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January 24, 2017

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3955-01 [OLAW Case R]

Dr. Stephen C. H. Hsu
Vice President for Research
and Graduate Studies
Michigan State University
426 Auditorium Rd., Room 249
East Lansing, MI 48824

Dear Dr. Hsu,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 12, 2017 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Michigan State University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that rats had their water withheld and were given treated water although neither activity was described in the approved protocol.

The corrective actions consisted of counseling the Principal Investigator (PI) who agreed to have Campus Animal Resources provide the rats with water and perform husbandry. The protocol was amended and the PI undertook retraining.

Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate, correct, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. Please remember to include the grant number of any PHS-supported activities described in the noncompliance report. We appreciate having been informed about this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight

cc: IACUC Chair
[redacted] IACUC Administrator

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Dear Dr. Wolff,

Michigan State University, in accordance with Assurance A3955-01 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of noncompliance of an animal-related incident in connection with a NIH funded and an IACUC-approved protocol.

The animal care staff discovered rats that were under PI care in their cage without water. Upon investigation it was discovered that the PI was withholding water and giving treated water, activities that were not approved in the protocol.



The IACUC Chair, Administrator, AV, and PAM met with the PI on 1/4/17 to discuss the incident. It was determined that withholding of water was not a requirement of the planned experiments and therefore Campus Animal Resources will provide the water, along with the daily husbandry of the animals. Additionally, the PI is required to review and revise the protocol as necessary with the veterinary staff and take the newly revised species specific training for rodents.

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Please contact my office, or Secondary Individual the IACUC Administrator, Phone Number [redacted]@msu.edu, for further information or clarification of this incident.

Michigan State University strives to have a high quality program and is committed to continuous improvement.

Stephen Hsu
Vice President

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Hsu".

Stephen Hsu, Ph.D.
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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:24 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Noncompliance report from MSU

Thank you for this report, [REDACTED]. We will respond soon.
Axel Wolff

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@ora.msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 4:24 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: 'Sue Barman' <barman@msu.edu>; 'Claire Hankenson' <fclaire@msu.edu>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@ora.msu.edu>; 'hsu@msu.edu' <hsu@msu.edu>
Subject: Noncompliance report from MSU

Dear Dr. Wolff,

Please find attached a report of noncompliance from Michigan State University, Assurance # 3955-01.

Sincerely,

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