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July 7, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3354-01 (OLAW Case 2K)

[REDACTED]
Executive Director of Regulatory Support
Institutional Official
State University of New York - University of Buffalo
[REDACTED]
Buffalo, NY 14260

Dear [REDACTED],

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 24, 2022 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York following up on an initial June 6, 2022 notification by email.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the University at Buffalo Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to failure to adhere to the IACUC-approved protocol and institutional policies/procedures. The final report states tail biopsies were performed on mice >21d of age without analgesia, topical anesthetic nor general anesthesia as stated in the standard operative procedure (SOP) for tail biopsies. It is also stated that the conduct of tail biopsies in animals >21d of age is not approved on the protocol. The Clinical Veterinarian disclosed there were issues with management of the breeding colony. In total, 11 mice were affected by the incident.

On May 16, 2022, the IACUC discussed the Principal Investigator's (PI) response to the incident. The committee requested the PI provide an attestation form stating all personnel performing tail biopsies have read and understand the SOP regarding tail biopsy. The IACUC also wanted to review additional breeding colony management documentation. Per the report, on June 16, 2022, the committee reviewed the PI's breeding colony documentation and attestation form and accepted the PI's corrective action plan.

It is noted that this research is supported by PHS funding. Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that the University at Buffalo, State University of New York has implemented appropriate measures to correct and prevent recurrences of these problems and is now compliant with provisions of the PHS Policy.

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

Sincerely,

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