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Subject: RE: Request for advice regarding BMJ misrepresentations of your paper on statin-related adverse events

Dear Prof. Collins,

Thank you for your thoughtful email. We appreciate your careful interpretation of our study and applaud your efforts to set the record straight. We also share your concerns that undue alarm over symptoms which may or may not be due to statins should lead to inappropriate discontinuation of these potentially life-saving medications. That was why, when we read the BMJ correction as it was published, we wrote a letter in attempt to further clarify any misconceptions (the full letter was published online but there was a limit on the length of the letter that could be published in the journal itself, hence two different versions).

We are hoping that this will help dispel the misconceptions. Beyond that it appears that the BMJ process has run its course and nothing further can be done.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Turchin