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January 25, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3165-01 [OLAW Case Z]

Dr. James J. Tomasek
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University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
1000 Stranton L. Young Blvd., [REDACTED]
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Dear Dr. Tomasek:

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 16, 2018 letter reporting an adverse event within the animal care and use program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Your letter supplements information provided by your designee in a January 2, 2018 telephone prompt report to this office. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on December 14, 2017 a female baboon was observed to be lethargic and the veterinary staff was informed. The animal was sedated with ketamine for an examination but expired and resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful. Upon necropsy, a 1-inch splinter from a fiberglass resting board was found to have been ingested and migrated through the stomach wall. This animal was supported with PHS funds.

One damaged section of a resting board was removed. All other resting surfaces were evaluated and areas with even minor wear were removed. There had been no previous similar event at the facility. These animals are to be relocated approximately within the next 60 days, therefore removing access to these surfaces.

The prompt consideration of this matter by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. OLAW concurs that the incident warranted reporting. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate this unfortunate incident, make corrections, and prevent recurrence. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

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January 16, 2018

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Dear Dr. Morse:

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) provides this notification of an unforeseeable adverse event involving federally-funded animal activities under grant number 5P40OD010988 titled: Baboon Research Resource Program. The PI is Ron E. Banks, DVM. This event was verbally reported to Dr. Brent Morse on January 2, 2018, by the PI.

On December 14, 2017, animal care staff observed a multiparous adult female baboon in a social group corral with no prior history of illness or injury as lethargic and reported the observation to the veterinary staff. Staff moved the animal from the corral for a planned restraint, sedation, and examination. Subsequent to administering ketamine, the animal expired; resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful. A necropsy revealed a foreign body, a 1-inch (approximate) splinter from a fiberglass resting board, which had apparently been ingested and migrated through the stomach wall, ultimately serving as the presumptive cause of death.

Immediate Actions Performed:

1. The veterinary staff conducted an investigation and identified the probable resting board, located at the highest position in the corral, approximately 12-14 feet above the ground. The affected section of the resting board was removed. All other resting surfaces in each of the corral areas were immediately evaluated to assure no other boards had structural issues.
2. The veterinary staff reviewed facility records and noted entries for daily observation and daily pressure washing of the housing areas (including resting boards). There were no reports of issues with any resting boards or any noted observations of animals chewing the surface areas.
3. The veterinary staff interviewed care staff, who also reported no observation of issues with the resting boards or other materials that could have contributed to the event.

The University's animal care and use program includes a robust oversight process designed to identify and correct infrastructural concerns, even if they are minimal, prior to animal or staff injury. The University believes the issue with this particular resting board was very recent, based on the items described in paragraphs 1 – 3 above and on the following factors confirmed during the thorough review of this event:

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From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:51 PM
To: 'Tomasek, James J. (HSC)'
Subject: RE: Final Report

Thank you for this report, Dr. Tomasek. Dr. Morse will be sending a response shortly.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: Tomasek, James J. (HSC) [mailto:James-Tomasek@ouhsc.edu]
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Subject: Final Report

Dear Dr. Morse,

Please find attached the final report to the preliminary report provided to you January 2, 2018.

Regards,

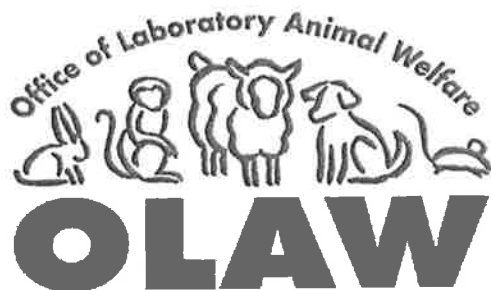
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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: *[Signature]*

Date: 11/2/18

Time: 10:15

Name of Person reporting: Ron Banks, DVM

Telephone #:

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution:

Assurance number:

U. of OK - HSC
A-3165

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? _____

Funding component: _____

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened? *ingested* Baboon chewed on "Trex" shelving & ~~ingested~~ shards of plastic leading to peritonitis & death.

Species involved: Baboon

Personnel involved: None

Dates and times: December

Animal deaths: Yes, 1

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

All material removed.

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official: _____

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