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

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

Dear [REDACTED],

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 27, 2021 final letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the State University of New York-University at Buffalo. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a protocol with USDA species did not have an annual review conducted due to an administrative error that occurred previously when an amendment to the protocol was approved which included addition of USDA species. A review indicated that no USDA animals have been purchased for the protocol to date. No funding information was included in the report.

As a corrective measure, protocol dates were updated for the protocol in question. An audit of all category E and USDA protocols have been conducted with no other discrepancies found. In addition, the IACUC office will check all amendments submitted for annual review criteria before processing approvals going forward.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by the State University of New York-University at Buffalo, which is consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. OLAW expects continuing post-approval monitoring to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance and potential associated animal welfare concerns. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate steps have been taken to investigate this incident and to attempt to prevent recurrence.

We appreciate being informed of this matter and please contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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