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February 5, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3158-01 [OLAW Case 1C]

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Dear Dr. Neubauer,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 23, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Rutgers University. Your letter supplements the information in the initial phone report on November 28, 2018. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a lab member weaned two cages of mice (six mice total) on August 13, 2018. On August 16, 2018, a Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) technician observed that one mouse was dead and that the cages did not have food. The lab member that was responsible for weaning the mice indicated that usually when they obtain cages from CMR the cages already have food in them, and the lab member did not realize that these two cages did not have food. The lab member might have taken the wrong cages. It was noted that this study was not supported by NIH funds.

Corrective and preventive actions included monitoring the five remaining mice and giving them Nutrigel. The PI was instructed to submit a plan to the IACUC Chair that would include avoiding recurrence and improving communication with CMR and retraining of all personnel involved. CMR technicians were reminded to check cages for food. The lab member was retrained by CMR staff on ordering cages in advance and ensuring that the cages provided are the correct cages.

The prompt consideration of this matter by Rutgers University was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, the actions taken to resolve the issues were appropriate. Although this activity was not PHS funded, the application of the standards of the PHS Policy across the animal care and use program reduces any potential appearance of a double standard. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: IACUC Chair
Laszlo M. Szabo, Esq., Dir. Office of Regulatory Affairs

January 23, 2019

Brent Morse, DVM
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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance Number D16-00098 (A3158-01)

Dear Dr. Morse,

Rutgers University wishes to make a final report in which two cages of recently weaned mice were found to be without food. The IACUC Manager first reported the incident via telephone call on November 28, 2018.

A lab member weaned two cages of mice (six mice total) on August 13, 2018. On August 16, 2018, a Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) technician observed that one mouse was dead and that the cages did not have food. The lab member that was responsible for weaning the mice indicated that usually when they obtain cages from CMR the cages already have food in them, and the lab member did not realize that these two cages did not have food. It appears that the lab member might have taken the wrong cages.

The following actions were taken in response to this incident:

- The five remaining mice were given Nutrigel and monitored and they all survived.
- The PI was instructed to submit a plan to the IACUC Chair that would include avoiding recurrence and improving communication with CMR and retraining of all personnel involved.
- CMR technicians were reminded to check cages for food.
- The lab member was retrained by CMR staff on ordering cages in advance and to ensure that the cages provided are the correct cages.
- At its regular meeting on October 9, 2018, the IACUC reviewed and discussed this incident and unanimously voted to report this matter to OLAW. The IACUC also voted to accept the above noted corrective actions.

Please note that this study was not supported by NIH funds.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Judith Neubauer, Ph.D.
Institutional Official
Associate Vice President for Research Regulatory Affairs

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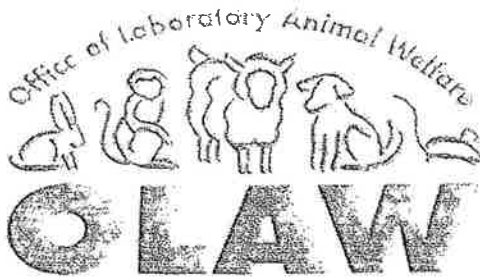
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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: BMDate: 11/28/18Time: 3:00

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Name of Person reporting: (b) (6)Telephone #: (b) (6)Fax #: (b) (6)Email: (b) (6)Name of Institution: Rutgers U. - NewarkAssurance number: A3158Did incident involve PHS funded activity? No

Funding component: _____

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened?

2 cages of mice weaned on 8/13 found w/o food on 8/16. One mouse dead.Species involved: Mouse

Personnel involved: _____

Dates and times: 8/13/18

Animal deaths: _____

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known): _____

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official: _____

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