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June 17, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A4752-01 (OLAW Case 1R)

Ms. Allison P. Moriarty
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Brigham and Women's Hospital
75 Francis Street
Boston, MA 02115

Dear Ms. Moriarty,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 11, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Brigham and Women's Hospital. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that eleven mice on an injury and infection study died unexpectedly. A laboratory staffer had failed to conduct two sequential monitoring points due to illness and the contingency plan for staff absence had not been followed.

The corrective actions consisted of retraining the laboratory staff on the contingency plan to ensure backup personnel is present to conduct monitoring and other procedures.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy.

Sincerely,

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cc: IACUC Chair
Director of Research Subjects Protection and Laboratory Safety Compliance

New case
A 4752-1R



BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

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FINAL REPORT

Non-Compliance Report: Assurance **A4752-01**
Brigham and Women's Hospital IACUC

Dear Dr. Morse,

This letter serves as a final report on a resolved issue of non-compliance that has been reviewed by the Brigham and Women's Hospital Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Eleven mice were found dead by veterinary staff during an infection and injury model which was higher than the expected mortality for this model. A laboratory member self-reported to the IACUC that she had missed two sequential monitoring time points due to an illness inhibiting her from coming to work. The PI confirmed that a contingency plan exists in the lab to provide back-up personnel for monitoring animals but that the plan was not followed in this case. The PI has since retrained his laboratory members on this plan to ensure a similar situation does not occur. The BWH IACUC discussed this incident and due to the contingency plan and the retraining of laboratory staff on the plan, the IACUC considers this matter resolved.

Thank you for your review of these incidents. Please let us know if any further action is required at this time.

Sincerely,
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Allison Moriarty
Vice President, Research Operations
Institutional Official for the BWH IACUC

CC: **Amber Hoggatt, DVM, DACLAM**
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Srinivasan Mukundan, Jr., Ph.D., M.D.
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Subject: RE: Noncompliance Report A4752-01

Thank you for this report Ms. Holthaus. We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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Subject: Noncompliance Report A4752-01

Dear Dr. Morse,

Please find attached to this email, a final incident report that was reviewed and discussed at a recent IACUC meeting at Brigham and Woman's Hospital, AWA# # D16-00941 (A4752-01). Thank you in advance for your review of this incident and please let us know if any further action is required at this time.

Best regards,
Kathryn

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