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Dear Dr. Martin:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the growing institutional support for a complex and dynamic research animal care and use program; the clean, comfortable environment and the high level of care provided for all animals; the dedicated and enthusiastic program personnel who provided animal care; the exceptional program of veterinary medical care, evidenced in part by the careful monitoring of animal weight and accurate postoperative records; the innovative use of gates, panels, and visual cues to minimize transport stress in sheep; the establishment of a dedicated environmental enrichment committee, which had notable success in developing an effective program for sheep; the use of digital scanning to generate and monitor animal medical records; the excellent documentation procedures, evidenced in part by the complete and accurate animal medical records, autoclave validation reports, animal health surveillance results, etc.; the overall positive spirit of cooperation and collegiality, observed at all levels of the organization, especially among animal caretakers, veterinarians, and research staff; and the keen interest and engagement demonstrated by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) members, the Chair, and the Institutional Official throughout the 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 (Guide)*, NRC 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated July 11, 2018 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: taking various actions to ensure social housing of all compatible animals; updating reports to note departures from the *Guide's* recommendations; validating the effectiveness of hand sanitation procedures; verifying that air directional flow settings provide adequate biocontainment; confirming that all environmental enrichment exemptions have been approved by the IACUC; ensuring appropriate feed storage conditions; complying with institutional policies for labeling of non-pharmaceutical-grade compounds; and replacing missing ceiling tiles.

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.

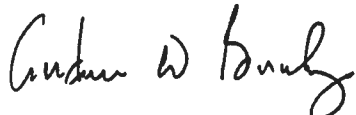
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AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Andrew W. Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President, Council on Accreditation

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