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January 16, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3021-01 (OLAW Case 3S)

Ms. Jennifer Lassner
Senior Assistant Vice President for Research
The University of Iowa
Office for the Vice President for Research
2660 University Capitol Centre
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Dear Ms. Lassner,


The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 3, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The University of Iowa.

According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on November 18, 2019, an animal care technician flagged a cage of mice for follow-up with a veterinary technician, where upon it was discovered that mice had fight wounds. A laboratory member had combined cages of adult male mice which was not in accordance with IACUC Policy on Social Housing and subsequently, four mice were euthanized. The IACUC office and the PI were contacted promptly. The study was PHS supported.

As a corrective measure, the IACUC Training and Compliance Manager (ITCM) met with the lab member to provide retraining.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by The University of Iowa which is consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate steps have been taken to investigate this incident and to attempt to prevent recurrence. We appreciate being informed of this matter and please contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Nicole Lukovsky-Akhsanov, DVM, MPH, DACLAM
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact



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January 3, 2020

Axel V. Wolff, MS, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
National Institutes of Health
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Dear Dr. Wolff:

This letter is to report an incident involving mice. The University of Iowa PHS Assurance Number is D16-00009 (A3021-01). The grant number affected is AI127481.

November 19, 2019: An animal care technician flagged a cage of mice for veterinary follow up. Upon observation by a veterinary technician, it was found that mice had fight wounds. A lab member had combined cages of adult male mice which was not in accordance with IACUC Policy on Social Housing. Four mice were subsequently euthanized.

The IACUC Office was promptly notified of the incident and the PI contacted.

November 21, 2019: The IACUC Training and Compliance Manager met with the lab member to provide retraining.

December 11, 2019: The IACUC members discussed the incident at a convened meeting and voted to report to the appropriate agencies.

I have reviewed the events and believe they were appropriately managed and fully addressed. If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Lassner
Institutional Official
Senior Assistant Vice President for Research

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 7:32 AM
To: IACUC; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Report of non-compliance incident

Thank you for this report (b) (6) We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

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Subject: Report of non-compliance incident

Please see attached a report of non-compliance at the University of Iowa.

Thank you,

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