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October 12, 2018

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

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

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your September 12, 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 pup was found dead on the lid of a micro isolator cage within the barrier facility. The associated animal activity was supported by PHS funds.

The corrective actions consisted of the Principal Investigator discussing the seriousness of the noncompliance with laboratory personnel, research staff reviewing barrier procedures and their responsibilities for animal welfare and requiring laboratory personnel to count pups twice, when opening the cage and again when the pups are returned to the cage to ensure all animals are accounted for.

The establishment and application of policies and practices that are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Drexel University are commendable and avoid the perception of a double standard. We appreciate having been informed about this matter and find no cause for further action by this Office.

Sincerely,

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Neera V. Gopee, DVM, PhD, DACLAM, DABT
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cc: IACUC Chair



September 12, 2018

Axel Wolff, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, National Institutes of Health
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Dear Dr. Wolff:

Drexel University, in accordance with Assurance D16-00138 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of noncompliance of a deceased mouse pup found on top of a microisolator cage in a barrier animal housing room. The work performed on this protocol is supported by National Institute of Health grant number R01 NS095366.

On 9/7/2018, an investigator self-reported that a deceased mouse pup from their breeding colony was found on the lid of a microisolator cage in the barrier animal housing facility. In addition to self-reporting the incident, the investigator submitted the following plan of action to the Drexel IACUC:

- The investigator met with laboratory staff and all understood the seriousness of the issue.
- The entire lab will review barrier procedures and the responsibilities that researchers have in ensuring proper animal care.
- Moving forward, the lab will count pups when opening any cage and re-count pups in the cage to be sure the numbers match before placing the cage back in the rack.

The IACUC voted at the September 12 meeting to accept the report and plan of action.

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 Michael O'Connor, MD, 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
Institutional Official

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Thank you for providing this report (b) (6) We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Good Morning,

Drexel University (Assurance D16-00138) would like to self-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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