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Re: Assurance Approval for **D16-00362**
(A3597-01)

Fred King, PhD
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Morgantown, WV 26506

Dear Dr. King,

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) reviewed and approved your institution's Animal Welfare Assurance (Assurance) that was 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 **D16-00362 (A3597-01)**, became effective on **February 27, 2017** and will expire on **February 28, 2021**. Please include the Assurance number on all correspondence to OLAW. A copy of the signed Assurance document is enclosed. 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 in defining the relationship of your Institution with the PHS. It sets forth the responsibilities and procedures of your Institution regarding the care and use of laboratory animals. Among the important elements of the Assurance, I would especially call your attention to the reporting requirements that are essential for continued compliance with the PHS Policy. Please note that an Annual Report to OLAW is required at least once every 12 months. Annual Reports for the previous calendar year are due by January 31st.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

3/6/2017

X Doreen H. Bartlett

Signed by: Doreen H. Bartlett -S

Senior Assurance Officer
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

Encl: As stated

cc: IACUC Chair
IACUC Program Coordinator