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June 21, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3442-01 [OLAW Case 3B]
Revision (prior listed as 2Y)

Dr. Bryan Wolf
Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
3615 Civic Center Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear Dr. Wolf,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 15, 2017 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that four weanling mice were found dead and an additional four moribund mice were euthanized as a result of food deprivation. The associated animal activity in question was PHS funded.

The corrective actions consisted of retraining vendor husbandry staff on appropriate animal husbandry procedures and daily room inspections, as well as the responsible research associate on proper husbandry procedures and identification of weaned mouse cages.

Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate, correct and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. Your prompt and thorough resolution of this matter is commendable and consistent with the PHS Policy philosophy of monitored self-regulation. We appreciate having been informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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cc: IACUC Chair

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June 15, 2017

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Dear Dr. Wolff:

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), in accordance with Assurance D16-00280 (A3442-01) and PHS Policy IV.F.3., submits this report of noncompliance regarding the following incident:

> On 6/5/17 a cage of 8 mouse weanlings assigned to protocol IAC 16-000925 ("Mitochondrial Inborn Errors of Metabolism: Analysis of MtDNA Mutant Mice", supported by NIH R01NS021328 and DOD W81XWH-16-1-0401) was found without food. Four mice were dead and the other four were moribund requiring euthanasia. The research staff had weaned the cage on 5/30/17 and added some food to the cage. Vendor husbandry staff were retrained on proper animal husbandry procedures and daily room inspections. The research staff member will also be retrained on proper husbandry procedures as well as proper labeling of mouse weaning cages during the next scheduled routine post-approval monitoring (PAM) review.

This incident was discussed at our regularly scheduled monthly IACUC meeting on 6/12/17. The IACUC voted to report this incident to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), with a copy to AAALAC International.

CHOP is committed to quality animal care. We believe that these steps are appropriate to address the noncompliance issue that was identified. However, if you would like us to take any additional measures or desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, the Attending Veterinarian (Laike Stewart, DVM, DACLAM), or our IACUC Chair (Laurence Eisenlohr, VMD, PhD).

Sincerely,

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Bryan A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D.
Institutional Official
Executive Vice President & Chief Scientific Officer

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:48 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Assurance D16-00280 (A3442-01) - Report of Noncompliance

Thank you. We'll respond soon.
Axel Wolff

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Subject: Assurance D16-00280 (A3442-01) - Report of Noncompliance

Dear OLAW,

Attached to this email please find a report of noncompliance with the PHS Policy. We look forward to your review of this matter.

Thank you,
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