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Dear Ms. Kubica-Sokolowska:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Lukaszewicz Research Network - Institute of Industrial Organic Chemistry Branch Pszczyna, Pszczyna, Poland. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an exemplary programme of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the open, friendly, helpful staff and team; the 3Rs initiatives, such as taking semen samples from live male animals; the animal rehoming programme; the appearance of calm animals that were gently handled; the robust environmental enrichment for all animals; the tidiness and organization in the rooms; the well written, prominently displayed, and available Disaster Plan with animal welfare as a clearly expressed objective; and the very good system for documentation of activities. The Council is pleased to inform you that the programme conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals Used for Experimental and Other Scientific Purposes, Council of Europe (ETS 123); Polish implementing legislation; and the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, NRC 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated 28 November 2022 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: ensuring that rodents are not exposed to high light intensity; designing a cage card template to include all necessary information; enhancing the training and reviewing the appointment procedures of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee members; and implementing regular checking and maintenance of the isoflurane anaesthesia equipment.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use programme at this time. We look forward to following your programme 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 adverse events 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 programme is accredited.

Sincerely,



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