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Re: Assurance Approval for D16-00262 (A3421-01)

Segundo Rodriguez Quilichini, MD, FACS, FASCRS Chancellor Institutional Official University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus P.O. Box 365067 San Juan, PR 00936-5067

Dear Dr. Quilichini:

April 28, 2021

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 **D16-00262** (A3421-01), became effective on April 28, 2021 and will expire on March **31, 2025**. 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 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.

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



Venita B. Thornton, DVM,M...

Signed by: Venita B. Thornton -S Venita B. Thornton, DVM, MPH Senior Assurance Officer, Division of Assurances Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

Enclosure: As stated

cc: IACUC CONTACTS

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