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February 25, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3082-01 (OLAW Case 1B)

Dr. Joanna Turner
Vice President for Research
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
8715 West Military Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78227-5302

Dear Dr. Turner,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 14, 2020 letter reporting a noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals within the animal care and use program at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute. Your letter supplements the initial information contained in the telephone report received on November 26, 2019. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that November 18, 2019 a baboon was found strangled in a cage by a cable from a separator door. It was stated that the animal was supported by funds from the PHS.

Corrective and preventive actions consisted of immediately applying stops (clips) to all such cables to prevent them from being pulled through the tops of holding cages. Training of all pertinent staff has been performed on the appropriate use of chute and door systems along with reporting any cables that may lose their clips. A form has been placed in each working area to confirm all required cable clips are in place.

The prompt consideration of this matter by the Texas Biomedical Research Institute was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, the actions taken to resolve the issue and prevent recurrence were appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this incident and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact
Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, USDA, APHIS, AC



January 14, 2020

Brent Morse, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
67008 Rockledge Dr., Suite 2500, MSC 6910
Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Dr. Morse,

The Texas Biomedical Research Institute (TBRI), in accordance with Assurance D16-00048 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report of an unanticipated animal event, resulting in the death of a baboon on the P51 Base Grant (OD011133) holding/colony protocol. This event was first reported to Dr. Brent Morse, OLAW, on November 26, 2019 via a telephone call by Kathleen Brasky, V.M.D., interim Attending Director and Associate Director, Southwest National Primate Research Center, Luis Giavedoni Ph.D., IACUC Chair, and IACUC Office Staff.

Immediate corrective actions were taken to include modifying cables throughout the working chutes within the separator areas for shifting animals, procedures, and recoveries. The IACUC was immediately informed of this event. The IACUC Chair, and IACUC staff visited the separators and verified these changes have occurred.

Corrective actions were provided to the IACUC for review at the November 19, 2019 IACUC meeting to include:

- All cables within the separators now have cable clips to prevent cables from being pulled through the top of holding cages.
- A training session has been performed with all pertinent staff on the appropriate use of chute and door systems along with reporting any cables that may lose their clips.
- A form has been placed in each working area to confirm all required cable clips are in place.

The Texas Biomedical Research Institute 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 Luis Giavedoni, PhD, IACUC Chair.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Joanne Turner (Jan 16, 2020)

Joanne Turner, Ph.D.
Institutional Official
Vice President, Research, Texas Biomedical Research Institute

Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 3:45 PM
To: IACUC
Cc: Joanne Turner; Kathy Brasky; Luis Giavedoni
Subject: RE: D16-00048 Animal Event follow-up

Thank you for providing this final 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: D16-00048 Animal Event follow-up

Good Afternoon Dr. Morse,

Please see the attached animal event letter.

Respectfully,

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: [Redacted] (b) (6)

Date: 11/26/19

Time: 3:15

Name of Person reporting: Kathy Brasley, DVM, et al.
Telephone #: [Redacted] (b) (6)
Fax #: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

Name of Institution: Texas Biomed. Resch. Inst.
Assurance number: A3082

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? ?
Funding component: _____
Was funding component contacted (if necessary): _____

What happened? 3 Y/O (12 Kg). TB tested + recovered + strangled in cage by cable from door.

Species involved: Baboon
Personnel involved: None
Dates and times: 11/18/19
Animal deaths: Yes, one.

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known): _____
Stops applied to all such cables.

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:
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