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March 14, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3187-01 [OLAW Case 9T]

Dr. Bill Yates
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Dear Dr. Yates,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 4, 2022 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Pittsburgh. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on January 24, 2022, a graduate student accidentally left a mouse in a soiled cage on the housing room floor following a cage change. The mouse, which had a diabetic phenotype, did not have access to water for approximately 12 hours. It was surmised that the animal died due to a combination of dehydration and its diabetic phenotype. The investigator's research is supported by an NIH grant.

The IACUC approved the investigator's corrective action plan, which included the following items:

1. The graduate student was given a copy of the following IACUC guidelines to review: "Managed Use Sites and Housing Areas" and "Food and Fluid Regulation." He has also been directed to IACUC resources should he need additional guidance on rules and regulations regarding animal care.
2. All lab members who work with animals were instructed to contact DLAR or IACUC for further clarification on any policy in question.

The IACUC levied the following sanctions:

1. A letter of reprimand was sent to the investigator and his supervisors.
2. The investigator and laboratory staff will undergo training on cage changing procedures.

Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate this incident and prevent recurrence. OLAW concurs that the incident warranted reporting. 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.
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Brent C. Morse, DVM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

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March 4, 2022

Brent Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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Dear Dr. Morse:

As the Institutional Official responsible for the University of Pittsburgh's Animal Care and Use Program (Assurance number D16-00118), I am writing to advise your office of a reportable incident¹.

On January 24, 2022, a graduate student accidentally left a mouse in a soiled cage on the housing room floor following a cage change. The mouse, which had a diabetic phenotype, did not have access to water for approximately 12 hours. It was surmised that the animal died due to a combination of dehydration and its diabetic phenotype.

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The investigator's research is supported by the following NIH grant:

5R01AR060744-11

Regulated Activation of Latent-TGFb Determines
Leukocyte Occupancy of the Epidermal Niche

¹ PHS Policy IV.C.1.d

The IACUC levied the following sanctions:

1. A letter of reprimand was sent to the investigator and his supervisors regarding this event. This letter has been placed in our files.
2. The investigator and laboratory staff will undergo training on cage changing procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Bill J. Yates, PhD

Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 7:15 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Reportable Event Notices

Thank you for these reports. We will send responses soon.

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

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 8:41 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
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Please review the attached correspondence forwarded on behalf of Bill J. Yates, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research Protections. Thank you.

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