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September 10, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3094-01 [OLAW Case H]

Joseph M. Moerschbaeche, III, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
433 Bolivar Street
New Orleans, LA 70112-2223

Dear Dr. Moerschbaeche,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your September 3, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the Louisiana State University HSC – New Orleans. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on August 22, 2019 several mouse cages were found without food and water and appeared to not have been changed for more than two weeks. All three mice were dead in the cage that lacked water. It was not stated if the involved animals were supported by PHS funding.

Corrective actions included ensuring that rounds and a checklist are completed for each room. New personnel are being recruited and extra temporary employees will be utilized when there is a permanent employee shortage. The IACUC will also perform unannounced inspections on a more frequent basis and the IACUC will require the PIs to check their animals on experiments once or twice a week.

The prompt consideration of this matter by the Louisiana State University HSC – New Orleans was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, the actions taken to resolve the issue and prevent recurrence were appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this

Sincerely,

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

cc: IACUC contact

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September 3rd, 2019

Brent Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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RE: Adverse Event
Assurance number: #D16-00058

Dear Dr. Morse,

On August 22nd, 2019 several mouse cages were found that lacked food and water and appeared to have not been changed for more than two weeks. In the cage that had no water, all three mice were dead. Animal Care has several oversight mechanisms to prevent issues such as this from happening. Some of these mechanisms include, providing enough food and water to last for at least two weeks and checking the cages daily by both technicians and supervisors. In this case, a technician did not change and check the cages as per the SOP. A second technician and the supervisor also failed to check the cages.

The corrective action plan includes ensuring that rounds and a checklist are completed for each room. New personnel are in the process of being recruited, and interviews were conducted on August 26th. Extra temporary employees will be employed to fill in when there is a permanent employee shortage. The IACUC will also perform unannounced inspections on a more frequent basis. Additionally, the IACUC will require the PI's to check their animals on experiments at least once or twice a week.

Thank you for your consideration and input on this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 1:42 PM
To: IACUC Office; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: LSUHSC Adverse Event

Thank you Dr. Pepping. We will send an official response soon.

Best regards,

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Dr. Morse,

Sorry about that, please see attached report signed by the IO.

Thank you,
Jennifer

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EXTERNAL EMAIL: EVALUATE

Thank you Dr. Pepping. We appreciate you contacting OLAW. The PHS Policy requires that reports to OLAW come from the IACUC through the Institutional Official. This is to assure that the IO is informed of the issue and the corrective measures. Please have the IO sign the report and resend to OLAW. Thank you again.

Best regards, Brent Morse

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