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May 31, 2022

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

Dr. Chris King Vice President for Research University of Georgia (b) (4) Tucker Hall 310 East Campus Road Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dr. King,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your May 2, 2022 letter reporting an adverse event at the University of Georgia following up on an initial April 11, 2022 notification by telephone.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the University of Georgia Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that an adverse event occurred with respect to: injuries sustained by an animal following interaction with a conspecific. The final report states after a successful trial period of protected contact co-housing involving two macaques, the animals were allowed full contact. It is understood the trial period was conducted according to the facility psychological enhancement SOP. On April 7, 2022, during food distribution the macaques were observed displaying acutely aggressive behavior, and one animal sustained injuries.

In response, the animals were separated, and veterinary care was provided to the injured animal. The treatment plan included antibiotics, analgesics, and casting and was initially successful. Ultimately, the decision was made to euthanize the animal on April 20th for humane reasons due to deteriorating condition.

It is noted that this research is supported by PHS funding. Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that the University of Georgia has implemented appropriate measures to address animal welfare concerns regarding this event.

We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this Office.

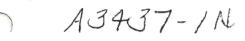
Sincerely,

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May 2, 2022

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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 that was identified on April 7, 2022, initially reported to OLAW on April 8 (voicemail), and discussed with OLAW on April 11. After a successful trial period of protected contact co-housing, performed according to the facility psychological enhancement SOP, two macaques had been allowed full contact the week before, and were demonstrating sustained social compatibility. During food distribution on April 7, the animals were discovered to be acutely displaying aggressive behavior, and one monkey had sustained injuries. The other monkey was not injured.

This work is covered by an IACUC approved protocol and funded by the NIH under grant number Ro1 AI148365.

The 2 animals were immediately separated, and the injured animal immediately received veterinary care for her injuries. Treatment included pain medication, antibiotics, and casting, and was initially successful. However, due to deteriorating condition, for humane reasons, the decision was made to euthanize the monkey on April 20.

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, PhD, MS, FNAI, FBSE, FAIMBE Vice President for Research Institutional Official

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

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From:

OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)

Sent:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:11 AM

To:

Leanne Alworth

Cc:

OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)

Subject:

RE: Final Report from UGA

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

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

From: Leanne Alworth <alworth@uga.edu> Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:29 PM

To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Final Report from UGA

Hello,

I am providing a Final Report to OLAW from UGA.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you, Leanne

Leanne Alworth, DVM, MS, DACLAM

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: J. Tubbs

Date:	04-11-2022	Time:808AM
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	f Institution: University of Georgia nce number: D16-00276 (A3437-01)	36
Fundi	dent involve PHS funded activity? The component: anding component contacted (if necess	
What ha	appened?	
Last we	ek NHP injury after social contact with	n conspecific during socialization.
Perso Dates	es involved: nonhuman primate nnel involved: animal care staff and times: April 7 th al deaths: None	
Projecte	ed plan and schedule for correction/pre	vention (if known):
Projecte 60-90d	d submission to OLAW of final repor	t from Institutional Official:
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