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Brad, I should clarify, it should read clinical protocols. Sorry. jc

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Hi Brad- Thank you for your patience in waiting for a response. Here is the statement from UC San Diego related to Dr. Kang Zhang:

MEDIA STATEMENT

As a result of the 2017 FDA warning letter and subsequent UCSD Ophthalmology Human Subjects Research Compliance report you referenced, UC San Diego implemented a comprehensive management action plan to address these issues, including document corrections, retraining key personnel, requiring a secondary screening process, and suspending Dr. Kang Zhang from serving as principal investigator (PI) on any clinical protocols.

Best, Jackie

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Good afternoon Jackie,

In the course of researching the human research study done at the San Diego VA, we came across [a UC audit](#) and [FDA warning letter](#) specific to Dr. Kang Zhang, who is the Chief of Ophthalmic Genetics and a Professor of Ophthalmology at UCSD.

The audit and warning letter found a number of problems with several of Zhang's studies. We have passed the findings along to several experts for their review, and so far all have said the major findings are troubling and appear to show a pattern.

We would like to interview Dr. Zhang and/or Robert Weinreb – the chair of the Shiley Eye Institute where Dr. Zhang works – about the audit and letter, any corrective actions taken and steps to ensure future compliance.

Please let me know if you can help arrange that interview, and/or provide any additional context, findings, reviews or relevant documents related to Dr. Zhang's research.

Thank you for your help.

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