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[Springfield doctor accused of fabricating research results](#)

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Medical science research community believes that we trust in God, for everybody else we need data. The question to ask now is what if the data is flawed, frivolous, falsified or even fraudulent as in the case of Scott Reuben? Hope we are not going into a subprime clinical research crisis in the future! Bernie Madoffs in medicine?

Posted by Joseph Chemplavil, MD **March 27, 09 01:00**

Respected Anesthesiologist Accused of Wide-scale Scientific Fraud

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Joseph Chemplavil -[**March 27, 2009 - 11:18:01 (CDT)**] This incident probably doesn't seem to be an isolated Bernie Madoff story in medical research. There are many clinical trials and meta analysis belonging to, what one would call, Flawed, Frivolous, falsified if not Fraudulent (4F) studies. The culture of publish or perish has changed to publish, patent and profit in scientific research also. We hope the

Scott Reuben incident is not an indicator of any future subprime medical research crisis that we will have and we have to watch out for these "toxic studies".



Mass. Doctor Accused Of Fraud By Faking Research

by The Associated Press

BOSTON January 14, 2010, 07:33 pm ET

Joseph Chemplavil (chempj) wrote:

If you critically analyze beyond the headlines, the design, methods, results and conclusions of clinical trials, you will find the flaws and frivolousness if not fraud in many of them, done by highly acclaimed investigators and institutions sponsored by industries and otherwise, published in reputable journals. Scott Reuben's case is probably just one of many. The impact of this in clinical practice is quite alarming especially when we promote the mantra of evidence based medicine and comparative-effectiveness research.

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