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Dear Ms. Sharav,

As Research Integrity Officer for the Massachusetts General Hospital, I write on behalf of Dr. Peter L. Slavin in response to your letter dated April 13, 2009.

The Massachusetts General Hospital has long been committed to conducting research according to the highest professional and ethical standards, in conformance with federal regulations and, for our investigators with Harvard Medical School appointments, in compliance with Harvard Medical School's Policies on Integrity in Science. We have policies in place to address issues relating to integrity in research and we follow these policies when questions of research integrity are raised. In accordance with federal regulations and institutional policy, matters involving individual staff members are handled confidentially.

Sincerely,

F. Richard Bringhurst, M.D.