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Dear Dr. Dahl,

Attached please find Dr. Wolff's final response to OLAW Case A3011-1Q.

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  
A3011-01 [OLAW Case 1Q]

Dr. Rebecca Dahl  
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Dear Dr. Dahl,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 16, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Stony Brook University, following up on an initial telephone report on April 27, 2020. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that two pigs were used for a training exercise although the activity had not been approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The activity was performed to test the efficacy and capacity of a new ventilator and is part of a training procedure for US Air Force pilots. The protocol consisted of anesthetizing the pigs, placing an arterial line, and placing the animals on the ventilator. Two pigs were used, vital signs were tracked, veterinary staff monitored the animals throughout the procedure, and the animals were adopted out at the end of the exercise (although under the Details section, it states that "the end point of the procedures in the protocol is euthanasia of the animal").

The corrective actions consisted of the IACUC extensively discussing the matter and approving an amended protocol which includes non-terminal testing of experimental ventilators.

Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate, correct and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. We appreciate having been informed about this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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