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March 18, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
A3269-01 [OLAW Case 2V]

Dr. Alison Lakin  
Associate Vice Chancellor  
for Regulatory Compliance  
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center  
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Denver, Colorado 80262

Dear Dr. Lakin,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 12, 2019 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* at the University of Colorado- Denver. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that two mice died due to lack of food. A research assistant failed to provide adequate food and the husbandry staff failed to notice the problem during the daily health checks.

The corrective actions consisted of counseling and retraining the research assistant and counseling and disciplining the animal caretakers.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

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

cc: IACUC Chair



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March 12, 2019

Animal Welfare Assurance # D16-00171

Brent Morse, DVM  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
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Dear Dr. Morse;

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus received reports of two separate animal welfare incidents involving the death of two mice due to no access to food.

Upon investigation by the Office of Laboratory Animal Resources it was determined that a member of the research staff did not provide adequate food. The research assistant was counselled and retrained by the Primary Investigator. Additionally, members of the animal care staff overlooked these during routine health checks and were counseled and disciplined according to OLAR policy.

At a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC, a majority of the quorum present determined that the research and care staff failed to monitor adequately animal health. The IACUC accepted the corrective actions described above. The Committee determined further that the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) be informed of this incident. (NIH Grant # DE024371)

Please let me know if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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Alison Lakin RN, LLB, LLM, PhD  
Associate Vice Chancellor for Regulatory Compliance  
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**Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]**

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**From:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:35 AM  
**To:** Douse, Mark; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: UC Denver (D16-00171)

Thank you for providing these reports Dr. Douse. We will send official responses soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM  
Director  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
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**Subject:** UC Denver (D16-00171)  
**Importance:** High

Animal Welfare Assurance D16-00171

Dear Dr. Morse;

Hope you are well.

Please find attached three animal reports for your review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Douse

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