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July 11, 2022

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

[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 14, 2022 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York following up on an initial May 27, 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 the failure to adhere to humane endpoints. The final report states 9 mice were euthanized due to tumors exceeding humane endpoints. In response, the Principal Investigator's (PI) corrective actions included termination of tumor studies that did not demonstrate tumor growth as expected and notification to the veterinary staff of any study abnormalities.

The IACUC reviewed a letter describing how the PI will reiterate to research staff that working closely with clinical veterinarians will minimize potential harm to animals. The letter also included a description of how the PI will prevent noncompliance incidents from occurring across their protocols. The IACUC accepted the corrective actions and determined no additional actions were necessary.

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, the 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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