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Dear Mr. Custer:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. 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, experienced, and dedicated animal care and veterinary technical staff; the excellent documentation and administration of training programs; the well maintained and clean facilities; the high-quality veterinary medical care, evidenced in part by the animals that appeared to be in good health; the good rapport and relationships among laboratory staff, laboratory animal medical service personnel and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) staff; the active and engaged IACUC; the treatment flow charts for common husbandry and clinical conditions that empowered animal care technicians to manage situations effectively; the explicit attention paid to harm-benefit analysis during IACUC protocol review; the refinements in care and husbandry for special situations (e.g., bedding material for post-surgical pigs and catching/moving post-surgical guinea pigs with a plastic tube to minimize handling stress following procedures." 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 March 20, 2019 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: improving the cage washer safety program; ensuring that compressed gas cylinders are secured; ensuring that personnel are trained on personal protective equipment requirements; assessing personnel exposure to allergens; monitoring sanitation effectiveness of cage racks and laboratory equipment; and increasing the level of detail in the disaster plan for satellite facilities.

Enclosed is a further recommendation for improvement of the animal care and use program. The Council on Accreditation notes that there is no obligation for institutions to make program changes based on suggestions for improvement. Implementation of suggestions is, however, one means of promoting a high quality animal care and use program.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. If your institution chooses to implement program modifications in response to the suggestion described in the enclosure, the Annual Report provides an opportunity to summarize the actions taken. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should

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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 that reads "Andrew W. Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President, Council on Accreditation

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Enclosure

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