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Re: Assurance D16-00292 (A3464-01)

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Dear Dr. Thompson-Iritani:

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of the letter dated and received by OLAW on September 27, 2022, providing updated information regarding the University of Washington's Washington National Primate Research Center Breeding Facility (WaNPRC AZ) per OLAW's request of August 30, 2022.

On behalf of this Office, we would like to thank you for the additional details on the following items:

- The nonscientist and the nonaffiliated members of the IACUC will continue to be encouraged to participate in WaNPRC AZ facility inspections. It is noted that the nonscientist IACUC member participated in the facility inspection that occurred on September 12, 2022.
- A recently hired administrative staff member at WaNPRC AZ will perform record organization as part of their duties, which addresses our recommendation for the consolidation of paper records and enhanced labeling of documentation.
- It is understood that SOPs are being updated, with the goal of transitioning all SOPs to a three-year term by the end of the year. SOPs will be reviewed at least once every three years or when procedures change. Also, a system to ensure that all SOPs are regularly reviewed and updated is in development.

We commend you and the leadership and staff of Washington National Primate Research Center Breeding Facility for the cohesive team efforts and commitment contributing to a successful program of animal care and use and in establishing an overall culture of compliance. Thank you again for hosting the OLAW site visit team. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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