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March 17, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3290-01 (OLAW Case 2H)

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Dear Dr. Evans,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 3, 2022 letter reporting two incidents of non-compliance with the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Weill Cornell Medicine. According to the information provided it is understood that for the first incident, ten adult mice underwent a tail biopsy procedure under anesthesia, but the protocol stated that mice could undergo tail biopsies up to 28 days of age. The PI was requested to meet with his lab members and remind them to be aware of the age limits for tail biopsies approved in the protocol. The PI will submit an amendment for tail biopsies for older mice that may need them due of unforeseen circumstances such as this.

In a similar incident, three mice were found with inadequate hemostasis following tail biopsy. The mice were 32 days old. The protocol was approved for tail biopsies on mice up to 28 days of age. The mice were anesthetized for the procedure. The PI and lab manager were requested to meet with lab members performing this procedure, to remind them of the approved age limit for tail biopsies and to be certain that mice receive biopsies prior to 28 days of age. They were also reminded of the importance of adequate hemostasis.

OLAW believes that the corrective measures put in place by Weill Cornell Medicine are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. These activities were funded by the PHS. We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S

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Re: Assurance # D16-00186

Dear Dr. Morse:

We are writing to report incidents of non-compliance that occurred within the animal care and use program at Weill Cornell Medical College. The incidents were presented to and discussed by the IACUC during the month of January and February. The incidents and resolutions are as follows:

- Ten adult mice underwent a tail biopsy procedure under anesthesia. These mice had been released from quarantine at 5 months of age and required genotyping. The protocol stated that mice could undergo tail biopsies up to 28 days of age. The PI was requested to meet with his lab members and remind them to be aware of the age limits for tail biopsies approved in the protocol. The PI will submit an amendment for tail biopsies for older mice that may need them due of unforeseen circumstances such as this. (National Institute on Aging 1 R01 AG064239-01A1)
- In a similar incident, Veterinary Services found 3 mice with inadequate hemostasis following tail biopsy. The mice were 32 days old. The protocol was approved for tail biopsies on mice up to 28 days of age. The mice were anesthetized for the procedure. The PI and lab manager were requested to meet with lab members performing this procedure, to remind them of the approved age limit for tail biopsies and to be certain that mice receive biopsies prior to 28 days of age. They were also reminded of the importance of adequate hemostasis. (National Cancer Institute 1 R35 CA232093-01)

We believe that these issues have been adequately addressed and that the procedures implemented should prevent recurrence. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (b) (6) or the IACUC Chairman, Dr. Andrew Nicholson, at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

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Todd R. Evans, Ph.D.
Institutional Official
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Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: WCM IACUC Incident Report (#D16-00186)

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)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCM IACUC Incident Report (#D16-00186)
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Dear OLAW:

Please find a WCM IACUC incident report attached and let me know if any further clarifications are required.

Best regards,

(b) (6)