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July 22, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3290-01 (OLAW Case 1V)

Todd R. Evans, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Evans,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 15, 2019 letter reporting two non-compliances with the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Weill Cornell Medicine. According to the information provided it is understood that:

For incident #1, a cage of mice was found to be bleeding following toe-clipping. The procedure was not performed in accordance with institutional policy. The animals were approximately two-months old and toe-clipping is approved on the protocol for mice up to 17 days-of-age. The PI was counseled to instruct his lab members of the importance of adhering to the protocol and performing only procedures as described. The related activity is PHS-funded.

For incident #2, a single, gasketed, sealed ventilated cage was not fully engaged when returned to the rack such that there was insufficient air provided to the cage resulting in the loss of mice housed within. The involved staff member was retrained and received discipline. It was not stated if the related activity was PHS-funded.

OLAW believes that the corrective measures put in place by Weill Cornell Medicine are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. We appreciate being informed of these matters 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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July 15, 2019

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Re: Assurance # D16-00186

Dear Dr. Morse:

We are writing to report two incidents of non-compliance that occurred within the animal care and use program at Weill Cornell Medicine. The incidents were presented to and discussed by the IACUC during the month of July. The incidents and resolution are as follows:

Mice in a single cage were observed by the animal care staff to be bleeding following toe clipping. Toe clipping is approved on the protocol on mice up to 17 days of age. These mice were approximately 2 months old. The procedure was not performed in accordance with institutional policy. The PI was contacted by the IACUC and instructed to inform his lab members of the importance of adhering to the protocol and performing only approved procedures as described. (National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases 1 R03 DK111852-01A1 & 1 R01 DK114252-01A1)

A specialized, gasketed, sealed ventilated cage used to house gnotobiotic mice had been removed from its rack for observation. The cage was not fully engaged when it was returned to the rack such that there was insufficient air provided to the cage resulting in the loss of the mice housed within. The staff member involved had been trained on the procedures for handling this type of cage including how to visually verify that a cage is fully engaged. The employee received disciplinary action and retraining.

We believe that these issues have been adequately addressed and that the procedures implemented should prevent recurrence. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (b) (6) or the IACUC Chairman, Dr. Andrew Nicholson, at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

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Todd R. Evans, Ph.D.
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To: (b) (6) OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Cc: Andrew C. Nicholson; Todd R. Evans
Subject: RE: WCM IACUC Incident Report (#D16-00186)

Thank you for this report (b) (6) We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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Subject: WCM IACUC Incident Report (#D16-00186)
Importance: High

Dear OLAW:

Please find a WCM IACUC incident report attached and let me know if any further clarifications are required.

Best regards,

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 Weill Cornell Medicine