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Dear Dr. Duncan:

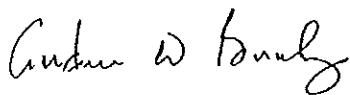
The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the committed, engaged, and knowledgeable staff in all divisions of the animal program; and the clean and well maintained animal facilities, including the highly functioning heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. 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 13, 2016 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: conducting a risk assessment of the practice of dumping soiled rodent bedding without the use of containment equipment; retraining personnel to ensure that rodent cage overpopulation does not occur in the Breeding Colony rooms; implementing procedures to improve tracking and monitoring justifications for single housing of social species of animals; initiating continuing education for research personnel; and modifying the Disaster Plan to ensure conformance with the recommendations in the *Guide*.

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 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".

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