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September 3, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3294-01 (OLAW Case 2J)

Dr. Jennifer Larsen
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Louise and Morton Degen Professor
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Dear Dr. Larsen,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your August 29, 2019 letter reporting the suspension of an animal activity at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) took this action after the investigator initiated unclear amendments to the protocol and failed to provide adequate information to the IACUC. There were no noncompliance or animal welfare concerns and the protocol will be reinstated once the requested information is received.

OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the IACUC to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Please also inform the NIH funding component about the suspension and ensure that the grant is not charged for animal activities during this period. Unless informed to the contrary, OLAW assumes that the investigator will provide the requested information and have the protocol reinstated. Thank you for informing OLAW about this matter.

Sincerely,

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Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director
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cc: IACUC Chair
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August 29, 2019

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Dear Dr Wolf,

This letter is to inform you that the Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha Nebraska, recently suspended an animal use protocol. The protocol was funded as a subcontract to grant number 5R44CA180745-03. There were no concerns related to non-compliance, animal use, or animal welfare. The protocol was suspended only because the investigator initiated several amendments to the protocol which were unclear to the IACUC. After several cycles of review by the IACUC, the investigator did not provide sufficient information. The protocol was suspended until the IACUC receives the requested information.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6:17 AM
To: Bradfield, John F
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: UNMC IACUC action

Thanks John. It worked this time. We'll send a response soon.
Axel

From: Bradfield, John F <john.bradfield@unmc.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 12:37 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: UNMC IACUC action

Here you go Axel – thanks again!

John

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