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January 15, 2019

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

Aleister Saunders, Ph.D.
Senior Vice Provost for Research
Drexel University
3180 Chestnut Street, (b) (4)
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear Dr. Saunders,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your December 12, 2018 letter reporting an adverse event involving a research rat at Drexel University, following up on an initial telephone report on November 19, 2018. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a rat was found with a one inch wound of unknown origin on its dorsal thorax. The nature of the injury was such that it appears to have been caused by a sharp object such as a scalpel.

The immediate action taken upon discovery consisted of providing veterinary care to the rat, which subsequently recovered. All animal users were notified about the incident by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee chair. Access to the animal facilities is restricted to authorized users.

OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

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

cc: IACUC Chair



December 12, 2018

Axel Wolff, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
Rockledge 1, Suite 360
6705 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Dr. Wolff:

Drexel University, in accordance with Assurance D16-00138 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this adverse event report of a rat found with an one inch wound on its dorsal thorax.

On 11/9/2018, an investigator noted an inch-long wound on one of their rats. After examination by the investigator and veterinary technician and approval by the attending veterinarian, the investigator cleaned and sutured the wound, provided additional fluids and antibiotics, and continued to monitor the animal. The investigator and veterinary technician/facility manager agreed that the wound had clean edges and may have been created by a scalpel or other sharp object. The animal had been pair housed, but neither the animal nor the cage mate had any bite or scratch marks. There were no sharp edges noted on the cage. There was no blood found in the cage. The fur had not been shaved around the area.

On 11/14/2018, the investigator reported this incident to the IACUC. In response, The IACUC Chair will notify all animal users on the campus of this incident. Animal facility access is limited to animal users which have laboratories or house animals on the individual campus. If additional information regarding this case is discovered, it will be reviewed by the IACUC.

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.

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Aleister Saunders, Ph.D.
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Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:07 PM
To: Iacuc; OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Cc: (b) (6) Saunders,Aleister
Subject: RE: Reports of Non-Compliance, Adverse Event - Drexel University- D16-00138

Thank you for submitting these reports. We will send official responses soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

From: Iacuc <iacuc@drexel.edu>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 3:43 PM
To: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD) <olawdco@od.nih.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) Saunders,Aleister <ajs56@drexel.edu>
Subject: Reports of Non-Compliance, Adverse Event - Drexel University- D16-00138

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached two final reports of noncompliance and one final adverse event report to the Office of Laboratory Welfare. Initial reports were made by phone on 11/19. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: Neesa GogeeDate: 11-19-18Time: 2:16pmName of Person reporting: (b) (6)Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Praxel UniversityAssurance number: A3222-01Did incident involve PHS funded activity? No

Funding component: _____

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened?

Lat that was pair housed was identified with an incisional wound but could not identify the cause Animal R + recovery

Species involved: Lat

Personnel involved:

Dates and times:

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 # _____