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May 26, 2020

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

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Dear Dr. Weisenberger,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your May 20, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that five cages of mice were observed by veterinary staff with large ulcerated lesions +/- tail loss. There was evidence at the cage level that the research team was checking the mice and applying topical ointment. However, no systemic pain management was being provided which is not consistent with what was approved in the IACUC protocol. This work was funded by the PHS.

Corrective actions included requiring additional cage-side training and a management plan from the investigator. It is also understood that all animals involved in this incident have been euthanized and no additional work is currently being conducted. It was stated that your institution has been in contact with the funding agency.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by The Ohio State University, which was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken regarding the PHS-funded activity. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

**Brent C. Morse -S**

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Brent C. Morse, DVM  
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact



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RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3261-01, D16-00168

Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter reports an incident of a serious and continuing 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 not being provided systemic pain management and not removing animals from the study when they met the approved early removal criteria, due to ulcerations. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) reviewed this issue at its monthly meetings on March 20, 2020 and April 17, 2020. A verbal report was provided to OLAW on May 20, 2020.

Five cages of mice were observed by veterinary staff with large ulcerated lesions +/- tail loss. There was evidence at the cage level that the research team was checking the mice and applying topical ointment. However, no systemic pain management was being provided which is not consistent with what was approved in the IACUC protocol. Lesions were due to treatment to develop an arthritic mouse model. The IACUC reviewed the information and the IACUC voted to require additional cage-side training and a management plan from this investigator. All animals involved in this incident have been euthanized and no additional work is currently being conducted. This work was funded by the National Institute Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease (R01AR059103). We have been in contact with the funding agency.

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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## Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

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**From:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: Non compliance Report from D16-00168

Thank you for this report, (b) (6) We will respond soon.

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

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>  
**Subject:** Non compliance Report from D16-00168

Attached is a letter from our Institutional Official regarding a noncompliance activity.  
Please let me know if any questions.

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