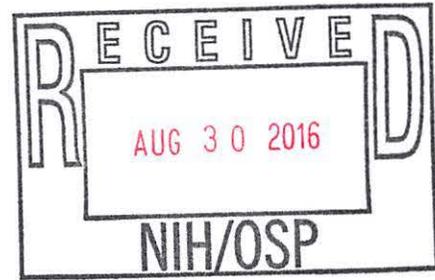


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Dear Sir or Madam:

Where to start?

With a definition of chimera: a monster from Greek mythology that breathes fire and has a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; Something that exists only in the imagination and is not possible in reality. However, not possible in reality no longer seems to be the case. The development of non-human, human animal chimeras for any reason, let alone having as an end point the killing of these sentient beings to harvest human animal organs, goes against the mandates of the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993. The NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 directs the NIH to support research to reduce, refine, and replace the use of non-human animals in biomedical research.

I do support funding of epidemiological studies of disease pathology, research that uses humans to study human development, and research to improve technologies that use embryonic tissue to grow human organs for organ transplantation. I do not support creating chimeric models (non-human animals with human tissues or organs) to study human development, disease pathology, or eventual organ transplantation, the latter necessitating the murder of the non-human animal host. I ask that the mandates of the NIH Revitalization Act be followed and federal funding be withheld for chimera experiments.

Where to end?

With two quotes:

"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity."

Albert Einstein

"Not to hurt our humble brethren (the animals) is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission--to be of service to them whenever they require it.. If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men. "

Saint Francis of Assisi

Respectfully Submitted,

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