

November 21, 2022

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Dear Dr. Singh:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Dabur Research Foundation, Dabur India Limited, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining a quality program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the excellent institutional support of the AAALAC International accreditation process, as evidenced by the open and knowledgeable Chief Mentor and Chief Scientific Officer during the site visit; the availability of a medical doctor and dispensary on the premises offering 24-hour emergency medical care and contracting with a Super Specialty Hospital for medical services; the very high level of sanitation, evidenced in part by the clean, spacious, and organized corridors, animal housing rooms, procedure areas and storage facilities; the state-of-the-art equipment to support ophthalmology studies, evidenced in part by an operating microscope, slit-lamp microscopes and other specialized equipment; the dedicated and knowledgeable staff; the committed Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) members, as evidenced by the presence of Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals-appointed external members and their interaction with site visitors during the IAEC luncheon; the excellent document management system, evidenced in part by the timely retrieval of requested documents; and the knowledgeable scientists at Site II, evidenced in part by the explanation of their animal projects to the site visitors. 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 and the guidelines of the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA). Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated July 21 and July 7, 2022 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: revising the IAEC composition to remove the Institutional Official as a member; modifying the policy to indicate that the IAEC shall perform a review of the animal care and use program at least annually; revising the humane endpoint standard operating procedure; initiating a post-approval monitoring program of non-GLP animal studies; providing environmental enrichment to all animals; posting animal welfare concerns reporting mechanism signage at prominent locations and on the institutional website; planning to include laboratory animal allergy assessment for all at-risk personnel on a scheduled and periodic basis; and planning to replace old rat cages with new cages.

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

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changes or adverse events 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 "Linda Fulton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda K. Fulton, D.V.M., M.S.

President, Council on Accreditation

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