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Dear Ms. Pohl:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an exemplary program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative support for the program, evidenced in part by the capital investment in facilities, with significant funding for recent renovations and remodeling; the active Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), evidenced by the engaged members, the thorough protocol review process, and the documentation of processes by administrative staff; the comprehensive post-approval monitoring program under conscientious leadership; the good communications among the Institutional Official, IACUC, and Center for Comparative Medicine staff; the well organized training records for research staff, IACUC members, and Center for Comparative Medicine staff; the strong biosafety program, evidenced by the robust biohazard program with modern facilities, and thorough monitoring practices and signage; the progressive veterinary medical care program, with a dedicated staff, evidenced by the healthy animals, comprehensive medical records, sound peri-operative regimens, pathogen-free rodents and level of biosecurity; the standardized semi-automatic carbon dioxide euthanasia stations; the excellent husbandry practices throughout the facilities, reflective of an attentive, enthusiastic and knowledgeable animal care staff; the well maintained, state-of-the-art facilities, with a significant capacity for future growth; the excellent sanitation and hygiene throughout facilities, with clean and orderly rooms, equipment, and instrumentation; and the rigorous drug control mechanisms and record keeping. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, NRC 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated February 8, 2016 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the item addressed satisfactorily pertained to clarifying the method and evaluating the frequency of monitoring the effectiveness of sanitation of items processed in the cage washers.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide

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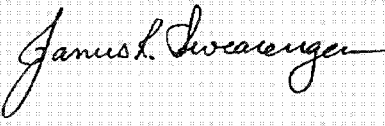
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your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,



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