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April 19, 2022

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

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 April 15, 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 and institutional policies/procedures. The final report states on March 19, 2022, a laboratory member combined 4 adult male mice into a single cage. This action is not approved on the protocol, nor does it adhere to the IACUC Policy on Social Housing of Species. In response, the mice were separated, assessed, and appeared in good health. The corrective action involved retraining of the Principal Investigator (PI) and the lab member. The PI was given instructions to either amend the protocol to address combining cages or to discontinue this practice. The IACUC voted the matter reportable to appropriate agencies.

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 T.
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cc: IACUC Contact

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April 15, 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 mice. The University of Iowa PHS Assurance Number is D16-00009 (A3021-01). The grant number affected is A167058.

March 19, 2022: A lab member combined four adult male mice into a single cage. This was not described in the approved Animal Protocol nor in accordance with the IACUC Policy on Social Housing of Species. The mice were separated, evaluated, and appeared in good health.

The IACUC Office was promptly notified. The incident was discussed with the PI and lab member was retrained. Instruction was provided to the PI to either amend the protocol to address combining cages or to discontinue doing so.

April 13, 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

Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 7:22 AM
To: IACUC
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Report of non-compliance incident

Thank you for these reports, (b) (6) We will send responses soon.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: IACUC <iacuc@uiowa.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2022 1:51 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Report of non-compliance incident

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Thank you,

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