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Dear Ms. Morningstar:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas. 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 active and engaged Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), evidenced in part by the transparent and comprehensive committee meeting minutes, the user-friendly protocol form and the active participation of the nonaffiliated member; the environmental enrichment program, evidenced in part by the variety of manipulanda for the different species; the well organized records systems for veterinary clinical, surgical and postoperative activities and the animal health questionnaires; the detailed Disaster Plan, evidenced in part by the well executed response to the winter storm of 2021; the clean and organized animal housing rooms; and the 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 November 10, 2021 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: replacing instructional safety signage, designating safe zones around cage wash doors, developing a policy and enhancing training on the safe use of the walk-in cage washer; improving safety practices for the use of isoflurane, including enhancing monitoring, documenting waste gas canister weighing, and replacing a deficient quality nose cone; repairing behavioral testing equipment; establishing a Task Force comprised of key personnel to recommend improvements to the practice of benchtop rodent cage changing; improving sanitation procedures for operant behavioral equipment with associated personnel training and IACUC monitoring; utilizing new insect-specific traps; and removing feed pellets from test chamber dispensers at the end of studies.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gaylen L. Edwards".

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