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July 31, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3434-01 [OLAW Case R]

Dr. Pablo Debenedetti
Dean for Research
Princeton University
91 Prospect Avenue
Princeton, NJ 08544

Dear Dr. Debenedetti,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 26, 2019 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* at Princeton University, following up on an initial telephone report on the same date. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a moribund mouse was found in a cage with no food. The problem was not noted during the daily health checks.

The corrective actions consisted of euthanizing the mouse. The animal care staff was retrained on conducting basic husbandry and on the oversight provided by the veterinary technicians.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and 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,

(b) (6)

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Chair

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July 26, 2019

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Re: Report of Non-Compliance
Princeton University/Assurance No. A3434

Dear Dr. Wolff:

Princeton University provides this report regarding a non-compliance incident presented to the IACUC at a fully convened meeting on June 20, 2019.

On May 12, 2019 a weekend animal care technician found a moribund mouse in a cage during routine daily rounds. The mouse had ad lib access to water, but there was no food available in the cage. A Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR) veterinarian was contacted and authorized immediate euthanasia of the mouse.

The mouse had been previously on study, but had not had any new procedures for at least a month. The lab member that worked with this mouse in the past verified that he checked the mouse the week prior and the mouse presented to be healthy and no abnormal behavior was noted.

This animal room is checked daily by an LAR animal care technician and twice a week rounds are performed by an LAR veterinary technician. There were no previous notifications or concerns noted for this mouse.

This issue was discussed with both the PI and lab member, as well as the LAR staff members performing animal checks, cage changes, and rounds in this room. The LAR staff responsible for changing the cages also provides food to these animals. All LAR care staff have been re-trained on basic husbandry procedures and veterinary technician oversight to ensure that there is no confusion or oversight in the future.

Princeton University is committed to protecting the welfare of animals used in research and teaching. We appreciate the guidance and assistance provided by OLAW in this regard. Should you have any additional questions regarding this report, please contact (b) (6) Research Integrity and Assurance at (b) (6). Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

With best regards,

(b) (6)

Pablo G. Debenedetti
Institutional Official

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Ward, Joan (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 2:16 PM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Report of Non-Compliance- Princeton University A3434

Thank you for this report (b) (6) Dr. Morse will respond soon.

Regards,
Joan

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 12:47 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: (b) (6)
(b) (6) Pablo G. Debenedetti <pdebene@princeton.edu>
Subject: Report of Non-Compliance- Princeton University A3434

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this report of non-compliance on behalf of Princeton University, assurance number A3434.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or require further clarification.

Kind Regards,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)



Princeton University

www.princeton.edu/ria/



Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: an

Date: 7/26/19

Time: 11:30

Name of Person reporting: (b) (6)

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Princeton U

Assurance number: A2434

Did incident involve PHS funded activity?

Funding component:

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): Yes

What happened?

nonbrand mouse, no food. Husbandry still responsible for breeding. Didn't notice problem during health checks

Species involved: Mouse

Personnel involved:

Dates and times:

Animal deaths:

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

Euthanize, retrain

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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