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March 1, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3021-01 (OLAW Case 5A)

Ms. Jennifer Lassner
Senior Assistant Vice President for Research
The University of Iowa
Office for the Vice President for Research
2660 University Capitol Centre
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Dear Ms. Lassner,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your February 14, 2022 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Iowa. This letter had not been preceded by a preliminary report to OLAW.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that the University of Iowa Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that instances of noncompliance occurred with respect to: failure to adhere to the IACUC-approved protocol. The final report states a laboratory member did not follow the tail snip procedure for blood collection as described in the protocol. As a result, two mice were euthanized due to the amount of tail tissue that was removed, resulting in bone exposure. It is stated the remaining mouse appeared to be healing, but due to a moderate skin lesion that developed the lab elected to euthanize the animal.

The IACUC Office was notified of the incident and the Senior Compliance and Education Specialist contacted the Principal Investigator (PI). It is understood the PI personally retrained the lab member on the proper technique. On February 9, 2022, the IACUC members discussed the matter and voted to report the incident as appropriate.

It is noted that this research is supported by PHS funding. Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that the University of Iowa 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,

Jacquelyn
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February 14, 2022

Brent Morse, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance and Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
National Institutes of Health
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Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter is to report an incident involving three mice. The University of Iowa PHS Assurance Number is D16-00009 (A3021-01). The grant number affected is DK104998.

January 21, 2022: A lab member did not follow the tail snip for blood collection procedure as described in their approved Animal Protocol. Due to the amount of tail tissue taken, two mice were euthanized as required by veterinary staff due to bone exposure. Upon observation on 1/25, the remaining mouse seemed to be healing, but due to a moderate skin lesion that developed the lab elected to humanely euthanize it.

The IACUC Office was promptly notified. The Senior Compliance and Education Specialist spoke to the PI who personally re-trained the lab member on proper technique.

February 9, 2022: The IACUC members discussed the incident at a convened meeting and voted to report to the appropriate agencies.

I have reviewed the event and believe it was appropriately managed and fully addressed. If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Lassner
Institutional Official
Associate Vice President for Research

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 7:38 AM
To: IACUC
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Report of non-compliance incident

Thank you for this report. We will send a response soon.
Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: IACUC <iacuc@uiowa.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 10:30 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Report of non-compliance incident

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Please see attached a report of non-compliance at the University of Iowa.

Thank you,

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