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Ms. Vera Sharav  
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Dear Ms. Sharav:

Thank you for your letter regarding Dr. Joseph Biederman. Harvard University and Harvard Medical School take all questions about the integrity of research seriously and handle those concerns in a manner that is consistent with applicable federal regulations and, in the case of members of the Faculty of Medicine, with the Harvard Medical School Policies on Integrity in Science. Both the regulations and the Harvard Medical School policies emphasize the importance of an objective review of relevant facts with the utmost confidentiality. As a result, we cannot discuss the details of any concerns raised about any specific faculty member at this time.

Our purpose, as always, is to ensure that research and education occurring at Harvard continue to meet the high ethical standards the public and academic community rightly expect of our faculty.

Sincerely,



Drew Gilpin Faust