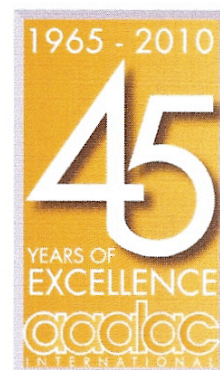


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Dear Dr. Bohm:



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 Tulane National Primate Research Center, Tulane University, Covington, Louisiana. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an exemplary program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative commitment to the program of animal care and use, as evidenced by investments in the construction of the new well designed facilities, continued intensive renovation of existing facilities, and support of the high quality staff; the thorough documentation of activities of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and the engaged, well trained IACUC members; the comprehensive and well documented occupational health and safety program that included a full-time, on-site health care provider; the detailed, thorough, and well documented training for staff at all levels of the organization; the well managed husbandry program that assured adequate facility sanitation and maintenance; the well conceived and implemented animal behavior and environmental enrichment program; and the overall veterinary care program, including the intense involvement of the veterinarians in direct research protocol support and oversight. 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 1996. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated March 7, 2010 indicating actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: protecting endotracheal tubes from potential contamination, and planning to evaluate the potential exposure of personnel to hazardous volatile agents during perfusion procedures performed in the necropsy room.

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 cursive script, reading "Dorcas P. O'Rourke".

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