

Mr Brian Deer

6 February 2009

Our Ref: JXB/PXB/900100.828

Your Ref:

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Dear Sir

Andrew Wakefield

Thank you for sending us a copy of your email dated 6 February 2009.

We are responding on behalf of Dr Wakefield. You know that the GMC hearing has reached the stage of final submissions and the GMC Panel will then retire to consider their findings on the allegations faced by Dr Wakefield and two others. Contrary to what you say, you appear to be considering publishing an account which covers much of the same material as is being considered by the Panel. Publication of your allegations and account at this time will give rise to serious risk that the GMC process will be prejudiced and the fairness of the hearing compromised. You also know that, at this juncture in the GMC process, it would be inappropriate for Dr Wakefield to give a detailed response to you. He has denied the allegations and gave a detailed response over many days to the GMC Panel. It follows that the assertions made in your e-mail are denied. If you decide to publish a story of the nature suggested in your e-mail we trust that, in any story published, his account is fairly represented and the entirety of this response will also be published.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Editor of the Sunday Times.

Yours faithfully

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cc. FFW, Berrymans, Eastwoods, Sunday Times