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October 1, 2019

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

Dr. Lisa Muto
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Dear Dr. Muto,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated September 25, 2019 regarding a reportable noncompliance at your institution. This is a final report that was not preceded by a preliminary report to this office.

According to the information provided, our office understands that in late August 2019, animal care staff observed laboratory members clipping tails on mice over 21 days of age without anesthesia. In addition, the laboratory members were using tail clipping as a blood collection method, but this blood collection technique was not in the protocol approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). These animals were part of a PHS funded project.

Corrective measures included veterinary staff training laboratory members on several blood collection techniques, and having the laboratory confirm that members will adhere to the approved protocol and will submit an amendment if they wish to use a different method.

The committee reviewed the corrective measure and considers the issue resolved.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been taken to prevent recurrence of this problem. For future reports, if possible, please include the number of animals affected, and please ensure that the grant is not charged for costs associated with deviations that were not approved by the IACUC.

OLAW concurs with the actions taken by your institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. We appreciate having been informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office at this time.

Sincerely,

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September 25, 2019

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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: 5R01AI039558-23

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).

In late August 2019, animal care staff observed lab members clipping tails on mice over 21 days of age without anesthesia. The lab was using this method as a blood collection technique, but this technique was not approved on the protocol.

In response to this finding, the lab members received training on several blood collection techniques from veterinary staff. The lab confirmed that they will now collect blood according to the protocol and will amend the protocol if they want to use a different method.

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
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Subject: RE: Final Report

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

Best regards, Brent Morse

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Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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