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June 26, 2020

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

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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: unapproved animal housing. The final report states that a total of 30 mice in nine cages were found in a lab area that had not been approved to house animals. The cages were in the room for at least one week, but no animal welfare concerns were discovered per the report. The animals were euthanized at the request of the principal investigator and the post-doctoral investigator was removed from the study. The IACUC reviewed the incident at the June 19, 2020 monthly meeting and determined the individual responsible would be prohibited from conducting animal work for two additional months.

It is noted that these animals were involved in research 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,

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Jacquelyn T. Tubbs, DVM
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RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3261-01, D16-00168

Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter reports an incident of a noncompliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. The incident involved mice being housed in an unapproved location.

Nine cages of mice with 30 mice were found in a lab area that had not been approved to house animals. It had been determined that the cages were in the room for at least one week. There were no animal welfare concerns. All animals involved in this incident have been euthanized at the request of the investigator. The Investigator immediately removed the post-doctoral investigator from the study. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) reviewed this issue at its monthly meeting on June 19, 2020 and determined that the individual would not be allowed to work with any animals for two more months. This work is funded by the National Institute Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease (R01AR061385).

The Ohio State University remains committed to ensuring the proper care and treatment of animals used in research and teaching at the institution. Please contact me at (b) (6) or weisenberger.21@osu.edu if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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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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