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August 12, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3922-01 [OLAW Case 2Q]

Mr. Michael Henderson
Vice President of Research Administration
Rhode Island Hospital
1 Hoppin St., (b) (4)
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Henderson,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your August 3, 2021 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Rhode Island Hospital. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on July 16, 2021, animal facility staff found an unattended mouse with no identification (e.g., ear tag) in a CO₂ chamber, with the CO₂ running. A veterinary technical staff member ensured the mouse was euthanized and performed a secondary cervical dislocation as a confirmatory method. No funding information was provided.

As a corrective measure, four individuals were identified based on facility access records for retraining by the Attending Veterinarian regarding policies and procedures regarding euthanasia with emphasis on continuous monitoring of euthanasia followed by a second, confirmatory method.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by Rhode Island Hospital 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,

Nicole L. Lukovsky-
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CC: IACUC contact



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August 2, 2021

Rhode Island Hospital

The Miriam Hospital

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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
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RE: Animal Welfare Incident at Rhode Island Hospital (Institutional Assurance No: A3922-01)

Dear Dr. Morse,

I am writing to inform you of an incident of non-compliance with PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at our institution.

On the morning of 7/16/21 animal facility staff found a single mouse unattended in a CO₂ chamber with the CO₂ still running. The animal was not individually identified (e.g. ear tag) and there was no cage-level identification in the vicinity. A member of the veterinary technical staff confirmed that the mouse was dead and performed cervical dislocation as a secondary, confirmatory method of euthanasia.

Based on facility access records, four individuals were identified for retraining by the Attending Veterinarian on the Institution's policies and procedures regarding euthanasia, with specific emphasis on the requirement that CO₂ euthanasia be continuously monitored and immediately followed by a second, confirmatory method.

The incident was reviewed at the 7/28/2021 regularly scheduled meeting of the full IACUC, at which time the IACUC voted to accept the retraining corrective action plan. All of the individuals have now been retrained.

Sincerely,

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Michael B. Henderson, JD, LL.M, MS
Vice President, Office of Research
Lifespan Institutional IO

cc:

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 7:18 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Animal Welfare incident, Assurance A3922-01

Thank you for this report, (b) (6) We will send a response soon.

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

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:11 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: Animal Welfare incident, Assurance A3922-01

Good Morning,
Enclosed please find a letter from our IO regarding non-compliance.
Please contact me if you have any questions about the report.
Thank you

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