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June 17, 2019

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

Stephan S. Monroe, Ph.D
Director for Laboratory Science and Safety
Centers for Disease Control
1600 Clifton Road NE, (b)(6)
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Dr. Monroe,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 10, 2019 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a prairie dog had sustained bite wounds but was not identified by animal care staff during the daily health check. The wounds had become infected and the animal lost weight over several days.

The corrective actions consisted of euthanizing the prairie dog and retraining the animal caretakers on the appropriate conduct of daily health checks. This includes checking through the deep bedding to visualize each animal.

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 on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

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



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Centers for Disease Control
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June 10, 2019

A4365-3X
New case

PHS Assurance #D16-00685 (A4365-01)

Dr. Brent Morse
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Dear Dr. Morse,

On December 14, 2018 an animal care technician observed wounds on the back of a prairie dog and notified the resident veterinarian. Upon physical examination, the veterinary resident determined that the wounds were consistent with fighting but were of a more chronic problem as they appeared to be at least a week old and may have contributed to the weight loss that was observed in the animal. The CDC Deputy Chief veterinarian investigated further and concluded that the injuries to the prairie dog were not discovered in a timely manner by animal care staff during health checks. Unfortunately, due to the severity of the wounds and subsequent sepsis, the prairie dog required euthanasia.

In response to this incident, animal care technicians were immediately retrained on December 18, 2018 on proper animal observations when dealing with an exotic species. These prairie dogs are housed on the floor and provided five inches of bedding for enrichment. Careful instruction was provided that demonstrated to the technician the proper way to isolate and observe each prairie dog that is floor housed in order to conduct a thorough health check in this setting.

The Deputy Chief veterinarian discussed this incident with the CDC-Atlanta IACUC at the May 5, 2019 meeting. The committee voted to report this incident to OLAW. Upon the corrective actions outlined above, the committee did not feel that any other actions were needed at this time.

Sincerely,

6/10/2019

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

X *Stephan S. Monroe*

Stephan S. Monroe, PhD
Assoc Dir Lab Science & Safety
Signed by: PIV
Stephan S. Monroe, PhD
Institutional Official
Associate Director for Laboratory Science
and Safety

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

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Cc: Monroe, Steve (CDC/DDPHSS/OLSS/OD); Animal Care and Use Program Office (CDC); (b)(6) Maines, Taronna (b)(6)
Subject: RE: incident report submission for CDC-ATL (PHS Assurance #D16-00685 (A4365-01))

Thank you for providing this report. We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health

From: (b)(6)
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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