contact with baits and vaccine, and to increase reporting of potential vaccine exposures.

At the foundation of these communication efforts was the preparation and publication of a WS environmental assessment (EA) in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS) entitled "Field Trial of an Experimental Rabies Vaccine, Human Adenovirus Type 5 Vector in West Virginia." The EA analyzed the potential environmental effects of a proposed field trial in West Virginia, including portions of USFS lands but excluding Wilderness areas, to determine the safety and immunogenicity of the HAd5-rabies glycoprotein recombinant vaccine in raccoons and striped skunks. A 30-day public comment period (August 8<sup>th</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012) resulted in a total of 13 comments received from private citizens and representatives from public health, agriculture, and natural resources agencies in the U.S. and Canada. The majority of comments were supportive. Three comments were addressed, including one comment that expressed concern about the potential for human exposures and methods for managing these events, and another comment that focused on concerns that WS had not properly informed the residents of WV about the pending field trial. The final comment was related to a National Park Service request for language changes in the EA.

WS also enhanced communication efforts through preparation and distribution of a national press release about the field trial. The press release was picked up by the Associated Press and widely distributed. In addition, at least four T.V. and newspaper interviews were conducted at a media event and at a Greenbrier County, WV Commission meeting, where a detailed presentation on the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial was given to County Commissioners and the public. Finally, WS in collaboration with WVDOH, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, West Virginia University, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the USFS developed a list of talking points to assist in the coordination of key field trial messages provided to the public, facilitate data collection on potential bait and vaccine exposures, and ensure safety concerns were adequately addressed by all cooperating agencies.

### **Statistical Methods**

Descriptive statistics were used to characterize the proportion of raccoons that seroconverted between pre- and post-baiting trapping operations. We used contingency tables and the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel (CMH) (Agresti, 1996) test to determine whether the proportions of individuals sampled in pre- and post-ORV capture efforts differed among sampling cells (1-4). The CMH tests were used to determine if age, sex and seroconversion status were conditionally independent across sampling cells. Separate CMH analyses were conducted on pre- and post-ORV data sets. We used the McNemar test for dependent samples to determine whether the proportion of seroconverted individuals captured differed between the pre- and post-baiting sampling sessions. Finally, we conducted a factorial ANOVA to determine if recapture distance differed between sampling sites, and age and sex classes.

We used Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel tests to determine whether relationships existed between bio-marking, serology, age and sex. Among post-ORV samples, we explored detected differences by multiple logistic regression. Significance was set at  $P < 0.05$ .

All statistical analyses were conducted in SAS 9.1 (SAS Institute, 2002)

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Target Species Serology**

Raccoons sampled during the pre-baiting trapping period displayed a 9.6 percent sero-prevalence for RVNA. Geographic cell-to-cell proportion of seroconverted raccoons trapped during pre-ORV sampling did not differ relative to sex (CMH = 2.53, df = 1, p = 0.11) or age (CMH = 2.81, df = 1, p = 0.094) classes. The sampled cell-to-cell (Figure 4) proportion of sero-positive demographic classes ranged from 0-6%, and adults comprised a greater proportion of sampled individuals than did juveniles (Table 4).

By contrast, 49.4 percent of raccoons sampled during the post-ORV trapping period had detectable RVNA. The sampled cell-to-cell proportion of sero-positive demographic classes ranged from 0-37% (Table 4) differed both by sex (CMH = 3.98, df = 1, p = 0.046) and age (CMH = 6.46, df = 1, p = 0.011) classes. These differences can be attributed to a lower proportion of sero-positive females in cell 1 ( $\chi^2 = 6.81$ , df = 1, p = 0.009), and a lower proportion of sero-positive juveniles in cell 4 ( $\chi^2 = 5.82$ , df = 1, p = 0.016). The difference in the proportions of individuals that were categorized as sero-positive was significantly higher (S=102.25, df = 1, p < 0.001) in the post-ORV with ONRAB® (49.4%) sampling period than in the pre- ONRAB® (9.6%) period.

The distance between pre and post- ONRAB® recaptures differed by cell (F = 6.78, p = 0.002) and not by sex (F = 0.51 p = 0.48) or age class (F = 1.77, p = 0.19). The mean distance between recaptures was greatest for cell 2 (553 m), followed by cell 3 (260 m), cell 4 (212 m), and cell 1 (101 m).

Sero-positivity of 9.6 percent among raccoons (n=395) sampled prior to ONRAB® baiting (Table 5) in the ORV naïve raccoon rabies enzootic field trial area was higher than has been recorded for areas of similar status (mean=4.9%, SD=4.8, n=13) (Tables 6 and 7). Possible reasons for the higher baseline include naturally acquired immunity from sub-lethal exposures to raccoon rabies virus or movements of orally vaccinated raccoons into sampling cells from the adjacent Raboral V-RG® zone. However, only 3 of 31 sero-positive raccoons were also biomarker-positive (Table 8). In addition, the coated sachet is the primary bait type distributed in the adjacent Raboral V-RG®, which does not contain biomarker. Twenty-five of 310 sero-negative raccoons were biomarker-positive from the pre-ORV sampling period (Table 8), suggesting that the environment may be a source of tetracycline exposure. Raccoon rabies in this general area during the five years prior to the field trial (Figure 6) suggest the higher sero-positivity in the pre-ORV sample is more likely related to naturally acquired immunity. Previous studies have reported higher levels of RVNA in raccoon populations in areas naïve to the raccoon rabies virus variant where there have been no vaccination efforts (McLean, 1971;

Ramey et al., 2008). Lastly, there are no known wildlife rehabilitation facilities in the immediate area that may have released sufficient numbers of hand-inoculated raccoons by off-label use of commercial rabies vaccines to affect pre-ORV levels. Such activities are not legal in West Virginia.

The 49.4 percent post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> (uncorrected for the 9.6%) sero-positivity represents the highest population RVNA level WS has observed after a first baiting of a naïve area at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> where antibody baselines had been measured prior to ORV. Nine percent (3/32) were tetracycline and sero-positive in the pre-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> sample (Table 8), compared to 40 percent (48/123) post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> (Table 9). Among pre-ORV samples, no relationships were detected between bio-marking, serology, age, or sex ( $P=0.6336$ ). However, among post-ORV samples, differences were noted relative to age ( $P=0.0007$ ) predicted sero-positivity, with adults having >3 times higher odds of being sero-positive than juveniles (OR=3.133). Once specific age class data become available, biomarking will be evaluated further as younger raccoons have been reported to biomark with tetracycline more easily (PM1 and canine teeth only) than older animals (Algeo et al., *in revision*) due to active tooth growth (Linhart and Kennelly, 1967). Most important is that tetracycline biomarking was related to serological response ( $P=0.0001$ ).

That biomarker-positives were less than RVNA-positives can be attributed in part to the use of the first premolar, a tissue known to be inferior to canines or mandibular bone to evaluate tetracycline deposition (Linhart and Kenelly, 1967; Algeo et al., *in revision*). The premolar was selected because it was more important to release raccoons and skunks to increase the probability of recaptures in the post-ORV sample than to euthanize animals to extract canine teeth for evaluation. In spite of this, only 27 raccoons caught during post-ORV trapping were recaptured from the pre-ORV period. One of 27 raccoons was RVNA-positive during pre-ORV and 8 of 27 had evidence of RVNA post-ORV. The single individual that had antibodies pre-ORV (I.U.=0.06) was also positive post-ORV with an apparent anamnestic response (I.U.=0.32). No skunks were recaptured in the post-ORV period.

While this field trial was not specifically designed to compare ONRAB<sup>®</sup> and Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>, a sero-positivity of 17.0 percent (n=11, SD 9.9%, uncorrected for RVNA of 4.9%, (n=13, SD 4.8%)) was observed after a first baiting with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> in naïve areas under essentially the same initial ORV baiting characteristics during 2001 to 2009 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maine, North Carolina Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia and similar raccoon density indices (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2011c) as in this field trial except in Florida (Tables 6 and 7). These results are in line with those reported by Fehlner-Gardiner et al. (2012) who found essentially a two-fold higher sero-positivity at 73 percent for ONRAB<sup>®</sup> in New Brunswick, compared to 29 percent for Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> across the border in Maine.

Although comparative seroconversion samples were not collected in the adjacent Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> zone in West Virginia post-ORV during 2011, in the four years previous to the ONRAB<sup>®</sup>



field trial, RVNA population levels ranged from 18.5 percent (n=135; 2008) to 46.4 percent (n=84; 2007, Table 10). These percentages represent RVNA levels for areas that have been subject to annual ORV campaigns at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> since 2001.

The Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> zone in Virginia is the closest area for reference, at 166 km linear distance southwest from the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial zone (Figure 7). During 2011, a 57.1 percent (n=177) sero-positivity was recorded in this area, which contains similar habitats but has been baited at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> since 2002. This represents a rare high RVNA, which may be partially explained by the presence of raccoon rabies virus variant in the area (Figure 7). While the same effect may apply to the field trial area (figure 6), biomarker in the ULTALITE<sup>®</sup> bait provides context for a vaccine-induced RVNA response. Unfortunately, the coated sachet used to deliver Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> does not contain biomarker, which would have aided in this evaluation. Considerable variation in RVNA has been observed 2007 to 2010 in the general vicinity of the Virginia reference area, with levels ranging from 18.4 (n=114; 2010) to 39.0 percent (n=210; 2007) (Table 10). As an index, 11 percent (5/45) of ORV events examined during a 3-year period (2006 to 2008) at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> from 12 eastern states exceeded the sero-positive rate observed in this field trial. The mean sero-positivity was 32.3±12.8 (SD) percent for these 45 ORV events. RVNA for all of these ORV events was in relation to areas that had been baited at least twice; most had been baited for several successive years. However, given this rare high level of 57.1 percent, we plan to evaluate the same ORV area in Virginia in 2012, with a similar sampling cell format as used in West Virginia. In addition, formal sampling cells are being planned for pre- and post-ORV within the Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> and the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> zone in West Virginia in 2012. This design improvement will facilitate determining if population immunity will increase significantly in response to a second successive year of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baiting at 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup> and allow for a more formal comparison with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>.

An inadequate sample of skunks was captured to establish a population baseline for RVNA and evaluate the response to ONRAB<sup>®</sup>. Only one of 20 skunks had detectable RVNA in the Pre-ORV sample; one of 27 had RVNA post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> (Table 5). All other species in Table 5 are reflective of incidental captures of rabies reservoir species in North America (Blanton et al., 2011).

There was no evidence of HAd5 antibodies in 416 animals sampled during the pre-ORV period (Appendix E). Seven of 296 (2.4%) samples evaluated post-ORV demonstrated HAd5 VNA; 6 raccoons and 1 skunk (Appendix F). Low seroconversion may be expected for a human adapted virus. Monitoring for anamnestic responses will be incorporated into the evaluation of baiting with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> in after a second baiting as projected for September 2012.

## **Histopathology**

### ***Field study***

Diverse fauna were sampled for histopathological analysis in the pre and post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> periods. Small rodents such as *Peromyscus sp.* and *Microtus sp.* constituted the largest group sampled that included other rodents, lagomorphs, cervids and birds (Table 11). The results are not available at this time, but will be provided as an addendum to this report after they are received from MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, Texas, USA). Our expectation is that these results will be available by the end of April.

### ***Captive study***

The species selected for captive studies represent common fauna to southeastern West Virginia and will serve to complement the spectrum of species that have already been evaluated for histopathologic effects relating to ONRAB<sup>®</sup> exposure in Canada (Knowles et al., 2009). Similar histopathologic results in vaccinates and control animals were observed for the four species in which the analysis is completed, suggesting no untoward effects from ONRAB<sup>®</sup> consumption at a 10x dose above exposure to single bait. The woodrat analysis is nearing completion. The results from this captive study in tandem with previous results from Canada (Fehlner-Gardiner et al., 2012) serve as the reference for histopathology from wildlife in southeastern West Virginia. The summary report from the captive histopathology study submitted by WS, NWRC is in Appendix G.

## **ONRAB<sup>®</sup> Detection from Oral Swab Sampling Day 1 – 6 Post-ORV**

Swab samples were collected from 125 target and nontarget individuals live-trapped from day 1-6 post ORV baiting to determine ONRAB<sup>®</sup> presence in the oral cavity. Individual raccoons captured on days 2, 3 and 4 and an opossum on day 4 had *qPCR* values <35, which are considered strong positives (Knowles et al. 2009) (figure 8). An additional nine raccoons and four opossums with >35 *qPCR* values <40 were captured on days 1-4. No ONRAB<sup>®</sup> was detected on days 5-6. Two of 15 raccoons and two of 12 opossums had >35 *qPCR* values <40 on day 1. While these are not considered strong positives, they represent the only animals sampled that could have had vaccine contact during the first night after ONRAB<sup>®</sup> distribution. It is not possible to determine the specific day in which vaccine contact may have occurred for remainder of the animals deemed positive from day 2-4.

## **ONRAB<sup>®</sup> Bait Contacts**

No human or domestic animal bait or vaccine contacts were reported to the WVDOH or WS associated with the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial in 2011, despite notification of the field trial and media events that included bait descriptions and the integration of enhanced to document potential bait exposures and reduce potential safety issues.

Enhanced surveillance and tracking of bait and vaccine contacts are an integral component of ORV projects conducted by WS in the U.S. (Roess et al. 2012). About 120 million Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> baits have been distributed since the WS ORV program inception in 1995, yet only 1,464 people reported contacting or potentially contacting a bait (i.e., picking up bait, finding a bait in yard, or removing bait or sachet from pet's mouth, feces, or vomit - any type of contact with a bait is also defined throughout the document as an "exposure"). This equates to one human exposure per 68,521 baits distributed, or 0.0015% contact cases (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2011b). In addition, exposure cases were generally insignificant, as most involved finding an intact bait. Very few cases involved touching a broken bait, sachet, or liquid vaccine. Furthermore, of the 0.0015% of contact cases reported since 1995, only two known adverse reactions have been reported (USDA 2010a; CDC 2009).

From 1995 - 2008, U.S. Department of Agriculture (2011b) documented only 1,327 instances where a pet or other domestic animal had contact with a bait. This equates to 1 domestic exposure per 75,596 baits disbursed or 0.001 % contact cases. In addition, U.S. Department of Agriculture (2011b) documented that 261 incidents were reported in which pets came into contact with a bait in 2008. However, there were no reports of pets or other domestic animals experiencing any type of adverse reaction, other than 8 dogs who experienced vomiting or diarrhea after ingesting a number of baits. The dogs involved in these adverse reactions have reportedly not experienced any substantive or long term adverse effects. Domestic animals that bite into and ingest a bait of either Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> or ONRAB<sup>®</sup> are most likely to be immunized against rabies virus or receive a boost from a previous vaccination.

As in the U.S., ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits distributed in Canada are marked with a toll-free number that the public can call if they see or have contact with bait or vaccine. Between 2006 and 2011 over 3.9 million ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits were distributed in Ontario. There were a total of 64 calls received in which a person reported finding or contacting a bait during this period. This equates to approximately 1 call for every 65,140 baits distributed or 15 calls for every 1 million baits distributed, essentially the same as the call rate for Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>. The total number of calls received involving possible contact (i.e. vaccine contact not officially confirmed) with vaccine as a result of handling a punctured bait or removing a bait from a dog's mouth or dog chewing a bait was 15. The rate of possible contact with vaccine equates to 1 contact for every 260,560 baits distributed. There were no reports of adverse events associated with humans from any of the reported contacts (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011). The province of Quebec has also been distributing ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine baits since 2007. Between 2007 and 2009, despite the distribution of almost 2 million baits, there were only 16 reports of human exposures (Mainguy and Canac-Marquis unpublished). In 2010, just over 1 million ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits were distributed with no human bait contacts reported (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 2011)

The relatively low numbers of bait and vaccine contacts associated with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> in Canada and no reported bait or vaccine exposures documented during this field trial in the U.S. could be related to several factors. The ONRAB<sup>®</sup> ULTRALITE bait differs from Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> baits (coated sachets and fishmeal polymer baits) in color and attractants. The ONRAB<sup>®</sup> bait matrix is a khaki green color, which may aid in camouflaging in most habitats. Also, the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits contain a sweet scent and flavor rather than scent associated with fishmeal for Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>, which may decrease the likelihood of baits being found by cats and dogs. Maintaining a system for enhanced surveillance for human and domestic animal bait contact will be important as field trials expand to other areas that include more urban and suburban habitats with increased human and pet populations that often require higher baits densities to meet management objectives.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following recommendations are the result of the encouraging outcome of this initial ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial.

