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Dear Dr. Robinson:

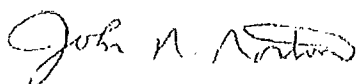
The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong institutional administrative support for the program; the exemplary knowledge, involvement, and oversight of day-to-day activities regarding animal care and use by the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources; the dedicated animal care staff and research personnel, evidenced by the excellent maintenance and cleanliness of the animal facilities; and the engaged and committed Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, evidenced by the careful and detailed discussions and documentation of animal-related activities. 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 December 3, 2013 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: ensuring the social housing of all social species of animals, whenever possible; providing a consistent environmental enrichment program for all species; ensuring satisfactory vermin control practices in each animal facility; and ensuring that all surfaces in animal housing areas can be sanitized and are impervious to water damage.

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 that reads "John N. Norton".

John N. Norton, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
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cc: Andrew D. Beavis, Ph.D., Professor and Education Director