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Dear Dr. Bhatnagar:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to Vimta Labs Limited, Hyderabad, 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 strong administrative commitment to the program; the knowledgeable and engaged staff; the clean and neat animal facility; the comprehensive occupational health and safety program; the detailed documentation; and the excellent veterinary medical records. 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. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated December 22 and November 23, 2016 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: revising the standard operating procedure to ensure that the Institutional Official receives a written report of the facility inspection and program review; implementing measures to avoid conflict of interest for Institutional Animal Ethics Committee members; providing solid bottom pens and social housing for rabbits; justifying the temperature and humidity in the feed storage area; discontinuing the use of picric acid for rodent identification; revising the needle disposal policy; and updating the Program Description to reflect current practices.

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.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. If your institution chooses to implement program modifications in response to the suggestion described in the enclosure, 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

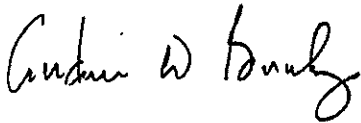
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International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure