

Exhibit 5

- 5) October 11, 2012 interim report from UW IO indicating that the Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) was addressing the questions.



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Re: Interim report concerning OLAW Case 4P (Animal Welfare Assurance A3368-01)

Dear Dr. Wolff:

OLAW has requested that the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) address a series of questions regarding allegations concerning a cat used in a study investigating potential treatments for hearing disorders.

The ACUC was provided with a full report of the allegations, along with information regarding OLAW's directive to the Committee to address the questions, at the October 1, 2012 meeting.

The ACUC charged a subcommittee with the task of carefully investigating and addressing the questions. The subcommittee is comprised of the School of Medicine Senior Program Veterinarian, a scientific member from a different department than the principal investigator of the relevant study, a non-affiliated member, and a representative of the ACUC-administration office. Note that the Senior Program Veterinarian was not a primary clinical care veterinarian involved in the case, thus avoiding conflict of interest. The subcommittee held an initial meeting on October 9, 2012, and a plan to address the questions was developed and set in motion.

The subcommittee will present its report to the full Committee at the next convened meeting, currently scheduled for November 12, 2012. After Committee consideration of the findings and relevant Committee discussion, a final report will be prepared and forwarded to your office.

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Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this interim report.

Sincerely,

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 7:47 AM
To: [Name]
Subject: RE: Interim report concerning OLAW Case 4P (Animal Welfare Assurance A3368-01)

Thank you for providing this interim report, [Name]. I am pleased to see the level of expertise in the subcommittee assigned to investigate the matter. As I had mentioned to [Name], it is imperative that the allegations be examined objectively and that the conclusions are based in fact and science. NIH now has over 100,000 messages from the public on this matter and there is strong media interest from around the country and abroad. I look forward to receiving the report after the ACUC has completed its inquiry.

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From: [Name] [mailto:[Name]@wisc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 4:25 PM
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Subject: Interim report concerning OLAW Case 4P (Animal Welfare Assurance A3368-01)

Dr. Woolf,

Please see attached letter, which is an interim report for OLAW Case 4P (Animal Welfare Assurance A3368-01).

Sincerely,

[Name]

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