
Final determination of Deciding Official of MD Anderson

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Dear Dr. Melo:

The investigation committee, after reviewing and considering your response to the draft investigation report, has prepared a final investigation report, dated April 23, 2024. The final report is attached, and Emma Kaufman from my firm will send the final exhibits to you via Kiteworks.

As acting RIO, I provided a copy of the final investigation report and exhibits to MD Anderson President Peter Pisters for his review as Deciding Official. Dr. Pisters has completed his review and on May 2 accepted the investigation committee's findings and recommendations detailed in the final report.

Consistent with the committee's recommendations, Dr. Pisters has determined that the following measures will be implemented.

- MD Anderson requests that you pursue promptly the retraction of the 2014 *Cancer Cell* article at issue in this investigation. You must work on this expeditiously and communicate your request for retraction to *Cancer Cell* within two weeks of today. If you are unwilling to do so, do not do so, or do so in a manner not reasonably acceptable to the Chief Scientific Officer and Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, MD Anderson will contact *Cancer Cell* directly to recommend retraction and/or take other action as may be warranted to ensure the integrity of the scientific record.
- MD Anderson is indefinitely prohibiting you from receiving any appointment or employment at MD Anderson.
- MD Anderson is indefinitely prohibiting you from performing any research at MD Anderson or in collaboration with MD Anderson researchers.
- MD Anderson is indefinitely prohibiting you from receiving research-related funding directly or indirectly from MD Anderson.

Dr. Pisters has directed the Chief Scientific Officer and the Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, both copied here, to oversee the implementation of these actions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,
Mark Barnes, as Acting RIO for MD Anderson

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