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1. The date of the experiments was Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (first Appendix, page 60).
2. The location of experiments was LKC ARF, a procedure room was booked by the Research Assistant.
3. I took annual leave on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September so as not to take part in these procedures (Appendix 2, pages 21 and 24).
4. I had been informed of these experiments by the Research Assistant (first Appendix, page 60). I was later updated through the Research Assistant that my schedule had been modified thrice but this terminal sample collection remained unchanged (first Appendix, pages 53, 54, 60, 61, and 62). The final schedule is in the screenshot in the first Appendix, page 53, received from the Research Assistant on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September in a WhatsApp message.
5. With RM's Research Assistant, I had taken part in behavioral experiments (home cage emergence, elevated plus maze, and light-dark box) on some of these animals or a different cohort of similar animals on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at LKC ARF PR-SPF 4. These behavioral experiments had been planned for earlier but I was informed they had been postponed for unknown reasons. On being informed of my role to assist in these experiments, I refused to take part until I saw the relevant IACUC approval for myself which the Research Assistant finally consented to on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, AUP: A19027. I found out animals for these experiments are transgenic on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and did not receive a comprehensive reply on-site from RM's Research Assistant on how and why this is the case. Also during these procedures at LKC ARF, RM's Research Assistant was casually informed by GA's Research Assistant that RM had just instructed her (GA's Research Assistant) to quickly organize an additional cohort of animals for experiments by RM's Research Assistant (and presumably myself). RM's Research Assistant later informed me that we would be doing the same procedures on this following cohort.
6. I have WhatsApp messages from RM's Research Assistant to the effect that experiments on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September proceeded as planned, furnished upon request.

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My apologies Professor Bates. I have no experience to guide me.

Kind regards,  
Mohamed Helmy

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**Date:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 1:21 PM  
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Thank you, Dr Helmy. Just telling me the date would have been sufficient.

Roderick Bates  
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**From:** Mohamed Mustafa Mahmoud Helmy <mohd.mustafa@ntu.edu.sg>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 3 October 2020 8:06 AM  
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Dear Professor Bates,

Regarding the terminal sample collection, trunk blood from aged transgenic mice:

1. The date of the experiments was Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (first Appendix, page 60).
2. The location of experiments was LKC ARF, a procedure room was booked by the Research Assistant.
3. I took annual leave on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September so as not to take part in these procedures (Appendix 2, pages 21 and 24).
4. I had been informed of these experiments by the Research Assistant (first Appendix, page 60). I was later updated through the Research Assistant that my schedule had been modified thrice but this terminal sample collection remained unchanged (first Appendix, pages 53, 54, 60, 61, and 62). The final schedule is in the screenshot in the first Appendix, page 53, received from the Research Assistant on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September in a WhatsApp message.
5. With RM's Research Assistant, I had taken part in behavioral experiments (home cage emergence,

elevated plus maze, and light-dark box) on some of these animals or a different cohort of similar animals on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at LKC ARF PR-SPF 4. These behavioral experiments had been planned for earlier but I was informed they had been postponed for unknown reasons. On being informed of my role to assist in these experiments, I refused to take part until I saw the relevant IACUC approval for myself which the Research Assistant finally consented to on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, AUP: A19027. I found out animals for these experiments are transgenic on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and did not receive a comprehensive reply on-site from RM's Research Assistant on how and why this is the case. Also during these procedures at LKC ARF, RM's Research Assistant was casually informed by GA's Research Assistant that RM had just instructed her (GA's Research Assistant) to quickly organize an additional cohort of animals for experiments by RM's Research Assistant (and presumably myself). RM's Research Assistant later informed me that we would be doing the same procedures on this following cohort.

6. I have WhatsApp messages from RM's Research Assistant to the effect that experiments on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September proceeded as planned, furnished upon request.

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 11:51:11 AM Singapore Standard Time

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**To:** NTU Research Integrity Officer <NTURIO@ntu.edu.sg>

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 9:07 AM

**To:** Mohamed Mustafa Mahmoud Helmy <mohd.mustafa@ntu.edu.sg>

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Roderick Bates  
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**Subject:** Re: T3 meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 2:41:09 PM Singapore Standard Time

**From:** Mohamed Mustafa Mahmoud Helmy <mohd.mustafa@ntu.edu.sg>

**To:** NTU Research Integrity Officer <NTURIO@ntu.edu.sg>

Dear Professor Bates,

I think it's unlikely Prof Augustine, Asst Prof Tashiro, and others will notice me. If they do my answer will be to please ask Asst Prof Mitra, unless you inform me otherwise.

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**From:** NTU Research Integrity Officer <NTURIO@ntu.edu.sg>

**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 9:53 AM

**To:** Mohamed Mustafa Mahmoud Helmy <mohd.mustafa@ntu.edu.sg>

**Subject:** RE: T3 meeting

I don't plan to contact Asst Prof Mitra until after Friday.

RB

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**Subject:** Your reply on allegations of research misconduct

**Date:** Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 11:20:59 AM Singapore Standard Time

**From:** Mohamed Mustafa Mahmoud Helmy <mohd.mustafa@ntu.edu.sg>

**To:** NTU Research Integrity Officer <NTURIO@ntu.edu.sg>

Dear Professor Bates,

I reported research misconduct at NTU in part because my repeated requests to be informed and for dialogue were dismissed. Correspondence submitted shows my frequent requests for meetings to discuss research *objective* were delayed or ignored, and I was finally informed it is none of my concern. As to my one query on a research *technique*, that was also none of my concern.

I am unaware of other workers disagreements.

A small part of submitted documents actually concerns article duplication. The majority is on suspected misrepresentation, falsification, fabrication, and unethical animal experiment practice and reporting thereof.

I do not suppose a journal's editorial practice is subject to Singapore's legislation and NTU policy. Compliance with publisher guidelines was not mentioned among the extensive documents I had submitted.

To confirm, 'MC' is 'medical certificate'? If so, I never took an MC.

I am puzzled how to align my submission with your message. May I see the rebuttal, expert review, and findings within the *Framework for Investigation and Disciplinary Proceedings*, or redacted copies thereof?

Kind regards,  
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**From:** NTU Research Integrity Officer <NTURIO@ntu.edu.sg>

**Date:** Friday, November 13, 2020 at 10:33 AM

**To:** Mohamed Mustafa Mahmoud Helmy <mohd.mustafa@ntu.edu.sg>

**Subject:** Your allegations of research misconduct

Dear Dr Helmy

The extensive documents that you have submitted have been reviewed. The content is largely concerned with your disagreements with research techniques used in the Mitra lab. There is a proper way to resolve these (and other workers disagreements with your techniques). This is by dialogue. It seems that such dialogue is no longer possible which is to be regretted.

A small part of the submitted documents actually concerns issues of research integrity. You made some allegations about reuse of data in multiple papers. This has been rebutted and I am satisfied with the rebuttal.

You made an insinuation about the editorial practices of the journal *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*. Frankly, the insinuation that you made is nonsensical and utterly lacks any basis.



The most serious allegation that you made concerns the mouse experiment which you did not participate in as you took an MC that day to cover your absence. Your allegations have been reviewed by two experts and have been found to be without merit.

In summary, I have not found any issues of research integrity in your submission. I believe that OHR and LSO will be contacting you separately.

Roderick Bates  
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