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July 13, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3431-01 [OLAW Case 9J]

Dr. Lisa Muto
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Dear Dr. Muto,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 31, 2021 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Harvard Medical School. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on March 14, 2021, a principal investigator (PI) locked a divider that separates two macaques housed in the same caging unit however the while the bolt clicked into place, it did not go all the way down. Overnight, the macaques pushed the divider resulting in two female and one male being housed together. The next morning, the PI discovered the macaques together and the females had injuries consistent with fighting. Veterinary staff was notified and repaired the lacerations and daily treatment and follow-up care was provided including analgesia and antibiotics. The study was supported by PHS funding.

As a corrective measure, to prevent recurrence the PI and staff will pull up on the door after locking it to make sure it is secured.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by Harvard Medical School which is consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate steps have been taken to investigate this incident and to attempt to prevent recurrence. OLAW expects post-approval monitoring to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance and potential associated animal welfare concern. We appreciate being informed of this matter and please contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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March 31, 2021

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FINAL REPORT

RE: Non-Compliance Report: Assurance: **A3431-01**
Harvard Medical Area Standing Committee on Animals (HMA IACUC)
Species: NHP Grant: 5R01NS081297-08

Dear Dr. Morse,

This letter serves as a final report on an adverse event that has not been preliminarily reported to OLAW by the Harvard Medical Area Standing Committee on Animals (HMA IACUC).

On March 14, 2021, the PI locked a divider that separates macaques housed in the same caging unit; however, while the bolt clicked into place, it did not go all the way down. Overnight, the macaques pushed the divider, which resulted in two females and one male being together. The next morning, the PI discovered the macaques together and observed that the two female macaques had injuries consistent with fighting. Veterinary staff were immediately notified and provided laceration repairs. Daily treatment and follow-up care for the injuries included pain medication and antibiotics.

To prevent this from occurring again, the PI and staff will pull up on the door after locking to make sure the bolt is secured.

The Committee is satisfied with the corrective actions mentioned above and considers this incident to be resolved. Please let us know if any additional information is required at this time.

Sincerely,

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Lisa M. Muto, PhD
Executive Dean for Administration
HMA Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee: Institutional Official

CC: **Gerald B. Pler, PhD**
Chairman, Harvard Medical Area Standing Committee on Animals

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 7:18 AM
To: HMS-IACUC
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Final Report

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

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