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Dear Ms. Deuser,

Attached please find Dr. Wolff's final response to OLAW Case A3217-1E.

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
A3217-01 [OLAW Case 1E]

Ms. Tamara Deuser
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Dear Ms. Deuser,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 4, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Arizona State University, following up on an initial report on March 19, 2020. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that marmosets were not being weighed at the interval described in the approved protocol. Specifically, the animals were to be weighed monthly to track baseline weights, however for some months this did not occur. The Principal Investigator stated that the animals had not been trained by positive reinforcement to be weighed and if not willing to come out of the cage on their own, they were not weighed. This study is supported by National Science Foundation grant # (FAIN)1539376.

The corrective actions consisted of amending the protocol to provide more flexibility in the weighing schedule. Laboratory and animal care staff will continue to check the animals frequently to assess well-being.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy. We recommend that a veterinarian or institutional behaviorist (if present) work with the laboratory staff to train the marmosets to enter the transfer box to prevent stress on the animals and to allow the laboratory to continue with regular weight measurements. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

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