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October 22, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3348-01 (OLAW Case 2F)

Dr. Thomas F. Murray
Provost and Institutional Official
Creighton University
2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68178

Dear Dr. Murray,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your October 4th, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Creighton University as a follow-up to the preliminary telephone report on August 30th, 2019. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that one mouse was observed by the Attending Veterinarian (AV) to meet the criteria for humane euthanasia. The investigator was contacted via email and telephone and confirmed that he would conduct the euthanasia procedure. The following morning, the mouse was found dead in the home cage by animal research facility staff. The animal on this study was not supported by NIH funding.

As a corrective measure, the investigator agreed to immediately respond to future veterinary directives. Additionally, animal research facility staff will request a return email confirmation receipt of the veterinary directive and a follow-up email once the directive has been completed.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by Creighton University, which is consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Although this activity was not PHS funded, the application of the standards of the PHS Policy across the animal care and use program reduces any potential appearance of a double standard.

We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Lukovsky-Akhsanov, DVM, MPH, DACLAM
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact

Creighton UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost
Research Compliance

October 4, 2019

Dr. Brent Morse
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
Division of Compliance Oversight
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Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7982

Re: Creighton's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Animal Incident Report,
Assurance Number A3348-01/D16-00226

Dear Dr. Morse:

Creighton University is submitting a finalized report regarding animal welfare which resulted from a failure to follow veterinary directives as initially reported to you via phone on August 30, 2019 by the Research Compliance Auditor.

Background Information/Animal Welfare:

On July 29, 2019, 1 mouse was observed to be thin and hunched over with labored breathing. Once examined by the Attending Veterinarian (AV), the AV requested that the animal be humanely euthanatized. As standard procedure, the ARF staff notified the investigator of this request via email and via phone. The email specified the request for euthanasia, and that if the investigator was unable to euthanize the animal in a timely matter, alternatively the ARF staff could conduct the procedure. While on the phone, the investigator acknowledged the request and stated he would be available to conduct the euthanasia himself. Unfortunately, during rounds the following morning, this animal was found dead in its home cage by the ARF staff.

Corrective Action Plan Taken:

The following corrective action plan was approved by a subcommittee of the IACUC:

- The investigator has agreed to immediately perform any veterinary directive received.
- Additionally, the ARF staff requests a return email confirming receipt of veterinary directive and a second email once the investigator has completed the veterinary directive.

Reporting:

The following agencies/organizations will be contacted regarding this noncompliance:

- The Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC).
- No additional reporting is required as this is not a PHS funded project.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Thomas F. Murray, Provost and Institutional Official, at (b) (6), or Dr. Joseph A. Knezetic, Director of Research Compliance, at (b) (6) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Thomas F. Murray Ph.D.
Institutional Official and
Provost

(b) (6)

Joseph A. Knezetic, Ph.D.
Director of Research Compliance

CC: IACUC Chair
Animal Resource Facility Director
Research Compliance Office

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:00 PM
To: (b) (6) OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Cc: Murray, Thomas F; Knezetic, Joseph A; (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Creighton University -- 3 OLAW Reports

Thank you for these reports (b) (6) We will send official responses soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

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

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:43 AM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: Murray, Thomas F <tfmurray@creighton.edu>; Knezetic, Joseph A <joe@creighton.edu>; (b) (6)
Subject: Creighton University -- 3 OLAW Reports

Please find attached 3 separate finalized written reports regarding incidents reported to you via phone August 30, 2019.

Thank You,
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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: *[Signature]*

Date: 8/30/19

Time: 11:40

Name of Person reporting: [Redacted] (b) (6)

Telephone #: [Redacted] (b) (6)

Fax #: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Name of Institution: Creighton U.

Assurance number: A3348

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? No

Funding component: _____

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened?

A/V recommended euth. of mouse, PI agreed to do it but mouse found dead the next day

Species involved: mouse

Personnel involved: _____

Dates and times: 7/24/19

Animal deaths: 1

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known): _____

PI will reply to my act. directive + send confirmation

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official: _____

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