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Subject: Re: Fw: Brodifacoum vs. Diphacinone paper
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Hi Gerry,

Thanks for the paper and sorry not to get back to you sooner on this and the question of mouse trials with diphacinone. I was out of the office last week and now I've got a sudden and looming deadline on something else, so don't let on that I'm actually take a minute to think about other stuff....

The paper's interesting, but it makes it pretty clear that of 6 aerial attempts for diphacinone, 4 of them might not be due to the rodenticide at all but other factors (so much so that they're rebaiting with diphacinone). The same could probably be said for Lehua (rodenticide use restricted from placement near the shoreline at the 11th hour). Which reduces it to an N of 1 (and an N of 1 for mice eradication attempts), so I think it's hard to draw any definitive conclusions. As you're aware, so many of these eradications have such distinct challenges and circumstances that I'm a bit wary of them being lumped like that. I hope it doesn't appear that I'm denial here, but I think it does a disservice to the science not to ask what the circumstances were that led to the failures.

Concerning the question of whether to go forward with mouse trials for diphacinone, our folks working on large-scale rodent control in Hawaii feel that the lab data supports moving forward with field trials for mice in Hawaii and they already have two field studies funded on the Ramik (diphacinone) bait to test this. I would suggest contacting Katie Swift out there to get a timeline for their studies and how they might be able to inform your decisions. There also might be an opportunity for collaboration to generate data specific to your eradication since they're already moving forward with these trials.

Thanks, Nancy

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FYI,
Attached is a recent paper summarizing differences in failure rates

between Brodifacoum and Diphacinone in island rodent eradication attempts. Basically, Brodifacoum has substantially lower rates of failure, especially in aerial applications. Diphacinone has especially high failure rates in mouse eradication attempts.

We're still working on our alternative selection matrix. It is a very involved process. Also planning for some additional field trials later this fall on the island. I'll be back in touch with more updates soon.

Gerry

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