

MESSAGE FROM JAN WEISENBERGER AND CHRISTINE HAMBLE

Dear members of the research community:

We are writing to give you an early heads-up that the university plans to stop doing business with Santa Cruz Biotechnology. On May 20th, the company settled a lawsuit brought against it by the USDA for violations of the Animal Welfare Act. In the settlement, Santa Cruz Biotechnology does not admit wrongdoing, but will pay a \$3.5 million civil penalty. More importantly, the company's dealer license will be terminated on December 31, 2016.

We understand that many of the antibodies and other items that our investigators have ordered through this company are not widely available elsewhere, and that it might take some time to find alternative sources for these items. We also assume that other companies will step in to start providing these items, but that ramping up to do so is not an instantaneous process.

Although the university plans to remove Santa Cruz Biotechnology from eStores in the very near future, investigators will still be able to purchase from the company via eRequest, just as you would create requests from other suppliers not in eStores, for at least a little while longer. We have not yet heard a firm date for when all purchasing will be stopped, and are trying to work with Ohio State Purchasing to make sure there is some transition period. We are happy to work with you in any way we can to be helpful during this transition period, and to suggest the names of other vendors who might be able to provide what you need. Because we are not scientific experts in this area, investigators and their research teams will need to be involved in the search for alternate vendors as well, and we welcome any insights that you may have about finding other vendors.

Sometime in the next few days, you should receive a communication from Ohio State's Purchasing Office regarding the removal of Santa Cruz Biotechnology from eStores.

Please be sure to let us know if you have additional questions, or if there are ways we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

Jan Weisenberger
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