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The controversial brain implant caused monkeys to suffer and die, according to a new report

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Elon Musk's brain-chip company Neuralink has caused horrific damage to test monkeys, according to a complaint filed by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) on Thursday and seen by the New York Post. The complaint, filed with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), concerns Neuralink testing on the monkeys carried out at the University of California at Davis from 2017 to 2020.

The group has accused Neuralink and its host university of nine violations of the US federal Animal Welfare Act, noting in their complaint that "*many, if not all, of the monkeys experienced extreme suffering as a result of inadequate animal care and the highly invasive head implants during the experiments.*" It reportedly goes on to claim that the Neuralink implant procedure "*produced recurring infections in the animals, significantly compromising their health, as well as the integrity of the research.*"

They have also sued UC Davis to obtain more photos, videos, and information about the test monkeys, saying that the only such material that has been made public has been heavily

curated by Musk's company, showing a healthy-looking monkey playing a video game, supposedly with its mind. The university has denied any wrongdoing.

Aside from publicizing the clip of the monkey gamer, Musk has remained silent about the results of the animal Neuralink trials. In December, he suggested human trials will begin this year, and even went so far as to post a job listing seeking a clinical trials director last month. However, the project has experienced delays before – Musk declared last March that human trials would begin within months, even though the Tesla tycoon has yet to move beyond pigs and (non-human) primates.

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