

October 30, 2009

Thomas L. Spalding
President
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Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Mr. Spalding:

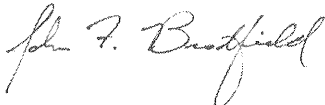
The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to Pacific BioLabs, Hercules, California. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a satisfactory program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the well maintained facilities, the facility sanitation, the detailed records of staff training and written standard operating procedures, the comprehensive animal health monitoring program, and the adoption program for dogs. 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 the electronic correspondence from Mr. Sviatoslav Inyushin dated July 15, 2009, inclusive of a revised Program Description, detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items included: planning to establish a program for periodic health assessment of employees; developing a process to ensure that appropriate administrative or supervisory personnel are informed if staff are cleared for work by the occupational health care provider; discontinuing the potential use of a private veterinary clinic in case of medical emergencies in dogs; including dates for facility deficiency repairs in the semiannual Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) reports; confirming that the consulting Attending Veterinarian appropriately participates in the occupational health program; clarifying the status of annual AAALAC International reports for 2006 and 2007; considering the pain and/or distress classification for protocols involving pyrogen testing; revising the description of pain categories in the protocol forms; including both protocol forms as an appendix in the revised Program Description; and clarifying storage of isoflurane.

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 wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff; a Portable Document Format (pdf) will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John F. Bradfield".

John F. Bradfield, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President, Council on Accreditation

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cc: Sviatoslav Inyushin, M.S., Chair, IACUC