



March 13, 2007

Michael R. Settles  
President  
TGA Sciences, Inc.  
47 Hall Street  
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Dear Mr. Settles:

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 TGA Sciences, Inc., Medford, Massachusetts. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a sound program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy was the commitment of the staff to humane practices and quality care. 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 you and Ms. Jill Settles dated November 23, 2006 indicating actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items included: removing the Institutional Official as a voting member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); improving the review of cage changing documentation; ensuring appropriate justification for animal numbers or multiple major survival surgical procedures; recusing the Principal Investigator from the IACUC meeting during deliberations and voting; ensuring clear adherence to an acceptable method of protocol review; providing training for IACUC members; enhancing the occupational health and safety program for staff; improving veterinary guidance and developing a First Aid standard operating procedure for use in the veterinarian's absence; and assessing the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system performance.

While Council is pleased to continue Full Accreditation, the following suggestion for improvement of the animal care and use program is offered:

While an enhanced level of training will be offered to members of the IACUC and those who interact with the IACUC, there was no clear training process for certain other members of the animal care and use program. The Attending Veterinarian did not have any specific training or experience in laboratory animal medicine apart from her duties associated with TGA, as required in the 9 CFR, subsection 2.31(b)(3)(i). There was no program for, or resources allocated to, continuing education of the animal care staff, IACUC or the veterinarian. The institution should ensure that the Attending Veterinarian and the animal care staff have access to training sufficient to provide guidance and assist in the development and management of the animal care program.

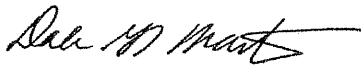
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AAALAC International requires an annual report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. The Council on Accreditation notes that there is no obligation for institutions to make program changes based on suggestions for improvement. However, if your institution chooses to implement program modifications in response to the suggestion described above, the annual report provides an opportunity to summarize the actions taken. 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,



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President, Council on Accreditation

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cc: Jill Settles, Manager, QA/QC and Chair, IACUC