- 1) The West Virginia trial should be replicated and include at least two similar sized, buffered sampling cells in the adjacent Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> ORV zone for comparative purposes. Pre and Post-ORV raccoon and skunk samples should be collected at sufficient sample size for RVNA serological analysis to address the question: does a successive second year of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccination significantly increase raccoon population immunity above year one? These data will be required as a basis for year three ORV to determine if the population immune response becomes asymptotic at year two similar to the pattern generally observed for Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>, but at a significantly higher level. Leveling off of the population immune response should in turn be analyzed in the context of raccoon age structure, which is likely a correlate as a reflection of population dynamics.
- 2) Field trials should be expanded in 2012 to areas with an elevated risk of raccoon rabies spreading to naïve areas. The Ohio Contingency Action zone (east of Cleveland, Ohio), which is interspersed with urban and suburban development, represents the highest priority site and is ideally suited for an evaluation of safety with respect to bait contacts and immunogenicity associated with hand baiting at 150 baits/km<sup>2</sup>. This proposed expansion would introduce new complexities associated with unique bait distribution patterns that should be evaluated for broader use of ONRAB<sup>®</sup>. As a result of trap-vaccinate-release efforts in the Ohio Contingency Action zone, a history of raccoon populations and RVNA exists. The challenge will be to focus sampling effort on the naïve juvenile class as well as the overall population immunity for evaluating the post-ORV with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> treatment. In addition, measuring bait contacts under higher bait and human densities represents a key area of interest.
- 3) In 2006, raccoon rabies was first confirmed in Quebec, with Vermont as the likely source of the emergence of this rabies virus variant. Since 2006, Quebec has made extensive commitments to raccoon rabies control and surveillance (Rees et al., 2011). No cases of raccoon rabies have been detected in the Province since May 2009, with the use of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> central to their strategy for elimination. Quebec has expressed an interest in

creating a greater distance buffer to enhance protection against the emergence of raccoon rabies in Montreal. Therefore, a field trial in northern Vermont and New Hampshire and Northeastern New York should be elevated in priority to prepare for collaboration with Quebec and the likelihood of a commitment of Quebec resources to this effort in 2013. In the U.S., this area is largely rural, not unlike West Virginia, but the field trial would occur in an area that has been subject to ORV and trap-vaccinate-release (TVR). This field trial should be structured to allow for a comparison of naive areas in Vermont to similar areas in West Virginia, as well as first ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baiting in previously vaccinated (Vermont) and (unvaccinated) areas (West Virginia).

- 4) The Niagara Frontier, connecting New York and Ontario, represents another high risk corridor for raccoon rabies movement and therefore is a priority for a future field trial in 2012, or more likely 2013, depending on available resources and other factors. TVR had been used for several years between the Welland Canal and the Niagara River in Ontario to provide an immune barrier against spread and establishment of raccoon rabies from New York. In New York, ORV with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> has been in place on the Niagara Frontier since 1996 (U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2007), with rabies perpetuating in raccoons and skunks in Erie and Niagara Counties, New York, which border Canada. The Niagara Frontier includes the City of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and as such has some similarities with the proposed field trial area east of Cleveland, Ohio.
- 5) In 2013, the St. Lawrence River Valley, New York and northeastern Tennessee represent high risk areas that should be considered as field trial sites, if additional field data are required to support the licensing of ONRAB<sup>®</sup>.

## **TABLES**

Table 1. List of county, state, federal and international entities from governments and non-government organizations that collaborated and participated in the West Virginia ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial, 2011.

Agency/Organization Name
United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center (USDA, APHIS, WS, NWRC)
USDA, APHIS, Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB)
USDA, APHIS, Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA)
USDA, APHIS, Policy and Program Development (PPD)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
United States Forest Service (USFS)
West Virginia Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Greenbrier, Monroe and Summers County Commissioners
Animal Health Diagnostic Center, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Quebec Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Trent University
Artemis Technologies, Inc.
Dynamic Aviation Group, Inc.

Table 2. Candidate oral rabies vaccines considered for field testing in the U.S. over the past five years.

Vaccine	ONRAB <sup>®</sup>	SAG2	CAV2	SPN SASGAS
Recombinant?	yes	no, modified-live	yes	yes, reverse genetics
Licensed in U.S.?	no	no	no	no
Licensed outside U.S.?	pending	yes	no	no
Interest in U.S.?	yes	yes	yes	yes
Proprietor <sup>1</sup>	Artemis	Virbac	MTTI	IDT

<sup>1</sup> Artemis Technologies, Inc. (Ontario, Canada); Virbac (Carros, France); Molecular Targeting Technologies, Inc. (Pennsylvania, USA); IDT Biologika (Dessau, Germany).

Table 3. Pre- (baseline) and post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> oral rabies vaccine sampling emphasis.

Activity	Pre-ONRAB <sup>®</sup>	Post-ONRAB <sup>®</sup>
Enhanced rabies surveillance	yes	yes
Rabies virus serology	yes	yes
Human adenovirus serology	yes	yes
Biomarker	yes	yes
Histopathology (target and non-target species)	yes	yes
Oral cavity swab samples	no	yes
Monitoring for abnormalities among animals	yes	yes
ONRAB <sup>®</sup> bait contacts	n/a	yes

Table 4. Percent of sero-converted raccoons and corresponding sample size for pre- and post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baiting.

Interval	Cell	Adult Male		Adult Female		Juvenile Male		Juvenile Female	
		%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Pre-bait	1	3.9	32	1.9	31	0.0	21	0.0	17
	2	4.1	41	4.1	27	2.0	18	0.0	10
	3	4.4	49	3.6	33	0.8	12	0.8	15
	4	5.9	24	1.1	25	0.0	12	3.6	20
Post-bait	1	21.6	27	8.4	27	7.2	16	4.8	13
	2	14.6	14	17.1	8	9.7	11	7.3	8
	3	37.3	28	25.4	25	5.1	4	1.7	2
	4	25.0	39	16.2	30	1.2	7	0.0	4

Table 5. Percent of sero-converted animals sampled for pre- and post-ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial in West Virginia, 2011.

Species	Pre-ONRAB <sup>®</sup>		Post-ONRAB <sup>®</sup>	
	%	n	%	n
Raccoons	9.6	395	49.4	263
Striped skunks	5.0	20	3.7	27
Gray foxes	0.0	1	100	2
Red foxes		0	66.7	3
Coyotes		0	100	1
Total	9.4	416	45.9	296

Table 6. Percent of sero-converted raccoons where Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> oral rabies vaccine was distributed for the first time following baseline sample collection in an ORV naive area and indexes to raccoon population density in eastern states (2001-2009).<sup>1</sup>

State	Year	Bait Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	%	n	Region <sup>2</sup>	Mean Raccoon Density	n Studies
Alabama	2002	naive	2.9	68	Georgia-Alabama-Tennessee (GAT)		
	2003	75	32.8	67	Georgia-Alabama-Tennessee (GAT)	6.5	2
	2002	naive	11.3	##	Selma		
	2004	75	13.1	99	Selma	8.9	2
	2005	naive	1.2	84	Birmingham		
	2005	75	2.7	##	Birmingham	n/a	0
Florida	2003	naive	9.1	99	Mainland (not Pinellas County)		
	2003	75	9.2	65	Mainland (not Pinellas County)	17	5
Georgia	2003	naive	0	19	Georgia-Alabama-Tennessee (GAT)		
	2004	75	30.2	##	Georgia-Alabama-Tennessee (GAT)	n/a	0
Maine	2002	naive	14.3	21	Hodgdon		
	2003	naive	0	11	Hodgdon		
	2003	70	19.5	82	Hodgdon	3.6	2
	2007	naive	1.4	74	Caribou		
	2009	75	26.4	##	Caribou	12.1	2
North Carolina	2005	naive	3.3	30	Appalachian Ridge		
	2005	75	7.5	##	Appalachian Ridge	n/a	0
Pennsylvania	2002	naive	9.9	##	Appalachian Ridge		
	2002	75	12.8	39	Appalachian Ridge	n/a	0
Tennessee	2002	naive	3.3	30	Appalachian Ridge		
	2002	75	10.8	74	Appalachian Ridge	9	1
Virginia	2001	naive	9.1	33	Appalachian Ridge		
	2002	naive	3.4	29	Appalachian Ridge		
	2002	75	22.1	68	Appalachian Ridge	4.7	2
Total		naive	mean=4.9±4.8	n=13			
Total		70/75	mean=17.0±9.9	n=11			

<sup>1</sup> Information subject to minor change based on revised data entry to Wildlife Services' Management Information System; accessed March 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Regions represent distinct ORV zones within a given state where sampling was conducted independent of other regions.

<sup>3</sup> Means and standard deviations of naive vs. baited areas were generated from 13 and 11 events, respectively (n=13, n=11).



Table 7. Raccoon density indexes within or near ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial area in West Virginia, 2006-2010.

Year	Study Name	County	Density (raccoons/km <sup>2</sup> )	Area Habitat Class
2006	WVGREENB06	Greenbrier	8.2	Rural (mixed forest)
2007	WVGREENB07	Greenbrier	12.2	Rural (mixed forest)
2010	WV00310	Greenbrier	12.0	Agriculture (pasture/hay)
2010	WV00410	Greenbrier	10.7	Rural (mixed forest)
2010	WV00510	Monroe	6.6	Rural (mixed forest)
2010	WV00610	Monroe	7.0	Rural (mixed forest)

Table 8. Seroconversion and biomarker results for 341 raccoons sampled prior to ONRAB<sup>®</sup> ORV distribution in West Virginia, 2011.

Pre-ORV		Biomarker Negative		Biomarker Positive	
		male	female	male	female
Sero-negative	adult	117	87	5	6
	juvenile	38	43	11	3
Sero-positive	adult	15	9	1	1
	juvenile	3	1	1	0

Table 9. Seroconversion and biomarker results for 250 raccoons sampled after ONRAB<sup>®</sup> ORV distribution in West Virginia, 2011.

Post-ORV		Biomarker Negative		Biomarker Positive	
		male	female	male	female
Sero-negative	adult	33	41	7	5
	juvenile	19	13	4	5
Sero-positive	adult	41	28	19	13
	juvenile	2	4	12	4

Table 10. Percent of sero-converted raccoons sampled post-ORV (Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> in West Virginia and Virginia, 2007-2011.

Year	West Virginia		Virginia	
	%	n	%	n
2007	46.4	84	39.0	210
2008	18.5	135	32.0	147
2009	24.0	179	18.8	319
2010	20.5	239	18.4	114
2011	no sampling conducted		57.1	177

Table 11. Number of histopathology samples collected pre- and post-ORV during the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> field trial in West Virginia, 2011.

Species	Pre-ONRAB <sup>®</sup>	Post-ONRAB <sup>®</sup>
Bear ( <i>Ursus americanus</i> )	4	1
Coyote ( <i>Canis latrans</i> )	3	3
Crow ( <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> )	9	9
Deer ( <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> )	4	2
Fox ( <i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i> and <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> )	3	3
Opossum ( <i>Didelphis virginiana</i> )	9	10
Rabbit ( <i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i> )	8	9
Raccoon ( <i>Procyon lotor</i> )	9	10
Rodents, small ( <i>Peromyscus</i> and <i>Microtus spp.</i> )	201	221
Skunk ( <i>Mephitis mephitis</i> )	7	4
Squirrel ( <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i> and <i>Sciurus niger</i> )	13	10
Vulture ( <i>Cathartes aura</i> )	10	8
Woodchuck ( <i>Marmotamomax</i> )	10	10
Total	290	300

## FIGURES

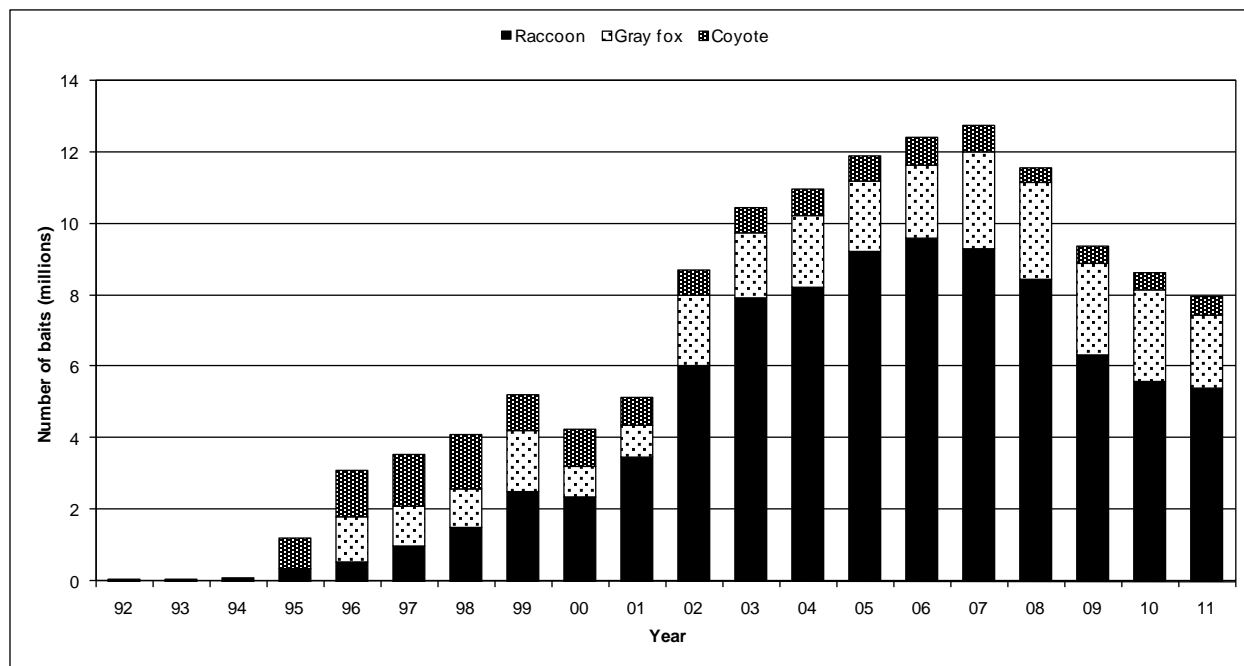


Figure 1. Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> oral rabies vaccine distribution targeting raccoons, gray foxes and coyotes in the United States, 1992-2011.

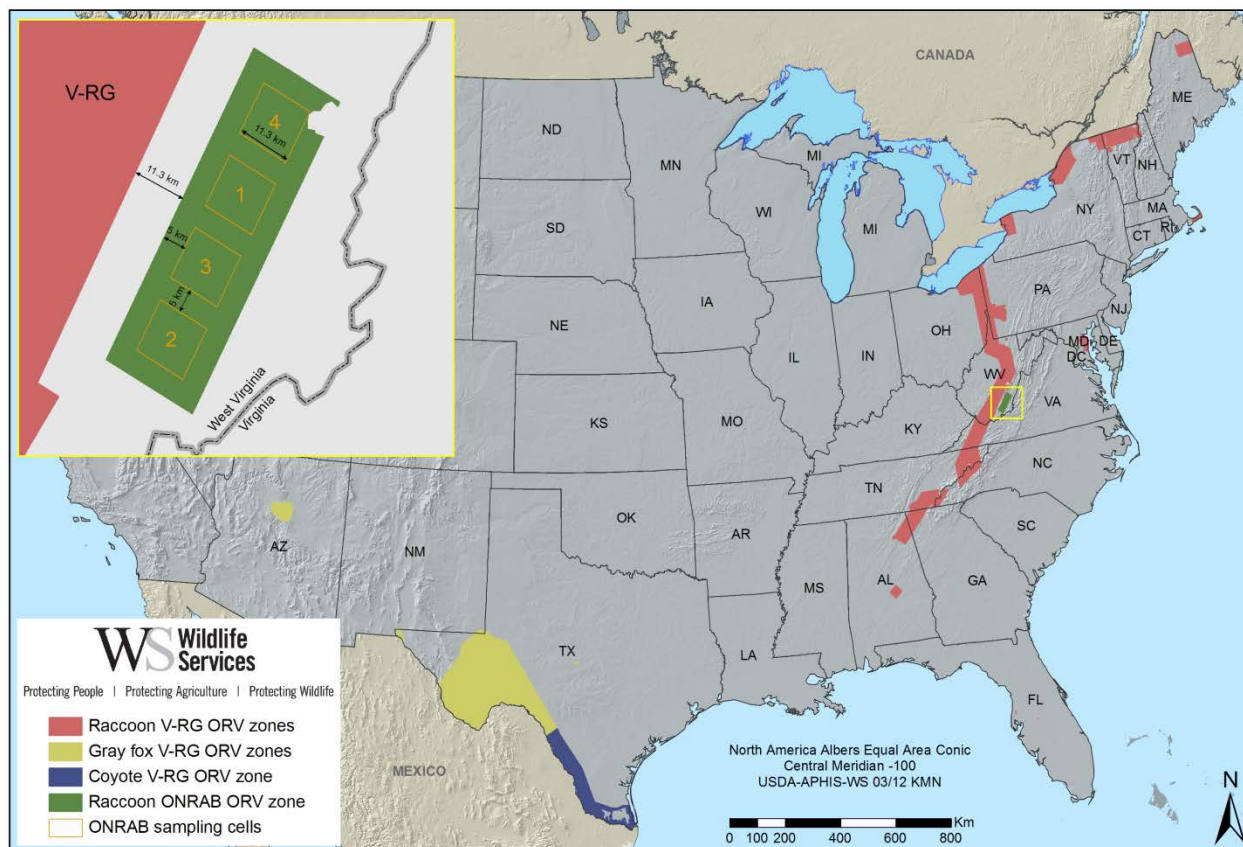


Figure 2. Oral rabies vaccine distribution zones targeting raccoons, gray foxes and coyotes in the United States, 2011. Inset includes ONRAB® ORV zone relative to Raboral V-RG® zone and ONRAB® sampling cell details.



Figure 3. ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits utilized in oral rabies vaccine field trial in West Virginia, 2011. (Photo: [http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Rabies/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02\\_166285.html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Rabies/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_166285.html) accessed March 2012.)

