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May 20, 2005

Dr. Brian Caplin  
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Dear Dr. Caplin,

The Rocky Mountain Regional Animal Health Laboratory (RMRAHL) has been offering Scrapie Genetic Susceptibility testing to sheep producers since November 2004 through the use of Fluorescentric's Custom Assay Design and Optimization Service. RMRAHL has been very pleased with the custom assay's reproducibility and ease-of-use. RMRAHL is also so pleased to be able to detect all three SNPs in addition to the wild type at codon 171 in one tube.

In addition, the customer service RMRAHL has received from Fluorescentric has always been immediate and helpful. RMRAHL participates yearly in the National Veterinary Services Laboratories' Scrapie Genetic Susceptibility Testing Proficiency Panel using this custom assay and scored 100%.

Sincerely,

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cc: Richard Forde, RMRAHL Director

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