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Board on Environmental Studies and Toxicology

September 12, 2022

Christopher Gonzales
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: Monthly Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of August 2022.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and conduct of two workshops; progress on the literature review, including design and conduct of the literature search; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies staff organized and conducted meetings of the committee in subgroup. These meetings were organized to advance draft sections of the committee's report, as well as the literature review. National Academies staff further supported the committee by assisting with screening, organization, and evaluation of the results of the literature search. Other effort included soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups. This included developing preliminary plans for a next in-person meeting of the

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committee. Other activity included making available a recording of the July 28 open session of the 12th meeting of the committee on the project website (https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/07-28-2022/new-approach-methods-nams-for-human-health-risk-assessment-meeting-12).

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate organizing and conducting the 13th meeting of the committee, over the internet, on September 15. This meeting will include the annual discussion of committee bias and conflicts of interest, in accordance with National Academies policies and procedures. In addition, National Academies staff will organize and conduct further meetings of the committee in subgroups over the internet. National Academies staff will also solicit background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for August 2022:

Labor Cost	$ Ex. 4 CBI
ODCs	$
Overhead	$
G&A	$
Total Aug 2022	$ 35,047.69

The total expenditures since inception are $462,296.48. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by National Academies staff.

Sincerely,

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EPA Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests
Sponsor Award # 68HERC19D0011/68HERC21F0178
Progress Report, August 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2022
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

Ex. 4 CBI

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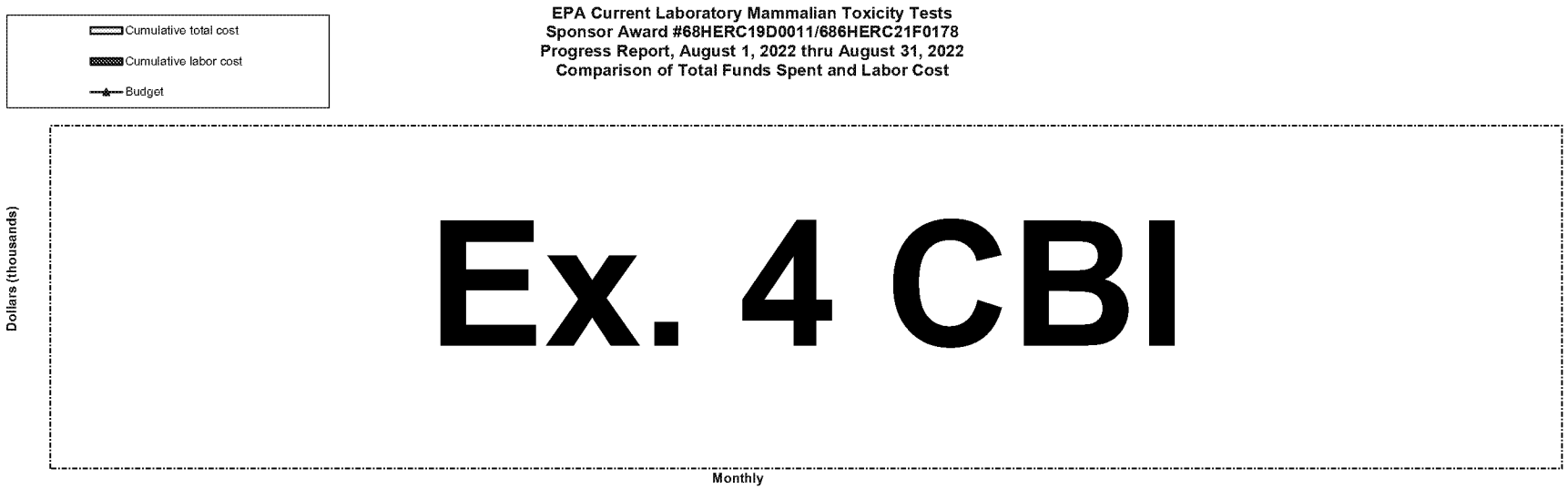
Cumulative total cost
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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost
Dollars (thousands)
Ex. 4 CBI
Monthly

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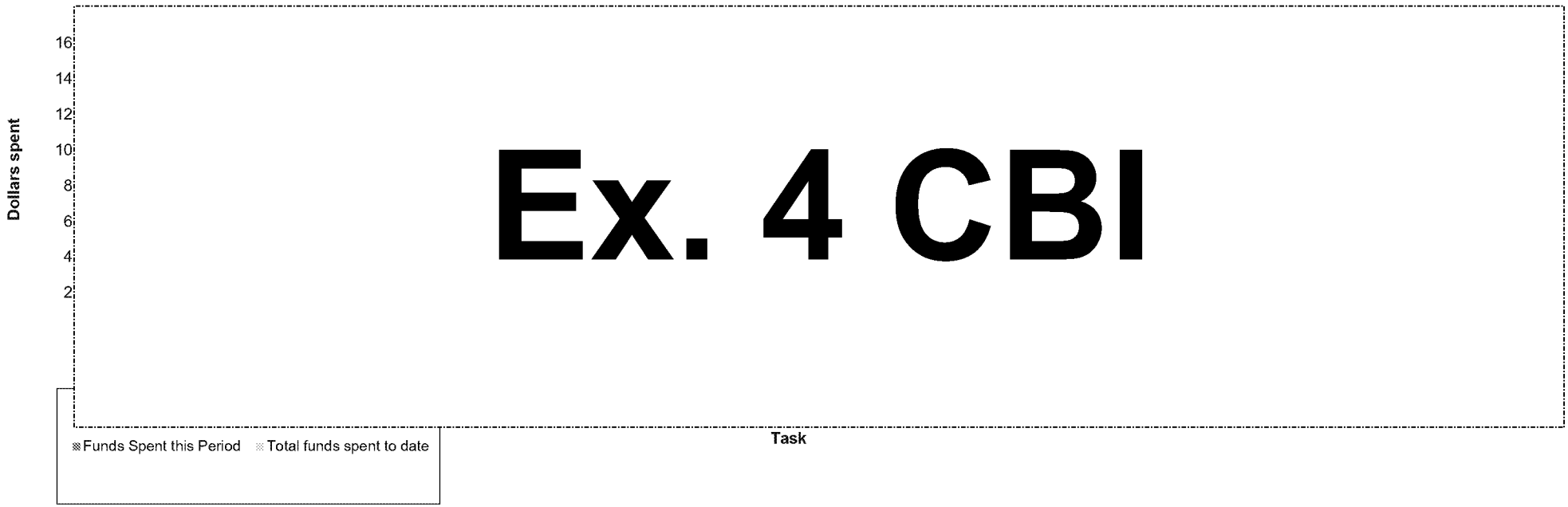
Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)



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Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

Hours worked this month

Hours worked to date

Hours

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