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May 20, 2021

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

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 May 17, 2021 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 report received on March 15, 2021. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that an unanticipated inclement weather event resulted in a number of non-life-threatening, weather-related injuries, including frostbite, to the baboon colony at the Southwest National Primate Research Center. These animals are supported by the PHS.

Immediate corrective actions included providing additional supplemental heat and overnight observations. Staff provided continual care and observations to allow animals identified with weather related injuries to receive immediate care. All processes and procedures were followed, and all affected animals received veterinary attention. One hundred fifty-nine animals received care with no loss of life.

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 were appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this incident and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse -S

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Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, USDA, APHIS, AC



May 17, 2021

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 inclement weather event resulting in a number of non life-threatening weather related injuries to our baboon colony. These animals are on the P51 Base Grant (OD011133-21) holding/colony protocol. This event was first reported to Dr. Brent Morse, OLAW via a zoom conference call by Diana Scorpio, D.V.M., Attending Director and Associate Director, Southwest National Primate Research Center and IACUC Office Staff.

Immediate corrective actions were taken to include providing additional supplemental heat and overnight observations. Staff provided continual care and observations to allow animals identified with weather related injuries to receive immediate care. All processes and procedures were followed and all animals received veterinary attention. After all animals had been assessed and treated the number concluded with 159 receiving care with no loss of life or significant impact. Commendations to our staff and their ability to manage a large breeding colony while under severe weather conditions that negatively impacted many areas in South Texas.

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 (May 17, 2021 15:04 CD1)

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

Letter to OLAW regarding inclement weather incident 5 17 2021

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

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DAACLAM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of our Institutional Official, Dr. Joanne Turner, please see the attached letter.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED] (b) (6)

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: BCM

Date: 3/15/2021

Time: Noon

Name of Person reporting: (b) (6) Diana Scorpio, AV

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Texas Biomed Research Cen.

Assurance number: A3082

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? ?

Funding component:

Was funding component contacted (if necessary):

What happened? February winter storm resulted in baboons with frostbite. Several lost digits, but over 100 had amputation surgery due to tail frostbite.

Adverse event

Species involved: Anubis

Personnel involved:

Dates and times: February 2021

Animal deaths: No

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known):

IACUC meeting at end of month to finalize report and any changes to emergency plan

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

< 60 days

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