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Dear Dr. Draetta,

Attached please find Dr. Lukovsky-Akhsanov's final responses (2) to OLAW Cases A3343-2T, and 2U.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or by e-mail.

Best Regards,
Keri

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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3343-01 (OLAW Case 2T)

Dr. Giulio Draetta
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Dear Dr. Draetta,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your October 6, 2020 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on August 18, 2020, an animal technician was performing routine husbandry procedures and found a rhesus monkey unresponsive, promptly alerted the supervisors and a veterinarian that came to immediately assess the animal. The animal was entangled in a chain of an enrichment device recently placed on the outside of the cage. The animal was removed from the device, immediate resuscitation and recovery attempts were performed however the animal could not be revived and was submitted for necropsy. This study was PHS funded.

As a corrective measure, all the enrichment devices recently installed were immediately removed. The enrichment plan that included the type of enrichment decided involved in this incident were approved but revised to include a note that chains used to hang enrichment devices must be equal to four inches or less.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center which is consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate steps have been taken to investigate this incident and to attempt to prevent recurrence. We appreciate being informed of this matter and please contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nicole Lukovsky-Akhsanov, DVM, MPH, DACLAM
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After review of the matter, it was determined that the locking mechanism holding the animal's water bowl was not properly secured and thus the monkey was able to remove his water bowl and escape the enclosure. As a corrective measure, animal technicians working in the area were retrained on September 10, 2020 to ensure the locking mechanism is properly secured.

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