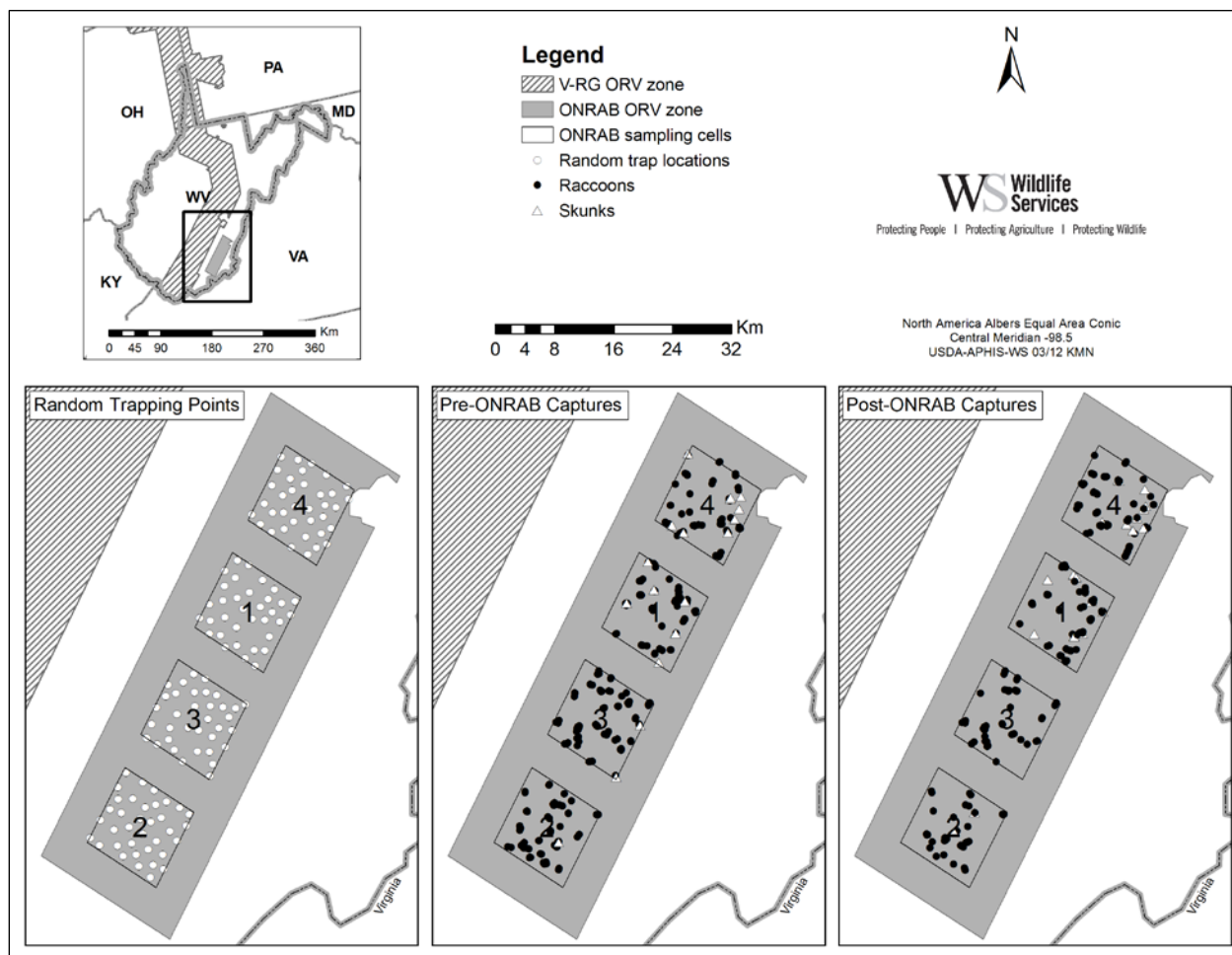


Figure 4. Preselected random trapping points and subsequent raccoons and skunks captured during pre- and post-ONRAB® trapping periods in West Virginia, 2011.

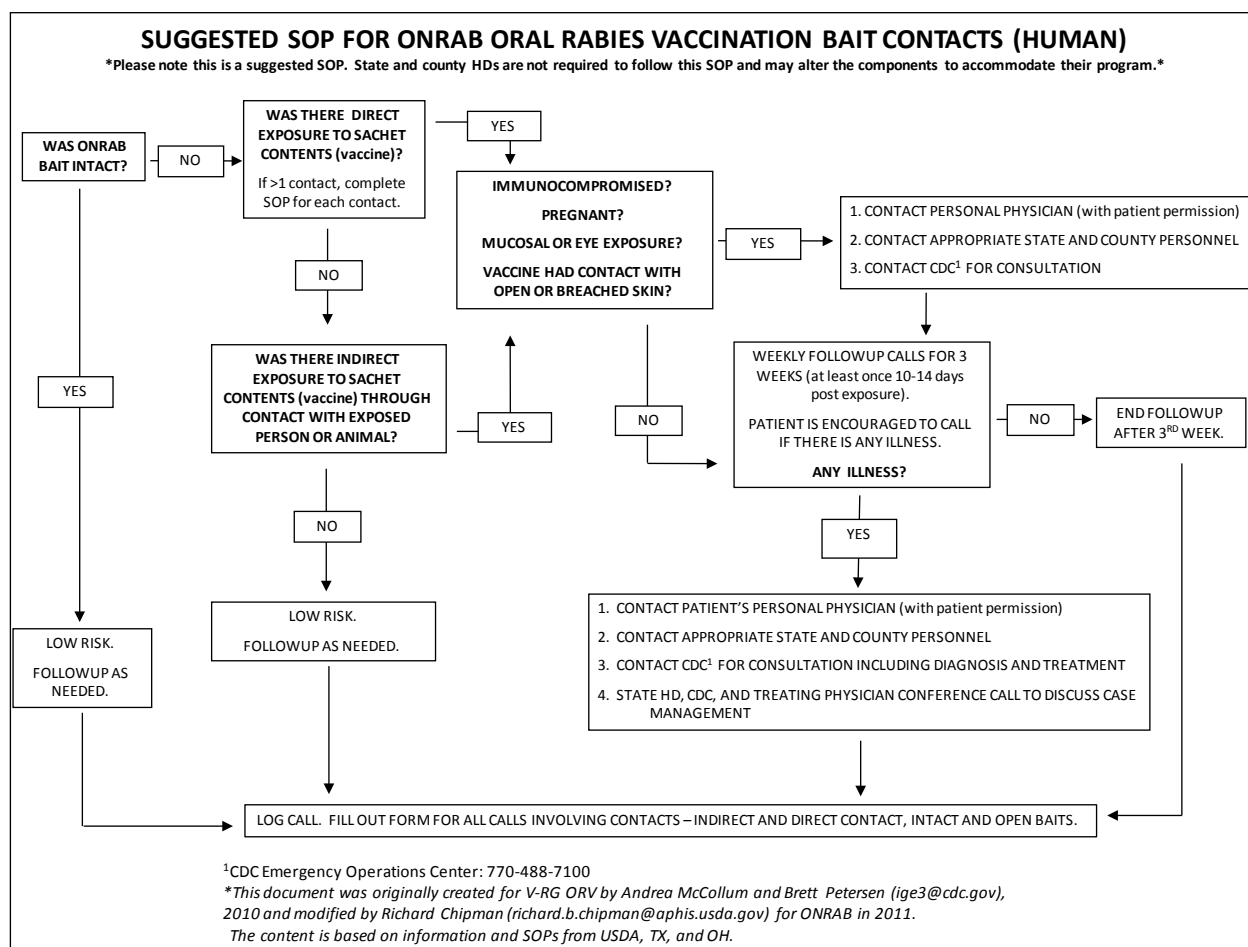


Figure 5. Suggested standard operating procedure (SOP) for documenting and managing human contacts with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> baits during field trial in West Virginia, 2011.

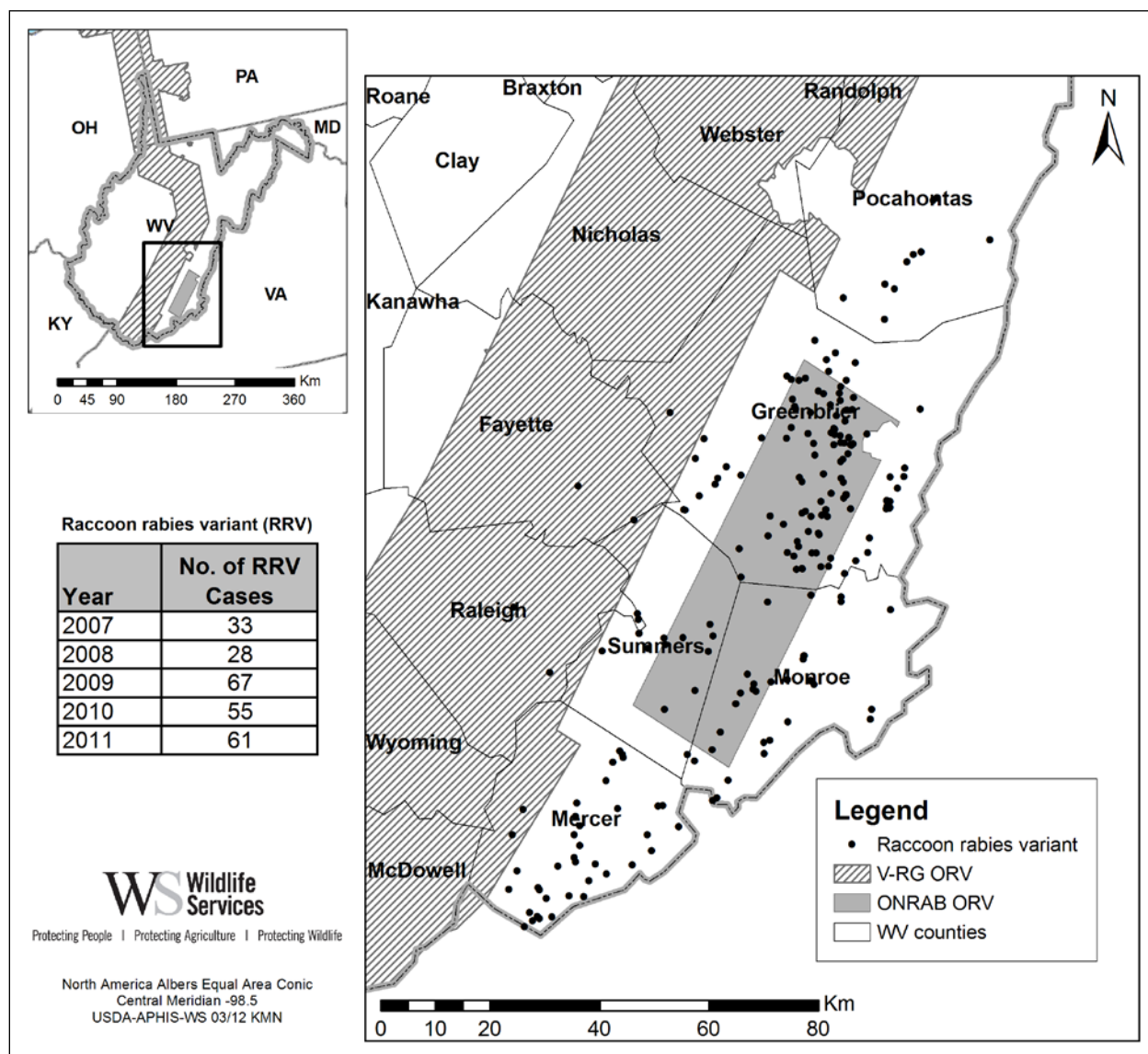


Figure 6. Raccoon rabies variant case history in West Virginia 2007-2011 within an 83 km radius of the center of the 2011 ONRAB® ORV zone.



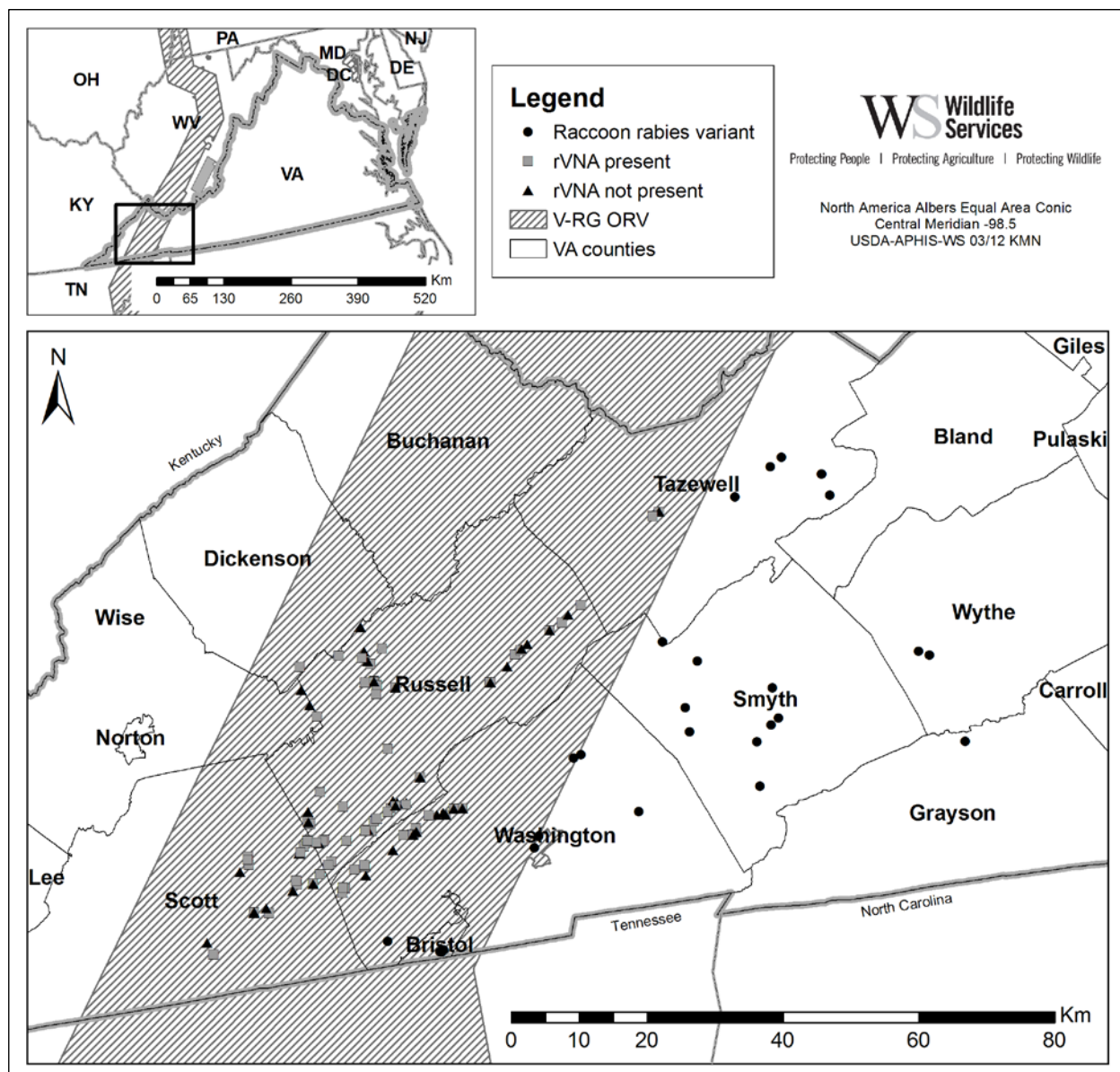


Figure 7. Raccoons sampled for rabies virus neutralizing antibodies (RVNA) post-ORV Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> distribution and cases of raccoon rabies virus variant within an 83 km radius of the center of the sampled raccoons, Virginia, 2011.

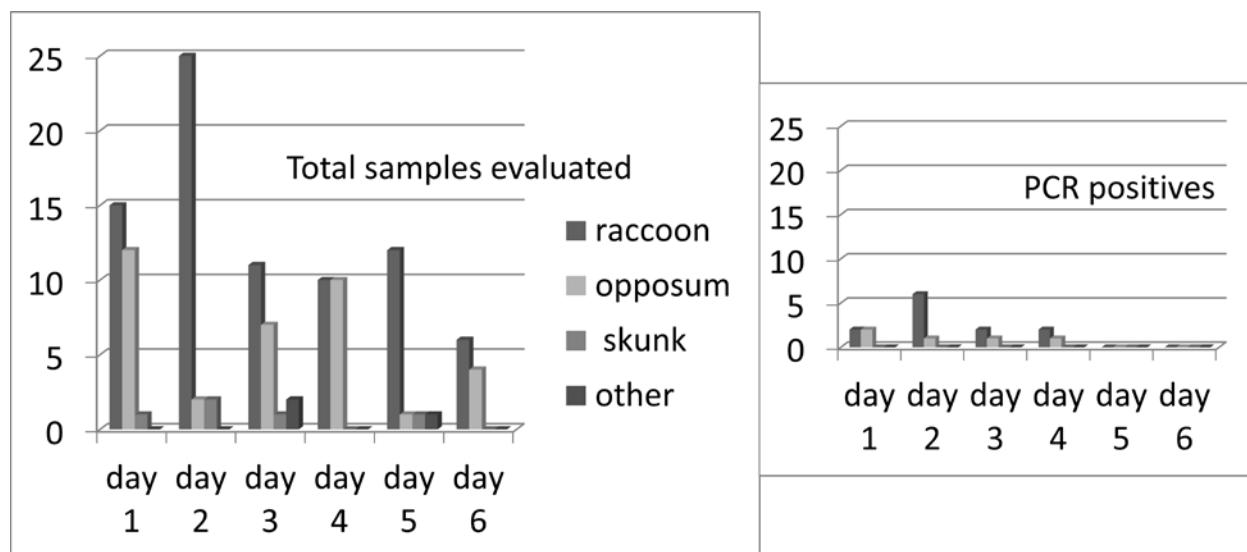


Figure 8. Total unique captures for oral swab sampling and PCR positives by species, day 1-6 post-ORV with ONARB<sup>®</sup> distribution September 16, 2011 (others included gray squirrel and cottontail rabbit).

