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January 23, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3306-01 [OLAW Case 2Q]

Dr. Terence Flotte
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University of Massachusetts Medical School
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Dear Dr. Flotte,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 3, 2019 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that two young live mice were found in bedding discarded in the trash in the vivarium. No responsible party could be identified.

The immediate action taken upon discovery consisted of euthanizing the mice. All rodent user Principal Investigators which shared the procedure room involved were contacted about the incident and instructed to counsel staff on appropriate animal handling and carcass disposal.

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 on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

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Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
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cc: IACUC Chair



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January 3, 2019

Division of Compliance Oversight
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Dear members of the Division of Compliance Oversight,

RE: Assurance #D16-00196 (A3306-01)

On behalf of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, I am submitting a report of a recent incident for your consideration.

On 11/29/2018, two live mice approximately 10 days old were found among bedding, food, and nesting materials in a trash receptacle located in a shared procedure room within the animal vivarium. A Department of Animal Medicine husbandry technician identified the mice at approximately 3:30 pm, indicating that the mice were not in the receptacle at 8:30 am. The technician immediately notified a Department of Animal Medicine husbandry supervisor and euthanized the mice according to AVMA guidelines.

The IACUC Chair was immediately notified and the incident was discussed by full committee on December 17, 2018 to determine corrective actions. The specific laboratory responsible for the mice could not be identified. As a result, the IACUC determined that all PIs (15 total) with actively breeding mice housed in the corridor where the shared procedure room was located must be notified of the incident. The PIs must meet with the animal users in their laboratories to discuss the incident and impact on animal welfare, and reinstruct on appropriate animal handling and carcass disposal. The PIs have been notified and laboratory meetings are currently ongoing.

It is unclear whether PHS funds were used to support the animal activities involved in this incident since the specific PI was unable to be identified.

Please contact us if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

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Terence Flotte, M.D.
Institutional Official
Dean, Provost and Executive Deputy Chancellor
University of Massachusetts Medical School

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Moran, Casey; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: Assurance D16-00196 (A3306-01)

Thank you for providing these two reports. We will send official responses soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Dear members of the Division of Compliance Oversight,

On behalf of the University of Massachusetts Medical School Institutional Official, Dean Flotte, I am sending two attached reports for your consideration:

1. A report related to an incident for which a specific protocol was unable to be identified.
2. A report linked to IACUC protocol A-1909-18. A preliminary report was submitted on 12/5/2018.

Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Casey

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