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May 12, 2023

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
#A3272-01 [OLAW Case 2W]

Dr. Denis Wirtz  
Vice Provost for Research  
Johns Hopkins University  
(b) (4) Garland Hall  
3400 N. Charles St.  
Baltimore, MD 21218

Dear Dr. Wirtz,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 28, 2023 letter in response to allegations of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at John Hopkins University (JHU). These allegations were received from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) regarding the USDA APHIS Inspection Report dated December 6, 2022.

It is stated a research lab working from an IACUC-approved protocol in baboons observed pressure ulcers on the heels of one baboon and noted the findings in their clinical records. This clinical presentation was identified during sedation of the animal. The lab did not notify JHU veterinarians at the time of observations but instead initiated treatment and planned to inform veterinarians during regular weekly rounds, scheduled to happen 2 days after initial diagnosis. It is stated on the day of scheduled rounds (December 7, 2022), USDA veterinary medical officers (VMOs) were performing an inspection of JHU facilities. The VMOs noted the sores on the heels of the baboon and inquired about ongoing treatment. In response, the research team stated they identified the ulcers during a sedated exam 2 days earlier and administered topical antibiotics and analgesics. It is stated the treatment was determined to be appropriate, and the USDA cited the university for the lab's failure to report the problem and seek treatment recommendations from RAR veterinary staff in a timely manner. The necessity to report all clinical problems immediately to RAR veterinary staff was reinforced with the laboratory staff as well. It is understood the USDA deemed the matter corrected at the conclusion of their inspection.

Following review of the incident by the ACUC Chair and Attending Veterinarian, the treatment provided by the lab was deemed appropriate. They were also in agreement the lab should have consulted with veterinary staff regarding treatment of the animal and reinforcing guidance on lab responsibility for consulting veterinarians regarding the care of animals was appropriate.

Regarding the reportability of the incident, the ACUC reviewed their responsibility to inform agencies such as OLAW. It is stated the ACUC recalled the memorandum of understanding between OLAW and USDA and reviewed OLAW's guidance on prompt reporting. It was determined the incident did not align with any situation that OLAW considers prompt reporting, but rather was an example of an incident that did not require prompt reporting.

OLAW notes that the clinical presentation of the animal did not develop due to an act of noncompliance. It is understood that the laboratory failed to report the animal's condition in a timely manner, but

appropriate treatment was administered to the animal. It is also noted the USDA citation was issued regarding failure to report the problem to RAR veterinary staff in timely manner and seek treatment recommendations, and not for inappropriate care of the animal.

Your letter states this research is supported by NIAID funding, but the Principal Investigator recently joined the JHU faculty, and the funding had not yet been transferred from the awardee's previous institution. It is understood that cost associated with these experiments were charged to a non-federal budget.

We appreciate your cooperation and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,  
Jacquelyn T.  
Tubbs -S

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Jacquelyn Tubbs, DVM, DACLAM  
Senior Animal Welfare Program Specialist  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact



A3272-2W

March 28, 2023

Jacquelyn Tubbs, DVM, DACLAM  
Senior Animal Welfare Program Specialist  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6910

RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3272-01, OLAW Case 2W

Dear Dr. Tubbs,

Thank you for your letter sent February 14, 2023 addressing the circumstances described in a USDA inspection report involving the treatment of a baboon in one of our facilities. Below please find the results of an investigation completed by the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) and the corrective actions put in place by our attending veterinarians.

A research lab studying the biology of organ transplant and working from an ACUC approved protocol in baboons noted on consecutive days in their clinical records that pressure ulcers had developed on the heels of one of their animals. The lab did not inform JHU veterinarians at the time of these observations but instead immediately initiated appropriate treatment and planned to inform veterinarians during regular weekly rounds (scheduled to happen 2 days after initial diagnosis). On the day of the scheduled rounds (December 7, 2022), USDA veterinarians were performing an inspection of JHU facilities. During their walk-through, USDA inspectors noted the sores on the heels of the baboon and asked about ongoing treatments. The research team indicated that the ulcers had been discovered by staff during a sedated exam two days earlier and provided topical antibiotics as treatment and additionally administered analgesics. While the lab's treatment of the ulcers was determined to be appropriate during these routine rounds, the USDA cited JHU under § 233(b)(3) for the lab's failure to report the problem and seek treatment recommendations from RAR veterinary staff in a timely manner. The need to report all clinical problems immediately to RAR veterinary staff, regardless of severity or whether they are anticipated in the protocol, was reinforced with laboratory staff. The USDA deemed the situation corrected at the conclusion of their inspection.