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## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix A: Final Outline for Proposed ONRAB<sup>®</sup> Oral Rabies Vaccine Field Trial in West Virginia**

#### 1) Site location (Figure 1)

- State: Southeastern West Virginia
- Counties: portions of Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers
- Towns: Alderson, Fairlea, Falling Springs, Lewisburg, Ronceverte
- Field trial plot coordinates: 38.044, -80.421; 37.920, -80.241; 37.566, -80.932; 37.445, -80.753.

#### 2) Rationale for field trial site selection

- Near the strategic center of the Appalachian Ridge ORV zone created with Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>
- Raccoons and skunks present
- Raccoon rabies perpetuates east of existing ORV zone
- Proposed zone in a single state
- Local support within state and county
- Low human population
- WS infrastructure in place
- Site allowed for a broader seasonal window for baiting than potential sites farther north

#### 3) Field trial plot size

- Total area: 1,478.11 km<sup>2</sup> [1,450.28 km<sup>2</sup> (fixed wing baiting) and 27.83 km<sup>2</sup> (ground baiting)]
- 4 distance buffered cells: 11.2 x 11.2 km post-ORV sampling cells: 126.84 km<sup>2</sup>

#### 4) Baiting characteristics

- Total baits: 79,594 (78,016 fixed wing and 1,578 ground)
- Bait density: 75 baits/km<sup>2</sup>
- Flight line spacing: 750 meters
- Off-time: 28% for fixed wing and 24% for ground using NLCD to determine “baitable” habitat
- Projected baiting dates: September 15-16, 2011
- Baiting duration: 2 days, 1 plane and ground crews for hand-baiting

#### 5) Bait-vaccine characteristics

- Each bait contains  $1.8 \pm 0.1$  ml of ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine (titer of not  $< 10^{9.5}$  cell culture infectious dose 50% [CCID<sub>50</sub>]/ml)
- Bait matrix is comprised of partially hydrogenated vegetable shortening (34%), Microbond<sup>®</sup> wax (30%), stearine (12.5%), Icing sugar (20%), vegetable oil (1%), artificial marshmallow flavor (1%), artificial sweet flavor (1%), and a fat-soluble food dye (0.5%)
- Bait matrix contains 100 mg of tetracycline hydrochloride as a biomarker
- Each vaccine-bait weighs approximately 4g
- The body of the blister pack is an elongated oval with dimensions of 1.81 x 0.55 x 0.39in (30x14x10mm)
- Each bait contains a conspicuous advisory label with a toll free number in the event of a bait contact and potential vaccine exposure

#### 6) Pre-ORV sampling (baselines)

- Enhanced rabies surveillance has been in place for > than 1 year
- Early baseline raccoon and skunk samples collected in 2010 from 5 density index sites
- In late summer 2011, 150 raccoon-sized cage traps will be tended for 10 consecutive days within each of the 4 buffered sampling cells
- Traps will be deployed at random roadside trapping locations
- Focus is to characterize target and non-target community
- Expect capture rate at >100 raccoon/cell based on recent previous trapping efforts in area
- Maximize skunk captures by additional targeted trapping if needed
- Collect pertinent biological, physical and spatial-temporal data from live captured raccoons and skunks and sera for rabies and human adenovirus serological analysis
- Euthanize target species with unusual lesions or behaviors for pathological analysis
- Late spring/summer 2011 collect nontarget tissue and sera from 5-day trapping studies for serological and histopathological analysis
- Implement continuous opportunistic sampling for target and nontarget species (e.g., roadkills) for histopathological analysis

#### 7) Post-ORV sampling (treatment effects)

- Continue enhanced rabies surveillance
- Continue opportunistic sampling for target and nontarget species (e.g., roadkills, hunter harvest) for histopathological analysis for up to 1 year post ORV
- Upon completion of ORV collect buccal and anal swab samples and other pertinent biological, physical and spatial-temporal data from target species for a 10-day period for virus detection/isolation
- Beginning 2 weeks post-ORV collect nontarget organ tissue and sera from 5-day trapping studies for serological and histopathological analysis

- 5 weeks post ORV sample  $\geq 100$  raccoons and as many skunks as practical within each of the 4 buffered cells using the pre-ORV target species trapping protocol
- Collect pertinent biological, physical and spatial-temporal data from raccoons and skunks as well as sera for rabies and human adenovirus analysis
- Monitor for abnormalities in captures/animals reported and collect samples as appropriate

#### 8) Sample Analysis

- Rabies virus serological titers to be determined by CDC
- Human adenovirus titers potentially determined at Cornell
- Histopathological analysis sources to be finalized

#### 9) Captive pen safety studies at NWRC (separate protocol for review)

- Species of concern: opossum, fox squirrel, wild turkey, cottontail and wood rats.

#### 10) Report Findings

- Expect results from analysis of field data by March 1, 2012
- Draft report by May 1, 2012

## **Appendix B: Post-ORV Sampling to Detect Human Adenovirus Serotype-5 as a Part of the September 2011 ONRAB® Field Trial, Southeastern West Virginia**

### ***Trapping design and animal handling***

Samples will be collected day 1 through day 6 to obtain buccal and anal swab samples from live-trapped target and non-target species for PCR and virus isolation. Fifty live traps should be set the day of ONRAB® (Artemis Technologies, Guelph, Ontario, Canada) distribution within the three intercellular spaces between the four sampling cells (Figure 1). This spatial trapping design should minimize trap “happiness” or “shyness” within the raccoon and skunk populations in the four sampling cells that will be trapped five weeks post-ORV. Traps should not be set in buffer areas to eliminate edge effects.

All captured animals will be handled according to WS’ SOP used by the NRMP.

### ***Swab sampling, processing and shipping***

Swab samples will be collected from all target and non-target species captured during the first 6 days post-ORV using this design.

Once each live-trapped animal is anesthetized or in some cases euthanized (if warranted based on signs or other factors), duplicate buccal and duplicate anal swab samples should be obtained immediately using BD\* Universal Viral Transport Kits (see vendor information under Supplies at the end of this Appendix).

Thoroughly swab the inside of the mouth ensuring the each swab makes contact within the mouth (e.g., tongue, roof, etc.). Place each swab into a properly labeled 1 mL viral media vial, snap off the swab, properly seal each vial and immediately place on dry ice or in a freezer (following vendor instructions). For anal swab samples, insert the swab into the anus the length of the swab tip and gently complete one rotation and place each swab into the 1 mL viral media as detail for buccal swabs. Place all swabs immediately on dry ice. Cooling quickly is a critical step.

Each day (or every other day) samples should be sent by overnight mailed on dry ice to the following address:

Dr. Edward Dubovi  
Animal Health Diagnostic Lab  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Upper Tower Road  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
607-253-3923

An email with courtesy copy to Kathleen Nelson ([knelson@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:knelson@aphis.usda.gov)) should be sent to Dr. Edward Dubovi([ejd5@cornell.edu](mailto:ejd5@cornell.edu)) informing him that samples have been sent. Include an excel spreadsheet with data and the UPS tracking number. Do not ship samples on Fridays unless otherwise instructed to do so.

### ***Recording data***

If data collection is in MIS: Collect standard information for each capture, plus record time of day each sample was collected. Time of sample collection/capture can be obtained by using the time the animal was anesthetized from the PDA database file (dbf). The dbf file should be retained to recall time of day for each capture, as this information is not uploaded to the MIS.

If data collection is outside of MIS: Collect data for the following fields: date, time of day, latitude, longitude, species, sex, relative age, swab sample (yes or no), comments.

### ***Supplies***

BD\* Universal Viral Transport Kits may be purchased at Fischer Scientific, catalog number: 22-031-15.

<http://www.fishersci.com/ecommerce/servlet/fsproductdetail?storeId=10652&productId=13751252&catalogId=29104&matchedCatNo=2203115&endecaSearchQuery=%23store%3DScientific%23N%3D0%23rpp%3D15&fromSearch=1&searchKey=031||22||15&highlightProductsItemsFlag=Y>

## **Appendix C: Materials and Methods Used in qPCR Screening of Human Adenovirus Serotype-5 Rabies Virus Glycoprotein Recombinant Vaccine (ONRAB®)**

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January 19, 2012

### ***Primers and probe for ONRAB® qPCR assay***

The primers and probe sequences for the ONRAB® qPCR assay were from Knowles et al. (2009a, 2009b). Primers were synthesized by Invitrogen and were purified by desalting. The probe was sourced from Sigma Life Science and was HPLC purified.

AdRG-For	CAACTGTCCTAACCTTGGATTACATCA	HAd5 (upstream of rabies G)
AdRG-Rev	GAATTTCCCAAAACACAATGGAA	rabies G gene
AdRG-probe	FAM <sup>TM</sup> -AGGCTCTCCTGTTTGTACCCCTTCTGGTT-BHQ®1	rabies G gene

### ***Positive amplification control and assay verification***

A positive amplification control (PAC) amplicon was generated using primers that flank the assay target region.

Ad5E3-F GCGGACGGCTACGACTGAATGTTA  
RVG-R TTGTTTGGGCAGCTGAGGTGATGT

Vaccine was drawn directly from an ONRAB® bait and nucleic acid was extracted from a 200 µl volume (Qiagen #69504). The PAC fragment was amplified from the purified DNA using a commercially available PCR mix (Invitrogen, #11306-016) and a conventional thermocycler (Stratagene Robocycler).

Cycling conditions were 94°C for 2 min, followed by 35 cycles of 94°C for 30 sec, an annealing temperature for 30 sec, and 72°C for 1 min. The annealing temperature gradient included reactions at 55°C, 57°C, 59°C and 61°C. Gel electrophoresis confirmed single bands in reactions at all annealing temperatures. The reactions were pooled and purified (Qiagen #28106). The purified PAC was quantified spectrophotometrically (Nanodrop 1000) and the copy number was calculated.

An Applied Biosystems (ABI) Path-ID kit (#4388644) was used for PCR amplification. Forward and reverse primers were used at a concentration of 400 nM and the probe was used at a concentration of 120 nM. Four µl of the PAC dilution series, ranging from  $1 \times 10^7$  copies /4 µl to  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  /4 µl, was used per reaction, in a total volume of 25 µl. Three initial test runs were

conducted on a SmartCycler 2 thermocycler (Table 1 and Figure 1). Cycling conditions were 95°C for 10 min, followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 15 sec, 60°C for 1 min. A subsequent run of the PAC dilution series on an ABI 7500 thermocycler gave equivalent Ct values at each dilution and an overall amplification efficiency of 101.8% (not shown). The PAC dilution amplification series showed the assay to be consistently sensitive to a level of detection approximating 10 copies of viral DNA.

Table 1. Example summary of a run showing the Ct values of the PAC dilution series.

Run Summary (Smart Cyclyer 2.0d)							
Run Name OnRab Test 1 11-7-11							
Started At 11/7/2011 16:42							
Number of 10							
Results Table							
Site ID	Protocol	Sample ID	Sample	Notes	Status	FAM Std/Res	FAM Ct
A1	PATH ID qPCR	ntc	UNKN		OK	ND	0
A2	PATH ID qPCR	10^-1	STD		OK	0.1	0
A3	PATH ID qPCR	10^0	STD		OK	1	0
A4	PATH ID qPCR	10^1	STD		OK	10	35.98
A5	PATH ID qPCR	10^2	STD		OK	100	31.33
A6	PATH ID qPCR	10^3	STD		OK	1000	27.86
A7	PATH ID qPCR	10^4	STD		OK	10000	24.47
A8	PATH ID qPCR	10^5	STD		OK	100000	21.15
A9	PATH ID qPCR	10^6	STD		OK	1000000	17.39
A10	PATH ID qPCR	10^7	STD		OK	10000000	14.44

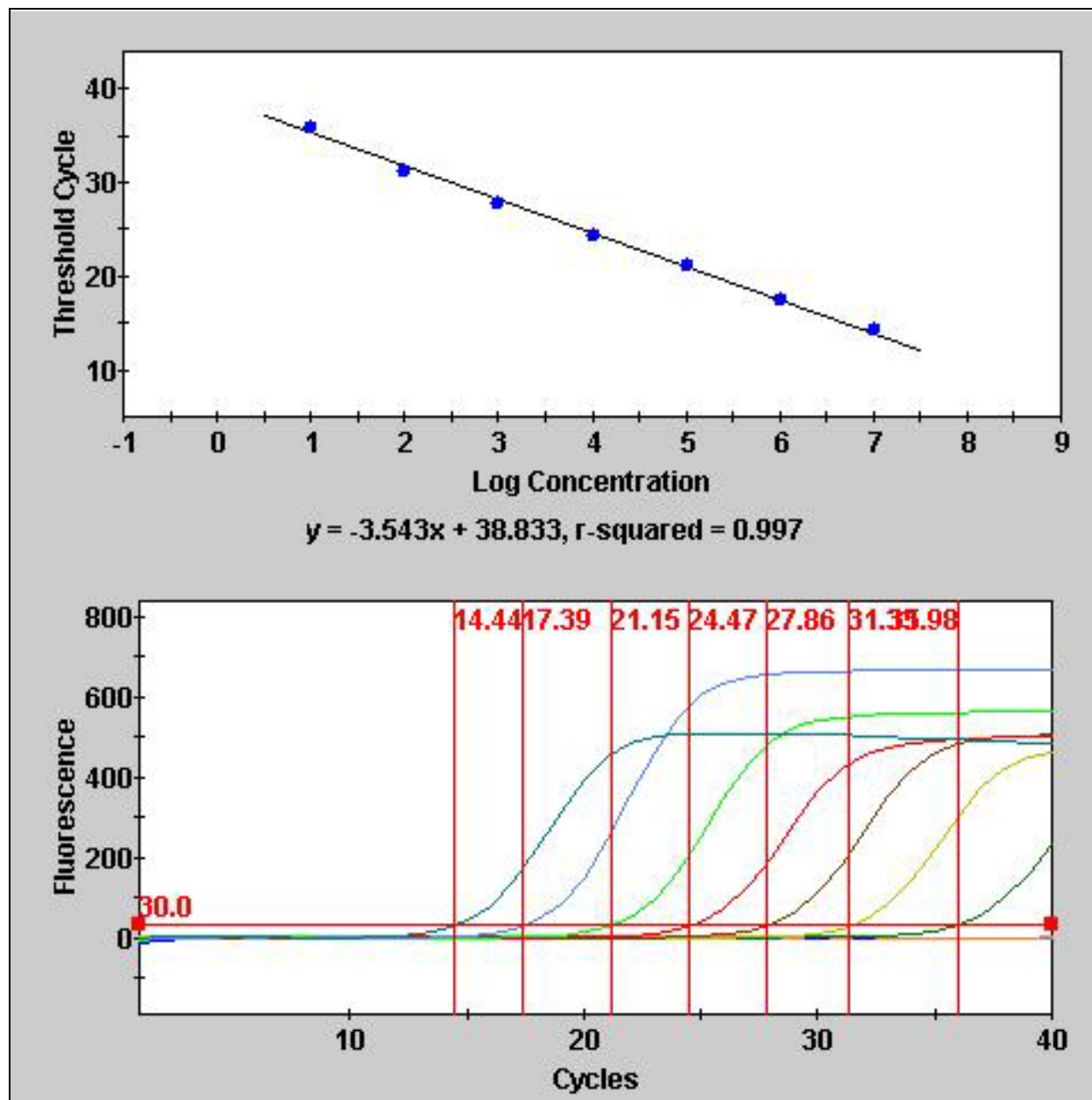


Figure 1. Upper panel shows the amplification plot of PAC dilution series. The lower panel shows the standard curve generated from the data in Table 1 (Efficiency = 91.5%).

### *Purification and qPCR of samples*

Swabs were received in universal viral transport tubes (Becton Dickinson, #220222) containing 3 ml of transport medium. Nucleic acid (NA) was purified from 175  $\mu$ l of the medium using a MagMax total Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit (ABI #1840). Purified NA was eluted in a final volume of 50  $\mu$ l.



The ABI Path-ID mastermix (#4388644) was used for PCR amplification. Forward and reverse primers were used at a concentration of 400 nM and the probe was used at a concentration of 120 nM. Four  $\mu$ l of purified NA was used per reaction in a total volume of 25  $\mu$ l. The qPCR reactions were run in 96-well plates on an ABI 7500 thermocycler. Cycling conditions were 95°C for 10 min, followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 15 sec, 60°C for 1 min.

In addition to the test samples, each set of reactions included at least two negative control wells (NTC), a positive extraction control (PEC) well with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine diluted at  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  in transport medium, a negative extraction control (NEC) consisting of transport medium only, and a PAC well with a calculated copy number of 100.

