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Dear Dr. Muto,

Attached please find Dr. Tubbs' final response to OLAW Case A3431-9B.

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

Best Regards,
Keri

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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3431-01 [OLAW Case 9B]

Dr. Lisa Muto
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Dear Dr. Muto

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 17, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Harvard Medical School. This letter had not been preceded by a preliminary report to OLAW.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the Harvard Medical School Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to: a principal investigator (PI) not wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while conducting animal work. The final report states that on April 24, 2020 a veterinarian observed a PI not wearing PPE while working with a chaired nonhuman primate. It is stated the IACUC sent a letter to the PI detailing the importance of following programmatic standard operating procedures (SOPs). In response, the PI assured that appropriate PPE will be worn when working with NHPs in the future. The report states the committee was satisfied with the corrective action plan.

It is noted that the final report did not include the funding source involving the incident. In the future, please include the source of funding and provide grant numbers for all PHS, NSF or NASA supported work. Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that Harvard Medical School has implemented appropriate measures to correct and prevent recurrences of these problems and is now compliant with provisions of the PHS Policy. We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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