

July 6, 2017

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Dear Dr. Daniels:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, Texas. 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 commitment and support of the animal care and use program, evidenced in part by the excellent resources to promote effective training of the knowledgeable, dedicated, and engaged staff at all levels; the adequate equipment, such as individually ventilated cages, and appropriate staffing levels throughout the vivaria; the facilities which, despite their age, were well maintained and very clean; the thorough, detailed and comprehensive documentation including that for staff training, veterinary medical records, a mouse tumor score sheet, the electronic database for sick animal reports, the Department of Laboratory Animal Medicine surgical analgesia formulary for rats and mice, the comprehensive emergency/disaster preparation plan, and the postoperative surgery procedures that enhanced communication between principal investigators (PI), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) members and the animal care/veterinary staff; the excellent signage including experimental drug identification signs, carbon dioxide euthanasia instructions that were posted on the wall, a room level reference guide and the unique cage cards for identifying singly-housed rodents; the vivarium staff members who designed a response kit for flooded cages; and the investigative staff members in the Cardiovascular/Metabolic Division who were very knowledgeable about their science and the proper care and use of laboratory animals. 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. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated April 3, 2017 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: ensuring IACUC approval of an exception to the *Guide* for housing mice and hamsters in the same room; developing a standard operating procedure for PI-maintained animals to ensure documentation and maintenance of records regarding special requirements such as treated water; and amending protocols to include justification for not using an anesthetic during a euthanasia procedure, single housing of mice and the use of non-pharmaceutical-grade anesthetic.

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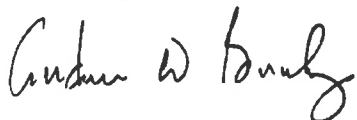
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AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur.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

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

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Council President-Pro Tem

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