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January 15, 2009

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3180-01 (OLAW Case 1Q)

Dr. David L. Wynes
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Dear Dr. Wynes,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your November 25, 2008 letter informing us of an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Emory University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on October 23, 2008 an adult female monkey was anesthetized for IACUC-approved protocol procedures, including blood collection. Unfortunately a large hematoma eventually developed and despite thorough treatment, the monkey died from blood loss related to blood collection. This activity was funded by the NIH.

The corrective actions consisted of the institution of a refresher course for training in blood collection procedures. This course will also be used for newly hired employees. Technicians responsible for blood collection will be regularly monitored to ensure all procedures are being followed.

The Emory University's handling of the matter was consistent with the philosophy of self regulation. Similarly, the timely and appropriate action taken to prevent recurrence was appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this unfortunate incident and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse, DVM
Animal Welfare Program Specialist
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: Samuel Speck, Ph.D., IACUC Chair



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November 25, 2008

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**Re: Emory University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
Reporting AWA # A3180-01**

Dear Dr. Wolff:

As Institutional Official for Emory University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, I am writing to report the accidental death of a monkey during a research procedure. This incident and the corrective actions taken are described below. This was initially reported to OLAW by e-mail to Dr. Brent Morse November 3, 2008.

Protocol Title: *Studies of the natural SIV infection of sooty mangabeys*
IACUC Protocol #: 254-2007
Sponsor: NIH (R01 AI066998) and Departmental Funds
Principal Investigator: Cynthia A. Derdeyn, PhD (Subcontract from University of Pennsylvania, Guido Silvestri, PI)

On October 23, 2008, an SIV-negative adult female monkey was anesthetized for IACUC-approved protocol procedures, including blood collection. Blood was collected from the inguinal area. The monkey recovered normally but was later found in poor condition and treated by veterinary staff. During treatment, a large hematoma was noted in the inguinal area. Despite thorough treatment, the monkey died from blood loss related to blood collection.

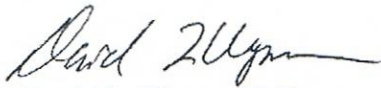
Although instances of accidental death associated with a blood collection are rare, a refresher course for training in blood collection procedures instructed by a clinical veterinarian is being instituted. The training will be well documented for use in refresher courses as well as with newly hired employees. Technicians responsible for blood collections will be regularly monitored to ensure all procedures are being followed.

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The Emory IACUC discussed these findings and actions at its November 5, 2008, meeting. The committee found that although unfortunate, this was an accidental death. The IACUC believes that the corrective action taken is appropriate and will reduce the likelihood of this type of accident reoccurring. Please feel free to contact me or IACUC Chair Dr. Sam Speck if you would like further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Wynes".

David L. Wynes, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research Administration

cc: Sam Speck, Ph.D.
James Else, DVM
Guido Silvestri, Ph.D.
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Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Knight, David L [DKNIGHT@emory.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 9:43 AM
To: Morse, Brent (NIH/OD) [E]
Cc: Else, Jim; gsilvest@mail.med.upenn.edu; Speck, Sam
Subject: RE: Emory University Report on Non-Compliance
Attachments: Emory OLAW Report 11-26-08.pdf

Sorry, here is the attachment!

Dear Dr. Morse,
Attached is the final report from the IO of Emory University on the accidental monkey death at Emory. Please let me know if you need further information on this incident.

Thanks,
David

David L. Knight

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