

## Retraction—Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children



Following the judgment of the UK General Medical Council's Fitness to Practise Panel on Jan 28, 2010, it has become clear that several elements of the 1998 paper by Wakefield et al<sup>1</sup> are incorrect, contrary to the findings of an earlier investigation.<sup>2</sup> In particular, the claims in the original paper that children were "consecutively referred" and that investigations were "approved" by the local ethics committee have been

proven to be false. Therefore we fully retract this paper from the published record.

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