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Dear Drs. Garnett and Goldentyre:

We are writing to communicate three recent findings related to use of animals in research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

As a result of an internal investigation, as well as a USDA visit, we have found that one of our investigators has had a number of protocol violations during the last three years. Most of the violations were minor, but collectively caused concern. This investigator uses a covered species in neuroscience research. The protocol was suspended and the granting agency notified of the suspension.

The Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) suspended the study and, following a thorough investigation, made the following mandatory requirements for re-instatement: 1) There will be close oversight of the investigator's research for six months or more. This oversight will include pre-experimental meetings (pre-review) before each animal is used, and post-experimental review of each experiment to confirm compliance. 2) The veterinarians will closely monitor the clinical status of all animals assigned and will share the results with the ACUC. 3) The laboratory staff must be familiar with all details of the animal care and use protocol. Committee representatives met with the principal investigator and research staff to reemphasize the importance of protocol compliance. Following the PI's written acceptance of the conditions stated above, the protocol was reinstated.

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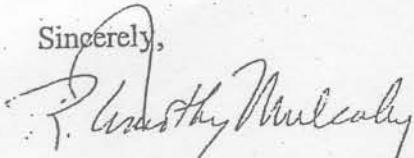
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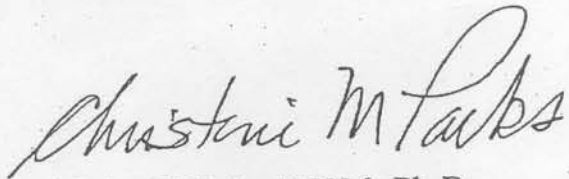
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We are confident that these actions will avoid recurrence of these infractions. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Parks at 608/265-2697.

Sincerely,



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