

Thank you for contacting us about your concerns.

As soon as Columbia University Health Sciences became aware of allegations regarding the treatment of animals, we launched a thorough investigation that has already resulted in modifications to our animal care program. Further, we are committed to making any additional changes necessary to ensure the most humane treatment of animals used in our research.

Columbia University Health Sciences is dedicated to the understanding and healing of human disease -- a process that often requires research with animal subjects. We understand that using animals for medical research is a complex, emotional issue for the medical community and society at large. However, research on life threatening, catastrophic diseases such as stroke is necessary for improving health and finding new cures for these crippling diseases.

We are proud that Columbia University Health Sciences is one of 650 research institutions accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animals (AAALAC), a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through a voluntary accreditation program.

Please be assured that this institution is committed to the highest levels of animal care in every aspect of its medical research activities.

Yours sincerely,

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