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January 13, 2021

Re: Conditional Approval for W20-00004
NSF Grant #: IOS 2029216
Project Title: *EDGE FGT: Functional Genomics in Gar
– Discovery Tools for Major Vertebrate Transitions*
Principle Investigator: Ingo Braasch
Performance Site: Nicholls State University
Project Expiration Date: October 31, 2024

Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN
Provost and Vice-president for Academic Affairs
Nicholls State University
906 East 1st Street
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Thibodaux, Louisiana 70310

Dear Dr. Westbrook,

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) reviewed and conditionally approved your institution's Animal Welfare Assurance (Assurance) that was submitted in accordance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy), revised 2015. This conditional approval is in effect for approximately four months, pending receipt of the report of your next semiannual program review and facility inspection to be performed by March 30, 2021.

Your Assurance, identification number **W20-00004**, became effective on **January 13, 2021** and will expire on **January 31, 2025**. Subsequent NSF grants awarded to your institution will require authorization by NSF to OLAW. Please include the Assurance number on all correspondence to OLAW. A copy of the signed Assurance document will be sent in a separate email. The signature page provides verification of approval by OLAW and includes the period during which your institution's Assurance is effective.

The Assurance is a key document that sets for the responsibilities and procedures of your Institution regarding the care and use of laboratory animals according to the PHS Policy. The practices described in the Assurance document must be followed by all individuals in the animal care and use program.

Please note that the OLAW Annual Reporting period is the federal fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. The Annual Report to OLAW is due by December 1 (but no earlier than September 30).

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Assurance Officer, OLAW
National Institutes of Health

Cc: Edda Thiels, Ph.D., NSF
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Principle Investigator