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January 6, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3262-01 (OLAW Case 3T)

Dr. S. David Kimball
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Rutgers, State University of New Jersey
3 Rutgers Plaza
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Dear Dr. Kimball,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your December 16, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey following up on an initial November 20, 2019 notification by telephone.

According to the information provided, this Office understands that Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) determined that an instance of noncompliance occurred with respect to: a deceased mouse found in a no kill mouse trap. The final report states the mouse appeared to have been deceased for at least 48h. It is reported that the trap may not have been adequately evaluated despite the daily check sheet being marked as the trap having been checked that day and the preceding days. On July 17, 2019, the IACUC reviewed and discussed the incident at its regular meeting. The committee unanimously voted to report the matter to OLAW and voted to accept the following corrective actions. The corrective actions were:

- Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) staff were trained to more thoroughly manipulate and examine traps during daily checks.
- A new SOP is being developed on Mouse Trap Observation which lists clear responsibilities and processes.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Animal has implemented appropriate measures to correct and prevent recurrences of this problem and is now compliant with provisions of the PHS Policy. We appreciate being informed of these matters and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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Jacquelyn T. Tubbs, DVM
Veterinary Medical Officer
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact



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December 16, 2019

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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance Number D16-00169 (A3262-01)

Dear Dr. Morse,

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey hereby makes the final report for the following incident, reported to OLAW via telephone on November 20, 2019. On June 24, 2019, a deceased laboratory mouse was found in a no kill mouse trap deployed in a vivarium room. It appeared that the mouse had been deceased for at least 48 hours, indicating that the trap may not have been adequately evaluated despite the daily check sheet being marked as the trap having been checked that day and the preceding days.

The following actions were taken in response to this incident:

- Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) staff were trained to more thoroughly manipulate and examine traps during daily checks.
- A new SOP is being developed on Mouse Trap Observation which list clear responsibilities and processes.
- At its regular meeting on July 17, 2019, the IACUC reviewed and discussed this incident and unanimously voted to report this matter to OLAW. The IACUC also voted to accept the above noted corrective actions.

Please note that it was not possible to determine which protocol this mouse was associated with, so it is unknown if this research is funded by PHS.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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S. David Kimball, Ph.D.
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Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: final reports for Rutgers Assurance D16-00169 (A3262-01)

Thank you for providing 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
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Division of Compliance Oversight,

Attached are eight final reports for reportable events under Assurance # D16-00169 (A3262-01).

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
(b) (6)

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: am

Date: 11/20/19

Time: 10:00

Name of Person reporting: (b) (6)

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Rutgers

Assurance number: A3262

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? unknown

Funding component: _____

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened?

Lab mouse found in pest trap. Husbandry staff missed
dead mouse in trap

Species involved: Mouse

Personnel involved:

Dates and times:

Animal deaths: 1

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

Retrain

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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