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February 2, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3414-01 [OLAW Case O]

Dr. Frank Calzonetti
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Vice President for Research
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Dear Dr. Calzonetti,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 23, 2018 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The University of Toledo. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that one daily health and welfare check was not performed on animals that were assigned to a Department of Laboratory Research (DLAR) employee who failed to report to work on December 31, 2017. There were no animal welfare concerns to report as a result of the noncompliance.

The corrective actions consisted of disciplining and retraining the responsible DLAR employee, establishing an electronic calendar reminder system for all personnel scheduled to work on holidays and weekends and implementing a notification system which alerts management when staff report for work on weekend and holidays.

The establishment and application of policies and practices that are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The University of Toledo are commendable and avoid the perception of a double standard. We appreciate having been informed about this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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January 23, 2018

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

The University of Toledo, in accordance with Assurance A3414-01 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of noncompliance regarding an incident of animals not receiving daily health and welfare checks, reported to the IACUC on January 10, 2018.

On December 31, 2017, a Department of Laboratory Research (DLAR) employee failed to report to work resulting in animals not receiving daily health and welfare checks. The following day, that same employee reported for work and immediately phoned the Associate Director of DLAR to report his mistake. All animals still had food and water and no animal losses or animal welfare issues were reported. The employee has been disciplined and retrained.

To further address the situation, the Associate Director of DLAR has instituted an electronic calendar reminder system for all employees scheduled to work on holidays and weekends. A notification system will be implemented whereby management is notified when staff report for work on weekends and holidays.

At their meeting on January 10, 2018, the IACUC also reviewed and accepted the corrective action plan as submitted by DLAR.

The University of Toledo is committed to protecting the welfare of animals used in research. Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Nikolai Modyanov, PhD, IACUC Chair (IACUCchair@utoledo.edu).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Frank Calzonetti PhD
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Thank you for these reports. We will send official responses soon.

Regards, Brent Morse

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Acting Director
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Dear Dr. Wolff:

Please see the attached report of noncompliance in accordance with Assurance A3414-01 and PHS IV.F.3.

If you have any questions regarding the attached reports, please contact Nikolai Modyanov, PhD, IACUC Chair at IACUCchair@utoledo.edu

Sincerely,

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