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Dear Requestor,

Many thanks for your request, received on 28th October 2013, regarding misconduct in research. Please find below the response to your enquiry.

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, information regarding:

- 1. List of misconducts in scientific research that occurred in the university dating back three years, including:
 - A) Falsification of data
 - B) Plagiarism
 - C) Improprieties of authorship
 - D) Misappropriation of the ideas of others
 - E) Violation of generally accepted research practices
 - F) Material failure to comply with legislative and regulatory requirements affecting research
 - G) Inappropriate behaviour in relation to misconduct
 - H) Redundant and duplicate publication
 - I) Lack of declaration of competing interests and of funding/sponsorship.

I can confirm that Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine does hold information in relation to this, however, after careful consideration; it has been deemed this information is exempt from release. Due to the low number of cases involved, by publishing this data, it may identify the individuals involved, and therefore this



information is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act.

2. How did the university discover these misconducts in each case? Please provide the dates of these discoveries.

Please see the above response.

3. What did the university do to fix these misconducts? What are the results of each case? Please provide the date that the misconduct in each case was discovered.

Please see the response to Question 1.

4. Are there any matters that are still under investigation? If so, please provide the details including the number that remain outstanding and the class of these misconducts.

I can confirm that there are currently no matters under investigation of this nature.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response, please contact us within a reasonable time (within 2 months of this response) to roched@liv.ac.uk

If you remain dissatisfied, you may appeal this decision to the Information Commissioner. The contact details for the Information Commissioner are Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, or via the website www.ico.gov.uk.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Many Thanks,

Dan Roche

Freedom of Information Compliance Officer

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