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From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:34 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Animal Suffering at NIAID

Dear (b) (6)

OLAW's Division of Compliance Oversight (DCO) has completed our review of your concerns involving the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). We requested that the NIH Office of Animal Care and Use (OACU) review the matter. Their review of the ACUC meeting minutes described in your complaint revealed that the incident involved mice and not nonhuman primates (NHPs). OLAW's records document that the incident involving mice was properly reported to OLAW's DCO and we accepted NIAID's corrective and preventive actions. If you have further information showing that the incident involved NHPs, please provide it. Otherwise, OLAW will be taking no further action on this matter. Thank you for your concern regarding this issue.

Sincerely, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

From: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E] <brownp@od.nih.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:12 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E] <morseb@mail.nih.gov>
Subject: RE: Animal Suffering at NIAID

Dear (b) (6)

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). At this time your concerns are under review by the Division of Compliance Oversight. The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare takes seriously all noncompliance with the PHS Policy, either self-reported by the institution or received from other sources. Thank you for your concern regarding appropriate procedures for the humane care and use of laboratory animals in NIH-supported research.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Brown, VMD, MS, DACLAM (she/her)
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From: [REDACTED] (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:19 PM

To: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E] <brownp@od.nih.gov>; Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of (NIH/OD) <OLAW@OD.NIH.GOV>

Subject: Animal Suffering at NIAID

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Attached please find a request that OLAW reprimand NIAID for failing to report animal suffering per the PHS policy. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

All the best,

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From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]
Subject: RE: Animal Suffering at NIAID (OLAW Case A4149-15G)

Pat,

I've spoke with Steve Denny after he researched this. Apparently the incident involved mice and not NHPs. It was properly reported to OLAW (Case a4149-14C) and closed-out by Nicole July 10, 2020. Steve said that the ACUC minutes did not state the species involved so this appears to have been an assumption by Rise. Would you like me to respond to (b) (6) or do you want to do it? Brent

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"Brent this is Steve Danny I'll try to get back in touch with you later or another day that that Internet involve(?) device and I agreed to many minutes I don't think they said the word device. I think all the ACC members knew what they were referring to it was my's and it was actually reported before the final report to your office and it was an IH case 14 CV Nicole Lubin ski did the final report and all the documents should be in that file I hope I don't know if you have the..."

Closed NIH Case A4149-14C
Involved mice, not NHPs.

May 25, 2021

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National Institutes of Health
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Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Via email: brownp@od.nih.gov; olaw@mail.nih.gov

Dear Patricia A. Brown,

On behalf of Rise for Animals (Rise), I am writing to relay our concern regarding troubling evidence of animal suffering at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) PHS Assurance # D16-00602 (A4149-01) and to respectfully request that you investigate the NIAID Vaccine Research Center's (VRC) refusal to comply with PHS policy requirements for reporting and take appropriate punitive action.

Document We Reviewed

In formulating the recommendation below, Rise reviewed the NIAID-VRC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) meeting minutes for May 20, 2020, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Finding: An Entire Cage of Retired Breeder Monkeys Died at NIAID

The document we reviewed reveals that at the May 20, 2020 ACUC meeting, an incident report provided by the VRC was discussed. The report detailed that after a weekend, during a morning check, unexpected deaths were discovered. An entire cage of retired breeder monkeys were found dead. The Attending Veterinarian, Principal Investigator, and the VRC ACUC were notified. The ACUC discussed cage-changing schedules, work shift schedules, and staff retraining on providing animals with adequate food and water to address the situation. These monkeys died because they did not receive adequate care over a weekend. This was not reported to OLAW.

Request: OLAW Investigate the NIAID VRC's Refusal to Comply with PHS Policy Reporting Requirements

In reviewing this record, Rise was disappointed to see that OLAW was not made aware of this failure to adequately care for monkeys, leading to the demise of an entire cage of them. Rise wants to ensure that OLAW knows of this situation.

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Further, we respectfully request that OLAW look into the NIAID-VRC's failure to comply with PHS Policy reporting requirements. Incidents such as this—an entire cage of monkeys dying because of staff incompetence (failure to provide the appropriate basic necessities (food and water) for life)—should be reported to OLAW under the PHS Policy. As such, we respectfully request that OLAW take appropriate punitive action against NIAID for this failure.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)



Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Brown, Patricia [OLAW] (NIH/OD) [E]; Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]; Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
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Dear All,

A request from Rise for Animals that OLAW review the NIAID-VRC's failure to comply with PHS Policy reporting requirements.

Thanks.
Neera

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