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February 5, 2024

Re: Assurance Approval for D16-00276 (A3437-01)

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Dear Dr. Burg:

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) reviewed and approved your institution's Animal Welfare Assurance (Assurance), submitted in accordance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy), revised 2015.

Your Assurance, identification number **D16-00276 (A3437-01)**, became effective on **February 5, 2024**, and will expire on **November 30, 2027**. Please include the Assurance number on all future correspondence to OLAW. You will receive a copy of the signed Assurance document by email. The signature page provides verification of approval by OLAW and specifies the period during which your institution's Assurance is effective.

The Assurance is a key document that sets forth the responsibilities and procedures of your Institution regarding the care and use of laboratory animals according to the PHS Policy. The practices described in the Assurance document must be followed by all individuals in the animal care and use program.

Please note that the OLAW Annual Reporting period is the federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. The Annual Report to OLAW is due by December 1 (but no earlier than September 30).

Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Senior Assurance Officer, OLAW  
National Institutes of Health

cc: IACUC Contacts