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December 6, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
A3261-01 [OLAW Case 2F]

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Dear Dr. Weisenberger,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your November 29, 2018 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a lab member administered *S. aureus* to 14 mice before a protocol amendment adding this agent had been submitted for approval. The animals were found dead the next morning. It was determined that the dose of the inoculum was too high. This was a PHS-funded activity.

Preventive action was for the PI to submit the amendment which is under review.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by The Ohio State University, which was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken regarding the PHS-funded activity. OLAW assumes that the lab member has been counseled regarding implementing changes to animal work before IACUC approval and that the dose for the inoculum has been corrected. Please be sure that the grant is not charged for noncompliant activities. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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Brent C. Morse, DVM  
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact

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RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3261-01, D16-00168

Dear Dr. Morse:

This letter reports an incident of noncompliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. The incident involved the unapproved administration of *S. aureus* in mice, which resulted in the death of 14 animals. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) reviewed this issue at its convened monthly meeting on November 16.

The PI had created an amendment to add the agent, but it had not been submitted and reviewed by the IACUC. A lab member had assumed that the agent was approved and administered the agent. Animals had not shown any signs when observed several hours after the administration, but were found dead the next morning. It was determined that the dose of the inoculum was too high. The PI has subsequently submitted an amendment that is currently in the review process. The work is funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (R01HL127651).

The Ohio State University remains committed to ensuring the proper care and treatment of animals used in research and teaching at the institution. Funding agencies will be notified as needed. Please contact me at (b) (6) or weisenberger.21@osu.edu if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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Janet M. Weisenberger, Ph.D.  
Senior Associate Vice President for Research

cc: Valerie Bergdall, OSU Attending Veterinarian  
Peter Reiser, OSU IACUC Chair

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Thank you for this report (b) (6) 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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Dr. Morse,  
Attached is a letter from our Institutional Official regarding a recent incident of non compliance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
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