The ACUC Chair reviewed the circumstances with the attending veterinarians and agreed that the treatment provided was appropriate. The ACUC and the veterinarians were also in agreement that the lab should have consulted with veterinary staff about treatment and that the reinforced guidance on lab responsibility for consulting veterinarians about care of animals was also appropriate.

The ACUC additionally reviewed their responsibility to inform our oversight partners including OLAW. In completing this assessment, the ACUC recalled the memorandum of understanding between USDA and OLAW<sup>1</sup>. The ACUC additionally reviewed OLAW guidance on prompt

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reporting<sup>2</sup> and determined that the circumstances did not align with any situation that OLAW considered appropriate for prompt reporting. Instead, the ACUC concluded that the situation fit best with an example OLAW described as not requiring a prompt report ("animal ... illness from spontaneous disease when appropriate quarantine, preventive medical, surveillance, diagnostic, and therapeutic procedures were in place and followed"). Although the research is supported by NIH/ NIAID funding, the PI only recently joined the JHU faculty and the funding had not yet been transferred from the awardee's previous institution. Consequently, costs associated with these experiments were charged to an internal (non-federal) budget.

Multiple weekly rounds have been completed since the USDA inspection and report. The care of animals in this laboratory has met our high expectations and are consistent with federal guidance on the care and use of laboratory animals. The ACUC considers the matter closed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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**Denis Wirtz, Ph.D.**

Vice Provost for Research  
Johns Hopkins University

Theophilus H. Smoot Professor in Engineering Science  
Departments of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Oncology and Pathology  
Director, Johns Hopkins Physical Sciences in Oncology Center  
Director, NCI Pre- and Postdoctoral Training Programs

cc:

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Brendan J. Canning, Ph.D., Chair, Johns Hopkins University Animal Care and Use Committee,  
Eric Hutchinson, D.V.M., DACLAM, Attending Veterinarian and Assistant Vice Provost for  
Animal Research and Resources, Johns Hopkins University

<sup>1</sup> <https://olaw.nih.gov/guidance/finalmou.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-05-034.html>

## VII. Institutional Endorsement and PHS Approval

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Acting officially in an authorized capacity on behalf of this Institution and with an understanding of the Institution's responsibilities under this Assurance, I assure the humane care and use of animals as specified above.	
Signature: (b) (6) <small>Feustel, Paul dc=EDU, dc=AMC, dc=AMCNT, ou=AlbanyMed, ou=Users, ou=College, cn=Feustel, Paul, email=FeusteP@amc.edu 2023.03.21 14:09:50 -04'00'</small>	Date: 21 March 2023

<b>B. PHS Approving Official (to be completed by OLAW)</b>	
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Assurance Number:	
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**McCoy, Devora (NIH/OD) [E]**

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**From:** Tubbs, Jai (NIH/OD) [E]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2023 7:06 AM  
**To:** Denis Wirtz  
**Cc:** Brendan Canning; Clyde Bennett; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3272-01, OLAW Case 2W

Good morning,

Thank you for the report. We will send an official response soon.

Kind Regards,

J. Tubbs

**From:** Denis Wirtz <wirtz@jhu.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 2, 2023 1:09 PM  
**To:** Tubbs, Jai (NIH/OD) [E] <jacquelyn.tubbs@nih.gov>  
**Cc:** Brendan Canning <bjc@jhmi.edu>; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Animal Welfare Assurance #A3272-01, OLAW Case 2W

Dear Dr. Jacquelyn Tubbs,

Please find attached our letter regarding. Animal Welfare Assurance #A3272-01, OLAW Case 2W.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further question.

Best regards,  
Denis

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Vice Provost for Research  
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A3272-2W

February 27, 2023

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Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
#A3272-01 [OLAW Case 2W]

Dear Ms. Tubbs,

I received your letter dated February 14, 2023 in the above referenced case. The Johns Hopkins University Animal Care and Use Committee ("ACUC") will review this matter, and we expect to submit a written report by the March 31, 2023 deadline.

