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February 13, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3646-01 [OLAW Case 1C]

Dr. Terri Fiez
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Dear Dr. Fiez,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your February 4, 2019 letter reporting a noncompliance with the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Colorado - Boulder. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on January 29, 2019 one vole was found dead with its front right leg trapped between a solid metal piece of the wirebar grid. The grid had a broken weld and was immediately discarded. All other wirebars were found to be in excellent condition. Office of Animal Resources technicians were retrained in the monitoring of caging equipment. It was noted that the associated animal research activity was not PHS or NSF funded.

OLAW believes that the corrective and preventive measures by the University of Colorado - Boulder are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals for institutional self-monitoring and self-reporting. Although this activity was not PHS funded, the application of the standards of the PHS Policy across the animal care and use program reduces any potential appearance of a double standard. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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Brent C. Morse, DVM
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cc: IACUC Contact



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February 4, 2019

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Dr. Wolff,

The University of Colorado Boulder, Assurance No. D16-00388, provides this report of adverse events for your review. Upon investigation the results are provided below and will be brought before the IACUC for discussion at the February 19th convened meeting. Due to the meeting not being scheduled until later in the month we wanted to notify you immediately.

Protocol 2435:

Species: Voles

Funds: Departmental Funds

On January 29, 2019 routine health checks were performed by the Office of Animal Resources (OAR) husbandry staff. During the process one vole was found dead with its front right arm trapped between a solid metal piece of the wirebar grid. The technician noted a weld spot on one wire was defective and immediately removed the grid from the cage and discarded it. All other grids on the wire bars were found to be in excellent condition. OAR technicians were retrained in the monitoring of caging equipment to ensure performance standards are being met. All other wire bars were found to be in excellent condition.

CU Boulder maintains its commitment to the health and welfare of animals used in research. Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Christopher Lowry, PhD, IACUC Chair at chris.lowry@colorado.edu or Althea R. Lantron, IACUC Director, althea.lantron@colorado.edu.

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Thank you for providing this report. We will send an official response soon

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Please see attached.

Respectfully yours,
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