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Dear Dr. Heenan:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the vigorous institutional support, evidenced in part by the provision of excellent facilities, capable personnel, thoughtful investment in the program and facilities, and state-of-the-art equipment; the deep culture of commitment to continually developing a quality animal care and use program, especially given the challenges inherent to a large, complex, multidisciplinary, and diverse academic program; the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee's focus on reducing administrative burden without diminishing excellent oversight and the superb leadership and support of the mission by the Office of Animal Care and Use staff; the very proactive veterinary care program, evidenced in part by the healthy and high quality animals; the well equipped and appropriately staffed training laboratory, with excellent educational materials for basic hands on training for rodent procedures; the diverse expertise of all personnel; the quality of the numerous core facilities associated with the program; the highly integrated components of the program, including the environmental health and safety program, which enhanced communication and dramatically reduced workplace injuries; and the very experienced and well trained staff, evidenced by the well maintained facilities, both aged and new that were exceptionally clean and supported world-class science. 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 (Guide)*, NRC 2011 and the *Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Research and Teaching*, FASS 2010. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated June 15, 2017 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: evaluating all cage washers to ensure appropriate instructional signage is in place; assessing specific laboratory areas more intensively to ensure *Guide* recommendations are achieved with regard to cleaning, sanitation, organization, and labeling of materials; assessing and correcting temperature set points, temperature ranges, and humidity control in feed storage areas; ensuring consistency in the preparation and storage of non-pharmaceutical-grade tribromoethanol as an anesthetic; re-evaluating procedures for maintaining eyewash stations; training personnel on the proper use and disposal of F/Air canisters; and ensuring appropriate use of personal protective equipment in two satellite facilities.

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.

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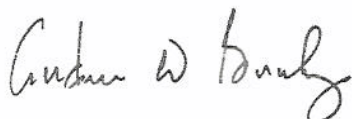
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AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur.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