

December 4, 2017

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Dear Dr. King:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences, Pharmacy, Public Health, Veterinary Medicine and the Office of Research, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a high quality program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative commitment to the program, evidenced in part by the investments in research buildings, personnel, and equipment; the active and engaged Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); the dedicated and knowledgeable veterinary and husbandry staff; the exceptional team spirit among all components of the husbandry and veterinary staff; the impressive electronic record keeping systems; the well maintained and clean facilities; the "Working Safely With Laboratory Animals" training module; the exemplary program of environmental enrichment for all species; the excellent veterinarian/sick animal notification procedure; and the precise and well written Program Description. 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 September 8, 2017 and July 7, 2017 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: ensuring that rodent euthanasia with carbon dioxide conforms with the American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals: 2013 Edition; enhancing the posting of signage for reporting animal welfare concerns; improving the occupational health and safety program regarding risk assessments, respiratory protection, recapping of needles, cage washer safety signage, waste anesthetic gas scavenging, eating and drinking in laboratories, hydraulic chute training, and the use of personal protective equipment; intensifying IACUC oversight of laboratories; repairing a floor; re-evaluating the light intensity in two rodent rooms; planning to correct air pressure differentials in a few areas; and improving veterinary medical records for the animals in the Nonhuman Primate Core.

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 programmatic

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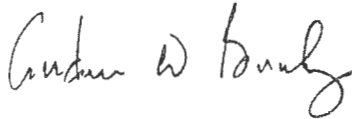
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changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute 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 "Andrew W. Grady".

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