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Dear Professor Bailey:

As I prepare to tour the UK, I am reminded that behind the grand facades of some of England's more venerable institutions, unspeakable cruelty is inflicted in the name of science. Queen Mary University of London, I understand, is no exception.

My friends at PETA tell me your university has a shameful history of deliberately inducing sepsis in mice. In these grotesque experiments, mice have been cut open and their intestines punctured, allowing faeces to leak into their abdomens. They can then endure the agonising effects of severe sepsis – including extreme suffering, fever, difficulty breathing and organ failure – before being killed. And for what, exactly?

It seems obvious that mice are not miniature humans. Their responses to sepsis differ markedly from ours, which is why over 150 drugs that worked in mice have failed in humans. As if that weren't damning enough, findings from QMUL's own experiments have appeared in papers that were later retracted because the data and conclusions were deemed "unreliable".

Unreliable and cruel. Is this really the sort of ‘science’ Queen Mary wishes to be known for?

You recently informed PETA that QMUL is not currently conducting experiments that involve the use of caecal ligation and puncture (CLP) to induce sepsis. That is something, at least. But what of other methods to deliberately induce sepsis in animals? Will you confirm that QMUL has abandoned all such experiments and has no intention of inflicting this misery on another animal?

As I'll soon be back in the UK, I'd welcome the opportunity to meet with you, alongside PETA's scientists. And should you decide to consign these cruel and useless experiments to history, I'd be only too happy to raise a glass to your belated enlightenment.

Sincerely yours,



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