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Happy Spring! The grass is green and the flowers are blooming here in California. We're enjoying the temperate conditions and not looking forward to the heat of summer!

This is also the time of year when campus conducts our annual rate review. We've worked hard to try and minimize any changes but, as we all experience, costs keep rising. We are particularly challenged with increasing labor, reagent and service contract costs. We will let you know about any changes for 2019-2020 as soon as we are informed.

Back to more pleasant subjects, we are pleased to have publications accepted for some of our recent work:

- [Modified Dose Efficacy Trial of a Canine Distemper-Measles Vaccine for Use in Rhesus Macaques \(*Macaca mulatta*\)](#). Christie KL, Salyards GW, Houghton SD, Ardeshir A, Yee JL. J Am Assoc Lab Anim Sci. 2019 Mar 28. doi: 10.30802/AALAS-JAALAS-18-000091. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 30922419.
- [Rotavirus is associated with decompensated diarrhea among young rhesus macaques \(*Macaca mulatta*\)](#). Wang KY, Christie KL, Yee J, Roberts JA, Ardeshir A. Am J Primatol. 2019 Jan;81(1):e22948. doi: 10.1002/ajp.22948. Epub 2019 Jan 8. PMID:30620103.
- [Interferon Gamma Test for the Detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex Infection in *Macaca mulatta* and Other Nonhuman Primates](#). Yee J, Prongay K, Miles B, Smedley J, Hansen SC, Axthelm M, Ardeshir A, VanRompay K, Timmel G, Roberts J. Journal Medical Primatology. Accepted April 12, 2019.
- [In vitro and In vivo Attempts to infect Baboons \(*Papio sp.*\) with Simian Betaretrovirus \(SRV\) and Understand the Significance of Apparent Antibody Reactivity](#). Yee JL, Grant RF, VanRompay KKA, Roberts JA, Kuller L, Cunningham JL, Simmons JH, Papin JF. Comp. Med. Accepted 4/19/2019.

If you see anything here that might be useful for your work, please contact us. We'd be happy to discuss possibilities.

PAL is now participating in both the National Primate Research Center Consortiums Pathogen Detection and Biomarker Working Groups. These forums will keep us updated and allow us to provide improved testing to support your work.