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July 22, 2024

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
A3208-01 [OLAW Case 1T]

Daniel Sui, Ph.D.  
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Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
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Blacksburg, VA 24061

Dear Dr. Sui,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 9, 2024 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, following up on an initial telephone report on May 3, 2024. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that several adult mice were subjected to tail snips for genotyping but failed to receive anesthesia/analgesia. The mice reportedly recovered uneventfully.

The corrective actions consisted of retraining the laboratory staff.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy and recommends that ongoing periodic post-approval monitoring is conducted to ensure that animal activities are carried out as described in the approved protocol. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.  
Acting Director  
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cc: IACUC Chair

A3208-1T



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July 9, 2024

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Final report regarding adverse event at Virginia Tech [Assurance #A-3208-01]

Dear Dr. Wolff:

Virginia Tech, in accordance with Assurance A-3208-01 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of an adverse event involving mice on an IACUC approved protocol.

This incident was first reported to Dr. Wolff on May 3, 2024 via a telephone call led by (b) (6).  
(b) (6) After the call, Teagan provided A-3208-1T as the identifier for this report.

In March 2024, several adult mice underwent tail tissue collection for genotyping purposes without the administration of anesthesia or analgesia described in the SOP approved under the IACUC protocol. All mice recovered from the procedure without complication. Corrective actions by the PI included retraining of laboratory members which was provided by Animal Resources and Care Division personnel.

The matter was reviewed by the IACUC at its next convened meeting, and the corrective actions implemented by the PI were approved.

The funding source of these animals is via the NIH (Federal Award #: R00AG070104). Per PHS requirement, the PI has been informed that they must cooperate with their grant administrator to determine if any funding related actions must be taken.

Virginia Tech 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 (b) (6).

(b) (6)

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Dr. Daniel Sui  
Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation  
Institutional Official  
Virginia Tech

## **Ware, Teagan (NIH/OD) [E]**

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**From:** OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 3:37 PM  
**To:** 'iacucpam'  
**Cc:** (b) (6) OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)  
**Subject:** RE: Final Reports

Good afternoon,

Thank you for providing these final reports for OLAW cases **A3208-1S** and **A3208-1T**. We will send official responses soon.

Please note that the email below states that four final reports were attached, but only the two referenced above were attached and received.

Best,  
Teagan

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Final Reports

Hello Dr. Wolff,

Please find four final reports attached from our IO. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you.

(b) (6)

(b) (6)



A3208-1T



## Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: (b) (6)

Date: 5/3/24

Time: 10:20

Name of Person reporting:

(b) (6)

Telephone #:

(b) (6)

Fax #:

Email: IACULPAM@VT.EDU

Name of Institution: VIRGINIA Tech

Assurance number: A3208

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? YES

Funding component: NIA

Was funding component contacted (if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

What happened?

Tail snips done w/out approval  
No mortality

6-8 mos, 25 mice  
No analgesia

Species involved: Mouse

Personnel involved: PI

Dates and times:

Animal deaths: 0

Retrain

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

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

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