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Dear Shalin,

Thank you for your October 5 and 14 inquiries, we apologize for the short delay in responding.

Johnson & Johnson is committed to the ethical and humane treatment of animals. The use of live animals for sales training in surgical settings has been a topic of internal discussion for quite some time. Johnson & Johnson as an enterprise – across our medical devices, pharmaceuticals and consumer products businesses – has discontinued live animal use in sales training across our North America region. Further, we are working to discontinue this practice globally by December 31, 2016.

We continue to seek ways to reduce and replace the use of animals in laboratory settings across Johnson & Johnson. We share a desire to support and participate in efforts to obtain regulatory acceptance of alternative testing methods and in the meantime, promote the use of non-animal alternatives wherever feasible. For example, at Ethicon and Ethicon Endo-Surgery, we have implemented new computer simulations that enhance the training of healthcare professionals. As a result, we have significantly reduced live animal use as we deliver on the Johnson & Johnson commitment to explore alternative testing methods and reduce the use of animals.

When it comes to the development of regulated health products in any of our businesses, where animal use is commonly required in order to ensure the safety of patients who may eventually use these products, our policies reflect animal welfare standards that meet or exceed all applicable local and national laws and regulations.

Johnson & Johnson is committed to the ethical treatment of animals used in laboratory settings and has great respect for the value they bring in efforts to advance patient safety and well-being.

Please don't hesitate to contact us again with any questions.

Sincerely,

Johnson & Johnson Animal Care and Use Council

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