Sincerely,

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**Denis Wirtz, Ph.D.**  
Vice Provost for Research  
Theophilus H. Smoot Professor in Engineering Science  
Johns Hopkins University

**McCoy, Devora (NIH/OD) [E]**

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**From:** McCoy, Devora (NIH/OD) [E]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 11:03 AM  
**To:** Denis Wirtz  
**Cc:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: Quick update about our response to case #A3271-01 (OLAW Case 2w)

Good morning Dr. Wirtz,

Thank you for this acknowledgement.

Best,  
Devora

Devora McCoy, BS, MBA ([pronunciation](#))  
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Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
National Institutes of Health

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**From:** Denis Wirtz <[wirtz@jhu.edu](mailto:wirtz@jhu.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 11:00 AM  
**To:** McCoy, Devora (NIH/OD) [E] <[devora.mccoy@nih.gov](mailto:devora.mccoy@nih.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Quick update about our response to case #A3271-01 (OLAW Case 2w)

February 27, 2023

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February 14, 2023

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
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Johns Hopkins University  
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Dear Dr. Wirtz,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) has received from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) allegations of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at John Hopkins University regarding the USDA APHIS Inspection Report dated December 6, 2022 (see attachment). It is possible that such occurrences should have been reported directly to our office as required by the PHS Policy and per your commitment to do so in your Animal Welfare Assurance.

We request information regarding the Inspection Report dated December 6, 2022 describing the following incident:

- A female baboon was observed with a wound on the left heel during the USDA facility inspection. A review of study observation records revealed the laboratory staff observed bilateral pressure ulcers on the feet on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The lab staff administered treatment but did not inform RAR veterinary staff of the findings until the scheduled weekly rounds on December 7<sup>th</sup>. RAR veterinarians examined the animal and noted the pressure ulcers on the hind feet. The lab staff had initiated treatment on December 5<sup>th</sup> and the treatment plan was reviewed by the RAR veterinary staff on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please instruct the IACUC, avoiding any conflict of interest, to send a report, signed by you as the Institutional Official, to the following OLAW email inbox: [OLAWdco@od.nih.gov](mailto:OLAWdco@od.nih.gov) and provide a description of the occurrences and all corrective/preventive actions. Please have them consider if any of the occurrences represented programmatic failures. Please also include information regarding any PHS/NSF/DHHS/NASA funding of activities related to the occurrences, including grant or contract numbers. If other reportable non-compliances have occurred during this period, please also include them with the report.

We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you please provide the requested information by **March 31, 2023**. Please contact me if I can be of assistance at [jacquelyn.tubbs@nih.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.tubbs@nih.gov).

Page 2 – Dr. Wirtz  
February 14, 2023  
OLAW Case A3272-2W

Sincerely,

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cc: IACUC Contact

**McCoy, Devora (NIH/OD) [E]**

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**From:** McCoy, Devora (NIH/OD) [E]  
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**To:** wirtz@jhu.edu  
**Cc:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD); (b) (6) acuc@jhmi.edu  
**Subject:** OLAW Investigative Case A3272-2W  
**Attachments:** A3272-2W.pdf; PST\_Inspection\_Report\_Johns Hopkins University (1).pdf

Good morning Dr. Wirtz,

Attached please find Dr. Tubbs' investigative report for OLAW Case A3272-2W. Please note that additional information is being requested by March 31, 2023. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or by email.

Best,  
Devora

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January 13, 2023

Brent C. Morse, D.V.M.  
Director  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
National Institutes of Health

Via e-mail: [MorseB@mail.nih.gov](mailto:MorseB@mail.nih.gov)

Dear Dr. Morse:

We believe that the federal Animal Welfare Act violation documented in the attached U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection report for Johns Hopkins University (JHU) constitutes a violation of the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS Policy). Last year, JHU received \$839,852,301 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and according to NIH, an estimated 47% of those funds supported projects that involved experiments on animals.

In 1985, members of Congress from both sides of the aisle worked together to strengthen protections for animals in laboratories in order to address deep-seated ethical concerns held by the American public regarding the use of animals in experiments. Polling by the Pew Research Center found that more than 50% of U.S. adults oppose the use of animals in experiments, and other surveys suggest that the support of the shrinking group that continues to accept animal experimentation is contingent on the existence and enforcement of stringent regulations aimed at protecting animals.

