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August 12, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3226-01 (OLAW Case 2J)

Dr. Gary Gilliland
President and Director
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
1101 Fairview Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109-1024

Dear Dr. Gilliland,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 1, 2019 reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Your letter supplements the information provided in a phone call to this office on June 21, 2019. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on June 17, 2018 an animal husbandry technician found a cage with one dead mouse and one mouse in poor, lethargic condition. The cage contained no food. The surviving mouse did not respond to supportive treatment and was euthanized later that day. The technician responsible for that room on June 15th and 16th failed to notice the insufficient food supply or declining health of the animals. The associated study was not PHS-funded.

Corrective actions included retraining of the responsible animal husbandry technician on completion of health checks. Also, formal disciplinary action was taken and the incident was documented with Human Resources.

Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to investigate this incident, provide corrective measures, and prevent recurrence. OLAW concurs that the incident warranted reporting. 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,

(b) (6)

Brent C. Morse, DVM
Director
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact

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August 1, 2019

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RE: Report of Protocol Noncompliance

Animal Welfare Assurance Number:	D16-00142 (Legacy #A3226-01)
Name of Institution:	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
	No PHS Funding for this project

Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter serves as follow-up to an initial verbal notification made by Karen Hansen, Director of the Institutional Review office (IRO), on June 21, 2019 regarding a reportable event.

On July 2, 2019, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Fred Hutch) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), reviewed a Reportable Event Form dated June 18, 2019.

The Director of Comparative Medicine (CM) self-reported an incident related to an animal research protocol. The report described an event where on Monday June 17, 2019, a CM animal husbandry technician discovered a single cage with one dead mouse and one mouse in poor condition (lethargic). There was no food in the cage, which likely led to the death of one mouse and the poor condition of the other mouse. Water was available. The animal that was found in poor condition was immediately given supportive care, but did not recover, and was subsequently euthanized the same afternoon. The CM animal husbandry technician responsible for the room husbandry over the weekend (June 15 and 16) failed to notice the insufficient food supply or declining health of the animals during daily cage/room checks.

The Principal Investigator of the protocol was informed of the incident by the Director of CM. The corrective action involved retraining of the CM animal husbandry technician on completion of health checks. Additionally, formal disciplinary action was taken and documentation of the incident was filed with Human Resources.

The IACUC reviewed the corrective action plan and determined the corrective measures that had been taken were adequate. The IACUC determined that no further action was required.

If you have any suggestions for further improvements to our program, please do not hesitate to share them with us. Thank you for your time in reviewing this correspondence. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

D. Gary Gilliland, MD, PhD
President and Director
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

cc: Karen Hansen, Director, Institutional Review Office
George Georges, MD, IACUC Chair
Rajesh Uthamanthil, DVM, Attending Veterinarian
(b) (6)
VP, General Counsel

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 9:41 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: OLAW reporting letter_ D16-00142-Legacy # A3226-01-Fred Hutchinson Research Center

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

Regards,
Joan

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2019 4:01 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: Hansen, Karen M <khansen@fredhutch.org>
Subject: OLAW reporting letter_ D16-00142-Legacy # A3226-01-Fred Hutchinson Research Center

Dear Dr. Morse:

Attached please find the final report as follow-up to an initial verbal notification made by Karen Hansen on June 21, 2019 regarding a reportable event.

If you have any questions please contact:

Karen Hansen
Director, Institutional Review Office
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Phone: (b) (6)
Email: khansen@fredhutch.org

We would appreciate a confirmation via email that you have received the attached document.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)



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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: *[Signature]*

Date: *7/3/19*

Time: *Voicemail*

Name of Person reporting: *Karen Hansen*

Telephone #: *(b) (6)*

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: *Fred Hutchinson Cancer Rsch. Cen.*

Assurance number: *A3226*

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? ☐

Funding component: _____

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened? *Lethargic animal. No food in cage. Euthanized.*

Species involved: *Mouse*

Personnel involved: *Care personnel*

Dates and times: *6/15 - 6/16/19*

Animal deaths: _____

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

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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Case # _____