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Dear Varian Users,

You are receiving this email because iLab shows that you have used the Varian Mercury-300 spectrometer during the last ca. six months.

I realize that the Mercury-300 has been unavailable for quite some time, for which I apologize. I have been working on it when I am able, most recently in December. The last couple of times I was working on the spectrometer I was not able to observe the failures which had been occurring previously, and as recently as today when I checked the spectrometer it was working correctly.

Therefore, since I can't troubleshoot a spectrometer which is working, I have decided to open up the Mercury-300 to users in a testing capacity. Until further notice, you may use the Mercury-300 , since its interlock is bypassed. My only request in this regard is that you stay with the spectrometer while your samples are running, i.e., do not start a long run and leave the spectrometer.

Please be advised that it is likely that problems will arise, probably with the lock display. If these occur please let me know, and be aware that they may not be readily fixable. In other words, if you use the Mercury-300 and encounter a problem, you may not be able to get any data from it at that point.

Also please be reminded that our new Bruker AV-NEO console, to replace the Inova300-1, will be arriving in March. At that time we will be removing the Varian spectrometers from our facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Dr. J. Harwood, PINMRF Director

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