Subject: Quality Assurance Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

The University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory’s mission is to protect and promote animal and human health through early detection and monitoring of animal diseases. The VDL is the official laboratory of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and as such is responsible for all testing of animal samples for interstate and international commerce. The laboratory is also a member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) within the USDA. As an internal service organization within the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, the VDL provides testing services for research grants funded by the National Institutes of Health, United States Department of Agriculture, and many other agencies.

The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) maintains a Quality Management System that has successfully met the accreditation requirements of American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, Inc. (AAVLD). This Quality System has been established to formalize the practices employed to meet the scope, mission and quality objectives of the VDL and it applies to all technical work conducted in the laboratory. The AAVLD accreditation standard requires an effective quality program, appropriate facilities and equipment qualification to support quality services, as well as policies and procedures that ensure that diagnosticians have the appropriate training and experience. Diagnostic services performed at the VDL meet specific technical requirements related to quality control and test qualification to ensure the quality of routine services. As part of our Quality System Management program, an active compliance audit schedule is in place to identify opportunities for continuous improvement. The AAVLD accreditation requirements are designed to ensure that accredited laboratories meet or exceed the internationally accepted World Organization for Animal Health (Office International des Epizooties – OIE) standards for laboratory methods used for disease diagnosis. At the VDL, we aim to provide high quality diagnostic testing services to our clients, and to achieve and maintain technical and operational competence in order to meet our customer requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians Accreditation Committee
certifies that the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory College of Veterinary Medicine University of Minnesota St. Paul, Minnesota Has met the standard for Full Accreditation / All species

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