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Dear Dr. Loomis:

Duke University has reviewed the Consent Order recently executed between the Medical Board and Anil Potti, M.D., and takes issue with the representations made in paragraph 10, to the extent the statement appears to represent the position of Duke University. The statements that the inaccuracies on Dr. Potti's biographical sketch and curriculum vitae were "largely the result of carelessness and honest errors with no clear intention to mislead" are incomplete statements apparently taken from the research misconduct inquiry report, which was evaluating these errors solely in the context of determining whether or not federal research misconduct had occurred and should be the subject of further investigation.

As Peter Lange, Duke University's Provost noted on August 27, 2010, in a publicly released statement that following the University's investigation into Dr. Potti's curriculum vitae and biosketches, issues of substantial concern were identified, and have resulted in corresponding sanctions. In fact, the inquiry committee evaluating the research misconduct matter also noted that "the sheer number of errors" in Dr. Potti's biosketches and CVs was a serious concern. To suggest in the Consent Order that Duke concluded there were some inaccuracies, all the result of carelessness and honest errors with no intention to mislead, is inaccurate.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann E. Bradley".

Ann E. Bradley
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cc: Patrick Balestrieri