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July 29, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3368-01 [OLAW Case 11H]

Dr. Nadine Connor
Associate Vice Chancellor
for Research Policy and Compliance
University of Wisconsin-Madison
(b) (4) Bascom Hall – 500 Lincoln Drive
Madison, WI 53706

Dear Dr. Connor,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 15, 2021 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Your letter supplemented the information in the telephone report on July 6, 2021. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on April 29, 2021, a research veterinarian mistakenly used a modified-live herpesvirus vaccine rather than a killed vaccine to vaccinate five cats from a research colony. The principal investigator was notified of the error and determined that the animals were no longer appropriate for the colony due to the potential for shedding of feline herpesvirus. Instead, these animals provided tissue samples critical for another scientific aim of the research project. The animals were associated with a PHS-supported activity.

Corrective and preventive measures included retraining of the veterinarian and veterinary technician involved by the Chief Campus veterinarian and veterinary technician supervisor and the clinical guidelines for vaccination were updated.

The consideration of this matter by the University of Wisconsin - Madison was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, the actions taken to address the issue and prevent recurrence were appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S

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Date: 2021.07.29 09:17:46 -04'00'

Brent C. Morse, DVM

Director

Division of Compliance Oversight

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact

Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, USDA, APHIS, AC



**Office of the Vice Chancellor for
Research and Graduate Education**
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

July 15, 2021

Dr. Brent C. Morse, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
RKL, Suite 360
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Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Dr. Morse,

The University of Wisconsin-Madison, in accordance with Assurance A3368-01 and PHS Policy IV.F.3, provides this report of an incident first reported to you via telephone call from Janet Welter, DVM, Chief Campus Veterinarian on July 8, 2021.

On April 29, 2021, a research veterinarian was performing routine, colony-management vaccinations of 8-week-old cats from a colony used for glaucoma research. A modified-live herpesvirus vaccine rather than a killed vaccine was administered to five animals.

The principal investigator was notified of the error and determined that the animals were no longer appropriate for the colony due to the potential for shedding of feline herpesvirus. Instead, these animals provided tissue samples critical for another scientific aim of the research project.

Retraining of the veterinarian and veterinary technician involved was completed by the Chief Campus veterinarian and veterinary technician supervisor and the clinical guidelines for vaccination were updated. The animals were associated with a PHS-supported activity.

The School of Veterinary Medicine Animal Care and Use Committee discussed this incident and the corrective measures at their monthly meeting on July 13, 2021 and required no further action.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Johnson, DVM, PhD, DACVAA
Clinical Professor and Research Anesthesiologist
Chair – School of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Care and Use Committee

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Nadine P. Connor, Ph.D.
Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Policy & Compliance
Institutional Official

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Janet Welter
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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 7:55 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Incident Report from Nadine Connor @ UW-Madison

Thank you for this report. We will send a response soon.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 12:45 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: AAALAC International <accredit@AAALAC.org>; Nadine Connor <nadine.connor@wisc.edu>; (b) (6)
(b) (6) Janet Welter <welter@rarc.wisc.edu>; Becky Johnson <rebecca.johnson@wisc.edu>
Subject: Incident Report from Nadine Connor @ UW-Madison

Dr. Morse:

Please see the attached incident final report from Nadine Connor @ UW-Madison. Thanks!

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: BCM

Date: 7/6/2021

Time: 4:00

Person Reporting: Janet Welter, AV

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Univ. of Wisconsin (Madison)

Assurance number: A3368

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? yes

Funding component:

Was funding component contacted (if necessary):

What happened?

Five kittens given wrong vaccine. Not able to use for protocol procedures. Therefore, euthanized and tissues collected.

Species involved: Felis

Personnel involved: Vet tech

Dates and times: ?

Animal deaths: no, but euthanized

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known):

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

< 60 days

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