



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

FOR US POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY:

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
6700B Rockledge Drive, Suite 2500, MSC 6910
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6910
Home Page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/olaw.htm>

FOR EXPRESS MAIL:

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
6700B Rockledge Drive, Suite 2500
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
Telephone: (301) 496-7163
Facsimile: (301) 402-7065

January 6, 2020

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

Todd R. Evans, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Research, WCM
Weill Medical College of Cornell University
1300 York Avenue, LC-708
New York, NY 10065

Dear Dr. Evans,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your December 20, 2019 letter reporting a non-compliance 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 during a semi-annual inspection a rat was observed that appeared to be moving during a non-survival surgery. The procedure was immediately stopped, the animal given additional anesthetic and the procedure continued once it was confirmed that the rat was completely anesthetized. The related activity is not PHS-funded.

Corrective and preventive actions included a proposal by the PI that all fellows in the program must complete rodent surgery training (which includes anesthesia training) prior to performing any procedures. In addition, all future surgical training procedures would be supervised by the PI of the surgical training program.

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. Although this activity was not PHS funded, the application of the expectations of the PHS Policy across the animal care and use program reduces any potential appearance of a double standard. We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Brent C. Morse, DVM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact

A3290-17
No problem.



Weill Cornell Medicine

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
1300 York Avenue, Box 5
New York, NY 10065

Telephone: 646-962-2981/2
Email: iacucadmin@med.cornell.edu

445 East 69th Street, Olin Hall Rm-423
New York, NY 10065

December 20, 2019

Brent Morse, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
Rockledge 1, Suite 360, MSC 7982
6705 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892-7982

Re: Assurance # D16-00186

Dear Dr. Morse:

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

During a semi-annual inspection, the inspectors noticed a rat that appeared to be moving during a non-survival surgery (vasectomy) performed as part of a surgical training protocol. The procedure was immediately stopped by the inspectors, the animal was given additional ketamine/xylazine and the procedure continued once it was confirmed that the rat was completely anesthetized.

The IACUC sent correspondence to the PI stating that a plan must be put in place to ensure all animals are given appropriate anesthesia during surgical procedures and that no surgical procedures were to take place until that plan was approved by the IACUC. The PI proposed that all fellows in the program (M.D. Surgical Fellows) must complete rodent surgery training (which includes anesthesia training) prior to performing any procedures. In addition, all future surgical training procedures would be supervised by the PI of the surgical training program. (No PHS grants associated with this protocol.)

We believe that this issue has 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,

(b) (6)

Todd R. Evans, Ph.D.
Institutional Official
Associate Dean for Research
Weill Cornell Medicine

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 9:08 AM
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 providing this final report (b) (6) We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

Please note that this message and any of its attachments are intended for the named recipient(s) only and may contain confidential, protected or privileged information that should not be distributed to unauthorized individuals. If you have received this message in error, please contact the sender.

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 1:59 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: Andrew C. Nicholson <nicholso@med.cornell.edu>; Todd R. Evans <tre2003@med.cornell.edu>
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,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

