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Dear Dr Fallon.

Re: Animal Research & Ethics Committee – NEW PROJECT Research Project - Focussed current stimulation in the cochlea

The Animal Research & Ethics Committee considered the above project at its 28 February 2012 meeting. I am pleased to inform you that ethical approval was granted.

Project number 12/250AB was allocated under the BEI SPPL, and this number should be used in all future correspondence. The Committee approved the following animals:

- 32 guinea pigs
- 16 cats

The following Researchers were approved:

- James Fallon
- Sam Irving
- Nicole Critch
- Rob Shepherd
- Alison Neil
- Melanie Gault
- Andrew Wise
- Amy Morley

The Committee requires an annual progress report, and must approve any proposed amendments to the protocol.

The Committee requires you to preserve the confidentiality of information about research subjects, and to ensure the confidentiality of records. Information obtained for your research that is confidential or personal must not be used for purposes other than those specified in the approved protocol.

Ethical approval is valid from the date of this letter until 28 February, 2015. At the end of this period, or at the conclusion of the research, a final report is required along with a copy of any publications.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely

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