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Dear Dr. Muto,

Attached please find Dr. Morse's final response to OLAW Case A3431-8Z.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or by e-mail.

Best Regards,  
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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
A3431-01 [OLAW Case 8Z]

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Dear Dr. Muto

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your May 4, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Harvard Medical School. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on March 3, 2020 your institution discovered that ketamine that had been used to anesthetize two NHPs in February 2020 had expired in January 2020. There was no apparent harm to the animals. It was not stated whether or not this animal activity was funded by the PHS.

Corrective and preventive actions included the Harvard Center for Comparative Medicine (HCCM) staff labeling the ketamine as expired at the time of inspection. The ketamine will be disposed of at the next controlled substances destruction event. HCCM staff have set up monthly calendar reminders to check the controlled drug safe and logbook for expired items. The expiration date of drugs will be checked before they are drawn up by HCCM staff going forward. These measures are in addition to the color coding system to track drug/supply expiration dates that had been used previously.

OLAW appreciates the consideration of this matter by Harvard Medical School, which was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate the incident and to prevent recurrence. In future reports, please be sure to identify if the animal activity was funded by the PHS, NSF, HHS or NASA. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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