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May 3, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3473-01 [OLAW Case 2W]

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Dear (b) (6)

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of the April 29, 2021 letter submitted by the US Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee chair reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, following up on an initial report on March 10, 2021. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a male and female nonhuman primate were found mating in a social housing cage after escaping their primary enclosure due to a latch being open.

The corrective actions consisted of separating the monkeys, which were not injured, and providing emergency contraceptive for the female. The animal caretakers have been retrained on ensuring that cages are secured.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to reduce the likelihood of a recurrence. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the IACUC to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. In future, please have all final noncompliance reports submitted to OLAW under your signature. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

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(b) (6) M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Chair

(b) (6) (NIH/OD) [E]

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 7:40 AM
To: (b) (6) CIV USARMY FUTURES COMMAND (USA)
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: USAMRIID Unintentional Mating (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thank you for this clarification, (b) (6) We will process this case and send a response soon.
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From: (b) (6) CIV USARMY FUTURES COMMAND (USA) <(b) (6) civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:59 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: RE: USAMRIID Unintentional Mating (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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Just to follow up with you in regards to the event below. It was determined that a caretaker failed to secure one of the latches resulting in the unintentional mating. The committee concluded that the integrity of the cages was not an issue. The caretakers have since been retrained. Please let me know if you need anything else.

V/r:
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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:59 AM
To: (b) (6) CIV USARMY FUTURES COMMAND (USA) <(b) (6) civ@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: USAMRIID Unintentional Mating (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hello (b) (6)

The pregnancy is only a partial concern (i.e., may affect a study), however, the unintended ability to open a separation grid could lead to serious injury or death. So the issue is the integrity of the cages and if animals can get out, it constitutes a serious deviation from the *Guide*. See what your IACUC and vets say as to whether they see a problem with either caging, SOPs, or staff training.

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From: (b) (6) CIV USARMY FUTURES COMMAND (USA) <(b) (6)@mail.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:48 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Subject: USAMRIID Unintentional Mating (UNCLASSIFIED)

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On 19Feb21, two NHPs of different sexes were found in the same play cage. One of the NHPs was able to open the separation grid and were found mating at around 1100 hrs. Once found they were immediately separated. No animals were injured during this paired social event.

Due to the unintentional mating, the Female NHP has been put on an emergency contraceptive. Because this contraceptive is not a 100% effective we will be assessing this NHP with an ultrasound in 30 days.

Once again, I wanted to cover my bases. I wouldn't consider this an AWI, unless an infant NHP resulted (ie confirmed pregnant). I think unintentional mating is always a risk when housing NHPs. With that being said, I prefer to notify OLAW just to make sure. Your thoughts?

Thank you,

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