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April 23, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
#A3437-01 (OLAW Case 1E)

Dr. David C. Lee  
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University of Georgia  
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Dear Dr. Lee,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 29, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Georgia. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that mice on a bacterial study were to be monitored at least once daily, but this was not conducted for one day and three of the nine mice were found dead the next day.

The immediate action taken upon discovery consisted of notifying the veterinarians and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The Principal Investigator and staff were counseled by the veterinarians and the IACUC sent the PI a letter of warning. The PI was directed to follow the approved monitoring schedule and humane endpoints.

Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate, correct, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. We appreciate having been informed about this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.  
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cc: IACUC Chair

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March 29, 2018

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RE: University of Georgia, PHS Assurance Number: D16-00276/A3437-01

Dear Dr. Morse,

I am writing to provide a final report of a serious deviation from the PHS Policy that was identified on February 22 and reported to the IACUC on March 21, 2019. The frequency of monitoring infected mice did not follow the description approved by the IACUC.

This work is covered by an IACUC approved protocol and funded by the NIH under grant number 1 R21 AI140399-01, "A Novel Polysaccharide Structure that Mediates Transmission"

Mice which had been infected with *Bordetella bronchiseptica* were to be monitored at least once a day, according to the IACUC approved protocol. The mice were being monitored, however, there was 1 day during which the mice were not checked. The day after the missed observation, 3 of the 9 infected mice were found dead. The incident was reported to the laboratory animal veterinarians and the Attending Veterinarian that day.

This incident was reported to the IACUC at the next scheduled meeting, March 21. At the time of the meeting, the laboratory animal veterinarians had been communicating with the PI and lab personnel about the incident. The IACUC voted to send a Letter of Warning to the PI emphasizing the importance of following the monitoring schedule and humane endpoints as reviewed and approved by the IACUC. The Letter will include a warning that future incidents could lead to suspension of the privilege to work with research animals. The IACUC determined that no additional remedial action was necessary.

The University of Georgia is committed to a high-quality animal care and use program and the welfare of animals used in instruction and research. We take very seriously our institutional responsibility for the evaluation, monitoring, reporting, and correction of our animal care and use program that is the foundation of the PHS Policy. Please contact me if further information or additional corrective actions are needed.

Sincerely,

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David Lee, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Research  
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**To:** Leanne Alworth; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: UGA report of recent deviation from PHS Policy

Thank you for providing this report. We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM  
Director  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
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Hello Dr. Morse

Attached is the Final Report for a recent deviation from the PHS Policy.  
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Leanne

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