

Exhibit 16

- 16) July 8, 2013 letter from UW IO providing an interim report on the status of the recommendations.



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Dr. Wolff:

This letter provides an interim report on progress made to date on findings and recommendations detailed in your letter of May 7, 2013 following your visit to the University of Wisconsin-Madison on April 17th and 18th.

In response to specific recommendations in your letter, the following four actions are being jointly undertaken by the laboratory and the UW-Madison animal care program:

1. The animal care and use protocol has completed veterinary pre-review and is currently with the PI for revision and rewrite. The protocol will be submitted for School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) ACUC review at the August 5, 2013 meeting. During formal review, the SMPH ACUC will carefully balance potential adverse events to an individual animal against the potential scientific, human clinical, and societal value of the research.
2. Research Animal Resources Center trainers and veterinarians are working with the PI and his staff to develop or refine laboratory-specific SOPs that will cover, but will not be limited to:
 - Sanitization of equipment
 - Implant maintenance processes, including type(s) and dilutions of disinfecting agents used
 - Sterile technique and practices
 - Recording cylinder evaluation, sealing, and cleaning

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The anticipated timeline for completion of all the SOPs is July 25, 2013, and the SMPH ACUC will review these SOPs at the August 5, 2013 meeting.

3. Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR) leadership, working with veterinary and laboratory staff, identified a non-laboratory area that will serve as a dedicated, sanitizable, and secure area for animal play and environmental enrichment. An LAR-maintained SOP that details the use and cleaning of the room and equipment is in process. Plans regarding establishment and use of the room will be discussed by the SMPH ACUC meeting on August 5, 2013.
4. The veterinary and lab staff met with an infectious disease specialist at the School of Veterinary Medicine who is helping to develop best-practices regarding reduction or elimination of potential pathogen transmission between animals. The specialist is providing input into lab SOPs and will be available for consultation as needed.

An update will be provided to your office by August 31st 2013 that will include a copy of the new animal use protocol, records of ACUC deliberations regarding the protocol, the complete set of new and revised laboratory SOPs, results of the consultation with an infectious disease specialist, and information concerning the newly-developed enrichment room along with the associated SOP.

Please let me know if you require any further information at this time.

Best Regards,

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Wolff, Axel (NIH/OD) [E]

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 1:54 PM
To: 2ndary Personnel
Subject: RE: Letter from [Name] UW-Madison

Thanks for this update letter [2ndary Personnel] I'll send a response to [Name] soon.
Axel Wolff

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Dr. Wolff:

Please see the attached letter from [Name] UW-Madison. Thanks.

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