

Jay D. Amsterdam: The Paroxetine 352 Bipolar Study Ethical Conduct

11. Attachment N (Letter to the Office of Research Integrity – Lawyer's letter excerpt)

On May 1, 2001, Dr. Amsterdam sent Drs. Evans and Rickels another email to explain that he was unsatisfied with the response and, since the last letter, there has been only "radio silence." As he wrote, "Am I to assume that it is okay in this department for a junior faculty member to abscond with data from a full professor and publish it without any ramifications?" (Attachment N.)

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To: "Dr. Dwight L. Evans, MD" <psych@mail.med.upenn.edu>
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Subject: SKB study publication
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Hi Dwight,

To date there has been only "radio silence" regarding the matter of the Am J Psychiatry publication. Am I to assume that it is okay in this department for a junior faculty member to abscond with data from a full professor and publish it without any ramifications? As you can see from Karl's review of this matter, my estimate of the situation was accurate and it appears as though the "high enroller in the entire 19 site SKB study" (me) was purposefully omitted from data review, analysis and publication. What do you suggest that I do at this point? I would appreciate your continued advice on this exceedingly troubling matter. I look forward to your suggestions at your convenience.

Best, as always,

Jay

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