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Dear Dr. Brackee:

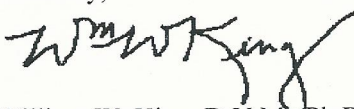
The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a high quality program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative commitment to the program, evidenced in part by the excellent state-of-repair of the facilities and construction of new facilities; the active and engaged Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Chair, administrators and Committee members, evidenced by well documented IACUC policies and procedures, including meeting minutes, semiannual program reviews and facilities inspections, protocol review, disaster plans, and laboratory visits/inspections; the engaged animal care and management staff, evidenced by the clean and orderly, well sanitized facilities, the active enrichment program, and the documentation of the microbiological monitoring program; as well as the excellent veterinary medical care, evidenced by the appearance of healthy animals, the animal observation/veterinary notification card system, and the overall anesthesia preventive maintenance program. 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 August 14 and August 10, 2012 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: addressing important safety training and documentation to ensure the safety of personnel working with cage and rack washers; addressing room temperature documentation and related training for specific rooms within the Lubbock facility; re-emphasizing personal protective equipment requirements to enter animal rooms; re-certifying three biosafety cabinets at the Abilene facility; addressing cage washer temperature verification at the cage level with the use of temperature tapes in all facilities; and removing rusted storage racks and repairing the ceiling in the clean side of the Lubbock facility cage wash 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 black ink, appearing to read "William W. King".

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