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June 9, 2023

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A4654-01 [OLAW Case I]

Eion Ramcharan, Ph.D.
Head of Sponsored Research
Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience
1 Max Planck Way
Jupiter, FL 33458

Dear Dr. Ramcharan,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your May 31, 2023 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience (MPFI). Your letter supplements the information contained in the initial email report on May 1, 2023. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a restrained mouse was accidentally left in a behavioral training apparatus for 14 hours. This incident is related to a PHS funded project.

Corrective and preventive actions:

The laboratory members will verify the training boxes are empty prior to leaving for the day and will report this to the lab communication channel each day. If no report is submitted by 9:00 pm, the lab manager will check the boxes. All lab members will complete and submit a daily checklist to the lab manager ensuring the animals are returned to the proper housing rooms within the facility. All lab members will be constrained to a limited number of experimental animals to reduce their attentional burden. The lab will also meet with the Animal Resource Staff and IACUC Coordinator annually to discuss animal welfare and potential concerns.

The consideration of this matter by the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-correction. Similarly, the actions taken to resolve the issue were appropriate and would be expected to correct the noncompliance and prevent a recurrence. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office at this time.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S

Brent C. Morse, DVM
Director

Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

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May 31, 2023

Dr. Axel Wolff, Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
Rockledge One, Suite 360
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Bethesda, MD 20817

Dr. Eion Ramcharan
Institutional Official
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eion.ramcharan@mpfi.org

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4654-01

Dear Dr. Wolff,

This is the final report of non-compliance that is being submitted by the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience (MPFI), following the preliminary report submitted May 2, 2023 (case number A4654-I).

Background

A restrained mouse was accidentally left in a behavioral training apparatus for 14 hours.

Conclusion

The MPFI IACUC discussed the incident at a convened meeting and approved the corrective actions completed by the laboratory. The laboratory members will verify the training boxes are empty prior to leaving for the day and will report this to the lab communication channel each day. If no report is submitted by 9:00 pm, the lab manager will check the boxes. All lab members will complete and submit a daily checklist to the lab manager ensuring the animals are returned to the proper housing rooms within the facility. All lab members will be constrained to a limited number of experimental animals to reduce their attentional burden. The lab will also meet with the Animal Resource Staff and IACUC Coordinator annually to discuss animal welfare and potential concerns.

This incident is related to a PHS funded project.

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To: Eion.Ramcharan@mpfi.org
Cc: [OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight \(NIH/OD\)](#)
Subject: RE: <EXTERNAL> RE: Preliminary Incident Report Max Planck Florida Institute (A4654-01)
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 12:23:08 PM

Good afternoon Dr. Ramcharan,

Thank you for sending us this final report for case A4654-I and we will send an official response soon.

Best,
Devora

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: <EXTERNAL> RE: Preliminary Incident Report Max Planck Florida Institute (A4654-01)

Good morning

Please find attached the final incident report (OLAW Case # A4654-I) detailing the corrective actions.

Kind regards

Eion Ramcharan

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Good morning Dr. Ramcharan,

Thank you for sending us this preliminary report and we look forward to receiving the final report once completed. This report has been assigned OLAW case number **A4654-I**, so please reference this number when sending the final report.

Thanks,
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I'd be happy to provide any additional information you may require.

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May 1, 2023

Dr. Axel Wolff, Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
Rockledge One, Suite 360
6705 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance # A4654-01

Dear Dr. Wolff,

This is a preliminary report of non-compliance that is being submitted by the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience (MPFI).

Background: a restrained mouse was accidentally left in a training rig for a longer period than approved under the protocol.

A final report of non-compliance and corrective action plan is pending from the MPFI IACUC and will be submitted upon completion.

This incident is related to a PHS funded project.

Sincerely,

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