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August 2, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
#A3437-01 (OLAW Case 1J)

Dr. Karen Burg  
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University of Georgia  
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Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dr. Burg,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated July 28, 2021 reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Georgia. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that rats were administered postoperative analgesia at intervals longer than the intervals approved by the IACUC. The animal activities involved are funded by the PHS.

Corrective and preventive actions included the PI initiating additional training for his research team. At its scheduled meeting the IACUC voted to send a Letter of Concern to the PI.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by the University of Georgia, which was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate corrective and preventive measures have been put in place. In future reports, please include pertinent information such as the approximate number of animals involved and the date that the incident occurred. 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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Brent C. Morse, DVM  
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**RE: University of Georgia, PHS Assurance Number: D16-00276/A3437-01**

Dear Dr. Morse,

I am writing to provide a final report of a serious deviation from the PHS Policy. Rats were administered postoperative analgesia at intervals longer than the intervals approved by the IACUC.

This work is covered by an IACUC approved protocol and funded by the NIH under grant number 1R01NS099596-01A1.

The PI was very responsive to the concerns and has initiated additional training for his research team. At its scheduled meeting on July 21, the IACUC discussed the matter, determined that the PI's response and actions were adequate, and voted to send a Letter of Concern to the PI.

The University of Georgia is committed to a high-quality animal care and use program and the welfare of animals used in instruction and research. We take very seriously our institutional responsibility for the evaluation, monitoring, reporting, and correction of our animal care and use program that is the foundation of the PHS Policy. Please contact me if further information or additional corrective actions are needed.

Sincerely,

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Karen J. L. Burg, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Research  
Institutional Official

Cc: Dr. Leanne Alworth, Attending Veterinarian  
Dr. Gaylen Edwards, IACUC Chair

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**From:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 8:57 AM  
**To:** Leanne Alworth  
**Cc:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: UGA Final Report-Rat Analgesia

Thank you. We will send a response soon.

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

**From:** Leanne Alworth <alworth@uga.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 8:37 AM  
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**Subject:** UGA Final Report-Rat Analgesia

Good morning,

Attached is a Final Report regarding a noncompliance event in which post-operative analgesia was provided to rats at intervals longer than approved on the protocol.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks  
Leanne

**Leanne Alworth, DVM, MS, DACLAM**

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