

November 5, 2007

P. Michael Conn, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Conn:

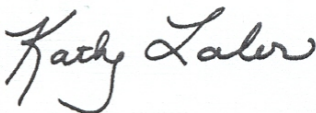
The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Oregon National Primate Center, Beaverton, Oregon. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a high quality program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the professionalism and dedication of the entire staff, the very strong administrative support for the animal care program at the highest level of the institution, the well maintained facilities, the effective Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), the excellent experimental surgery unit, the well maintained records and documents for medical and Drug Enforcement Agency requirements, and the public outreach programs for the students and the community regarding animal care and use. 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 1996. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of correspondence from Dr. Gary Chiodo, Dr. Gwendolyn N. Maginnis and you dated August 30, 2007, inclusive of a revised Program Description, and your communication dated August 9, 2007 detailing prompt actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items included: addressing and implementing the necessary improvements in the medical surveillance and occupational health and safety programs, improving various aspects of the sanitation program, correcting some safety issues, improving the facilities, addressing the security of the animal cages, and re-evaluating the alopecia problem in the nonhuman primates.

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 cursive script that reads "Kathy Laber".

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