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Dear Dr. Muto,

Attached please find Dr. Petervary's interim response to OLAW Case A3431-8W.

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 8W]

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Dear Dr. Muto,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges your letter dated February 18, 2020, that provides additional information regarding corrective measures in response to the incident described in your institution's September 25, 2019 self-report. This incident resulted in the unexpected death of a juvenile macaque due to interaction with an enrichment device.

Based on your letter, our Office understands that cloth and fabric enrichment devices are being used for nursery reared juvenile macaques in some contexts. Your letter describes their use in incubator settings to enhance feeding. However, they may not be hung, and appear to be used on a case by case basis for macaques over twelve months of age. In addition, other enrichment devices such as forage balls, puzzle feeders, forage tubes, finger boards, Primate Busy Boxes, Crumble Disk Feeders, Bingo Balls, chew toys, grooming boards, radio and video are available for use.

We appreciate your efforts to find alternate enrichment for these animals, which may have special needs relative to animals raised with their parents. We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many institutional operations, as well as inspections of your institution by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Therefore, this case will remain open until the next USDA visit that includes these animals. Once this visit has occurred, please provide a brief summary of any USDA findings and any recommendations from that Agency, if applicable, by emailing [olawdco@mail.nih.gov](mailto:olawdco@mail.nih.gov) and sending a copy to [nicolette.petervary@nih.gov](mailto:nicolette.petervary@nih.gov). We appreciate being informed of these matters and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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