

Kumble R. Subbaswamy
Chancellor
University of Massachusetts–Amherst

Dear Chancellor Subbaswamy:

I was appalled to learn that tiny marmoset monkeys are being harmed in bizarre menopause experiments conducted at your university. I'm especially saddened to hear that these animals have been named after characters from *Star Wars*. I obviously have a deep connection with this franchise, and it breaks my heart to hear that the names of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and several other beloved characters are now associated with such cruelty.

I understand that experimenters surgically remove the marmosets' ovaries and then force the animals to endure "hot flashes" by using hand warmers to mimic menopause. The monkeys' skulls are cut open and electrode leads are threaded from their heads all the way down through their abdomens. Marmosets don't even experience menopause.

Would you please take a look at the torment that these delicate animals are forced to endure, make the compassionate decision to end these experiments and release the adorable marmosets to a sanctuary, and then direct the resources instead toward human-relevant, animal-free science?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daisy Ridley", written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Daisy Ridley