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February 2, 2018

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

Dr. Frank Calzonetti  
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Vice President for Research  
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Toledo, OH 43614

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 food was not provided to two cages of recently weaned mouse pups, resulting in the demise of one pup and provision of veterinary care to the remaining animals. Apparently laboratory personnel failed to provide food to the animals upon weaning and the Department of Laboratory Research (DLAR) staff did not notice the missing feed while performing daily health checks.

The corrective actions consisted of reprimanding and retraining both laboratory and DLAR personnel.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that The University of Toledo implemented measures to correct and prevent recurrence of this problem. Your prompt and thorough resolution of this matter is commendable and consistent with the PHS Policy philosophy of monitored self-regulation. We appreciate having been informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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January 23, 2018

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Director, Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
National Institutes of Health  
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Bethesda, MD 20892

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 being found without food, reported to the IACUC on January 10, 2018.

On January 8, 2018, two cages of newly weaned mouse pups were found without food; one pup was dead and the remaining required veterinary care. It was discovered that the laboratory weaned the animals on January 5, 2018, with only Hydrogel® and automatic watering in the cage (no food) for the weekend. The DLAR staff that performed health checks over the weekend did not notice that the cage did not have food. Both the laboratory staff and DLAR staff have been reprimanded and undergone retraining.

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  
Vice President for Research  
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Thank you for these reports. We will send official responses soon.

Regards, Brent Morse

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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](mailto:IACUCchair@utoledo.edu)

Sincerely,

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