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RE: JAACAP-D-10-00056, "LETTERS: Conflict of Interest Policy and Journal Article Retractions"

Dear Dr. Jureidini:

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 10, 2010. We have carefully considered your letter and the paper that it references. The suitability of the paper for publication was determined by the Editor of the Journal in the course of the peer review process. We cannot revisit the former Editor's decision, but do note that the process conformed to best publication practices prevailing at the time. As part of our duty to readers and the wider community, we do reconsider previously published papers that have been subsequently found to contain scientific errors in their data. We have found no evidence for such errors nor any justification for retraction according to current editorial standards and scientific publication guidelines. We therefore will not proceed further with your request.

As I had noted in an earlier letter to you, I agree that a range of issues pertaining to SSRI use in juveniles and previous SSRI trials remain important and require further study, and am pleased that you have had an opportunity to comment previously about the subject in a number of forums, including the Journal.

I realize that this response has taken an unusually long time, which had to do with the serious consideration and due diligence we gave to your letter. For the reasons briefly outlined above, we will not publish your letter, and with this response consider this inquiry complete.

Sincerely,

Andres Martin, MD, MPH

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