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August 31, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3354-01 (OLAW Case 1W)

[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 August 23, 2021 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. This letter had not been preceded by a preliminary report to OLAW.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the University at Buffalo, State University of New York Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to: failure to adhere to the IACUC-approved protocol. The report states on October 10, 2020, 3 pigs were injected with Indocyanine Green (ICG) dye during a procedure. The dye had not been approved for use on the protocol, but no harm to animals was identified. The IACUC reviewed the matter at the August 16, 2021 convened meeting. In response to the incident, the principal investigator (PI) must submit a document indicating how they will provide staff with appropriate supervision to ensure that all substances used in a procedure are IACUC-approved. The PI must also submit an amendment adding ICG dye to the protocol.

It is noted that this project is not 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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