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February 5, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3878-01 [OLAW Case D]

James Coleman, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
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University of Arkansas
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Fayetteville, AR 72701

Dear Dr. Coleman,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 30, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Arkansas. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee semiannual facility inspection was conducted at an interval between May/June 2018 and January 2019 which was not compliant with PHS Policy IV.B.2. This occurred due to IACUC member scheduling conflicts and a university winter shutdown break in December.

The corrective action consists of conducting the semiannual facility inspection at a different time to prevent overlap with the winter break.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the IACUC to comply with the PHS Policy. Please ensure that the time adjustment results in a shorter interval to start the new schedule (i.e. start the new schedule less than six months from the prior January date) so that the inspection occurs "at least once every six months." Thank you for informing OLAW about this matter.

Sincerely,

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Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Chair



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

January 30, 2019

Assurance Number A3878-01

Axel Wolff, D.V.M.
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Dear Dr. Wolff,

Pursuant to the requirements of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, this letter serves as a voluntary reporting of incidents of noncompliance. The letter contains a description of the activities prompting this letter and the actions taken at the University of Arkansas to address the issues.

The University of Arkansas conducted its semiannual facility inspections from January 4 through January 31, 2019. The semiannual inspections were completed more than seven months after the previous inspections, which took place from 5/29/2018 through 6/6/2018.

The delay in conducting the inspections arose due to scheduling conflicts for the IACUC members. Additionally, the university shuts down for over a week at the end of December. For these reasons, the inspections were not completed until the end of January.

In order to prevent a recurrence of a delay in conducting facility inspections, the schedule for semiannual inspections will be adjusted by several months so as not to coincide with the holiday break.

Should you have any additional questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at jscolema@uark.edu.

Regards,

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James Coleman, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Dear Dr. Wolff,

Please find attached notification letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

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