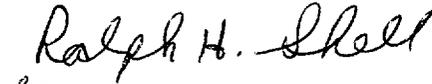


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Sincerely,



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March 21, 2000

Monica smith
Via Fax and Mail

RE: False Negative PCP Report

Dear Monica:

The reporting (preliminary) of a phencyclidine result, accession number 41353185, of 48 ng/ml as negative occurred as a result of several concurrent errors-in-judgment by tox personnel and unusual circumstances in MIS. The screening data from this batch did not load into the computer, so the certifier asked data entry to enter the results. Our S.O.P. for this occurrence includes rereview of the entered results by the certifier; however, this specimen exhibited an abnormal creatinine and was put on hold for that event. The data entry clerk misentered the result as NEG and left the result on hold pending certifier review. A second data entry clerk received the results of the adulterant testing that was reflexed from the low creatinine, saw that the screening results were all negative, and took the results off hold, allowing electronic release of the results. In the meantime, the confirmation test was being run and the error would have been caught in a matter of hours.

The people involved have been counseled, and effective immediately, numeric values must be entered along with the status, (POS or NEG). This allows our computer 'fix' to prevent the possibility of this happening again. The fix consists of the computer checking the numerical value of the confirmation result against the client specific cutoff for the drug being tested and flagging any attempt at associating the wrong status (POS or NEG) with that value. The implementation of this fix is complete and our QA/QC department is testing for side effects for the rest of this week.

Sincerely,

Stanley C. Kammerer, Ph.D
VP and Director of Toxicology

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