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Dr. Anthony Fauci
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
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Dear Dr. Fauci:

I write to you with serious concerns about the recent reports of research funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) that involves injecting male monkeys with feminizing hormone therapy.¹

This \$200,000 of funding awarded in December of last year is a distressingly wasteful use of taxpayer dollars, primarily because it cruelly uses monkeys as inadequate stand-ins for humans by shooting them up with hormones they do not naturally produce.² This kind of manipulation of the health of monkeys is unnecessarily cruel, and the NIAID must answer questions about its judgement in funding such a study.

Please answer the following questions:

- How many monkeys would be subjected to feminizing hormone therapy?
- Have similar studies been conducted and funded by NIAID in the past?
- Did NIAID fund this study over other studies that would use willing human participants, organ-on-chips or artificial intelligence? If so, why?

It's unconscionable that taxpayers are on the hook for funding such a ridiculous study that puts monkeys' lives on the line and no doubt causes them serious distress. I look forward to a timely explanation of how NIAID can justify funding this cruel and wasteful research.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress

¹ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/politics/nih-paid-researchers-more-than-200-000-to-study-hiv-transmission-rates-by-injecting-monkeys-with-hormones>

² <https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/faucis-nih-division-paid-205k-for-researchers-to-study-transgender-monkeys/>

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