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June 26, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3261-01 [OLAW Case 2M]

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Dear Dr. Weisenberger,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 24, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the Ohio State University. This letter had not been preceded by a preliminary report to OLAW.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the Ohio State University Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to: failure to ensure death of animals after euthanasia procedures. The final report states one mouse was found alive in a carcass refrigerator on June 12, 2020 by animal care staff. The animal was immediately euthanized. The graduate student responsible was ascertained by the veterinary staff and provided training on proper CO₂ euthanasia and cervical dislocation to confirm euthanasia. The principal investigator was notified of the incident and discussed the matter with the individual. The report states the IACUC reviewed the incident and accepted the corrective action taken at their convened meeting on June 19, 2020.

It is noted that this research is supported by PHS funds. Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that the Ohio State University has implemented appropriate measures to correct and prevent recurrences of these problems and is now compliant with provisions of the PHS Policy. We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Jacquelyn T. Tubbs, DVM
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cc: IACUC Contact

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Janet M. Weisenberger
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RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3261-01, D16-00168

Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter reports an incident of noncompliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. An incident of failure to ensure death of an animal after euthanasia was reviewed by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Specifically, one mouse was found still alive in a carcass refrigerator by animal care staff on June 12, 2020. The mouse was immediately euthanized. The veterinary staff was able to determine the graduate student involved and provided training to this person on proper CO2 euthanasia and cervical dislocation to confirm euthanasia. The Principal Investigator was also notified of this situation and discussed the incident with the student. This work is funded by The National Cancer Institute (U01CA207946). The IACUC reviewed the incident and accepted the corrective action taken at their convened meeting on June 19, 2020.

The Ohio State University remains committed to ensuring the proper care and use of animals used in research and teaching at the institution. Please contact me at (b) (6) or Weisenberger.1@osu.edu if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Janet M. Weisenberger, PhD
Senior Associate Vice President for Research

Cc: Valerie Bergdall, OSU Attending Veterinarian
Peter Reiser, OSU IACUC Chair

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 7:40 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: noncompliance reports from D16-00168

Thank you for these two reports, (b) (6) We will send responses soon.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:31 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: noncompliance reports from D16-00168

Attached are letters from our Institutional Official regarding two separate incidents. Please let me know if any questions.

Best,
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