Number	Date	Time of Day	Latitude	Longitude	Species	Sex	Rel. Age	Oral #1	Oral #2	Anal #1	Anal #2	Extraction #	Accession #	ID	PCR DATA
14000 WV	9/17/2011	8:30	37.82704	80.42957	OPOSSUM	F	JUV	X	X	X	X	52	110198-1	14000	Undetermined
14001 WV	9/17/2011	9:55	37.83657	80.45701	OPOSSUM	M	AD	X	X	X	X	53	110198-2	14001	Undetermined
14002 WV	9/17/2011	10:21	37.83705	80.45468	RACCOON	F	AD	X	X	X	X	54	110198-3	14002	Undetermined
14003 WV	9/17/2011	10:40	37.83818	80.4557	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	55	110198-4	14003	Undetermined
14004 WV	9/17/2011	11:16	37.83362	80.45618	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	56	110198-5	14004	35.1223
14005 WV	9/17/2011	11:40	37.83209	80.45869	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	57	110198-6	14005	Undetermined
14006 WV	9/17/2011	12:27	37.82688	80.46329	OPOSSUM	M	AD	X	X	X	X	58	110198-7	14006	Undetermined
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9/20/2011	12:30	37.62096	80.672	RACCOON	F	JUV	X	X	X	X	44	110780-13	14092	34.1932
9/20/2011	10:03	37.83647	80.45802	RACCOON	F	AD	X	X	X	X	45	110780-14	14093	Undetermined
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9/21/2011	8:30	37.63239	80.718	RACCOON	M	JUV	X	X	X	X	13	111406-7	14106	Undetermined
9/21/2011	10:05	37.64444	80.73098	RACCOON	M	JUV	X	X	X	X	14	111406-8	14107	Undetermined
9/21/2011	11:40	37.62096	80.672	OPOSSUM	F	JUV	X	X	X	X	15	111406-9	14108	Undetermined
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9/21/2011	7:35	37.87078	80.46799	RACCOON	F	AD	X	X	X	X	17	111406-11	14110	Undetermined
9/21/2011	7:58	37.87462	80.46687	SKUNK	M	AD	X	X	X	X	18	111406-12	14111	Undetermined
9/21/2011	9:22	37.83705	80.45468	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	19	111406-13	14112	Undetermined
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9/21/2011	11:37	37.82667	80.43024	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	21	111406-15	14114	Undetermined
9/22/2011	10:35	37.75416	80.61408	RACCOON	M	JUV	X	X	X	X	22	111406-16	14115	Undetermined
9/22/2011	11:30	37.76782	80.61362	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	23	111406-17	14116	Undetermined
9/22/2011	11:35	37.76723	80.61722	RACCOON	F	AD	X	X	X	X	24	111406-18	14117	Undetermined
9/22/2011	10:41	37.82646	80.45865	RACCOON	M	AD	X	X	X	X	25	111406-19	14118	Undetermined
9/22/2011	11:02	37.83218	80.4613	OPOSSUM	M	AD	X	X	X	X	26	111406-20	14119	Undetermined
9/22/2011	11:17	37.83505	80.45889	OPOSSUM	M	AD	X	X	X	X	27	111406-21	14120	Undetermined
9/22/2011	9:47	37.64642	80.71317	RACCOON	F	AD	X	X	X	X	28	111406-22	14121	Undetermined
9/22/2011	9:54	37.64343	80.72237	RACCOON	M	JUV	X	X	X	X	29	111406-23	14122	Undetermined
9/22/2011	12:00	37.62096	80.672	OPOSSUM	M	JUV	X	X	X	X	30	111406-24	14123	Undetermined
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## Appendix D: Safety of ONRAB® in Select Captive Non-target Species

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United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service/Wildlife Services National Wildlife Research Center <b>PROTOCOL COVER PAGE</b>		
Study Title:	Safety of ONRAB® in select non-target species.	
NWRC Study Director:	Tricia Fry	
Approved NWRC Project:	Rabies Project - Methods and Strategies For Controlling	

PROTOCOL CLASSIFICATION		
1	<input type="checkbox"/> NWRC staff are not involved in study design, data collection, experiments, or animal studies, and there is generally no commitment of NWRC resources other than personnel time, and activities are not regulated research activities. <u>Complete &amp; Submit:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Page <input type="checkbox"/> Part 1 (Signature Page) <input type="checkbox"/> Part 3 (Description of Activities)	<u>Examples:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing or collaborating on review papers and synthesis reports</li> <li>Student committee participation</li> <li>Analyzing or writing up data collected under operational or other contexts</li> </ul>
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3	<input type="checkbox"/> NWRC staff actively participate in all or some aspects of the research, and the study involves NWRC facilities and staff, but the NWRC portion of the study does not include regulated research activities*. <u>Complete &amp; Submit:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Page <input type="checkbox"/> Part 1 (Signature Page) <input type="checkbox"/> Part 4 (full NWRC Study Protocol) <input type="checkbox"/> Attach the collaborating institution's appropriate regulated documentation (IACUC, Biosafety, NEPA, ESA) & approval if necessary.	<u>Examples:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborating on study design, data analysis, or economic analysis.</li> <li>Minor participation on a regulated study at the collaborating host institution</li> <li>A study that does not include animal use, etc.</li> </ul>
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\* Regulated research activities include the use of animals, controlled materials, microbiological/biohazardous agents, test material/device; impacts historical resources, the environment or endangered species. See the Animal Use Appendix for a definition of "animal" and "animal use".

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**PART ONE: SIGNATURE PAGE**


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Study Director: Tricia Fry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (check one):

- ☒ Biologist/Chemist/Technician  
Supervisor signature required:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ Res. Scientist ☒ Proj. Leader
- ☐ Research Scientist
- ☐ Project Leader
- ☐ Visiting Scientist: NWRC Representative/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Student: NWRC Representative/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Concur:  
NWRC Research Project Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Review and Processing:  
QAU: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Concur:  
NWRC Assistant Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:  
NWRC Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Additional approvals are located in the attached appendices.

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## PART TWO: REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

NO	YES	Item						
<b>Animal Use</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will study include the use of animals? An "Animal" is defined as any vertebrate. "Use" includes manipulating the behavior of wild animals in their natural habitat, as well as capturing and/or handling animals.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NWRC is responsible for all or part of live animal phase; attach NWRC Animal Use Appendix</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Collaborating institution is responsible for all or part of live animal phase; attach IACUC protocol &amp; approval</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Animal samples will be incidentally collected and received from existing WS operations. NWRC personnel are <u>not</u> involved in collection or design of the operation.</p>						
<b>Microbiological/Biohazardous Materials</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will any Microbiological/Biohazardous Materials be used? If yes, please complete and attach Microbiological/Biohazardous Materials Use Appendix.						
<b>Permits</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will permits be required (e.g., collecting, marking, banding, or sampling permit)? If yes, list all pertinent the State and Federal animal use/scientific collection permits, Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Endangered Species Act permits, Animal Health certificate, chemical experimental use permits, agreements, permit for controlled organisms, etc. Include all required permit numbers and approval dates. – We are working on securing these permits. All permits will be in place prior to starting research.</p> <p>Colorado Special Collecting License - CODOW _____</p> <p>Biologic Permit for Research and Evaluation - CVB _____</p> <p>State of Colorado Importation Permit _____</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Permit(s) description</th> <th>Number</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Permit(s) description	Number	Date			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will this involve the international import or export of animal tissues or specimens? If yes, add permit information above.						
<b>Regulatory Standard and Test Guidelines</b>								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does this study have the potential to be part of a product registration data submission? If yes, date of consult with Registration Manager: _____						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will this study be conducted under any regulatory standard? If yes please check:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CFR Title 40, Part 160: Good Laboratory Practice Standards (EPA FIFRA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>						
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<b>Test, Control and Reference Material/Devices</b>								
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<b>Historical Resources</b>								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the research involve any major ground disturbance, loud noises, or other activity that has the potential to adversely affect historic resources (e.g. placing exclusion devices/noises around historic places)? If yes, provide information and consult with the State Historic Preservation Office.						
<b>Material Transfer Agreement</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the research involve the transfer of materials (intellectual property, controlled materials, animals, animal tissues, etc.) to another facility? If yes, complete the appropriate Material Transfer Agreement.						
<b>Analytical Chemistry</b>								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will any chemical analysis be required of the NWRC Analytical Chemistry Project (ACP)?</p> <p>If yes, attach Analytical Chemistry Appendix.</p>						



## PART FOUR: FULL NWRC STUDY PROTOCOL

### 1. Key Personnel

Name	Organization	Role in Study
<b>Study Director</b>		
Tricia Fry	NWRC	PI
<b>Other Investigators, Collaborators, Cooperators, and Consultants</b>		
Kaci VanDalen	NWRC	Co-investigator
Kurt Vercauteren	NWRC	Co-investigator
Colleen Duncan	CSU	Co-investigator
Susan Shriner	NWRC	Consultant
J. Jeff Root	NWRC	Consultant

### 2. Testing Facilities

Name	Address	Role in Study
NWRC	Fort Collins, CO	Animal research, virology
CDC	Atlanta, GA	Diagnostic Testing
Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic lab	Fort Collins, CO	Necropsy, diagnostic testing

### 3. Sponsor

Name	Address	Contract No.
Artemis Technologies, Inc.	51 Watson Rd., Guelph, Ontario, Canada	pending

### 4. Schedule

Proposed Experimental Start Date: June 1, 2011  
Proposed Experimental Termination Date: August 15, 2012  
Proposed Study Completion/Archive Date: March 15, 2013

### 5. Background and Justification

The National Rabies Management Program (NRMP), administered by USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services (WS), is attempting to control and eventually eliminate terrestrial rabies in the United States. Oral rabies vaccines are distributed by hand and with the help of both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters in most states east of the Appalachian Mountains as well as portions of Ohio, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. It is estimated that at least 50% of raccoons in these areas require vaccination for the oral rabies vaccination (ORV) program to be successful (Hethcote 1978). At present, it is estimated that approximately 30% of raccoons are vaccinated (Slate et al. 2009) by the WS ORV program.

Raboral V-RG® (Merial Ltd., Athens, Georgia), the vaccine presently used in the program, is a recombinant vaccine comprised of a live vaccinia virus with the rabies glycoprotein gene inserted into its genome. Presently, raccoons, gray

foxes, coyotes, and possibly other terrestrial mammals can be vaccinated by ingesting this liquid vaccine, which is contained in a sachet. Ideally, when the animal bites into the sachet the liquid vaccine coats the mucosal lining of the mouth and stimulates an immune response. However, the efficacy, as measured by immunogenicity, of this vaccine is limited. Brown et al. (2010) reported that of 19 wild raccoons vaccinated by Raboral V-RG, 14 succumbed to a rabies challenge. Additionally, cross-border evaluations conducted in the US by WS NRMP operations suggested that approximately 30% of raccoons vaccinated in the US by Raboral V-RG demonstrated detectable (0.05 IU/ml) rabies virus neutralizing antibodies (rVNA), while nearly 70% of raccoons administered ONRAB on the Canadian side of the border showed rVNA titres  $\geq 0.5$  IU/mL (L. Kempf, ME WS, pers. comm.). The lack of congruity in these two vaccines leads to concern at many levels, thus the WS NRMP is preparing to field test the ONRAB vaccine manufactured by Arteris Technologies (Guelph, Ontario, Canada).

ONRAB, like Raboral V-RG is a recombinant vaccine. However, the viral vector in ONRAB is human adenovirus type 5 (Had5). Had5 is a relatively safe and well-studied virus, which is used in many vaccine formulations. Wild-type Had5 often causes mild respiratory or gastrointestinal manifestations although immunocompromised individuals may develop a more serious disease (Textbook of Pediatric infectious diseases, Vol 2: Ralph Feigin). Extensive studies on the efficacy and safety of the ONRAB vaccine in animals have been completed in Canada (Yarosh et al. 1996, Lutz-Wallace et al. 1995, Randrianarison-Jewthoukoff and Perricaudet 1995, Rosette et al. 2009, Knowles et al. 2009), and the encouraging findings of these studies initiated ONRAB's distribution via aerial bait drop in 2006 targeting raccoons and skunks. Rabies VNA seroconversion rates in areas baited with ONRAB averaged 80% in the first two years (Rosatte et al. 2009), well above the seroconversion rates when the vaccine Raboral V-RG is used (Slate et al. 2009, Brown et al. 2010).

Canadian researchers have conducted vaccine efficacy and safety studies on 18 species: striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), meadow vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), deer mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), laboratory rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), ground squirrel (*Marmota monax*), cow (*Bos taurus*), horse (*Equus ferus*), pig (*Sus domesticus*), chicken (*Gallus domesticus*), sheep (*Ovis aries*), dog (*Canis familiaris*), cat (*Felis domesticus*), cotton rat (*Sigmodon hispidus*), SCID mouse (*Mus musculus*), and nude mouse (*Mus musculus*, Knowles et al. 2009). For the non-target safety studies, researchers administered an ONRAB dose 10 times the dose needed to vaccinate target species. Animals were monitored daily and all tolerated exposure to the vaccine. Analyses of tissues resulted in viral RNA detected in some lung and kidney samples. Following histopathological analysis, the most marked findings were in the lungs with pulmonary congestion and some possible vaccine aspiration effects. Oral swabs and/or fecal samples were collected from skunks, raccoons, fox, cotton rats, cats and dogs. Viral shedding (if any) was generally complete by 4 days post-inoculation (dpi) except for one skunk, which continued to shed virus in feces through 14 dpi (Knowles et al. 2009).

Our research will expand on the species evaluated by Knowles et al. and investigate the vaccine as it relates to its safety in wildlife species likely to come in contact with the ONRAB vaccine as part of WS NRMP ORV operations, as well as, identify whether Had5 shed from certain wildlife species may increase the chance of humans contacting the Had5. We do not expect, based on previous research and the use of ONRAB in field operations, for the vaccine to negatively affect the health and well-being of animals used in this study. Knowles et al. did not note any clinical signs in the animals tested as part of her study and only a fraction of individuals shed the human adenovirus. This research is being conducted and is essential in order to confirm these results and to protect wildlife and domestic animals in the United States. The conclusions of our research are required by the Center for Veterinary Biologics to assist in determining if additional research is necessary to license ONRAB in the United States.

## 6. Related Protocols



none

### 7. Assurance of Non-Duplication of Studies

An extensive literature review using the databases Scopus and Biological Abstracts was conducted as well as personal communication with researchers in Ontario, Canada. While some safety studies on the effects of ONRAB in non-target species have been completed in Canada, it is the first time the effects of ONRAB® will be tested in the species included in this protocol.

### 8. Objective/Hypotheses

The objective of this study is to assess the safety of ONRAB® in non-target wildlife species found in the eastern U.S. and evaluate the possible shedding of Had5 viral DNA.

### 9. Methods/Procedures

While initial safety studies conducted in Canada provide a wealth of information the Veterinary Services Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) believes there is reason to continue to explore the potential effects of ONRAB in additional species, specifically wildlife that are likely to come in contact with the vaccine as part of ORV campaigns. We propose to investigate the effects of high doses of the ONRAB vaccine in wood rats (*Neotoma cinerea*), eastern cottontail rabbits (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*), Eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*), and fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*), species not considered by Canadian researchers, but whose habitat overlaps with ORV target species in the U.S. To evaluate the effects of ONRAB, we will attempt to isolate Had5 viral DNA through the collection of oral, rectal/cloacal, and/or fecal swabs, and via post mortem examination. Shedding will allow us to determine if environmental contamination and potential transfer between and among species is a risk. In addition, we will look at the immunogenicity of the vaccine and determine, at necropsy, any gross or histological pathology that may be linked to the vaccine.

#### Trapping and Accessioning Study Animals

All animals will be accessioned into the NWRC ARB population and placed in quarantine for a minimum of 14 days (SOP AC/CO 016.00). Prior to vaccination we will restrain and/or anesthetize all animals with isoflurane and collect baseline blood samples and evaluate serum for rabies VNA using the RFFIT test. Rabies VNA will be determined prior to the start of the study, animals that have rabies titers > 0.5 IU/mL will not be included in the study. We will also examine the animal for health and dust the animal for ectoparasites as appropriate. Species specific methods will be detailed below. Two to four individuals of each species will be held as controls. Controls will be held as substitute animals and to confirm the absence of Had5 in tissues and products of non-treated animals. Each treatment group will have a minimum of 16 vaccinated animals at the start of the study. With a minimum of 16 animals per treatment group we will be able evaluate shedding and the distribution of the virus in tissue at two time intervals, 4 and 28 days post vaccination durations consistent with the research conducted in Canada by Knowles et al. (2009).

**Eastern Wild Turkey** – Twenty-four Eastern wild turkeys will be purchased from a commercial turkey breeder (e.g. McMurry Hatchery, Webster City, Iowa). ONRAB will not be administered to turkeys that are less than 90 days old. Blood from turkeys will be collected via jugular, leg vein, or brachial vein, no more than 1-3cc of blood will be collected once the turkeys are over 30 days old.

**Fox Squirrels** – Fox squirrels will be trapped from within Larimer County, Colorado, (n=16-24) using appropriate sized

Tomahawk and/or Sherman traps and baits such as peanuts, fruit, and oats, traps will be checked daily. Cottontails will be transported to NWRC in the bed of a pickup truck covered either with a cap or a tarp. Fox squirrels will be held with the Animal Research Building or Invasive Species Research Building at the NWRC. Squirrels will be housed individually in appropriate sized cages, a den box and enrichment objects will be provided. When squirrels are accessioned into NWRC facilities, blood will be collected via the lateral femoral vein or the saphenous vein and no more than 3 cc of blood will be collected.

Wood rats – Wood rats will be trapped from within Larimer County, Colorado, (n=16-24) using appropriate sized Tomahawk and/or Sherman traps baited with peanut butter and oats, traps will be checked daily. Wood rats will be transported to NWRC in the bed of a pickup truck covered either with a cap or a tarp. Wood rats will be held in the Animal Research Building or Invasive Species Research Building at the NWRC. Wood rats will be housed individually in appropriate sized cages, a den box and enrichment objects will be provided. When woodrats are accessioned into NWRC facilities, blood will be collected via the jugular, tail, or lateral femoral vein or via the saphenous vein and no more than 0.7 to 2 cc of blood will be collected.

Opossums – Opossums will be collected with the help of the Nebraska Wildlife Service's Operations program. Prior to being transported opossums will be held in tomahawk traps or dog crates in shaded areas. They will be provided food (an omnivore kibble and fresh fruits or vegetables) and water daily. Animals will be held a maximum of 10 days before being transported to the NWRC. Opossums will be transported in a covered trailer or bed of a pick-up truck (with a cap) to NWRC. A waterer such as the 16oz. Lixit Pet Fount will be fastened in all cages to provide water or ice chips will be provided every 4-6 hours. Food will be provided every 24 hours during transport.

