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March 29, 2021

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3245-01 (OLAW Case 4C]

Dr. Melur Ramasubramanian
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University of Virginia
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Dear Dr. Ramasubramanian,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your 18 March 2021 report of an incident of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Virginia (UVA Compliance Case #: 2021-E). According to the information provided it is understood that one cage of animals was found with a reported but unresolved medical condition. The animals should have been euthanized for the chronic unresolved condition. It is understood that the issue was considered programmatic and that the funding source was not of significance. The animals were euthanized.

Corrective and preventive actions included the AV meeting with the veterinary technical staff and reviewing specific conditions that cannot be effectively treated and for which the laboratory needs to be told that the animals must be euthanized.

OLAW believes that the corrective and preventive measures put in place by the University of Virginia are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Although the funding source of this activity was not of significance, the application of the expectations of the PHS Policy across the animal care and use program reduces any potential appearance of a double standard. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -

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Brent C. Morse, DVM

Director

Division of Compliance Oversight

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC Contact

University of Virginia
Animal Welfare Compliance Report
PHS Assurance # A3245-01

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee found the following compliance issue while performing an assessment in the vivaria. Due to the timing of the investigation and resolution, a preliminary email notification was not sent to the OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight. This document is a summary of the incident, actions taken, and final resolution.

UVA Compliance Case #: 2021-E

Nature of Incident(s):	Condition that had the potential to jeopardize the health or well-being of an animal (mice)
Summary of Incident:	During an assessment in the vivaria, a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) observed one cage of animals with a reported but unresolved medical condition. The animals should have been euthanized for the chronic unresolved condition.
Action taken by IACUC:	The IACUC discussed the incident at the Program Review meeting and determined that incident was a significant deficiency because of the failure to provide adequate veterinary care in addressing the chronic unresolved condition. Although only found in one cage, the IACUC considered it a programmatic issue that had the potential of affecting any animal at the institution (i.e., federally funded, institutionally funded). The IACUC sent a letter to the Attending Veterinarian (AV) describing the deficiency and required a response in writing with a corrective action plan to prevent reoccurrence.
Action taken by AV:	The AV responded with a corrective action plan. The AV met with the veterinary technical staff and reviewed specific conditions that cannot be effectively treated and for which the laboratory needs to be told that the animals must be euthanized. The chronic unresolvable condition that was noted during the assessment was identified as one such condition requiring euthanasia. The animals were euthanized upon discovery of the incident.
Action taken by IACUC:	The IACUC felt that the AV responded appropriately and no further action was deemed necessary.
Decision/Resolution:	The IACUC considered the incident resolved with no fault to any grant holder.
Federal Funding:	Not Applicable
Notification of Final Disposition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OLAW
Institutional Official: Dr. Melur K. Ramasubramanian	(b) (6)
	Date: 18 March 2021

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Subject: RE: UVA OLAW Compliance Report 2021-E

Thank you. We will send a response soon. Note that OLAW's current address is 6700B Rockledge Dr, Suite 2500, MSC 6910, Bethesda MD, 20892
Axel Wolff

From: (b) (6)
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Dr. Axel Wolff, Director of Compliance Oversight Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare National Institutes of Health RKL 1, Suite 360, MSC 7982
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Dr. Wolff:

I attach a compliance report from our IACUC. This is our case 2021-E.

In this case, the IACUC has investigated thoroughly, taken appropriate action and the committee has determined that this matter are now resolved to their satisfaction.

I have reviewed the report and I concur with the committee response and final determination.

Thank you,
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For Dr. Melur Ramasubramanian

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