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Re: USDA Inspection Report dated May 11, 2006

Dear Dr. Goldentyer:

This letter is in response to the USDA Inspection Report issued to the Medical College of Wisconsin on May 11, 2006, concerning (b)(4) and related matters. A copy of the Inspection Report is enclosed with this letter.

On June 19, 2006, animal use activities under (b)(4) were suspended by action of the College's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). On June 22, 2006, the investigator submitted to the IACUC a revised version of the protocol for its consideration. The IACUC requested additional information from the investigator and deferred further action on the protocol. On June 27, 2006, the IACUC considered the additional revisions to the protocol made by the investigator, requested additional information from the investigator, and deferred further action on the protocol until its next regularly scheduled meeting in July.

The animal use activities under this protocol remain suspended. Between the date of the inspection report and today, no animals at the College have been assigned to this protocol, and none will be assigned to this protocol during the period of suspension. If and when the protocol is re-submitted to the IACUC and receives approval, the College will advise USDA of the corrective actions as described in the protocol before animals are assigned to the protocol. If the protocol is ultimately terminated, the College will advise USDA of that as well.

In addition, the College's program of veterinary care has been modified to include CO<sub>2</sub> as an acceptable method of euthanasia for rabbits when performed by adequately trained individuals. The College's program of veterinary care also has been modified to describe completely the care provided to animals acquired for acute procedures. In the case of dogs and cats, the following statement has been added. "Animals that are procured for acute/terminal procedures are not put through the conditioning program. Upon arrival, these animals are treated with the standard flea and tick product (as previously mentioned), assigned a unique BRC number, animal records

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completed, etc. The non-conditioned animals receive the same level of husbandry and veterinary oversight that the conditioned animals are provided (i.e., animals are fed and watered daily; cages cleaned daily; they are observed daily for clinical signs of disease, including abnormal body discharges, coughing, sneezing, anorexia, weight loss and behavior changes. The veterinary staff is notified of clinical changes observed in these animals and they are treated accordingly.)” In the case of rodents, the program reads as follows. “Unless the animals are procured specifically for an acute/terminal procedure upon arrival, a 72-hour acclimation period is recommended for all rodent species.”

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at

Very truly yours,

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