Opossums will be housed individually in the Outdoor Animal Research facility either in 10'x10'x8 pens that include den boxes and enrichment structures or in building 11, dependent on ambient temperatures, final housing arrangements will be made by the Attending Veterinarian. When opossums are accessioned into NWRC facilities, blood will be collected via an appropriate vessel such as the jugular or femoral vein and no more than 5 cc of blood will be collected.

Eastern Cottontail Rabbits – Sixteen to twenty-four eastern cottontail rabbits will be trapped from within Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado using appropriate sized Tomahawk traps using vegetable baits, traps will be checked daily. Cottontails will be transported to NWRC in the bed of a pickup truck covered either with a cap or a tarp. Rabbits will be housed in the Animal Research Building or Invasive Species Research Building at the NWRC in appropriately size cages and husbandry practices will follow SOP AC/CO 015.02 Rabbit Maintenance ARB. When rabbits are accessioned into the NWRC population they will be dusted for ectoparasites and blood will be collected from the medial or lateral ear vein, the lateral femoral vein, or other appropriate vessel. No more than 3cc of blood will be collected per individual. If rabbits cannot be physically restrained they will be anesthetized with isoflurane.

#### Vaccination

In order to determine the titration of the ONRAB virus and determine the most appropriate doses we will perform a TCID<sub>50</sub> on the vaccine prior to administering to animals. We will follow the methods for conducting a TCID<sub>50</sub> outlined by Knowles et al. (2009b). The volume of ONRAB given to each species will be determined after the TCID<sub>50</sub> is confirmed with the goal of obtaining a TCID<sub>50</sub> up to 10 times greater than typical ORV dose with a TCID<sub>50</sub> of 10<sup>9.5</sup>. We will administer the ONRAB orally to physically restrained, but not anesthetized animals using a needleless syringe.

#### Post Vaccination monitoring

We will evaluate the safety of the ONRAB vaccine via numerous tests and observations. On a daily basis we will monitor animals for changes in eating habits, behavior or changes in health. We will look for shedding of Had5 DNA via

oral and nasal swabs in the case of mammals, oropharyngeal swabs for turkeys, and in feces for all species tested. Prior to administering the vaccine we will collect pre-treatment samples and then repeatedly sample individuals on days 4, 7, 14, 21, 28 (post-treatment) for oral and nasal swabs. Fecal swabs will be collected on days 0-7, 14, 21, 28. On sampling days 4, 7, 14, 21, 28, we also will collect blood samples (in the volumes indicated above for each species upon accession into our facility) to monitor blood sera for rabies virus neutralizing antibodies. Rabies virus neutralizing antibodies will be determined via RFFIT to an endpoint titer at the CDC, Atlanta.

One-half of the study animals for each species will be euthanized at day 4 post vaccination, when viral replication should be at or near its peak, with the other half being euthanized at the conclusion of the study (approximately day 28) following the protocol described by Knowles et al. 2009. After being humanely euthanized, each animal will be necropsied by a board certified veterinary pathologist animal. All gross findings will be reported as will findings related to histology, all histology will be completed at the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Select tissues will also be examined for the presence of Had5 viral DNA. In mammal species, tissues examined for Had5 DNA and histology will include lung, nasal turbinate, small intestine, large intestine, liver and kidney. Tissues examined for Had5 DNA and histology from wild turkeys will include lung, small intestine, large intestine, liver and kidney. We will use quantitative real-time PCR analysis to evaluate tissues and swabs for Had5 DNA following procedures described by Knowles et al. (2009b).

## 10. Experimental Design and Statistical Analyses

The number of animals used for each species will be approximately N= 16 - 22 inoculated individuals plus 2 controls. The number of individuals for each species is consistent with the published vaccine safety study from Canada (Knowles 2009) and other published, experimental wildlife vaccine work (Grosenbaugh 2007, Henderson 2009). These sample sizes will be sufficient for publication and for licensure consideration by the VS-Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB).

We will calculate summary statistics such as percentage of animals that shed for each species/sample type; the mean concentration of viral RNA found in swabs, feces, and tissues; mean duration of viral RNA shedding; percentage of individuals with lesions; and percentage of individuals that show an antibody response.

If animals do shed virus, the time period of shedding and the mean concentration of virus found in swabs and tissues will be characterized for each day post inoculation.

## 11. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Analytical Methods

SOP/Method No.	Title
AC 004.00	Handling and restraint of medium-sized mammals
HS 004.00	Personal Protective Equipment
BT 013.01	Inventory and storage procedures for BL-2 agents and diagnostic samples
FP 013.00	Medium sized mammal capture, handling, and transport to NWRC
AC/CO 027.00	Raccoon maintenance for OARF
ACCO 16.00	Animal quarantine procedures at Fort Collins.
AC/CO 105.02	Rabbit Maintenance ARB should

## 12. List of Records to be Maintained

- A. Protocol and Amendments
- B. Correspondence, telephone logs and related records
- C. Data records including:
  - a. Diagnostic testing results

- b. Data sheets
- c. Laboratory notebooks
- d. Animal records
- D. Trapping Permit
- E. Final Report

### 13. Cost Estimate for Each Fiscal Year

	FY-11	FY-12			
A. Salary and Benefits	\$45,000	\$15,000			
B. Facilities (in addition to existing facility or space costs)	\$0	\$0			
C. Equipment	\$0	\$0			
D. Supplies	\$30,000	\$3,000			
E. Animal Care Costs	neg.	\$0			
F. Operating Costs (travel, misc. services, etc)	\$5,000	\$5,000			
TOTAL	\$80,000	\$23,000			

### 14. Human Health and Safety

Employees will be informed of necessary safety precautions and procedures in SOPs and by the study director. This includes safety procedures when handling ONRAB® in both the laboratory and pens, as well as chemical immobilization, and blood collection of study animals.

### 15. Staff Qualifications

All study participants have documentation on file, which verifies their training and qualifications for the work they will perform in this study, including SOP training logs. All SOPs and study specific training logs will be completed and documented in study or personnel records prior to participation in that aspect of the study. Individuals working independently or leading a crew will be limited to Kaci VanDalen, or Tricia Fry.

### 16. Archiving

All raw data, documentation, records, protocols, correspondence and other documents relating to interpretation and evaluation of data, and final reports generated as a result of this study will be retained in the archives of the National Wildlife Research Center at Fort Collins, Colorado

### 17. Protocol Amendments

Any changes in this protocol will be documented on the Study Protocol Amendment Form, reviewed by appropriate personnel (e.g., IACUC, IBC, ACP, QA, etc.), and signed and dated by the Study Director, Project Leader, Assistant Director, and for regulated studies the Sponsor. Amendments will be distributed to all study participants as appropriate.

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## 19. Appendices

Indicate none or check attached appendices:

- ☐ None
- ☒ Animal Use Appendix
- ☐ Analytical Chemistry Appendix
- ☐ Column E Explanation
- ☐ Material Transfer Agreement
- ☒ Microbiological/Biohazardous Materials Formulation and Use Appendix
- ☒ NEPA and ESA Appendix
- ☐ Test, Control and Reference Material/Device Use Appendix
- ☐ Other: (include appropriate title) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Collaborating institution is responsible for live animal phase; IACUC protocol & approval attached

### Animal Use Appendix

An "Animal" is defined as any vertebrate. "Use" includes manipulating the behavior of wild animals in their natural habitat, as well as capturing and/or handling animals.

Note: A consultation with the NWRC Attending Veterinarian must be performed prior to submitting this appendix to the IACUC for review. Allow a minimum of 2 weeks for the IACUC review process.

#### A. Animal Description

##### 1) Animals: Eastern Woodrat

Species, subspecies (if applicable): *Neotoma floridana*

Breed, strain and substrain (if applicable): not applicable

Total Number and Sex: 16 to 24, mixed, we will have a minimum of 6 individuals of each sex

Body weight range: 0.5 to 1.5 lb

Age: all ages

##### 2) Animals: Cottontail Rabbit

Species, subspecies (if applicable): *Sylvilagus floridanus*

Breed, strain and substrain (if applicable): not applicable

Total Number and Sex: 16 to 24, mixed, we will have a minimum of 6 individuals of each sex

Body weight range: 1.5 to 5 lb

Age: all ages

##### 2) Animals: Opossum

Species, subspecies (if applicable): *Didelphis virginiana*

Breed, strain and substrain (if applicable): not applicable

Total Number and Sex: 16 to 24, mixed, we will have a minimum of 6 individuals of each sex

Body weight range: 4 -14 lb.

Age: >1 year old

##### 2) Animals: Fox squirrel

Species, subspecies (if applicable): *Sciurus niger*

Breed, strain and substrain (if applicable): not applicable

Total Number and Sex: 16 to 24, mixed, we will have a minimum of 6 individuals of each sex

Body weight range: 1 -2 lb

Age: all ages

##### 2) Animals: Eastern Wild Turkey

Species, subspecies (if applicable): *Meleagris gallopavo silvestri*

Breed, strain and substrain (if applicable): not applicable

Total Number and Sex: 16 to 24, mixed, we will have a minimum of 6 individuals of each sex

Body weight range: approximately 100 g when shipped, will not be vaccinated for at least 90 days after arrival

Age: 1-2 days at arrival

**B. Rationale for involving animals, for appropriateness of species, and for numbers.** Provide justification why this study requires the use of animals, and for the numbers to be used.

1) Rationale for involving animals: The only method to evaluate the safety of ONRAB® is to test the vaccine in non-target species, we will evaluate safety by various means including determining if non-target species shed the human adenovirus, the vaccines immunogenicity, and identify if systemic effects of the vaccine are noted. These questions can only be obtained through live animal studies, no surrogate is possible.

2) Rationale for appropriateness of the species to be used: The species selected for this safety study compliments the list of non-target species evaluated in Canada (Knowles et al. 2009). The species we selected are typical residents of the ecosystems where ORV campaign are held. These species are likely to encounter, investigate, and possibly ingest the vaccine when encountered. Knowing the effects on these species is integral for the safe delivery of the vaccine.

3) Rational for numbers of animals to be used (include description of any animals to be obtained as extra if appropriate): Our research aguments Knowles et al. (2009) findings and our sample size of 16-22 individuals sampled to day 4 is appropriate based on what is known about the humanadeno virus. Shedding beyond day 4, when our sample size decrease by 50% is not likely to occur. We will have multiple samples from each individual over the course of the study (eg. Feces – n= 60 samples/species by day 4) thus increasing the likelihood that we will be able to detect virus shedding. With this design we will be able to detect virus shedding when only 5% of the population is involved. This resolution is consistent with other vaccine safety studies.

#### C. Source

Woodrats, fox squirrels, and cottontail rabbits will be trapped from Larimer and/or Weld Counties, Colorado. Under permit TR1232 issued by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Opossums will be trapped with the help of Wildlife Services Operations in Oklahoma or Nebraska and transported to NWRC. Appropriate trapping permits and import permits be obtained, prior to trapping.

Wild Turkeys will be purchased commercially.

#### D. Method of identification of animals

Animals accessioned into the OARF will be individually identified using leg bands (Turkeys) and ear tags (mammals). Cage cards will also identify individuals.

#### E. Trapping/Collecting

All mammals will be trapped in appropriate size Tomahawk live trap and traps will be checked once to twice daily.

Woodrats and squirrels - 19 x 6 x 6 (checked a minimum of once daily)

Rabbits – 26x9x9 (checked a minimum of once daily)

Opossums - 26x9x9 or 32x10x12 (checked a minimum of once daily)

Our intent is to trap opossums in Nebraska or Oklahoma and transport them to the NWRC. Prior to being transported opossums will be held in tomahawk traps or dog crates in shaded areas. They will be provided food and water daily. Food offered will an omnivore diet kibble, such as dog food and fresh fruits and vegetables. Animals will be held a maximum of 10 days before being transported to the NWRC.

Turkeys will be shipped from a commercial dealer.

#### F. Transport

For animals trapped locally, during extreme weather (>90 degrees Fahrenheit) , trucks with covered beds or tarps will be used to protect the animals.

Opossums will be transported in the Tomahawk traps (26x9x9 or 32x10x12) in the bed of a pickup truck (covered with a cap or canvas tarp) or covered trailer. If ambient temperatures exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit we will transport opossum

during cooler hours of the day. Animals will be held in shaded areas. A waterer such as the 16oz. Lixit Pet Fount will be fastened in all cages to provide water or ice chips will be provided every 4-6 hours,. Food will be provided every 24 hours during transport.

We will not trap or transport animals if temperatures are below 32F.

#### **G. Handling/restraint**

For Opossums we will follow the SOP - AC 004.00-Handling and restraint of medium sized mammals.

Handling of squirrels and woodrats will be facilitated by using a conical cloth bag placed over the entrance of traps that allows squirrels to move from the trap directly into the restraint. This will minimize the risk of escape and injury, reduce the amount of handling time, and allow for normal respiration. Additional and appropriate handling techniques maybe employed including the use of plastic restraint bags called DecapiCones ([www.braintreesci.com](http://www.braintreesci.com)).

Rabbits will be restrained in a cloth bag containing a zipper that only allows the head to be outside the bag.

If needed all mammals will be retrained using an inhalant anesthesia such as isoflurane.

Turkeys will be physically restrained.

#### **H. Quarantine**

All animals will be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days following SOP AC/CO 016.00 Animal quarantine procedures at Fort Collins

#### **I. Housing/maintenance**

Fox Squirrels and woodrats will be maintained in stainless steel rabbit racks following SOP AC/CO 036.00.

Rabbits will be maintained in plastic cages on steel racks specifically designed for rabbits in the ARB (SOP AC/CO 015.00).

Opossum will be housed in the OARF in outdoor animal pens such as those typically used for raccoons. Determination of exact pen configuration will be made by the Attending Veterinarian and dependent on space. Opossums maybe housed in either elevated coyote cages (eg, building 17) or raccoon cages (eg, building 13).

Upon arrival turkeys will be housed in stock tanks with appropriate food, bedding, water and heat. As they grow, their housing will be adjusted appropriately as per the Attending Veterinarian. Housing will depend on size of the birds and whether housing them individually is preferable to group housing.

#### **J. Dietary contaminant exposure**

none

#### **K. Disposition of animals**

At the completion of this study, all mammals will be anesthetized and euthanized either via an overdose of barbiturates via intracardiac or intravenous injection or with the use of isoflurane and CO<sub>2</sub>. Turkeys will be euthanized via an IV injection of barbiturates in the leg vein. Alternative methods for euthanasia as listed in the 2007 AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia may be used if deemed necessary these will be approved by the attending veterinarian. All animal carcasses will be double-bagged and digested or incinerated through the Colorado State University Diagnostic Lab.

#### **L. Animal pain or distress**



1) Consultation with Attending Veterinarian:

Consult with the Attending Veterinarian in advance to address any animal care and use issues. The Attending Veterinarian will determine if any portion of the study might cause more than momentary or slight pain or distress. Consultation should include discussion of alternative procedures, sedatives, analgesics, anesthetics, surgery and euthanasia.

**Note: Consult separately, and with appropriate advance notice, the Animal Facilities Supervisory Personnel for space allocation in designated Animal Facilities.**

Name of Attending Veterinarian; Gordon Gathright

Date of Consultation: Monday, May 9, 2011

2) Is this study expected to cause more than momentary or slight pain or distress as determined by the Attending Veterinarian ?

☒ No

☐ Yes If yes, continue with the following items.

a) Alternative procedures:

not applicable

b) Sedatives, analgesics, or anesthetics or Column E Explanation:

not applicable

c) Surgery:

No surgical procedures are necessary for this research.

#### M. Euthanasia

All mammals will be anesthetized (with gas inhalant or ketamine/xylazine) and euthanized either via an overdose of barbiturates via intracardiac or intravenous injection or with the use of isoflurane and CO<sub>2</sub>. Turkeys will be euthanized via an IV injection of barbiturates in the leg vein. Alternative methods for euthanasia as listed in the 2007 AVMA Guidelines for Euthanasia may be used if deemed necessary these will be approved by the attending veterinarian.

#### N. IACUC Approval

Date of IACUC Approval Letter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### O. Staff Qualifications

Tricia Fry, Wildlife Biologist, has been working on rabies research for nearly 5 years and has extensive experience in handling raccoons, small mammal and birds, I and E drugs, and veterinary biologics.

Kaci VanDalen, Biologist, as BSL-3 laboratory manager, is proficient in all laboratory procedures that will be conducted as part of this study. She is trained in the use of I and E drugs and has been handling and cooperating with the study director on a number of studies for the last 3 years. Kaci has handled a variety of small mammals and birds over the course of her research.

Shylo Johnson, Biologist, has been working with wildlife and rabies research for the last 5 years. She has led research projects that include the handling of raccoons and the use of I and E drugs.

Cody Minor, Wildlife Science Technician, Cody has been working at a Technician for two years. He is trained in WS I and E drug use and has trapped raccoons as part of the Rabies Project. He has exceptional animal handling skills and will be involved with the trapping and transporting animals for the purpose of this study.

### NEPA and ESA Appendix

A categorical exclusion (CE) is based on consideration of all environmental issues relevant to this study, including consideration of cumulative impacts on wild animals and other environmental parameters, such as removal caused by the study combined with other reasonably foreseeable removals by other causes (e.g., sport harvest, wildlife damage management actions, and any other known causes of mortality) pursuant to APHIS NEPA Implementing Procedures at 7 CFR Part 372.5(c)(2)(i). Examples of projects which would likely require more than a CE include, field trials that will have future effects (the registration of chems.), projects that result in death of a large number of animals or a large proportion of the population, projects which may adversely affect T&E species, and projects with uncertain environmental impacts.

