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Dear Dr. Strasser:

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 effective Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) processes evidenced by the rigor of protocol review, the comprehensiveness of meeting minutes, the knowledge and engagement of IACUC members, and the proactive IACUC administration; the strong veterinary care, evidenced by the excellent overall health of the animals and the records demonstrating a strong mechanism for reporting of sick animals as well as the records reflecting follow through with respect to treatment; the dedicated husbandry staff, evidenced by the outstanding in-cage conditions for animals and the overall cleanliness of facilities; the effective management of the veterinary technology program at the Blue Ash Campus, evidenced by the excellent animal record keeping, documentation of controlled substance use, and the use of inanimate models; and the well written Program Description that facilitated an efficient site visit. 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 18, 2016 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: restating to personnel the expectations and policies for personal protective equipment practices; strengthening the information available to investigators regarding controlled substance storage and record keeping; enhancing record keeping processes to ensure proper postoperative care and monitoring of animals; assessing exposure of personnel to waste anesthetic gas; improving feed storage practices; standardizing practices used to determine the shelf life of non-pharmaceutical-grade drugs; reviewing dock practices to optimize the separation of waste, feed, bedding, and animals; and ensuring that facilities are maintained in a way that is safe and minimizes vermin harborage.

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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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Swearingen".

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