As you know, institutions that receive funding from Public Health Service agencies—including NIH—are required to comply with PHS Policy. Failure to do so violates not only federal animal welfare guidelines and policies but also public expectations that facilities receiving tax dollars to use animals—who are capable of experiencing pain, distress, love, and companionship and value their lives just as we value ours—at the very least observe minimal standards aimed at ensuring some modicum of animal welfare.

We ask that your office investigate the incident outlined in the attached report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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**Enclosure**

USDA inspection report of JHU, dated December 6, 2022

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## Inspection Report

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Date: 06-DEC-2022

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### Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

On December 7th, 2022 during the USDA facility inspection, a female baboon was observed to have a round approximately quarter sized wound located on the on the left heel. The baboon was observed shifting weight between the right and left feet and lifting the left foot. Upon review of study observation records, the laboratory staff observed bilateral pressure ulcers on the feet on December 5th and applied Bacitracin.

The laboratory staff did not inform the RAR veterinary staff about the bilateral ischial pressure abrasion until the scheduled weekly rounds on Wednesday December 7th. After rounds with the laboratory members, a RAR veterinarian observed the baboon and noted ulceration on both hind feet. The laboratory staff had started a treatment plan of Bacitracin and pain medication on December 5th. The treatment plan was reviewed by the RAR veterinary staff on December 7th.

Daily observations may be done by someone other than the attending veterinarian provided there is a mechanism for direct and frequent communication on problems of animal health and behavior. The mechanism for reporting daily observations must ensure direct and frequent communication with the Attending Veterinarian to allow for a timely and accurate diagnosis and treatment of health issues.

Corrected during the time of inspection.

Prepared By:

Title:

(b) (6)  
Date:  
15-DEC-2022

Received by Title: Attending Veterinarian

Date:  
15-DEC-2022



## Inspection Report

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### Miscellaneous.

Procedures under a traumatic brain injury study were conducted on August 26th, 2022 and August 31, 2022. One study rabbit was euthanized after demonstrating significant neurological deficits. The necropsy revealed an abscess at the incision site. On September 5, 2022, a veterinary resident noticed dehiscence of the incision for another study rabbit. A RAR veterinarian identified another study rabbit with an infection at the incision site. All three rabbits were euthanized. Upon further investigation by the veterinary staff, it was determined that the research staff was not appropriately following the established aseptic procedures during the surgeries. An IACUC investigation cited inadequate aseptic technique, inadequate postsurgical monitoring, and not following the established humane endpoint parameters.

Handling of all animals shall be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma or physical harm.

The research facility did not ensure research staff performed procedures in accordance with the protocol and facility policies. The research facility must ensure research staff have knowledge of and follow all facility policies and procedures for conducting research so that study animals are handled in a manner that prevents physical harm or distress.

An appropriate corrective action plan was implemented that included retraining, veterinary oversight, and a new location for performing the surgery.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives and the IO.

This inspection was conducted 12/06/2022 to 12/09/2022.

Additional Inspectors:

(b) (6)

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Prepared By: (b) (6)

Title:

Date:  
15-DEC-2022

Received by Title: Attending Veterinarian

Date:  
15-DEC-2022



### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
81	51-R-0006	003	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, THE	06-DEC-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000060	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000009	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000041	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000214	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000089	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000011	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>	PIG-TAILED MACAQUE
000085	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000135	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000034	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000085	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	BIG BROWN BAT
000025	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000025	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000002	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000033	<i>Cricetulus griseus</i>	CHINESE HAMSTER
000067	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	SEBA'S SHORT-TAILED BAT
000034	<i>Papio anubis</i>	OLIVE BABOON
000007	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000003	<i>Papio hamadryas</i>	HAMADRYAS BABOON
000959	<b>Total</b>	



**Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]**

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**From:** Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 7:40 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: For Dr. Brent Morse, from PETA – AWA violation complaint

Good morning,

OLAW acknowledges receipt of your letter and your subsequent email with attachment. We will investigate the concern(s) and take any action required by the PHS Policy.

Sincerely, Brent Morse

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

**From:** (b) (6)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] For Dr. Brent Morse, from PETA – AWA violation complaint  
**Importance:** High

January 13, 2023

Brent C. Morse, D.V.M.  
Director  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
National Institutes of Health

Dear Dr. Morse,

Please find enclosed a letter on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters worldwide—regarding a critical violation of the Animal Welfare Act at Johns Hopkins University, which is corroborated by the enclosed inspection report issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue, and we look forward to your response.

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