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At the Clinic for Horse Surgery, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany, a study was planned on horse patients undergoing abdominal surgery due to colic. Within the operation a new device called O2C-probe was planned to be used in order to record non-invasively the perfusion level of different parts of the intestine for scientific reasons. Additionally, the wall thickness of the intestinal wall was to be determined via ultrasound.

As the named animal welfare and care officer of Justus Liebig University Giessen, I asked the Regional Council Giessen [*Regierungspraesidium Giessen*] whether the above mentioned study needed an ethical approval or not. The Regional Council is the local authority responsible for all ethical approvals of animal experiments at Justus Liebig University Giessen. I hereby confirm that the Regional Council Giessen informed the University in writing in March 2015 that there is no need for an ethical approval for this study in accordance with the animal law.

Yours faithfully



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