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Retraction notice to ‘Where, when, how high, and how long? The hemodynamics of emotional response in psychotropic-naïve patients with adolescent bipolar disorder’

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This retraction follows the conclusion of a formal institutional investigation that was prompted by allegations of research misconduct against one of the co-authors (Mani Pavuluri), and that was conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago in accordance with the Public Health Service Policies on Research Misconduct (CFR 42 Part 93).

With regard to the above published article, the University of Illinois at Chicago Investigation Panel concluded that the allegations of research misconduct were supported by a preponderance of evidence. The Investigation Panel concluded that Dr Pavuluri intentionally and knowingly made two false statements in the Methods section of the article whereby the medication status of the subjects recruited to participate in the research study and whose data were included in the analyses was represented as “psychotropic-naïve” and “never having taken psychotropic medications”. Further, the Investigation Panel found by a preponderance of evidence that Dr Pavuluri intentionally and knowingly made a false statement in the Methods section whereby “... Each child and their parent were interviewed by doctoral-level clinicians...” The Investigation Panel concluded that the accuracy and quality of the published results and conclusions were seriously compromised by these false statements.