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Dear Christopher Gent, Andrew Witty, and Patrick Vallance,

Unpublished trials and misreported trials distort the public medical knowledge base and undermine the basis for rational use of healthcare interventions.

In an article published today [1], we are proposing Restoring Invisible and Abandoned Trials to correct the scientific record. We call the concept RIAT.

In our article, we have offered potential restorative authors access to 178,000 pages of clinical study reports (CSRs), some of which are for trials conducted or sponsored by your company (see Table 1 of the RIAT declaration).

RIAT offers trial sponsors and authors of abandoned trials 30 days to register the intent to restore them, either by publishing any unpublished trials or formally correcting any misreported trials. If the trial sponsors and authors decline to respond or decline to correct the scientific record, then volunteer restorative authors will be able to do so using the CSR and any other available data. Restorative authors will publish the results along with the CSR, any other available data, and an audit trail, as described in our article.

If your company intends to restore any abandoned trials you have sponsored, we ask that you register this intent by submitting a rapid response to our article at the URL below [1].

We look forward to your participation in helping correct the scientific record.

Sincerely,
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[1] Doshi P, Dickersin K, Healy D, Vedula SS, Jefferson T. Restoring invisible and abandoned trials: a call for people to publish the findings. BMJ 2013; doi: 10.1136/bmj.f2865; <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/doi/10.1136/bmj.f2865>