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Dear Professor Dulcan,

We write to request that you reconsider your decision not to give us access to Keller et al's reply to our letter prior to its publication in the middle of 2003. Our letter raises significant concerns that impact on the standing of the journal and profession that we believe cannot wait six months for our further attention.

We would not wish to pursue these concerns if Keller et al have successfully refuted our criticisms. We think it important and urgent to know whether we are correct in raising concerns about journal standards. We therefore request that you forward us a copy of Keller et al's response as soon as possible.

Jon Jureidini and Anne Tonkin

CAK's paper

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Re: Letters to the Editor

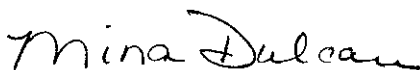
Dear Dr. Jureidini,

It is not the policy of the **Journal** to share responses to letters before publication. We do not have a backlog, and your letter and the Keller response will be published as soon as our production process allows. This not a debate. We are under no obligation to publish whatever rejoinders you wish to make (or your original letter, either, which was quite rude and accusatory). Your approach to this process leads me to believe that whatever Dr. Keller says, you will disagree. Our readers will see both letters and make their own judgments. Frankly, your haste seems odd, since the article was originally published in July of 2001. I find your adversarial tone and urgency tedious.

You have not been appointed as the guardian of the **Journal**, or of the profession of child and adolescent psychiatry. Many highly expert child and adolescent psychiatrists were participants in that study, and others that were similar, and others equally expert contributed to the review process. In addition, the prescription of SSRIs for youth, not only in this country but around the world, far predated any research data on their effects with youth, so this article could hardly be praised or blamed for that trend.

I noticed that you are members of Healthy Skepticism. Is this organization backed by anyone we should know about, for potential conflict of interest?

Sincerely



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