

October 12, 2021

Thomas L. Spalding
President and Institutional Official
Pacific BioLabs, Inc.
551 Linus Pauling Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Mr. Spalding:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to Pacific BioLabs, Inc., Hercules, California. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an excellent program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the high level of institutional support, demonstrated by active leadership participation during the site visit and significant investments in facility upgrades; the impressive level of veterinary care, evidenced in part by the appearance of healthy and well-cared for animals; the establishment of an Environmental Enrichment Committee charged with implementing and assessing practices to enhance animal welfare; the active and engaged Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee focused on balancing scientific objectives with optimal animal care; and the clean, orderly and well maintained facility that provided a safe and comfortable environment for a wide range of species. 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 acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated July 31, 2021 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: planning to evaluate risks related to common husbandry and research procedures and implement additional safety measures as needed; planning to launch a new environmental monitoring and alarm system; and planning to review and update facility pest management practices.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gaylen L. Edwards".

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