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Dear Dr. Kimura:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the correspondence dated January 13, 2022 and December 21, 2021 pertaining to Council's letters of November 4 and July 7, 2021. The Council is pleased to inform you that the Conditions pertaining to evidence that the Attending Veterinarian has access to all animals; the approved written institutional program covering respiratory protection; and documentation supporting revisions to the cage change frequency have been corrected satisfactorily, and the animal care and use program at the advanced Research Center for Laboratory Animal Science, Yamaguchi University, Yamaguchi-city, Yamaguchi, Japan, conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, NRC 2011. Therefore, the criteria for maintaining **FULL ACCREDITATION** have been assured. The Council recognizes your efforts to achieve a quality animal care and use program and commends you and your staff for the positive actions taken.

In addition, enclosed is a further recommendation for improvement of the animal care and use program. The Council on Accreditation notes that there is no obligation for institutions to make program changes based on suggestions for improvement. Implementation of suggestions is, however, one means of promoting a high quality animal care and use program.

Council looks forward to following your program activities and wishes you continued success. As a reminder, AAALAC International requires an Annual Report from accredited units detailing changes made during the year. 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 black ink that reads "Gaylen L. Edwards".

Gaylen L. Edwards, D.V.M., Ph.D.
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Enclosure