



November 22, 2016

Smithers Avanza Toxicology Services

Dear Smithers Avanza:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Smithers Avanza Toxicology Services LLC, Smithers Avanza, LLC, Gaithersburg, Maryland. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an exemplary program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong institutional support; the knowledgeable and engaged staff; the excellent Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee activities and active participation of the nonaffiliated member; the excellent husbandry and sanitation program; the well managed and documented veterinary care program; the comprehensive environmental enrichment program; and the well maintained physical plant. 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 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council has no 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 also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,

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