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September 5, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3431-01 [OLAW Case 8U]

Dr. Lisa Muto
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Dear Dr. Muto,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your September 3, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Harvard Medical School. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a cage of mice was not monitored for days three and four following surgery as required. No adverse effects were reported with the mice.

The corrective action consisted of the Principal Investigator counseling the laboratory member responsible, as well as all of the laboratory staff, on monitoring animals following surgery.

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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Deputy Director
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cc: IACUC Chair



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FINAL REPORT

RE: Non-Compliance Report: Assurance: **A3431-01**
Harvard Medical Area Standing Committee on Animals (HMA IACUC)
Species: mouse **Grant:** 5R01NS081297-07

Dear Dr. Morse,

This letter serves as a final report on a recent noncompliance that has not been preliminarily reported to OLAW by the Harvard Medical Area Standing Committee on Animals (HMA IACUC).

During a semi-annual IACUC inspection on July 9, 2019, it was discovered that a lab had not monitored a cage of mice on days 3 and 4 following survival surgery. Mice are required to be monitored at least daily for 4 days following survival surgery. There was no apparent harm as a result of this incident.

In response to this incident, the PI met with the lab member involved to discuss this incident and remind her of the monitoring requirement following survival surgery. The PI also discussed this incident with his entire laboratory to ensure that everyone understands the importance of monitoring animals following surgery.

The Committee is satisfied with the corrective action mentioned above and considers this incident to be resolved. Please let us know if any additional information is required at this time.

Sincerely,

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Executive Dean for Administration
HMA Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee: Institutional Official

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

Best regards, Brent Morse

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