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February 1, 2022

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

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 January 19, 2022 letter reporting an adverse incident within the animal care and use program at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Your letter supplemented the information in the preliminary telephone report on November 30, 2021. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on 11/10/2021, a water line was found to not be properly secured to a mouse rack. The flexible line was attached to give the appearance of being properly in place, and there was no water leakage at the attachment point. However, the line was not secured sufficiently to supply the rack with an appropriate amount of water. Ten mice were reported dead secondary to the incident. The associated activity was PHS funded.

The animal facility supervisor re-checked all water lines in the facility after the event and provided re-training to animal care staff on properly securing and checking water line attachments. Research laboratory members were not associated with the occurrence of this event.

The consideration of this incident 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** – Digitally signed by Brent C. Morse

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Brent C. Morse, DVM

Director

Division of Compliance Oversight

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact



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

January 19, 2022

Dr. Brent Morse, DVM, DACLAM  
Acting Director, Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
National Institutes of Health  
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Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter is a follow up to a November 2021 event that occurred in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) and was reported to OLAW on November 29, 2021 by UW Chief Campus Veterinarian, Dr. Janet Welter. The protocol has PHS funding.

On 11/10/2021, an SMPH animal facility supervisor self-reported an incident where a water line was not properly secured to a mouse rack. The flexible line was attached to give the appearance of being properly in place, and there was no water leakage at the attachment point. However, the line was not secured sufficiently to supply the rack with an appropriate amount of water. Ten mice were reported dead secondary to the incident.

The animal facility supervisor re-checked all water lines in the facility after the event and provided re-training to animal care staff on properly securing and checking water line attachments. Research laboratory members were not associated with the occurrence of this event.

The SMPH ACUC discussed the event and corrective actions at their December 6, 2021 meeting. The Committee approved the assessment report and the corrective actions.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Welter or either of us.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Uhrich, PhD  
SMPH ACUC Chair

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Nadine Connor, PhD  
Institutional Official

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## Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

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**From:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2022 7:24 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

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:22 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>; Dan Uhlrich <dan.uhlrich@wisc.edu>; (b) (6) Janet Welter <welter@rarc.wisc.edu>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Incident Report from Nadine Connor @ UW-Madison

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Dr. Morse:

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

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: (b) (6)

Date: 11/30/2021

Time: 3:50

Name of Person reporting: Janet Welter, DVM, AV

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Assurance number: A3368

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? ?

Funding component:

Was funding component contacted (if necessary):

What happened? 10 mice died when water supply was not "seated".

Species involved: Mouse

Personnel involved:

Dates and times:

Animal deaths: Yes, some euthanized due to dehydration

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

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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