This study qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion because:

- ☒ It is a research and development activity that will be carried out in laboratories, facilities, or other areas designed to eliminate the potential for harmful environmental effects—internal or external—and to provide for lawful waste disposal and does not include the use of free-ranging wildlife.
- ☐ It is a routine measures activity, such as surveys, sampling that does not cause physical alteration of the environment
- ☐ It includes the lawful use of chemicals, pesticides, or other potentially hazardous or harmful substances, materials, and target-specific devices or remedies, however such use will:
- ☐ A) be localized or contained in areas (<10 acres) where humans are not likely to be exposed, and is limited in terms of quantity
  - ☐ B) not cause contaminants to enter water bodies
  - ☐ C) not adversely affect any federally protected species or critical habitat
  - ☐ D) not cause bioaccumulation
- ☐ This study does not qualify for a Categorical Exclusion.

Will this activity occur anyway even without involvement by NWRC?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes If yes, describe why this activity will occur and attach written confirmation from those conducting activity.

Address the potential to impact target species populations (including *cumulative impacts* of all activities on such populations, where relevant) and steps to be taken to minimize it.

When trapping animals we will trap at multiple locations as to not remove a large number of animals from any one property. In no way will our trapping efforts effect the populations of the species we are targeting.

Address the potential to impact non-target species populations (including *cumulative impacts* on such populations, where relevant) or non-target domestic animals (e.g. pet cats, ducks, etc.) and steps to be taken to minimize it.

Any non-target species trapped in our Sherman/Tomhawk live traps will be immediately released.

**Effects on T&E species and eagles:**

Could study result in the disturbance, harassment, capture or death of a state or a federally listed threatened or endangered species or the possible incidental take of eagles?

☒ No

☐ Yes If yes, describe species, potential impact and measures to be taken to minimize impact:

☐ Other:

**Consultations:**

Did you consult with a state or federal agency specifically on this action.

☒ No

☐ Yes If yes, describe the date/mode/contact person and outcome of this consultation:

Landowner Permission: Do you have an agreement or permission to conduct the action on property owned or managed by a land manager or landowner.

☐ No, permission not needed because:

☐ Yes

☒ Other: Permission will be obtained to trap prior to entering private property.

### Microbiological/Biohazardous Materials Use Appendix

NWRC proposed research or testing activities which involve the use of microbiological organisms or biohazardous agents at or above a Biosafety Level 2 or Risk Level 2, or use recombinant DNA *in vivo*, require this appendix to be completed and submitted to the NWRC IBC for review and approval.

Reference the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL)," current (BMBL) edition at [www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/biosfty.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/biosfty.htm) for the definitions and lists of BioSafety Level 2 organisms and above.

Reference the American Biological Safety Association's (ABSA) "Risk Group Classification for Infectious Agents" at <http://www.absa.org/resriskgroup.html> for the definitions and lists of Risk Level 2 agents and above.

Reference the National Institute of Health's (NIH) Guidelines for Recombinant DNA and Gene Transfer at [www4.od.nih.gov/oba/rac/documents1.htm](http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/rac/documents1.htm) for specific practices for constructing and handling recombinant DNA and organisms/viruses containing recombinant DNA molecules. Definition of recombinant DNA; 1) Molecules constructed outside of living cells by joining natural or synthetic DNA segments to DNA molecules that can replicate in a living cell, or 2) Molecules that result from the replication of those in 1 above.

**A. Identify the organism(s)/agent to be used (e.g., species, strain, type, etc.):**

AdRG1.3 – ONRAB®. A replication-competent human adenovirus rabies glycoprotein recombinant vaccine.

**B. Is this a Select Agent (see [www.selectagents.gov/agentToxinList.htm](http://www.selectagents.gov/agentToxinList.htm))?**

No

**C. Does the organism contain recombinant DNA, or will recombinant DNA be constructed *in vivo* as a biologically active polynucleotide or polypeptide product? If yes, then address each of the following (if no, then N/A):**

1. The source(s) of the DNA.  
Human adenovirus 5 (HAd5) and rabies G gene of the ERA strain
2. The nature of the inserted DNA sequences.  
Rabies glycoprotein responsible for rabies virus binding and cell entry
3. The host(s) and vector(s) to be used.  
HAd5 is the vector with the rabies G gene inserted into the genome.
4. Will an attempt be made to obtain expression of a foreign gene? If so, indicate the protein that will be produced.  
Rabies G will be expressed as a result of *in vivo* trials in wildlife species specified in this protocol and *in vitro* vaccine titration in tissue culture.
5. The containment conditions that will be implemented.  
Laboratory studies and most animal studies will be conducted under BSL-2 conditions. Previous safety trials in Canada (Knowles, 2009) were conducted in BSL-2 containment facilities. However, similar vaccine studies (RABORAL V-RG) have been previously conducted at the NWRC in outdoor animal pens with enhanced biosafety precautions. Therefore, if indoor space is limited, outdoor animal pens at NWRC may also be used with enhanced biosafety precautions such as waste autoclaving and PPE.

**D. Source of the organism(s)/agent (e.g., location or name and address of lab/vendor):**

Artemis Technologies, Inc.  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

**E. Procedures for shipping and transportation (e.g., from facility to facility, and from room to room):**

ONRAB vaccine will be shipped from Artemis Technologies via standard shipping requirements for biologics and dry ice. Throughout the NWRC (Ft Collins), vaccine will be transported on ice in sealed, leak-proof, shatter-proof bio-transport containers.

**F. Location(s) where the materials are to be used and stored (include all buildings and room number and laboratories):**

All storage and usage will be at NWRC, 4101 LaPorte Ave, Fort Collins, CO.

ONRAB will be stored at -80°C in Room 222 of the WSB.

ONRAB may be used in WSB 222, WSB 160, ARB 14N, ARB animal rooms, OARF 11, and/or OARF Bldg 13, 14, or equivalent

**G. Permit information:**

Application for a VS Permit for Biologic Research and Evaluation has been submitted.

**H. Inventory and tracking procedures (e.g., chain of custody procedures):**

Inventory and tracking of ONRAB will be kept in the QA laboratory notebook, as well as electronically.

**I. Quality control measures (e.g., procedures to prevent contamination of stocks):** Manipulation of ONRAB in BSL-2 laboratories will take place in certified HEPA filtered biosafety cabinets by trained personnel.

**Agent Hazards:**

**J. What particular hazards to humans, animals, and the environment are associated with these organisms/agents?** (e.g., infective dose, severity of disease, mode of transmission, susceptibility to humans, stability in the environment, etc.)

Had5 (the backbone of ONRAB) is a relatively safe and well-studied virus, which is used in many vaccine formulations. Wild-type Had5 often causes mild respiratory or gastrointestinal manifestations although immunocompromised individuals may develop a more serious disease (Textbook of Pediatric infectious diseases, Vol 2: Ralph Feigin). Accidental needle-sticks or other suspected human exposures will be reported to the NWRC Safety Officer. No vaccinations or post exposure care (other than washing any potential entry sites) should be necessary. Any signs or symptoms more severe than mild-, cold-like or GI symptoms should be reported to a physician immediately.

Extensive studies on the efficacy and safety of the ONRAB vaccine in animals common to Canada have been completed (Yarosh et al. 1996, Lutz-Wallace et al. 1995, Randrianarison-Jewthoukoff and Perricaudet 1995, Rosette et al. 2009, Knowles et al. 2009). According to Knowles et al. (2009) of the individuals that shed the virus in feces the vast majority stopped shedding 3-4 days after the vaccine was administered. In a single case, one skunk did continue to shed virus in feces for 14 days.

The stability of the ONRAB recombinant vaccine in natural environments is unknown (or unpublished). However, adenoviruses, in general, are relatively stable (>80 days) in surface and ground water at cool temperatures (10°C and 19°C; Rigotto 2011). In the laboratory, adenoviruses typically survive for <10 days for porous surfaces but up to 12 weeks on non-porous surfaces (Valtierra, 2008).

**Laboratory Procedure Hazards:**

**K. Estimated volume, amount or concentration of agents or solutions:**

Approximately 300 mL of ONRAB vaccine will be used at an approximate concentration of  $10^{10.3}$  TCID<sub>50</sub>/mL or lower.



**L. Identify known or potential sources of contamination or exposure** (e.g., infected live animals, tissues, fluids, byproducts, waste, sharps, etc.)

Study participants may be inadvertently exposed to ONRAB through recently vaccinated animals and contaminated sharps. Proper PPE (gloves, protective eye wear, lab coats, overalls, etc) will be worn and sharps safety handling will be followed to minimize potential exposures.

**M. Identify any procedures and equipment which could produce aerosols** (e.g., pipetting, blenders, centrifuges, sonication and vortexing), and describe how the creation of aerosols and/or exposures to those aerosols will be minimized.

Aerosols may be produced during vortexing of ONRAB stock. All vortexing and other manipulations of the stock vaccine (except for actual vaccination of study animals) will be performed in a biosafety cabinet.

**Biosafety, Security and Additional Precautions:**

**N. Biosafety Level / Risk Level (from the CDC or ABSA reference above):** BSL-2

**O. Biosecurity Plan:** (the Biosecurity Plan is a description of a number of different aspects which together define the mechanisms by which biohazardous agents will be safely and securely used)

**1. Physical Security:**

ONRAB® stock will be stored in a locked -80°C freezer within the locked WSB 222 Rabies virology laboratory.

**2. Biosecurity:**

ONRAB vaccine stock will be stored in a locked -80°C freezer within the locked WSB 222 Rabies virology laboratory. Vaccine stock may be titrated on 293 cells in ARB 14N (tissue culture), which has restricted badge-entry access. BSL-2 practices will be followed for all vaccine manipulations in WSB 222 and/or in ARB 14N (tissue culture laboratory). Only personnel trained in BSL-2 practices and biosafety cabinet use will be allowed to manipulate the vaccine. All laboratory waste (disposable pipet tips, plates, etc) will be autoclaved. If disposable waste must be transported outside of the laboratory, it will be double-bagged with the first bag sprayed with disinfectant prior to placing into the second bag. Bagged waste must then be transported within the facility in a labeled, hard-sided, closed container for final disposition (incineration or autoclaving). All potentially contaminated non-disposable items will be surface decontaminated with 70% ethanol (or equivalent). When transported between the laboratory and animal pens, ONRAB will be carried in a leak-proof, shock-proof biosafety transport carrier.

During vaccination of animals, a minimum number of trained individuals will orally deliver (via needleless syringe or pipet) the vaccine. Most adult individuals have had natural adenoviral infection early in childhood, which results in immunity to subsequent adenoviral infections so risk of HAd5 infection is low. Rabies vaccination will also be offered and documented for all personnel. Appropriate clothing including Tyvek/coveralls, gloves, boot covers, eye protection, and N-95 masks (95% filtration) will be worn when inoculating animals with ONRAB. Measures will be taken to avoid vaccine spillage and animals will be placed on absorbent liners when vaccinated. In the event of a spill the area will be disinfected with 1% Virkon (or equivalent). All disposable waste (eg. Gloves, absorbent towels, contaminated syringes) will be double-bagged with the first bag sprayed with disinfectant prior to placing into the second bag. Bagged waste must then be transported within the facility in a labeled, hard-sided, closed container for final disposition (incineration or autoclaving). Any potentially contaminated work surfaces will be surface decontaminated with 70% ethanol or equivalent.

At the conclusion of the study, all animal carcasses will be double-bagged with the first bag sprayed with disinfectant prior to placing into the second bag. Bagged carcasses will then be transported in a labeled, hard-

sided, closed container to the CSU Veterinary Hospital for necropsy. Carcasses will be sent to chemical digesters as per their disposal protocol.

**P. Specialized Risk Control Measures:**

All laboratory staff will follow BSL-2 standards as stated in the BMBL 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Lab coats and gloves will be worn at all times. When working in indoor animal rooms, ABSL-2 standards as stated in the BMBL 5<sup>th</sup> edition will be followed. Staff will wear tyveks or lab coats, and foot coverings dedicated to each room. Gloves and eye protection will also be worn. N-95 masks will be worn during inoculation and for at least 96 hours post-inoculation. If outdoor animal space is used, staff will follow the same PPE procedures as in ABSL-2 facilities.

Because previous studies (Knowles, 2009) have shown that animals may shed the ONRAB recombinant virus for 3 – 4 days, all items in contact with inoculated animals will be considered contaminated for at least 96 hours post-inoculation. All disposable waste will be double-bagged with the first bag sprayed with disinfectant prior to placing into the second bag. Bagged waste must then be transported within the facility in a labeled, hard-sided, closed container for final disposition (incineration or autoclaving). Durable, solid-surface items such as cages, feed bowls, etc. will be cleaned and disinfected before removal from ABSL-2 rooms or outdoor animal pens. No live animals will be removed from the area during the first 96-hour period. Any carcasses will be double-bagged with the first bag sprayed with disinfectant prior to placing into the second bag. Bagged carcasses will then be transported in a labeled, hard-sided, closed container to the CSU Veterinary Hospital for necropsy. Carcasses will be sent to chemical digesters as per their disposal protocol.

In addition to the ONRAB recombinant virus, care must be taken when manipulating any wildlife as they have the potential to harbor a number of pathogens. Because we are unable to test for all possible pathogens (viral, bacterial, parasitic) the following biosafety measures are in place to reduce these unknown potential exposures, as well.

**T. Provide an assurance statement that all practices and procedures are in accordance with the appropriate guidelines for that biosafety/risk level of organism/materials:**

All practices will be in accordance with the US Dept. of Health and Human Services' Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL) 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**U. NWRC Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC):**

Date of IBC approval letter: \_\_\_\_\_


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## Appendix E: Human Adenovirus Serotype-5 Titers Pre-ONRAB®

 <p><b>Cornell University</b>  <b>Animal Health Diagnostic Center</b>          240 Farrier Road, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853          Ph: 607-253-3900 Fax: 607-253-3943  <a href="http://diagcenter.vet.cornell.edu">http://diagcenter.vet.cornell.edu</a></p> <p>Owner: PRE BAIT SERUM SAMPLES</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Usda-Aphis-Ws-Serum Study - (16515)          Attn Nancy Bennett          474-8315          Ithaca, NY 14853          (607) 253-3923</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">Page 1 of 17</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><b><i>Finalized Report</i></b></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;">             Accession Number: <b>102289-11</b> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="float: right; width: 40%;">                 Sampled: Not Given                  Received: 08/30/2011                  Finalized: 09/19/2011                  Case Coordinator: Edward Dubovi                  Reference Number: PRE BAIT SERUM                  SAMPLES             </div> </div>
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**VIROLOGY**  
 607-253-3900

**Human Adenovirus 5 SN (VN)**

Item		Result
1	1001WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
2	1002WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
3	1003WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
4	1004WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
5	1005WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
6	1006WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
7	1007WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
8	1008WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
9	1009WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
10	1010WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
11	1011WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
12	1012WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
13	1013WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
14	1014WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
15	1015WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4

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**Human Adenovirus 5 SN (VN)**

Item	Result
16 1016WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
17 1017WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
18 1018WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
19 1019WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
20 1020WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
21 1021WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
22 1022WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
23 1023WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
24 1024WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
25 1025WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
26 1026WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
27 1027WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
28 1028WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
29 1029WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
30 1030WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
31 1031WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
32 1032WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
33 1033WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
34 1034WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
35 1035WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
36 1036WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
37 1037WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
38 1038WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
39 1039WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
40 1040WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
41 1041WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4

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**Human Adenovirus 5 SN (VN)**

Item	Result
42 1042WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
43 1043WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
44 1044WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<8
45 1045WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
46 1046WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
47 1047WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
48 1048WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
49 1049WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Male	<4
50 1050WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
51 1051WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
52 1052WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
53 1053WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
54 1054WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
55 1055WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
56 1056WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
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60 1060WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
61 1061WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
62 1062WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
63 1063WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
64 1064WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
65 1065WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
66 1066WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
67 1067WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4

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Item	Result
68 1068WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
69 1069WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
70 1070WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
71 1071WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
72 1072WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
73 1073WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
74 1074WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
75 1075WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
76 1076WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
77 1077WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
78 1078WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
79 1079WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
80 1080WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
81 1081WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
82 1082WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
83 1083WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<8
84 1084WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
85 1085WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
86 1086WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
87 1087WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
88 1088WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
89 1089WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
90 1090WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
91 1091WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
92 1092WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
93 1093WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4

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Item	Result
94 1094WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
95 1095WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
96 1096WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
97 1097WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
98 1098WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
99 1099WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
100 1100WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
101 1101WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
102 1102WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
103 1103WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
104 1104WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
105 1105WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
106 1106WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
107 1107WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
108 1108WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
109 1109WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
110 1110WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
111 1111WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
112 1112WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
113 1113WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
114 1114WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
115 1115WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
116 1116WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
117 1117WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
118 1118WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
119 1119WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Male	<4

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Item	Result
120 1120WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
121 1121WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
122 1122WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
123 1123WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
124 1124WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
125 1125WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
126 1126WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
127 1127WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
128 1128WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
129 1129WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
130 1130WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
131 1131WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
132 1132WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
133 1133WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
134 1134WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
135 1135WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
136 1136WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
137 1137WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Male	<4
138 1138WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
139 1139WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
140 1140WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
141 1141WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
142 1142WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
143 1143WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
144 1144WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
145 1145WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4

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146 1446WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
147 1447WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
148 1148WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
149 1149WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
150 1150WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
151 1151WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
152 1152WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
153 1153WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
154 1154WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
155 1555WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
156 1156WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
157 1157WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
158 1158WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
159 1159WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
160 1160WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
161 1161WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
162 1162WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
163 1163WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
164 1164WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
165 1165WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
166 1166WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
167 1167WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
168 1168WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
169 1169WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
170 1170WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
171 1171WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4

