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Dear Ms. Mirowsky-Garcia:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the well maintained and clean facilities; the excellent husbandry and veterinary care; the diligent and engaged Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) staff and committee members with special acknowledgement of the committee nonaffiliated member; the rodent donation and 'recycling' programs; the medication management program; the positive relationships among research staff, the IACUC, and animal care program personnel; and the esprit de corps among the front line staff. 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 June 27, 2024 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: assessing the risk posed by allergens in rooms where filter tops are not in use; replacing aged and damaged caging; developing a program for assessing sanitation methods on equipment cleaned by research personnel; and planning to check eyewash stations weekly as part of the Chemical Hygiene Plan.

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 adverse events 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, appearing to be "Dewi K. Rowlands", written in a cursive style.

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