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Dear Dr. Wasilenko:

As you know, on June 15, 2022, APHIS approved an exception to the regulatory requirement under 9 C.F.R. § 2.31(d)(1)(x), that limits an animal to one major operative procedure from which it recovers, for 5 adult female baboons (*Papio anubis*) on Protocol #21-003. The approval letter stated that all activities must be performed in accordance with the protocol, and further stated that any failure to abide by the conditions in the letter would result in automatic withdrawal of APHIS' approval of this exception.

Following an inspection conducted on May 2, 2023, EVMS was cited under 9 C.F.R § 2.31(c)(7) for activities performed without IACUC approval prior to significant changes regarding the care and use of animals under protocol #21-003. As a result, and in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 2.31(d)(1)(x)(C), APHIS hereby withdraws its approval of the exception for this protocol. No additional research-related major operative procedures from which they recover may be performed on animals 26741, 26876, 27320, 07105, and 03105.

If you have any questions, please contact your inspector, the Fort Collins office at (b) (6) or send inquiries to [animalcare@usda.gov](mailto:animalcare@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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