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Dear Dr. Polonsky,

Attached please find Dr. Axel Wolff's final response to OLAW Case A3523-2I.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or by e-mail.

Regards,
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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3523-01 [OLAW Case 2I]

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Dear Dr. Polonsky

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your May 8, 2019 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (*Guide*) at the University of Chicago, following up on an initial telephone report on April 29, 2019. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system failed which caused animal room temperatures to either drop or rise to levels outside of the *Guide* parameters. Impacted species included nonhuman primates, pigs, rabbits, and rodents. The failure occurred during the winter when external temperatures were extremely low.

The immediate action taken consisted of having animal care staff staying around the clock to provide monitoring, providing heat with space heaters, performing health checks, providing nesting material for the rodents, and moving rabbit cages to a room that maintained appropriate temperature. No deaths occurred and none of the animals showed signs of clinical illness. Maintenance staff repaired the HVAC system and will work with the animal care staff to identify the parts of the system supporting the animal areas to improve the emergency response.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and reduce the likelihood of a recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and commends your dedicated staff whose actions appear to have averted a more serious outcome. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

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