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August 13, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A4365-01 [OLAW Case 3Y]

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Centers for Disease Control
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Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Dr. Monroe,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your August 12, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that embryonated chicken eggs had been placed in an incubator where they hatched and five chicks died. A laboratory staffer had forgotten about the eggs and did not place them in the refrigerator to stop gestation. The study had not been approved for use of live animals, only eggs.

The corrective actions consisted of retraining the staffer on how to dispose of eggs humanely and all egg users will be retrained on this disposal procedure annually.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to prevent recurrence of this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy.

Sincerely,

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

cc: IACUC Chair
Chief, Animal Care and Use Program Office



A4365-3Y

Centers for Disease Control
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Atlanta GA 30329-4027

PHS Assurance #D16-00685 (A4365-01)

August 12, 2019

Dr. Brent Morse
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
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Dear Dr. Morse,

On the morning of Tuesday, June 25, 2019, a CDC laboratorian discovered five deceased chicks that had hatched from embryonated eggs inside an incubator. The laboratorian's supervisor immediately reported the incident to Division leadership and the IACUC Chair. The IACUC Chair notified the on-call veterinarian, who then immediately went on-site and verified death of each animal. Upon investigation, CDC determined that a laboratorian placed 10-day-old uninfected embryonated chicken eggs in an egg incubator on June 10, 2019, but the eggs were never used for an experiment and the laboratorian inadvertently failed to place the unused eggs in a refrigerator to stop gestation. The incubator was not opened between June 10 and June 25, 2019 during which time the five eggs hatched.

In response to this incident, the laboratorian was re-trained on Division procedures to dispose of eggs in a pre-designated laboratory refrigerator followed by autoclaving if they are not used for experimental purposes. The program also updated the training requirements for this egg-related SOP to require retraining on this procedure for all egg users in the Division on an annual basis.

The CDC-Atlanta IACUC discussed this incident of noncompliance with PHS policy at the July 1, 2019 meeting as the viral study using eggs was not approved for work with live animals. The committee voted to report this incident to OLAW via the Institutional Official. Upon the corrective actions outlined above, the committee did not feel that any other actions were needed at this time.

Sincerely,

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8/12/2019

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Stephan S. Monroe, PhD
Institutional Official
Signed by: PIV

Stephan S. Monroe, PhD
Institutional Official
Associate Director for Laboratory Science and
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Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

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Cc: Monroe, Steve (CDC/DDPHSS/OLSS/OD); Animal Care and Use Program Office (CDC)
Subject: RE: Incident report submission for CDC-Atlanta (PHS Assurance #D16-00685 (A4365-01))

Thank you for providing 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
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Subject: Incident report submission for CDC-Atlanta (PHS Assurance #D16-00685 (A4365-01))

Dear Dr. Morse and colleagues,
Please find attached an incident report for submission.

Thank you.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention