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Dear Dr. Manning,

Attached please find Dr. Wolff's final response to OLAW Case A3227-6F.

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

Best Regards,
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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3227-01 (OLAW Case 6F)

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Dear Dr. Manning,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your October 9, 2020 letter reporting the suspension of an animal activity at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, following up on an initial telephone report on August 28, 2020 and an interim report on October 5, 2020. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) took this action after determining that five guinea pigs died/were euthanized due to failed ventilator testing procedures. The deaths had not been reported to the veterinary staff or IACUC and the procedures had not been observed by a veterinarian or surgical research personnel as required in the protocol and by the IACUC.

The corrective action consisted of the IACUC chair directing the Principal Investigator (PI) to stop all animal activities. The IACUC voted to suspend the protocol, required transfer of the study to a new PI, required the new PI confer with the IACUC, and revoked the original PI's animal use privileges.

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 IACUC to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Please also report the suspension and change in PI to the funding component. Thank you for keeping OLAW apprised on this matter.

Sincerely,

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