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Item	Result
172 1172WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
173 1173WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
174 1174WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
175 1175WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
176 1176WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
177 1177WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
178 1178WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
179 1179WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
180 1180WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
181 1181WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
182 1182WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
183 1183WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
184 1184WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
185 1185WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
186 1201WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
187 1202WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
188 1203WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
189 1205WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
190 1206WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
191 1207WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
192 1208WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
193 1209WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
194 1210WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
195 1211WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
196 1212WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
197 1213WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
198 1214WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
199 1215WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
200 1216WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
201 1217WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
202 1218WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
203 1219WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
204 1220WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
205 1221WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
206 1222WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<8
207 1223WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<8
208 1224WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
209 1225WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<8
210 1226WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
211 1227WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
212 1228WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
213 1229WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
214 1230WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
215 1231WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
216 1232WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
217 1233WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
218 1234WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
219 12365WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
220 1236WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
221 1237WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
222 1238WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
223 1239WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4

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Item	Result
224 1240WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
225 1241WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
226 1242WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
227 1243WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
228 1244WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
229 1245WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
230 1246WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
231 1247WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
232 1248WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
233 1249WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
234 1250WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
235 1251WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
236 1252 - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
237 1253WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
238 1254WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
239 1255WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
240 1256WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
241 1257WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
242 1258WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
243 1259WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
244 1260WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
245 1261WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Female	<4
246 1262WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
247 1263WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
248 1264WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
249 1265WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4

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Item	Result
250 1266WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
251 1267WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
252 1268WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
253 1269WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
254 1270WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
255 1271WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
256 1272WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
257 1273WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
258 1274WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
259 1275WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
260 1276WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
261 1277WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
262 1278WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Male	<4
263 1279WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
264 1280WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
265 1281WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
266 1282WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
267 1283WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
268 1284WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
269 1285WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
270 1286WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
271 1287WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
272 1288WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
273 1289WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
274 1290WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
275 1291WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4

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Item	Result
276 1292WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos Male	<4
277 1293WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
278 1294WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
279 1295WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<8
280 1296WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
281 1297WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
282 1298WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
283 1299WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
284 1300WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
285 1301WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
286 1302WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
287 1303WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
288 1304WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
289 1305WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
290 1306WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
291 1307WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
292 1308WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
293 1309WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
294 1310WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
295 1311WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
296 1312WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
297 1313WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
298 1314WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
299 1315WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
300 1316WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
301 1317WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4

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Item	Result
302 1318WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
303 1319WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
304 1320WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
305 1321WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
306 1322WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Female	<4
307 1323WV - Procyonidae Raccoon Male	<4
308 1324WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
309 1325WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
310 1326WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
311 1327WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
312 1328WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
313 1329WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
314 1330WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
315 1331WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
316 1332WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
317 1333WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
318 1334WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
319 1335WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
320 1336WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
321 1337WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<8
322 1338WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
323 1339WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<8
324 1351WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
325 1352WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
326 1353WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
327 1354WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
328 1355WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
329 1356WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
330 1357WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
331 1358WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
332 1359WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
333 1360WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
334 1361WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
335 1362WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
336 1363WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
337 1364WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
338 1365WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
339 1366WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
340 1367WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
341 1368WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
342 1369WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
343 1370WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
344 1371WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
345 1372WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
346 1373WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
347 1374WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
348 1375WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
349 1401WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
350 1402WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
351 1403WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
352 1404WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
353 1405WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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354 1406WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
355 1407WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
356 1408WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
357 1409WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
358 1410WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
359 1411WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
360 1412WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
361 1413WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
362 1414WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
363 1415WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
364 1416WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
365 1417WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
366 1418WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
367 1419WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
368 1420WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
369 1421WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
370 1422WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
371 1423WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
372 1424WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
373 1425WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
374 1426WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
375 1427WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
376 1428WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
377 1451WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
378 1452WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
379 1453WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
380 1454WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
381 1455WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
382 1456WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
383 1457WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
384 1458WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
385 1459WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
386 1460WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
387 1461WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
388 1462WV - Canidae Gray Fox	<4
389 1463WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
390 1464WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
391 1465WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
392 1466WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
393 1467WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
394 1468WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
395 1469WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
396 1470WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
397 1471WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
398 1472WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
399 1473WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
400 1474WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
401 1475WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
402 1476WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
403 1477WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
404 1478WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
405 1479WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
406 1480WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
407 1481WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
408 1501WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
409 1551WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
410 1552WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
411 1553WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
412 1554WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
413 1555WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
414 1556WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
415 1557WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
416 1558WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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The virus neutralization antibody titer is the reciprocal of the highest dilution of serum that neutralizes the infectivity of the virus (endpoint dilution of 1:32 = antibody titer of 32). Titers are in units of antibody and as such all values reported without modifiers contain that specified amount of antibody in the sample. Values with a < (less than symbol) indicate no detectable antibody at the minimum readable dilution (<8 = no detectable antibody at a 1:8 dilution). An antibody titer can result from vaccination, infection, or passive maternal transfer. Most SN tests start at the minimum serum dilution of 1:4 (final dilution of 1:8) unless regulatory requirements dictate otherwise.

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Item		Result
1	1002WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
2	1028WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
3	1041WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
4	1042WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
5	1043WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
6	1062WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
7	1078WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
8	1080WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
9	1086WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
10	1094WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
11	1099WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
12	1107WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
13	1113WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
14	1143WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
15	1179WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
16 1186WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
17 1187WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
18 1188WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
19 1189WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
20 1190WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
21 1191WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
22 1192WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
23 1193WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
24 1194WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
25 1195WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
26 1196WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
27 1197WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
28 1198WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
29 1199WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
30 1200WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
31 1202WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
32 1215WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
33 1219WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
34 1221WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
35 1251WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
36 1260WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
37 1264WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
38 1290WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	4
39 1291WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
40 1295WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
41 1376WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
42 1377WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
43 1378WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
44 1379WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
45 1380WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
46 1381WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
47 1382WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
48 1383WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
49 1384WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
50 1385WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
51 1386WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
52 1387WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
53 1388WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
54 1389WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
55 1390WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
56 1391WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
57 1421WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
58 1429WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
59 1430WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
60 1431WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
61 1432WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
62 1433WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
63 1434WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
64 1435WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
65 1436WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
66 1437WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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69 1440WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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72 1443WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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74 1445WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
75 1446WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
76 1447WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
77 1448WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
78 1449WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
79 1450WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
80 1482WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
81 1483WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
82 1484WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
83 1485WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	4
84 1486WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
85 1487WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
86 1488WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
87 1489WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
88 1490WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
89 1491WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
90 1492WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
91 1493WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
92 1494WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
93 1495WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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94 1496WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
95 1497WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
96 1498WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
97 1499WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
98 1500WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
99 1502WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
100 1503WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
101 1504WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
102 1505WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
103 1506WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
104 1507WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
105 1508WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
106 1509WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
107 1510WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
108 1511WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
109 1512WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
110 1513WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
111 1514WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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114 1517WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
115 1518WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
116 1519WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
117 1520WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
118 1521WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
119 1522WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4

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Item	Result
120 1523WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
121 1524WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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123 1526WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
124 1527WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
125 1528WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
126 1529WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
127 1530WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
128 1531WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
129 1532WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
130 1533WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
131 1534WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
132 1535WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
133 1536WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	6
134 1537WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
135 1538WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
136 1539WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
137 1540WV - Canidae Gray Fox	<4
138 1541WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
139 1542WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
140 1543WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
141 1544WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
142 1545WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
143 1546WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
144 1547WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	4
145 1548WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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150 1562WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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155 1567WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
156 1568WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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164 1576WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
165 1577WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
166 1578WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
167 1579WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
168 1580WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
169 1581WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
170 1582WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
171 1583WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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172 1584WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
173 1585WV - Canidae Coyote	<4
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177 1589WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
178 1590WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
179 1591WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
180 1592WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
181 1593WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
182 1594WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
183 1595WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
184 1596WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
185 1597WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
186 1598WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
187 1599WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
188 1600WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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191 1628WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
192 1629WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
193 1630WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
194 1631WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
195 1632WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
196 1633WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
197 1634WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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198 1635WV - Canidae Gray Fox	<4
199 1636WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
200 1637WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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202 1639WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
203 1640WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
204 1651WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
205 1652WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
206 1653WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
207 1654WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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214 1751WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
215 1752WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
216 1753WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	24
217 1754WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
218 1755WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
219 1756WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
220 1757WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
221 1758WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
222 1759WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
223 1760WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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224 1761WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
225 1762WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
226 1763WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
227 1764WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
228 1765WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
229 1766WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
230 1767WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
231 1768WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
232 1769WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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235 1772WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
236 1773WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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239 1827WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
240 1828WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
241 1829WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
242 1830WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
243 1831WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
244 1832WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
245 1833WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
246 1834WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
247 1835WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
248 1876WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
249 1877WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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Item	Result
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252 1903WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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255 1906WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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257 1908WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
258 1909WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
259 1910WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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261 1912WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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263 1914WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
264 1915WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
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266 1917WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
267 1918WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
268 1919WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
269 1920WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	32
270 1921WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
271 1922WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
272 1923WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
273 1924WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
274 1925WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
275 1926WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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276 1927WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
277 1951WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
278 1952WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
279 1953WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
280 194WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<8
281 1955WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
282 1956WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
283 1957WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
284 1958WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
285 1959WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
286 1960WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
287 1961WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
288 1962WV - Mustelidae Skunk, Nos	<4
289 1963WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
290 1964WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
291 1966WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
292 1967WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
293 1968WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
294 1969WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4
295 1970WV - Canidae Coyote	<4
296 1971WV - Procyonidae Raccoon	<4

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The virus neutralization antibody titer is the reciprocal of the highest dilution of serum that neutralizes the infectivity of the virus (endpoint dilution of 1:32 = antibody titer of 32). Titers are in units of antibody and as such all values reported without modifiers contain that specified amount of antibody in the sample. Values with a < (less than symbol) indicate no detectable antibody at the minimum readable dilution (<8 = no detectable antibody at a 1:8 dilution). An antibody titer can result from vaccination, infection, or passive maternal transfer. Most SN tests start at the minimum serum dilution of 1:4 (final dilution of 1:8) unless regulatory requirements dictate otherwise.

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## **Appendix G: Histopathology Results from Captive Studies at Wildlife Services, NWRC**

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ONRAB<sup>®</sup>, like Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup>, is a recombinant vaccine. However, the viral vector in ONRAB<sup>®</sup> is human adenovirus type 5 (Had5). Had5 is a relatively safe and well-studied virus, which is used in many vaccine formulations. Wild-type Had5 often causes mild respiratory or gastrointestinal manifestations in humans, although immunocompromised individuals may develop a more serious disease (Textbook of Pediatric infectious diseases, Vol 2: Ralph Feigin). Extensive studies on the efficacy and safety of the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine in animals have been completed in Canada (Yarosh et al. 1996, Lutz-Wallace et al. 1995, Randrianarison-Jewthoukoff and Perricaudet 1995, Rosette et al. 2009, Knowles et al. 2009), and the encouraging findings of these studies initiated ONRAB's distribution via aerial bait drop in 2006 targeting raccoons and skunks. Rabies VNA seroconversion rates in areas baited with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> averaged 80% in the first two years (Rosatte et al. 2009), well above the seroconversion rates when the vaccine Raboral V-RG<sup>®</sup> is used (Slate et al. 2009, Brown et al. 2010).

For the non-target safety studies in the literature, researchers administered an ONRAB<sup>®</sup> dose 10 times the dose needed to vaccinate target species. Animals were monitored daily and all tolerated exposure to the vaccine. Analyses of tissues resulted in viral RNA detected in some lung and kidney samples. Following histopathological analysis, the most marked findings were in the lungs with pulmonary congestion and some possible vaccine aspiration effects. Oral swabs and/or fecal samples were collected from skunks, raccoons, fox, cotton rats, cats and dogs. Viral shedding (if any) was generally complete by 4 days post-inoculation (dpi) except for one skunk, which continued to shed virus in feces through 14 dpi (Knowles et al. 2009).

Our research expands on the species evaluated by Knowles et al. (2009) and investigates the vaccine as it relates to its safety in wildlife species likely to come in contact with the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine as part of WS NRMP ORV operations, as well as, identify whether Had5 shed from certain wildlife species may increase the chance of humans contacting the Had5. As expected, histological changes described in the non-target species vaccinated with ONRAB<sup>®</sup> (eastern cottontails, fox squirrels, opossums and wild turkeys) are best attributed to common pathologic changes in free-ranging wildlife. None of the histological findings in tissues of the study animals appear to be related to the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine (Table 1).

Table 1. A summary of histological findings unrelated to vaccination by ONRAB® are summarized by species.

Species	n	Vaccinates	Non-vaccinates
Cottontail Rabbit ( <i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i> )	16	14	2
Eastern Wild Turkey ( <i>Meleagris gallopavo silvestri</i> )	23	21	2
Virginia Opossum ( <i>Didelphis virginiana</i> )	19	17	2
Fox Squirrel ( <i>Sciurus niger</i> )	23	21	2

**Cottontail rabbits:** The most common finding in the cottontails (n=16), both vaccinates and non-vaccinates, was the presence of tapeworms in the gastrointestinal tract. Parasites were observed on both gross and histologic examination in 12/16 animals; histologically there was often a very mild increase in the number of lymphocytes and plasma cells in the lamina propria of infected animals. In the liver of two vaccinated animals there were areas of inflammation, regionally extensive and histiocytic with multinucleated giant cells in one animal and a focal granuloma with fibrosis in another animal that was presumed to be secondary to parasite migration. A degenerate parasite was identified within the center of the granuloma. Very mild, patchy interstitial nephritis was observed in two cottontails and lymphoplasmacytic aggregates in portal areas of the liver were seen in 5 cottontails, both vaccinates and non-vaccinates. One cottontail had a small focus of inflammation in the lung while another had some mild bronchiole associated lymphoid tissue (BALT) hyperplasia. Findings in the large intestine or spleen of all cottontails were unremarkable. Histological variation described for cottontail rabbits are presumably unrelated to vaccination with the ONRAB® vaccine.

**Fox Squirrels:** The most significant changes in fox squirrels (n=23) were observed in the kidneys of both the vaccinated and non-vaccinated animals. Sixteen fox squirrels, both vaccinates and non-vaccinates, had some degree of inflammation in the interstitium of the kidney that ranged from mild and patchy to very severe and regionally extensive. In five animals (4 vaccinates, 1 non-vaccinate) suppurativetubulitis was also observed, possibly a result of naturally acquired leptospirosis infection. In the liver of fourteen fox squirrels, including both vaccinates and non-vaccinates, there were small aggregates of lymphocytes and plasma cells in portal areas. Mild bronchial associated lymphoid tissue hyperplasia was seen in the lung of 4/23 animals with no apparent cause (1 non-vaccinate, 3 vaccinates). A single fox squirrel had a small focus of acute inflammation in the lung. Mild, patchy increases in lymphocytes and plasma cells were seen in the small or large intestine of three fox squirrels (1 non-vaccinate, 2 vaccinates). Histological variation described for fox squirrels are presumably unrelated to vaccination with the ONRAB® vaccine.

**Opossums:** On gross examination of opossums (n=19) multiple metazoan parasites were seen throughout the gastrointestinal tracts of nearly all opossums. Histologically there were numerous eosinophils as well as lymphocytes and plasma cells in the small intestine of all opossums (vaccinates and non-vaccinates), but fewer inflammatory cells were present in the colon. On

gross examination, the livers of all opossums were mildly enlarged and fatty on palpation. Histologically fatty change was seen most commonly in centrilobular areas, but panlobular in many animals. Inflammation similar to that seen in the gastrointestinal tract (eosinophilic to mixed infiltrate) was observed in portal areas of the liver of 14 opossums (2 non-vaccinates, 12 vaccinees) and ranged from very mild to moderate. Mild interstitial, lymphoplasmacytic inflammation was seen in the kidney of 11 opossums (2 non-vaccinates, 9 vaccinees) and mineralization was identified in the collecting tubules of 2 (both vaccinees) opossums. A single animal had a moderate amount of interstitial inflammation that also included eosinophils and there was some mild, secondary tubular distortion. Foci of mineralization were identified in the lung of 8 animals (2 non-vaccinates, 6 vaccinees). Mineral was usually devoid of associated reaction however foci of inflammation were identified in 10 animals (2 non-vaccinee, 8 vaccinees). Inflammatory change ranged from small foci of foamy macrophages and lymphocytes, to a single opossum with a mineralized granuloma and a single opossum with a large protozoal cyst surrounded with mixed inflammation (non-vaccinee). Airway associated lymphoid tissue was often hyperplastic and contained amyloid. Histological variation described for opossums are presumably unrelated to vaccination with the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine.

**Wild Turkeys:** The most significant histologic change observed in the wild turkeys (n=23) was a variable amount of extramedullaryhematopoiesis in multiple tissues. Change was most notable in the liver (2 non-vaccinates, 13 vaccinees) but also present in the intestinal tract and the lung (five turkeys, all vaccinees). Dust granulomas were seen in the lungs of six birds. Two vaccinated turkeys had small foci of heterophilic inflammation in the kidneys and three had notable extra medulla hematokinesis. Histologic changes were uncommon in the gastrointestinal tract; extra medulla hematokinesis was variable and a single turkey had a focal, small crypt abscess in the gastrointestinal tract. Histological variation described for wild turkeys are presumably unrelated to vaccination with the ONRAB<sup>®</sup> vaccine.

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