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Dear Colleagues,

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We would like to update you regarding the letter we sent out in June notifying you that sentinel mice we purchased for use as part of our pathogen surveillance program were infected with an excluded pathogen, *Corynebacterium bovis*, upon delivery to one of our vivariums (MBP 2nd Street). Although contaminated while at their source stock colony, they exhibited no observable clinical signs of illness. Once we learned that the stock colony were positive for *C. bovis*, all sentinel cages were immediately removed from our vivarium and submitted for pathology screening and the facility was thoroughly depopulated for all sentinel mice, cleaned, and decontaminated. Afterwards and for several months to date, screening of mice and environmental samples have all tested negative.

We have re-established our sentinel pathogen surveillance program using two furred immunocompetent and two nude immunocompromised mice per cage from a clean source stock colony. We have staggered our quarterly submissions to ensure ongoing screening results from all of our rooms on a regular basis. Results from 75% of the sentinels for the entire facility thus far have all been negative for *C. bovis*. The remaining 25% sentinel cages are scheduled to be submitted over the next month. All environmental samples have also had negative results.

We are grateful to our hard-working staff for ensuring our facility SOPs were followed and effective to control and swiftly eliminate this excluded pathogen. It is important to us that our standards and procedures are of sufficiently high standards to be reliable and dependable by our clients. Thus, we truly appreciate your patience and understanding while we worked meticulously to address this issue and restore our facility to normal operations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or our customer service team.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristin Grimsrud".

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