APPENDIX 5
ALGORITHM FOR RABIES POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (9)
Assess nature of contact or injury and the biting animal

CATEGORY I
- touching, feeding, licking of healthy skin with no open wound, no mucous membrane contact (reliable Hx), casual contact with rabid patient
  - unknown, escaped, sick, proven rabid or healthy animal

CATEGORY II
- superficial scratch/abrasion without bleeding, ribbing/nipping of uncovered skin with bruising, hematoma only, Category I with unreliable history
  - unknown, escaped, sick, proven rabid or healthy animal

CATEGORY III
- single or multiple transdermal bites/scratches, licking of mucous membrane, all head and neck exposures, exposure to rabid patient, handling of infected carcass
  - licks on broken skin

VACCINE
OBSERVE for 14 days
VACCINE (full course)
RIG + VACCINE + OBSERVE for 14 days
RIG + VACCINE (full course)

animal
animal
animal
animal remains
animal
remains
gets sick/dies
healthy
healthy

sacrifice animal
may opt to d/c vaccine or continue as PrEP

animal dies
animal gets sick
animal remains healthy

send head for lab. exam (FAT)

positive or no examination done
negative
continue vaccination

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