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November 22, 2019

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

Dr. Jan M. Weisenberger
Senior Associate Vice President
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Ohio State University-Columbus
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Columbus, OH 43210-1321

Dear Dr. Weisenberger,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your November 21, 2019 reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* involving research animals in transit to The Ohio State University (OSU). According to the information provided, OLAW understands that one rat out of 18 died of dehydration during transit from another institution. The other animals were thirsty but otherwise in good shape. Although hydrogel had been placed in the shipping container, it was inadequate for the number of animals.

The corrective actions consisted of OSU contacting the collaborating institution about the issue. That institution has agreed to include additional hydrogels in the rat shipping containers.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that although the noncompliance was not due to a failure on OSU's part, OSU took the appropriate corrective actions to ensure animal welfare. OLAW commends the actions taken by OSU to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director
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cc: IACUC Chair
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RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3261-01 (D16-0168)

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. We had received a shipment of 18 rats from another institution, and one rat was found dead. There was no source of water at time of receipt.

We have contacted the institution, and hydrogels had been placed in the shipping crate, although it appears that there was not enough for the number of rats in each crate. All other rats in the shipment appeared bright and alert, but very thirsty upon arrival. The other institution has indicated that they have changed their practice to include more hydrogels when shipping the rats.

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.21@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
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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: report of noncompliance

Thank you for submitting this report, (b) (6) regarding the incident we discussed. I will respond to the IO soon.

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

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 8:55 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: report of noncompliance

Please find attached a letter from our Institutional Official regarding an animal noncompliance concern. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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