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September 28, 2023

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3045-01 (OLAW Case 30)

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500 University Drive, PO Box 850
Hershey, PA 17033

Dear Dr. Vrana,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your August 22, 2023 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals within the animal care and use program at the Pennsylvania State University – Hershey Medical Center. Your letter supplements the information in the prompt telephone preliminary report made on July 11, 2023. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on June 13, 2023, one mouse was euthanized after it was found with its rear foot caught in the wire-bar food hopper lid of its cage. The mouse was examined by veterinarians and found to have a swollen foot with broken bones. Due to poor prognosis, the mouse was promptly euthanized. The associated activity is PHS funded.

Corrective action: upon examination of the wire-bar lid, it was found to be bent on one side causing reduced space between the bars. The lid was immediately removed from circulation.

The consideration of this matter by the Pennsylvania State University – Hershey Medical Center was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, reporting the issue to OLAW was appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S

Brent C. Morse, DVM

Director

Division of Compliance Oversight

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

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August 22, 2023

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Re: Adverse event, conditions that jeopardize the health or well-being of animals, including natural disasters, accidents, and mechanical failures, resulting in actual harm or death to animals; Animal Welfare Assurance D16-00024 (A3045-01); 1 R01 CA260729-01A1, 1 R01 CA264932-01A1

Dear Dr. Morse,

The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, in accordance with Assurance D16-00024 (A3045-01) and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of an adverse event that occurred June 13, 2023, in which one mouse was euthanized after it was found with its rear foot caught in the wire-bar food hopper lid of its cage. This incident was first reported to you on July 11, 2023, by a voicemail from (b) (6)

On June 13, 2023, laboratory personnel requested that veterinarians examine a mouse they had found with its foot caught in the wire-bar lid. The mouse was found to have a swollen foot with broken bones. Due to poor prognosis, the mouse was promptly euthanized. Upon examination of the wire-bar lid, it was found to be bent on one side causing reduced space between the bars. The lid was immediately removed from circulation.

The findings of the investigation and actions taken were reviewed at a convened meeting of the IACUC on July 24, 2023. The IACUC was satisfied with the corrective action removing the wire lid from circulation and had no further recommendations. The IACUC recommended to the IO that the incident be reported to OLAW.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Sheila Vrana, PhD
Institutional Official

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Vrana, Sheila
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Communication from Penn State College of Medicine

Good morning Dr. Vrana,

Thank you for sending us this final report and we will send an official response soon.

Best,
Devora

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Communication from Penn State College of Medicine

Dear Dr. Morse,
Please see attached communication, and let me know if you need additional information.
Thank you,
Sheila Vrana

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A3045-30

Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: BCM

Date: 7/11/2023

Time: voicemail

Name of Person reporting: (b) (6)

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Penn St. Univ. Hershey Med. Cen., Coll. of Med.

Assurance number: A3045

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? yes

Funding component:

Was funding component contacted (if necessary):

What happened: Mouse found with rear foot caught between cage and wirebar feeder. Foot injured. Mouse euthanized. Lid had been damaged.

Species involved: Mus

Personnel involved: ?

Dates and times: until 6/16/2023

Animal deaths: euthanized

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known):

Lid discarded.

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

<60 days

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