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Dear Dr. Polik,

Attached please find Dr. Axel Wolff's final response to OLAW Case AA3971-C.

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
#A3971-01 (OLAW Case C)

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Dear Dr. Polik,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your April 5, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Hope College, following up on an initial telephone report on February 22, 2019. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that Nile Grass Rats on a breeding protocol were being housed after the protocol had expired.

The corrective actions consisted of revising the Daily Animal Care Inventory Sheet to include a space for the project approval number. This sheet will be submitted to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) monthly and the approval number will be checked to ensure that the protocol is active. There are no other animals being housed under an expired protocol.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the IACUC to comply with the PHS Policy and assumes that the Committee reviewed and approved the breeding protocol. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

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