

Court Clears University Health Network Doctors of Allegation of Falsifying Data

In the summer of 2015, the media reported allegations made by the University Health Network about the research emerging from our laboratories. At that time we had already initiated legal proceedings to clarify and correct misconceptions flowing from the allegations against us.

We are pleased with the Court's fair, principled and carefully considered findings. We highlight the following:

- The decision of UHN's CEO, Dr. Pisters, was not reasonable
- The allegations of data fabrication and falsification were wholly quashed
- The Court ordered UHN to reconsider the sanctions it imposed upon us
- The Court ordered UHN to pay the legal costs we requested

We understand the Court's reasons for declining to overturn the third allegation, namely material noncompliance with accepted standards. Nevertheless, we note that the scientific validity of our work was never an issue at any level of the proceedings.

Having dedicated years of our lives to research, allegations of falsification and fabrication of data strike at the very core of what we hold dear, and we feel vindicated that the court has exonerated us. We are grateful that our justice system restored our integrity in this most serious matter and we look forward to continuing our work of conducting research to understand and treat human disease.

Sincerely,

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