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August 7, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
A3222-01 [OLAW Case O]

Aleister Saunders, Ph.D.  
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Drexel University  
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Dear Dr. Saunders,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 1, 2018 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Drexel University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a mouse breeding colony was being maintained although the specific strain was not listed on the approved protocol.

The corrective action consisted of submitting a protocol amendment to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, which was subsequently approved.

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 IACUC to comply with the PHS Policy.

Sincerely,

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

cc: IACUC Chair



July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Axel Wolff, DVM  
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
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Rockledge 1, Suite 360  
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Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Dr. Wolff:

Drexel University, in accordance with Assurance A-3222-01 (New D16-00138) and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of noncompliance for operating a breeding colony of a mouse strain not listed on an IACUC approved protocol. The work performed on this protocol is supported by National Institute of Health Grant R21 AR06628.

On 6/13/2018, an Investigator extended a request to the IACUC Administrator for a copy of the approved amendment to add a specific strain of mouse to their approved breeding colony. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the amendment had not been submitted or approved prior. Within 24 hours of this discovery, the investigator submitted the necessary amendment to the IACUC. The amendment requested less than 10% of the number of animals approved on the original protocol and required no new procedures for colony maintenance. Therefore, in accordance with Drexel's Animal Welfare Assurance, the amendment was able to be categorized as minor and approved by the IACUC chair.

Drexel University is committed to protecting the welfare of animals used in research and appreciates the guidance and assistance provided by OLAW in this regard. Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Tim Cunningham, PhD, IACUC Chair or Richard Huneke, DVM, attending veterinarian.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Aleister Saunders, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice Provost for Research  
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Thank you for 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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Good Afternoon,

Drexel University (Assurance D16-00138) would like to report a non-compliance. Please see the attached letter with a description of the incident and the actions taken in response.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

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