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Dear Ms. Pohl:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to UConn Health, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the engaged Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), with enthusiastic nonaffiliated and non-scientific members; the detailed semiannual program review and facility inspection reports; the well written protocols; the dedicated and knowledgeable staff at all levels; the collegial relationship among the researchers, the Comparative Medicine Directors and their staff, and the IACUC; the well written Program Description; the excellent oversight by Environmental Health and Safety of animal studies involving biological and chemical hazards; the very clean, well maintained animal facilities and appearance of healthy, well cared for animals; the excellent post-approval monitoring program; and the excellent use of rodent surgery record sheets by researchers who performed surgery in their laboratories. 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 April 29 and March 11, 2019 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: addressing noncompliance with IACUC policies in investigator laboratories; including the transport vehicle in the semiannual facility inspection; addressing the use of loud music in an animal holding room; relocating insect sticky traps to prevent capture of small rodents; relocating the food storage room to a space with appropriate temperature control; evaluating the efficacy of hand washed experimental equipment; updating the Program Description, Appendices 11 and 16, to include satellite facilities; and reevaluating light intensity in animal housing rooms.

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

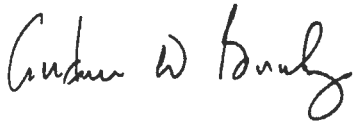
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programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew W. Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew W. Grady, D.V.M., M.S.

President, Council on Accreditation

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