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Dear Dr. Shetty:

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 Vimta Labs Limited, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India. The management and staff are commended for providing and maintaining excellent facilities and programs for the care and use of laboratory animals. Especially noteworthy were the well written Program Description; the modern and efficient Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified animal research building; the excellent training program and records; and the comprehensive and effective Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) protocol review process. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by Indian regulations and the CPCSEA Guidelines as well as the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, NRC 1996. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** is awarded.

Council acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated December 1, 2010 indicating actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: addressing personnel exposure to waste anesthetic gas; correcting the practice of storing items on the floor of animal holding and procedure rooms; implementing storage of clean cages on pallets; ensuring prompt and thorough sanitation of the euthanasia chamber; intensifying pest control methods at the loading dock area; and increasing the frequency of IAEC program review and facility inspections.

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. Submission of this report is a requirement for continued accreditation. 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.

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Should you have any questions regarding your participation in the AAALAC International accreditation program, please feel free to contact the staff at the Executive Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorcas P. O'Rourke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dorcas P. O'Rourke, D.V.M., M.S.

President, Council on Accreditation

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