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December 9, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3187-01 [OLAW Case 8R]

Mr. George A. Huber
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Dear Dr. Huber,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your November 27, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Pittsburgh. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that nine mouse pups were subjected to an unsuccessful euthanasia procedure and discarded.

The immediate action taken upon discovery consisted of appropriately euthanizing the pups. The corrective actions consisted of the investigator agreeing to always use a secondary physical method of euthanasia to ensure death. A letter of reprimand was issued to the investigator and supervisor.

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.

Sincerely,

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cc: IACUC Chair



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November 27, 2019

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Dear Dr. Morse:

As the Institutional Official responsible for the University of Pittsburgh's Animal Care and Use Program (IACUC) (Assurance number D16-00118), I am writing to report an incident discovered on September 17, 2019 wherein nine mouse pups covered under the investigator's IACUC protocol were not appropriately discarded and euthanased as required by the protocol. Upon being informed of the incident, the mice were humanely euthanized by the investigator's laboratory staff.

The University of Pittsburgh IACUC reviewed and accepted the investigator's corrective action plan (CAP), which included of the following:

1. The investigator will always employ the secondary method of euthanasia described in the protocol.

The investigator's research is supported by the following NIH grant:

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CONTROL OF METABOLISM AND ENERGY-
SENSING PATHWAYS BY C-MYC

The IACUC has levied the following sanctions:

1. A letter of reprimand was sent to the Principal Investigator and his supervisor regarding this violation. The letter has been placed in our files as evidence of a violation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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George A. Huber

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 1:25 PM
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Thank you for providing these reports (b) (6) We will send official responses soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Please review the attached correspondence forwarded on behalf of George A. Huber, Vice Chancellor for Research Protections. Thank you.

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