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October 1, 2019

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

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 on July 28, 2019, a Principal Investigator (PI) discovered a dead juvenile macaque. The juvenile had strangled herself on an enrichment device by ripping a hole in it and pushing her head through. This animal was part of a PHS funded project.

Corrective measures included removing all these types of devices and any large cloths from the macaque cages. The Institution's enrichment committee is re-evaluating all aspects of the enrichment program.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee reviewed the corrective measures and is satisfied with the correction plan.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been taken to prevent recurrence of this problem.

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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Nicolette Petervary, VMD, DACAW  
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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: Rhesus Macaque Grant: 5R01EY025670-04

Dear Dr. Morse,

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

On July 28, 2019, the PI discovered a dead juvenile macaque. The macaque had strangled herself on her hanging surrogate cover, which was being used for enrichment. The macaque had ripped a hole in the surrogate cover and stuck her head through it.

In response to this incident, all hanging surrogates have been removed from macaque cages. In addition, all large cloths have been removed. Lab, animal care, and veterinary staff are looking into new enrichment options. The Harvard Center for Comparative Medicine Enrichment Committee is currently re-evaluating all aspects of the surrogate enrichment program, covering parameters such as the age of the animals and the materials being used.

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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Lisa M. Muto, PhD  
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  
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