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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A08080042

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Our office received a hotline web submission from an employee<sup>1</sup> informing us that his institution<sup>2</sup> utilized prior IACUC approvals for subsequent proposals when the two proposals used the same animal testing methodologies. While this practice is acceptable in some circumstances, institutions must use valid IACUC approvals and trace every protocol and subsequent proposal separately. The institution provided us documentation explaining its current policy regarding IACUC review and approval, and supplied examples of its tracking and review methods for approved protocols. The institution follows standard practices and its policies are in order. No further action is needed on this matter.

Accordingly, this case is **closed**.

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