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Dear Dr. Goldentyer:

RE: Research Facility Annual Report, Registration 41-R-0006

Enclosed is the "Annual Report of Research Facility" (APHIS Form 7023) form with attachments for the Mayo Clinic (Registration Number: 41-R-0006, Customer Number: 542).

Jonathan J. Oviatt, J.D., who is the Institutional Official for animal use at all Mayo Clinic sites, has signed the form.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee has approved three exceptions to the Animal Welfare Act regulations and standards.

- The IACUC approved an exception to the pig housing guidelines (Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals) in the Birdsall Building, Mayo Clinic Florida. A pig between 25-30 kg is housed in 12 square feet of floor space for less than 24 hours. 0 pigs were housed in this manner for the past year.
- The IACUC approved a request for an exemption from the Animal Welfare Act regarding cat housing requirements at Mayo Clinic Rochester for a protocol involving cat reproduction. Large cages for queening without resting boards are used for individually housing cats with kittens for a period of up to two months when the kittens are weaned. 1 cat with a total of 6 kittens were housed in cages without resting boards.
- The IACUC approved an exception to the space requirements for baboons housed at Mayo Clinic Rochester. Baboons that weigh greater than 25 kg may be housed in cages with less than 25.1 square feet of space while these animals are being acclimated to or on a tether system for drug administration. Housing in smaller cages will only occur during the time the baboon is on the tether system. 4 baboons were housed in this manner.

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Studies involving "death as an endpoint" or LDxx studies were not carried out at Mayo Clinic this past year.

Attending veterinarians at all sites have the authority to ensure that adequate veterinary care is provided. Full time staff veterinarians oversee the Department of Comparative Medicine that administers all aspects of the animal care and use program at Mayo Clinic.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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