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Dear Dr. Wolff:

In accordance with Assurance A3414-01 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., The University of Toledo (UToledo) provides this report of continuing noncompliance, reported to the IACUC on July 15, 2020.

On June 18 2020, it was discovered that nine mice died of post-operative infections over a two-month period. It was subsequently discovered these deaths were lined the use of contaminated, diluted Meloxicam that had been stored by the laboratory at room temperature for an extended period of time.

This same laboratory failed to monitor mice post-operatively on three separate occasions in June and falsified post-operative records. The student involved is working with the Office of Research Integrity on this incident.


Due to the history of non-compliance in the protocol, the IACUC has voted to suspend the protocol effective immediately. The investigator must submit a formal management plan to the IACUC for the protocol and the laboratory. This management must include at least a part-time FTE Lab Manager to manage the laboratory and protocol. I have contacted the College Dean, who has promised to take action. Until this is accomplished, the protocol remains suspended.

NIH funds were used on this project.

UToledo is committed to protecting the welfare of animals used in research. Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Kathryn Eisenmann, Ph.D., IACUC Chair (Kathryn.Eisenmann@utoledo.edu).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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