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Dear Drs. Smith and Hodges,

Dr. Baker replied by email to our letter to you [3July2019] as follows:

“Dear Brenda and Nancy
Kevin Smith has asked me to reply to your inquiry.
The review was completed before the end of June and the report was submitted to the UHN leadership team at the end of last week.
I am on vacation for the month of July but would be pleased to meet with you on my return in August.
Michael “

We find this quite startling.

When we provided Dr. Baker at the beginning of June the identity and detailed files of the patients included in our published study that found sub-optimal patient management, we indicated we would like to meet the reviewer to facilitate his/her understanding of the data in our publication. We now find that this review has been not only begun but completed without our being advised, without our opportunity to meet the reviewer and provide him/her any additional background information, and without any input into the choice of the person who did the review.

Some obvious questions follow:

- Was the “Reviewer” without any conflicts of interest?
- Were the files Dr. Olivieri provided to Dr. Baker used in the “review”?
- Which patients and what data were examined?
- When will this “review” be available to us?
- Finally, how was it possible for a proper review to be done in one month? It took us five years to analyze the data. The review could not have started until mid-May at the earliest since we were going back and forth with UHN about possible reviewers until that point, and Dr. Baker’s email indicates it was completed before the end of June.

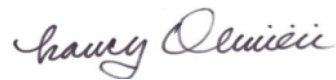
Our research found very serious mismanagement of patients. We are deeply concerned that a hasty review undertaken by a reviewer who may have conflicts of interest will exacerbate rather than resolve the serious situation our research revealed. We further note our additional concern that UHN continues to prevent us from fulfilling our ethical obligation to inform the patients in our study of the harms we found they had suffered.

As these are very serious matters, we expect a reply and a copy of the review within the coming week.

Yours sincerely,



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