



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

FOR US POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY:

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
6700B Rockledge Drive, Suite 2500, MSC 6910
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6910
Home Page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/olaw.htm>

FOR EXPRESS MAIL:

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
6700B Rockledge Drive, Suite 2500
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
Telephone: (301) 496-7163
Facsimile: (301) 402-7065

February 6, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3687-01 [OLAW Case K]

Dr. Zhanjiang Liu
Vice President for Research
Syracuse University
(b) (4) Lyman Hall
Syracuse, NY 13244

Dear Dr. Liu,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 31, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Syracuse University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that expired anesthetic was used on several animals. No adverse effects were reported with use of the expired drug.

The corrective actions consisted stopping use of the drug, obtaining in-date anesthetic, retraining the laboratory staff on monitoring drug expiration dates, and highlighting the expiration date in the drug log.

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 institution to comply with the PHS Policy. In future, please remember to indicate the species involved. Thank you for informing OLAW about this matter.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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

cc: IACUC Chair



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF RESEARCH

January 31, 2019

Axel V. Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
Rockledge 1, Suite 360, MSC 7982
6705 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892-7982

RE: PHS Assurance – A3687-01 – Protocol significant deficiency


Dear Dr. Wolff:


Syracuse University's IACUC conducted a semiannual program review and facilities inspection on 1/14/19. A significant deficiency was discovered and resolved. Please notify our program if there are any further actions required at this time.

A vial of ketamine that had expired several months previous had been used to anesthetize several animals. There were no adverse effects noted in any of these anesthetic events, but the investigators had not realized that the vial had expired. The attending veterinarian (AV) retrained the lab regarding the monitoring of drug expiration dates. The lab stopped the use of the expired drugs immediately, scheduled an expired drug pick up with the Environmental Health Office, and will not resume anesthesia until they have unexpired anesthetic agents. The lab has also taken the added step of highlighting the expiration date on each drug log page for a given vial.
Status: Immediately resolved

Please feel free to contact us if you require additional information pertaining to the management and resolution of this incident.

Sincerely,

 (b) (6)
Zhanjiang (John) Liu,
Vice President for Research

 (b) (6)
Melissa Pepling
Chair, IACUC

cc: AAALAC International

 (b) (6)

226 Lyman Hall/Syracuse, New York 13244/315-443-3013

Ward, Joan (NIH/OD) [E]

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:49 PM
To: Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of (NIH/OD)
Cc: (b) (6) Melissa Pepling; Zhanjiang Liu; accredit@aaalac.org
Subject: Syracuse University significant deficiency notification
Attachments: OLAW Protocol significant deficiency report_2519.pdf

Dear Dr. Wolff,

On behalf of the Syracuse University IACUC, I am submitting a protocol significant deficiency report. Please see the attachment and notify our program if there are any further actions required at this time.

Best regards,

(b) (6)