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Dear Jay,

I regret that there appears to be some misunderstanding about the publication of the data of the SKB PAR- 29060/352 study, which was conducted between 1994 and 1996 and I sincerely apologize for it. I understand that you feel that I took your data collected in this study and that I was unfairly one of the authors of the paper from the project, which appeared in the Am. J. Psychiatry.

I was the primary investigator of the Penn site and, as you know, I worked on early drafts of the paper. I did not determine authorship, and as you know, the paper was taken away from me as first author during the writing process. However, I regret that I did not discuss the issue of authorship with you. I agree with you that SKB should have circulated the paper to all participants. I only saw the final draft shortly before it was submitted when only minor changes could be done.

I hope that this clarifies some of the misunderstandings and makes it possible for us to work in a collaborative fashion. I am truly sorry about the whole matter and would be happy to personally meet with you and discuss these issues as colleague to colleague.

I remain sincerely yours,

Laszlo Gyulai, M.D.

cc: Dr. Dwight L. Evans
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